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Professor wins top writing award

A book by UM Professor Stewart Justman has been awarded one of the writing world's highest honors: the 2004 PEN Award for the Art of the Essay.

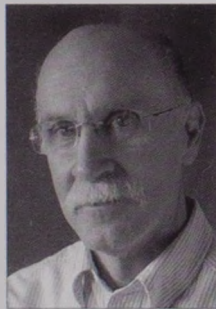
Justman is a liberal studies faculty member who has taught introductory English composition at UM for three decades. He was rewarded for his "Seeds of Mortality: The Public and Private Worlds of Cancer," which was published in 2003.

A review of "Seeds of Mortality" by The New England Journal of Medicine said, "Justman cleverly interweaves his own experience as a patient with cancer with reflections on works of literature, the visual arts and philosophy to create an insightful commentary on how cancer is viewed by American society."

The PEN Award earned by Justman is presented each year to the best collection of essays by an American writer in recognition of "the dignity and esteem the essay form imparts to literature." The PEN Awards are considered on par with the National Book Awards. Justman will receive the award May 24 during a ceremony in the Lincoln Center in New York.

Justman said, "The award is especially significant to me as it was conferred by writers themselves — members of the craft."

The PEN American Center, which offers the awards, is a fellowship of writers that has worked for more than 80 years to advance literature, to promote a culture of reading and to defend free expression. The PEN acronym stands for poets, playwrights, essayists, editors and novelists. The organization has 2,700 members, and further information on PEN can be found at www.pen.org.



Justman

Dennison reaches milestone

President now UM's longest-serving leader

One of President George Dennison's greatest loves is history. He is, after all, a historian by training.

It's only fitting that last month Dennison made history when he became the longest-serving president in The University of Montana's 111-year existence. On Sunday, April 25, he broke the previous record held by former UM President Charles Clapp — 13 years, eight months and nine days — who served from 1921 to 1935.

The milestone earned Dennison a gig as this year's Commencement speaker. A UM alumnus himself, Dennison ushered a new class of alumni out into the world as speaker at the University's 107th Commencement ceremonies on May 15.

Dennison became UM's 16th president on Aug. 15, 1990. He received his bachelor's degree with high honors in history from UM in 1962 and his master's degree in 1963. He earned his doctorate in history



President George Dennison (right) receives a plaque commemorating his record-setting tenure from Professor Harry Fritz on April 14.

from the University of Washington in 1967.

"I simply could not have imagined myself as President of The University of Montana when I was a student on campus in the early '60s," Dennison said recently. "I sometimes wonder if I am dreaming today."

During his tenure, external research funding has increased from \$7 million annually to more than \$60 million last year, and this year, it is expected to reach the \$70 million mark. He has overseen the biggest building expansion project in UM's history, and, with the UM Foundation, led the most successful fund-raising campaign in Montana history, raising more than \$71 million in private money.



Graetz

Honorary doc bestowed

A prolific writer and photographer whose favorite subject is Montana received one of UM's highest honors during Commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 15, on the Missoula campus.

President George Dennison conferred an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree in geography on Helena's Rick Graetz, a well-known Montana citizen and promoter. Graetz was hooded during the College of

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Mondale Connection—Former U.S. Vice President Walter "Fritz" Mondale has joined the board of directors for The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes understanding and cooperation between the United States and the nations and people of Asia. Former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Thomas Foley has been elected board chair. The Foundation supports the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM. Like Mansfield, both Mondale and Thomas were ambassadors to Japan, and the three were colleagues on Capitol Hill. Mike Delaney, Mansfield board president, said he is delighted to have Mondale on the board because of the former vice president's extensive knowledge of Asia and understanding of today's complex geopolitical realities. "Mondale's position on our board will enhance the ability of the Mansfield Foundation to strengthen collaborative relationships among the United States, Japan, China, Korea and other Asian nations."

Missoula Reads—Promotion of the Missoula Reads Initiative, a community-wide effort to celebrate the joys of reading and literacy, has earned three Missoula organizations the 2004 Montana Library Association Media Award. The winners were the Missoula Public Library, the St. Patrick Hospital-based Institute for Medicine and Humanities, and UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. Modeled on programs in more than 100 cities across the nation, Missoula Reads was held last February and March. It included readings, discussions, special exhibits, author visits, lectures and family events. A key element of the promotion was using UM's Monte the bear mascot in posters about Missoula Reads. The posters showed Monte reading in various Missoula venues.

Fulbright Opportunities—Are you looking for an opportunity to study, conduct research or teach in another country? UM students, alumni and other young professionals can apply now for the 2005-06 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition to earn full or partial grants to pursue international opportunities. Full grants generally provide round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, health and accident insurance, and full or partial tuition. Those interested can find application forms and additional information in Liberal Arts Room 313. Applications must be submitted to Associate Professor Elizabeth Ametsbichler by Oct. 5. Call (406) 243-2401 for more information.



Bear Briefs

Library Scholarship—Ian Smith, a history graduate student at UM, has been awarded this year's \$3,000 Susan Koch Library Research Scholarship. UM's Mansfield Library awards the scholarship annually to the individual who submits the best research paper or project based on materials from the library's archives, special collections, government documents or map collections. Smith wrote the winning paper, "A Case Study in Assimilation: Allotment and Fee Patenting on the Flathead Indian Reservation, 1895-1920," for a History of Indian Affairs course taught by Professor Richmond Clow.

More UM News—Want to keep up with what's going on at UM? Subscribe to the new, improved version of the University's e-mail newsletter, TGIF. An easy sign-up box is online at www.umt.edu/urelations/tgif. TGIF, which stands for "Think Grizzly, It's Friday," provides students, employees, alumni and friends of UM with news and events information each week during the academic year. The newsletter has been published in plain text format since fall 1999. The new TGIF features a contemporary HTML design that incorporates photographs, graphics and more.

Artistic Recognition—The Montana Museum of Art and Culture at UM was mentioned in the National Endowment for the Arts 2003 Annual Report. The museum was noted for receiving a \$20,000 NEA grant for an exhibit titled "Native American Artists—After Lewis and Clark." The exhibition featured visual art and writing by American Indians that tell the story of Lewis and Clark from the point of view of the indigenous people they encountered.

Naked Bear—The Montana Grizzly Scholarship Association has launched Grizzly Prowl, an effort to raise money for UM student-athletes by having area artists paint life-size, Fiberglas grizzly bears that are then auctioned. Artist Michelle Otten of Minneapolis has completed the model for the 35 "naked" bears that will arrive in Missoula later this spring, and the artists who will "dress" the bears with unique designs have been chosen (including two UM art students). "We

are excited to get a glimpse of what the bears will look like," said C.J. Peterson, who is organizing the fund-raiser. "This is the first tangible result of months of planning and creating." For more Grizzly Prowl information, call Peterson at (406) 531-9444 or Jennifer Harper at (406) 880-6533 or visit <http://grizzlyprowl.com>.

Bobblehead Bonanza—Following the success of the first Bobblehead Monte, the Alumni Association has introduced a new, limited edition version with the beloved mascot perched on a sleek maroon and silver motorcycle. Only 1,008 of the numbered Motorcycle Monte Bobbleheads are available. Each durable, ceramic Monte is hand-painted and boxed for gift-giving. The cost is \$29.99, which includes shipping and handling, and all profits benefit UMAA's student and alumni programs. Order online or call (877) UM ALUMS or (406) 243-5211.

Keeping the Compact—The Montana Campus Compact, a statewide higher education organization that supports campus-based public service, has announced its 2004 MTCC Community Service Scholarship recipients. Each winner will receive a certificate and \$500 award. The 2004 MTCC Community Service Scholarship recipients are Sarah Weems Pallis, a mathematics faculty member at Carroll College in Helena; Dixie Linnell, an elementary education faculty member at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell; and Tara Keller, a University of Montana-Missoula graduate.

New Lingo—Officials in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures have changed their department name to more accurately describe their role at UM. The unit is now known as the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures.



Ready for makeup: The new look of the GSA's Grizzly

Forging Leaders—UM has started a new student leadership program called Ursa Major. The multistage program will challenge students in fun and rewarding ways, and is designed to provide students with the skills they need to succeed academically and professionally after graduation. While involved in Ursa Major, students will attend conferences and retreats, navigate a ropes course, volunteer in the community and receive focused mentoring. For more information on this innovative program, visit www.umt.edu/ursamajor. E-mail the name and contact information of a student you would like to recommend to the program to ursamajor@mso.umt.edu.

Undaunted Learning—The United States is well into the second year of its bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and one of the best places to learn more about the Corps of Discovery is the "Discovering Lewis and Clark" Web site at www.lewis-clark.org. Recent additions to the site are available by clicking on "New in April 2004." The updated material includes an exclusive interview with the late Stephen Ambrose, author of "Undaunted Courage." The interview, taped on July 20, 2000, is titled "The Corps of Discovery as a Military Unit." Joe Mussulman, a former UM professor, leads a team that designs "Discovering Lewis and Clark."

NFL Bound—The recent NFL draft was kind to former Grizzly football player Dylan McFarland of Kalispell. He was selected in the seventh round of the NFL draft — the 207th pick out of 255. The 6-foot-6, 305-pound left tackle was picked up by the Buffalo Bills. He's the first Griz player to be selected in the draft since 1999. In addition, 15 minutes after the draft ended, Chris Snyder, UM's record-setting kicker from Spokane, Wash., signed a free-agent deal with the Detroit Lions.

Top Runner—Kerry Bogner, a senior from Cincinnati, earned Academic All-American honors in cross country from the Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Coaches Association. Bogner is one of 46 Division-I cross country athletes to earn the award and one of only two Big Sky Conference runners who received the recognition. Bogner, a liberal studies major who carries a 3.74 GPA, finished 12th at the Mountain Region Championships in Ogden, Utah, this past fall to earn Academic All-American accolades. 🐻

Research reps visit Washington, D.C.

UM President George Dennison and geology graduate student Brian Boer were among a contingent of university leaders and researchers who met with U.S. congressmen from the Northwest on Capitol Hill last month.

Members of the Inland Northwest Research Alliance, a nonprofit scientific and educational consortium of eight universities, traveled to Washington, D.C., March 29-April 1, to discuss the organization's benefits to doctoral-level education.

Boer was one of five students from member institutions invited to talk to congressional representatives about how INRA programs — specifically the Subsurface Science Research Institute — have enriched their academic experiences. A multidisciplinary, doctoral-level program, SSRI offers graduate courses crafted by deans and faculty from INRA institutions and the staff of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL).

"The students always steal the show, as they should," President Dennison said.

Besides meeting with their congressmen, INRA members also attended a



UM geology graduate student Brian Boer addresses U.S. congressional representatives last month in Washington, D.C.

reception hosted by Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho. Crapo noted that INRA makes significant contributions to regional economic development with new programs that lead to new technologies in the Northwest.

The total research and development budget for the INRA universities in fiscal year 2001 was \$530 million, which would rank the member institutions collectively as the seventh largest institution of higher education in the nation in terms of funding. INRA comprises UM, the University of Idaho, and the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, as well as Montana State, Boise State, Idaho State, Utah State and Washington State universities. 🐻

Students earn prestigious scholarships

Four UM students recently raked in prestigious Udall and Goldwater scholarships.

UM continued its trend of excellence in the Udall Scholarship competition with three students named recipients of the 2004 scholarship.

Lauren Caldwell, a junior in biology from Fort Wayne, Ind.; Dawson Dunning, a junior in wildlife biology from Otter, and Sierra Howlett, a junior in Native American studies and sociology from Arlee, were among the 80 students nationwide to be selected as 2004 Udall Scholars.

Caldwell (who also earned a \$26,000 Truman Scholarship this spring), Dunning and Howlett bring the total number of UM students to earn Udall Scholarships to 16 since 1999. They were the only Udall recipients chosen this year from a Montana university or college.

The \$5,000 scholarships are presented annually to juniors and seniors studying in fields related to the environment, and to Native Americans in fields related to health care or tribal policy. The scholarships are named after Morris Udall, who represented Arizona in the U.S. House of Representatives for 30 years.

The Goldwater winners for the 2004-05 academic year are Amanda Ng, a senior in biological sciences from Bozeman, and Dawson. Each will receive up to \$7,500 for tuition, fees, books and room and board.

Founded in 1986, the Goldwater Scholarship Program honors Sen. Barry Goldwater and is designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering. The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields.

The winners were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,113 student candidates who were nominated by faculty members at colleges and universities nationwide. Most of the 310 winners intend to obtain a doctoral degree.

In the past six years, UM students have won 26 large national scholarships — two Truman, eight Goldwater and 16 Udall. UM currently is tied with Cornell for the Udall Foundation's No. 1 ranking for scholarships awarded. Since the scholarship's inception in 1996, UM and Cornell have had more Udall scholars than all universities in the nation. 🐻

Doctorate — continued

Arts and Sciences ceremony in the Adams Center's Dahlberg Arena.

Graetz is best known for founding Montana Magazine in 1970 and publishing it for 27 years before selling the publication to Lee Enterprises. But it has been the books he's written about Montana and frequent lectures throughout the state that have kept him in the public eye. More recently he founded the Helena-based Northern Rockies Publishing.

Geography chair Jeffrey Gritzner nominated Graetz for the honorary degree, which had to pass muster with UM's CAS dean, provost, president, Faculty Senate and, ultimately, the state Board of Regents.

CAS Dean Gerald Fetz said the information and books submitted with Graetz's nomination "spell out a long and illustrious, multifaceted career that is characterized by high professional standards, a commitment to education in the public realm and service to this, his home state, as well as to our University (his alma mater)."

Listing all of Graetz's accomplishments could be a book all its own, but Ian Davidson, Great Falls resident and chair of D.A. Davidson & Co., labels Graetz with a concise description — "Mr. Montana." In a letter supporting the nomination, Davidson wrote: "Rick's enthusiasm, unbelievable energy and personal friendship with thousands of

Montanans have helped us all increase our love and appreciation for this state."

Jim Scott, vice chair of First Interstate BancSystem in Billings, echoed that sentiment. "I have met no one who more energetically and passionately embraces and describes Montana," Scott said. "He has devoted his life to the study and the

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And teach he does, every chance he gets, whether it's as guest speaker at civic club luncheons and high schools or as a visiting instructor in UM's geography department. There, he taught a course titled "Montana," which focused on the physical, historical, cultural and economic geography of the state. His lecture notes and readings from the course were transformed into a textbook, "This Is Montana," which combines geography and history for use in college

and high-school level courses.

Graetz created a 20-volume Montana Geographic Series, a collection of books about all aspects of life in Montana with titles including "Western Montana," "Montana East of the Mountains" and "Montana Mountain Ranges." He also started the Montana Geographic Journal, publishing three volumes to date with each issue addressing topics such as the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge and Montana's Crow tribe. Besides Montana, Graetz has written books on other states, including the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Texas, as well as other countries, including Cuba and Vietnam.

Graetz attended UM in the late 1960s and earned his bachelor's degree in geography in 2002. In fall 2001, while driving from Helena to Missoula to photograph UM's Homecoming activities as he had done for years, Graetz was seriously injured in an auto accident that kept him hospitalized for more than two months. An avid mountain climber, he spent more than a year in rehabilitation.

Longtime friend Nikki Sliter of Kalispell said this was when Graetz showed his "true grit... as he has fought to overcome the near-fatal injuries he suffered. His injuries may prevent him from climbing Mount Everest but he certainly has conquered his own mountains."

Graetz always credits Susie, his wife of 16 years, with being his partner in all his professional pursuits. "To see Rick is to see Susie," said UM Alumni Director Bill Johnston. 🐾

Special Olympics—May 19-21, state games, campus venues.

Opening ceremonies—May 19, Special Olympics State Games, featuring Parade of Athletes, Gov. Judy Martz, Grizzlies head football coach Bobby Hauck and honorary chair Phyllis Washington, 7 p.m., Dahlberg Arena.

Meeting—May 20-21, Board of Regents, Montana State University-Northern, Havre.

Premiere—May 20, "Testing Times: Montana's Struggle to Leave No Child Behind," student documentary, 7 p.m., Montana PBS. School of Journalism, (406) 243-4001.

Exhibit—May 22-23, Quilt show, Missoula Quilt Guild. University Center Ballroom and Commons.

TV show—May 22, Season finale, "Brain Busters," academic quiz bowl game show sponsored by U.M. state-

wide championship, Billings Skyview and Bozeman high schools, 5 p.m., NBC stations statewide.

Reading—May 22, David James Duncan, author, 7:30 p.m., Teller Wildlife Refuge, Slack Barn, free, open to the public. Environmental Studies Program, (406) 243-2904.

Race—May 23, Double Dip, community run to benefit Missoula Youth Homes, UM Oval. Registration 11 a.m., race time 1 p.m., awards ceremony 5:30 p.m. Entry fee or pledge-drive participation garners T-shirt. Courses of 12.5 or 4.6 miles.

Blood drive—June 3, American Red Cross, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., University Center rooms 330-331. Appointments, (406) 543-6695, (406) 327-2029.

UM Calendar

Orientation—June 9-11, June 23-25, July 7-9 for new students. Information, (800) 462-8636, (406) 243-2332, mmolloy@mso.umt.edu.

Concert/presentation—June 13, "A Salute to Our Veterans of All Foreign Wars," featured guests Rob Quist, musician, and Lt. Col. Scott Mykleby, U.S. Marine Corps, 7 p.m., University Theater. Tickets, \$11/general, \$5/veterans. GrizTix, (406) 243-4051.

Race—June 19, 5k fun run/walk, National Smokejumper Association, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Clark Fork River Trail. Information, (406) 258-6723.

Camp—June 27-30, Grizzly High School Journalism Camp. Registration deadline, May 15. Information, http://www.umt.edu/journalism/camp/index_04.html, (406) 243-4001.

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



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