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The 600 club

Lady Griz coach Selvig reaches victory milestone

He's joined an elite club. Robin Selvig, coach of UM's Lady Griz basketball team, has reached 600 career wins faster than all but five coaches in NCAA Division I history.

He reached the milestone March 6 during a dominant 85-50 thumping of Portland State before 5,305 fans at UM's Dahlberg Arena. The victory was sweetened by the fact the Lady Griz completed a perfect 14-0 Big Sky Conference schedule.

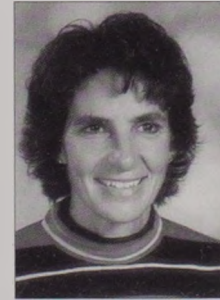
The 26-year veteran of UM athletics finished the regular season with a record of 600-172. There are just 12 active Division I women's basketball coaches to reach 600 career wins. Among active men's Division I basketball coaches, only 10 have so many victories. In all NCAA history, Selvig becomes one of only 57 coaches to reach the 600 plateau.

Lady Griz
head basketball
coach Robin Selvig

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Whitefish teacher wins Shreeve educator award

Ask anyone who knows Kathy Akey to describe her work as a second-grade teacher at Muldown School in Whitefish and the word "cares" will undoubtedly pop up early on in their response.



Akey

"In addition to all the qualities Kathy has that make her an excellent teacher, she really cares about her students and takes the time to teach each one individually," said Jill Rocksund, the principal of Muldown School.

Maresa Jenson, a Whitefish High School freshman, also speaks highly of her former first- and second-grade teacher.

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Another semester, another record enrollment for UM

The University of Montana once again shattered all spring semester enrollment records with a 2.9 percent increase in the number of students attending the Missoula campus for the second half of the 2003-04 academic year.

A total of 12,998 students are enrolled in classes, an increase of 372 over the 2003 spring semester headcount of 12,626. In addition, full-time equivalents (FTE) rose 1.6 percent for a total of 11,072 this year, compared with last spring's 10,897. An FTE represents 15 undergraduate or 12 graduate semester credits.

The spring record-breaker comes on the tail of an all-time high enrollment of 13,352 students during fall semester 2003. Spring semester headcount traditionally is lower than in the fall.

Registrar Phil Bain said the increases this semester are scattered throughout all areas of campus, with the largest jump at the doctoral level.

For UM President George Dennison, that is good news.

"We planned for and welcome the increase in enrollment," Dennison said. "I find it especially satisfying that we achieved the institutional goal of attracting and retaining more doctoral students. So long as we meet the needs of the students who enroll, I think we can continue to achieve our enrollment goals."

The number of Montana residents attending UM increased by 366 this semester over last year, and the number of students from other states participating in the Western Undergraduate Exchange program increased by 145.

While the overall enrollment picture is encouraging, Dennison expressed concern about a decrease of 139 in the number of nonresident students.

"Nonresident enrollments have declined over the last few years, and we had projected a continuance of this trend because of the numbers for fall semester 2003," Dennison said. "Our analysis suggests that the state of the economy exerted a considerable impact during this period. As the economic picture brightens, we have initiated new recruitment efforts for next year that rest solidly on the analyses we have done of potential student markets."

In addition, Dennison said, "We will implement fully the plan to maintain and enhance the quality and responsiveness of our programs." 🐾

He reached the mark in 772 games. The coach who reached the 600 fastest was Adolph Rupp of Kentucky, who did it in 704 games.

An Outlook native, Selvig was a four-year member of the Grizzly basketball team, earning second team All-Big Sky honors as a senior.

Selvig graduated from UM in the spring of 1974 with a degree in health and physical education. He was inducted into the Grizzly Basketball Hall of Fame in February 1983.

After coaching the Montana men's freshman team to a 10-8 record in 1974-75, Selvig took over the girls' basketball program at Plentywood High School, where he totaled a 38-24 record in three seasons.

Selvig was hired as UM's fourth women's basketball coach on June 6, 1978, taking over a team that went 7-13 the previous season.

Selvig's first Lady Griz team finished 13-13 and in second place in the NWBL Mountain Division.

Montana's modest improvement to .500 in Selvig's first year bloomed into a stretch of success that rivals any team's in the country.

After going 19-10 in 1979-80, Montana went 22-8 in 1980-81, winning the program's first league title. Those years started a string of 19 consecutive winning seasons and 18 straight 20-win seasons.

After coaching Montana in the NWBL for four seasons, Selvig and the Lady Griz moved to the Mountain West Conference in 1982-83. Montana dominated that league for six seasons, going 78-6, winning five regular-season league titles and four postseason conference championships and earning four NCAA tournament trips.

In 1982-83 Montana made its first trip to the NCAA national tournament, losing 72-53 at Louisiana-Monroe. In 1983-84 the Lady Griz achieved a breakthrough by winning their first-ever NCAA tournament game, a 56-47 home-court victory over Oregon State.

Starting with the 1987-88 team, Selvig would take Montana to the NCAA tournament 10 of the next 11 seasons.

When the Lady Griz began Big Sky Conference play in 1988-89, they won the first three Big Sky Conference titles with perfect 16-0 marks and have since won 10 more conference titles.

In 2000 the Lady Griz won the league title with a 13-3 mark. They proceeded to win the postseason championship, and then made their most recent trip to the NCAA tournament, a 74-46 loss at Georgia.

In February 2001 Selvig was inducted into the Grizzly Sports Hall of Fame. 🐻



Blink and it's gone: Children race for candy and prizes during last year's UM Easter Eggstravaganza.

Easter eggcitement coming to UM

UM will host its fourth annual Easter Eggstravaganza at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 10.

The egg hunt is free and open to children ages 0-9. It will take place on the Oval in the center of the UM campus, where children will scour nearly four acres for age-appropriate candy and prizes.

Hunters who find the special maroon, silver and gold eggs will be rewarded with top prizes. The oval will be divided into sections for the following age groups: 0-3, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9 years old.

Grizzly athletes and cheerleaders also

will be present to help children fill their baskets with toys and goodies.

The Eggstravaganza is sponsored by UM's President's Office and University Relations, The Bookstore at UM, A Carousel for Missoula, KECI-TV, 102.5 Mountain FM and Southgate Mall. A special thanks also goes out to the Missoulian, Wal-Mart, Holiday Inn Parkside and Party America (formerly Party Universe) for contributing to the event.

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University lectures slated for Great Falls

The 2004 Great Falls Lecture Series, Bringing the U to You, continues in April with two engaging speakers. Each lecture costs \$10 and will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Missouri Room of the Civic Center.

David Large, a history professor at Montana State University-Bozeman, will present "Still Friends After All These Years? German-American Relations Post 9/11" on Thursday, April 8.

Large will discuss the current German-American estrangement in a broader historical context, arguing that although the present tiff is a serious one, the relationship between the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States always has had rocky moments. He also will examine the problem of anti-Americanism in contemporary Germany.

Paul Lauren, Regents Professor of

History at The University of Montana-Missoula, will present "The Revolution of International Human Rights" on Thursday, April 22.

Lauren is one of the world's leading authorities on the history of international human rights. He has lectured around the world and is a recognized teacher and scholar on diplomacy and international relations.

The Bringing the U to You series was organized by the Great Falls Area Alumni Committee, a group comprising Montana University System alumni committed to bringing lecturers from state campuses to the Great Falls area.

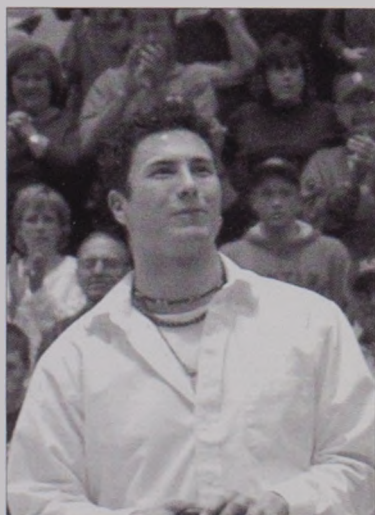
Lecture tickets are available by calling (406) 452-0393, e-mailing utoyou@hotmail.com or visiting Kaufman's or Penny's Gourmet to Go. Members of the Great Falls Area Alumni Committee also can provide tickets. 🐻

Athletic Director Resigns—

Athletic Director Wayne Hogan resigned March 3 after news became public of a nearly \$1 million budget deficit facing his department. About \$578,000 of the shortfall is due to operational expenses greater than anticipated, and \$381,000 comes from accounting errors. Discussing the shortfall during a March 4 news conference, President George Dennison outlined a deficit reduction plan he will submit to the Board of Regents that should wipe out the shortfall by fiscal year 2007. Hogan started work at UM in October 1995. During his tenure UM's football program went 92-22 and won two I-AA national championships. He also oversaw several highly successful basketball seasons and managed major improvements to Washington-Grizzly Stadium and the Adams Center. Associate Athletic Director Marie Porter will serve as Hogan's replacement until a new athletic director is found.

111th Birthday—Charter Day festivities were held Friday, Feb. 20, to mark UM-Missoula's 111th birthday. During the festivities President George Dennison delivered the Charter Day address and presented awards to Roberta Evans, Robert T. Pantzer Award; Audrey Peterson, Faculty Service Award; Kristine Csorosz, Dennison Staff Award; Johnny Lott, Dennison Faculty Award; Don and Pat Simmons, Montana Alumni Award; Jacole Douglas, ASUM Service Award; and John and Katy Delano, Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award.

Monte Unmasked!—A secret identity was revealed March 4 during a Lady Griz game at Dahlberg Arena. It turns out that Monte, UM's 2003 Capital One National Mascot of the Year, is actually 24-year-old Barry Frederick Anderson, an eastern Montana guy from the Terry-Miles City area. Anderson started the game in the bear suit, rappelling from the scoreboard. But late in the second half he walked onto the court in street clothes to a standing ovation from the 5,220 fans in attendance. Anderson wore the bear suit for three years. During that time he was named the top college mascot, shot an ESPN commercial with legendary NFL quarterback Joe Montana and made hundreds of appearances for UM at games, fairs, charity events and more. Anderson graduated from UM in May 2002 with a degree in theater with an acting emphasis. Phoenix-based mascot trainer Kenny Glenn said he believes Anderson has the talent to go pro with the NBA next season.



Monte the bear is Barry.

Native Legal Leaders—Two moot court teams from the UM School of Law recently captured high honors at the National Native American Law Student Association competition February 13-14 in Denver. Amy Sings In The Timber, from Milwaukee and a member of the Black River Falls Ho-Chunk Lac Du Slambeau Ojibwe tribe, and Susan Stahle, from Bountiful, Utah, placed second in the competition after reaching the finals and facing an NALSA team from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Another UM moot court team comprised Denise Juneau and Rhonda Swaney, who placed among the top 16 teams in the national competi-



Bear Briefs

tion. Both of the second-place finishers were coached by law Professor Ray Cross. The arguments in the competition revolved around the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Artistic U—A UM-owned painting, John G. Brown's "Boy With Snowball," was chosen for the cover of the January/February 2004 issue of *Trusteeship*, the magazine of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.

The painting is one of 9,000 original works in the permanent collection of UM's Montana Museum of Art and Culture. About 1,000 images from the collection are available online at www.umt.edu/partv/famus. Museum Director Nelson Britt said he gets about two dozen inquiries each month about using UM artwork. Though UM doesn't yet have a museum building to display its collection, Britt said people can make appointments to view individual works by calling him at (406) 243-2020. "Boy With Snowball" is the only Brown work in UM's collection. It was donated to the University in 1952 by Dr. Caroline McGill, one of Montana's first female doctors. Brown (1831-1915) is considered one of the major genre artists of the 19th century. After his death, Brown was frequently compared to the 20th century's Norman Rockwell.



"Boy With Snowball"

Schoolyard Science—Missoula County K-12 students will get a chance to explore ecology in their own schoolyards through a new UM program. The Ecologists, Educators and Schools program recently received a National Science Foundation grant worth nearly \$2 million. The NSF grant will send teams of UM graduate and undergraduate students into five area schools to help teachers with schoolyard ecology lessons. The grant provides Environmental Council of the States funding for the next three years.

Expert Arguers—UM-Missoula's Ethics Bowl Team reached the "final four" of the 10th annual Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl held Feb. 26 in Cincinnati. The UM team was one of 40 college and university teams from across the nation debating controversial ethical issues ranging from privacy of information in libraries to genetic testing for athletic capacities. One of only six teams to go undefeated (3-0) in the first round, UM then won its quarterfinals match with New York's Union College before losing to first-place Indiana University-Bloomington. Participating students were team members Nate Biehl, Rhiannon Dodds and Kelly Kirwan and coaches Loren Meyer, Jarrett Heintz, Michael Williams and Justin Whitaker. The team's faculty sponsor is Mark Hanson, interim director of UM's Practical Ethics Center.

Winter Learning—Wintersession, which takes place between UM's fall and spring semesters, is becoming a more popular time for students to squeeze in extra classes. During the past three years, the total Wintersession headcount has jumped from 317 to 843. Courses offered also have increased from 24 to 76, and total student credit hours have jumped from 801 to 2,252.

UM publicity efforts rewarded

An array of publications, articles and advertisements has earned UM 14 regional and national awards.

The recognition comes from the national Admissions Marketing Report Advertising Awards Competition and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District VIII juried awards program. Winners included the President's Annual Report, *Vision* research magazine, the *Montanan* and *Research View* — all produced by the staff of University Relations — and recruitment posters and publications produced by Admissions and New Student Services.

Touting Monte as the top mascot garnered UM the "Best of Show" in the nation, as well as a Gold Award in the Total Public Relations Program category of the Admissions Marketing Report competition. The entry included posters, videos, public appearances and more — all coordinated by UM printing and graphics, the President's Office, athletics, University Relations, the Bookstore at UM and, of course, Monte.

The President's Report 2003 was the other big winner in this year's competitions. The report, titled "Confluence," won a Gold Award from AMR and a Silver Award from CASE in the publications category. In addition, a Todd Goodrich photograph that appeared in the report won a CASE Silver Award.

In the AMR competition, Admissions and New Student Services won a Silver Award for a recruiting poster and a Bronze Award for UM's total recruitment package. In addition, University Relations received Merit Awards for its *Research View* newsletter and two general recruiting advertisements that appeared in newspapers and magazines.

In the regional CASE competition, the *Montanan* won a Bronze Award in the periodicals category, while *Vision* won a bronze in the publications category. The *Montanan* also garnered two awards for writing — a silver for University Relations staff member Paddy MacDonald and a gold for freelance writer Tom Lutey.

The CASE awards represent the best work done by universities in the northwestern United States and western Canada. 🍷

Shreeve Award — continued

"I remember how much she cared for all her students and me," Jenson said. "I don't think she ever missed a time when we needed a hug or to put a Band-Aid on our scraped knees."

Such a caring attitude and a commitment to teaching for 28 years has earned Akey the 2004 Maryfrances Shreeve Award — an honor bestowed annually by UM on an outstanding Montana educator.

Akey received the award — named in recognition of Shreeve, a longtime Montana teacher — at a ceremony Saturday, March 6, in Missoula. She received a \$3,000 cash prize with the award.

On receiving the award, Akey said she is flattered and a little surprised. She said her goal in teaching is simply to make every day a special one for her pupils.

"Every day students are dropped off by parents who love them dearly and want the best for them," Akey said. "I have the opportunity to create a good day for

them. I try to make those six hours I am with them as special as I can."

A 1976 UM School of Education graduate, Akey began her teaching career that year in a two-room school house in Arnington. She spent four years teaching sixth grade at Central School in Whitefish before moving to Muldown School in 1982.

At Muldown, Akey has played a central role in educating first- and second-grade pupils for more than two decades. She serves on a variety of committees and teaches across the curriculum. Akey also is an active volunteer in the Whitefish community.

"I believe it's important to be a lifelong learner," Akey said. "I want to continue to learn and apply it to my teaching."

Akey's colleagues at Muldown School believe it is extremely fitting that she be recognized with the Shreeve Award.

"For many years Kathy Akey has provided a safe and caring classroom for children," said Anne Audet, a Muldown first-grade teacher. "She does this quietly and self-effacingly. Kathy will honor the legacy of Maryfrances Shreeve." 🍷

UM Calendar

Concert—March 24. Symphonic Wind Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre, free. Information, (406) 243-6880.

Play—March 24-27. "Uncle Vanya," 7:30 p.m., Masquer Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Tickets \$11/general, \$10/students and senior citizens, \$5/children 12 years and under. Call (406) 243-4581.

Performance—March 24-27. Spring Dance Showcase, 7:30 p.m., 2 p.m. matinee March 27, Open Space, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center, tickets \$5. Information, (406) 243-4581.

Tennis—March 26-27. MSU at UM, men's and women's, Robert Lindsay Tennis Center.

Track and field meet—March 26-27. UM Multi-event and Open, through March 27, Dornblaser Field.

Spring Break—March 29-April 2.

Science Fair—April 4-6. Montana Science Fair, Adams Center. Exhibits open to public 6:30-9 p.m. Monday and 8-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, free. Information, (406) 243-2866. lad@cs.umt.edu.

Lecture—April 5. President's Lecture Series: "The International Struggle Over Asbestos," Barry Castleman, environmental consultant, 8 p.m., University Theatre, free. Information, (406) 243-4594.

Play—April 6. Broadway in Missoula

presents "Saturday Night Fever," 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets, www.griztix.com. (406) 243-4051 or (888) MONTANA.

Concert—April 8. faculty Chamber Music, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens. Information, (406) 243-6880.

Concert—April 9. Percussion Ensemble and Islanders Steel Drum Band, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens. For information call (406) 243-6880.

Guest recital—April 10. violinist Byron Wallis and pianist Alfredo Oyaguez, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens. For more information call (406) 243-6880.

Comedy—April 13-17. "Picasso at the Lapine Agile," 7:30 p.m. through April 17, 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 recital—April 13. pianist Juliet Preston, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens. Call (406) 243-6880.

(A complete listing of UM events is online at www.umt.edu/homepage/news/default.asp.)



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