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ROTC ranked 9th in nation

Students in The University of Montana's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) have earned top status among programs at American colleges.

The UM program was ranked ninth out of the 271 ROTC programs in the nation.

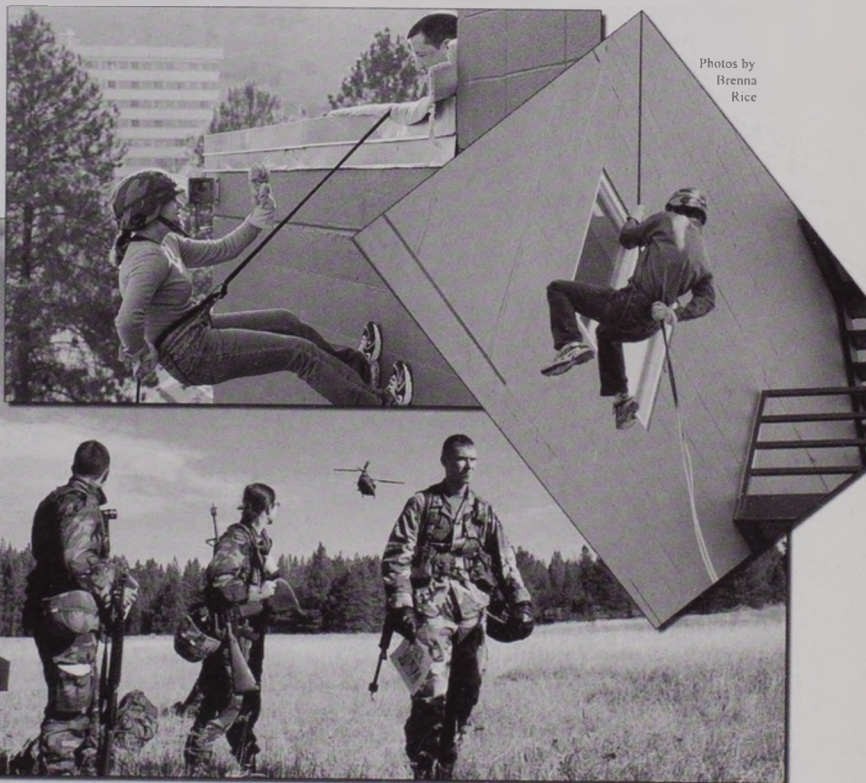
"That's the best The University of Montana has ever done," said Lt. Col. Heather Ierardi, chair of UM's Department of Military Science. "This speaks to the quality of our students and the success of our training program."

Ierardi said the highest UM ever placed in the past was 10th in 1998. The annual ranking of ROTC programs is conducted by Cadet Command at Ft. Monroe, Va., and rankings are based on cadet performance and how well each school meets its mission.

UM's mission last year was to commission 15 lieutenants out of its program into the active military. Ierardi said the Missoula campus exceeded its goal, commissioning 21 new officers.

Ierardi said the ratings also are based on student performance compared to counterparts at other colleges in the nation. Students are judged on academics and their performances at National Advanced Leadership Camp, which they attend during the summer.

Just getting the recognition is good for the UM program, Ierardi said. It also helps in recruiting prospective students. "We



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ROTC training: (Top) Students rappel down UM's Social Science Building. (Bottom) Cadets in Lubrecht Forest await a helicopter ride back to Missoula during a field training exercise.

hope to use our high national ranking to continue to recruit the highest quality students to The University of Montana," Ierardi said.

UM has 75 students enrolled in its ROTC program. In exchange for financial aid with college, ROTC students commit to serve a term in the U.S. Army after they graduate. 🐾

New frontier: UM launches another NASA science mission

A UM research group that designs software for NASA environmental satellites recently earned a major new mission from the space agency.

UM's Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group will produce software for NASA's Hydrosphere State Mission. Steve Running, NTSC director, said the mission's HYDROS satellite will study the Earth's freeze-thaw transition and soil moisture on a daily basis.

Running said his team will write code for the freeze-thaw portion of the

mission and will be responsible for distributing the resulting data once the satellite is in orbit. He said UM should receive about \$5 million for this work during the lifetime of the mission from 2004 to 2012. The HYDROS satellite is tentatively set to launch in 2009.

"This really takes us into the next generation of remote-sensing research," Running said. "We thought this Earth-monitoring product up from scratch, and we are going to produce it here and distribute it here from the beginning.

This will be the most original work our lab has ever done."

He said studying the Earth's freeze-thaw characteristics on a global scale should lead to improved weather forecasting, better flood prediction and a keener understanding of how spring thaws trigger the growing season.

HYDROS will be a radar satellite, Running said, so it will be able to see through clouds. In orbit the satellite and its radar dish will resemble a huge, rotating, wire umbrella. 🐾

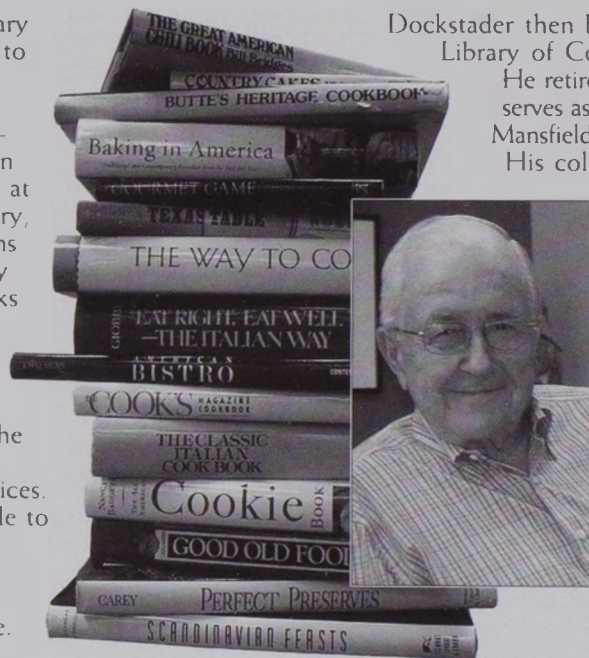
Cookbook collection donated to UM libraries

A collection of 515 contemporary cookbooks has been donated to UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

The Raymond Dockstader collection has been appraised at more than \$10,000. It will be housed primarily at UM's College of Technology Library, where it will complement collections being built to support COT culinary arts programs. Select rare cookbooks will be placed in the archives department at UM's Mansfield Library.

"I believe this is the first time we have ever secured a collection for the College of Technology," said Frank D'Andraia, UM dean of library services. He said the cookbooks are accessible to the public.

The collection's namesake, Dockstader, graduated from UM in 1952 with a political science degree. A native of Terry, he had a long, distinguished career in government service, working for U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield's personal staff from 1954 to 1976 and leaving with the title of chief legislative aide.



Raymond Dockstader and part of his extensive collection.

Dockstader then became deputy director of the Library of Congress American Folklore Center. He retired from public service in 1993 and now serves as a consultant to the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation in Washington, D.C.

His collection contains trade cookbooks published by major American publishers, and he has collected many signed and inscribed first editions. The collection also includes a number of charitable cookbooks sold to support various causes.

Dockstader has been collecting cookbooks, medallions and ceramics for more than 30 years. His ceramics collection is now housed with the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts in Helena.

He also is well-known for his canvas work — also called petit point or needlepoint. He has earned many honors from the historic Woodlawn Plantation Needlepoint Exhibit and Com-

petition — the longest-running and most prestigious competition of its kind in the United States. 🐾

University lands preservation grant

UM-Missoula has received a \$5,000 Humanities Preservation and Access Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The funds will provide seed money to establish a preservation program for all collections at UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. The

Mansfield Library is the state's largest, with more than 1.4 million items. It holds 11,000 linear feet of archival materials and significant collections of newspapers, films, audio recordings and other important records of Montana's cultural history.

"Preservation and conservation

needs are a growing concern for the nation's research libraries, and UM's Mansfield Library is no exception," said Frank D'Andraia, dean of library services. "A considerable number of our holdings are unique to Montana. We need to preserve our rare materials, as well as conserve and maintain our heavily used working collections. I am delighted that NEH concurs." 🐾

UM plans trade mission to Australia, New Zealand Montana companies sought to participate

The Montana World Trade Center at UM is organizing a trade mission to Australia and New Zealand March 26-April 4.

Export-ready consumer-goods companies and others are being sought to participate. Interested companies should call Fraser McLeay, MWTC senior manager, at (406) 243-6982.

"This trade mission will have the full support of the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Service," said Mark Peters of the Montana Export Assistance Center. "We will work closely with our colleagues in country to set up strategic meetings with potential partners for each of the participating companies

as the mission travels throughout both New Zealand and Australia."

Australia and New Zealand have been targeted by the MWTC in large part because of the similarities these countries have with Montana. Like Montana, McLeay said, both are transitioning from resource-based economies to processing, manufacturing and information economies. Similarities in terms of language, culture, legal system and interests also help make them ideal target countries for Montana exports.

"We also took into consideration that Australia is expected to sign a free trade agreement with the United States early in 2004," McLeay said, "which would

further eliminate barriers to trade. The exchange rate between the United States and New Zealand also is extremely favorable for the U.S. right now. It has dropped more than 33 percent in the last 18 months."

McLeay is a New Zealand native who will arrange many logistics for the mission.

MWTC will recruit up to 10 companies to participate in the Australia-New Zealand mission. The companies can be from a wide range of industries, but they must be export-ready.

MWTC is a nonprofit organization that helps Montana businesses establish and strengthen their international commercial capabilities. For more information, visit www.mwtc.org or call (406) 243-6982. 🐾

Recycling Boost—In order to meet its goal of reducing waste by 25 percent, UM-Missoula increased recycling of cardboard and paper by 200 percent during fiscal year 2003. Seventy-five recycling stations across campus make it easy for students and employees to recycle mixed paper, newsprint, plastic, aluminum and tin. President George Dennison is matching all money collected through employee payroll deductions for the recycling program. Now, with the installation of two large composting units called Earth Tubs, Dining Services is poised to create rich compost from food wastes. For more information about waste reduction at UM-Missoula, visit the recycling Web site at <http://www.facs.umt.edu/facilities/recycle/index.htm>.

Bighearted Campus—UM-Missoula employees set a record during their 2003-04 Charitable Giving Campaign, contributing more than \$90,000 to worthy area causes. Lisa Arends, University Relations special projects coordinator, said 608 campus employees gave an average of \$148 each. Last year campus donated more than \$89,000. Proceeds benefit charities such as the Missoula Humane Society, the Poverello Center Inc. and United Way. Many employees donated lump sums, while others contribute all year long via automatic payroll deductions.

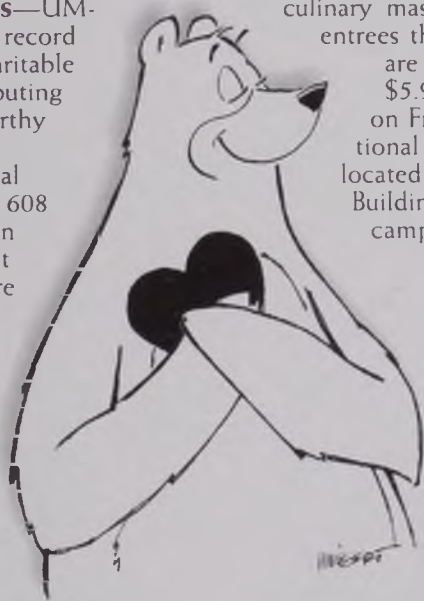
Cookie Cook-off—It was "A Charlie Brown Christmas" this year at UM-Missoula, when campus and community members gathered for the fifth annual Great UM Christmas Cookie Cook-Off on Dec. 18. Warmhearted campus folks baked and decorated cookies, half of which they took home. The other half was donated to local nonprofit organizations, such as youth homes and senior homes. This year 563 dozen cookies were baked, and 297 dozen were donated.

Strong Prices, Weak Industry—Despite sharp increases in lumber and plywood prices, production and employment at Montana mills declined during the third quarter of 2003, according to a report from UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. The report attributes the drop to wildfire-related forest closures and court decisions that prevented logging on national forests. Most of the declines appear temporary, and lumber markets are expected to rebound somewhat in 2004. For more information, visit the BBER Web site at <http://www.bber.umt.edu>.



Bear Briefs

Fine Food—Two venues at UM's College of Technology feature the creations of students in the Culinary Arts Program. Visit the Student Snack Bar during the academic semester from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday for full breakfasts, breakfast sandwiches, lunch sandwiches, soups, salads, fries and specials. For an upscale dining experience, try the Hunter Dining Room between 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students prepare culinary masterpieces, including entrees that change weekly and are affordably priced at \$5.95. Be sure to stop by on Fridays for the international buffet. Both venues are located in the Administration Building on the COT campus.



Outstanding Alums—The UM Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Award. The awards are presented each year at Homecoming and honor alumni who have

distinguished themselves in a particular field and who have brought honor to the University, state or nation with a focus on career achievement and/or service to UM. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the UMAA Web site at <http://www.umt.edu/alumni>. All nominations must be submitted by Feb. 1. For more information, call (406) 243-5211.

Corporate Sponsors—The UM College of Technology recently received corporate contributions for two programs in the industrial technology department. The recreational power equipment program received a 2003 Yamaha Mountain Viper snowmobile from Yamaha. The sled features power valves with servo motor control, digital electronic ignition and throttle position sensor for three-dimension ignition timing. These snowmobiles sell for \$8,500. The recreational power equipment curriculum is collected in a year-long certificate program in which students train to be motor-sport technicians. In addition, the diesel technology program will receive two axle-drive units, as well as a state-of-the-art 18-speed

auto-shift transmission, from Eaton Roadranger. The COT will be the only school in Montana teaching with an 18-speed auto-shift transmission.

Grants for Montana—If you've been thinking about doing a Montana research, writing or wilderness studies project, now is the time to get started. UM's Wilderness Institute is calling for project proposals for the Matthew Hansen Endowment, which grants awards for historical research, creative writing or wilderness studies projects that explore Montana's land and people. Projects must focus on historical research, creative writing, wilderness studies or any combination thereof. Funding for projects is competitive, and proposals are reviewed for feasibility and relevance to the endowment's goals. Awards usually range from \$400 to \$1,000 and are distributed in April. Proposals should be postmarked by March 1. For detailed information visit www.forestry.umt.edu/wi, call (406) 243-5361 or e-mail wi@forestry.umt.edu.

Montana Made—Some lucky folks got a taste of local foods and supported Montana's economy last month during a brunch hosted by University Dining Services and the UM Farm to College Program. The menu, featuring Montana-grown and -processed foods, included breakfast sandwiches, eggs Benedict, waffles, vegetable quiche and more. The UM Farm to College Program highlights the University's dedication to state and local economies and provides fresh healthy food to the campus community. By purchasing regional food, the program supports local economies, strengthens local communities, preserves natural and cultural heritage and positively impacts the environment.

Conservation Lectures—The 25th annual Wilderness Issues Lecture Series, sponsored by the College of Forestry and Conservation's Wilderness Institute, will be held Feb. 3-April 20. It brings together scientists, landowners, environmentalists, conservation agency staff and an art historian to examine the implications of landscape-scale conservation. Lectures are scheduled for 7 p.m. every Tuesday beginning Feb. 3 in Gallagher Building Room 122. All lectures are free and open to the public. For a full schedule, visit www.forestry.umt.edu/research/MFCES/programs/wi/lectureseries.htm or call Nicky Phear at 243-6932.

UM Volunteers—UM's Office for Civic Engagement recruited volunteers for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Jan. 19. Students and other volunteers worked the morning at 10 area charitable organizations. 🐻

University offers economic outlook seminars

Economic literacy — understanding how local, national, and global economies work and are linked — is an effective tool for making realistic and profitable business decisions.

Individuals who have a solid grasp of economic principles better understand the forces that significantly affect the quality of their lives.

Thirty-five states have mandated economic education in their elementary, middle and high schools to improve the chances of success for future business leaders. Montana has recognized this need and is working to establish economic literacy standards.

During the 29th Annual Montana

Economic Outlook Seminars, researchers will discuss economic education and the important role Montana businesses can play in fulfilling this mission. In addition, the seminar will feature national, state and local economic outlooks, as well as forecasts for specific Montana industries.

The seminar, presented by the UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research and First Interstate Bank, runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be held in these nine cities:

■ **Helena** — Jan. 27, Red Lion Colonial Hotel.

■ **Great Falls** — Jan. 28, Holiday Inn.

■ **Missoula** — Jan. 30, Holiday Inn Parkside.

■ **Billings** — Feb. 3, Northern Hotel.

■ **Bozeman** — Feb. 4, Holiday Inn.

■ **Butte** — Feb. 5, Ramada Inn Copper King.

■ **Kalispell** — Feb. 10, Kalispell Center Hotel.

Registration is \$70 and includes the seminar, proceedings booklet, lunch and a one-year subscription to the Montana Business Quarterly.

Continuing education credits are available for an additional \$20. For more information or to register, call (406) 243-5113 or visit <http://www.bber.umt.edu>. 🐾

Classes start—Jan. 26, spring semester.

Art exhibit—Jan. 27-Feb. 6, "Bauhaus Connection," three generations of gifted artist-teachers, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center, free. Hours 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday; 3-7 p.m. Friday. Information, (406) 243-2019, <http://www.umt.edu/partv/iamus>.

Basketball—Jan. 29, Lady Griz vs. Northern Arizona, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

Lecture—Jan. 29, UIM art Professor Rafael Chacon discusses "Bauhaus Connection" artists Frances Senska, Peter Voulkos and Lela and Rudy Autio, 5:30 p.m., Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center, free.

TV show—Jan. 31, "Brain Busters," academic quiz bowl game show sponsored by UIM, Montana high school students compete for scholarships, 5 p.m. each Saturday through May, NBC stations statewide.

Basketball—Jan. 31, Lady Griz vs. Sacramento State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

Faculty recital—Feb. 3, percussionist Robert LedBetter, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens. Call (406) 243-6880.

Basketball—Feb. 5, Grizzlies vs. Portland State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

Seminar—Feb. 5, "Medicine and Medicinal Plants Along the Lewis and Clark Trail," Sigma Xi seminar, Rustem Medora, professor, School of Pharmacy, noon, Science Complex 348, free.

UM Calendar

Basketball—Feb. 7, Grizzlies vs. Eastern Washington, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

Play—Feb. 10, Broadway in Missoula presents "Fame: The Musical," 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets, <http://www.griztix.com>, (406) 243-4051 or (888) MONTANA.

Montana Repertory Theatre production—Feb. 10-14 and 17-21, "Streetcar Named Desire," 7:30 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee Feb. 21, Montana Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Tickets \$15/general, \$12/students and senior citizens, \$5 children 12 and under. Call (406) 243-4581.

Faculty opera recital—Feb. 10, Anne Basinski, David Cody, Stephen Kalm, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens. Call (406) 243-6880.

UC Valentine Art Fair—Feb. 12-14, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., University Center atrium. Live music and daily drawings for a merchandise certificate. Free.

American Red Cross blood drive—Feb. 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., University Center rooms 330-331. Call (406) 543-6695 or (406) 327-2029 to schedule a donation appointment or for more information.

Basketball—Feb. 12, Lady Griz vs. Weber State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

UM Music Day—Feb. 13, state high school music students visit music facilities and learn about UM's music program, Music Building. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information.

Basketball—Feb. 14, Lady Griz vs. Idaho State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

Concert—Feb. 14, Missoula Symphony Orchestra, featuring the young artist winner, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre; also **Feb. 15**, 3 p.m. Call (406) 721-3194 for ticket information.

Holiday—Feb. 16, Washington-Lincoln Day; UM offices closed.

Concert—Feb. 16, Missoula Symphony Orchestra, with the Vienna Boys' Choir, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Call (406) 721-3194 for ticket information.

UM Charter Day—Feb. 20, call Ken Thompson at (406) 243-6439 for more information.

Basketball—Feb. 20, Lady Griz vs. Montana State, 7:05 p.m., Adams Center.

Basketball—Feb. 21, Grizzlies vs. Montana State, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

UM Concert Band Festival—Feb. 23-24, visiting high school bands play different times during the day, University Theatre. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information. Free.

Basketball—Feb. 28, Grizzlies vs. Northern Arizona, 2:05 p.m., Adams Center.

Concert—Feb. 29, String Orchestra of the Rockies, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Call (406) 728-8203.

Faculty recital—March 2, pianist Eric Hung, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens. Call (406) 243-6880.

Basketball—March 4, Lady Griz vs. Eastern Washington, 7:35 p.m., Adams Center.

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



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