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Campus celebrates two new buildings

Two new buildings opened their doors during The University of Montana's Commencement week.

Years of construction detours, noisy equipment and muddy sidewalks on two parts of campus ended, ushering in a new look and a new era for two of UM's most respected and successful programs.

The College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences unveiled the new 42,000-square-foot addition to the Skaggs Building, and the School of Journalism dedicated Don Anderson Hall.

The Skaggs addition is the second major construction project on the building in the 21st century. An addition was finished on the then-Pharm/Psychology Building in 2000 and planning for the next phase began almost immediately, said David Forbes, dean of the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences.

"If you want an active faculty with a productive scholarship program, part of the equation is space," Forbes said.

The research program has been so successful that in the 2006 rankings for

total amounts of grants and contracts awarded UM placed seventh among all pharmacy schools in the nation overall and fifth per capita. In both rankings UM was the highest-ranked program in a state without a medical school.

"That's tall cotton to be in," Forbes said, cautioning that the new lab space won't mean a leap in ranking, but rather keeps UM on pace with much larger, better-funded institutions.

"Everyone else is moving up, too," he said.

But it would be hard to argue that anyone has moved up farther or faster than UM. "It's a really

fun thing to go to national meetings and talk to deans," Forbes said. "We used to be the bottom of the barrel and have accreditation difficulties. Now we take a backseat to no one."

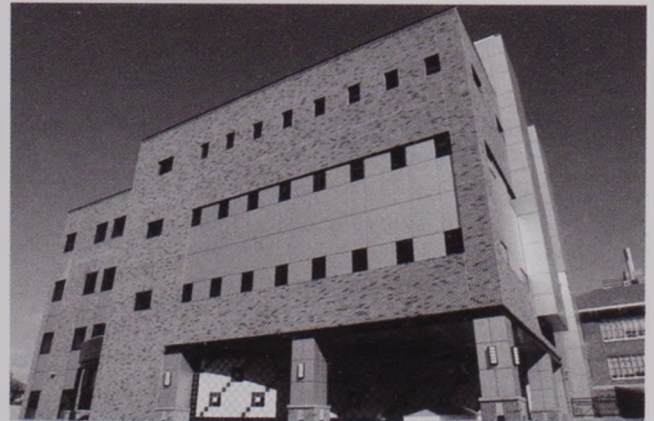
School of Journalism Dean Jerry Brown dresses like deans are supposed to dress. His tweed jackets and thin ties paired with sizable glasses and a bushy beard perfectly fit the academic stereotype. The ubiquitous

cigars are the only things that keep him from being right out of an old movie. That is, until the last few years, when Brown got his hard hat.

The bespectacled dean was spotted more than a few times tooling around his current office — which hasn't undergone construction for 70 years — in a brightly colored safety hat, about to leave or just returning from the controlled calamity of construction across campus at Don Anderson Hall, the massive project Brown oversaw for the vast majority of his time at UM and the new home of the journalism program.



A turret on the new journalism building



The Skaggs addition

The day before the J-school set a new crop of journalists upon the professional world, it dedicated a new home in the

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University of Montana Press rolls again

UM's newly revived book press recently celebrated its latest release — "Last Tango in Melrose, Montana," a collection of 31 humorous essays by Dan Vichorek.

Vichorek, a UM graduate, wrote about the places, farmers, ranchers and overall way of life in Big Sky Country.

Book editor John Kuglin writes in the introduction: "Like the contents of the mound on Vichorek's incredibly messy desk, you'll find things in this anthology that you never expected."

Royalties from "Last Tango in Melrose, Montana" will fund a UM journalism

scholarship in Vichorek's name.

The UM Press published its first book in 1955, but the venture foundered and disappeared in the 1970s.

In 2004 the press was reborn in the modern James E. Todd Building offices of UM's Printing & Graphic Services. Before "Last Tango," the press published a series of maps and a book produced by Farcountry Press.

President George Dennison has charged a seven-member committee with keeping the UM Press rolling.



UM's high-tech guru Jakki Mohr honored

Jakki Mohr's dynamic teaching style has been recognized with many accolades at UM. Now she can claim an award from an international education group.

Mohr received the award – for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology — from the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning held recently in Jacksonville, Fla.

Well-known at UM for her up-to-the-minute classes in high-tech marketing, Mohr has been named UM's Most Inspirational Teacher and Distinguished Scholar of the Year. In 2005 she was named the Montana Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. She is the author of "Marketing of High-Technology Products and Innovations," the only textbook published on the subject.

Mohr gave a presentation at the conference using technology from the high-tech marketing class that she teaches

at the UM School of Business. The class addresses the issues related to high-tech products and services that require an approach often far different from standard marketing.

An example of how Mohr's approach is being used by students is a hands-on project undertaken last semester. Vann's, a Montana company headquartered in

com approached her, asking if students from her class could consult with him and others at the company to help them target young people.

Four students were assigned to the project. Mohr explained that hands-on learning is stressed in her class, as well as in most business school classes.

The four students assigned to help

Vann's.com researched ads run on social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace. One of their conclusions was that Vann's.com needed to change its product line to include lower-cost products that would be more affordable to younger people.

Manlove was pleased and offered to hire all four of the students in paid internships. Three of the four accepted. Mohr noted that, unlike the experience with Vann's.com, some projects don't work out. "Sometimes it's a dismal failure," she said.

However, more companies request student research and assistance through her class than she is able to accommodate, so it's clear she and her students are finding success more often than failure. 🐾



Jakki Mohr in the classroom

Missoula, also operates Vann's.com, one of the largest online marketing sites in the country, selling appliances and electronics over the Internet.

Mohr said George Manlove of Vann's.

Montana artists' works exhibited in China

Works by Montana artists and from the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at UM are gracing the walls of the National Art Museum of China. The exhibit, "Out West: The Great American Landscape,"

opened in Beijing in late March. Geoffrey Sutton, program manager at the Montana World Trade Center at UM, was assistant curator of the exhibit and part of the delegation that traveled to Beijing for the opening.

Sutton reported that the exhibition opened with an elaborate ribbon-cutting ceremony by American Ambassador to China Clark Randt and Vice Minister of Culture Zhao Weisui. "Out West" shared the museum with an exhibition from the Guggenheim Museum, "Three Hundred Years of American Art."

"While 'American Art' chronicles how American art evolved into what it

is today, 'Out West' allows viewers to further explore the wealth of American art, especially human history and the unique landscape of the cowboy states," said Fan Di'an, director of the museum.



Stephanie J. Frostad, "Bright & Early," oil on canvas, 1994
Courtesy of the Montana Museum of Art & Culture
Permanent Collection

The exhibit presents 68 paintings by 54 artists in seven states. With 18 artists, Montana has by far the largest representation in the exhibit. Included are works from the Dana Gallery in Missoula, the Missoula Art Museum, the Montana Museum of Art & Culture and loans from artist and collectors. UM alumni represented include Dana Boussard, George Gogas, Stephanie Frostad and Monte Dolack.

The exhibit will travel to the Chinese cities of Urumqi, Xi'an, Shanghai, Qingdao, Guangzhou and Hong Kong before returning to the United States for a closing show. 🐾

Education center plans unveiled at gathering

Montana Horatio Alger scholars were celebrated in a recent ceremony unveiling the Phyllis Washington Education Center at UM.



From left to right, Old Elk, Gov. Schweitzer, P. Washington, Copley & D. Washington

An estimated 200 people filled the Adams Center Sky Club to overflowing while UM student musicians played, hors d'oeuvres were served and people mingled.

The event brought Gov. Brian Schweitzer to town, as well as Montana Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns and Superintendent of Public Schools Linda McCulloch. All took the podium, along with UM President George Dennison, to thank Phyllis and Dennis Washington for their philanthropy.

Dennis joined the national Horatio Alger Association in 1995 and by 2004 he had established the Montana Horatio Alger scholarships. The awards are given to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have shown an ability to overcome adversity in their lives. More than 120 Montana students have received awards since that time and many of them were in attendance at the event.

Two spoke. Melissa Copley, a freshman in business administration from Hamilton, referred to hard times in her childhood and said, "My life is changed forever because of this scholarship."

Chelsey Old Elk, a sophomore in pharmacy from Crow Agency, said as a high school student she looked at her son and saw the twinkle in his eye and thought, "I've got to keep going somehow, some way to make a better life for my son."

Montana Horatio Alger scholars receive a \$5,000 scholarship for four years of college, funded jointly by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation and UM. Dennis Washington also has funded a \$2 million graduate fellowship program at UM.

Washington will fund four scholarships, beginning in the fall. Horatio Alger undergraduates may apply. Each comes with an annual \$25,000 cash grant, a nonresident tuition waiver, \$3,000 toward room and board and designation as a teaching or research assistant.

Schweitzer spoke of being a boy and seeing the USSR's Sputnik in the night sky in 1957 and his feeling that Russia "had moved a quantum leap ahead of us."

Then he heard President John

Kennedy's challenge to the nation to put a man on the moon within 10 years.

The country had "a common goal for a common good," he said. "That president challenged Americans to dream bigger than any president ever has," he said. The result was 40 years of scientific innovation and an American walking on the moon in 1969.

Schweitzer issued a challenge to today's students: create an energy future no longer dependent on oil. He noted that Americans are going to war to assure an energy supply. He challenged today's scientists and engineers to improve conservation

methods and create sustainable energy systems so that future generations will not have to secure oil in a dangerous world.

Dennis Washington also addressed his remarks to the youth in the audience, saying they shouldn't shrink from their hardships. "That's what gives you discipline," he said.

He remembered being young and seeing other young people going to the lake in the summer when he had to work. He said breaks come from hard work. "You have to learn to recognize that break," he said. "They come very subtly. When you get it, grab it. But when you reach for the stars, reach for the lower ones first."

Washington noted that "life goes in steps. At first I had a goal to survive, support my family, then it was to become

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Building designed for teachers near and far

The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation contributed \$3 million to a state-of-the-art facility to be connected to the current education building. The Washingtons made the contribution in 2005 as part of their commitment to UM's \$100 million capital campaign, "Invest in Discovery."

Architectural features of the Phyllis Washington Education Center were shown on video at the unveiling ceremony

by Stan Zimet of Oz Architects. Construction will begin in 2008 on a 25,000-square-foot center expansion, pending receipt of other gift commitments to the project.

The center is designed to train future education professionals, as well as enhance partnerships with practicing educators in the field. A highlight of the addition will be space for the Early Childhood Modeling Center, which takes a "wraparound" approach to

servicing youngsters and their families.

The planned facility also will feature indoor and outdoor classrooms, observation stations for education and counseling students, a state-of-the-art classroom for science and math methods, distance learning teaching, production and research areas, seminar and conference rooms, and space for professional and pre-professional activities.

"All across our state, people eagerly

await this fabulous new facility," said Roberta Evans, dean of the education school. "They know it will do far more than just



ensure UM's programs for teachers, counselors and administrators are nationally recognized. It also will become a model training facility where professional development opportunities and partnerships with P-12 schools and other campuses work together to help Montanans succeed." 🐾

Marks recognized for disabilities work

Jim Marks, director of UM's Disability Services for Students, has received the 2007 Outstanding Public Service Award from the Montana Council for Exceptional Children.

MCEC is an association for special educators that works to improve the educational success of individuals with disabilities, gifts and talents.

The award honors Marks' years of effort and persistence in pushing for passage of the Braille Literacy for the Blind and Visually Impaired Children Act, which was made law by the 2005 Montana Legislature.

The act sets a qualification standard for Braille competency and requires that it be taught in Montana neighborhood schools. It also funds outreach positions so that teachers from the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind are available to teach Braille in the schools.

Marks said that he and others orchestrated "three very hard pushes in three legislative sessions" before they were successful in seeing passage in 2005. He is quick to give credit to other people. "It's really an award for the Montana Association for the Blind," he said. "It wasn't me alone by any means."

Marks said the work to craft and pass the legislation began in the early 1990s. The group used a national model for the legislation. The law was needed, he said, because blind and visually impaired children were only taught in residential schools and parents who wanted to have their children educated would have to relocate to a town with a residential school — in Montana's case, Great Falls.

Then came the "mainstreaming" movement in the 1970s and '80s, where the blind and visually impaired were taught in public schools, but often only using tape recorders and usually with no instruction in Braille. He said there were 20 to 25 years where students were taught in this way and, without Braille, their education was below standard.

Marks, who has been director of DSS for nearly two decades, has seen echoes of that period at the higher education level. "When I came here in 1988, there were 26 blind and visually-impaired students out of 120," he said. "Today there's 10 blind or visually impaired students out of 900 disabled students."

He believes a major factor in the dwindling number was the lack of adequate education in public schools before the act was passed, although he can't substantiate it because no data has been collected.

Another major factor in recent years is better medical intervention, reducing the number of blind and visually impaired children. Marks expects passage of the Braille literacy legislation will begin to reverse the declining trend in student enrollment. In fact, he's already noticing results.

The number of blind and visually impaired children identified in the state in 2007 is about 275, up from the 175 children identified before the act was implemented — a 55 percent increase. 🐾



Jim Marks

Students score Truman, Udall scholarships

A ndy Erickson, a UM junior from Missoula, has been named a 2007 Truman Scholar. The Truman Scholarship Foundation, established by Congress in 1975, awards scholarships to students who demonstrate outstanding potential for public service and are committed to making a difference through careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the field.

Erickson is one of 65 Truman Scholars selected this year from a field of 585 applicants. He will receive an award of \$30,000 for graduate studies, as well as leadership training and internship opportunities in the federal government. Erickson majors in environmental studies at UM.



Erickson

He also received an honorable mention award and \$350 in the Udall scholarship competition in which three UM students were named Udall Scholars, maintaining the University's lead nationally in total Udall awards.

The 2007 Udall Scholars are: environmental studies majors Kendra Kallevig of Sidney and Katie Pritchard of Walla Walla, Wash., and Rebecca Guiao of Seattle, who majors in environmental studies and resource conservation. Each received a \$5,000 Udall Scholarship award for use in the 2007-08 academic year at UM. Eighty students from 60 colleges were selected for the Udall award from 434 candidates nominated by 221 colleges and universities. Sophomore Shannon Kuhn of Anchorage, Alaska, also received an honorable mention award of \$350. 🐾

Education Center — continued

the biggest contractor in Montana." Today Washington Group International provides integrated engineering, construction and management consulting for businesses and governments worldwide. About 25,000 employees work for the company in more than 40 states and 30 countries.

Success comes from "working hard day after day," he said. "Keep it simple. Basic things in life are the best. Pursue what makes you happy in your inner soul."

When Stearns took the podium she said, "I come from a family where

teaching is not only cool, but patriotic." She said that the new education center will attract more teachers and predicted that it will draw more young scientists to teaching.

McCulloch talked of her despair a few years ago in seeing Montana teachers who had been laid off being recruited by out-of-state schools. "They wanted them because they were Montana teachers and graduates of the Montana University System," she said.

Phyllis Washington told the crowd, "The reality of my dream is coming

true — helping to make the education of Montanans better for the future." She thanked her husband for his support and noted that "besides getting my B.A. [from UM] I got a good M.R.S."

She said, as a former schoolteacher who still misses the classroom, she would say "WOW" to her students. "W means work, O means opportunity and W means you will succeed."

She was delighted at the end of her remarks to learn that \$250,000 had been pledged for the building by Betsy and Warren Wilcox of Missoula. 🐾

Greek Greats—In April the UM Office of Greek Life recognized both individual and chapter achievements of the past year at the 2007 Greek Life Awards banquet. Those receiving chapter awards were: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Philanthropy and Service Award; Kappa Sigma, Scholastic and Academic Programming Award; Delta Gamma, Public Relations Award; Kappa Alpha Theta, New Member Programming Award; Sigma Chi, Alumni Relations and Chapter Development Award; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Risk Management and House Operations Award; and Delta Gamma, Chapter of the Year Award. José Diaz, Kappa Sigma, was named Greek Man of the Year and Stephanie Weiskopf, Delta Gamma, Greek Woman of the Year. Andrew Dusek, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Madison Judkins, Delta Gamma, were named Outstanding New Members. Grace Harris, Delta Gamma, received the Outstanding Campus Involvement Award. Kevin Molm, Kappa Sigma, and Jennifer Hepner, Kappa Kappa Gamma, were named Outstanding Seniors. Paige Browning, Delta Gamma, received the Community Outreach Award and Tyler Henneman, Sigma Chi, and Ryan Hamilton, Kappa Kappa Gamma, were named Outstanding Chapter Presidents.

Guggenheim Granted—Montana writer and educator Debra Magpie Earling has been awarded a 2007 Guggenheim Fellowship by the board of trustees of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Earling, who teaches creative writing and Native American studies at UM, is the author of the novel "Perma Red," which has received critical acclaim and awards since its release in 2002. She plans to use the fellowship award to write her second novel based on the life story of a medicine-warrior woman. "The Guggenheim Fellowship will change my life," Earling said. "I will be able to pursue my writing without financial worries. I am humbled by the award and grateful for the opportunity." Fellows are appointed on the basis of distinguished achievement in the past and exceptional promise for future accomplishment.

Summertime—Learning doesn't take a summer break at UM and the UM College of Technology. UM's summer session begins May 21 and runs through Aug. 17. For more information, go to <http://www2.umt.edu/registrar/calendar.htm>. Orientation on the UM campus will be June 13-15, June 27-29 and July 11-13. For more information, contact Karissa Drye, director of orientation, 406-243-2332, toll-free at 800-462-8636, karissa.drye@mso.umt.edu, <http://www.umt.edu/nss/orientation>. COT orientation will be held June 14. For more information, call 406-243-7882 or 800-542-6882.

Greening Award—Environmental Studies professor Vicki Watson has been chosen for the 2007 Greening UM Award by the UM Sustainable Campus Committee. Each year the Greening UM Award recognizes one individual who has made outstanding contributions toward the goals of campus sustainability. SCC chose Watson because of her long-standing and unequalled commitment and work toward promoting, educating and instituting sustainable principles and practices at UM, said SCC Chair Phil Condon. Among other contributions, Watson was pivotal in UM signing the international Talloires Sustainability Principles document on Earth Day in 2002. She is the current chair of the Recycling



Oversight Committee. Each year since 2002 Watson also has volunteered countless hours to help plan, arrange and organize UM Earth Day events.

Outstanding Alums—The UM School of Business Administration has named its outstanding alumni for 2007. Warren Wilcox of Missoula was named Outstanding Distinguished Alumnus, Craig Crawford of Darien, Conn., was chosen as the Outstanding Alumnus and Mary Olson of Billings was tabbed the Outstanding Early Career Alumna. They received their awards during the business school's 60th Annual Donor Recognition and Scholarship Awards Banquet.

Honorable Mention—Two UM students have received Honorable Mention awards in the 2007 Goldwater Scholarship competition. The students, senior Clark Kogan of Missoula and junior Ryan Kovach of Santa Fe, N.M., will receive awards of \$500 each. The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program honors the former Arizona statesman who served 30 years in the U.S. Senate. The program's scholarships go to students who demonstrate outstanding academic performance and the potential to succeed in careers involving mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering.

Tunneling Time—Phase I of the installation of new steam tunnel segments and replacement of existing buried steam lines throughout the UM campus began in late April. Workers hope to complete this phase of the two-year project by UM Homecoming, Sept. 28-29. Initial steps in the project were erecting traffic signs and fencing off the three construction zones. Even though sections of Maurice Avenue and Eddy Street will be blocked off during the construction, there will be access to all buildings nearby, but most of it will be on foot.

Climate Commitment—UM President George Dennison announced the University's Climate Commitment in April, after UM became the first Montana school to join the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. UM will address global warming by setting goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve climate neutrality on campus. The American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, created in 2006, now includes 173 schools across the country.

Bitterroot Classes—Studying under the M won't be a requirement for a few UM courses this summer. Three midsummer courses will be offered in the Bitterroot Valley: Interpersonal Communication, Principles of Business and Computer Literacy. The classes will be held Monday through Thursday, June 18-July 19, at Hamilton High School. Courses are open to high school students in pilot programs and adults, though they first must be admitted to the UM College of Technology to enroll. Informational meetings to discuss course content and the registration and admissions processes will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at Hamilton High School. The Hamilton classes will be just like summer courses in Missoula, with the same tuition and admission requirements, said Peggy Nesbitt, UM Continuing Education program manager. For more information on the informational meetings, contact Mary Opitz, administrative associate, COT Outreach, 406-243-4689. 🐻

UM Events

Exhibit—May 19, “Marilyn Bruya: A Retrospective,” Montana Museum of Art & Culture, 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>.

Concert—May 19, John Prine, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Cost: \$47 reserved seats. Tickets: <http://www.griztix.com>.

Workshop—May 25, Building Bridges, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration required by Friday, May 18. Cost: \$50. Includes lunch. Living Lightly members: \$20. Information and to register: Amie Thurber, National Coalition Building Institute, 406-541-6891, <http://www.ncbimissoula.org>.

Equine Ballet—May 26, Lipizzaner Stallions, the “Dancing White Stallions,” 7:30 p.m., Adams Center. Cost: reserved lower level: \$24.50; \$22.50 students/seniors. General admission upper level: \$22.50; \$20.50 students/seniors. Tickets and information: Adams Center Box

Office, 406-243-4051.

Meeting—May 29, South Campus Master Plan Committee meeting, 3-5 p.m., Lewis and Clark Community Center, 3000 Higgins. To explore options for UM’s land along Higgins Avenue and South Avenue. Open to the public. Information: Rosi Keller, committee chair, at 406-243-4662. Meetings also held at the same time and place June 11 and June 25. Meeting agendas and schedules: <http://www.umt.edu/southcampus>.

Meeting—May 30, Board of Regents, Miles Community College, through June 1. Meeting schedule online at <http://www.bor.montana.edu/board/meetings/meetingdates.asp>.

Graduation—June 9, Missoula County High School Graduation, Adams Center. Information: Bruce Moyer, 406-728-2400.

Golf tournament—June 15, 27th Annual Conoco Grizzly Golf Classic.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. Five-person scramble. Entry fee: \$160/player or \$800/team. Includes tee prize, barbecue ticket and cart. Information: Brynn Molloy, Grizzly Scholarship Association, 406-243-5405, brynn.molloy@mso.umt.edu.

Seminar—June 20, A three-day transition seminar offered by UM’s Disability Services for Students, Emma Lommasson Center Room 154. Repeats through June 22. Designed for high school juniors, seniors and others who are soon to be college freshmen at UM. Cost: \$185. Scholarships are available. Information and to register: UM Disability Services for Students, 406-243-2243 (voice/text), dss@umontana.edu, <http://www.umt.edu/dss>.

Writers Camp—July 9, Young Writers Camp, Liberal Arts Building, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., weekdays through July 20. Creative writing workshop for serious young writers in grades 5-9. Taught by UM instructors. Cost: \$175. Registration and information: Caroline Simms, 406-243-4680, caroline.simms@mso.umt.edu. 🐾

Washington Foundation funds graduate scholarships

The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation has launched a \$10,000 fellowship for American Indian graduate students at Montana’s two universities.

Native American leaders on both the UM and Montana State University campuses said the new Washington Native American Graduate Fellowship will provide a timely boost for recipient students, who will then go on to positively impact their communities.

“These fellowships are a significant contribution to the strategic diversity goals of the two graduate universities of the state of Montana,” said David Strobel, dean of the UM Graduate School. “They provide

the opportunity for Native American students to pursue their highest academic dreams and aspirations.”

Patrick Weasel Head, director of American Indian Student Services at UM and a member of the Blackfeet and Gros Ventre tribes, said there are many challenges in recruiting, retaining and graduating American Indian students. The fellowship, he said, will encourage Indian students to pursue their dreams.

“Increasingly, American Indian students are considering graduate school, as they see a graduate degree as the key to meaningful leadership opportunities. But the financial obstacles they encounter are often

insurmountable,” Weasel Head said. “By significantly mitigating the financial burden, the Washington fellowship will make it possible for more American Indian students to pursue their studies at the graduate level.”

“This generous gift will make a wonderful difference for Native American involvement in graduate education,” said UM President George Dennison. “It seems to follow as well from the willingness of the Washingtons to help people respond to the challenges they confront in life.”

Students interested in applying for the fellowships may contact the UM Graduate School at 406-243-2572 or log on to <http://www.umt.edu/grad/>. 🐾

Buildings — continued

massive Don Anderson Hall, situated across the Oval from the structure built to house the program in 1936. “I’m generally stunned by the beauty of it (Anderson Hall),” Brown said.

Don Anderson, for whom the building is named, is best known for organizing the Lee Enterprises purchase of a number of Montana newspapers from the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. His obituary in 1978 referred to him as the “Abraham Lincoln of Montana journalism” for his work in liberating

Montana papers from their corporate stranglehold.

The 57,000 square-foot building will bring the print, photo and radio/television departments of the school back under the same roof for the first time in 27 years, a crucial move because of the increasingly multimedia nature of the industry, Brown said.

But multimillion dollar facility or not, Brown insists the school will differ very little from its beginning in Army surplus tents almost 100 years ago. “The mission hasn’t changed since 1914,” he said. “We don’t want to become a school of delivery systems; this is a place for journalists to know their place in democracy.” 🐾



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