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Bell tower the instrument for summer concert

UM's bell tower will ring with hymns, show tunes, Beatles hits and patriotic music during a summer carillon concert on the Oval Tuesday evening, June 29.

Elizabeth Graves Vitu, a carillonneur from Canet, France, will be the talent behind the Main Hall bells for the 7 p.m. concert. The public is invited to bring a picnic supper, a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a free ice cream social on the Oval while listening to the special performance.



Vitu

Vitu will take time out from a visit with her sister Katherine of Missoula to play UM's carillon, which turned 50 years old last year. As a special treat, Vitu will perform a duet with UM carillonneur Nancy Cooper, who plays the bells at noon each weekday and during Homecoming.

Vitu began her carillon studies in her native Virginia before continuing in France at the Ecole Francaise de Carillon. She was appointed by the bishop as assistant carillonneur of the St. Jean-Baptiste Cathedral Carillon in Perpignan in 1999. She has played carillons all over the world, most recently representing France and the United States in a series of concerts for a French festival titled "Women Carillonneurs of the World."

The hour-long concert will feature favorites such as "Stardust," "When I'm Sixty-Four," "Oh, Shenandoah," "Dream a Little Dream of Me," "Parade of the Tin Soldiers," "Sunrise, Sunset" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever." 🐾

Former coach to lead University athletics

The University of Montana athletic department recently hired a hero from its past to guide it through the financial troubles of the present.

Don Read, 70, the most successful head football coach in UM history, was named the University's new athletic director by President George Dennison on May 27.

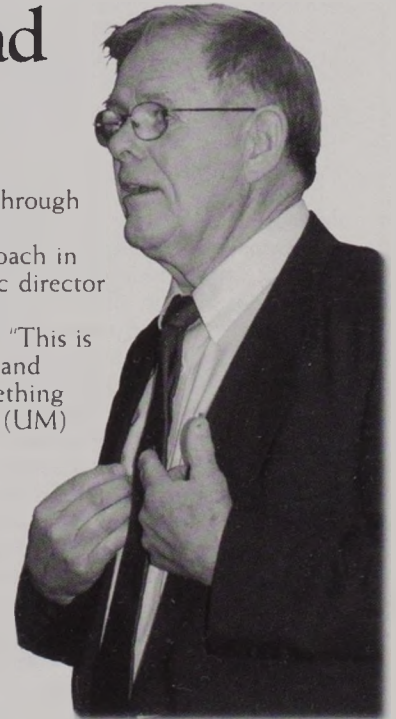
"My heart has always been in Montana," Read said. "This is a wonderful opportunity for me. I did a lot of things and really enjoyed my retirement. But I really need something to focus on, and what is better than to come back to (UM) and be a part of a great university and a tremendous athletic program?"

Read replaces Interim Athletic Director Marie Porter, who had been guiding athletics since March 3, when former director Wayne Hogan resigned because of athletic department fiscal problems. Porter will return to her duties as associate athletic director, a post she has held since 1996.

Read said he is prepared to tackle UM's recent fiscal problems.

"There is no question in my mind that there has been a good, sound plan created to solve the deficit problem that we face, and my job is to be sure we do it," he said.

Read coached the Griz during 1986-95, amassing a career record of 85-36 and a Big Sky Conference mark of 54-22. He had 10 straight winning seasons, with 10 victories in a row over cross-state rival Montana State. The capstone of his UM career came when the Griz captured their first I-AA national championship in 1995. Read resigned from his head coaching job on April 15, 1996. 🐾



Don Read: "My heart has always been in Montana."

Griz great returns as hoops coach

Former UM basketball great Larry Krystkowiak has come home to lead his alma mater's team. The announcement was made May 13.

Krystkowiak, 39, is Montana's 25th head basketball coach. He replaces Pat Kennedy, who recently left UM to become the head coach at Towson University in Maryland.

This past season "Krysko" was the head coach of the Idaho Stampede of the Continental Basketball Association, which lost a 132-129 decision to the Dakota Wizards in the league's title game. The Stampede had its best record in franchise history



Krystkowiak

last season — 37-16 overall.

Before his stint in Idaho, Krystkowiak was an assistant coach during the 2001-02 season at Old Dominion under former Griz head coach Blaine Taylor (1992-98).

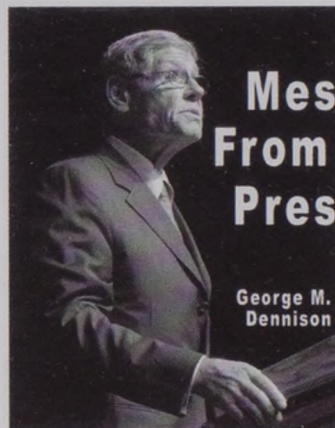
Krystkowiak played 11 years of professional basketball, including 10 in the National Basketball Association. He was the 28th pick in the 1987 NBA draft.

Krystkowiak also is UM's all-time leading scorer and rebounder with 2,017 points and 1,105 rebounds, and is ranked third in Big Sky Conference history in scoring and rebounding. 🐾

Solutions set for University athletic budget crisis

On May 20-21, the Board of Regents accepted the report of the special panel charged to investigate The University of Montana athletics deficit. In addition, with some modifications, the Regents approved the deficit reduction plan proposed by the University. The report itself makes clear the difficulty of assigning blame for the problem, with a multiplicity of potential culprits. However, I will not seek to thrust the blame on others. As the President of the University, I accept that responsibility and apologize to the dedicated professionals and student athletes in Intercollegiate Athletics and all the Griz supporters across the State.

Even so, I want to underscore the absence of "evidence that anyone intentionally 'cooked the books'" or engaged in wrongdoing, as the panel concluded. In fact, the University personnel assigned to the task discovered and reported the accounting errors and overspending in athletics. Moreover, the panel confirmed the accuracy of the timeline of discovery and public announcement of the deficit, finding no basis to conclude that anyone conveyed false or misleading information. The problems occurred not because of wrongdoing or corruption, but rather because of a failure to maintain fiscal discipline and some unfortunate accounting errors that compounded the problem. We at the University can and will make the changes to prevent a recurrence. The lack of discipline is the root of the problem. But the absence of discipline does not equate to free and unlimited spending. No person or program in the University has that luxury.



The report suggests, however, that the deficit resulted in part from too much emphasis on raising money and not enough on controlling expenditures. In my testimony and other comments, I have stated that I expected the athletic director to raise funds in the

private sector to support the programs and also to control costs. The funds raised went to support facilities and scholarships, not routine operations. In the panel's view, a "structural" imbalance developed as a direct result, since funds to support ongoing operational costs did not materialize. The private funds made a great difference in athletics, but nonetheless left the gap in the operations budget. The search for alternative revenues failed to bridge that gap, despite the best intentions.

In response, the panel urged the establishment of a budget based on success in the past and reasonable estimates of all revenues, including donations. The responsible people at the University conducted a zero-based budget-building process to bring revenues and expenditures into balance, including cost reductions wherever possible, while still maintaining the programs at a competitive level. New sources of revenue came from increased ticket prices, increased dues, concessions, collegiate licensing royalties, sky box rentals, license plate sales, institutional funds, and moderate fee increases for students. These revenues will assure a balanced budget in the future.

To pay off the accumulated deficit, the University will dedicate a portion of the increased revenues from ticket

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University offers series of 17 historic Montana maps

A new series of Montana maps offers tantalizing glimpses of how Big Sky Country first caught the attention of cartographers, moving from tribal territory to full statehood.

Printed by UM, the 17 maps begin with a 1778 continental scene in which the Montana area is mentioned only with the note "Mountains of Bright Stones." The final 1898 map shows a state filled with fledgling towns and counties.

"These maps are great for anyone interested in Montana history," said Sally Thompson, director of UM's Lifelong Learning Project, which produced the series. "A lot of these maps have never been available in Montana before."

The 14-by-20-inch maps can be purchased at The Bookstore at UM for \$95. Educators receive a 10 percent discount. To order, call the Bookstore at (406) 243-1234 or (888) 333-1995, or go online to <http://umtbookstore.com>.

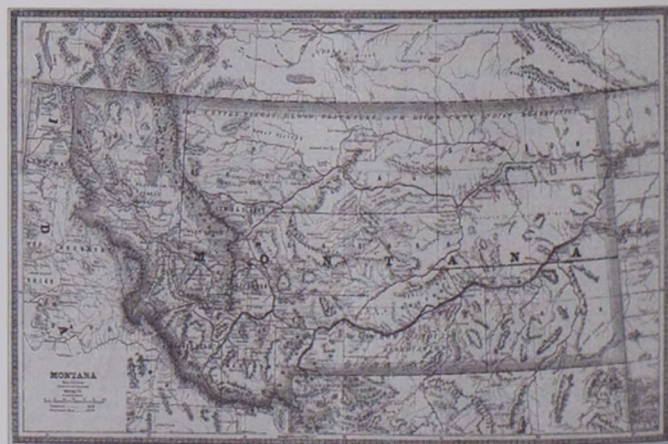
Thompson started the map project five years ago while working on a research fellowship for the Montana Committee

for the Humanities. Since then, she and Kim Lughart, co-editor of the series, have visited map archives across North America to complete the collection.

The series includes the Montana portion of an 1806 map from the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Thompson said UM has exclusive rights to publish this portion of the map.

She said the series is perfect for educators, historians or people interested in Montana history. The maps lend themselves to discussions such as exploration, the fur trade, treaties, settlement, mining, Indian wars, railroads and statehood.

The map series is the first publication of the newly resurrected University of Montana Press, which had discontinued work in the 1970s. University Executive Vice President Bob Frazier said the UM Press label was brought back to recog-



Territory times: an 1883 map of Montana by George F. Cram.

nize the growing prowess and expertise of Printing and Graphic Services, which prints University publications.

The Lifelong Learning Project, which Thompson directs, works with tribes to produce quality resource materials about American Indians. These products include Web sites, videos and print media. The project is based within UM's Center for Continuing Education.

The project team currently is at work on a collector's edition of regional maps: a Five Valleys series and a map history of the Columbia River Country. 🐾

Billings students become Brain Buster champs

A team of Billings Skyview High School students last month won the first-ever state championship title for Brain Busters, an academic quiz bowl sponsored by UM and televised on NBC stations statewide.

Skyview students defeated a team from Bozeman High School 240-160 during a contest in Missoula.

As Brain Busters champions, each member of the Billings Skyview High School team receives a \$5,000 scholarship that can be used at any of the four UM campuses located in Missoula, Helena, Butte and Dillon. As the second-place winners, Bozeman students each receive a \$4,000 UM scholarship.

Sixty-four teams from across Montana began round-one competition last fall in Saturday contests held at KULR in Billings and KECI in Missoula. Team

members answered questions on a range of topics, including science, math, geography and current events.

In April Billings Skyview defeated a team from Cody (Wyo.) High School to claim the Eastern Division championship title and advance to the state finals. In early May, Bozeman beat Frenchtown High School to become the Western Division champions. As division finalists, team members from Cody and Frenchtown high schools each receive \$1,000 UM scholarships.

Billings Skyview's state championship team comprises sophomore Katherine Kilzer, junior Benjamin Anderson, and seniors Ryan N. Young, Jason Kephart, Cade Bloomerader and Erwin Dunbar. The team is led by teacher Rich McFate.

Bozeman team members are seniors Peter Beland, Steve Searles, Robert Blake, Trevor Layman, Arthur Modlinski and

Lincoln Pac. They were coached by teacher Tricia Thompson.

UM President George Dennison praised the nearly 400 students who competed in Brain Busters during the 2003-04 academic year.

"We sponsor Brain Busters with the hope of attracting the best and brightest students to The University of Montana campuses," Dennison said. "These champions from Billings Skyview have measured up to the challenge. In fact, we look forward to welcoming Ryan Young to UM next fall."

Brain Busters began in Missoula in fall 2002 with 32 teams from western Montana. The academic bowl went statewide last fall.

In addition to scholarships, each Brain Busters competitor received a complementary gift bag with UM logo items. 🐾

Strong Journalism—For the sixth consecutive year, the UM School of Journalism has placed in the top 10 of the Hearst Journalism Awards Program, a yearlong competition made up of 12 separate contests. The journalism school placed 10th overall among journalism schools nationwide and eighth in broadcast news. Last year, the school placed seventh overall, with a fifth place showing in broadcast news. Nine students won individual awards during the competition, accruing points toward the final tally. One of the nine, senior Chelsi Moy, won two awards. "To be ranked amongst the top 10 journalism schools in the overall national Hearst competition is a major honor," said journalism Dean Jerry Brown. "Cheers to the students. By winning in all categories, they demonstrated both a depth and breadth of talent and professional growth." The Hearst program, which gives more than \$400,000 in awards, matching grants and stipends yearly, was founded in the late 1940s by publisher William Randolph Hearst. The competition consists of three photo, six writing and four broadcast news contests annually. Of approximately 400 journalism programs in the country, 105 are accredited by the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication and are eligible to participate in the awards program.



Bear Briefs

generations. UM is correcting this oversight with its "An Artist With the Corps of Discovery" exhibit, which will be displayed through Sept. 11 at UM's Montana Museum of Art and Culture. Created by Billings artist Charles Fritz, the free exhibit contains more than 50 original works devoted to the Lewis and Clark adventure. The works are housed in the Paxson and Meloy galleries of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 3 to 7 p.m. Friday. The exhibit eventually will contain 65 views of historic Corps of Discovery landscapes depicted in modern landscapes. Fritz has meticulously researched the look of his paintings by visiting actual Lewis-and-Clark-Trail locations and reading the expedition journals. After its stint at UM, "An Artist With the Corps of Discovery" will become a national traveling exhibit.

Fantastic Food—University Dining Services has received the 2004 Loyal E. Horton Gold Award in the "Catering-Special Event" category for medium-sized schools. The department entered its work for the 12th annual Cowboy Ball — a highly successful fund-raiser for UM's rodeo team — in the competition. The award, presented by the National Association of College and University Food Services, is the ultimate professional tribute in college and university culinary arts. It recognizes the most successful ideas in menus, presentations, special event planning and new dining concepts. Winning entries must have unique themes, exceptional menus and flawless presentation.

Former Coach Reaches NBA—Mike Montgomery, 57, head coach of the UM men's basketball team during 1979-86, has been hired to coach the NBA's Golden State Warriors. During his eight-year tenure in Montana, Montgomery had a record of 154-77 for a .657 winning percentage. He then became head basketball coach at Stanford for 18 seasons. His Stanford stint included a 393-167 record and 16 postseason appearances.

NFL Griz—Former Grizzly offensive lineman Jon Skinner has inked a two-year contract with the San Diego Chargers, according to his Missoula agent, Ken Staninger. The 6-foot-7-inch Skinner hails from Dillon, and his playing weight last season was about 310 pounds. 🐾

Top Scholar—A high school senior from Lynwood, Wash., is the first American Indian student to earn a prestigious Presidential Leadership Scholarship to attend UM. Lily Gladstone, who lived in Browning until 1997 and now attends Mount Lake Terrace High School near Seattle, was one of 14 recipients awarded 2004 UM Presidential Leadership Scholarships. About 300 students applied this year for the scholarship, which is presented annually to high school seniors who exhibit outstanding academic and leadership skills, according to Betsy Bach, interim dean of UM's Davidson Honors College. As a nonresident student, Bach said Gladstone's scholarship will cover about \$42,000 in tuition and other expenses over a four-year period. Gladstone intends to major in Native American Studies at UM.

Historic Exhibit—Lewis and Clark created extensive journals during their 1803-06 expedition, so we have a pretty good idea of what they experienced during their epic trek. But they didn't bring an artist to document what they saw for future

sales, concessions, royalties, and the campus beverage contract. Fee increases will not contribute toward the elimination of the deficit, as I stated on earlier occasions, but only to the prevention of any future deficit. The Regents approved the fee increases on the condition that the deficit prevention plan must remain on track. Any deviation resulting in additions to the deficit will terminate the fee increases. We will make certain that the plan succeeds.

However, at the same time we will continue to do all we can to raise funds in the private sector to support all of our programs, academic as well as athletic. The University must depend to a considerable extent upon the willingness of alumni and friends for the margin of excellence. I regard that dependence not as a weakness but as a strength and a necessity, and I view the responsiveness of alumni and friends as evidence of their loyalty to and support for the University. But I also understand that we will have to control spending. In general, the University's record for accountability in the past indicates the competency to balance revenues and expenditures. The deficit occurred in only one of several hundred accounts, not for the University as a whole. We did not do as well as we should have in controlling expenditures in athletics, or in raising funds to compensate. We must and will do one or the other — or both — in the future, but we will maintain a balance and avoid a deficit.

In response to the 42 findings and 27 recommendations of the panel, all accepted by the Regents and the University, we will strengthen and make our budget development processes more inclusive and reliable. We will also tighten the fiscal controls and establish a monitoring process to make certain that we have the discipline necessary to maintain the balance between revenues and expenditures in the future. In addition, we will clarify and simplify our internal processes and procedures and charge a group of faculty, students, staff, administrators, and student athletes to monitor our progress and make certain that we remain on track. The lessons of the past indicate clearly the consequences of failure, and we have learned those painful lessons well. 🐻



Griz spirit invades Iraq

Executive Vice President Bob Frazier, UM's chief marketing guru, gave gifts of hats, mugs and other Griz Gear to members of Kalispell's 495th Transportation Battalion while they were deployed in Iraq. The Montana soldiers returned the favor by mugging for these photos. The guy holding the Monte bear is specialist Jesse Paine of Eureka. The battalion returned home this spring.

Campus organization presents Carter Award

Harvesting Community, a partnership between Garden City Harvest and the UM Program in Ecological Agriculture and Society, is the recipient of the 2004 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration.

Seventeen groups applied for the award, which recognizes exceptional work accomplished by campus-commu-

nity partnerships. The award is hosted in Montana by Montana Campus Compact, a statewide nonprofit coalition of college and university presidents.

As this year's recipient, Harvesting Community received \$10,000 to support its work, using a 6.5-acre plot formerly infested with knapweed to raise fresh produce for area food pantries and soup kitchens. 🐻

UM Calendar

Summer semester—First five-week session through **June 25**; second session, **June 28-July 30**.

Orientation—**June 23-25, July 7-10, Aug. 25-27**, for new students. Information, (800) 462-8636, (406) 243-2332, mmolloy@mso.umt.edu.

Program—**June 27-July 2** or **Aug. 1-6**, "On the Trail With Lewis and Clark: A Montana Natural History Journey," Elderhostel summer camp for seniors 55+, two sessions, \$295, registration required. Montana Natural History Center, (406) 327-0405.

Volleyball camp—**July 6**, Setters Clinic. Information, (406) 243-4397.

Volleyball camp—**July 7-10**, All Skills Camp. Information, (406) 243-4397.

Meeting—**July 8-9**, Board of Regents, Montana Higher Education Complex, Helena.

Exhibit—**July 9-11**, Treasure State Art Show, Daly Mansion, Hamilton. Information, (406) 363-6004.

Fund-raiser—**Aug. 7**, "Chairity" Auction, Daly Mansion, Hamilton. Information, (406) 363-6004.

Concert—**Aug. 15**, Missoula Symphony, Daly Mansion, Hamilton.

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



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