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## Painting loaned to UM museum

The Montana Museum of Art and Culture at The University of Montana has received an art loan from a private collector.

The lender, who wishes to remain anonymous, has loaned the painting "Landscape of an Armchair" by Willem de Kooning. The abstract painting was finished in 1971 and, characteristic of de Kooning's 1970s paintings, features bold brush strokes and richly diverse colors. The painting is hanging in the lobby of the President's Office in Main Hall.

De Kooning, who died in 1997, was one of the pioneers of abstract expressionism — a movement that brought American art to the forefront of international attention — and has been acknowledged as one of the most influential painters of the 20th century.

"This loan is a great opportunity for the University and the Montana Museum of Art and Culture to present major works of modern and postmodern art to the public," said Manuela Well-Off-Man, the museum's curator. "This lender wants to establish



Workers hang the abstract painting in the President's Office.

a long-term relationship with the museum, which is exactly what we are looking for as we work to establish quality art programming and continuity in art programs. Hopefully, this loan will lead to others in the future.

"These loans are especially exciting for our students, who will be able to study original works of art by important artists," she said.

The public can view the painting in the President's Office lobby from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Oct. 31. Call Well-Off-Man at (406) 243-2019 for information. 🐾



## Art auction on the way

In other art news, the Montana Museum of Art and Culture will hold its annual auction at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in the University Center Ballroom.

The fund-raiser will feature many unique works by noted artists, such as the bronze coyote mask by American Indian sculptor Lillian Pitt pictured left. Mark your calendar! 🐾

## U-system promotes economic initiatives

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity teamed up recently to lead public discussions in Missoula and Kalispell on six Montana University System proposals designed to improve the state's economy.

The discussions were led by Sheila Stearns, commissioner of higher education, and Dave Gibson, the governor's chief business officer.

The proposals address better workforce training, improved distance learning, stronger higher education-business partnerships, greater access to post-secondary education for all Montanans, more significant collaboration between the Montana University System and government leaders, and increased promotion of the state as a tourist and business destination.

These proposals, collectively referred to as a Program for Shared Leadership to Improve the Montana Economy, represent the university system's initiatives for the 2005 Legislative session. Information about them is available online at [www.montana.edu/wwwbor/SharedLeadInfo.htm](http://www.montana.edu/wwwbor/SharedLeadInfo.htm). For more information, call (406) 243-2311. 🐾

## UM Dining Services wins national award

UM's Dining Services has earned the ultimate professional tribute in college and university culinary arts by winning the 2004 Loyal E. Horton Grand Prize in the "Catering-Special Event" category from the National Association of College and University Food Services.

The department was recognized for its work with the 12th Annual Cowboy Ball, a fund-raising dinner for UM's rodeo team.

Named for a NACUFS founder, the Loyal E. Horton award salutes the most successful ideas in menus, special event planning and dining concepts. 🐾

**Greet the Griz**—This year's Great Griz Encounter has been combined with the Missoula Downtown Association's Downtown ToNight. The event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, in Caras Park. Attendees can meet the Grizzly football players and UM's new Monte mascot, as well as enjoy live music, a beverage garden and many food vendors. Head football coach Bobby Hauck also will say a few words, and Griz cheerleaders will present raffle tickets for prizes from the Bookstore at UM.

**Education Attorney**—A lawyer with a broad background in public education has been hired to serve as chief legal counsel for the Montana University System. Catherine M. Swift, a partner in the Helena law firm of Gough, Shanahan, Johnson & Waterman, will begin her new position Sept. 1. It's a job with which Swift is somewhat familiar: She worked as a staff attorney and served as acting chief counsel for the university system in her first years as a practicing attorney during 1975-1978. Since 1988, Swift has been a public school attorney, first with the Montana School Boards Association from September 1988 to December 1989, and since then, in private practice. She replaces LeRoy Schramm, who has held the position since 1981. Schramm retired Dec. 30, 2003, but has continued to serve in post-retirement status.



## Bear Briefs

**Get Some Ice Cream**—The third annual community ice cream social, which welcomes new and returning UM students to campus and the surrounding neighborhoods, will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, in the 400 block of University Avenue. The street party will feature live music, introduction of special guests and much mingling. There will be free ice cream for all, as well as bubble dispensers and chalk for sidewalk art for children. Baskin-Robbins, Big Dipper and other Missoula retailers are donating the ice cream and other supplies. Begun in 2002, the event was created by a group calling itself Thoughtful Neighbors to celebrate the diversity UM students bring to the community. The group is a mix of University neighborhood homeowners and residents, UM students and staff, and members of area charitable and service organizations.

**Washington Testimony**—Dave Forbes, dean of the UM School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences,

was invited to testify about financing higher education during a U.S. Senate finance committee hearing on Capitol Hill July 22. He was invited by Iowa Republican Sen. Charles E. Grassley, chair of the Senate Committee on Finance. The hearing was titled "The Role of Higher Education Financing in Strengthening U.S. Competitiveness in a Global Economy." Forbes highlighted how UM and the school he leads have benefitted from federal support, allowing programs to expand and providing greater access to students. "Improved access," he says, "leads to a healthier community, which is more competitive."

**College With A Conscience**—UM will be one of 81 schools nationally featured in an upcoming book titled "Colleges With a Conscience: An Engaged Student's Guide to College." The book will be written and edited by Campus Compact and the Princeton Review. Dean McGovern, executive director of Montana Campus Compact at UM, said 100 institutions were selected as finalists for possible inclusion in the book. Each university completed an application and survey, and more than 4,600 students completed surveys at the various institutions. UM will receive a two-page profile in "Colleges With a Conscience," which will be published by Random House in winter 2005. 🐻

**Exhibit—Aug. 20-Sept. 11**, "An Artist with the Corps of Discovery: The Lewis and Clark Journal Suite," paintings by Charles Fritz, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, Meloy and Paxson galleries, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 3-7 p.m. Friday. Information, (406) 243-2019, <http://www.umt.edu/party/famus>.

**Orientation—Aug. 25-27**, for new students. Information, (800) 462-8636, (406) 243-2332, [mmolloy@mso.umt.edu](mailto:mmolloy@mso.umt.edu).

**Convocation—Aug. 27**, President's State of the University Address and introduction of new faculty members, 10 a.m., Montana Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Beverages, 9:30 a.m., foyer. Public welcome.

**Academic schedule—Aug. 30**, fall semester classes begin.

**Gathering—Aug. 30**, Academic Convocation, for new students, 3:30 p.m., University Theatre. Office of the Provost, (406) 243-4689.

**Gathering—Sept. 1**, Moonlight Mix

## UM Calendar

and Mingle, 5 p.m., University Center. Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, (406) 243-5225.

**Fair—Sept. 2**, "Earn While You Learn," Fall Student Employment Job Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., University Center Ballroom. Information, (406) 243-5460, [studentjobs@mso.umt.edu](mailto:studentjobs@mso.umt.edu), <http://www.umt.edu/studentjobs>.

**Play—Sept. 2**, "Romeo and Juliet," Shakespeare in the Parks, 6 p.m., the Oval, free; also **Sept. 3**, "Tartuffe," 6 p.m., the Oval, free.

**Faculty recital—Sept. 3**, Maggie Schuberg, flute, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, \$6/general, \$4/students and seniors. Department of Music, (406) 243-6880.

**Football—Sept. 4**, UM vs. Maine, 1:05 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Information, <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

**Holiday—Sept. 6**, Labor Day, UM offices closed.

**Concert—Sept. 7**, Mountain Computer Music Festival, Charles Nichols, assistant music professor, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Department of Music, (406) 243-6880.

**Volleyball—Sept. 7**, UM vs. Utah Valley State, 7 p.m., Adams Center West Auxiliary Gym. Information, <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

**Open house—Sept. 10**, Blue Mountain Observatory, telescope viewing of the night sky begins one hour after sunset (approximately 9 p.m.). Free. Information and directions, (406) 243-4299, <http://www.physics.umt.edu/BlueMountain>.

**Concert—Sept. 10**, Jacquelyn Weitz, guest artist, piano, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, admission TBA. Department of Music, (406) 243-6055.

**Football—Sept. 11**, UM vs. Hofstra, 1:05 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Information, <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

*(A complete listing of UM events is online at [www.umt.edu/homepage/news](http://www.umt.edu/homepage/news).)*



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