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Mr. Dennison goes to Washington

UM president tapped for national education board

President George W. Bush recently nominated University of Montana President George Dennison for a four-year position on the National Security Education Board.

The decision now is left up to the U.S. Senate, which Dennison believes will act on the matter in the near future.

The National Security Education Board was set up in December 1991 by former U.S. President Bill Clinton as part of the National Security Education Act. The board, along with the National Security Education Program and the National Security Education Trust Fund, was created to educate U.S. citizens about foreign cultures, strengthen U.S. economic competitiveness and enhance international competition and security.

Dennison, who feels greatly honored by the nomination, comes to the board highly qualified to fulfill its goals. Aside from numerous years in higher education, throughout his career he has maintained a strong interest in public diplomacy and international education and has spent a considerable amount of time in other countries forging student exchange opportunities.

"I believe strongly in the mission of the board and will do all I can to assure that the United States succeeds in positioning itself for effective functioning in the increasingly global world of today," Dennison said.

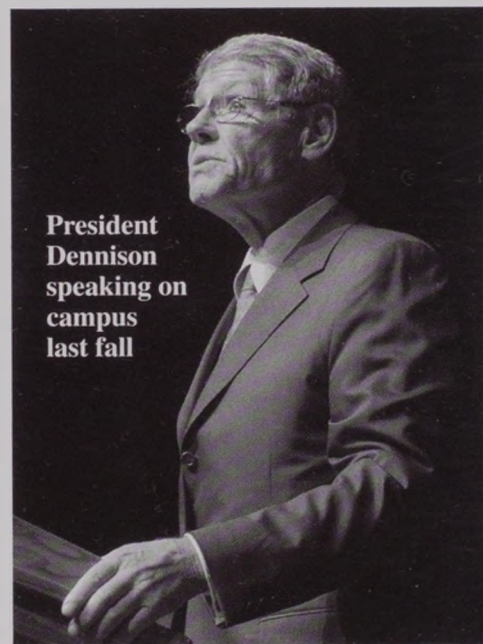
UM, he said, shares a concern for the same issues as the National Security Education Board. Because of this, Dennison said, "I will consult the campus community for counsel as to appropriate responses."

Dennison said his time spent examining the issues of the board goes hand in hand with the work he already does for the University.

The board meets three or four times a year, and Dennison said he can combine the meetings with other trips he must take to Washington, D.C. He will watch his time carefully to ensure that he fulfills his responsibilities as UM president, he said.

As far as national security is concerned, if approved, Dennison said his impact on security relies on developing programs that will respond to critical needs.

"National security, in this context, refers to the ability of the United States to function in the global society," he

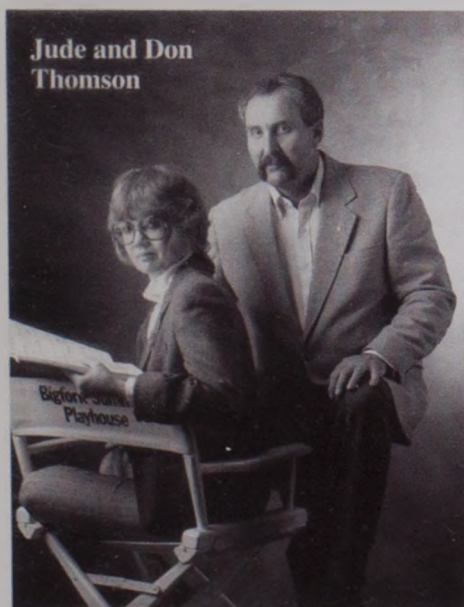


President
Dennison
speaking on
campus
last fall

said. "Unless we make certain that we have the professional people well prepared for the challenges the country will face, we cannot assure our national security."

Dennison believes former Montana Gov. Marc Racicot began the process by telling Bush about Dennison. "However," he said, "many people participated in the review, and I remain ever grateful for their assistance."

—By Brianne Burrowes



Jude and Don
Thomson

UM's Odyssey of the Stars honors Bigfork Summer Playhouse producers

It was 1964 and music major Jude Irvin sat in the University Theatre watching a band rehearsal. She couldn't help noticing a disgruntled student moving up and down the aisles. He was trying to build a stage set and the music rehearsal was definitely hindering his progress.

Fast forward 40 years and you will find that the chance meeting of two School of Fine Arts students has produced one of the most well-known theatrical couples in the Northwest.

UM alumni Jude and Don Thomson, owners and producers of the Bigfork

Summer Playhouse, will return to the theater where they met when they are honored at the School of Fine Arts' fifth annual Odyssey of the Stars—A Celebration of Artistic Journeys. At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2, the University Theatre will come alive with UM and Bigfork Summer Playhouse alumni joining the production to celebrate the careers of Don and Jude. In addition, musical numbers from some of the playhouse's most popular shows will be performed by UM students and surprise guest artists.

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University plans massive egg hunt

On your marks, get set — the fifth annual UM Easter Eggstravaganza is Saturday, March 26, on the Oval.

The year's Easter egg hunt will be bigger and better than ever with 12,000 prize eggs and 25,000 pieces of candy for local youngsters. Sponsors are still needed for the event, which is the area's biggest Easter egg hunt. Last year's Eggstravaganza drew more than a thousand treat seekers.

The hunt will take place in the heart of campus, where children will scour nearly four acres of lawn for age-appropriate candy and prizes. Free and open to the public, the hunt features separate sections for the following age groups: 0-3, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9 years old.

Parents are allowed to help the infants and toddlers collect their goodies, while UM and local high school students will help hand out prizes.

Kids who find maroon, silver and gold eggs will be rewarded with top prizes. In honor of the Eggstravaganza's fifth

anniversary, a special "grand gold" egg will be up for grabs. Prizes include bicycles and shopping sprees at local businesses.

The Eggstravaganza is sponsored by UM's President's Office and University Relations.

102.5 Mountain FM, Southgate Mall The Bookstore at UM, A Carousel for Missoula and KECI-TV.

For information about sponsoring the event, contact Rita Munzenrider, University Relations director, at (406) 243-4824 or rita.munzenrider@mso.umt.edu. 🐰



Scenes from last year's Eggstravaganza



UM internships offer gateways to high-paying jobs

Kara Trummel used to sit in a classroom in UM's School of Business Administration and learn about situations in a business setting. Maybe on one day she would learn about business ethics and on another she might learn about how to market her business so it's profitable. Sure, this is information that can be applied to the real world, but did it teach her something she will take with her forever?

"In the classroom you have a case of what ifs," Trummel said. "In the real world you get to apply them." As an intern at Kennecott Energy in Gillette, Wyo., Trummel worked in the company's human resources office developing an affirmative action plan to help the company increase diversity among its employees. Trummel then used this internship to get a foot in the door interning for Deloitte, one of the "big four" accounting firms, located in Seattle.

At Deloitte, Trummel helped with company audits, ranging from small companies to Fortune 500 firms. This internship eventually led to a job offer she accepted as an entry-level auditor in January.

Although Trummel said she values her college experience, she believes the experience she's gained through her internships is just as valuable. "It's important to have real-world experience

just to know how to work in teams and work with people," she said.

Cheryl Minnick, internship coordinator at UM, said the great thing about the program is the experience you gain and the contacts you make. "Often an internship is the first real-world experience you'll have," she said.

"A lot of time internships don't pay very well, but they're worth their weight in gold," said Sarah Dorr, an intern at UM Intercollegiate Athletics.

Dorr said her experience at UM will help her later in her career. She is moving to Dillon, and because of her internship at UM, is looking at working in the athletic department there.

Dorr isn't the only one who found what she wanted through her internship. Ather Bajwa, who graduated in 2002, works at S.G. Long, a Montana-based broker dealer firm. He began as an intern for the company, working for six months looking at different business portfolios and researching and setting up charts on companies by industry. He then began writing and presenting his own reports and was offered a position at the company when his internship was complete.

Vina Little Owl is another UM student who had the opportunity to apply skills she learned at UM to a real job. She interned at the Nike world headquarters in Beaverton,

Ore. Little Owl was one of 150 interns hired.

"It was the perfect avenue for me to grow professionally," Little Owl said. While at Nike, she worked in the marketing department re-launching the message of Nike Play, a line for toddlers to young teens. This involved working with foreign Nike consultants, as well as those in the United States.

"I was just astounded by Nike's diversity because I'm from Montana, let alone Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, and at Nike I could talk to someone in Japan or with a European accent," Little Owl said.

A.J. Doherty, a UM junior in communication studies who interned at Disney, couldn't agree more. "Working for the company, I put higher expectations on myself," he said.

Like Little Owl, Doherty landed the highly competitive assignment as one of 4,000 students to obtain the internship out of more than 24,000 who applied. Doherty chose an internship with Disney because of its Fortune 500 status and the networking opportunities it would provide.

"(Disney) is such a high-performance place," he said. "There was always a conflict, always something to address everyday."

Sounds like an average day in the workforce. 🐰

— By Brianne Burrowes

Lady Griz Among Elite Programs—Street & Smith's magazine, the bible of college hoops, recently named UM seventh on its list of all-time best women's basketball programs. The list was found in a "Greatest College Basketball Programs" issue. UM and head coach Robin Selvig earned the ranking by winning 20 or more games in 24 of the last 26 seasons. In addition, Montana's 16 regular-season conference championships and 15 conference tournament titles rank second in the nation, trailing only Old Dominion. Also, Selvig's 614-179 record in his 27th season ranks him sixth among active head coaches for winning percentage and 10th in victories.

A University is Born—UM will mark its 112th birthday Thursday, Feb. 17, with a daylong Charter Day celebration to commemorate UM's founding in 1893. Members of the community are invited to attend all events. At noon, UM President George Dennison and his wife, Jane, will serve birthday cake to the public in the University Center atrium. Later, at 5 p.m., the Charter Day awards ceremony and reception will be held in the University Center Ballroom. This year's awards recipients are Benjamin J. Marcus, Tom Roy, John and Sue Talbot, Karen A. Kaufmann, P.J. Shaw Wright, Richard J. Field and Cleo Johnson. For more information on the Charter Day celebration, call Ken Thompson at (406) 243-6439.

New Name for UM Getaway—One of UM's most unique properties, an 18,000 square-foot log and stone mansion on an island in Salmon Lake, has a new name. The former Center at Salmon Lake has been renamed the Montana Island Lodge. "We selected a new name that better describes the uniqueness of a facility located on an island in a pristine lake in Montana," said Jane Fisher, the director of the facility. "It simply better communicates where we are and what it is." The name change will hopefully attract more visitors from farther away for business conferences, executive retreats, wedding parties, family reunions and weekend getaways. For more information, visit <http://www.montanaislandlodge.com>.

New Griz license plates available—Montana Grizzly fans who want to show their spirit on the go now have a new way to do it. The Montana Grizzly Scholarship Association is proud to announce the GSA Griz Plate, which features a bear paw and "GRIZ" in white behind the license number. Proceeds from these plates will benefit UM's Montana Grizzly Scholarship Association. Costs include a \$35 initial fee, followed by an annual \$20 renewal fee. Visit your local Montana motor vehicle department for more information or to purchase these new Griz license plates.



We're On the Map—Of the more than 1,700 four-year, accredited colleges and universities in the United States, only 660 are placed on the National Selective College Locator Map — and UM made the cut. Wintergreen Orchard House, which produces the maps, only showcases institutions that meet criteria for selectivity and size. The maps, which come in national or regional versions, are 24 by 36 inches. For more information, visit <http://www.wintergreenorchardhouse.com>.



UM's Popular Painting—A University-owned painting, John G. Brown's "Boy With Snowball," was chosen for the cover of the Jan. 5 Journal of the American Medical Association. Just last year, the picture of a boy packing a snowball graced the cover of the January/February 2004 issue of Trusteeship, the magazine of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. "Boy With Snowball" is the only Brown work in UM's Montana Museum of Art and Culture, which contains 9,000 original works. The painting was donated to the University in 1952 by Dr. Caroline McGill, one of Montana's first female doctors. Brown (1831-1915) is considered one of the major genre artists of the 19th century. After his death, he was frequently compared to the 20th century's Norman Rockwell.

Museum Features New Exhibit—"Images of Leisure — Works from the Fra Dana Collection" will be on display through March 6 at UM's Montana Museum of Art and Culture. The exhibit takes place in the museum's Paxson and Meloy galleries in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Fra Dana, a rancher's wife who lived near Wyola, studied art in Chicago, New York and Paris, working with some of the greatest American Impressionists. The show includes some of her work and paintings by her teachers and artist friends Joseph Henry Sharp, Alfred Maurer and William Merritt Chase, all leading American painters of the 20th century. A gallery talk titled "Fra Dana: Artist and Collector" will be presented by former curator Dennis Kern and author Ripley Hugo at 6 p.m. Friday, March 4, in the PAR/TV Center lobby. Another gallery talk, "Turn of the Century Leisure and the Rising Middle Class" by UM Associate Professor Valerie Hedquist, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15.

Endowment Offers Money—Proposals are being accepted for the Matthew Hansen Endowment, an award encouraging people to further their goals in historical research, creative writing, wilderness studies or a combination of the three. Awards range from \$400 to \$1,000. The endowment was established in 1984 as a memorial to Matthew Hansen and his ideals. Successful projects will encourage mindful stewardship of the land and contribute to the preservation of Montana's heritage. Proposals must be postmarked by March 1. For more information, call (406) 243-5361 or write the Matthew Hansen Endowment, Wilderness Institute, College of Forestry and Conservation, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

Former Griz Sets Mark—Scott McGowan, a former All-American for the Griz track team, became the first Montanan to break the four-minute-mile barrier on Jan. 29. McGowan clocked in at 3 minutes, 58.91 seconds during the Reebok Indoor Games in Boston. The Poplar native finished seventh in a race loaded with elite runners.

He's 'Tremendous'—Trey Young, a standout safety for the Griz football team during 1999-2002, has landed a two-year contract with the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League. He will report for training camp in May, and the CFL season kicks off in June. Young was MVP of the Big Sky Conference and Griz Defensive Player of the Year in 2002 and an essential component of the 2001 national championship team. He also worked for UM's University Relations office for a year after graduation, so he's near and dear to our hearts. Way to go, Trey! 🐻

UM foreign students share culture with community

Explaining perceptions of foreign citizens to Americans can take a lot of effort, says a UM international student from France.

"There is a lot of work that could be done to show Americans that the world is a complex thing and that different does not mean bad — or worse — evil," said Jean-Bertrand Ribat.

A few of UM's foreign students are connecting the international community with Missoula and the University. They are involved in the Foreign Student and Scholar Services Speakers Bureau, which is designed to help students share their culture with classes and civic groups in the community.

UM has 419 foreign students from 73 countries on campus this year. During spring and summer of 2004, 23 students participated in the Speakers Bureau, said Yukari Zednick, an administrative associate in Foreign Student and Scholar Services.

During UM orientation, foreign students learn about public speaking around

campus and Missoula. A questionnaire asks students if they brought any traditional clothing or artifacts with them to UM and if they are willing to share these with others. Between 80 and 90 percent of students indicated interest, Zednick said.

The amount of student involvement and what material is presented is based on community requests.

"I think it's really important that people in the United States meet people from overseas," Zednick said. "When you live in a little community like Missoula, you don't have that opportunity to hear other perspectives."

Requests from people in the community were broad. Some students talked in classrooms about their culture, while others translated documents into or from their native language. One group of students presented African dances to a Girl Scout troop and another student talked about Islam to a Lutheran church group.

Martin Twer, a German student, spoke

to a UM political science class with 150 students about Germany and its context in the European Union. He covered issues like current development in Germany's domestic politics, population and economic developments, social and tax systems, and current government.

Twer found his experience rewarding, and he hopes that through the Speakers Bureau more people can better understand the international community.

"I think having so many international students and scholars on campus is a great opportunity for any class to broaden the horizon of education and provide different perspectives," he said. "It is good for us foreign students to have the experience to talk to larger groups in a more or less formal setting, and beneficial for American students to get more exposure to international perspectives."

Community members interested in submitting a request for a foreign student volunteer can call (406) 243-2226. 📞

— By Brianne Burrowes

Faculty Recital—Feb. 22. Robert LedBetter, percussion, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, \$6/general, \$4/students and seniors. Information, (406) 243-6882.

Art Exhibit—Feb. 25-March 26, "Mary Ann Kelly: Drawings" and "Katie Knight: What Hangs in the Balance." 11 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F, Gallery of Visual Arts. Information, (406) 243-2813.

Faculty Recital—Feb. 25. Steven Hesla, piano, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Information, (406) 243-6880.

UM Concert Band Festival—Feb. 28-March 1, free. University Theatre.

UM Events

Information, (406) 243-6880.

President's Lecture Series—Feb. 28, "The New Genetics: A Visit from Prometheus or Pandora?" by Kevin T. Fitzgerald, 8 p.m., Montana Theatre. Information, (406) 243-2981 or (406) 243-2311.

Play—March 1-5 and 8-12. "Much Ado About Nothing," 7:30 p.m., Masquer Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center, \$11/general, \$10

students and seniors, \$5/children 12 and under. Information, (406) 243-4481.

Concert—March 4, UM Jazz Bands, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre, \$5/general, \$3/students and seniors. Information, (406) 243-6880.

Recital—March 5, Juli Ann Herbert, flute, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free. Information, (406) 243-6880.

Spring Dance Showcase—March 8-12, 7:30 p.m., Open Space, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center, also 2 p.m. March 12. Information, (406) 243-4581.

Star Odyssey — continued

A popular event benefiting the School of Fine Arts scholarship fund, Odyssey features fine arts alumni who have gone on to successful careers in the arts in concert with current students who dream of just such careers. This year's event spotlights the Department of Drama/Dance and will feature more than 200 outstanding UM student performers. For sponsorship and ticket information, contact the School of

Fine Arts at (406) 243-4971 or e-mail sfadean@mso.umt.edu.

The Thomsons' love affair with the Bigfork Summer Playhouse began in 1964. In that eventful summer, Department of Drama/Dance Chair Bo Brown hired Don Thomson to design and build scenery, and Jude Irvin to serve as musical director at the summer theater. Hundreds of shows later and with a roster of Bigfork Summer Playhouse alumni that stretches from Broadway to Hollywood, the number of lives enriched

by the Thomsons' love of theater is endless. Audiences have thrilled to their productions, including "Crazy for You," "Chicago," "Guys and Dolls" and last summer's hit production of "Cats."

Jude and Don have undertaken almost every role imaginable at the playhouse, including producer, director, builder, musician, box office manager, mentor and caretaker. Under their direction, the theater has grown from humble beginnings into one of the premier summer theaters in the country. 📞



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