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License plate sales boost scholarship coffers

When Derek Bunnell graduated from The University of Montana in 1995, he bought himself a \$20 graduation present — a UM license plate.

He's had UM plates ever since. "And so do most of my friends," he said. "It's a great way to show support for the University."

Bunnell's sentiments are echoed by Bob Frazier, the University's executive vice president who oversees UM product lines and their licensing. Frazier encourages the plates for upcoming and new alumni to commemorate their years at UM and assist future students through scholarship awards at the same time.

"Think about a UM plate for your favorite 2002 graduate," he said.

Since 1992 when the program began,

more than 4,000 Montana automobiles have been licensed with UM plates. In its first year, the \$20-per-plate charge generated about \$26,000 for UM student schol-

arships. Ten years later the license plate program has grown in popularity and now brings in nearly \$140,000 per year. The endowment currently tops \$1 million, and its earnings provide more than \$53,000 per

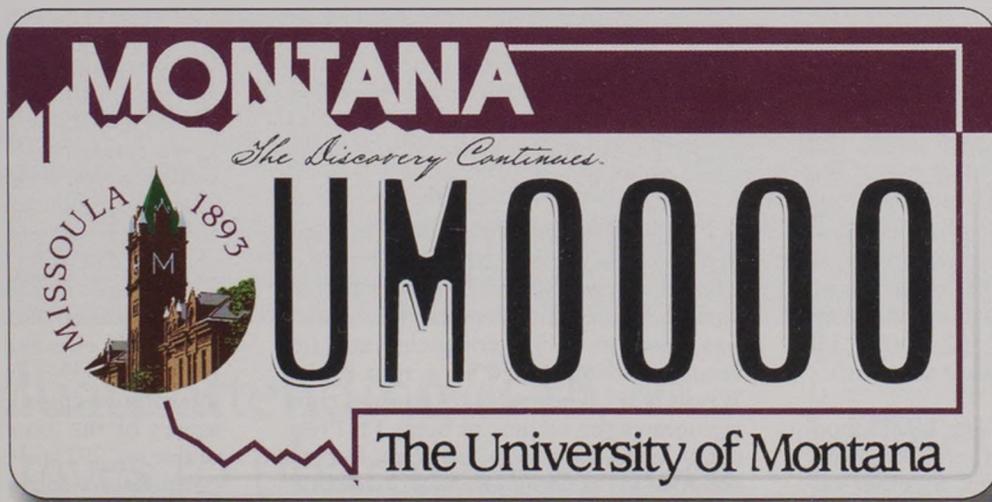
year in general and Presidential Leadership Scholarships for students.

"The License Plate Program is a truly significant component of the University's scholarship program," said Sharen Peters, president of the UM Foundation, where the License Plate fund is housed. "It's provided more than \$250,000 for UM students during the last 10 years."

This academic year, 61 students were awarded License Plate Scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$1,250. One is Heidi Warren, an elementary education major from Hardin.

"Not only does it help financially so I don't need so many loans, but it's also a reward for my hard work to this point," Warren said.

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The newest UM license plate, the fourth in the series, offers a full-color rendition of Main Hall.

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Opera singer earns honorary doctorate

Opera luminary Pamela South was awarded an honorary doctorate of fine arts degree from UM during May 18 Commencement ceremonies.

A native of Salmon, Idaho, and a UM alumna, South left the University for the stages of the world's great opera companies, beginning her career with the San Francisco Opera.

While in Montana in the late 1960s and early 1970s, South sang country-western music at local venues before being discovered and recruited as a student by UM voice Professor Esther England. A former rodeo queen, South performed in many musical theater and opera productions in Missoula.

The New York Times has described South as a "strong, sure and ... compelling actress

with nothing short of vocal brilliance."

In March 2001, South returned to UM to headline the inaugural production of *Odyssey of the Stars*, a School of Fine Arts gala event celebrating the artistic successes of past and present students. At that time she was inducted into the School of Fine Arts Hall of Honor.

Since hitting the big time, South has performed with opera companies throughout the United States and Europe and has been featured in such places as New York's Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center and Washington, D.C.'s Kennedy Center for Performing Arts.

She has sung key roles in operas including "Carmen," "La Boheme," "Don Giovanni," "The Merry Widow" and "Madama Butterfly."



Pamela South in stage costume.

Education Leader—Longtime UM faculty member Roberta Evans has been named dean of the School of Education. Evans, who has served as interim dean since July 2001, was hired permanently as the education school's new leader following a national search. She replaces Don Robson, who has been UM's interim associate provost for the past year. Evans brings more than 20 years experience as a teacher and administrator in K-12 and higher education. She came to Missoula in 1989 after receiving a doctorate in education from the University of Nevada, Reno. From 1991 to 1998 she chaired UM's educational leadership and counseling department. Provost Lois Muir said Evans' administrative approach is one that emphasizes collaboration, communication and consultation.

Top Tracksters—Two Griz track standouts earned All-America honors at the recent NCAA outdoor championships in Baton Rouge, La. Senior Adam Bork of Bigfork finished sixth in the men's decathlon with 7,699 points — a school record and the fourth-highest total in Big Sky Conference history. UM junior Scott McGowan earned his second All-America honor by finishing 10th in the tactical men's 1,500-meter run. Their teammate Bryan Anderson of Whitefish narrowly missed All-American status by finishing 10th in the men's decathlon with 7,592 points. He missed ninth place by a mere six points.

Business Boons—The UM School of Business Administration presented nearly 90 scholarships and awards, together valued at more than \$136,000, during the 55th Annual Donor Recognition and Scholarship Awards Banquet, held last month at the University Center Ballroom.

Library Link—The Salish Kootenai College D'Arcy McNickle Library in Pablo has joined forces with UM through a new computer management system. The partnership means SKC students and faculty members will have Internet access to the 1.5 million items in UM's library holdings. In return, UM scholars and the public gain access to the largest, most extensive repository on Salish and Kootenai people in existence. The SKC library will link to UM libraries this fall via the Voyager integrated library management system. Voyager uses an Online Public Access Catalog with a clean graphical design to help patrons search for information available in their local library, in other libraries or on the Internet. The OPAC interface is designed to be easy to learn for new users, but it also can be tailored for more advanced searches by high-level scholars. "We had a system with aging technology, so we were looking for enhancements and a Web-based system to meet our needs," SKC President Joseph McDonald said. "The Voyager system used by UM was a perfect match."



Microscope on Gambling—UM seniors in the Department of Radio-Television produced a one-hour documentary this spring that examines the state's gambling. "Montana Gambling: Hold It or Fold It?" aired statewide in May on Montana PBS television stations. The program brought together stories of Montanans on all sides of the contentious gambling issue. UM students interviewed owners of gaming businesses who see the benefits that gambling brings in terms of jobs and the economy. They also profiled a former community leader who stole to support his gambling habit. In addition, they traveled to the Montana women's prison to interview a convicted murderer who says gambling led her down the road to ruin. Students shot the program on location in twelve area communities.

Flags of Memory—UM held a flag-dedication ceremony May 17 as part of Commencement activities. Three flagpoles have been erected in Memorial Row, which was started in 1919 to commemorate University students killed in action during World War I. The row's U.S. flag also commemorates the victims of Sept. 11. President George Dennison, Col. Sam Roberts and ASUM President Jon Swan made brief comments before the U.S., Montana and UM flags were raised. Twenty-nine of the original 32 Ponderosa pines in Memorial Row remain. Plaques honoring each of the war dead include those who died from influenza at Fort Missoula and at the Student Army Training Corps camp on campus during World War I.

Good Adviser—UM Associate Professor Linda Gillison has been selected to receive an Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit as part of the 2002 National Academic Advising Association's awards program. Each year since 1983, the association has honored individuals and institutions making significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising. Gillison is one of only 13 in the nationwide competition who earned the honor in the Faculty Academic Advising category. She teaches in the classics section of UM's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and, beginning this month, will chair the department. "I serve on the University Student Retention Committee as well as the Task Force on General Education Review, and in both of those capacities I've come to see that advising is really one of the most crucial elements in the University's mission," Gillison said. She will receive the award in October.

Top-10 Finish—The UM School of Journalism was among the best in the country when the final scores were tallied for the annual Hearst Journalism Awards Program. The national program hosts yearlong competitions in writing, photography and broadcast news, with student winners accumulating points for their schools. UM came in tenth overall for accumulated points in all three divisions. "Considering the competing programs, most of whom outstrip us in resources and student populations, our winning in the top 10 in overall achievement is remarkable and wonderful," said Dean Jerry Brown. "The high finish represents national recognition of the depth and breadth of talent in our students and faculty." Currently more than 105 accredited undergraduate journalism schools in the United States participate in the Hearst program.

Discover Lewis and Clark—The 2003-06 bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition is just around the corner, and one of the best places to learn about history's dynamic duo is the "Discovering Lewis and Clark" Web site at www.lewis-clark.org. Joe Mussulman, a former UM professor, leads a team that designs "Discovering Lewis and Clark," which now includes more than 1,200 pages and gets 27,000 hits a day. Mussulman said the site has been described by historians as the best source of Lewis and Clark information on the Internet. Designers periodically add an interpretive episode that delves into some aspect of the expedition. The site went online in 1997 and is funded by a nonprofit corporation Mussulman created called VIAs. Look for new episodes at the site for several years to come. Fiscal management of the site is provided by the Bookstore at UM.

Keeping Tobacco Sacred—Reducing tobacco abuse among American Indians while respecting its traditional use was the focus of the second annual Many Voices, One Message — Keep Tobacco Sacred conference held in June at the KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson. The conference included youth leadership training, panels and discussion groups designed to help participants develop effective strategies and shared approaches to address tobacco abuse. In addition to presentations by community development and education experts, the conference featured tobacco-free youth basketball clinics and a poster contest for Indian youth.

Western Visions—"Mythical Visions of the Western Landscape," an exhibit of recent works by popular Montana artist Monte Dolack, fills UM's Montana Museum of Art and Culture. The show is on display from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the museum's Henry Meloy Gallery through July 31. The museum is located in UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Admission is free. 🐻



Luke Vickrey photo courtesy of the Havre Daily News.

Last ride for a University friend ...

A horse-drawn hearse carries the casket of Francis Bardanouve into Harlem Cemetery after his funeral in Harlem last March. A symbolic riderless horse accompanies the procession to the grave site. Bardanouve, 84, a Democrat who served in the Montana House from 1959 to 1993, died Sunday, March 17. UM President George Dennison said, "Francis Bardanouve took a leadership role to ensure that Montanans had a higher education system responsive to their needs. It behooves us all to

remember him as a public servant interested in the well being and vitality of Montana communities. In that regard, he always insisted on accountability to the public from those of us involved in higher education. He earned his reputation as one of Montana's leading statesmen." Bardanouve was instrumental in helping garner funding for UM's Gallagher Business Building, and business school Dean Larry Gianchetta had this photo placed on a plaque there in Bardanouve's memory. 🐾

UM graduate attending 70th reunion gives to pharmacy school

As the classes of 1952 and 1942 mingled with this year's graduates during Commencement activities, they were met by three who have an even longer history with UM: Georgia Stripp Rowe, Evelyn Rimel and Lewis Ambrose, who observed the 70th anniversary of their graduation.

Rowe looked forward to seeing her classmates, whom she admitted she hadn't known well because there hadn't been much time for socializing during her college years.

"That was during the Depression, you know, and we all had jobs, so it was pretty much all we could do to go to classes and then work to pay our tuition," she said.

Her University jobs were in the business office, as a student assistant in biology, which was her major, and as dormitory proctor. She also sold football game tickets "for 25 cents, I think." When she finished selling game tickets, she'd run the money to the business office and then hurry back to the game, usually to find it had already ended.

These days Rowe is turning in more than game-day proceeds to UM. She, along with her son Tom Rowe Jr. of Durham, N.C., just made a second major gift to the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, the UM school from which her late husband, Tom, earned degrees in 1932 and 1933.

She did not put restrictions on the gift other than that Dean Dave Forbes use it for the school's greatest needs. These needs may vary from year to year, so the gift is tremendously valuable.

"We can't anticipate what will be our most critical needs in the years to come," Forbes said, "so we appreciate Georgia's foresight and generosity, as well as her trust in us to do what will provide the greatest benefit to pharmacy students."

Tom Rowe Sr., who died in 1997, had been a pharmacy professor at the University of Nebraska and the Medical Center of Virginia, and he later served as pharmacy dean at Rutgers and the University of Michigan. During his career the Rowes learned the importance of private gifts to support academic programming in pharmacy schools.

"I know there are always needs in the school that can be met," Mrs. Rowe said, "and I am thankful to be able to provide funds like this to support pharmacy education."

Now a resident of Sun City, Ariz., Rowe will visit UM's Skaggs pharmacy building, where Room 117, the school's premier electronic classroom, bears her husband's name, acknowledging his contributions to pharmacy education and the financial support his widow and son have provided to UM. 🐾

Plates — continued

Montanans have been eager participants in the program, Peters said, at UM and the state's other public, private and tribally controlled colleges. Each college and university in the state has its own plate to benefit students through scholarship awards. The UM plate has gone through four design and color changes since its inception, with the newest version a full-color rendition of Main Hall. The addition of color on the new design was prompted by the popularity of the spirited Grizzly logo plate, which has been available for one year.

Bunnell said he intends to continue buying his alma mater's license plates, especially after hearing about the quarter-million dollars in scholarship support the fund has provided. First-time plate buyers join him every month, but a great many are repeat buyers.

Retired philosophy Professor Ray Lanfear has had UM plates for eight years. He bought them, he said, and continues to renew the plates because it's "an easy way to put \$20 into the scholarship program." 🐾

UM Calendar

Art exhibit—June 24-July 31, "Mythical Visions of the Western Landscape," new works by Monte Dolack, 1-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Henry Meloy Gallery of the Montana Museum of Art and Culture, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Free.

UM Homecoming Parade Applications—now available, \$15 entry fee, theme is "Call of the Wild." Application deadline is Sept. 20, parade is Sept. 21.

Freshman Summer Orientation—June 26-28 and July 10-12. For more information call (406) 243-6266 or go online to www.umt.edu/nss/orientation.

Transfer Student Summer Orientation—June 27-28 and July 11-14. For more information call, (406) 243-6266 or visit www.umt.edu/nss/orientation.

Outdoor class—June 28 and July 5, 12, 19 and 26, "Paddle Days," single-day kayaking field classes, 3 p.m. Meet at the Outdoor Program Office, Fitness Recreation Center. To register or for more information, call 243-5172. \$10 includes instruction but not boating gear and transportation. Call 243-5172 to sign up.

Nature Center Program—June 29, "Discover the Butterflies of Missoula," 11 a.m.-2 p.m., meet at Rattlesnake Recreation Area trailhead. Walks also on **July 27, Aug. 31 and Sept. 28**. Call 327-0405 one week prior to register. Free.

Pat Kennedy's Grizzly Cage Camp—June 29-July 2, for boys entering grades 5-12. \$260/campus camper, includes three meals per day and lodging; \$230/grizzly camper, includes lunch and dinner each day, no lodging; \$190/day-camper, no meals or lodging. Call 243-5334 for registration information. \$50 deposit required.

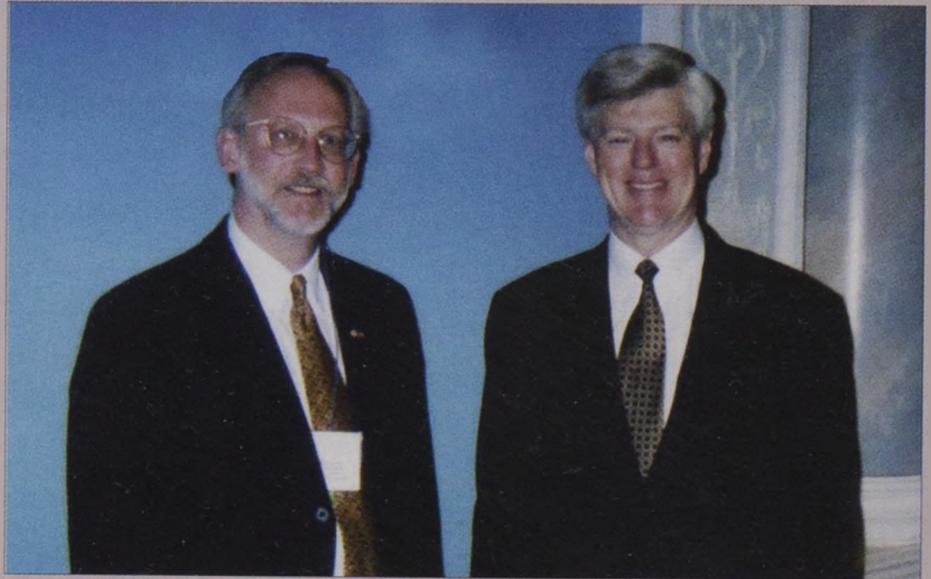
UM summer session—July 1-Aug. 2, second five-week session. For more information call (406) 243-6014 or go online to www.montanasummer.com.

Outdoor class—"Canoeing, River Running," July 3, 6-8 p.m., July 7 and 14, 9-5 p.m. Meet in the Outdoor Program Office, Fitness Recreation Center, then on to the river. \$115 covers instruction and equipment. Call 243-5172 to register.

Holiday—July 4, Independence Day. UM offices closed.

Grizzly Soccer Boys Day Camp—July 8-12, grades 1-4, 9 a.m.-noon; grades 5-12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in Missoula. The Stevensville day camp is **July 15-19**. \$60/half day, \$95/full day, includes soccer ball and T-shirt. Call 243-4417 for more information. Register with Grizzly Athletics by June 21 for Missoula Day Camp and by June 28 for the Stevensville Day Camp.

UM's Northern Exposure



Bob Frazier, UM executive vice president and executive assistant to the president, (left) poses with John Manley, deputy prime minister of Canada, during a recent meeting of the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance in Ottawa. Frazier introduced Manley, who spoke about the new U.S.-Canada 30-point Border Security Plan, an agreement to be signed by U.S. President George Bush and Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chrétien during the upcoming G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta. Frazier has been elected to chair the Board of Directors of the trade alliance, which represents 60,000 companies in Canada and the United States, such as General Motors, Ford Motor Corp., trucking firms, grain and timber producers, and more. The alliance holds biannual meetings — one in Ottawa and one in Washington, D.C. U.S. trade with Canada tops \$511 billion a year, representing the largest trading partnership in the world. (Courtesy photo)

Nature Discovery Day Camp—July 8-12, "Streamkeepers." \$130/Nature Center members, \$160/non-members. Call the Nature Center, 327-0405, for registration information.

Wild Grass and Wildflower Seed Collecting Workshop—July 9, collect wild seeds used in Missoula Valley prairie restoration, 7 p.m.-dusk, John Toole Park, meet at the Waterwise Garden behind the Missoulian. Great for families. Call 243-6642 for more information. Free.

Board of Regents meeting—July 11-12, Dawson Community College, Glendive.

Montana Volleyball Team Camp—July 12-14, girls entering grades 9-12; \$150. Sign up as a team, minimum of 6 and preferably 9. Call (406) 243-4397 for registration information. Deposit of \$100 is due with registration by June 22 and the balance at check-in.

Astronomy program—July 13, "Deep Space Viewing," 9:30-10 p.m. Call the Nature Center at Fort Missoula, 327-0405, to register. \$2/person and \$8/family.

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9 a.m.-3 p.m., in Stevensville. \$60/half day, \$95/full day, includes soccer ball and T-shirt. Call 243-4417 for more information. Register with Grizzly Athletics by June 28.

Nature Discovery Day Camp—July 15-19, "Adventures With Animals and Plants." \$130/Nature Center members, \$160/non-members. Call the Nature Center, 327-0405, for registration information.

Nature Discovery Day Camp—July 21-26, "Nature Detectives," \$130/Nature Center members, \$160/non-members. Call The Nature Center, 327-0405 for registration information.

Pat Kennedy's Grizzly Cage Camp—July 22-26, two separate day camps: boys entering grades 1-5, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; boys entering grades 6-10, 12:30-3:30 p.m. \$75, no meals or lodging provided. Call 243-5334 to register.

Robin Selvig's Lady Griz Cage Camp—July 29-Aug. 1, two day camps for girls: grades K-4, 1-4 p.m.; grades 5-6, 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$75; \$25 deposit required. Call 243-5334.

(A complete listing of UM events is online at www.umt.edu/urelations/calendar.)



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