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UM wins Presidents Cup for student-athletes

Regardless of how many points Grizzly athletes scored on the field this year, one thing is certain – they made a lot of three-pointers off it.

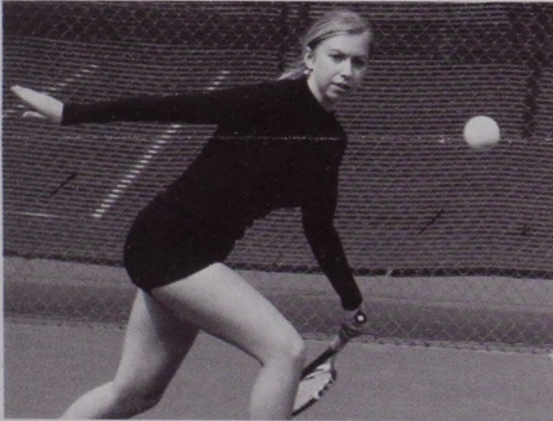
UM was awarded the 2006-2007 Sterling Savings Bank Big Sky Conference Presidents Cup, an award that goes to the school with the most successful student-athletes in the classroom and on the field.

Team grade-point averages, graduation rates and number of all-conference performers with a GPA above 3.0 are used to determine the academic side, while athletic points are determined by regular-season standings for all men's and women's sports.

It is UM's first Presidents Cup in the five-year history of the program.

"It's a real accomplishment for the

entire University," said UM Athletic Director Jim O'Day. "It's a credit to what our coaches, administrators and all of the people in Main Hall have been striving for for many years and comes at a time when we are certainly appreciative of everything our fans and boosters have done for the program."



Martyna Nowak, UM tennis team member

Montana finished with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.11. Thirty student-athletes who received All-Conference honors earned a GPA of at least 3.0. The UM women's tennis team and the women's cross country team tied for the best GPA at 3.39. The golf team was a close third with 3.35, followed by the women's indoor and outdoor track teams, who both posted 3.42 GPAs. The volleyball team and the women's basketball team posted 3.19

GPAs. The soccer team finished at 3.17.

Athletic points were determined by regular-season standings and also given for finishes in the Big Sky Championships. — Continued on back page

State of the University

UM President George Dennison will give his annual State of the University address at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, in the Montana Theatre. Of key interest in this year's address is an update on UM's \$100 million capital campaign, "Invest in Discovery." The president also will report on what has been accomplished at the University in the past year and his vision for the coming year. Faculty members who have earned promotion or tenure will be acknowledged. UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley said the public is encouraged to attend the event. Refreshments will be served, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the lobby of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. 🍷

Culinary grad named best student chef in America

Carol Chandler, a 2006 graduate of UM's College of Technology, was named the National Student Culinary Champion after winning the American Culinary Federation competition in Orlando, Fla., recently. She was awarded \$15,000.

Chandler won the Western Regional competition held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in April. She competed against winners of three other regions for the national award.

Two coaches accompanied Chandler to the competition – Thomas Campbell, program director of the COT culinary arts program, and Toby McCracken, executive chef of the Stock Farm Club in Hamilton.

All four competitors were directed to prepare the same menu. Judging was based on how each interpreted the

cooking techniques and recipes and on their personal cooking styles and presentations. The menu was: Filets of Sole à la Florentine (appetizer), tomatoes, asparagus and endive (salad) and Chicken Chasseur (main course).



Chef Carol Chandler

Chandler noted that at first she had trouble with the burners on the stove she was using because they were "extremely powerful." She said she lost her composure briefly but worked things out fairly quickly. "I took it as a good sign as I watched the judges take a taste and then practically fight over the leftovers, eating the plates clean," she said.

Chandler reports she received a standing ovation after accepting the award. She dedicated it to her parents, her hometown of Plentywood, her mentors Campbell and McCracken and to the College of Technology. 🍷

'Montana Monologs' features lives of ranch women

Wendy Woollett has always liked to listen to people talk and is fascinated by what they talk about. So much so, she has spent about five years interviewing a fading breed – Montana ranch women.

Woollett has completed in-depth oral histories of six women and is weaving three of them into "The Montana Monologs," a performance culled from the histories.

The premiere performance will take place as a benefit for the Guardian Angels Foundation at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Dunrovin Ranch in Lolo.

UM's Wilderness Institute provided funding for three of the histories through a Matthew Hansen Endowment grant. Woollett is an administrative associate in UM's department of physical therapy.

Woollett reports that she spent nine months to a year interviewing each woman. She plans to work the material into a book, which will include seven oral histories.

Woollett was a leader of Ms. Boris' Charmed Circle, which was associated with Duck's Breath, a well-known theatrical group in San Francisco in the 1980s.

"In the '80s I wrote monologs about cowboys," she said. "I was always



Wendy Woollett

interested in the West. When I came to Montana I was amazed that there were still log cabins and log outbuildings and all these beautiful landscapes." She added that when she realized many of the ranch families were selling their ranches, she decided to try to capture their lives through oral histories.

The performance at the Dunrovin Ranch will draw from histories based on the lives

of the late Ann Hirschy of the Big Hole Valley, Pat Shepard of St. Ignatius and the late Lynn Wolfe of Stevensville.

The monologs will be performed by actresses associated with the Chantilly Theatre in Stevensville. Gretchen Spiess will direct the production as well as play Shepard. Deb Goslin will play Wolfe and Ann Marie Carbin will play Hirschy.

Woollett's son, Caleb Coffey, a Seattle-based singer/songwriter, will perform at the benefit and musical pieces will be embedded in each monolog.

Woollett encourages people to come early to enjoy pre-show music and peruse booths on related subject matter. A talk-back session about women and the West will be held after the performance.

The Guardian Angels Foundation gives scholarships to cancer patients in need. A cancer survivor, Woollett was a recipient of the foundation's largesse early in the year. She, along with SuzAnne Miller, owner of the Dunrovin Ranch, Dr. Judy Schmidt and Joni Landis, are sponsoring the event.

A \$25 donation is suggested. Directions to the Dunrovin Ranch are available online at <http://www.DunrovinRanchMontana.com> or by calling 406-243-7745. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs. Hay bales also will be provided for seating. 🐾

University hosts first 'College Colors Day Wedding'

Nervous groom. Blushing bride. The guests are clad in maroon and silver. The UM Marching Band plays the Griz fight song. Monte is the ring-bearer. The reception is a tailgate.

Sound like the dream wedding for die-hard Griz fans? Well, that's exactly what UM alumni Kristine Kennedy and Stephan "Dico" Dicomitis will get Aug. 31 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in the first official College Colors Day Wedding, hosted this year by UM and the Collegiate Licensing Company.

College Colors Day kicks off intercollegiate athletics nationwide, and fans, alumni and students are encouraged to wear apparel of their favorite teams.

This year CLC, the Atlanta-based organization that regulates UM and Grizzly logos for the University, decided to launch an official wedding to help make college sports history. Each year a different college around the country will host the wedding.

Because they are such loyal Griz fans and were engaged to be married this summer, Kennedy and Dicomitis were chosen for the Griz-themed wedding. Susan Murphy, UM trademark and



"Dico" Dicomitis & Kristine Kennedy

licensing director, was tasked with making the wedding as Grizzly as possible.

"It's been fun coming up with creative ways to use the logo and working it into a traditional wedding theme," she said.

The wedding party will dress in UM locker rooms. Kennedy will walk down the visiting team's tunnel to meet her groom, and University photographer Todd Goodrich will shoot the wedding photos. The couple's wedding photo will be displayed on GrizVision the next day during the Montana Grizzlies' Sept. 1 season opener against Southern Utah.

In addition to planning the Griz wedding, Murphy has been planning her own, which takes place a week earlier. "It's been a busy summer, but it's been fun," she said.

Kennedy, the official Grizzly bride, said all the attention has been a bit overwhelming, and she doesn't even know

what's in store for her yet, with all the media hype that awaits. "I never really had any idea of what I wanted my wedding to be like," she said. "It's hard for me to be in the limelight, but this is perfect for Dico, so why not?" 🐾

Bitterroot Classes—The UM College of Technology now offers courses in the Bitterroot for area residents who are interested in working toward a college degree or enhancing job skills. Six evening courses will be held during fall semester at Hamilton High School: Principles of Business, Interpersonal Communications, Computer Literacy, Elementary Functions, Lab Tech I and Technical Writing. Fall semester classes begin Monday, Aug. 27. For more information go online to <http://www.cte.umt.edu> or call the COT Outreach Program, 406-243-7812.



Research Grant—UM biomedical research got a big shot in the arm recently from a five-year, \$10.6 million grant for the University's Center for Environmental Health Sciences. Founded in 2000, the center works to advance knowledge of environmental impacts on human health. Its 16 faculty members and six faculty affiliates study everything from arsenic exposure to diseases caused by Libby asbestos. The National Institutes of Health grant represents continued funding for CEHS, which is a Center for Biomedical Research Excellence housed in UM's College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences. The center received a similar COBRE grant shortly after it was founded. CEHS Director Andrij Holian said the center will receive \$1.5 million per year for direct costs and another \$620,000 per year for indirect costs such as facilities and administration expenses.

Friendship Matches—Approximately 120 new foreign students will begin their studies at UM this fall. The Missoula International Friendship Program, a nonprofit community-based organization, is looking for "friendship matches" for the students – local residents willing to share leisure and family activities once a month for one or two semesters. The host is not expected to become a legal guardian or financial sponsor and the student does not reside in the host's home. Those wishing to participate are asked to complete an application form by Aug. 27 and attend a special orientation session Sept. 11 or 12. An ice cream social will be held Sept. 18. Interested community members can access an application form at <http://www.mifp.org> or by calling UM's Foreign Student & Scholar Services at 406-243-2226.

Free Rides—UM is August's community sponsor of A Carousel for Missoula, and the University is providing free rides for everyone several days this month. Fans can ride free on Thursday, Aug. 23, then stay for the annual Great Griz Encounter, which begins at 5:30 p.m. during Downtown ToNight at Caras Park. Fans can meet the 2007 Montana Grizzlies football team and see the unveiling of the new uniforms. The public also is invited to ride the Carousel free, courtesy of UM, on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25-26, as a community back-to-school celebration.

Global Trade—The Montana World Trade Center at UM and the Governor's Office of Economic Development are offering the Global Trade Certificate Program. The program is designed to provide businesses and professionals with the tools and resources needed to build a foundation that can support global opportunities and growth. The program

includes information on trends in today's global economy, market entry strategies, financing mechanisms and resources, and trademark and intellectual property protection tools. It is designed to help professionals who work with businesses and organizations looking to establish or expand participation in global markets. For more information, go online to <http://www.mwtc.org/GTCP>, call Nicole Hagerman at 406-243-6982 or e-mail nicole@mwtc.org.

Heart Walk—UM will once again host the Missoula Heart Walk Saturday, Sept. 15, on the Oval to raise money for the American Heart Association. The route is a three-mile walk around campus that includes a trek across the field of Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Monte and the UM cheer squad and dance team will be on hand to get walkers revved up for the walk. Participants are asked to arrive by 8 a.m. The walk will be completed by 11 a.m.

Parade Entries—UM's 2007 Homecoming parade will take place Saturday, Sept. 29, and applications for parade entries are available at two Missoula locations and online. "Montana Legends: Discovery Never Ends" is the parade theme. The focus can be on any sort of Montana legend – legendary people, places, events, history, geography or stories. Artists Monte Dolack and Mary Beth Percival will be the parade marshals. The parade entry fee is \$25, and the application deadline is 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21. Application forms are available at the UM Alumni Association office in 115 Brantly Hall, at the Missoula Chamber of Commerce and online at the alumni association's Web site, <http://www.umontanaalumni.org>. Completed forms may be dropped off at the UMAA office or faxed to 406-243-4467. For more information, contact Suzette Dussault at 406-243-5214.

Sustainable Wedding—The wedding of Alexandra Gorman and Todd Scranton was more than the couple's expression of their commitment to each other. Devoted to sustainable living, the two approached University Catering Services with a request to cater their wedding through UM's Farm to College Program. Alexandra wanted the menu to meet the UM Farm to College Program criteria – all locally and regionally produced ingredients. She worked with University Catering Services to create a wedding reception menu from an array of locally produced food and beverages. "The food definitely tastes better because it isn't transported from long distances," she said. "We wanted our out-of-state guests to experience food grown in Montana." The couple hosted 160 guests at a reception held in the University Center Ballroom. Guests dined on delicious and beautifully presented food created especially for the event. Recipes included locally produced meats, tofu, cheeses, breads, pasta, tortillas, fruits, vegetables, sauces and condiments. Beverages served included a selection of local beer, wine and tea. Executive Chef Tom Siegel carved a dramatic swan ice sculpture, and the three-layer wedding cake was made by a local baker using locally grown flour, eggs and butter.

Bear Feats—Monte, that lovable Griz mascot, has started the season off well. He recently won second place in the mascot competition at the Fire Festival in Seattle. Monte was only one point behind the winner – Western Washington University's Viking. The mascots Monte topped were from the following universities: Washington, Oregon, Oregon State, Washington State, Gonzaga, Boise State, Eastern Washington and Seattle. 🐻

UM Events

Workshop—Aug. 21, Wildflower and Wild Grass Seed Collecting Workshop, 7 p.m., Nature Adventure Garden, Fort Missoula. Collect seeds to be used in local restoration efforts. Volunteers also may take some seed home. Information: <http://prairiekeepers.dbs.umt.edu>; Montana Natural History Center, 406-327-0405.

Orientations—Aug. 22-24. Fall Orientation on UM campus, through Aug. 24. Information: Karissa Drye, director of orientation, 406-243-2332, 800-462-8636, karissa.drye@mso.umt.edu, <http://www.umt.edu/nss/orientation>. UM College of Technology Orientation, Aug. 23. Welcoming ceremony, 9 a.m. in COT Health and Business Building Room HB01. Information: 406-243-7882, 800-542-6882, cotadmissions@umontana.edu.

Encounter—Aug. 23, 12th Annual Football Great Griz Encounter, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Caras Park. Information: Christie Anderson, UM Intercollegiate Athletics, 406-243-4336.

Volleyball—Aug. 24, 25. Montana Tournament, West Auxiliary Gym. Information: <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

Kids' Day—Aug. 25, "Endangered Ferrets, Fish and Fowl," 2 p.m., Montana Natural History Center, 120 Hickory St. Great for kids age 5 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission: 50 cents for kids; \$1 for adults. MNHC members free. Information: 406-327-0405, <http://www.montanaturalist.org>.

Play—Aug. 28. Shakespeare in the Parks: "Merry Wives," 6 p.m., UM Oval. Information: <http://www.montana.edu/shakespeare>.

Play—Aug. 29, Shakespeare in the Parks: "Heartbreak House," 6 p.m., UM Oval. Information: <http://www.montana.edu/shakespeare>.

Soccer—Aug. 31, UM vs. Washington State, 5 p.m., South Campus Stadium. Information: <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

Recital—Aug. 31, Maggie Schuberg, flute, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Faculty recital. \$6 general; \$4 students/seniors. Information: UM Department of Music, 406-243-6880, griz.music@umontana.edu.

Triathlon—Sept. 1, MTCC Garden City Triathlon, 8 a.m., Frenchtown Pond State Park. 1.5-kilometer swim, 40-kilometer bike, 20-kilometer run. Post-race activities and awards. Also a Kids Triathlon. Park rules prohibit dogs. Benefits the Montana Campus Compact. Cost to participate: \$45. Ticket information: <http://www.mtcompact.org>. Information: Dean McGovern, 406-243-5177, mcgovern@mtcompact.org.

Football—Sept. 1, UM vs. Southern Utah, 1:05 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Sold out.

Soccer—Sept. 2, UM vs. Gonzaga, 2 p.m., South Campus Stadium. Information: <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

Exhibit—Sept. 4, "Mike Catlin, Butte: The 1970s," Montana Museum of Art & Culture, Paxson Gallery, through Oct. 20.

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>.

Exhibit—Sept. 5, "Traces – Montana's Frontier Re-visited," Montana Museum of Art & Culture, Meloy Gallery, through Oct. 20. 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>.

Seminars—Sept. 5, Ecology Seminar Series, 4:10-5 p.m., North Underground Lecture Hall. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by UM's wildlife biology program and organismal biology and ecology program. Information: Jeanne Franz, 406-243-5292, jeanne.franz@umontana.edu.

Play—Sept. 7, "Frankenstein," 7:30 p.m., Masquer Theatre, PAR/TV Center. Repeats Sept. 8. Information and tickets: Drama/Dance Box Office, 406-243-4581.

Observing—Sept. 7. Public Observing Night: Blue Mountain Observatory. Free and open to the public. Observing begins one hour after sunset. Call 406-243-5179 for weather and cancellation updates before going. For directions to observatory and further information go to <http://www.physics.umt.edu/BlueMountain>.

Golf—Sept. 8. Cross Country: Montana Open. UM Golf Course. Information: <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

Football—Sept. 8, UM vs. Fort Lewis, 1:05 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Sold out.

Festival—Sept. 13, Montana Festival of the Book, through Sept. 15. Information: <http://bookfest-mt.org>.

Recital—Sept. 14, Luis Millan, guitar, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Faculty recital. \$6 general; \$4 students/seniors. Information: UM Department of Music, 406-243-6880, griz.music@umontana.edu.

Garage Sale—"World's Largest Garage Sale," 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. UM Parking Garage near the Mansfield Library. Cost for two parking spaces: \$20; additional spaces \$10 each. Information: Ryan Hansen or Hunter Jones, UM Advocates, 406-243-5874, advocates@mso.umt.edu.

Book Signing—Presentation and book signing, Julian Cox, photography curator at High Museum, and photographer Richard Buswell. Montana Museum of Art & Culture, Meloy Gallery. Information: 406-243-2019, museum@umontana.edu, <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>. 📖

Athletes — continued

The Grizzlies averaged 10.5 points per sport, a close second to Northern Arizona (10.6). Montana captured the football championship, advancing to the national semifinals. The Lady Griz captured the women's regular-season title with a 15-1 conference record, as Robin Selvig's

team went 27-2 during the regular season, gaining a top 25 national ranking.

Montana's women's cross country team took second, and the soccer team tied for second. The men's tennis team also took second.

"This award is shared with all across campus," O'Day said. "We certainly

appreciate all of the efforts of the deans and professors and what other academic personnel do to assure our student-athletes are successful."

Northern Arizona, the 2005-06 champion, was second in the competition this year. Weber State, winner of the first two Presidents Cups, was third. 🏆



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