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# Main Hall to Main Street

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## Building name honors UM's fifth president

A former campus leader has finally received the recognition he's due after The University of Montana restored a building to its rightful name last month.

The Science Complex now will be known as the Charles H. Clapp Building. Few have known that the building on the southeast edge of campus has been named for UM's fifth president since its construction more than three decades ago, and current President George Dennison decided it was time to rectify the oversight.

The building was officially named for Clapp during Homecoming 1971, and a plaque was installed in the foyer. But through the years the building has been known as the Science Complex, reinforced by a sign reading as such out front. That changed Commencement weekend when Dennison unveiled a new sign bearing Clapp's name.

An accomplished scientist and administrator, Clapp served as University president from 1921 to 1935, when he died in office. He was the longest-serving president in UM history until Dennison broke Clapp's almost-15-year record a year ago.

Clapp's three surviving children — Frank Clapp, Lucie Clapp Hagens and Peggy Clapp Smurr — traveled from their homes in California — to attend the ceremony. They were joined by a handful of Clapp grandchildren



UM President George Dennison (left) and Frank Clapp, son of Charles H. Clapp, the University's fifth president during 1921-35

and great-grandchildren, as well as members of the campus and Missoula communities.

"I believe it entirely fitting that we complete the effort initiated by President Robert Pantzer in 1971 to recognize one of the University's greatest and most-effective presidents," Dennison said. "Charles Clapp not only held the University together during very difficult times, but he undertook initiatives to assure its continued development, thereby assuring its future."

Clapp guided UM through the lean Depression years, at one point taking a 20 percent pay cut along with the faculty, even after his own budget committee suggested he not be subjected to it.

His tenure was marked by the most extensive building period in UM history, Dennison noted during the ceremony. The original Dornblaser Field, located where the Mansfield Library now sits, was built with \$25,000 in private funds raised by Clapp. Several residence halls, the Social Science Building, the Fine Arts Building and Schreiber Gym were all built during the Clapp era.

At age 51, Clapp died of cancer on May 9, 1935, after running the University from his hospital bed for many weeks.

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## University breaks ground on biomedical research addition

Several symbolic shovelfuls of dirt on May 26 cleared the way for a new biomedical research addition to UM's Skaggs Building.

President George Dennison and representatives of the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences (formerly the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences) spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony, which was attended by more than a hundred people.

The 59,000-square-foot addition will provide the college with adequate space

for its extensive research programs. It will house interdisciplinary labs, conference rooms, an electronic classroom, a kindergarten-through-12th-grade learning center (or "exploratorium"), a tiered classroom and student support areas.

Major funding for the \$14 million project came from campus-based revenue bonds, the ALSAM Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and the Poe Family Trust.

"It is remarkable, I think, that of the top 20 institutions receiving NIH grants

and contracts in 2004, UM is the only one located in a state without a medical school," said Dean David Forbes. "Clearly, our scientists are a serious national — even international — force in the investigation of health issues."

Vernon Grund, chair of the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, said, "We are creating the best biomedical research facility between Minneapolis and Seattle."

Forbes said faculty

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## VP heads west for new job

UM Executive Vice President Bob Frazier has accepted a position as vice president for external affairs at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

Frazier left UM in May after 15 years as executive assistant to UM President George Dennison. During that time he served UM in many capacities, from lobbying at the Montana Legislature to overseeing the University's highly successful logo and product-licensing program, among other marketing efforts. Since last November, Frazier also had served as interim dean of UM's Helena College of Technology.

"I find it difficult to think about the University without Bob's presence and assistance," Dennison said. "His contributions span the multi-campus University, which he helped to coordinate from its beginning in the mid-'90s, and little on the Missoula campus occurred without his involvement. He can say, as he moves on to a new challenge, that he has truly made a difference."

During his UM tenure, Frazier oversaw campuswide efforts to increase the visibility of UM by improving graphic images and advancing licensing of the Montana Grizzlies logo, which has become one of the top 50 sellers among colleges and universities represented by the Atlanta-based Collegiate Licensing Co.

In addition, Frazier initiated efforts to revive the long-dormant University of Montana Press, co-authoring one of the first books published under that label, "Charles Fritz, An Artist With the Corps of Discovery."

Frazier has worked in higher education for more than 26 years and previously worked at Montana State University. During most of his tenure with UM, he served as a member of the multi-campus Executive Committee, holding the additional title of University Executive Vice President, and coordinated the interrelationships of the four campuses. 🐻



Frazier

## Top scholars run in families

Presidential Leadership Scholarships are among the most prestigious awards presented by UM. Students earning one receive a four-year tuition waiver plus an additional \$5,000 to \$7,500 per year. Basically, it's a full ride.

Most families would consider it an honor to have one Presidential Leadership Scholar, but four Montana families have each been blessed with two.

One of the first of these coveted awards went to Jill Price, who graduated from UM in 1994 with dual degrees in finance and accounting. She still lives in Missoula, working at a small financial planning firm.

Following in the family footsteps, her sister Gayle Price came to UM and used her award to double-major in economics and political science. Gayle, a junior, just completed an active year as Associated Students of UM president.

In another brainy family, Kelly Hughes of Missoula just graduated with a double major in English/creative writing and political science. She is bound for the University of Chicago to study civil rights law this fall.

The other Presidential Scholar in the Hughes family, Leslie, will join UM as a freshman this fall. A top-ranked student at Missoula's Sentinel High School,

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### Radio-TV Students Dominate—

Students in the UM Radio-Television Department swept the television categories in the recent Region 10 Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards. In all, 19 UM students or student-produced programs were winners. The awards were presented May 7 at the annual SPJ convention in Seattle. Region 10 of SPJ includes schools in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Each year SPJ presents the Mark of Excellence Awards to honor the best in student journalism. The awards offer 45 categories for print, radio, television and online collegiate journalism. National winners will be named at the upcoming 2005 SPJ National Convention in Las Vegas.



**Students Score Scholarships**—Four UM students earned prestigious Morris K. Udall Scholarships this year — more than any other institution in the country since the scholarship program started in 1996. With four of the 80 Udall Scholarships awarded nationally this year coming to UM, the University broke a tie with Cornell for the No. 1 position. Winning students who will receive \$5,000 scholarships are Zachary Benson of Colstrip; Marcia St. Goddard of Browning; John Powell of Muncie, Ind.; and Jeffrey Ross of Rivers, Manitoba. Udalls are merit-based scholarships to college sophomores and juniors who have demonstrated outstanding potential and a commitment to pursuing careers related to the environment, tribal public policy or health care.

**Student Earns National Post**—Meagan Brock, a UM senior in psychology and communication studies, recently was named one of six national Mortar Board student advisers. Brock grew up in San Gabriel, Calif., and graduated from Temple City High School in Temple City, Calif. She was selected as one of the student advisers by Diane Selby, executive director of the Mortar Board National Office. Because Brock attended the 2004 Mortar Board National Conference, she was eligible to become a student adviser. Her duties will include planning the 2005 meeting, assisting with programs and activities at the conference and serving as a mentor to incoming Mortar Board advisers.

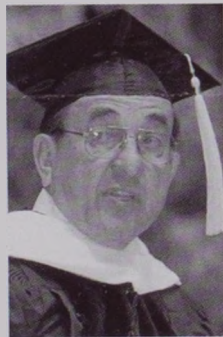
**National Geographic Professor**—UM photojournalism Professor Teresa Tamura recently was chosen as a 2005 National Geographic magazine faculty fellowship recipient. The only one to receive the award this year, Tamura is the 14th person selected since the fellowship was created. When Tamura leaves for National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C., later this month, she will carry with her questions from her students about the magazine process. She will have the opportunity to learn all facets of magazine production, including conceptualizing and planning a magazine story, photography assignments, photo engineering, editing, layout and art production. A former staff photographer at the Seattle Times, Tamura plans to bring what she learns at National Geographic back to her UM classroom via an electronic presentation.

**Timber Training Generosity**—Plum Creek Timber Co., the largest owner of private timberland in Montana, has donated \$250,000 to UM's College of Forestry and Conservation. The

gift will support the college's Natural Resources Measurement Camp. The two-week camp is held each summer at the University's Lubrecht Experimental Forest 30 miles northwest of Missoula. Forestry and conservation students typically attend the camp following their freshman year.

About 75 students participate to gain hands-on experience in field observation and measurements that deal with forest stands, soils, water, wildlife, recreation, insects, disease and other natural resource topics. The college will use the Plum Creek gift to acquire state-of-the-art equipment for educational programs at the camp. The donation also will cover transportation costs and support participation by CFC faculty members.

**Highest UM Award**—Joe McDonald, president of Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, received UM's highest recognition — an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters — during May 14 Commencement ceremonies. The UM alumnus also delivered the send-off address to the graduating class of 2005. A prominent national leader in American Indian education and higher education, McDonald founded Salish Kootenai College on the Flathead Reservation in 1978, and he has served as its president ever since. He also serves as president of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, which helps maintain standards of quality in Indian education and supports the development of tribal colleges, as well as legislation and policymaking to support Indian higher education. In addition, he serves on the boards of the American Council on Education and the American Indian College Fund.



McDonald

**Degree for a Healthier Tomorrow**—UM soon will offer a new instructional program leading to a Master in Public Health degree. Once accredited, UM's MPH program will be the only one of its kind in Montana and the surrounding states. The program will focus on rural and global health issues as it educates and prepares professionals for public health research and practice in Montana, rural America and developing countries around the world. Scheduled to begin in the 2005-06 academic year, the program will embrace the core competencies required for a successful public health program, including courses in epidemiology, biostatistics, social and behavioral sciences, health services administration and environmental health sciences.

**Planning for Success**—College students with an idea about providing alternative financing to auto dealers won the \$5,000 top award during a recent UM business plan competition. The winning team — Nels Pearson, Camila Hoff and Erica Nottingham of Billings — was one of 35 to pitch ideas during the 16th Annual John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition. Organized by the UM School of Business Administration, the competition encourages students to turn their business ideas into successful ventures. Thirty-five teams submitted plans to the competition this year, and 12 were invited to compete in the semifinal round at UM on May 12. The winning team, Great Northern Auto Finance, developed a plan for providing an onsite financing alternative to independent automobile dealers at auctions. The overall goal of the competition is to develop Montana entrepreneurs.

**UM Difference Maker**—Nancy Borgmann, UM's director of equal opportunity and affirmative action since 1987, will retire June 30. In May the state's Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee for Women presented Borgmann with the 2005 Excellence in Leadership Award for her longtime efforts to promote the career advancement of women in the public sector. UM President George Dennison said that Borgmann helped increase the number of women faculty and their distribution over the ranks — with more women rising to professor and associate professor. "Nancy has served the University with distinction, and we will sorely miss her when she leaves," Dennison said. "To identify someone to carry forward the work that Nancy began, we launched a national search earlier this year." Her replacement will be Eleanor Law, a California attorney with years of experience in employment law who adjudicates employment discrimination cases and trains consumers on EEO laws and procedure.

**Four Emmy Nods**—Montana PBS producers and programs recently received four regional Emmy nominations from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences-Northwest Chapter. "Backroads of Montana" received two nominations, and the PBS programs "Voices Carry: Missoula's International Choral Festival" and "The Chunkers of Pumpkins" each received a nod as well. The regional Emmy winners will be honored June 25 in Seattle.

**Student Documentary Honored**—The UM radio-television department's Student Documentary Unit also received a regional Emmy nomination. Judges nominated the 2004 student documentary "Testing Times: Montana's Struggle to Leave No Child Behind" for the Student Emmy Award. The program tackled the effects on Montana pupils and educators of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The program was produced by Dax VanFossen, who now is an anchor and reporter at KCFW-TV in Kalispell. It was directed by Marina Mackrow, who now works for Fox Sports Northwest in Seattle. A dozen other students also were involved in the production.

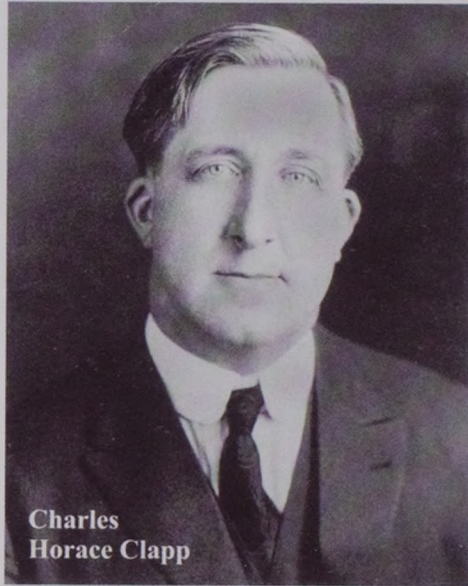
**Fast Track to Finland**—Sociology Assistant Professor Rebecca Richards received a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and do research at the University of Joensuu in Finland during the 2005-06 academic year. Richards will help develop and teach a course in the sociology of non-wood product harvesting for the forestry school and study wild berry harvesting in Finland. She is one of about 800 faculty members and professionals from the United States who will travel abroad to more than 140 countries for the 2005-06 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program.

**Center Doles Out Awards**—UM's Center for Leadership Development recently presented Michael Parrish with the Outstanding Student Leader Award and UM's International Student Association with the Sentinel Service Award. Parrish, who attended high school in Missoula, studies anthropology with a cultural and ethnic diversity emphasis. Parrish is the service-learning coordinator for UM's Office for Civic Engagement and a team leader for AmeriCorps. UM's International Student Association received the Sentinel Service Award, which includes a \$500 check from the UM President's Office and UM Foundation Excellence Fund and a plaque. The association promotes diversity in the campus community. 🍓

## Clapp Building — continued

The Clapp name became popular again on campus three years ago when the former president's survivors donated a manuscript on the University's history to the Mansfield Library. The never-published history, "Narrative of Montana State University, 1893-1935," was written by Mary Brennan Clapp, a longtime UM faculty member and the wife of Charles Clapp. The manuscript — planned for publication within the next two years by The University of Montana Press — covers UM's beginnings and the terms of its first five presidents.

Mrs. Clapp was told there was no money to print her history when she finished it in 1961, and it was still unpublished when she died in 1966. 📖



Charles  
Horace Clapp

## Biomedical Addition — continued

in the college are studying many major, modern-day medical problems, with particular emphasis on environmental health, cardiovascular and neuroscience issues, and health issues related to bioterrorism.

He said the college is grateful to L.S. "Sam" Skaggs for his continued support. Contributions from Skaggs' ALSAM Foundation and Albertson's have totaled \$11.7 million — \$8.2 million to fund construction of the Skaggs Building in 1998 and a recent \$3.5 million gift for the new building addition, which made a challenge grant from NIH possible.

The college's pharmacy school was renamed the Skaggs School of Pharmacy in honor of its top donor in March 2005. It is the first named school at UM. 📖

## Sister Act — continued

the younger Hughes gained the attention of the scholarship reviewers with her many accomplishments, but stood out for her work in Sentinel's Introduction to Exceptionalities Class, in which students teach special education students basic life skills. Hughes intends to major in journalism.

In another top scholar family, Shasta Grenier graduated in 2001 with a degree in English literature. She went on to earn her master's degree in English literature at the University of British Columbia. She now lives in Bozeman, working on documentary films and doing freelance editing. Her sister, Liz Grenier,

is a UM sophomore studying Arabic and volunteering in the Community Gardens. She hopes to study French her junior year.

Finally, Hilary and Emily Martins will have an opportunity not afforded other sisters — to be enrolled in UM's Davidson Honors College at the same time. Hilary will be a junior in the fall, while Emily starts as a freshman.

Hilary, a physics major and music

composition minor, soon will work with a plasma physicist at Mullard Space Science Laboratory in London, where she will assist with the Cassini space probe at Saturn, analyzing electron and ion data from Saturn's magnetosphere.



Presidential Leadership Scholars (left to right) Kelly and Leslie Hughes and Emily and Hilary Martins, all graduates of Missoula's Sentinel High School

Her sister Emily, another top-ranked Sentinel High student, hopes to major in elementary education.

"These eight Montana women are exceptional and embody the qualities required of our Presidential Leadership Scholars," said Betsy Bach, interim dean of the Davidson Honors College. "They prove that sisters can share many things — including academic talent." 📖

## UM Events

**First UM summer session** — through June 24.

**Art exhibit — through June 26.** "Contemporary Native American Art — Reflections After Lewis and Clark," Meloy and Paxson galleries, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, free. Information, (406) 243-2019.

**Art lecture — June 23.** "Indian Traditions in Contemporary Indian Art," noon, Meloy and Paxson galleries, Montana Museum of Art and Culture. Information, (406) 243-2019.

**Second UM summer session — June 27-July 29.** second five-week session. Call (406) 243-6014 for information.

**Holiday — July 4** UM offices closed.  
**Art exhibit — July 12-Aug. 25.** "Montana Art Treasures: Millikan and Meloy Collections," Meloy and Paxson galleries, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, free. Information, (406) 243-2019.

**Art lecture — July 14.** "Profile of a Generous Collector: Gilbert Millikan," noon, Meloy and Paxson galleries, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, free.

**Concert — Aug. 3.** Alison Krauss and Union Station, 8 p.m. tickets \$43.50 and \$33.50, at GrizTix outlets, Adams Center. Information, (406) 243-5321.



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