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UM professor part of winning Nobel Prize team

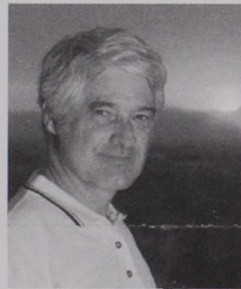
The University of Montana gets to share a piece of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

That's because UM ecologist and forestry Professor Steve Running was a lead author of the 2007 United Nations IPCC report, which presents strong evidence that humanity is artificially warming our world.

"This is such an unimaginable honor, and I'm just stunned," Running said. "Nobody on the IPCC committee expected the award because a Nobel Peace Prize has never gone to a committee before."

Running was nominated by the U.S. government in May 2004 to be a lead author of the chapter on North American impacts in the current IPCC report. His

U.S. working group author team then met in Austria, Australia, Mexico and South Africa over the next two 1/2 years, and the report was



Steve Running will give a lecture titled "The Five Stages of Climate Grief" at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, in the University Center Ballroom. Following the lecture, at 5 p.m., the University will host a reception for Running. The event is free and open to the public.

unveiled in Brussels in April 2007. His group was among 180 IPCC member nations that helped prepare the report, which is available online at <http://www.ipcc.ch>.

Running and the other authors were e-mailed a letter the day after the Nobel announcement from IPCC Chair Rajendra Pachauri that said, "I have been stunned in a pleasant way with the news of the

award of the Nobel Peace Prize for the IPCC. This makes each of you a Nobel Laureate, and it is my privilege to acknowledge this honor on your behalf."

Running has worked for UM since 1979. He directs the College of Forestry and Conservation's Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group, which

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J-School releases long-lost A.B. Guthrie essay

AB Guthrie Jr. was a prolific writer of both journalism and fiction and his family thought all of his work was accounted for – until an essay on sheepherding emerged from papers held by his sister.

The writing was discovered by Guthrie's niece, Peggy Haugen Bloom of Missoula, who found the manuscript in papers held by her mother, Jane Haugen.

The long-lost essay has been published in a limited edition by the UM School of Journalism, which is selling 250 hand-bound copies numbered and signed for \$100 each as a fundraiser. Money raised will be used for the Guthrie Reading Room in the newly built Don Anderson Hall.

The essay, given the title "Occupation Sheepherder" by Guthrie's daughter, Gus Miller of Butte, was prompted by a headstone Guthrie saw near Choteau at the grave of a sheepherder who lost his life in a storm.

In his classic, spare yet evocative prose, Guthrie ruminates on the life of the sheepherder – the mandate to stay with the flock even when his own life is threatened, the sheepherder's isolation and connection to the land and the tendency to go wild in town when not out with the sheep.

"Who was Peter Saddler? Couldn't he have run and saved himself and left the foolish ewes to pile up and freeze? Were wool and lamb chops more important than his life?"

Miller provides an engaging forward to the book, discussing her father's writing life and the role UM and the journalism school has played in her family's history.

Charles Hood, former dean of the journalism school and UM professor emeritus, weighs in with remembrances of interviewing Guthrie for his master's thesis, which Hood completed in 1969.

Miller said when her cousin told her of the find she "thought it was fabulous," adding, "My cousin didn't know quite what to do with it. I had been put on the advisory board for the journalism school. I certainly wanted to prove my worth as a member of the council." Miller said, tongue in cheek, so she suggested publishing the essay and selling it to raise money for the school.

Asked if she thinks it possible another Guthrie manuscript will be found, she said, "It's safe to say there will never be another unpublished piece of Guthrie to see the light of day."

Peggy Kuhr, dean of the School of Journalism, noted that "people interested in Montana history, writing and journalism will be interested in this book."

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Gus Miller and A.B. Guthrie Jr.

National guide ranks University in top 100 colleges

UM ranked 61st in the recently released 2007 Annual College Guide published by Washington Monthly magazine. It is the third annual college guide released by the magazine, which is based in Washington, D.C.

The ranking system used for the guide includes several factors not given as much consideration in other university-ranking systems, including national service, student social mobility and research contributions.

UM President George Dennison expressed support for the ranking approach, noting that it emphasizes social mobility for students through access to Pell grants; defines research not only in terms of

dollar volume but also by the number and percentage of graduates who go on to advanced work in their disciplines; and service, including participation in the Peace Corps, ROTC and other forms of civic engagement.

Paul Glastris, editor of the magazine, noted in a column that the purpose in compiling the guide was to "focus on what colleges are doing for the country" rather than what they do for individual students or faculty members.

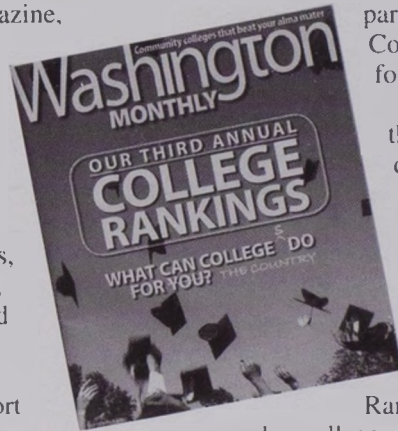
Rankings are based on how much a college or university "contributes to the higher good," he wrote, adding that "nearly every challenge America now faces could be met in part by better

harnessing the power of our colleges and universities."

Texas A & M topped the list, with the Universities of California at Los Angeles, Berkeley and San Diego taking the second through fourth spots. Several other state-supported schools also ranked high, while many Ivy League universities ranked lower than they typically rank in other surveys. Cornell was the only Ivy League university to make the top 20 in the rankings.

Utah State University ranked 54th. The University of Colorado, Boulder ranked 58th and the University of Missouri, Columbia ranked 60th.

Few other schools similar in size and mission ranked as high as UM. Oregon State University ranked 75th, the University of Wyoming ranked 81st, Washington State University ranked 127th and Montana State University ranked 163rd. 🐾



Degrees in speech pathology again available at UM

Until recently only three U.S. states – Alaska, Rhode Island and Montana – didn't prepare their own speech pathologists.

Now the list is down to two. University officials recently announced the creation of UM's new Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders. Part of the School of Education, the new program will offer an undergraduate degree in communicative disorders and a master's in speech pathology.

UM offered a speech pathology program in the late 1980s, but it was cut, along with several other departments, as a cost-saving measure. Since then, Montana schools and hospitals have experienced a shortage of qualified speech therapists, and schools are required by law to provide language or communication therapy for students with disabilities who need it.

"Schools across the state have very large numbers of vacancies for speech pathologists – typically 20 to 30 a year," said Rick van den Pol, director of UM's Division of Educational Research and Service. "Last spring when the Faculty Senate reviewed the University's proposal to revive the program, we had a gentleman from Eastern Montana come in, and he said his school had to spend something like \$100,000 per year for part-time services. It's required by law, so there is just this giant need across Montana."

UM President George Dennison said the people of Montana have suffered from a lack of speech and language pathologists.

"Even more tragic is that children have suffered," Dennison said. "Lack of services will forever follow those young people who, if they had received professional assistance, would have been able to correct most if not all of their delays. The citizens of Montana – most importantly the children – will be better off with this program back in place here at the University. Because of its critical importance, we intend to sustain it this time."

Van den Pol said UM tried three times previously to bring the program back. Evidently the fourth time was the charm. State lawmaker Wanzenried spearheaded a \$700,000 appropriation

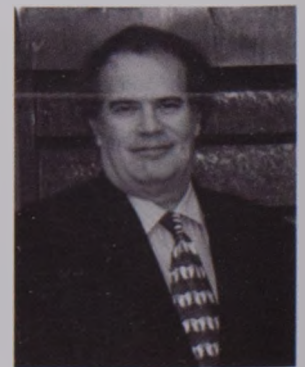
from the Legislature to jumpstart the program. UM also applied for and received a \$353,000 grant from the state Board of Regents for equipment and technology.

The department will begin teaching undergraduate students in fall 2008. A master's degree is required in order to be licensed as a speech-language pathologist in Montana. "If you earn this degree, you are going to get a job," van den Pol said. "This is a high-demand career."

The department will be housed in UM's Curry Health Center and will require six or seven new faculty hires. Al Yonovitz, an associate professor of speech pathology at Charles Darwin University in Australia, has been hired to lead the developing department.

"We are encouraging high school seniors, students uncertain about their career choice and mature-age students interested in investigating a rewarding career in speech-language pathology to consider us," Yonovitz said. "To meet the needs of those who already have a bachelor's degree, we will offer a bridging program, with courses being offered through face-to-face classes taught during weekends and evenings, as well as incorporating instructional television and Web-based delivery."

Yonovitz is a licensed audiologist with an international reputation. Before working in Australia, he was a faculty member at Conley Speech and Hearing Center of the University of Maine at Orono and the Speech and Hearing Institute of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He also was the principle audiologist at the University of Maine, where he visited American Indian communities in New England. 🐾



Al Yonovitch will lead the new department.

Geosciences Degree—For the first time in its history, UM will jointly offer a degree with partner universities in Europe. Geosciences Professor Marc Hendrix said the University has been awarded a four-year, \$408,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to establish a bachelor's degree program in international field geoscience. The degree will be issued jointly by UM, the University of Potsdam in Germany and University College Cork in Ireland. Students pursuing the degree will take classes and do fieldwork at all three universities before they graduate. "Our goal with this program is to give our students some international experience," Hendrix said. "We also want them to spend a significant amount of time in the field actually looking at geology and geoscience processes in different parts of the world." He said the grant will allow 24 UM students to study geosciences in Germany and Ireland during the next four years. In return, 12 German and 12 Irish students will come to Montana to study.

Native Labs—UM announced recently the establishment of two Native American Research Laboratories dedicated to training Native students in basic sciences and biomedical sciences. The laboratories are the first research labs at any university in the nation developed specifically to provide hands-on cross-disciplinary research training opportunities for Native American undergraduate and graduate students. The labs will provide a cultural "comfort zone" where Native students can learn how to use state-of-the-art research instrumentation and modern laboratory techniques to study research questions. UM has contracted Michael Ceballos, a research assistant professor in the Division of Biological Sciences, to help develop the laboratories. A former tribal college science faculty member, Ceballos is a member of the National Science Foundation Quality Education for Minorities Network Native American Leadership Development Institute and the NASA Astrobiology Institute. Ceballos is concurrently completing his doctoral studies in the integrative microbiology and biochemistry program. "This is an excellent opportunity for Native students to realize their educational dreams in a non-intimidating environment," Ceballos said. "It's time that we indigenous people cease being only the subjects of research and become part of the community doing the research. We often forget that indigenous people of the Americas were at the pinnacle of global scientific



discovery and engineering achievement when Europe was in the Dark Ages. Science is a part of our Native heritage that needs to be revived."

New Exhibits—"Sacks Appeal: Designs on the Shopping Bag" and "Everyday Objects in Art: Works from the Permanent Collection" are on display at UM's Montana Museum of Art & Culture. The exhibits opened Oct. 30 and will run through Dec. 22. "Sacks Appeal" is at the museum's

Meloy Gallery; a special window display also can be viewed at Macy's department store at 110 N. Higgins Ave. in Missoula.

"Everyday Objects in Art" is in the museum's Paxson Gallery. "Sacks Appeal" features some of the finest shopping bag designs of the 20th century. Included are dazzling bags with designs by artists such as Roy Lichtenstein, David Hockney, Keith Haring, Barbara Kruger and Annie Liebowitz. "Everyday Objects" are works reflecting development in modern art originating with Marcel Duchamp's ready-mades to assemblage and contemporary trends that blur the boundaries between art and life.

Dino Dollars—UM paleontologist George Stanley was featured in a 16-minute segment on "Dateline NBC" titled "Dino Dollars," which aired Aug. 22. The piece described how many landowners in Montana and throughout the West are earning extra money by selling ancient



Keith Haring, "L'epoque, La Mode, La Morale, La Passion 1977-1987"

remains on their property to commercial fossil-hunting companies. Stanley spoke out against selling to such fossil brokers, who often are more concerned with making money than preserving the remains for science. "What is the money value of a fossil?" Stanley asked. "You can't put a value on it. The value to me is the value to science." The entire story can be viewed on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ay6EKYrjio>.

Handel's 'Messiah'—The University Theatre will again ring with the hallelujah refrains of Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25. It will be the 12th Habitat for Humanity benefit at UM and will feature four UM voice faculty soloists: Anne Basinski, Kimberly James, David Cody and Stephen Kalm. Ron Willcott will conduct. More than \$100,000 has been raised over the years through the performances, which have helped fund construction of more than 30 homes in the Missoula area. Singers in the chorus raise money through pledges. The concert is free and open to the public, although donations are welcomed. For more information, contact Nancy Cooper, UM adjunct assistant professor of music, at 406-243-2080.

Better Payers—The latest statistics show fewer UM students are defaulting on their student loans. UM's federal fiscal cohort default rate fell from 4.4 percent in 2004 to 2.6 percent in 2005 – a one-year decrease of 40.9 percent. "This is great news," said Mick Hanson, director of UM's Financial Aid Office. "No. 1, it suggests an improved job market for students, helping them repay their loans. No. 2, it shows the Student Assistance Foundation in Helena, which services the majority of student loans in Montana, continues to improve its services for students when it comes to repayment." Hanson said institutions such as UM also have improved credit counseling for students as they exit college for the working world.

Christmas Bricks—With Christmas just around the corner, shoppers might want to consider the gift of a Centennial Circle brick for friends, loved ones or even themselves. The bricks are placed in UM's Oval near the Grizzly sculpture. The cost is \$150 a brick. The deadline for buying bricks for the spring engraving is April 16, 2008. For more information call University Relations at 406-243-2523 or visit <http://www.umt.edu/urelations/bricks.htm>.

UM Events

Nov. 16—Exhibition, Matthew Mitros, University Center Art Gallery, second floor Room 227, Nov. 12-Dec. 14. Large-scale sculptures voicing the interaction between machined and natural objects. Reception: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 406-243-4991, ucartgallery@mso.umt.edu.

Nov. 16—Volleyball, UM vs. Weber State, 7 p.m., West Auxiliary Gymnasium. Information: <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

Nov. 16—Reading, Poetry reading by Bryan Di Salvatore, 8 p.m., Turner Hall, Dell Brown Room. UM's Creative Writing Program Fall Reading Series. Information: Brandon Shimoda, 406-243-2133, brandon.shimoda@mso.umt.edu.

Nov. 17—Volleyball, UM vs. Idaho State, 7 p.m., West Auxiliary Gymnasium. Information: <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

Nov. 19—Recital. Women's Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Free and open to the public. Information: UM Department of Music, 406-243-6880, griz.music@umontana.edu.

Nov. 27—Recital, UM Percussion Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. \$6 general; \$4 students/seniors.

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

Nov. 27—Play, "Tartuffe," 7:30 p.m., Montana Theatre, PAR/TV Center. Repeats Tuesday-Saturday through Dec. 8. Information and tickets: Drama/Dance Box Office, 406-243-4581.

Nov. 28—Lectures, by Orville Schell, former dean, Graduate School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley, and director of the Asia Society's Center on U.S.-China Relations. "The Role of Our Free Press in America: How Is It Doing?" 3:10-4:30 p.m., Gallagher Business Building Room 123. President's Lecture Series, "The U.S. and China: The Most Important Bilateral Relationship in the World." 8 p.m., University Center Ballroom. Free and open to the public. Information: UM history Professor Richard Drake, 406-243-2981, richard.drake@umontana.edu.

Nov. 28—Talk, Scott Patnode, director/curator of the Jundt Art Museum, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash. Gallery Talk on the "Sacks Appeal" exhibit, 7 p.m., Montana Museum of Art & Culture, Meloy Gallery. Free and open to the

public. Information: Montana Museum of Art & Culture, 406-243-2019, museum@umontana.edu, <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1—Fair. Holiday Art Fair, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., University Center Atrium. Information: ucartfair@umontana.edu.

Dec. 2—Choir. University Choir and Chamber Chorale, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. \$5 general; \$3 students/seniors. Information: UM Department of Music, 406-243-6880, griz.music@umontana.edu.

Dec. 4—Lecture, Avalanche Awareness, 7 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall. Free and open to the public. Information: UM Campus Recreation Outdoor Program, 406-243-5172.

Dec. 4—Concert, UM Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. \$5 general; \$3 students/seniors. Information: UM Department of Music, 406-243-6880, griz.music@umontana.edu.

Dec. 6—Film. "The Yes Men," 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., University Center Theater, Peace and Justice Film Series. Free and open to the public. Free parking after 5 p.m. Complete series schedule and details about films: <http://peaceandjusticefilms.org>.

Dec. 7—Basketball. UM vs. Portland, 7 p.m., Dahlberg Arena. Information: <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>. 🐾

Nobel — continued

has crafted software for NASA environmental satellites such as Terra and Aqua.

The only other UM faculty member associated with the Nobel is Harold Urey (1893-1981), who received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1934 for his discovery of heavy hydrogen, also called deuterium.

UM President George Dennison said Running's share of the honor further demonstrates the quality of work done by faculty on the Missoula campus.

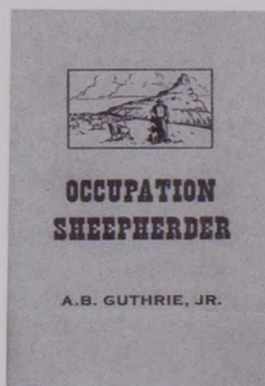
"We have world-class faculty at The University of Montana conducting monumental research," Dennison said. "We couldn't be more excited for Professor Running or proud of his significant accomplishments."

"I never thought my name and the words 'Nobel Laureate' would ever be used in the same sentence," Running said. "I really hope this award will help bury the disingenuous climate change deniers once and for all.

"We as a society badly need to move to solutions," he said. "We have no more time for arguing about petty details while huge climate changes occur before our eyes. We need to get society to calmly acknowledge these climate facts and get to work."

Running suggests people come to his talk or read his "Five Stages of Climate Grief" essay at <http://www.ntsg.umt.edu/files/5StagesClimateGrief.htm>. 🐾

Guthrie — continued



She said \$90 of each \$100 paid for the limited edition will go to the J-School. The book was printed on a letterpress by Peter Koch, a friend of the Guthrie family who owns Peter Koch, Printers, in Berkeley, Calif.

Guthrie was known for his novel "The Big Sky" and others that followed, including "The Way West," which won a Pulitzer Prize in 1950. A 1923 graduate of the UM journalism school, Guthrie worked 30 years as a reporter and editor for the Lexington Leader in Kentucky. While there, he earned a

Nieman Fellowship to Harvard University, which he used to write "The Big Sky." He wrote 10 novels, many short stories and an autobiography. His screenplay, "Shane," was nominated for an Academy Award in 1954.

Guthrie received an honorary doctorate of literature from UM in 1950. He returned to Montana in 1956 and lived to the age of 91.

"Occupation Sheepherder" is available through The Bookstore at UM by calling 406-243-1234 or online at <http://montanabookstore.com>. For more information, call the journalism school at 406-243-4001. 🐾



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