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## New basketball coaching staff ready to get rolling

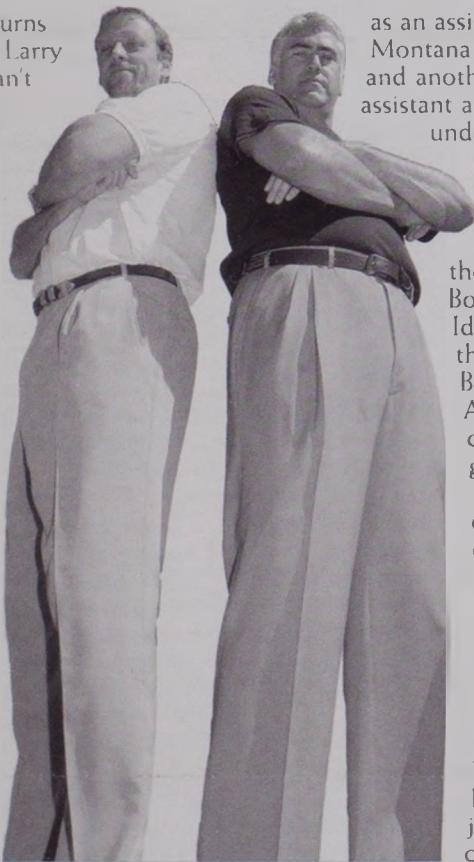
Even though he turns 40 this month, Larry Krystkowiak can't help but feel like a college freshman all over again.

"It's actually kind of surreal," said Krystkowiak, Montana's new men's basketball coach. "It kind of reminds me of when I started college as a player — the newness and the challenges that lie ahead."

If "Kryscos" second stint as a Grizzly freshman kicks off a career anywhere near as successful as his first go-round, bright days are ahead for the Montana basketball program.

Krystkowiak, a Shelby native who starred at Missoula's Big Sky High School, is the Grizzlies' all-time leading scorer and rebounder. During a college career from 1982 to 86, Krystkowiak was named Big Sky Conference MVP three times — the only player in conference history to earn the prestigious trifecta.

Krystkowiak went on to enjoy a successful nine-year career in the National Basketball Association. His post-NBA career included two years



Towers of power: UM's Larry Krystkowiak (left) and Wayne Tinkle may be among the tallest coaching staffs in the country.

as an assistant coach at Montana under Don Holst and another year as an assistant at Old Dominion under former Grizzly coach Blaine Taylor.

Last year, Krystkowiak was the head man in Boise, leading the Idaho Stampede to the Continental Basketball Association's championship game.

Krystkowiak enjoyed his stint coaching aspiring NBA players in Boise. But when Pat Kennedy announced he was leaving Montana in May to take the head job at Towson State, Krystkowiak jumped at the chance to return to his alma mater.

"There's not many Division I head coaching jobs available," he said. "It's a hard business to get into. And it's the purest form of hoops right now. You have kids who get athletic scholarships and want to play ball."

While he's spent much of the past three months recruiting and becoming familiar with his returning players, Krystkowiak does admit he's given some thought to the upcoming season.

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## President outlines University goals

UM President George Dennison set several goals for the University during his annual State of the University Address on Aug. 27. Following is his list of priorities for the coming year:

■ **UM must meet enrollment targets.**

"We can succeed in doing so if we engage the students," Dennison said. "Failure to engage them will undermine our effort to provide an education of the highest quality. We all understand that the quality of an experience, educational



Dennison

or otherwise, depends on the level of engagement of the individual. In our case, the engagement begins with the recruitment process and must continue through matriculation to graduation, and the outcome depends upon the active

involvement of student and faculty or staff member, not just one or the other. In brief, faculty productivity depends upon student productivity, and vice versa."

■ **The University must finalize reform of the General Education Program, with an emphasis on goals and objectives that can be evaluated and assessed in terms of learning outcomes.** "The Faculty Senate referred the work to a subcommittee of the Academic Standards and Curricular Review Committee," Dennison said. "As we proceed, let us identify and articulate the goals we can actually access."

■ **UM must implement its campuswide outcomes assessment program.** "The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities identified this requirement four years ago during the accreditation review," Dennison said.

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# University gears up for Missoula Heart Walk

Now's your chance to beat President George Dennison in one of his favorite fall competitions, and it's not football. It's raising money for heart disease and stroke research and education.

For the fourth year running, UM will host the Missoula Heart Walk on campus Saturday, Sept. 25. Registration and activities begin at 8 a.m. on the Mansfield Mall between the library and the University Center. The walk begins at 8:30 a.m. with the release of memorial balloons.

Team Dennison always finishes near the top when it comes to fund raising for the annual walk, and the

president says this year will be no exception.

About 600 local walkers are expected to participate in the two-mile trek. Meanwhile, local sponsors and individuals have pledged more than \$64,000 toward this year's \$150,000 goal.

The event spotlights heart disease and stroke research that is being conducted by students and faculty at UM, including some studies that are funded by the American Heart Association.

Each year the number of walkers grows, and Heart Walk organizers are hoping the trend continues. To find out how to start a team, call (406) 829-3377 or e-mail [doug.koester@heart.org](mailto:doug.koester@heart.org).



Local heart disease survivor Emma Blyton

## New funding fuels reznets program

Two new grants totaling \$550,000 will enable UM's innovative reznets program to expand via the Internet and teach journalism to more Native American students across the country.

The grants came from two prominent national foundations — \$475,000 over the next three years from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and \$75,000 from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation.

Reznets, online at [www.reznetsnews.org](http://www.reznetsnews.org), is based at UM's School of Journalism. It is a Web-based student newspaper that hires 20 Native American college students each year as reporters and photographers to cover their tribal communities and colleges. Now in its third year, reznets won the 2003 Native Media Award for Best Internet News Site from the Native American Journalists Association.

The purpose of reznets is to inspire more Indian students to enter journalism. The current reznets team includes 19 Indian college students from around the country, including four from Montana. Students write articles and take pictures on deadline, earning \$50 per story. They also are required to apply for newspaper internships, and last year 15 of 20 staff members got paid internships at daily newspapers around the country.

The new grant will allow reznets to develop a distance-learning reporting and editing skills course with the help of the Robert C. Maynard Institute for Journalism Education, which hosts the project Web site. The course, to be broadcast simultaneously to at least 15 tribal colleges, will include video conferencing for editing and mentoring sessions.



Reznets Director Denny McAuliffe works the phones to stay in touch with his growing network of American Indian writers and photographers.

Reznets is an outgrowth of UM's Native American News Project, in which journalism students spend their spring breaks on Montana reservations producing feature articles and photographs for a "Native News tab." The latest grant will continue funding for this 12-year-old program.

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation supports journalism excellence worldwide. Since 1950, it has made more than \$250 million in journalism grants. The foundation currently has 140 active journalism grantees.

The Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation award was part of \$1.4 million in grants presented to 25 institutions around the country. The Oklahoma-based organization was founded in 1982 to support efforts that improve the quality of journalism and instill high ethical standards. The grant will allow reznets to add a career development director who will help the program's graduating seniors find jobs.

Reznets Director Denny McAuliffe said, "We remain convinced that the modern Internet makes it possible to lead young Native Americans in isolated places into journalism fields the old-fashioned way — by getting their stories and bylines into print."

## Homecoming 2004 'rings in the memories'

UM friends and alumni will be "Ringing in the Memories" during Homecoming 2004 Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8-9. This year's theme celebrates 50 years of UM's carillon, the memorial bells in Main Hall's clock tower.

The week's events kick off at noon Sunday, Oct. 3, at Southgate Mall with a public celebration led by Monte, the UM cheerleaders and Sugar Bears, and a live remote by Mountain 102.5 FM.

The Homecoming Art Fair starts Thursday and runs through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the University Center.

A busy Friday will include open houses and reunions, including a gathering of the 1954 football team. At 2 p.m. the public is invited to the Montana gubernatorial Debate in the Montana Theatre in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center, where Democrat Brian Schweitzer will meet Republican Bob Brown.

At 6 p.m., three dynamic Montana women — Diane Barz, Doris Poppler, and Lee Rostad — will receive Distinguished Alumni Awards during a ceremony in the University Center Ballroom.

Singing On the Steps, combined with a good, old-fashioned pep rally to cheer on the Montana Grizzlies football team, will be held at 8 p.m. in front of Main Hall. The pep rally will be followed by the traditional lighting of the M and a 9 p.m. alumni social and dance at the Holiday Inn Parkside.

Saturday's events include the 10 a.m. parade (see Bear Brier) and the 1 p.m. football game against Idaho State. For a complete Homecoming schedule, call (406) 243-5211 or visit [www.umt.edu](http://www.umt.edu).

**Parade Time**—Homecoming will come in like a lion, or make that a grizzly bear, as UM celebrates with a parade before the big game against Idaho State Saturday, Oct. 9. Applications for parade entries are now available. The theme, created for the 50th anniversary of the UM carillon, is "Ringing in the Memories." All entries should fit the parade theme. Parade lineup begins at 9 a.m. with the starting time at 10 a.m. The parade route will begin at Pine Street and Higgins Avenue, travel south on Higgins to University Avenue, then head east to Helen Avenue. Parade entry applications are available at the UM Alumni Association office on the first floor of Brantly Hall. The application fee is \$15, and the deadline is 2 p.m. Oct. 1. Return applications to the UM Alumni Association office. For more information call the Alumni Association at (406) 243-5211.

**Promoted People**—Three employees with years of service to UM became new administrators in Student Affairs during the summer. All were chosen after national searches to fill the positions. Jed Liston, who has been recruiting students to the University for more than 20 years, is the new assistant vice president for Enrollment Services. Liston was director of marketing and recruitment in Enrollment Services before being promoted to the new position. Patrick Weasel Head is the new director of UM's American Indian Student Services Program, which was created a year ago to support the success of American Indian students. Weasel Head has served as its interim director since its inception. Candy Holt is the new director of the University Center, the hub of student life on campus. Holt had been associate director for administrative, personnel and fiscal services in UM's Mansfield Library before returning to work in the University Center, where she had spent 13 years in varied administrative positions.

**Students Dodge Summer Session**—Summer enrollment at UM took a disappointing downturn. The student headcount this year was 3,210, compared to 3,349 last summer—a 4 percent decline. Fewer students also meant fewer credit hours were taken. Full-time equivalents (FTEs) totaled 1,186, compared to 1,388 last summer for a 14.5 percent decrease. An FTE represents 15 undergraduate or 12 graduate semester credits. "We're still analyzing what occurred," said President George Dennison. "We know that fewer sections were offered than in previous summers, and students did not carry as many credits as in the prior years." The president speculated the economic recovery in progress and the chance to earn money to pay for expenses during the academic year may well have influenced students to work rather than enroll in courses. He also noted that planning has begun to make certain that this summer's downturn does not become a trend.

**A Flexible Future**—Earning a professional certification or associate degree has never been easier. The UM College of Technology's Future Focus programs provide flexible courses so that you can train for a new career or promotion without giving up your day job. Future Focus programs feature evening, weekend and online courses for a customer relations online certificate, National Carpentry certification, Microsoft or A+ certification, and associate of arts degrees. For more information, call (406) 243-7812 or e-mail outreach@mso.umt.edu.

**Well-Rounded Students**—UM is offering a new student leadership program to provide students with the skills they need to succeed academically and professionally after graduation. Ursa Major is a four-stage leadership development experience that uses a variety of co-curricular activities to teach students independence, ambition, creative problem-solving, motivational ability and self-assessment. Activities include conferences, retreats, volunteer opportunities and mentoring. The program is open to current UM students. Applications are



## Bear Briefs

available online at <http://www.umt.edu/ursamajor>. Additional program information also is available on the Web site or by e-mailing [ursamajor@mso.umt.edu](mailto:ursamajor@mso.umt.edu).

**Helping Children**—About one in four children experience a significant traumatic event before age 16, but only 8 percent of these children receive mental health services. Many of these kids develop symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and suffer significant academic and social setbacks that may contribute to domestic, economic and legal problems throughout their lives. But thanks to a recent \$1.6 million, four-year award from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, UM will research traumatic stress on the Rocky Boy Reservation and provide school-based trauma services to children and teens from the Chippewa-Cree tribe. UM team members at the Division of Educational Research and Service and the Department of Psychology will partner with trauma experts from RAND Corp., the University of California, Los Angeles, and Duke University in the effort. One of the project's recent accomplishments was gaining approval from the state Board of Regents to establish the Montana Center for the Investigation and Treatment of Childhood Trauma. The program will begin providing services to children this fall.

**Helping the Elderly**—A new grant awarded to UM will educate the state's health professionals, faculty members and students about wellness testing for senior citizens. The grant will bolster three organizations: UM's Montana Geriatric Education Center, which helps health care professionals deal with an ever-increasing load of elderly patients; ImProving Health Among Rural Montanans (IPHARM), a federally supported UM program designed to bring wellness testing and health information to rural Montanans; and the Montana Primary Care Association, a nonprofit group of ambulatory health care providers who assist Montana's medically underserved or under-served residents. For more information, call Barbara Morgan of the Montana Geriatric Education Center at (406) 243-2453 or toll-free at (866) 506-8432. Or e-mail her at [montana.gec@spahs.umt.edu](mailto:montana.gec@spahs.umt.edu).

**Students Plan Major Concert**—The UM School of Business Administration's entertainment management program is putting on a Mannheim Steamroller concert in Billings. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the MetraPark Arena. Mannheim Steamroller, a band that has an eclectic mix of holiday styles and rhythms, is visiting Montana as part of its Christmas Tour. The concert features a full orchestral accompaniment with the band, as well as large video screens with music videos and images of nature. Tickets cost \$1,250 per table for close stage seating, \$792 per table for remaining table seating on the floor or \$99 per table seat. Each table seats eight. Arena prices range from \$29 to \$59 per seat. All proceeds will benefit UM's unique entertainment management program. Funds will cover expenses of bringing industry experts to the program, support live events put on by the class in the spring and cover the cost of the concert. The concert is part of two events put on by the program this fall. The other, another Mannheim concert, hits Bismarck, N. D., the following Sunday on Nov. 21. To purchase tickets call (800) 366-8538 or visit [www.metrapark.com](http://www.metrapark.com).

**From Bear to Bull**—Barry Anderson, the UM graduate who made the University's Monte a national champion mascot in 2002, is turning pro with the NBA's Chicago Bulls. Anderson had worked as assistant marketing director in UM's athletic department while he trained two UM students to fill the bear suit. Now he will become the first full-time mascot for the Bulls, making that organization's Benny the bull act more like Monte the bear. Good luck, Barry! 🐻

"I would be crazy if I didn't say I wanted to cut down the nets in the Big Sky Tournament and get into March Madness," Krystkowiak said.

But he also would like to see Grizzly basketball earn back the respect and prestige it enjoyed during his playing days at Montana.

"We're going to give it our best shot," he said. "A lot has to do with winning. But the lifeblood of the program is the players you have. They must be basketball players, strong citizens and good students. We aren't going to have someone here who is not interested in academics and getting themselves to class."

Krystkowiak believes his job will be made easier by a coaching staff that is quite familiar with Montana and Big Sky basketball.

Leading the way is top assistant Wayne Tinkle, another former Grizzly star who was an assistant on Kennedy's staff the past two years.

"He's a Griz like myself," Krystkowiak said. "This place means an awful lot to both of us."

And they are tall. Krystkowiak is 6 foot 9 inches and Tinkle is 6 foot 10 inches.

Joining Krystkowiak and Tinkle on the bench will be Brad Huse, a Big Sky High School grad who served as head coach at Jamestown College in North Dakota, and Andy Hill, who last season was the director of basketball operations at Big Sky foe Eastern Washington.

Krystkowiak said he is anxious for school to get under way so he can start working with his players. He believes Montana has enough talent to improve on the back-to-back losing seasons the Grizzlies incurred under Kennedy.

"Our goal is to try to get better every year," Krystkowiak said.

While he's thrilled to be back on the Missoula campus as head coach, Krystkowiak admits that he is also somewhat surprised that he's now in the same job once held by his former mentor Mike Montgomery — who recently left Stanford to take the head-coaching job for the NBA's Golden State Warriors.

"I never would have guessed that someday I would be sitting in Coach Montgomery's old chair," Krystkowiak said. "But then I also never would have guessed that Coach Montgomery would be coaching an NBA team. Things have just kind of evolved." 🐻

## UM Calendar

**Exhibit—Sept. 27-30**, "Bamako to Tombouctou: A Photographic Journey Across West Africa," Andrew Geiger, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Gallery of Visual Arts, Social Science Building. Information: (406) 243-2813.

**Volleyball—Sept. 28**, 7 p.m., Adams Center West Auxiliary Gym.

**David Cody, tenor—Sept. 28**, faculty recital, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, \$6/general, \$4/students and seniors. Information: (406) 243-6880.

**Montana Festival of the Book—Sept. 30-Oct. 2**, details and schedule: <http://www.bookfest-mt.org>.

**Volleyball—Oct. 1**, 7 p.m., Adams Center West Auxiliary Gym.

**Fern Glass, cello—Oct. 1**, faculty recital, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, \$6/general, \$4/students and seniors. Information: (406) 243-6880.

**Volleyball—Oct. 2**, 6:05 p.m., Adams Center West Auxiliary Gym.

**Homecoming events—Oct. 3-9**, see page 2 story.

**16th annual Big Sky Career Fair—Oct. 6**, 9 a.m., University Center third floor. Information: 243-6150, <http://www.umt.edu/career/bigsky.htm>.

**Presentation—Oct. 7**, "Imagination in Place," Wendell Berry, American farmer and writer, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Information: (406) 243-2981 or (406) 243-2311.

**Art Event—Oct. 8**, The Best of the West 2004 Art Auction, preview exhibition, Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Meloy and Paxson Galleries, Montana Museum of Art and Culture. Information: (406) 243-2019.

**Soccer—Oct. 8**, 3 p.m., Dornblaser Field.

**Volleyball—Oct. 8**, 7 p.m., Adams Center West Auxiliary Gym.

**Homecoming football game—Oct. 9**, 1:05 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

**Soccer—Oct. 15**, 4 p.m., Dornblaser Field.

## UM goals — continued

"Each department and program has the responsibility to develop and implement outcomes assessments to demonstrate the successful achievement of stated goals. We have made some progress on assessment of competency in writing and mathematics, but not consistently with regard to other outcomes. We will undergo an accreditation visit in the next year that will focus on our success or lack of it."

■ **The University must participate in the Shared Leadership Project, doing all it can to assist Montana's economic and cultural development.**

"While each of us brings different skills, talents, and interests to the work, we can all contribute," Dennison said. "It behooves us all to think of how we can help, rather than speculating about why the effort will fail."

■ **UM must attract even more external funds to support graduate education and research.** "For (fiscal year) 2005, I challenge the faculty to push the new grant award total above \$70 million," Dennison said. Research funding at UM has grown from just over \$7 million in 1990 to more than \$65 million in 2004, he said.

■ **The University must maintain its facilities and aggressively seek funds to construct new ones.** "The bond issue will allow us to focus on critical deferred maintenance projects," Dennison said. "At the same time, we must identify the private funds required for the (planned) Law Building and the Native American Center, and make good progress on funding for the Montana Museum of Art and Culture and the expansion of Media Arts."

■ **UM must redouble efforts to attract private support for scholarships and fellowships.** Dennison said, "We do fairly well for undergraduate students, but not for graduate students."

■ **The University must focus on becoming more efficient and effective with the use of available resources.** "In that regard, we can achieve savings through intercampus cooperation and collaboration in pursuance of the restructuring that began almost a decade ago," Dennison said. "During this current biennium, we have reallocated nearly \$5 million to protect the smaller campuses from reductions in force and programs, allowing those campuses to position themselves for future challenges. It behooves us to analyze how we do things and use any savings to protect the quality of all that we do." 🐻



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