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UM student tops national journalism competition

A University of Montana student from Great Falls won top honors in the final round of competition of the Hearst Journalism Awards Program, otherwise known as the "College Pulitzers," in San Francisco during May.

Danielle Cross, a senior in the radio-television department, won first place in the radio news competition, as well as a prize for best use of radio for news coverage. She took home \$6,000 in prize money — \$5,000 for the first-place award and \$1,000 for the other honor. She is the first UM student to win a national first place in the radio news category of the competition.

"This is a huge honor," said UM Adjunct Assistant Professor Denise Dowling, who has taught Cross in several classes. "Not only for Danielle, but for the University."

Cross' road to the top of national competition began in February when she entered two stories in the first round of the radio news competition. She took second place in that round, winning \$1,500. Cross then was invited to enter the semifinals, submitting different radio pieces for the judges' consideration. Five finalists emerged from that semifinal round and were invited to San Francisco for the live competition.

Dowling was not surprised that Cross fared so well. "Danielle has a very creative

voice and a passion for telling stories that make a difference," she said. "She has a knack for finding the people affected by the issue and drawing listeners in with their personal stories.

"Another reason Danielle's stories stand out is her use of natural sound," Dowling said. "She uses natural sound so well that the audience is transported to the scene of the story."

Cross' talent in radio broadcast has earned recognition in other competitions as well. She is a finalist for the Society of Professional Journalists 2003 Mark of Excellence Award in the radio spot news reporting category for "School of the Americas," a piece she did for UM's KBGA radio station, where she is news director.

Cross and KBGA also earned recognition from

the Broadcast Educational Association for a radio newscast produced and anchored by Cross that aired on September 11, 2002. It reflected on the terrorist attacks of the previous year and was judged best student radio newscast in the country. Cross also won second place in the BEA's radio hard news category for a story titled "Underage and Under the Influence," which examined the penalties students might pay for providing alcohol to underage friends.

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President leads research group

UM President George Dennison has been elected to lead the Inland Northwest Research Alliance, a consortium of eight research universities in the northwest.

A nonprofit, scientific and educational organization, INRA fosters collaborative research programs that educate America's future scientists and engineers. It is the only program of its kind in the nation. INRA was formed to promote science and engineering research with a focus on studies that will result in practical applications, such as water treatments, soil remediation and forest fire prevention.

INRA was formed in 1999 by presidents of the eight universities to foster research partnerships. Since then, Dennison said, the organization has garnered more than \$10 million in research funding and strengthened its partnership with the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL).

"I look forward to working with the other presidents to broaden INRA's mission and continue its many successes," Dennison said.

INRA is a partner with Bechtel National Inc. and BWX Technologies in the management and operations contract of the Department of Energy's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Member universities are in Montana, Alaska, Idaho, Utah and Washington.



Dennison



National award winner: Danielle Cross in UM's KBGA student radio station.

New VPs join University's administrative team

UM will add two new high-level administrators this summer.

Teresa Branch, formerly associate vice president for student affairs at Iowa State University in Ames, has been hired as UM's new vice president for student affairs. She started her new duties in June.

Daniel J. Dwyer, currently vice provost for research at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, will become UM's vice president for research and development Aug. 15.

Before taking her job in Ames, Branch worked 16 years at Arizona State University in Tempe as assistant vice president for student affairs and director of counseling and consultation. She worked as a counseling psychologist during the 1970s and '80s.

She earned a master's degree in criminal justice from the State University of New York in Albany in 1971 and a

doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Washington in Seattle in 1976. Branch said she's excited to be back in the Northwest.

In her new role Branch will oversee a dozen diverse UM offices, ranging from Enrollment Services to Campus Recreation, Financial Aid and University Dining Services.

Branch replaces Barbara Hollmann, who retired from UM after 23 years of service. Initially hired as associate athletic director in 1980, Hollmann helped women's sports teams flourish in the early years of Title IX. She was promoted to vice president for student affairs in 1987.

Dwyer replaces T. Lloyd Chesnut, who left UM recently to assume a similar position at the University of North Texas in Denton.

In his six years at UM, Chesnut more than doubled the amount of grant-funded research, propelling it beyond

the \$50 million mark. Dwyer had similar success and much the same duties when he served as vice president for research at the University of Maine during 1996-2000.

Dwyer will oversee research and sponsored programs, technology transfer, information technology, federal legislative relations, international programs, environmental health and occupational safety, and animal resources at UM.

During the past year at New Mexico State and during his tenure at Maine, Dwyer worked with federal, state and private funding sources to identify faculty research opportunities. He continually emphasized the role of higher education and research in economic growth for those states.

Dwyer earned a master's in chemistry and a doctorate in physical chemistry from Lehigh University in 1974 and 1976. He has been both a teacher and researcher, specializing in surface science and technology. Dwyer spent 12 years on the Maine faculty after working for a decade as senior staff chemist and group leader of surface chemistry and physics at Exxon Corporate Research Laboratory in New Jersey. 🍷



Branch

Courtesy of the Missoulian.



Dwyer

UM scientist appears on PBS

Paul Alaback, a UM ecologist, appeared in a new two-hour PBS special about one of the most important scientific treks in American history, the Harriman Alaska Expedition.

The documentary, "The Harriman Alaska Expedition Retraced," debuted on PBS television stations in June.

A century ago railroad tycoon Edward H. Harriman invited the top minds in the country to join him on a 9,000-mile exploration of the Alaskan coast.

In 2001 Thomas Litwin, director of the Smith College Clark Science Center, organized an expedition to follow the path of the original one. Again it was stocked with a collection of top scientists — including UM's Alaback — though this time Alaska native people were included. Called the Harriman Expedition Retraced, its purpose was to visit the same places and see what changes the 20th century had brought to Alaska. 🍷

Athletic director wins top honor

UM's Wayne Hogan is one of 25 winners of the Athletic Director of the Year Award.

The award highlights the efforts of athletic directors at all levels for their commitment and positive contributions to campuses and their surrounding communities. It is presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

Hogan has been athletic director at UM for 8 years. Since his arrival, the Montana Grizzly football team has appeared in the Division I-AA national championship game four times, bringing home titles in 1995 and 2001. The team also has been in the playoffs every year, won seven Big Sky Conference football championships and posted a record of 84-18. Montana also won conference championships in men's and women's basketball in 1996 and 1999.

Facility improvements during Hogan's tenure include upgrades to Washington-Grizzly Stadium, Dornblaser Field, Hoyt Athletic Complex and the Hall of Cham-

Before joining UM Hogan worked for several minor league baseball teams and as assistant sports information and marketing director for the University of New Mexico. At Florida State University he served as sports information director, and he was assistant athletic director during 1994-95. He was instrumental in getting FSU admitted into the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The other athletic directors honored at the Division I-AA level were from Rider University in New Jersey, Old Dominion in Virginia and Butler University in Indiana. The winners had to have served as an athletic directors for at least five years and demonstrated commitment to student-athletes, teamwork, loyalty and excellence. Nominations came from athletic directors, presidents and conference commissioners.

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, now in its 37th year, is the professional and educational association for more than 6,100 college athletics administrators at more than 1,600 institutions throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada. 🍷



Hogan

Forestry Updates Name—The state Board of Regents approved a name change for UM's School of Forestry on July 10. The 90-year-old school was renamed the College of Forestry and Conservation. The school also was reorganized into three academic departments: ecosystem and conservation sciences, forest management, and society and conservation. UM officials said the changes more accurately reflect the diversity of their modern forestry curriculum.

Emmy Winners—The Montana PBS documentary "For This and Future Generations: Montana's 1972 Constitutional Convention" recently won a Regional Emmy Award from the Seattle-Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The award, in the cultural/historical documentary category, was presented June 21 in Seattle. The documentary was written by Paul Zalis of Bigfork and directed by Gus Chambers of Montana PBS at UM. Zalis and Chambers co-produced the program. The documentary also was awarded the E.B. Craney Award for Non-commercial Television Program of the Year by the Montana Broadcasters Association at its annual convention in Bozeman on June 21. "For This and Future Generations" tells the story of the 100 grassroots delegates who rewrote the state constitution in the winter of 1972.

New UM Leaders—Arlene Walker-Andrews and James Staub have accepted associate provost positions at UM-Missoula and will begin their positions in August. Walker-Andrews' will focus primarily on student retention and curriculum, while Staub will focus on personnel and student issues. Walker-Andrews comes to UM from Rutgers, where she has served as vice chair of psychology. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from the University of Texas at Austin and her Doctor of Philosophy degree in experimental psychology from Cornell University. Staub is from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where he currently serves as associate provost. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Wooster in Ohio and his Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of South Carolina.

Top Performer—UM staff member Terri Peterson has been awarded a U.S. Army Cadet Command Award for Excellence for being the nation's top ROTC human resource assistant for 2003. Peterson works for UM's Grizzly Battalion, the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps based in Missoula. She picked up her Superior Civilian Service Medal during a May 21 ceremony in San Antonio. "It was a great honor to receive this award," Peterson said. "I love my job. The cadre and cadets that I have worked with over the past 14 years have brought me great joy." Maj. Gen. John T.D. Casey, commanding general of the command, established the excellence awards last year to recognize top performers from around the country. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps units are located at 272 colleges and universities throughout the country.

Kyrgyzstan Connection—UM's geography department and Central Asia and Caspian Basin Program have been awarded a \$73,000 U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant. It will support UM's "Teaching About Central Asia: Mountains and Society in Kyrgyzstan" project, which entails sending 16 Montana students and teachers on a curriculum development/study abroad experience. Naryn State University, a UM partner institution, will host the group while they are in Kyrgyzstan, a former Soviet state, July 15 through Aug. 10. The program was developed by UM geography professors Sarah Halvorson and Jeffrey Gritzner and Otto Koester of the Central Asia and Caspian Basin Program. Their intention is to promote professional development and integrate content regarding Central Asia and Kyrgyzstan into UM curriculum and community outreach efforts.



Bear Briefs

Leading Lawyer—David Aronofsky, UM legal counsel and adjunct faculty member in the schools of law and education, has been elected to the American Law Institute. The institute is one of the world's most prestigious organizations for legal professionals. Members are selected on the basis of professional achievement and demon-

strated interest in the improvement of the law. The elected membership is limited to 3,000. Aronofsky was elected May 14 by ALL's executive committee after review of his accomplishments, service and leadership. The institute's membership consists of distinguished federal and state judges, lawyers and law professors. Aronofsky joins a small, select group of Montanans elected to the institute.

Growing Stadium—All season tickets in the new 4,000-seat north end zone expansion of Washington-Grizzly Stadium have been sold — meaning that UM will have a season-ticket base of more than 17,000 for the 2003 football season. UM Athletics has started a waiting list for individuals still hoping to purchase season tickets for the upcoming season. If interested, contact Colleen Marks at (406) 243-5348. With the expansion, seating capacity in the stadium will top 23,000. Work on the stadium has closed part of UM's Campus Drive until Sept. 1.

Brainy Athletes—The average cumulative grade-point average for UM student-athletes was an impressive 2.89 for spring semester. Fifty-three percent earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and 16 percent made the Dean's List with 3.50 GPAs or higher. Twenty of UM's student-athletes earned perfect 4.0s while earning at least 12 academic credits. The teams with the highest average GPAs were women's volleyball and men's tennis at 3.27. Other brainy teams were women's cross country (with a 3.09 GPA), women's golf (3.20), women's soccer (3.19) and women's tennis (3.10).

Legal Competitors—UM's American Bar Association Law School Negotiation Team attended its first International Negotiation Competition July 3-5 in Calgary, Alberta. UM law students Malin Stearns and Todd Denison placed second in the national competition earlier this year to earn an invitation to Calgary. In the international competition, the team faced competitors from Canada, England, Ireland and New Zealand. Ireland finished first; New Zealand and England placed second and third respectively. This is the third team that UM coach Klaus Sitte has taken to a national competition but his first team to compete internationally.

Ticket to College—At least one of 12 recipients of the American Indian College Fund's national Tribal Scholarship Program awards plans to attend UM-Missoula in the fall. Anthony Rider of Hays was awarded a \$20,000 scholarship to be paid over two years. Rider, a member of the Gros Ventre tribe, will use the scholarship to work toward an undergraduate degree at UM. The program mandates that recipients pursue a degree in science, mathematics, computer science, engineering or resource management. Rider is currently attending Fort Belknap College in Harlem.

Buy A Brick—Become a permanent part of the UM campus by having your name — or another special person's — engraved on a brick in Centennial Circle near campus's grizzly bear statue. 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. To get a brick brochure or more information, call Lisa Arends at (406) 243-2523. Order forms are available online at www.umt.edu/urelations/bricks.

National Win — continued

However, the final round of the Hearst competition was unlike any of the previous competitions Cross had entered. "Students are judged on their finished work as in other competitions," Dowling said. "But they are assigned a story and set loose in San Francisco as they gather news, conduct interviews, write, edit and gather sound. I would be really intimidated, but Danielle is absolutely unflappable."

"The competition was absolutely nerve-racking," Cross said. "The judges gave us two stories to cover, a day to finish them and \$40 to get around the city. Not being from San Francisco, I didn't know who to talk to or where to find them, or even how to get around the city."

The student journalists completed one

story on President Bush's tax cut and another on San Francisco's homeless. While it was hard to finish the stories on deadline in a city she'd never even visited, Cross said that she was pleased with her final result.

"It seemed impossible at first, but at the end of the day when I had sound bytes and interviews it felt really good to know that I really can get stories done under a lot of pressure in a strange city."

Cross' parents, Suzanne Richards and Elvin Cross of Great Falls, attended the ceremony in San Francisco and were by her side when she won the prestigious award. Cross says the highlight of her week was meeting former White House reporter Helen Thomas. Thomas was a featured speaker at the awards ceremony.

What's next for UM's leading radio journalist? Cross will return to finish her last semester in the fall and plans to find an internship for spring

semester. Until recently she had her sights set on a career in television broadcasting, but now she's rethinking her options.

"There are aspects of radio that are really appealing," said Cross, "and it looks like maybe I'm not too bad at it after all."

People who have worked with Cross hold her in high regard and think she'll have many options awaiting her after graduation. "It's been my honor to work with this talented and dedicated young woman," Dowling said. "She's something special."

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation, which administers the national competition, has awarded more than \$400,000 in scholarships, matching grants and stipends in its 43 years. Students from 105 accredited colleges and universities compete each year in print, photography and broadcast contests. 🐾

UM Calendar

Missoula Wildlands Stewardship Series—Aug. 5, "Noxious Weed Identification," learn to identify noxious weeds of Montana, led by Marijka Wessner. Meet at 7 pm., M trail. Call (406) 243-6642 to register. \$1 donation appreciated.

Concert—Aug. 13, Bela Fleck and The Flecktones, bluegrass-jazz-fusion, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$31/advance, \$33/day-of-show. For tickets call (888) MONTANA, (406) 243-4051 or visit www.Grizztix.com.

Concert—Aug. 14, Nelly, 8 p.m., Adams Center. Tickets \$37/reserved seats. For tickets call (888) MONTANA, (406) 243-4051 or visit www.grizztix.com.

Football scrimmage—Aug. 16, 10:10 a.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Also **Aug. 21**, 2:30 p.m.

Missoula Wildlands Stewardship series—Aug. 19, "Native Seed Harvest," help Bryce Christiaens identify common prairie plants and collect seeds. Meet at 7 pm., Fort Missoula Native Prairie. Call (406) 243-6642 to register. \$1 donation appreciated.

Women's soccer—Aug. 22, Grizzlies vs. Rocky Mountain College (exhibition), 5 p.m., South Campus Soccer Field.

Great Griz Encounter—Aug. 23, 3 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Meet and mingle with the 2003 Griz football squad.

Early arrival date—Aug. 23, dorms open with a nightly charge. For more

information, call (406) 243-2611.

Missoula Wildlands Stewardship Series—Aug. 26, "Medicinal Values of Native Plants," herbalist Bronwyn Troutman will lead a workshop at the native plant garden. Meet at 7 p.m., Missoula Urban Demonstration Project. Call (406) 721-7513 for directions; call (406) 243-6642 to register. \$1 donation appreciated.

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks—Aug. 27-28, "She Stoops to Conquer," 6 p.m., Wednesday, UM Oval. "As You Like It," 6 p.m., Thursday, UM Oval. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and picnic. Call (406) 243-6164 for more information. Free.

UM Week of Welcome—Aug. 27-Sept. 2. Call (406) 243-6266 for information.

Orientation and registration—Aug. 27-29. For more information call (406) 243-6266, (800) 462-8636, or visit www.umt.edu/nss/orientation/.

Residence halls open—Aug. 30, call (406) 243-2611 for more information.

Concert—Aug. 31, R.E.M., 7:30 p.m., Adams Center. Tickets \$45/reserved seats. Call GrizTix at (888) MONTANA, (406) 243-4051 or to purchase online tickets visit www.grizztix.com.

Labor Day—Sept. 1, UM offices closed.

State of the University Address—Sept. 2, 3 p.m., Montana Theatre. Annual address by President George Dennison.

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

Art exhibit—July 21-Sept. 6, summer showcase, "Centennial and Bicentennial: Lewis and Clark in Perspective." Historical and contemporary works by American Indian artists in the Paxson Gallery, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tues., Wed., Thurs. and Sat., also 3-7 p.m. Fri., the Montana Museum of Art and Culture, Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center. For more information call (406) 243-2019.

Robin Selvig's Lady Griz Cage Camp—July 28-31, 9 a.m.-noon, girls completing grades K-4; 1-4 p.m., girls completing grades 5-6; 5:30-8:30 p.m., girls completing grades 7-11. \$80/camper, includes camp activities, no meals or lodging provided. \$25 deposit required. Call (406) 243-5334 for registration information.

Stargazing—Aug. 1, 29, open house at UM's Blue Mountain Observatory. Observing begins about an hour after sunset. If the sky is not clear enough by early evening, observation will be canceled. The drive to the top of Blue Mountain takes about an hour from Missoula. Call (406) 243-4299 to confirm the evening observing or visit www.physics.umt.edu and select Blue Mountain for directions and a map. Free.

Montana Natural History Center—Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Saturday Discovery Days, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., art project and nature walks. Kids of all ages and families welcome. For more information call (406) 327-0405. \$1 donation appreciated.



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