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Meg Oliver

News anchor to give Dean Stone Lecture

Network news anchor Meg Oliver will return to her alma mater Thursday, April 26, to give the annual Dean Stone Lecture at The University of Montana.

Oliver, a 1993 graduate of the UM School of Journalism, anchors the overnight CBS news program, "Up To The Minute."

Oliver's lecture is titled "The Battle For Your Attention: Everyone Wants It, But Is It Worth Your Time?" It will begin at 7 p.m. in Urey Lecture Hall and is free and open to the public.

The lecture precedes the journalism school's Dean Stone Awards Banquet, scheduled this year for Friday, April 27, at the Holiday Inn Parkside in downtown Missoula. A social hour begins at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$25 for non-students. They can be purchased in Journalism Building Room 209 or Radio-Television at 730 Eddy St. Tickets should be purchased by Friday, April 20.

Both events

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Musical greats take stage for Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival

Fans of jazz will be treated to some of the greats in the business at UM's eighth annual Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival April 27-28.

Highlights of the 2007 festival are concerts featuring DeFranco, one of the top clarinetists in jazz history, with guest artists. The concerts are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, at the University Theatre.

Friday's guest artists are Bob Mintzer on saxophone and Ingrid Jensen on trumpet. Mintzer, an arranger as well as a saxophonist, has led his own New York-based big band since the early 1980s. He also leads a jazz quartet and is active in music education. He has been nominated for 13 Grammy awards for his solo work and big band recordings.

Jensen's performances as a leader and as a featured soloist have taken her from her home in Canada around the world, where she conducts master classes, clinics and workshops. She received the Canadian Juno Award for her compact disc "Vernal Fields" in 1995.

Saturday night, DeFranco will be joined on stage by drummer Ed Soph and Andy Firth on the clarinet and saxophone.

Soph is an internationally renowned musician who has presented master classes throughout the world. He is the author of several books and an instructional video and DVD. He teaches music at the University of North Texas in Denton.

In addition to the evening concerts, school jazz bands from throughout the

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Clement wins Maryfrances Shreeve Award

For the last 14 years Carla Gail Clement has shepherded Missoula first graders through Hellgate Elementary School with the same level of excitement and warmth she had her first day on the job.

In recognition of her contribution to Missoula's youth and her commitment to teaching excellence,

Clement received this year's Maryfrances Shreeve Award for Teaching Excellence from the UM School of Education.

Named for the late Maryfrances Shreeve, who taught with distinction around western Montana and was the first recipient, the award was created by her children in 1992. The winner is presented with a check for \$2,000 and another check for \$1,000 to be used for teaching resources or other school needs.

Clement, a graduate of Montana State University-Billings, has taught in Ronan, Great Falls and Missoula schools. Her classroom activities are designed to get kids excited about reading, including getting parents

involved with "reading carnivals" and other lessons designed to excite and motivate students with a variety of learning styles.

"I am filled with overwhelming gratitude and such appreciation for the recognition of doing what I love," Clement said. "I

could not ask for a more rewarding job or better way to spend my days at work."

Three other teachers were recognized as finalists for the award. They are David E. Bixby, a fifth-grade teacher at Missoula's Hellgate Elementary 3-5 School; Marie-Anne Toussaint King, a third-grade teacher at Chief Charlo Elementary School; and Coleene Torgerson, a kindergarten instructor at Lakeside Elementary School in Somers. The winner and each of the finalists completed their elementary education

degree at a Montana college or university. All were honored April 13 at the annual School of Education reception sponsored by UM President George Dennison.



Carla Gail Clement
with a first grader

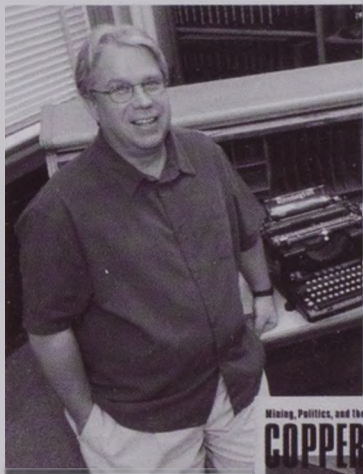
Journalism profs pull in writing awards

Two UM journalism professors were honored by their peers in March, one winning for a seminal study of journalism during the reign of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company and the other for a nonfiction first book.

Professor Dennis Swibold's "Copper Chorus: Mining, Politics and the Montana Press, 1889-1959" won the Spur Award from the Western Writers of America in the contemporary nonfiction category. Michael Downs, a UM visiting assistant professor, won the 2006 River Teeth Literary Nonfiction Prize for his first book, "House of Good Hope."

The Spur Awards are among the oldest and most prestigious in American literature. The winners are selected by a panel of judges and, according to the organization, "are given for works whose inspiration, image and literary excellence best represent the reality and spirit of the American West."

Swibold's book about the Anaconda Company's grip on the Montana press beat out 41 other books nominated in that category. "Copper Chorus" is the first book to examine "the extent, effectiveness



Dennis Swibold



and consequences of one of the nation's most notorious and enduring cases of industrial press ownership," according to its publisher, the Montana Historical Society Press.

Swibold will be honored with other winners in June at the Western Writers of America convention in Springfield, Mo. Other 2007

Spur winners include Tony Hillerman for his novel "The Shape Shifter" and Alan Geoffrion for "Broken Trail," which recently was made into a movie starring Robert Duval.

Downs received recognition from his

colleagues, as well as from sports writer Buzz Bissinger, the author of "Friday Night Lights," who said of his book, "'House of Good Hope' is just a beautiful book, filled with the poignant bittersweet of hope and loss ... The subjects are agonizing, but they shine with the poetic clarity of Downs' prose."

Downs' novel follows the story of a promise made by five athletes in Hartford, Conn., who met while playing on their high school football team. The five men,



Michael Downs

though the city was falling apart right before their eyes. "I knew that after college they'd be confronted with the reality of their promise," Downs said. "Maybe they would break the promise, but their stories, mixed as they might be, would allow me to explore the questions that were troubling me."

A former reporter for the Hartford Courant, Downs includes himself in the book. He writes about making peace with his own decision to leave his hometown of Hartford and examines his decision throughout the book, questioning if it was the right one. He met the five athletes and witnessed their pledge while he reported on high school sports for the paper. 🐾



Seeking: Project BudBurst global warming detectives

Is spring coming earlier? When are plants leafing out and blooming around Montana? This spring, the public can help answer these and other questions through a new national science project that began April 1.

Project BudBurst is designed to document when plants leaf and bloom in North America. During the campaign, scientists are asking people throughout Montana and beyond to take walks in nature to gather data for the nationwide research project to study the effects of climate change on native plants.

University of Montana biological sciences Professor Carol Brewer leads the project in conjunction with a group from universities, botanical gardens and research institutes around the country. The annual field campaign was conceived and developed by the Citizen Science working group of the National Phenology Network.

"Project BudBurst is about phenology – the timing of when plants put out leaves and flowers," Brewer said. "We like to say that phenology is nature's clock. Watch it and use it."

From April through mid-June, Montanans will help collect

valuable information that can then be compared to historical records to illustrate the effects of climate change, Brewer said.

"We need data over many years to sort out the influence of year-to-year variation from the influence of a warming earth," she said. Those who choose to participate will be asked to observe when leaves and flowers first start to come out. Between April and June, they will continue to collect data as plants they observe fully leaf out and flower. "It's as simple as that," Brewer said.

Thirty native trees and shrubs, 24 wildflower species, two common exotic weeds and two common exotic ornamentals have been targeted for the initial field campaign of the project during spring 2007. The species were chosen because they are easy to identify and widespread, spanning the continental United States.

The first step to become involved is to log on to the project Web site at <http://www.budburst.org> to get a list of species for your region. For more information, call Brewer at 406-243-2632 or e-mail her at carol.brewer@umontana.edu. 🐾



Honor Roll—UM has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The distinction honors students, faculty and staff for helping to build a culture of service and civic engagement. In being named to the honor roll, UM was recognized by President George W. Bush "for extraordinary and exemplary contributions to meeting critical local and national needs through community service and service-learning." The honor roll is a project of the Corporation for National and Community Service, whose mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and advance civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS invests more than \$150 million a year to foster a culture of service on college campuses.

Faculty Award—UM Professor Carol Brewer has been selected to receive the 2007 American Institute of Biological Sciences Education Award. The award is presented annually to individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to education in the biological sciences. In announcing the award, AIBS noted Brewer's efforts to improve scientific literacy and reach diverse audiences through projects that interconnect the general public, educators and scientists. "She encourages collaboration between scientists and educators, trains teachers to use their schoolyards for ecological investigations with students, and practices new assessment strategies to clearly connect teaching and learning," AIBS said. "Especially noteworthy is Brewer's work heading the educational initiatives of the National Ecological Observatory Network." Brewer is associate dean of UM's College of Arts and Sciences and teaches in the University's Division of Biological Sciences. She will receive the AIBS award at the institute's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., May 14-15.

Powwow—The 39th annual Kyi-Yo Powwow, a celebration of American Indian heritage and artistry, will kick off with a grand entry featuring dancers in traditional dress at 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the Adams Center. The region's largest powwow, this year's theme is "Keeping Traditions Alive by the Tracks We Leave Behind." Events during the three-day event offer community members a chance to enjoy the skills and artistry of champion American Indian dancers and drummers from across the region. Earl Old Person of Browning and Thomas Morning Owl of Pilot Rock, Ore., will serve as this year's masters of ceremonies. Events will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday in the Adams Center.

Commencement—UM's Commencement ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 12, in the Adams Center. The ceremony for the College of Arts and Sciences and College of Technology will be held at 9:30 a.m. and the ceremony for professional schools and colleges (business administration, forestry and conservation, fine arts, journalism, education, and health professions and biomedical sciences) will be at 2 p.m.

Student Award—UM law student Valerie Grubich of Great Falls has been selected to receive the 2007 Distinguished Bankruptcy Student Award for the U.S. 9th Circuit Court from the American College of Bankruptcy. Grubich is the first Montana student to receive the award for the 9th Circuit,



which includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. She was nominated for the award by the Hon. Ralph Kirscher, chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Montana.

Dedications—Though they have been easily visible rising above campus for months, the proverbial curtain will rise on two new buildings in the days leading up to graduation this spring. The addition to the Skaggs Building and Don Anderson

Hall, the new home for the journalism school, will be dedicated the week before the May 12 Commencement ceremonies. The Skaggs Building Addition will be dedicated at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9. Festivities will take place on the first floor, Room 169. Don Anderson Hall opens two days later with a ceremony beside the building at 2 p.m. Friday, May 11. Both events are free and open to the public.

Fulbright Grant—When Bill Knowles announced his retirement from teaching journalism at UM last year, he made it clear that though he was leaving the University, he was not done with journalism. It didn't take him long to move on to the next stage in his long and illustrious career. Knowles recently was awarded a Fulbright Grant to teach journalism in Jordan for the 2007-08 academic year. Knowles' proposal indicated a desire to lecture graduate students on the American media and possibly offer consultation to media outlets in addition to teaching the craft.

Art Loan—The Montana Museum of Art and Culture has announced it will receive a second major art loan from an anonymous private collector in April. "Torso of a Walking Woman," by German Expressionist sculptor Wilhelm Lehmbruck (1881-1919) will be on display in the Mansfield Library at UM through July 23. Considered one of the artist's most important works, it embodies the artist's mature style.



Journalism Awards—UM students dominated this year's regional Society of Professional Journalists conference by hauling in 32 awards. Their next closest rival, Oregon State University, won 10. The Region 10 Mark of Excellence Awards were presented March 24 at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. UM won 28 awards in radio and television broadcasting categories and four in print and online reporting. "What an honor to have an organization with the professional clout of SPJ recognize our student work," said radio-TV Assistant Professor Denise Dowling. "All our students work hard reporting, shooting, writing and editing their radio and television assignments. It's always special to receive acknowledgement of that hard work."

Garage Sale—The "World's Largest Garage Sale" will transform a UM parking structure into a bargain hunter's paradise Saturday, April 28. The sale, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will be on the first and second levels of the parking garage on Campus Drive next to the Mansfield Library. The 18th semi-annual event is a fundraiser for the UM Advocates, a campus service organization of more than 100 members who provide volunteer services for many campus functions. 🐻

UM Events

Run/Walk—April 21, Second annual SAAM Run for Respect, 10 a.m., Kim Williams Trail near the footbridge, 5-kilometer run/walk to honor the strength and endurance of sexual assault survivors. Open to the public. \$18, includes T-shirt. Information: 406-243-6429 or erin.scott@mso.umt.edu.

Dinner—April 21, Capstone Dinner, 5 p.m., UM College of Technology, a multi-course dinner prepared by students of COT's Culinary Arts Program featuring cuisine and culture of coastal Brazil. \$75. Tickets available at The Source in the University Center or by calling 406-243-4636. Information: COT Culinary Department at 406-243-7815 or Chef Melinda Dorn or 406-243-7880.

Concert—April 21, Missoula Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Featuring Anthony Spain, conductor, and Rachel Barton Pine, violinist. Matinee performance April 22, 3 p.m. Tickets and information: 406-721-3194.

Reading—April 22, Patia Stephens and M.L. Smoker, Second Wind Reading Series, 7 p.m., Shakespeare & Company, 109 S. 3rd W., Missoula. Free and open to the public. Information: second.wind.readings@gmail.com.

Concert—April 22, Jubileers, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Free and open to the public. Information: UM Department of Music at 406-243-6880 or go to griz.music@umontana.edu.

Meeting—April 23, South Campus Master Plan Committee Meeting, 3-5 p.m., Lewis and Clark Community Center, 3000 Higgins, Missoula. To explore options for UM's land along Higgins Street and South Avenue. Open to the public. Information: Rosi Keller, committee chair at 406-243-4662. Meeting agendas and schedules: <http://www.umt.edu/southcampus>.

Concert—April 24, UM Concert Band, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. \$5 general; \$3 students/seniors. Information: UM

Department of Music, 406-243-6880, griz.music@umontana.edu.

Play—April 24, "Big Love," 7:30 p.m., Masquer Theatre. UM Department of

Drama/Dance production. Performances April 24-28 and May 1-5. \$11 general; \$10 students and seniors; \$5 children 12 and under. Tickets and information: 406-243-4581.

Exhibition—April 26, "Marilyn Bruya: A Retrospective," opening reception and retirement party, 4-7 p.m., Montana Museum of Art and Culture. Paxon and Meloy galleries. Show runs through June 30. Gallery hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 4-8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Information: Montana Museum of Art & Culture, 406-243-2019, museum@umontana.edu. <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

Reading & Book Signing—April 26, "Willing to Choose: Volition and Storytelling in Shakespeare's Major Plays" by Robert Pack, UM adjunct professor, 4-6 p.m., Davidson Honors College Lounge. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Information: Davidson Honors College, 406-243-2541.

Awards Night—April 27, Dean Stone Awards Banquet, 5 p.m., Holiday Inn Parkside. Social is at 5 p.m.; dinner at 6 p.m. \$25 general; \$15 students. Tickets: UM School of Journalism office, Room 209; Radio-television office, 730 Eddy. Should be purchased no later than April 20. Information: Kathleen Whetzel, 406-243-4370, kathleen.whetzel@umontana.edu.

Meeting—April 30, South Campus Master Plan Committee Meeting, 3-5 p.m., Lewis and Clark Community Center, 3000 Higgins, Missoula. (See previous listing for information.)

Concert—April 30, UM University Choir and Chamber Choral, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. \$5 general; \$3 students/seniors. Information: UM Department of Music, 406-243-6880, griz.music@umontana.edu. 🎵

Dean Stone — continued

are named in honor of the first dean of UM's journalism school, Arthur Stone. The first Dean Stone event was held in 1957.

Oliver began her reporting and anchoring career working part-time at Missoula's KECI-TV while a student in UM's broadcast media program. Her first full-time position after graduating was at KCFW-TV in Kalispell.

She went on to positions at Northwest Cable News in Boise and Seattle; WTIC-TV in Hartford, Conn.; WWJ/WKBD-TV in Detroit; and KGPE-TV in Fresno, Calif., where she was the 5, 6 and 11 p.m. weekday anchor.

DeFranco — continued

western United States will perform from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the University Theatre. Featured artists will give clinics at 1 p.m. both days.

The festival is not competitive, but each band will receive written comments from clinicians and have an opportunity to work with them following the performances. Clinicians this year are composer David Caffey, director of the University of Northern Colorado School of Music; vocalist and trombonist Aric Schneller

Before being named "Up To The Minute" anchor in March 2006, she had been serving as a freelance correspondent for "CBS Newspath" in Washington, D.C. There she covered major news stories, including the nomination of Chief Justice John Roberts and President George W. Bush's 2006 State of the Union address.

Oliver's work has garnered numerous honors, including four Associated Press awards, two Society of Professional Journalists awards and eight Emmy nominations.

She lives in New York City with her husband and their young daughter. 🎵

of New York; and saxophonist and recording artist Chuck Florence, who now lives in Montana.

Daytime festival events are free and open to the public. All seats are reserved for the evening concerts. Reserved seats are \$20 for one night and \$35 for both nights; students and seniors, \$15 for one night and \$25 for both nights. Tickets can be purchased at the University Center and Adams Center box offices, at Worden's Market, through GrizTix online at <http://www.griztix.com> or by calling 888-666-8262. 🎵



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