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UM aids students displaced by Hurricane Katrina

When Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast and swamped

New Orleans on Aug. 29, Heidi Fanslow never dreamed people fleeing the disaster would surface way up north in Montana.

Fanslow, director of admissions for The University of Montana law school, has worked nonstop in the days since the hurricane to help four displaced law students continue their studies in Missoula.

"People have been calling me on the road in tears, not knowing what day it is, wondering what they are going to do," she said. "They are arriving exhausted and traumatized, and we've worked to make sure they don't have to

worry about the basic necessities the rest of us take for granted."



The law school's Heidi Fanslow and some donations for displaced students.

The disaster shut down New Orleans' two law schools at Loyola and Tulane. Fanslow said UM agreed to take in two Loyola students — a first-year and a third-year — as well as two second-year students from Tulane.

"UM and Gonzaga were the first law schools in the country to accept first-year law students affected by the hurricane," she said.

The UM law school generally caps first-year enrollment at 85 students, but

Fanslow said they were glad to squeeze in the Loyola

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Radio-television professor earns major honor

Denise Dowling, an assistant professor in the radio-television department at UM, has been named the most promising new journalism professor in the country by a national education group.

Dowling was honored by the Mass Communication and Society Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

The division sponsors a contest each year to honor excellence in teaching by faculty members who have taught for fewer than five years. Applications are judged by journalism professors around the country.

She was nominated by Jerry Brown, dean of the UM journalism school, who wrote, "In my 30-plus years of professional and academic work, I have never known a professional journalist who has made the transition from newsroom to classroom as swiftly and successfully."

AJEMC presented the award to Dowling during the organization's national convention in San Antonio in August. While at the convention, she presented a workshop to share her teaching strategies, philosophy and techniques with other educators.

Dowling started teaching at UM in 2000 after a 20-year career in broadcast news. She has created several new courses and won numerous grants and research contracts. Her students also have won nearly every award given to college journalists.

A 1978 graduate of Helena High School, Dowling spent 16 years working in television and radio news in Spokane, Wash., at KHQ and KXLY in the 1980s and '90s.



Dowling

University remembers fallen soldier



Hyland

In August UM lost a loyal friend and member of the Griz family — a guy who used to set off the cannon at home football games. He was reserved, honest and dependable: someone others would trust their lives with. He was 1st Lt. Joshua Hyland.

"He was one of the mentors among his class because people trusted him," said Maj. Phillip McCutcheon, assistant professor in UM's Department of Military Science. "They knew he wouldn't lead them astray."

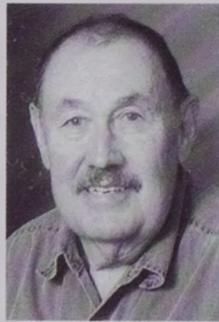
And up until Hyland's death, he was a man others in his division could depend on. On Sunday, Aug. 1, he was in a Humvee with three other soldiers when a bomb strapped underneath a bridge

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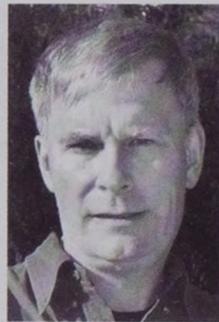
Homecoming to honor UM distinguished alumni

The UM Alumni Association's highest honor will go to three UM graduates during the 2005 Homecoming celebration Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

This year's Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are Bruce D. Crippen of Billings; James Grady of Silver Spring, Md.; and Deborah Doyle McWhinney of Tiburon, Calif.



Crippen



Grady



McWhinney

The Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, in the University Center Ballroom. A reception will follow. The public is invited to both events.

Crippen, a Billings attorney, earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from UM in 1956 and a juris doctorate in 1959. From 1981 to 1999, Crippen served as a senator in the Montana State Legislature and is the only senator from Yellowstone County to be named president of the Montana Senate. During his time in the Senate, he also served as minority whip, minority leader and president pro-tempore.

In the 1970s, Crippen developed Billings' Rimrock Mall, often referred to as the first "middle America" shopping mall in Montana.

While attending UM, Crippen was

a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and of Silent Sentinel, a senior honorary society. He has served as chair of the Public Service Board of Billings, director of the Billings Yellowstone Art Center and the Billings YMCA, president of United Way of Yellowstone County, and adviser of Eagle Mount, a nonprofit organization that provides recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

In 1995, Crippen received the Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award at UM's Charter Day celebration. He and his wife, Mary, have four children: Ken, Gretchen, Kirsten and Clay.

Grady, a native of Shelby, received a bachelor's degree in journalism at UM in 1972. He was a staff aide for the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention. At age 24, Grady sold his first novel, "Six

Days of the Condor," later made into the movie "Three Days of the Condor." That same year he left for Washington, D.C., where he served as an aide to Montana Sen. Lee Metcalf and then later worked as an investigative reporter for nationally syndicated columnist Jack Anderson.

Grady has published 13 novels and many short stories. His writing has won literary awards in France and Italy. Grady's film

and television credits include cable feature movie scripts, episodes for a dramatic series and original screen plays. He also served as a consultant for the CBS Movie of the Week. Grady lives in Silver Spring, Md., with his wife, Bonnie. They have two children, Rachel and Nathan.

McWhinney, a native of Missoula, earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies at UM in 1977. She is the president of Schwab Institutional, a division of Charles Schwab & Company Inc., which she joined in 2001. Before joining Schwab, McWhinney served as group president for Engage Media Services and executive vice president at Visa International. She also spent 17 years with Bank of America Corporation, where

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UM parade outgrows Missoula

UM's Homecoming parade — the largest in Montana — has gotten too big. Last year, with about 145 entries, the parade backed up traffic across the Madison Street Bridge near campus all the way onto Interstate 90.

So this year Bill Johnston, Alumni Association director, and Sharon Palmer, Homecoming parade coordinator, decided the big event will be run differently.

Ken Thompson, UMAA on-campus events coordinator, said it will still run down Higgins Avenue in the heart of Missoula. But then only entries with direct UM ties will turn down University Avenue. The rest will be diverted into the nearby Slant Street Neighborhood.

Thompson said this should prevent any further traffic snafus.

"We also don't expect quite as many entries because it's not an election year," he said. "It will be the same parade, but we're going to split it so it disperses more quickly."

Thompson will take entries through Sept. 23, so if you would like to participate, call (406) 243-4236.

Homecoming 2005 events will run from Sunday, Sept. 25, to Saturday, Oct. 1. This year's theme is "Treasure the Past, Embrace the Future." Following is a schedule:

Sunday, Sept. 25—1-3 p.m., Homecoming Kickoff Celebration, Southgate Mall Clock Court.

Thursday, Sept. 29—10 a.m., Homecoming Art Fair,

University Center Atrium (continues through Friday); 5 p.m., Homecoming Buffet, Lommasson Center Food Zoo,

public welcome, \$8.50; 5 p.m., International Alumni Reunion Dinner, Lommasson Center Food Zoo.

Friday, Sept. 30—11:30 a.m., Class of 1965 Luncheon, UC 330-332; noon, Alpha Phi Reunion, lunch at Jakers; 1:30 p.m., Class of 1965 Class Photo, on the Oval near Grizzly statue; 2 p.m., UM Campaign Announcement for Campus and Community, UC Theater; 4 p.m., department open houses — Adams Center Hall of Champions, Education Building Room 110, Gallagher Business Building Gianchetta Piazza, Skaggs Building Room 340, Law Building Pope Room, Lommasson Center Room 219 and Journalism Building library; 6 p.m., Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony, UC Ballroom; 8 p.m., Singing on the Steps, Pep Rally and Lighting of the M, meet at Main Hall; 9 p.m., Alumni Social and Dance, Holiday Inn Parkside.

Saturday, Oct. 1—7:45 a.m., Tri Delt Breakfast and Annual Meeting, University Congregational Church; 10 a.m., Homecoming Parade, Higgins to University; 11 a.m., Wesley House Tailgate, Washington-Grizzly Stadium; 11 a.m., Recent Grads Tailgate Party, look for the UMAA hot air balloon; noon, International Alumni Reunion Tailgate, the International House; 1 p.m., UM Grizzlies vs. Weber State, Washington-Grizzly Stadium; 6 p.m., Pharmacy Class of '65 dinner, Missoula Country Club; 6 p.m., International Alumni Reunion Gala Dinner, UC Ballroom. ☺

Enrollment Jumps—Summer enrollment at the University jumped 41 students from a year ago, with most of that increase coming from out-of-state. The 2005 student headcount was 3,251, compared to 3,210 last summer — a 1.2 percent increase. However, there were more part-time students and fewer full-time students this summer, so the number of full-time equivalents (FTEs) actually declined by 1.4 percent when compared to 2004. Summer enrollments combined with those during the two academic-year semesters make up the fiscal year total. Based on current projections, it appears enrollment should rebound in the fall.

Tickets for Kids—Six former UM football players joined forces recently to create GrizKidz, a nonprofit program to provide opportunities for financially disadvantaged children in Missoula to attend Grizzly home football games. The goal of the program is for Griz football ticket holders to donate tickets that would otherwise go unused for distribution to such children. Founding members of GrizKidz are former Griz football standouts Matt Clark, Thad Huse, Mike McGowan, Mike Rankin, Tim Polich and Bryan Tripp. Drop boxes are located at the Press Box, the Montana Club, Paradise Falls, Stockman's Bar, the UM ticket office and all First Security Banks. Donations need to be in pairs or more (for chaperone purposes) and should be dropped off by Thursday at 5 p.m. before each home game.

Fulbright to Honduras—UM law faculty member and Legal Counsel David Aronofsky recently returned from Honduras, where he taught a class on a Fulbright Senior Specialist grant. The two-week technology law course was taught to two-dozen upper-level law and business students and professors at the Central America Technological University Law School in Tegucigalpa. Aronofsky taught the class in Spanish, covering freedom of expression and the Internet, online consumer protection, data privacy, Internet jurisdiction and misuse cases, among other issues. The Honduran course used court decisions and other materials from Latin America, the European Union and the United States. Besides teaching, Aronofsky also explored creating a new e-commerce and technology law center in Tegucigalpa with UM assistance, in anticipation of the U.S.-Central American Free Trade Agreement, which takes effect Nov. 1.



University Magazine Honored—UM's magazine, the Montanan, recently won a national award for excellence from the Association of Educational Publishers. The Montanan won the Distinguished Achievement Award in the Most Improved Magazine category in AEP's 2005 competition. Editor Joan Melcher of University Relations led a yearlong redesign effort that premiered with the fall 2004 issue of the magazine. The Montanan is mailed three times a year to more than 65,000 UM alumni and friends. The Montanan beat out three other magazines, including the Penn Stater, to win the prestigious award. The Montanan also was named a finalist in two similar categories in competition sponsored by the Association of Western Publishers.

Web Site Gets Noticed—The University's Web site ushered in the new academic year with a slate of improvements, including streamlined navigation and layout, new graphics and photos and a featured link section. Educause, an organization for information technology in higher education, recently selected UM as its "Site of the Week." The feature showcases sites that are "well-designed, visually appealing and easy to use." To see the site yourself, visit <http://www.umt.edu/>.

Broadcasting Brilliance—UM broadcast journalism students Beth Saboe and Tim Reilly recently won the E.B. Craney Award for noncommercial radio program of the year from the Montana Broadcasters Association and Greater Montana Foundation. They were recognized for their work on UM's Legislative News project during this year's legislative session in Helena. Saboe of Sidney and Reilly of Gallatin Gateway produced daily radio reports that aired on more than 50 radio stations across Montana. Another student production, "Montana Journal: Small Towns in the Big Sky II," was runner-up in the noncommercial television program of the year category.

Silk Road Exhibit—The national traveling exhibition "Ancient Threads, Newly Woven: Recent Art from China's Silk Road" will be at the Montana Museum of Art and Culture through Oct. 15. The exhibition highlights works by contemporary artists living and working in the Silk Road cities of Xi'an, Lanzhou, Dunhuang, Urumqi and Kashgar. The museum is located in UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 4 to 8:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, UM faculty member Ardeshir Kia will speak at the museum on the history of art along the Silk Road.

Expanded Parking Options—UM's Park-N-Ride system has expanded services this year. A new lot on East Broadway offers a North Park-N-Ride shuttle service that runs every 15 minutes to the Adams Center. Park-N-Ride South offers buses every 10 minutes from the Dornblaser lots and is free and open to the public.

Endowed Position—UM celebrated the new John J. Craighead Chair in Wildlife Biology during a Sept. 9 public reception. Friends, associates and former students of Craighead provided \$2.5 million to endow the position, which UM intends to fill in the 2007-08 academic year by hiring a scientist of Craighead's stature. Craighead led UM's Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit for 25 years and was named by National Geographic as one of this century's most eminent scientists. His advances led to use of research radio collars on species all over the world.

Tribal Learning—Through a new multicultural education project, students at Missoula's Lewis and Clark Elementary School will learn more about nearby American Indian tribes. The project was made possible by a \$7,000 Community Action Grant awarded to the American Association of University Women Missoula Branch from the national AAUW Foundation and by a \$3,000 grant from the Montana Committee for the Humanities. The goal of the project is to bring the wealth of indigenous knowledge of the Salish, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai tribes to area teachers and their students. During workshops, American Indian educators, UM faculty members and elementary teachers will design and develop materials and processes to incorporate into K-5 curricula. For more information about the project, call (406) 721-4691 or (406) 728-2400 ext. 4350. 🐻

Displaced Students — continued

student. She said it's easier to accommodate the second- and third-year students, adding that the cut-off date for new admissions is Sept. 12.

Fanslow said that, whenever possible, existing financial aid the students had in place will be shifted to UM. "But the first-year student from Loyola was on a full-ride scholarship, and we will honor that," she said. "We also have contacted textbook manufacturers who have agreed to supply textbooks to the students at no cost."

Fanslow also has worked to personally ensure the students feel welcome and sheltered. For instance, she called Missoula attorney friends to get them to donate stacks of clothing. She also called area businesses to help with



Eason

essentials, receiving donations from the Orange St. Food Farm, Trail Head, Regis Salon and Worden's Market to Bath & Body Works and the Good Food Store have donated. Quality Supply Inc. and Go Fetch even helped provide food for the four dogs owned by the displaced students.

Fanslow said a clothing donation came with a card, new bracelet and note that said, "I will take you shopping if there is anything you need."

The law school employee also helped facilitate an internship for the third-year student from Loyola with the Missoula County Attorney's Office. And she recently learned a woman who lives in Missoula's Rattlesnake neighborhood but works in Helena during the week has offered up her home to the Tulane students "for as long as they need."

"We all send money off to the big organizations," Fanslow said, "but I feel better whenever I can personally help somebody. It's not often in life you can see an immediate benefit and positive impact on somebody."

Besides the law students, UM also is helping a biology undergraduate student named Mia Eason continue her studies. Eason had attended the University of New Orleans before contacting UM about enrolling in Missoula. She and her boyfriend, Jim Marchiano, left the Big Easy with nothing but clothes, their cat, important papers and a laptop computer.

Jed Liston, UM associate vice president for Enrollment Services, said UM can't waive all fees for Eason, but a financial-aid package is being arranged.

"These are extraordinary circumstances," Liston said, "so we wanted to make sure they had a nice landing point when they got here." 🐾

Soldier Remembered — continued

in Afghanistan exploded, killing all four. Hyland was 31.

Even before serving in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, Hyland was a star among his peers. He already had been out in the real world and had created his own business, which gave him a lot of credibility, McCutcheon said.

A Distinguished Military Graduate, Hyland was ranked in the highest 20 percent of the nation's ROTC students. In 2003 he received the Marshall Award, an honor given by Universities nationwide to the best ROTC senior at each institution.

After the 9-11 attacks, Hyland, who had already been enlisted, signed up for UM's ROTC program on Sept. 12, 2001.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a management emphasis in 2002. The following year, while finishing his master's in business administration, he was the cadet battalion commander of his fellow ROTC students.

Because of his sacrifice, Hyland's family members were presented the Bronze Star for bravery and meritorious service and the Purple Heart, for those who have died in service to their country.

"He realized there was a threat out there and he voluntarily put himself in that situation for the betterment of others," McCutcheon said. "The numbers of deaths on the TV aren't just numbers, they're the Josh Hylands of their communities." 🐾

—By Brianne Burrowes

Distinguished Alumni — continued

she helped establish trends that continue to influence banking today.

In 2002, she was appointed by President Bush to the board of directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. McWhinney was listed as one of the "100 Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business" by the San Francisco Business Times in April 2005. She is executive adviser to the Hitachi

HDS and Hitachi Limited board and executive team.

McWhinney is past chair of the UM Foundation Board of Trustees and an emeritus member of the University's Business Advisory Council and the Alumni Association's board of directors. While attending UM, she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and a UM Advocate. She lives in Tiburon, Calif., and is the mother of two daughters, Aidan and Megan. 🐾

UM Events

Board of Regents meeting — Sept. 21-23. Montana State University—Billings, schedule at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwbor/dateinfo.html>.

American Indian Heritage Day — Sept. 23. discussion of treaties, 10 p.m., University Center North Ballroom. Free. Information, (406) 243-5831.

Missoula Symphony Orchestra — Sept. 24-25. 7:30 p.m., University Theatre; also 3 p.m. Sept. 25. Information: (406) 721-3194.

Homecoming — Sept. 25-Oct. 1 See page 2 story.

Lecture — Sept. 30. "HIV medication adherence: What can we do to make it work?" noon, Skaggs Building 336, free and open to the public. Information, (406) 243-4097, jen.vonsehlen@umontana.edu.

Faculty recital — Sept. 30. David Cody, tenor, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, S6 general; S4 students and seniors. Information, (406) 243-6880.

Cross Country — Oct. 1. Montana Invitational, Men 8k, 10 a.m.; women 6k, 10:45 a.m., UM Golf Course.

Football — Oct. 1. UM vs. Weber State, 1 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Faculty recital — Oct. 2. Maxine Ramey, clarinet, 3 p.m., Music Recital Hall, S6 general; S4 students and seniors.