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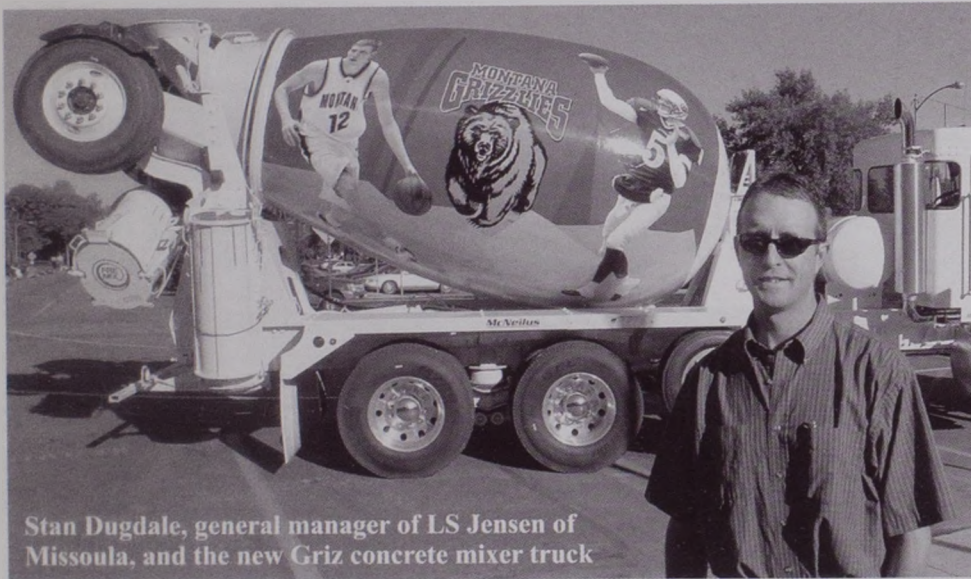
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Connecting Campus and Community



Stan Dugdale, general manager of LS Jensen of Missoula, and the new Griz concrete mixer truck

Mixer truck promotes UM athletics

Private businesses in Missoula already have stepped forward to promote The University of Montana with a beverage truck and semi tractor-trailer painted in UM themes. Now a concrete mixer truck has been added to this growing Griz armada.

The truck, recently purchased by LS Jensen Construction & Ready Mix, will turn heads with UM logos and pictures of four outstanding University athletes: Kevin Criswell, John Edwards, Katie Edwards and Scott McGowan. All are shown in their respective sports uniforms.

"We just wanted to be part of the Griz Nation," said Stan Dugdale, general manager of the LS Jensen branch in Missoula. "We thought this would be good marketing for both our company and UM."

The \$170,000 mixer truck is a 2007 Kenworth that can haul 10 yards of concrete. The truck weighs about 28,700 pounds when empty. Dugdale said the truck's fiberglass drum has been decorated with an \$8,000 vinyl wrap created by Fluid Studio of Bountiful, Utah, located near Salt Lake City.

"It's probably 50 or 60 pieces of vinyl stuck on there," he said. "They print it out and then heat it with a propane torch to put it on."

Dugdale said the idea for the truck came from Utah, where mixer trucks already

sport Weber State and Brigham Young University themes. Helena Sand & Gravel, LS Jensen's sister company, also recently decorated a mixer in honor of Carroll College in Helena.

Dugdale expects the truck to be used in parades and for special UM events. However, it will be a working truck, and it poured its first load of concrete June 21. "But if they want it at Grizzly events, we'll shine it up and bring it down," he said.

"The truck has received an awesome response from the University and local community," Dugdale said. "We drove it through town the other day — down Higgins and Broadway — and it was awesome to see people sitting in their cars going, 'Whoa, look at that!'"

Dugdale said his employees are excited to help market UM, even though the company employs several engineers who, like himself, are graduates of Montana State University in Bozeman.

LS Jensen, part of Oldcastle Materials, has locations across the United States and has expanded its Missoula operations in recent years. In fact, the company now employs about 100 people locally.

"We are pretty excited and proud of this mixer," Dugdale said, "and we are proud to be part of the whole Griz thing. Our company is gradually trying to become a bigger part of Missoula."

UM names new basketball head coach

Wayne Tinkle was named UM's 26th head basketball coach for the men's team on June 21.

He replaces Larry Krystkowiak, who had a two-year record of 42-20 and was the only coach in school history to guide the Grizzlies to two straight NCAA appearances.

Krystkowiak left UM to take an assistant coaching position with the Milwaukee Bucks.

"I feel privileged, honored and humbled to be in this position," a visibly moved Tinkle said at the news conference marking his promotion. "I told Larry that having worked with him the last two years, I feel much more prepared to lead this program forward. We'll do our best to keep the pride and tradition going — and maybe even do a little better."

Tinkle, 40, has been an assistant coach at his alma mater the previous five seasons. He also played for the Grizzlies during 1985-89 and was a three-time Big Sky Conference all-league selection. At UM he was fifth in career points and fourth in rebounds.

After his college career, he advanced to the professional ranks, where he played for 12 seasons. He played in the Continental Basketball League in Topeka, Kan., as well as pro leagues in Venezuela, Sweden, Spain, Italy and Greece. He played his final four seasons in Spain, where he ranked among the top scorers and rebounders.

In announcing Tinkle's role, UM Athletic Director Jim O'Day said, "I found the perfect person right down the hall. He has earned his stripes and it's his time to shine."



Tinkle

COT Adds New Dean—A West Virginia administrator with extensive experience working at two-year colleges has been named the new dean of UM's College of Technology. Barry Good, vice president for academic affairs at West Virginia Northern Community College in Wheeling, W. Va., will begin his new duties July 3. He replaces Paul Williamson, who accepted a special assignment earlier this year to work on University projects related to alternative energy and developing a long-range building plan for the COT. Five candidates interviewed for the COT dean position in May, and UM President George Dennison said Good has the background and experience that suits the needs of the University and COT at this time. Good earned a doctorate in botany from Louisiana State University in 1978.



Books for UM—Acclaimed novelist James Grady, author of "Six Days of the Condor," which became a classic Robert Redford movie, has agreed to donate some of the sales of his new book to UM scholarships and general expenses. Under the deal being finalized between Grady and UM President George Dennison, the author would donate all profits from special sales of his new novel "Mad Dogs." The fundraising effort will net about one-third of the hardback novel's cover price for UM causes.

The book also can be "upgraded" for collectors with Grady's autograph or a personalized inscription, and these small extra charges will go to UM as well. Books will be prepaid and pre-ordered during the next few months by contacting Patia Stephens in University Relations at 406-243-4890 or patia.stephens@umontana.edu or visiting <http://www.umt.edu/urelations/maddogs.htm>. "Mad Dogs" is a thriller that launches from a CIA insane asylum.

Grants Help Students in Need—Kelly Chapman, executive vice president of the Student Assistance Foundation, visited campus this spring to present \$319,842 in scholarships to UM students in need for the 2006-07 academic year. The money is offered through the foundation's Acce\$\$ Grants program, which is designed to help students weather financial strains and continue their education. The Acce\$\$ Grants program has presented more money to Montana Colleges every year since the program started in 2000. UM received \$155,000 for the 2003-04 academic year, which helped 156 students. Last year the University received \$157,000. The Student Assistance Foundation is a nonprofit Montana organization dedicated to providing students with the knowledge and tools to finance and pursue their post-secondary education.



Jed Liston, assistant vice president for enrollment, and the 2006-07 award

UM Seeks Education Dean—Longtime faculty member Roberta Evans will take the helm of UM's School of Education on a temporary basis while a national search is conducted for a permanent leader next fall. Evans will replace Dean Paul Rowland, who left UM June 30 to become dean of education at the University of Idaho. Evans is well-acquainted with the role; she served as interim dean during 2001-02. She was named dean in 2002 but resigned a year later to return to teaching and spend more time with her family.

Fiction Writer's Boot Camp—An intensive writing course, Stealing From Thieves: Learn and Practice the Fiction Techniques of Great Authors, will offer a three-day writing retreat July 21-23 and then instruction via UMONline through Nov. 3. Taught by noted Montana author Colin Hester, the course focuses on fiction techniques such as painting vivid landscapes, writing authentic dialogue and more. The course costs \$675, and the registration deadline is July 14. For registration or lodging information, contact Candice Merrill at 406-243-6431 or e-mail candice.merrill@umontana.edu.

Athletes Make the Grade—UM's 2006 Intercollegiate Athletics grade report once again shows that UM student-athletes are as successful in academic fields as on the playing fields. Compiled each semester, the report is a benchmark to see how the University's student-athletes compare academically to UM's general student population. UM's student-athletes achieved an average cumulative GPA of 3.00, and 156 of them — more than half — earned a 3.00 GPA or higher. Eight of the 12 athletic teams on the report earned average GPAs greater than 3.00. The women's golf team led UM athletes with an average spring term GPA of 3.51 and cumulative GPA of 3.45.

Biology Lands Big Grant—The nation's largest private supporter of science education, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, has awarded a \$1.5 million grant to UM. The grant proposal was written by UM biology professors Bill Holben and Carol Brewer. Holben said the money will revamp UM's Division of Biological Sciences curriculum, provide resources to enable faculty members to design and participate in this innovative curriculum and allow undergraduates to write proposals for their own independent research projects.

Board of Regents Adds Member—Gov. Brian Schweitzer has appointed Crow tribal member Janine Pease to the Montana Board of Regents. She replaces Mike Foster, who resigned for health reasons. Pease is currently vice president for American Indian Affairs at Billings' Rocky Mountain College. She also was president of Little Big Horn College at Crow Agency for 18 years and has served on the state Human Rights Commission.

Globe-trotting Former Griz—Shane "Scooter" Christensen, a 6-foot-1 guard for the UM men's basketball team during 1998-02, is now a member of the Harlem Globetrotters. He spent the winter playing gigs across the United States, including his home town of Las Vegas, and recently toured six countries in Europe. 🐻



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