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## UM's England named top Montana professor

Music Professor Esther England has taught scores of University of Montana students to sing.

And now UM is singing her praises. England has been named Montana's 2002 Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the national Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. This is the third consecutive year that a UM professor has received the honor.

England was nominated for the award by UM President George Dennison, fine arts Dean Shirley Howell and several current and former students. A revered voice professor and former associate dean of the School of Fine Arts, England earned UM's 1998 Distinguished Teaching Award.

After more than 35 years at UM, England's voice students number nearly 1,500 and include world-class opera singers, Broadway and Hollywood actors, and teachers at all levels. They shower England with superlatives, calling her "an angel," and "a treasure" and speak with awe about her ability to recognize talent and to nurture it, to encourage passion for music and song, and to instill confidence.



England's unwavering dedication and commitment to inspiring young singers have never been more evident than they have been the past two years, as she has struggled with her health — first as the result of a serious automobile accident, and more recently, in battling breast cancer. Her devotion to her students added to her fight as she missed as little time as possible in her teaching duties.

A stellar performer herself, England is well known as a singer, adjudicator and clinician throughout the Pacific Northwest. She teaches up to 20 voice students each semester.

CASE established the Professors of the Year program in 1981 and administers it with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

England joins a handful of UM faculty who have earned the top professor title. UM Regents Professor Paul Lauren won the award for Montana in 1991, and health and human performance Professor Annie Sondag brought it to UM again in 1998. History Professor Mehrdad Kia won the award in 2000, followed by economics Professor John Photiades in 2001.

## UM seeks comment on athletics

The University has reviewed all aspects of its athletics program and now wants the public to comment on its findings.

UM has completed a self-review as part of the requirements to retain NCAA Division I athletics certification. Committees appointed by UM President George Dennison and comprising University faculty and administrators, student-athletes and community members have scrutinized the athletics program for much of the year.

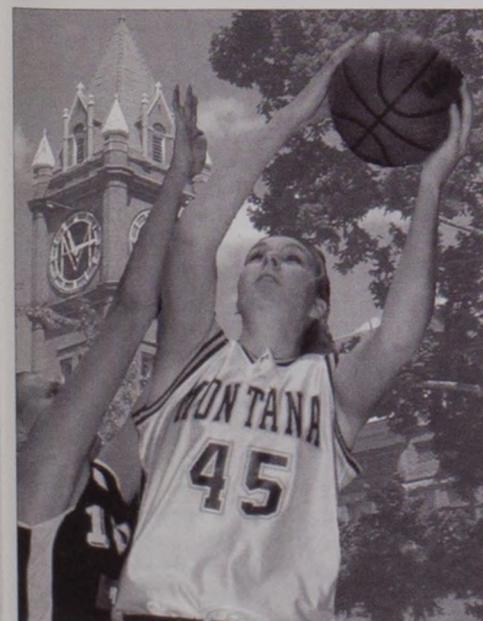
"Opening up athletics programs to public scrutiny represents the core of the NCAA process," Dennison said. "At stake is whether the University retains its NCAA certification."

Anyone interested in commenting on the study can find draft reports in the President's Office, Intercollegiate Athletics administrative offices in the Hoyt Athletic Complex and the Mansfield Library Reserve

Room or online under "NCAA Certification" on the University's Web page at [www.umt.edu](http://www.umt.edu). Comments may be sent to the President's Office, Main Hall 109, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 59812, or faxed to (406) 243-2797. Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to [wilsonj@mso.umt.edu](mailto:wilsonj@mso.umt.edu).

The NCAA-required study focuses on four topics: governance and rules compliance; academic integrity; financial integrity; and equity, student welfare and sportsmanship.

After receiving comments, UM's NCAA Certification Steering Committee will make final revisions in the self-study report. The report then will be sent to the NCAA. In late April 2003, an NCAA peer-review team will visit the Missoula campus to conduct interviews and review documents. The NCAA's final decision on certification will come later next year.



Public input is being sought about UM's self-review of its athletic programs.

# Griz degree programs available across Montana

Academic departments at UM-Missoula have teamed with UM Continuing Education to provide a variety of degree programs at locations throughout the state and via the Internet.

UM's external degree programs are designed to meet the needs of people who work during the day or who live outside Missoula. Most external degree classes are offered evenings and weekends. Students enrolled in external degree programs have access to the distance education library services of UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and the University's Financial Aid Office serves students who qualify for assistance. The University's online offerings make

it possible for students anywhere to pick their place and time to pursue degrees in a wide array of subjects. UM Online offers the following programs:

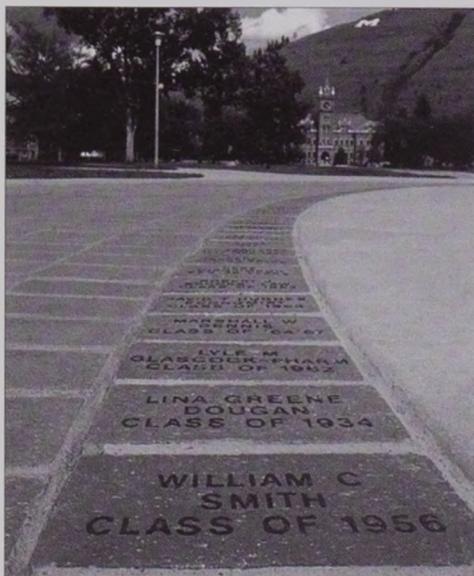
- doctor of pharmacy.
- library media endorsement.
- foundation program to prepare for a master's in business administration.
- master of public administration.
- master of education in educational leadership.

The following external degree programs are available at specified locations throughout the state:

- master of business administration: Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell and Missoula.

- doctor of education in educational leadership: Missoula.
- master of education in educational leadership: Kalispell.
- master of arts in counselor education: Missoula.
- master of education in curriculum studies: Butte and Corvallis.

UM spring semester begins Jan. 27. For more information about admission, deadlines, logistics and costs, call Mary Jones at Continuing Education, (406) 243-6431, or e-mail her at [edp@mso.umt.edu](mailto:edp@mso.umt.edu). For further program information and class schedules go online to [www.montana-education.com](http://www.montana-education.com) and click on External Degrees. 🐻



Follow the Centennial Brick road...

## UM offers permanent memorials

### Have your name etched in stone with Centennial Circle bricks

Become a permanent part of the UM campus by having your name — or another special person's — engraved on a brick in Centennial Circle.

Centennial Circle was established in 1993 when UM celebrated its 100th birthday. Paved with red bricks, the circle surrounds Rudy Autio's landmark grizzly bear statue, located on the western edge of

UM's Oval. With its classic Main Hall and Mount Sentinel backdrop, the circle remains a favorite place for picture-taking.

Centennial Circle Bricks cost \$150 each and may be engraved with the names of students, alumni, family members, friends, teachers or anyone else who merits special recognition. Brief messages also are an option. Bricks may be engraved with up to three lines of 14 characters per line.

Proceeds from brick sales go toward special UM outreach projects and marketing.

Bricks ordered now will be engraved in April. To get a brick brochure or more information, call Lisa Arendt at (406) 243-2523. Order forms are available online at [www.umt.edu/urelations/bricks](http://www.umt.edu/urelations/bricks). 🐻

## Seniors give University high marks for educational experience

A strong majority of UM-Missoula seniors said they had a good or excellent educational experience at UM and would attend the University if they could start over again, according to results of the 2002 National Survey of Student Engagement.

The survey also found that 66 percent of freshmen and 72 percent of seniors participate in community service or volunteer work, while more than 40 percent of students participate in co-curricular activities such as organizations and student government.

The NSSE ("nessie") determines the level of student engagement — a strong predictor of how well students learn — among freshmen and seniors. Of 700 UM freshmen and seniors given the NSSE, 270 completed the survey for a response rate of 40 percent. Thirty-four percent of the respondents were male and 67 percent were female; 43 percent were freshmen

and 57 percent were seniors.

Student engagement represents the effort students devote to educationally productive activities and how well colleges engage students in these activities. The survey measures five benchmarks: level of academic challenge, active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, enriching educational experiences and a supportive campus environment.

Results of the survey are used to improve the quality of undergraduate experience.

The NSSE is conducted by the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research and planning. It is co-sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Pew Forum on Undergraduate Learning.

Promising findings at UM include:

- Eighty-four percent of seniors said UM provides a good or excellent educational experience, and 80 percent would attend UM if they could start over again.

■ Thirty-one percent of UM seniors have participated in a learning community — a small group-learning experience such as a Freshman Seminar, a research team or a study abroad program — compared with 22 percent at nationwide peer institutions.

■ Fifty-five percent of seniors prepared two or more drafts of an assignment before turning it in vs. 46 percent of peers.

■ Fifty-six percent of freshmen and 52 percent of seniors report having serious conversations with students who have different values, beliefs or opinions.

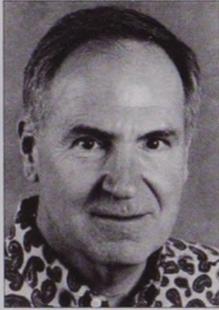
Disappointing findings include:

■ Only 14 percent of freshmen and 21 percent of seniors say UM emphasizes spending significant amounts of time on studying and academic work.

■ Forty-one percent rate the quality of their academic advising as poor or fair.

For more information on the NSSE, visit the Web site at [www.iub.edu/~nsse](http://www.iub.edu/~nsse). 🐻

**Historic Winner**—Professor Harry Fritz, chair of UM's history department, is one of five people honored with a 2003 Montana Committee for the Humanities Governor's Humanity Award.



Fritz

Established by Gov. Marc Racicot in 1995, the award honors achievement in humanities scholarship, service and education. The 2003 recipients will be honored at a ceremony with Gov. Judy Martz Feb. 6 in Helena. Fritz teaches courses in early American history, American military history and Montana history. He won UM's Teacher of the Year Award in 1972 and 1999 and was the University's Distinguished Service Award winner in 1985. He is author of "Montana: Land of Contrast" and co-editor of "Montana and the West" and "The Montana Heritage." He served in the Montana House of Representatives in 1985 and 1987 and the state Senate in 1991 and 1993. He has long been an MCH Speakers Bureau favorite, offering a variety of programs during the last 15 years, including an Abraham Lincoln performance.

**Legal Leaders**—The UM Law School American Bar Association Negotiation Competition team performed well in the ABA Regional Law School Negotiation Competition Nov. 8-9, which was held at the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore. Malin Stearns, a second year student from Missoula, and Todd Denison, a third year student from Kalispell, earned second place in the regional competition and will go on the national competition Feb. 9-10 in Seattle. Teammates Ben Hursh, a third year student from Miles City, and Patti Bowers, a first year student from Seattle, came in fifth place in the regional competition. The teams, coached by Klaus Sitte, UM adjunct lecturer, competed in negotiation exercises. "All the teams in the competition receive a set of general facts," said Sitte. "Then, each team also has a set of 'secret facts,' which contain things like the wishes, motivations and bottom lines of their theoretical client. Each team then attempts to work out a resolution with the other team that is in the best interests of that client."

**Athletes Honored**—Two UM-Missoula students were honored for their commitment to community service Nov. 23 during the Griz-Bobcat football game. They were selected as Montana Campus Compact 2002 Montana Athletes in Service Award Winners by a statewide committee. The UM winners were Jill Henkel, a UM senior and Lady Griz basketball player, and Ryan O'Neill, a UM senior and men's tennis team member.



**Environmental Support**—UM's Environmental Studies Program has been selected to receive a prestigious \$230,000 grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. The grant will provide financial support for UM graduate students committed to careers as practicing conservationists in the nonprofit or public sectors. Only five of the 48-month grants were provided to some of the nation's top environmental schools. The other four grant-winning conservation programs are at Duke University, the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin and Yale University. "Until we became involved with the Duke Charitable Foundation — through their invitation — I don't think we understood how widely respected and recognized our program and graduates are," said program Director Tom Roy.

**Emergency TV**—Twelve broadcast journalism students in UM's Department of Radio-Television produced a 30-minute television program that profiled Montana emergency workers. The students researched, reported, filmed, wrote and edited the show. The program aired Nov. 21 on Montana PBS stations. It followed Montana Highway Patrol officers in Helena; LifeFlight pilots, medical technicians and 9-1-1 dispatchers in Missoula; emergency room personnel in Great Falls; and firefighters and paramedics in Bozeman.

**Calendar Cash**—You can now purchase a 2003 calendar that will offer chances to win cash each day of the year — and sales of the calendar will support needed services for children with language and literacy challenges. The Western Montana RiteCare Childhood Language and Literacy Clinic, located at UM-Missoula's Curry Health Center, is supported in part by calendar sales. The calendar costs \$20 and has a form for the purchaser to fill out and send to the Scottish Rite Masons, which will hold a drawing for cash prizes daily during 2003. Calendar owners are eligible for daily cash giveaways of \$25, except on Sundays and holidays. On Sundays cash awards will be \$100, and selected holiday prizes will be either \$250 or \$500 — except for Christmas 2003, when the drawing will be for the grand prize cash award of \$4,000. Winners will be posted daily on the clinic's Web site at [www.umt.edu/ders/LanguageClinic/index.htm](http://www.umt.edu/ders/LanguageClinic/index.htm). Calendars are available in many grocery stores throughout western Montana or can be ordered by calling (406) 243-5261 or e-mailing [slclinic@selway.umt.edu](mailto:slclinic@selway.umt.edu).

**A Mansfield Christmas**—Maureen Mansfield, half of the dynamic duo for whom UM's Mansfield Library is named, enjoyed designing her own Christmas cards for friends and family. A display of Mrs. Mansfield's work will be shown during the holiday season in a glass case near the Archives and Special Collections office on the library's fourth floor.

**Halloween Food**—Volunteers collected more than 8,650 pounds of food from area residents for the Missoula Food Bank on Halloween as part of the fourth annual "Trick or Eat," an event sponsored by UM's Office for Civic Engagement. Volunteers from six UM organizations and area high schools and middle schools made sure the event was a success.

**Seeds and Weeds**—A recent episode of the award-winning Montana PBS program "Backroads of Montana" featured unique seed-art, a weed roundup and behind-the-scenes looks at a doll museum in Loma and ZooMontana in Billings. The "Seeds and Weeds" episode was the 18th program in the series, which focuses on communities around the state and the local culture that makes them different from any place on Earth. Check your local listings for future episodes of "Backroads," which is produced at UM's Broadcast Media Center for Montana PBS. "Backroads" videos can be purchased online at [www.montanapbs.org](http://www.montanapbs.org). They also are available for check out at Montana libraries.

**Writing to Win**—Two UM-Missoula journalism students were rewarded for their feature writing prowess during the latest round of the Hearst Journalism Awards Program — a national competition that involves students from more than 100 accredited journalism programs across the nation. Kristen Inbody, a senior from Choteau, captured eighth place and a \$500 scholarship. Paul Queneau, a senior from Golden, Colo., finished 13th and won a certificate of merit. The wins scored points for the University in Hearst's Intercollegiate Writing Competition, and UM is now ranked second overall behind Western Kentucky University. The winning institution will be announced next spring after six rounds of competition.

**Student Job Finder**—The UM Career Services Office and the Center for Work-Based Learning recently introduced a new Web-based career management system. Griz eRecruiting provides UM students with new resources to find jobs or internships nationwide. The job search component allows students to view thousands of job listings. UM students can sign up for a Griz eRecruiting account at [www.umt.edu/career/ermain.htm](http://www.umt.edu/career/ermain.htm) or the Career Services Office in Lommasson Center Room 154. For more information call 243-2022. 🐾

## UM Calendar

**Holiday—Jan. 1**, New Year's Day. UM offices closed.

**Basketball—Jan. 5**, Lady Griz vs. Gonzaga, 2:05 p.m., Adams Center.

**Art exhibit—Jan. 2-Feb. 8**, "The Last Refuge," paintings, sculpture and mixed media by Steve Kelly, 3-7 p.m. Tues. and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wed.-Sat., Meloy and Paxson galleries of the Montana Museum of Art and Culture, Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center.

**Wintersession classes—Jan. 6-24**. Visit [www.umt.edu/wintersession](http://www.umt.edu/wintersession) for more information.

**Basketball—Jan. 9**, Grizzlies vs. Eastern Washington, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

**UM music audition day—Jan. 11**, in Billings and Spokane. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information.

**Outdoor Program class—Jan. 11**, "Transceiver Clinic," 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$18 includes instruction and transceiver rental. No transportation provided. Call the Outdoor Program at (406) 243-5172 to register. Public welcome.

**Basketball—Jan. 11**, Grizzlies vs. Portland State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

**Board of Regents meeting—Jan. 16-17**, Montana Higher Education Complex, Helena.

**Basketball—Jan. 16**, Lady Griz vs. Idaho State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

**Basketball—Jan. 18**, Lady Griz vs. Weber State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

**Holiday—Jan. 20**, Martin Luther King Day. UM offices closed.

**UM orientation and registration—Jan. 22-24**, for spring semester 2003. Call (406) 243-6266 for more information.

**Career Incentive for the Aspiring Opera Singer Awards Competition (CIAO)—Jan. 24**, 5-10 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information. Free.

**Concerto Competition—Jan. 25**. String Orchestra of the Rockies, Music Building. Free. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information.

**UM's High School Choral Leadership Workshop—Jan. 25**, all day, Music Building. Free and open to the public. For more information, call (406) 243-6880.

**Spring classes begin—Jan. 27**.

**Basketball—Jan. 30**, Grizzlies vs. Northern Arizona, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

**President's Lecture Series—Jan. 30**, "One History or Two? Black and White Women in American History" by Anne Firor Scott, W.K. Boyd Professor of History, Emerita, Duke University, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Free.

**Student recital—Jan. 31**, flutist Anna Semple, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information. Free.

**Basketball—Feb. 1**, Grizzlies vs. Sac State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

**Hospice benefit performance—Feb. 1**, "Marriage of Figaro" opera, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. \$20/general, \$14/students. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information.

**Student recital—Feb. 4**, violinist DeAnndra Drewry, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Free. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information.

**Broadway in Missoula Series—Feb. 4**, "Grease," 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. \$45; limited seating available. Also "Lord of the Dance" on **March 25**, 7:30 p.m., Adams Center. \$36 and \$40. Call (888) MONTANA or (406) 243-4051.

**Basketball—Feb. 6**, Lady Griz vs. Portland State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

**Student recital—Feb. 7**, soprano Jamie Remsen, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information. Free.

**UM music audition day—Feb. 8**. Music Building. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information.

**Basketball—Feb. 8**, Lady Griz vs. Eastern Washington, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

**Montana Repertory Theatre—Feb. 11-15 and 18-22**, "The Miracle Worker," 7:30 p.m., Montana Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Tickets \$15/general, \$12/students and senior citizens. Call (406) 243-4581. A **Feb. 12** benefit, dinner and performance costs \$50. Call (406) 243-6809 for benefit tickets. A 2 p.m. matinee will be offered **Feb. 22**.

**Faculty and Guest Artist Series—Feb. 11**, percussionist Robert LedBetter, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens.

**Basketball—Feb. 13**, Grizzlies vs. Weber State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

*(A complete listing of UM events is online at [www.umt.edu/urelations/calendar](http://www.umt.edu/urelations/calendar).)*

## University the first choice for most incoming freshmen

A majority of UM-Missoula freshmen ranked UM as their first choice of colleges and said academic reputation was the most important factor influencing their decision, according to a new survey completed by 2,656 freshmen.

The Entering Student Survey was distributed at freshman orientation sessions between June 2001 and August 2002 to determine students' academic intentions. Nearly 90 percent of respondents were age 17 to 19, while 8 percent were 20 to 24 and 4.5 percent were 25 to 63. Seventy-one percent were from Montana.

The survey, conducted by UM's Retention Committee, focused on four areas: educational decisions and future plans, reasons for attending UM, plans while enrolled and perceived academic preparation. Here are some survey highlights:

- Fifty-four percent ranked UM as their first choice of colleges, 20 percent said it was their second choice, and 14 percent reported that UM was their only choice. So 68 percent of respondents ranked UM as either their first or only choice.

- Fifty-seven percent said they planned to earn a bachelor's degree and 26 percent intended to earn a postgraduate degree. Ninety-nine percent said that graduating was either very important (91 percent) or somewhat important (8 percent).

- The top three factors influencing freshmen to attend UM were academic reputation (86 percent reporting strong influence or some influence), campus setting and appearance (85 percent) and outdoor life and recreational opportunities (81 percent).

- The top three reasons having little or no influence on freshmen's decisions to attend UM were the advice of school counselors, UM's reputation in intercollegiate athletics (both at 53 percent) and contact with faculty (50 percent).

- Ninety-four percent of respondents said they were full-time students, and 73 percent planned to live on campus. Sixty-five percent intended to work, and 10 percent said they would not work, while 25 percent said they were not sure. Thirty-three percent said they would work 20 hours per week, 25 percent said they would work 15 hours or less per week, and 20 percent planned to work 21 to 30 hours a week. 📱



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