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UM, Montana Tech named to national 'best value' list

The University of Montana-Missoula and Montana Tech of UM in Butte are two of the nation's "best value" undergraduate institutions, according to a new book published by The Princeton Review.

The New York-based education services company listed the two UM

campuses among the 77 schools it recommends in its just-published book, America's Best Value Colleges. The book is a guide to colleges with outstanding academics, low-to-moderate tuition and fees, and generous financial-aid packages, the publisher said. The guide includes public and private colleges and

universities in 35 states and the District of Columbia.

The Princeton Review selected the schools based on analysis of quantitative and qualitative data obtained from administrators at more than 500 institutions and surveys of students attending them.

Student named Truman scholar

Lauren Caldwell's biology class last month was full of surprises. First there was the news that the 21-year-old University of Montana student had been named the recipient of a prestigious Truman Scholarship. Then there was the messenger — UM President George Dennison — who arrived in Caldwell's early morning biology class to present her with a dozen roses.

"I don't know if I was more surprised about winning the Truman or having President Dennison show up in my biology class," said Caldwell, a junior in biology from Fort Wayne, Ind.

From Dennison's perspective, delivering the roses was the least he could do to honor one of only 60 Truman scholarship recipients in the nation.

"This is a wonderful recognition of the accomplishments of this young lady," Dennison said. "We're extremely proud of her."

Winners of the Truman Scholarship receive \$2,000 to complete undergraduate studies and \$24,000 to attend graduate school. Truman awards are presented each year to outstanding



Caldwell

Metal Lollipops

Fourteen new decorative bike racks were installed recently outside UM's Social Science Building. The new UM-logo bike racks were developed by the Associated Students of UM and the College of Technology. Nancy Wilson, director of the ASUM transportation office, said the racks were developed to replace the older "wave" racks, which give bikes only one contact point, making them easy to knock over. She said several UM committees also wanted to improve the look of bikes parked on campus, while adding more bike parking. For more information contact Wilson at (406) 243-4599 or the COT's Bob Shook at (406) 243-7644.



UM Easter egg hunt a smashing success

Hundreds of Missoula-area youngsters took home baskets and bags full of candy and toys from the fourth annual Easter Eggstravaganza, held Saturday, April 10, on the UM Oval.

Thanks to generous sponsors from campus and community, the egg hunt continues to offer more prizes to more children each year.

This year, UM welcomed a new sponsor, Mountain Line, which parked a bus on the Oval to promote its Children

Ride Free Program. Major sponsors who have supported the egg hunt each year are KMSO, the New 102.5 Mountain FM, KECI-TV, Southgate Mall, A Carousel for Missoula, and the UM President's Office, University Relations, and Printing and Graphic Services.

The Missoulian, Holiday Inn Parkside, Wal-Mart, Party America, Target, the Bookstore at UM, Press Box and Empire Shows Inc. also contributed to this year's event.

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Spring Powwow Time—UM will embrace its American Indian culture during the 36th Annual Kyi-Yo Powwow, which will be held Friday through Sunday, April 23-25, in the Adams Center. Grand entries featuring champion dancers from across Montana and the region will be held Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. Admission is \$3, and everyone is welcome. Other special events will include tipi races and art and craft sales. For more information, call the Native students' Kyi-Yo Club at 243-5302 or visit www.umt.edu/asum/kyiyo/powwow.html. Kyi-Yo means "grizzly bear" in Blackfeet.



Bear Briefs

Making It Permanent—Jerry Fetz is the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UM. Fetz served as dean of UM's Davidson Honors College before becoming interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences last summer. Fetz came to UM as a German instructor in 1970 and was promoted to professor in 1983. For the past 34 years, he has served in a variety of administrative and faculty positions at the University, including chair of foreign languages and literatures, special assistant to the president, director of several study-abroad programs and chair of the Faculty Senate. He was selected as a Fulbright Visiting Exchange Professor in 1990 and was given the German Friendship Award in 1998 by the Federal Republic of Germany. His honors at UM are numerous, including the Administrative Service Award in 2002, the Distinguished Service to International Education Award in 1996 and the Distinguished Teaching Award in 1988.



Fetz

Washington Post Connection—Nancy Szokan, an editor at the Washington Post, will teach a seminar and work with the Montana Kaimin student newspaper staff as next fall's Pollner Professor. Szokan, 52, has edited stories ranging from food to foreign wars. She has been editing for more than 20 years and has worked with Pulitzer Prize-winning staffs at the Philadelphia Inquirer. Most recently, she was co-editor at the Post for reporters covering the Pentagon, State Department and CIA during the war in Iraq. The T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professorship brings a working journalist to teach a class and help with the Kaimin during the fall semester each year.

Geology Giant—William Woessner, a UM geology professor, has been awarded a prestigious lectureship from the Geological Society of America's Hydrogeology Division. Woessner, a UM faculty member since 1981, will be the Birdsall-Dreiss Distinguished Lecturer for 2005, speaking at 30 to 40 host universities across North America. This honor is one of only two major North American lectureships in hydrogeology, a field that studies groundwater and its interactions with surrounding sediments and rock. The lectureship is designed to allow an eminent hydrogeologist to visit a number of higher education and research institutes on a mission to educate, promote the study of hydrogeology and act as an ambassador of goodwill on behalf of GSA's Hydrogeology Division.

Radio Rewards—The KUFM/Montana Public Radio news staff recently won four regional 2004 Edward R. Murrow Awards from the Radio-Television News Directors Association. Most of the award-winning reporting centered on the summer 2003 fire season. Live on-the-scene coverage of the Black

Mountain fire, reported by news director Sally Mauk and anchored by assistant news director Edward O'Brien, won an award in the "spot news" category. Mauk's three reports on the Black Mountain fire and the Robert (Glacier) fire received the "continuing coverage" award, and her report on the annual Bison Range roundup won in the "best use of sound" category. The station's news staff, comprising Mauk, O'Brien, Kirk Siegler, Nate Biehl and Beth Saboe, was honored for overall excellence based on the quality of their entries. KUFM broadcasts from studios at UM. The station competes in a region that includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska. Regional winners advance to the national awards competition, which will be judged in early June. The RTNDA has honored outstanding achievements in electronic journalism with the Edward R. Murrow Awards since 1971.

Telegraph Talk—An upcoming UM history lecture will discuss how the telegraph helped drive westward expansion of the United States. Elliott West, Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Arkansas, will present "The Telegraph and the Creation of the West" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in Gallagher Building Room 123. The free event is the Second Annual Hammond Lecture in Western/Environmental History. It is sponsored by the UM history department's Hammond Endowment and the O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West. West is a specialist in the social and environmental history of the American West. For more information call the O'Connor center at (406) 243-7700.

Radio Raves—Montana Public Radio held its annual on-air fund-raiser March 13-21, earning pledges worth \$410,094 from grateful listeners. People in communities across western Montana contributed pledges via phone, mail and e-mail. This year's goal of \$425,000 wasn't met during the on-air drive, but pledges kept coming in, allowing Montana Public Radio to reach its goal. Listeners donated 2,664 thank-you gifts (called premiums) during the fund-raiser. The gifts were given to those who contributed and ranged from children's books to a stargazing party — complete with dessert. For more information, call Linda Talbott, Montana Public Radio marketing director, at (406) 243-4215.

Asbestos Symposium—Award-winning investigative journalists Andrew Schneider and Paul Brodeur will speak at "Stories From Libby and Beyond: The People and Politics of Asbestos," a public symposium at UM. The free event will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1, in the University Center Theater. The symposium is part of "Landscape of Asbestos: Libby and Beyond," a collaboration between UM faculty members and the Missoula Art Museum. Three months of exhibits, lectures and films are being presented at UM, the museum and in Libby to raise awareness of the many dimensions of asbestos issues. Schneider, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, drew national attention to asbestos exposure in Libby in a series of articles for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in late 1999. Brodeur, a staff writer at The New Yorker for many years, wrote a pioneering piece about the asbestos health hazard for that magazine, and during the next 20 years was author of several series of articles and four books on the subject. The two will be joined by panelists who will speak from personal experience about the impact of asbestos around the world. The symposium is supported by the White Lung Association and UM's Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Center for Environmental Health Sciences, Environmental Studies Program, School of Journalism and Faculty Development Committee of the Provost's Office.

Educational Partners—UM-Missoula recently presented its annual Partnership Awards to schools and organizations that offer field experiences and mentoring to School of Education students. The awards were given to three area schools and a government entity on March 6 during the Annual Education Reception, which was hosted by President George Dennison. The award winners are: Frenchtown Elementary faculty and administration; Sentinel High School faculty and administration; Washington Middle School; and Missoula City-County Health Department, Division of Health Promotion. Partnership Awards provide public recognition of the professional commitment evident in each organization to serve as models for UM education students.

Record Breaker—Scott McGowan, a UM senior from Poplar, finished fourth in the mile with a time of 4:02.07 at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., breaking Montana's school record and earning All-American honors in the process. McGowan's time broke the old school record of 4:02.33, set by Frank Horn in 1988.

Basketball MVP—Montana senior Brooklynn Lorenzen was named the Big Sky Conference Most Valuable Player by a unanimous vote of league coaches. Lorenzen, who averaged 6.9 points and a team-high 33.3 minutes per game, ended the regular season with 222 assists on the season and 672 career assists. Lorenzen was Montana's ninth conference player of the year winner, becoming the single-season and career assist record holder in both Montana and league history. She was joined on the All-Big Sky Conference team by teammates Julie Deming and Hollie Tyler. Tyler also was named the Co-Defensive Player of the Year after garnering the Tri-Defensive Player of the Year honor as a sophomore.

Top Coach—Montana women's basketball coach Robin Selvig was awarded his 15th career conference coach of the year honor. It was the ninth time Selvig has been honored by the Big Sky Conference, in addition to his one Northwest Women's Basketball League and five Mountain West Conference coach of the year honors. Selvig shared this year's honor with Idaho State's Jon Newlee. Selvig coached his 2003-04 team back to the top of the Big Sky Conference, finishing with an overall record of 27-5, including a perfect 14-0 run through league play that gave Montana its 18th regular-season conference title. The Lady Griz earned their 19th national tournament appearance, hosting No. 5 seed Louisiana Tech in a first-round game. The Lady Griz led by 11 points midway through the second half, but could not hold the lead, falling 81-77 in one of the most thrilling games the Adams Center has hosted in recent years.

Leading Coach—UM men's basketball coach Pat Kennedy has been chosen to lead the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Kennedy, who has been an NABC board of directors member for 10 years, said the president generally serves a one-year term and then two years on the board as past president. The board meets about six times a year, including a May meeting with the NCAA Selection Committee.

Campus Loss—Nelson Britt, the new director of UM's Museum of Art and Culture, passed away April 1 after a courageous struggle with cancer. Britt came to UM last August to oversee the largest art collection in Montana, and in his short tenure he developed a vision for securing a permanent home for the more than 8,000 pieces of artwork owned by the University. He brought 18 years of experience in the museum business when he arrived on campus from Dubuque, Iowa, where he held a similar position. After an intensive national search, Britt was selected for the UM position because of his vast experience. He will be greatly missed. 🕯

Pulitzer winner headlines Dean Stone Lecture

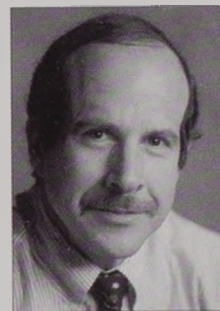
Former Baltimore Sun editor William K. Marimow, who was named managing editor of National Public Radio in late March, will be the School of Journalism's Dean Stone speaker on April 22 at UM.

Marimow's lecture is titled "Lying to the Press and the People — A Debit for Democracy." He said he will address the damage lying causes to the careers of public officials and to the public, which is deprived of the information its citizens need to make informed decisions about public affairs. The lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Theater, on the third floor of the University Center.

Marimow, who has been a journalist for 30 years, twice won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting at the Philadelphia Inquirer, and was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard during 1982-83. He joined the Sun in 1993 and was named editor in 2000. During his tenure the Sun won three Pulitzer Prizes and was a finalist for eight others.

The Dean Stone Lecture is part of a series of events scheduled by the journalism school for April 22-23, which include a groundbreaking ceremony for the school's new Don Anderson Hall at 1:30 p.m. April 22.

On April 23 the school will award \$80,000 in scholarships at its annual Dean Stone banquet, which begins at 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Parkside. Reservations are required for the banquet and can be made by calling the school at (406) 243-4001. All other events are open to the public at no charge. 🍷



Marimow

A word from the President:

In the wake of the current problems in Grizzly Athletics, we have in process a full review of internal and external relationships.

I have stated publicly how much we appreciate the support provided by the National Advisory Board for Grizzly Athletics (NABGA), the Grizzly Scholarship Association (GSA), and individual donors. I have also made it clear that none of the blame or responsibility for the accounting errors and other problems that occurred accrues to NABGA, GSA, or the UM Foundation.

In response, Chairman John Mercer of the Montana Board of Regents asked that I convey to the members of the NABGA and GSA and all our friends the gratitude of the Regents and the entire University community for their vital assistance.

However, it makes good sense to seize this occasion to discuss with all the stakeholders the relationships that currently exist and identify ways to strengthen them. I want very much to hear from you about your perceptions of what occurred and ways to restore trust in the institution and its programs.

To do so, I will welcome any written comments you care to send along. Comments may be mailed to President's Office, Main Hall, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

Thank you very much for all that you do for UM and Grizzly Athletics. Working together, I have complete confidence that we can assure the continued success of the programs. 🍷

— George M. Dennison
UM President

UM Calendar

Exhibit—through April 23. "BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition II," Gallery of Visual Arts, Social Science Building, free. Gallery hours, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Information, (406) 243-2813.

Art exhibit—through May 1. "The Female Form" by Henry Maloy, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center, free. Gallery hours, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 3-7 p.m. Friday. Information, (406) 243-2019.

Tennis—April 23. Portland State at UM, men's, Robert Lindsay Tennis Center.

Music festival—April 23-24. Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival, University Theatre. School jazz band performances, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; clinics, 1 p.m.; concerts 7:30 p.m. Concert tickets, GrizTix, (888) MONTANA.

TV show—April 24. "Brain Busters," academic quiz bowl game show sponsored by UM, Montana high school students compete for scholarships, 5 p.m. Saturdays, NBC stations statewide.

Tennis—April 24. Eastern Washington at UM, men's and women's, Robert Lindsay Tennis Center.

Concert—April 25. Sapphire Trio, 3 p.m., Music Recital Hall, \$6/general, \$4/students and seniors. Information, (406) 243-6882.

Lecture—April 26. President's Lecture Series: "Digging for Moy Sand and Gravel: A Lecture/Reading," Paul Muldoon, Princeton University Creative Writing Department, 8 p.m., University Theatre, free. Lucile Speer Memorial Lecture.

Director's Festival—April 27-May 1 and May 4-8. "The Screens," Masquer Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Tickets, \$6. Information, (406) 243-4581.

Concert—April 27. Women's and Men's Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free. Information, (406) 243-6880.

Concert—April 28. UM Concert Band performs at 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information. Free.

Lecture—April 28. "Memory Maker or Memory Taker? The Many Roles That Glutamate Plays in the Brain," Richard Bridges, professor, biomedical and pharmaceutical

sciences, 7-9 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free. Provost's Distinguished Faculty Series.

Concert—April 30. Chamber Chorale and New Jubes, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free. Information, (406) 243-6880.

Concert—May 1. Missoula Symphony Orchestra featuring Leon Bates, "Bullfighter Dances," 7:30 p.m., University Theatre; also 3 p.m. **May 2.** Information, (406) 721-3194.

Concert—May 3. University Choir, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. For more information call (406) 243-6880. Free.

Career fair—May 2-3. 19th annual Educators' Career Fair, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Adams Center. Register online, <http://www.umt.edu/career/ecf.htm>. Information, (406) 243-6150.

Performance—May 5-8. Spring dance concert, 7:30 p.m., through May 8, Montana Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Tickets \$12/general, \$10/students and senior citizens, \$5/children 12 and under. Information, (406) 243-4581.

Concert—May 5. Symphonic Wind Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Call (406) 243-6880 for more information. Free.

Concert—May 6. Greg Brown, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$22/advance, \$24/day of show, available from GrizTix, (888) MONTANA, <http://www.griztix.com>. Information, (406) 243-2853.

Films—May 6. Media Arts Spring Showcase, first-year graduate students, 2-4 p.m., second-year graduate students, 7-9 p.m., University Center Theater, free, open to the public. Media Arts Program, 243-4540.

Meet—May 7. Track and field, Tom Gage Classic, Dornblaser Field.

Concert—May 7. Honors Convocation and Student Concerto/Aria, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free.

Final exams—May 10-14.

UM Commencement—May 15.

TV show—May 22. season finale of "Brain Busters," academic quiz bowl game show sponsored by UM, pits eastern Montana against western Montana high schools for the statewide championship, 5 p.m. on NBC stations statewide.

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

Truman winner — continued

college juniors who demonstrate exceptional leadership skills and are committed to careers in public service.

"It's one of the largest and most prestigious scholarships available," said Sean O'Brien, UM's external scholarship coordinator.

The last UM student to win a Truman Scholarship was Jon Swan, two years ago. Before that, O'Brien said, it had been 15 years since a UM student was selected for a Truman Scholarship.

"To win something like this means she's not only one of the best students in the country, but that she has also demonstrated her social commitment," O'Brien said.

O'Brien called Caldwell a "thoroughly dedicated environmentalist."

"She lives by the principles she holds," O'Brien said. "She doesn't drive a car, and she's a person whose whole life is geared around the environment."

Caldwell, who carries a 3.84 grade point average, said she began the Truman application process in October. In early March, she was named one of 200 finalists and flew to Cincinnati for an interview.

She decided to apply for the scholarship after reading about the Truman program in a brochure.

"It felt like what I was looking for," Caldwell said. "I thought this is really who I am."

During her interview, Caldwell said she stressed her commitment to the environment — something she believes separated her from students from other top colleges.

"I think I was surprised to find out that I was the only person in my region talking about the environment," Caldwell said.

After completing her senior year at UM, Caldwell said she will probably take a couple years off from school and serve in the Peace Corps before choosing a graduate school.

Following college, Caldwell said she will most likely return to the Midwest and work in the environmental field.

"I think it's important because in the West, there's an environmental framework," Caldwell said. "But in the Midwest, there isn't anything like that. There's no real environmental community." ☺



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