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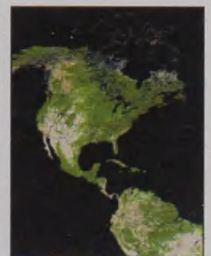
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## AWARDS GALORE



UM's promotional efforts gained regional and national recognition recently, with the University's new theme, "The Discovery Continues," receiving high marks in two venues and a traveling billboard on a semi-tractor trailer also garnering honors.

UM's University Relations' promotional team came home from a conference in Victoria, British Columbia, with a stunning crystal eagle statue — the highest honor in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada bestowed by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's District VIII. UM won the Virginia Carter Smith Grand Crystal award at the CASE conference for use of The Discovery Continues as a new institutional theme.

UM's entry in the CASE awards included printed materials produced by Printing and Graphic Services, University Relations,

Admissions and New Student Services, the UM Alumni Association, the President's Office, the UM Foundation and the Broadcast Media Center. The theme originally was suggested by William Marcus, director of the Broadcast Media Center, and was championed by UM Executive Vice President Bob Frazier.

UM also earned a Merit Award from HMR Publications Group for the 53-foot trailer owned by Jim Palmer Trucking of Missoula that bears a giant Montana Grizzlies logo. HMR publishes the monthly *Admissions Marketing Report*. In the same competition, UM won a Bronze Award for the 1999 President's Report, which introduced The Discovery Continues theme.

Designed by graphic artist Mike Egeler, the report's cover — and the main visual for the institutional theme — features Charlie Russell's "Lewis and Clark Expedition" merged with an image of the world and NASA's recently launched Terra satellite. (See story on the satellite and UM researchers on page 14.)



University Relations Assistant Director Rita Munzenrider accepts the CASE Crystal Award for UM's "The Discovery Continues."

## HALL OF FAME ADDS THREE

Three competitors who have thrilled Griz fans over the years have been inducted into UM's Sports Hall of Fame. Famous hoopster Micheal Ray Richardson, ace distance runner David Morris and Lady Griz basketball coach Robin Selvig joined thirty-two earlier-inductees, including Harry Adams, George "Jiggs" Dahlberg, Jud Heathcote, Marti Leibenguth and Shannon Cate-Schweyen.

Richardson has spent the past thirteen years in Europe, where he retired as a player at age 45 in 1999. Today he is an Italian citizen living in France and working for NBA Europe. Morris also has spent time abroad, training for three years in Japan in an attempt to make the 2000 U.S. Olympic team. The Alaska native came to UM in the late 1980s and left in 1993 with the school's first and only NCAA indoor track championship.

Selvig is the first to be inducted while still doing what's he's being honored for — coaching the Lady Griz basketball team. He played for the Grizzlies in the 1970s.



From left to right: UM Hall of Famers Richardson, Selvig and Morris with President Dennison

# Greetings from the President

As you read this issue of the *Montanan*, we will have concluded another legislative session, a biennial occurrence for us. We worked very hard this year to persuade the policy-makers to view expenditures on higher education as an investment in the future of the state and its people. As Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan has remarked on several occasions, this country cannot maintain its competitive edge without that investment. Put another way, higher education serves as a productivity enhancer to stimulate the economy without inducing inflation.

Our country has benefitted a great deal from this effect during the last decade as we have enjoyed growth and prosperity without inflation. We cannot, however, expect that fortunate condition to continue unless we make investments in the basic engine that makes it go. We believe we made the case effectively and trust that the policy-makers will respond positively.

This issue features aspects of the University's contributions sometimes taken for granted. For example, the amazing success of the Grizzly football team has focused a good deal of favorable attention on Montana. On fall weekends, one finds Missoula inundated by visitors from across and outside the state who attend the games and also visit the shopping centers and other commercial entities in the city. Fully 60 percent of the people who sit in the stands come from outside Missoula County. In fact, coach Joe Glenn has name recognition in the state almost equal to that of

former Governor Marc Racicot.

William Marcus and his colleagues in the Broadcast Media Center have brought the University to the state in the highly acclaimed, award-winning *Backroads of Montana* series. Those who have not seen the earlier productions will surely want to order a set. Montana wears an interesting and appealing face in the series.

Finally, the Earth Observing System has attracted attention across the country for its innovative programs. Professor Steve Running continues to identify new uses for the information that his systems provide, ranging from timber and fire management to agricultural production. And public school teachers now also have access to the information to enhance the quality and responsiveness of science education.

In myriad ways, The University of Montana seeks to fulfill its public mission and justify the investment the people of Montana have made.



A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "George M. Dennison". The signature is written in a cursive style.

George M. Dennison  
President

## MONTANA SOCIAL CAPITAL HIGH

Montana may not show high nationally in per capita income, but the state seems to have an abundance of an entirely different valuable: social capital.

The levels at which Montanans trust one another, are politically active and aware, and participate in the well-being of their communities through association, involvement and civic leadership are among the highest in the nation. Such were the findings of the Social Capital Community Benchmark Survey, conducted by the Saguaro Seminar of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Community foundations across the country were invited to participate in the project.

The survey was developed by Robert Putnam, a Harvard University government and politics professor, and author of the book, *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. Putnam has made the concept of social capital a topic of national media coverage.

The survey asked seventy questions mea-

suring numerous dimensions of social capital, including levels of informal socializing with friends and neighbors, membership in groups, political involvement, levels of trust in community leaders, and volunteerism and contributions to local charities. More than 30,000 Americans were surveyed last fall, including 502 Montanans. The Montana Community Foundation represented the state; UM President George Dennison, along with sociology Professor William McBroom and political science Associate Professor Paul Haber, joined the project as academic partners.

## FULBRIGHTS AWARDED

Two UM professors and UM's legal counsel have been awarded Fulbright Program grants. The prestigious grants allow faculty members, administrators and other professionals to travel to more than 140 countries. The program was established in 1946 to increase mutual understanding among peoples and countries.

Professors Fred Allendorf of the Division of Biological Sciences and Melissa Harrison of the School of Law were awarded Fulbright grants for 2000-2001. Allendorf is studying

## STANFORD NAMED AAAS FELLOW

Jack Stanford, director of UM's Flathead Lake Biological Station, has been named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for



his contributions to freshwater ecology—especially the connections between terrestrial systems, aquatic systems and groundwater. He is one of only 251 AAAS fellows. The honor is reserved for individuals who have advanced science or fostered applications that are scientifically or socially distinguished. Stanford has studied Flathead Lake for more than thirty years and is UM's Bierman Professor of Ecology.



## GRIZ-CAT CHOO-CHOO

It's never too early to start making plans for the 2001 Griz-Cat grudge match, especially when the game is to be held in that out-of-town place.

Montana Rockies Rail Tours will make it easier for fans to get to the game this year, offering a round-trip train tour from Missoula to Bozeman on the Montana Daylight. The train will leave Missoula on November 16 and return the following day after the game. It will operate on the former Northern Pacific route now owned by Montana Rail Link.

This will be the first year since 1969 that Grizzlies fans will have a chance to ride a train to the match. Northern Pacific's North Coast Limited and MaintStreeter were main forms of transport to the games for years. From 1926 until 1950 (with five years off due to World War II) the games were held in Butte and the North Coast Limited carried fans from both sides of the mountains to war it out in the Mining City.

The MainStreeter carried fans when the games were held in Bozeman or Missoula. Extra cars often were added to accommodate the fans, according to Marcia Pilgeram, president of the tour company.

"Trains were an important component in early rival Bobcat-Grizzly games," she says. "Train travel allows the fans to dine leisurely, view scenery and enjoy companionship and hospitality – to celebrate in comfort and safety."

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## CHARTER DAY



**Awards recipients at UM's 2001 Charter Day celebration were:** back row, left to right: **George Stanley, Dennison Faculty Award (initiated this year); Christopher Zeeck, Student Service Award; Susan Castle, George M. and Jane I. Dennison Staff Award (also initiated this year); and William L. Bouchee, Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award.** Front row: **Michael S. Mayer, Faculty Service Award; Mary and Donald Gatzke, Montana Alumni Award; and Melanie Hoell, Robert T. Pantzer Award.** (See related story on page 38.)

genetics and the conservation of small populations in New Zealand. Harrison was granted a lecturing and research position at the University of Sofia in Bulgaria, but she was unable to accept the position for family reasons.

UM legal counsel David Aronofsky, who also is an adjunct faculty member in UM's schools of law and education, will teach several law classes at the University of Montevideo in Uruguay this summer. Fluent in Spanish, Aronofsky, also will provide higher education consulting to the university. This is Aronofsky's second Fulbright award; in 1990 he traveled to Chile, where he assisted the government in its return to democracy.

## NEW CENTER FOR DISABLED AMERICAN INDIANS

The nation's first center designed to help improve the lives and employment opportunities of American Indians with disabilities has taken up residency at UM's Rural



**LaDonna Fowler**

Institute on Disabilities.

A five-year \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration will fund the

American Indian Disability Technical Assistance Center (AIDTAC).

The center's first priority will be education and awareness, according to director LaDonna Fowler. "As tribes become aware that tribal members with disabilities have specific needs, AIDTAC will help them develop the infrastructure of housing, transportation, personal assistance services and other programs that allow people with disabilities to live and work in their communities," she says.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 protects the rights of people with dis-

abilities but doesn't apply to tribal lands. Fowler says a mandate of the center is to help tribes retain tribal sovereignty while adapting their policies to help eliminate employment barriers for disabled people.

## DICKENSON CHARGES ON

Former Grizzly quarterback Dave Dickenson has signed his first NFL contract – with the San Diego Chargers.

And, in a strange its-a-small-world twist, Dickenson signed with the Chargers as the franchise was dropping its contract with Montanan Ryan Leaf, Dickenson's quarterback successor at Charles M. Russell High School in Great Falls. The two had lived within blocks of each other in the early 1990s. Leaf completed three turbulent seasons with the Chargers after being a second pick overall in the 1998 draft. He left with a 4-14 record as a starter.

Dickenson signed a two-year contract worth more than \$2 million with performance bonuses. The lauded Griz quarterback, who led his team to the Division I-AA National Championship in 1995, leaves the Calgary Stampeders after five years, two of those as lead quarterback. Dickenson was named Most Valuable Player in the

Canadian Football League last season after leading the Stampeders to a championship in



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Canada's west division. The team lost to the British Columbia Lions in the playoffs for the Grey Cup, the Canadian equivalent of the Super Bowl.

The Stampeders, playing in Canada's three-down game, have been known to produce superior passing quarterbacks, and passing clearly is Dickenson's strength. He still holds records at UM for passing yardage and was averaging about six touchdowns for every interception with the Stampeders.

Dickenson joins his older brother, Craig, an assistant coach for the Chargers who served as a Griz assistant coach during his younger brother's tenure at UM. Their childhood football games have morphed into prestigious careers.

"I always dreamed about this as a kid," Dickenson says, adding, "We loved football, but neither one of us actually thought we'd ever be doing it for a living."

## ONLINE LIVING WITH zGRIZZLIES.COM

A free Internet portal dubbed zGrizzlies.com is allowing UM alumni, staff, students, faculty and friends to build an extended online community — and help UM at the same time.

With zGrizzlies.com, users can customize their start/home page to display UM news, sports and activities; local and national news, sports and weather; personalized stock and travel tips; and online shopping, entertainment, games and fitness and health information.

And each time a user shops through zGrizzlies.com, a percentage of the purchase price is returned to UM. A similar transaction occurs with each "click through" — when a user clicks on an advertisement to learn more. ZGrizzlies.com also provides free e-mail.

It just doesn't get any better than that.

## RUNNING FOR THE FUN OF IT

Just three years into her UM career, Sabrina Monroe has established herself as one of the greatest athletes — male or female — in Grizzly history. She has competed in three NCAA cross country championships and last fall she finished in second place at the national meet. This season she broke her own field house record with a 4:50.87 mile while also bashing a record that had stood for nine years at the Thorpe Field House in Cheney, Washington. The Clancy native attributes her success to being bored as a child. "I had nothing better to do in small-town Montana, so I just started running my freshman year of high school out of pure boredom," she says. "There isn't a whole lot to do for fun unless you like to hunt or fish. That's not really up my alley, so I picked running."



## FACULTY MEMBERS PEN PAPERS FOR SCIENCE & NATURE

Five researchers at UM have had their papers accepted for publication in the past six months by two of the most prestigious science publications – *Science* and *Nature*. Often considered a career-defining moment, publication in such journals is something many scientists never experience.

“It’s unheard of for a university of this size to have this many faculty publish this many papers in *Science* and *Nature*,” says Don Christian, associate dean of UM’s Division of Biological Sciences. He says the magazines only publish papers that have a big impact and generate broad interest.

Faculty members who published articles are: Thomas Martin, senior research scientist with UM’s Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, who coauthored a paper on parental care of North and South American birds and authored a paper on bird fecundity and survival rates (both for *Science*); biology Associate Professor Ragan Callaway, who coauthored a paper on exotic invasion of plants that appeared in *Science*; biology Associate Professor Erick Greene, who coauthored a paper on sexual selection in birds that appeared in *Nature*; geology Professor George Stanley, who coauthored a paper on modern corals for *Science*; and biology Associate Professor Doug Emlen, who authored a paper on animal structure that appeared in *Science* last month.

“Getting published in these journals really gets UM known internationally,” Emlen says. “Within twenty-four hours of the article’s release, I had e-mails from ten different countries on four continents. I also had calls from the *London Times*, a Canadian radio station, and *USA Today* did a Web page story about it.”

Now, that’s news coverage. And all that for a paper titled “Costs and Diversification of Exaggerated Animal Structures.”

Publicists take note. 🐾



This photograph, loaned to the archives for copying by Lois Dodge, shows her parents standing in front of the Mount Sentinel lookout circa 1916. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MANSFIELD LIBRARY ARCHIVES

## ALUMNI REMEMBER LOOKOUT

**S**ince a discussion of the lookout on Mount Sentinel appeared in the Spring 2000 *Montanan*, several UM alumni have offered recollections of the two-story structure, which was built in 1915 and burned in 1929.

Gilbert M. Baker, who came to UM in 1923, remembers that the lookout was part of his Sigma Chi initiation. As part of “Hell Week” he was sent to hike up to the lookout on a moonlit night. He was given a piece of string to measure the base of the building as proof that he had made it all the way. After he reached the summit and made his measurements, he started back down the mountain and was captivated by the view that we still enjoy from our campus mountain.

“What a beautiful sight stretched out before me,” he writes. “It was like being up in a balloon, looking down on the lights of Missoula and of the whole valley as far as I could see. I remember that there was a large fire over near the mouth of the Bitterroot Valley. I had this beautiful view, under a full moon, all the way down.”

His measurements reported, he was initiated into Sigma Chi the following weekend. Now 95 years old, he says he will never forget that moonlit hike.

Dan Nelson ’40 writes that when he would visit the lookout as a Boy Scout,

“One had to look hard for a space between thousands of names, initials and dates carved into the inside surface of the logs to carve your own initials and date. Mine [were] there also.” He offers a clue to the fire that destroyed the lookout: Visitors often would build a fire inside the building, with the smoke going “out the broken windows and/or into the eyes and lungs of the occupants.” He laments the lookout’s disappearance: “It is sorely missed by everybody in town, at the ‘U’ and the forestry students of those days.”

1936 graduate Mary K. Blastic reports that one of her most vivid childhood memories is of the lookout. When she was nine years old and living on Hilda Avenue in Missoula, she and her friend decided that it was a fine afternoon for a hike. They shot straight up the mountain, bypassing the zigzag path, and climbed up the ladder to the lookout’s second floor. Once they were up there, they were afraid to back down the ladder. Fortunately, a friendly man came along and carried them down the ladder.

These memories are a valuable addition to the materials about the lookout in the UM archives. A hearty thanks to the writers for sharing their stories.

Jodi Allison-Bunnell, University archivist





## WWWIN

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# Unfulfilled Hoop Dreams

By Rick Stern

In college athletics, success is a double-edged sword. Just ask Montana men's basketball coach Don Holst and his Lady Griz counterpart, Robin Selvig, who guided their 2000-2001 squads to seasons that were disappointing for some Grizzly fanatics – but that also could be judged successful by several important measures.

The Lady Griz finished their season at 21-9 and advanced to the final game of the Big Sky Conference Tournament, where they lost to host Idaho State 68-59. It was the eighteenth time in nineteen years that the Lady Griz advanced to the tournament's championship game. Montana's March 10th loss to the Lady Bengals, however, was only the team's fourth loss in tournament championship contests. "When you have a successful program, people come to expect you to win every year," Selvig said. "Unfortunately, you don't get to be champion every year. You

don't get to host the conference tournament every year."

With an 11-5 record during Big Sky Conference play, the Lady

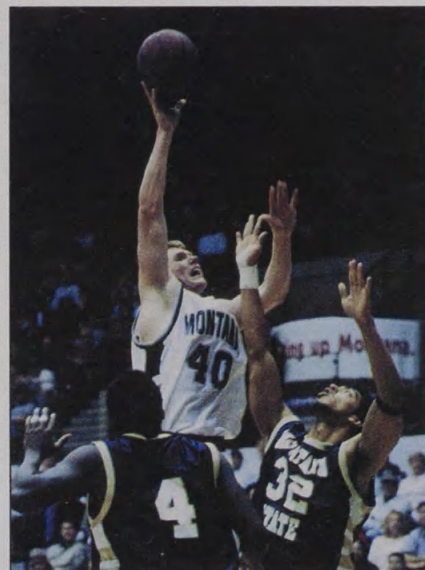
Griz finished third in the conference behind Idaho State and Montana State. The Lady Griz lost both regular-season games to the Lady Bengals, who won all of their Big Sky regular-season games (16-0) and advanced to the women's NCAA Tournament with a 21-game winning streak, the longest of any team in the nation – women's or men's.

The Lady Griz represented themselves well at the Big Sky Tournament in Pocatello. They played their best basketball of the season to defeat Eastern Washington 76-55 in the first round, then dominated Montana State 84-67 to earn a berth in the championship game.

In the first half, the Lady Bengals dominated in the rebounding column and ran out to a 35-28 halftime lead. Montana then relied on its strength – three-point shooting – to fight its way back into the game early in the second half; the Lady Griz tied the game at 44-44 on back-to-back three-pointers by Cheryl Keller and Brooklynn Lorenzen. Down the stretch, the Lady Bengals relied on rebounding, a smothering zone defense and a few clutch three-pointers to pull away and capture their first opportunity to represent the Big Sky in the NCAA Tournament.

"We knew we could win the championship," said Lady Griz senior Lauren Cooper, who hit five of Montana's 11 three-pointers in the championship game, setting a single-game record for the conference. "We played well, but we just didn't get it done," she said. "You have to give Idaho State credit." Much credit also goes to Cooper, who will graduate as the third-leading scorer in Lady Griz history and is the only player in conference history to hit more than 200 three-pointers in her career.

The Grizzly men's basketball team had a much less successful season on the court, finishing 11-16 overall and 6-10 in the Big Sky Conference. Montana finished seventh in the conference, just missing the Big Sky



Travis Greenwalt shoots over a MSU defender.

Conference Tournament, which includes only the top six teams. That's a disappointing result for a Montana team that won the conference regular-season championship in 1999-2000 and earned a berth in the NCAA tournament as recently as 1997. Yet, the Grizzlies lost five games by four points or less, two of those in overtime.

According to Holst, those were the sorts of games that Montana won last year. Near the end of this season, the Grizzlies learned how to pull out close games, winning consecutive contests over Sacramento State, 67-66, Montana State, 84-82 in overtime, and Weber State, 66-63. After that stretch, Montana lost three straight games before ending the season with an 84-67 victory over Sacramento State.

"We just ran out of games," said Holst. "We played our best ball in February, and it would have been fun to see this team continue to play and improve."

The Grizzlies will lose senior Jared Buckmaster, the team leader in three-pointers. Buckmaster, along with juniors Dan Trammel and Travis Greenwalt, were this year's leading scorers. The Montana men should be fun to watch next season, with Trammel and Greenwalt likely to lead the Grizzlies back to a winning record. 🐻

◀ Senior Linda Cummings is graduating as the Lady Griz's tenth leading scorer.

# POLITICAL PRODIGY

UM sophomore Jesse Laslovich takes the Montana House by storm.

B Y L Y N N S O L O M O N

It was a typical “meet and greet” for Jesse Laslovich. After a brief visit in the House gallery, a group of fifth and sixth graders were gathered around the twenty-year-old representative from Anaconda.

Their teacher had one last request for Laslovich, the freshman representative who also happens to be a UM sophomore studying political science. “They asked for my autograph,” Laslovich says, a grin stretching across his boyish face. The kids had already opened the legislative directory to Laslovich’s biography and circled his picture. Like a matinee idol, Laslovich obliged, asked for their names —

all thirty or so — penned his “John Henry” and returned to a committee meeting flying high. “I felt like a god,” he remembers, shaking his head.

While they may not go that far, legislators and others at the session clearly are taken with Laslovich’s maturity and sharp wit. His colleagues have called him a rising star and titles like “governor” and “senator” are often bandied about. “He’s done just an unbelievable job here in

a very short time,” says House Minority Leader Kim Gillan. “He has gained the respect of colleagues on both sides of the aisle.”

The way his mother tells it, this is nothing new for the oldest of her five children. “Jesse’s always been a straight shooter,” says Kathy Laslovich, a teacher in Anaconda. “He’s always wanted to make the right choices. He’s been pretty easy to raise.”

Laslovich was a popular high school student in Anaconda, active in student government and passionate about politics. It’s clearly in the blood. His uncle, Mike Laslovich, is an associate professor of political science at UM.

Laslovich and his high school government teacher Angela McLean were working on Mike Cooney’s gubernatorial campaign — Cooney, the former Montana secretary of state, was elected to the Legislature

when he was twenty-two — when the subject of William “Red” Menahan’s House seat came up. Term limits kept Menahan from running again, after some thirty years in the legislature.

McLean considered running for the seat but decided against it, and Laslovich barely thought about it until Christmas break of his freshman year. He mentioned it during lunch while helping his father, Tony, a construction worker, build a house. “He stopped chewing his sandwich and looked at me,” Laslovich says. “Then he said, ‘You’re running.’”

After campaigning on weekends and school breaks, Laslovich comfortably won the Democratic primary in June, a few months before his twenty-



From left to right: Rep. Gary Branae, D-Billings, Rep. Joe Balyeat, R-Bozeman, Rep. Gary Forrester, D-Billings and Laslovich in a committee hearing.

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eth birthday. He was unopposed in the fall general election in heavily Democratic Anaconda.

Now Laslovich is in the thick of a session notable for its new faces, with fifty freshmen in the hundred-member House. He's serving on the House taxation and local government committees while earning ten credits toward his degree by writing monthly papers assessing and critiquing the process.

The reality of his age is unavoidable. There are jokes about colleagues buying cocktails for him at Helena watering holes, and more than once he's been mistaken for a page — a job he had in the 1999 session. Whether he intended to or not, Laslovich has become a "voice" on the floor.

"He's brought ... to the House Democrats as well as the whole Legislature, a perspective that we didn't have," Gillan says, "from a person who's younger ... on the upward part of his career. The message he normally leaves on the floor is something people will remember for days."

And there are other realities for Laslovich. While he won't say he's "surprised," Laslovich admits the politicking behind politics is eye-opening. "I knew about partisanship, but being here and seeing it ..." he says, slightly shaking his head. He tells a story of voting to table a bill in committee, only to have a fellow Democrat explain the bigger picture, a picture that included keeping the bill alive and forcing a higher-profile partisan debate.

He vows he won't get cynical. "I can't do that, just be the loyal opposition," he says. "If there's something I think's right, I want to advocate that."

"He's just an individual with convictions," says high school teacher McLean. "It's very rare to see such a young person with a great belief and understanding of what he wants to do with his life."

Laslovich figures he's asked "200 times a day" about what he wants to do with his life, long term. It's a fair question. If Laslovich were to successfully run for re-election to the seat he now holds, term limits would kick him out of the House before his thirtieth birthday. It's one of the few questions this mature, articulate college student doesn't answer readily.

"I always want to go to the next level," he says.

"The next level" is another reality that's never far from the surface, and it's one Laslovich clearly relishes. He mentions a run for a spot in the Montana Senate, perhaps in 2004. Along the way, he'll finish his degree and then go to law school.

Recently, while the House was in general session, a colleague stood to recognize Laslovich and mistakenly called him "Senator."

"Pardon me, Representative Laslovich," said the colleague, correcting himself.

"You can call me Governor Laslovich if you want," Laslovich answered, rising to speak on the House floor while his fellow lawmakers laughed.

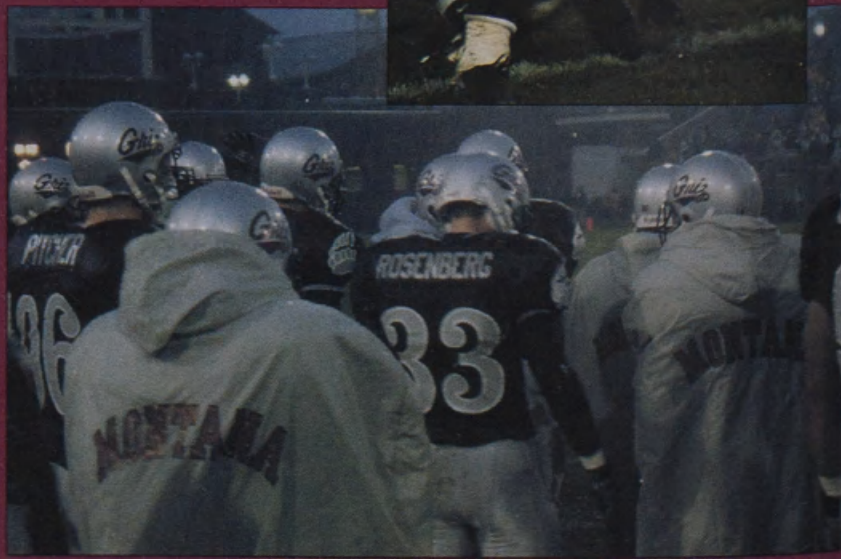
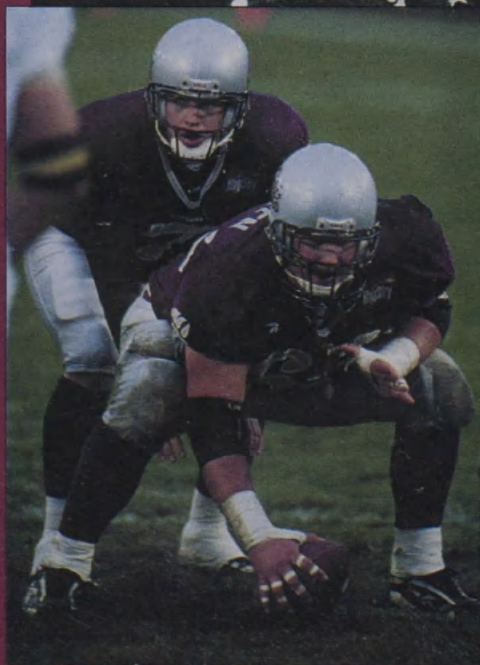
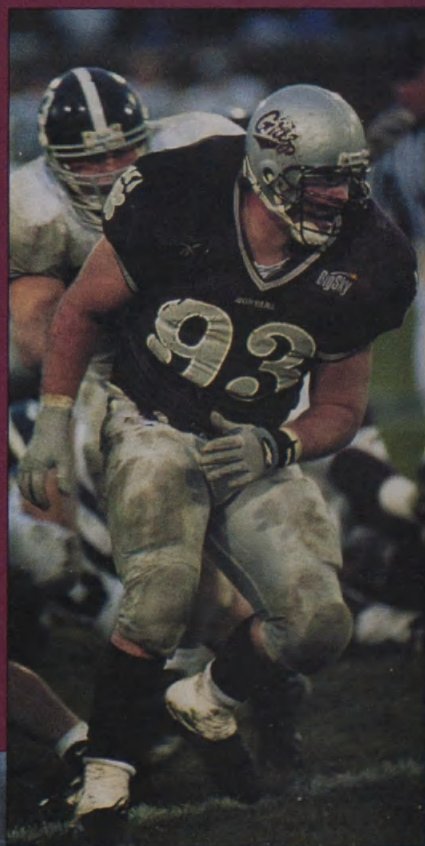
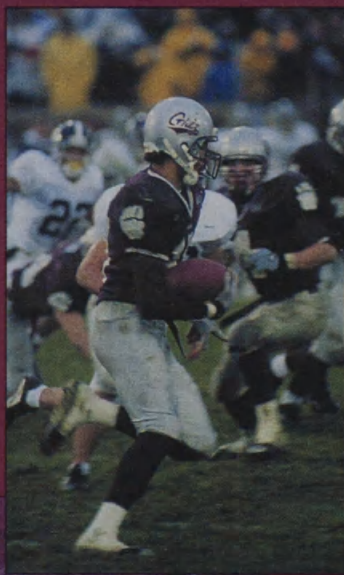
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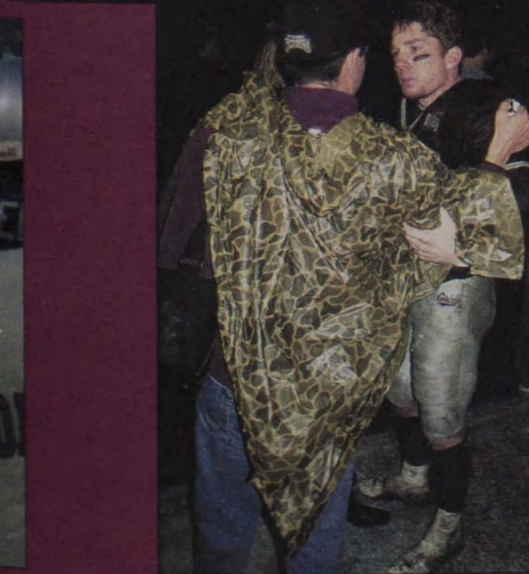
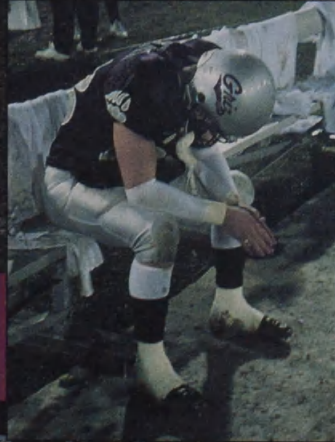
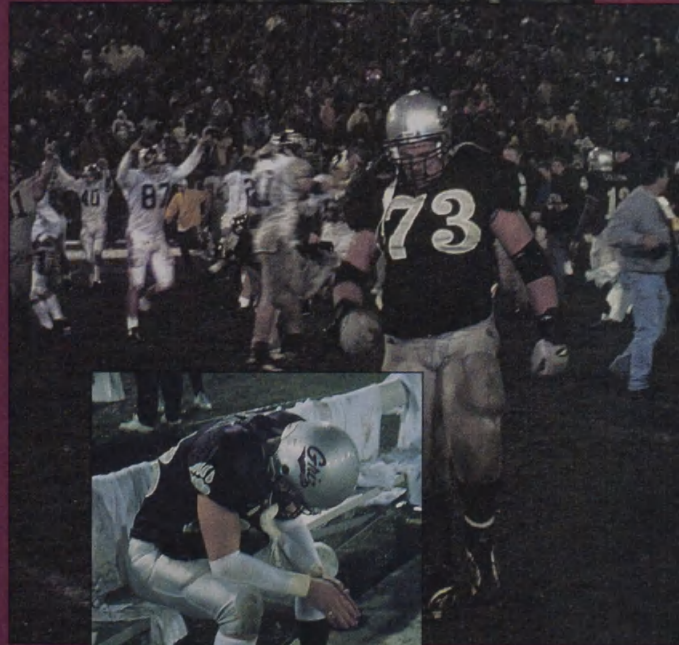
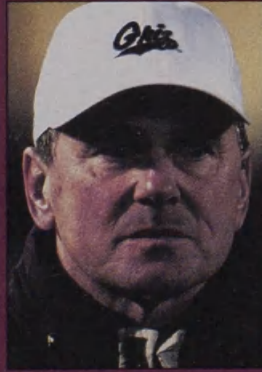
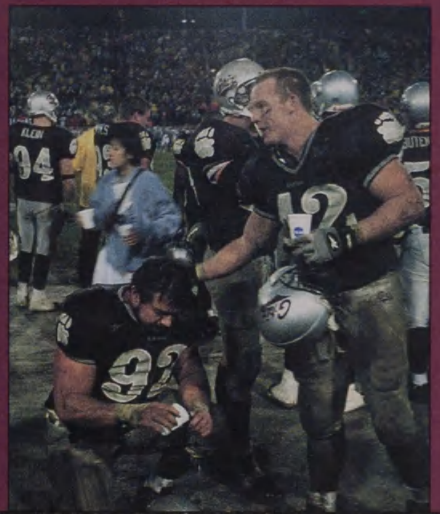


**Montana Rep. Jesse Laslovich is attracting attention beyond state borders. Laslovich is the youngest of about twenty young legislators identified nationally by the Oregon secretary of state office. He's been unofficially pegged by officials of that office as a "poster child" for lowering the eligible age for holding office to eighteen from twenty-one.**  
Photos by Frank Shone.

# NCAA DIVISION I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE • DECEMBER 16, 2000



Down 20-3 at halftime of the NCAA I-AA National Championship game against the Georgia Southern Eagles, the Grizzlies came roaring back in the third quarter, scoring 20 unanswered points and giving new meaning to the word *character*. They led the Eagles 23-20 at the beginning of the fourth quarter and held them to only 72 yards in the second half. But a 57-yard scoring run proved fatal for the Griz, who left their hopes on a rain-soaked Chattanooga field. The final score: 27-25.



Photos by Todd Goodrich and Cary Shimek

# NOT YOUR AVERAGE

B Y C A R Y S H I M E K

**A** maxim Joe Glenn uses in coaching is “make them feel good and they will produce.” That may be why people are drawn to the charismatic coach. He makes them feel good about themselves and sometimes even good about life, too.

But Mr. Up was feeling down at halftime of the December 16 I-AA national championship game in Chattanooga, Tennessee. His Griz were losing 20-3 against the Georgia Southern Eagles on a cold, rainy field. His starting senior quarterback had been knocked from the game with a bum knee. His offense was stuck in the mud.

“We came in very humbled at halftime,” Glenn says. “We were hurting, wondering, ‘What the heck?’” But Glenn’s glass-is-half-full nature quickly reasserted itself, and he proceeded to pull off his best trick of the 2000 season — convincing first himself and then his players that they could still win the match, even against the powerhouse defending national champions.

“I had to clean my act up,” Glenn says. “So I started writing things on the board. One was to get more positive, like with our attitudes on the sidelines. Me, too.” As the team regrouped, the coach wrote other things the team needed to accomplish: The defense needs to get a couple turnovers. They need to score on special teams.

“Just about everything I wrote on that board came to fruition in the second half,” he says, “but I just wish I would have put at the bottom, ‘We need to win.’”

The 2000 Griz were no strangers to adversity. They started the season flat, losing their home opener 10-9 against Hofstra. But then the offensive floodgates opened, despite a multitude of injuries, and the Griz reeled off thirteen hard-fought victories in a row, including

a 28-3 bombing of the Montana State Bobcats in the 100th Griz-Cat game. In the playoffs they knocked off Eastern Illinois 45-13 and Richmond 34-20, only to wind up in a real dogfight against Appalachian State, a team that finally submitted 19-16 in overtime. Video of senior receiver Jimmy Farris making an almost impossible winning catch and being carried around by jubilant fans made all the networks.

People say wounded grizzlies are the most dangerous, and that’s exactly how the 2000 squad played the second half of the championship game. The defense came out growling, allowing the Eagles only 72 total yards of offense the rest of the game. The offense also heated up, stealing the momentum by scoring 20 unanswered points for a 23-20 fourth-quarter Griz lead.

The comeback in the national championship game was a great moment in Griz football history. But the lead evaporated when GSU running back Adrian Peterson rambled 57 yards for a score. After that the Griz had their chances, but when the clock ran out in rainy Chattanooga, UM was on the wrong end of a 27-25 score.

Glenn’s crestfallen face after the game said it all. With an overall record of 132-55-1 as a head coach and two national championships under his belt, he’s not accustomed to losing.

“You try to look at the whole season and be proud, and that’s what we talked to the kids about,” Glenn said. “Time will heal this feeling that we have right now, I said, and when you look back five to ten years from now, you’ll see we had one of the best teams this school ever had. We did a great job. But we played a great football team and lost by 2 points.”

Glenn grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska, a middle child among eleven brothers and sisters. Times were tough, especially when his

father contracted Parkinson’s disease and his mother was forced to work outside the home. Glenn says lean living and the need to support one another brought the family together. His childhood had a big impact on his coaching style: He speaks of creating a big family when forging a winning team chemistry and culture.

Football quickly became a vehicle for the future coach. In high school, a 155-pound Glenn quarterbacked an undefeated team under coach Vince Aldridge. Glenn says he learned a lot from Aldridge, who had a knack for making kids feel good about themselves — helping them believe they could succeed on the field, teaching them the worth of being the “good guy.”

Glenn played college ball at the University of South Dakota. “I was such a great quarterback my first three years there that they moved me to wide receiver my senior year,” he laughs, “where I broke a school record for yards receiving in a season, even though I was slow.”

Halfway through college Glenn realized football was his life and that he would go into coaching. After graduation and a military stint, he coached at various universities. In 1980, the man who recruited him to play at South Dakota, Larry Donovan, became head coach at UM and asked Glenn to come along for the ride.

Glenn says things started out well — they won the Big Sky Conference championship in ’82 — but then there were some losing seasons, and Donovan and his staff were fired. “We had just built a new stadium here, and we were going to play in it,” Glenn says. “I thought our staff was working hard and would get one more year. Anyway, I was just devastated and hurt for the families involved in that, and I got out of coaching.”

Glenn stayed in Missoula for a year, selling beer and wine for Zip Beverage. It seemed his

# JOE



**“To me there is nothing better than humility and a tough, strong, humble person. Let your actions on the field do the talking.”**

—Joe Glenn

coaching days might be over, but then a neighborhood kid came to his door, asking him to help out with his Little Grizzly football team, the Burger King Falcons. At first Glenn said no — he'd promised his wife that he'd spend more time with his own kids. “But then she looked at me and said, ‘Get out of here,’ and I grabbed my hat, whistle and clipboard and practice was right away that night.”

A picture of the Burger King Falcons still adorns Glenn's office. That experience rekindled his love for the game, and his family soon moved for an assistant coaching job at Northern Colorado. It was a good match: After two years Glenn was promoted to head coach, and in eleven straight winning seasons his teams went to the playoffs seven times and captured two Division II national championships. Glenn became so popular that university administrators in Greeley joked that he could be elected mayor without running an ad.

In December 1999 UM head football coach Mick Dennehy resigned to take a job as head coach at Utah State and Glenn landed a job at UM. He returned to Missoula ready to expunge the bad memories of the past and craft another winning tradition.

Glenn says one key to a successful football program is having a coaching staff that clicks. Assistant head coach Mike Breske says of Glenn, “He's the best boss a coach could have.

I've been fortunate to have worked with him for fourteen years. He lets his coaches coach, and that's what makes this fun.”

Glenn's winning ways during the 2000 campaign garnered him the Eddie Robinson Award, given to the best coach in I-AA. After the season he also was offered a coaching position with the Detroit Lions. Griz fans everywhere breathed a sigh of relief when Glenn decided he had unfinished business in Missoula.

Glenn has been wholeheartedly embraced by the UM and Montana communities. “He has been able to accomplish a lot on and off the field,” says athletics director Wayne Hogan. “A head coach in Division I has to know more than X's and O's. He has to know the whole package, from fund raising to charity to media appearances. We hired him because you can't help but like the guy — he has that gift for making people feel important and has tremendous recall for names. He meets people well and is just a very genuine person.”

Glenn says he's not a screamer as a coach — more of a motivator. He's even worked as a motivational speaker. “I tell my players to play hard, no talk, just do your job, help the other guy up, but play your ass off,” he says. “To me there is nothing better than humility and a tough, strong, humble person. Let your actions on the field do the talking.”

One of the strongest, toughest players to play for the 2000 Griz was Andy Petek, an All-American defensive end. Petek says, “Coach Glenn was tremendous — my best coach ever. He knew how to get you ready for a game, and he made the season fun. Even if we would have been 5-5, he would have made it fun.”

Glenn has many tricks to motivate his players. But he isn't prone to heated pre-game speeches with a lot of war analogies. He'll tell his athletes inspirational stories or sing with them at pep rallies, playing the piano. (His keyboard teacher was an older brother who's in the Nebraska Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.) His frequent playing in public has earned him the nickname “Piano Joe.” He sees a piano and he can't resist taking a seat and pounding out a song or two.

After practice in Tennessee before the national championship, Glenn sang a few bars of “Chattanooga Choo-Choo.” Then he told his 2000 Griz, winners of thirteen straight, “You know how I feel — be courteous to people and kill them with kindness. This good guy thing is working.” 🎹

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*Cary Shimek, a news editor for University Relations, makes this gutsy prediction: The Griz will play in another national championship game within two seasons.*



# I'VE SEEN FIRE AND

BY GARY JAHRI G

**S**teve Running sits back in the desk chair in his fourth-floor office in UM's Science Complex and chuckles when asked to explain how a tree researcher in Montana became one of NASA's foremost rocket scientists.

"Ronald Reagan," Running says with a smile. While no great fan of the former president's politics, Running, a UM forestry professor, is quick to give Reagan credit for encouraging NASA to shift its focus from outer space to earth science. "Reagan pushed NASA into pursuing global ecological science," Running says. "He urged them to do more pure science. When you launch rockets for a living, you need to gravitate toward global-scale science that produces real-world benefits."

Today, Running and his team of researchers in UM's Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group are at the forefront of NASA's efforts to better understand environmental conditions on Earth. NASA plans to spend about \$7 billion to launch up to twenty satellites through its Earth Observing System program over the next several years. The first of the spacecraft, the \$1.3 billion Terra satellite, was sent skyward in December 1999 from an air force base on the California coast.

Terra now provides scientists from NASA and around the world the first global and seasonal measurements of the Earth system, including information on land mass and oceans, snow and ice, surface temperature, clouds, water vapor and land cover. Terra also is being used to improve scientists' abilities to detect human impacts on the Earth and



its climate; help develop technologies for disaster prediction from wildfires and volcanoes to floods and drought; and start long-term monitoring of global climate and environmental change.

## A New Take on Earth Science

Thanks to Running and his colleagues, UM is at the center of this revolutionary new way of conducting earth science. Among the high-tech imagery tools on board Terra is the MODIS (Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer) software designed by Joe Glassy, director of software development in Running's lab at the time of the launch. Glassy described the UM software as a way to send daily pictures of land masses back to Earth. "If you think of the instrument as a camera, when you take the film in to be developed, our (software) develops the pictures," explained Glassy, who recently left the program to pursue other ventures. UM scientists are preparing similar software for NASA's next earth science satellite, Aqua, tentatively scheduled for launch this summer.

The success Running and his team have had with building models for remote sensing over the past twenty years has made a lasting impression on NASA officials. "Montana doesn't have a very rich and broad program in space-based science," says Diane Wickland, NASA's lead scientist on the Terra project. "But Dr. Running's group is a bright light. Anybody who knows anything about modeling knows Steve Running."

And that bright light on the Missoula campus has attracted big



group credit for bringing UM into the Internet age. "They were the first ones on campus to require high-speed Internet access," Dennison says. "It became quite clear that we had to figure out a way to get connected."

Not only did UM get connected in a technological sense, the Missoula campus is now at the forefront of satellite remote sensing on an international scale. Running's lab has become a clearinghouse for disseminating information gleaned from the satellite data, which is transmitted from Terra to NASA and then to the UM lab.

"Remote sensing," Running explains, "is deriving an attribute of an object from a distance without touching it. We take the reflection of light and heat off an object and determine its attributes."

## Playing in the Majors

The opinions and research of UM scientists Running and fellow researchers Ramakrishna Nemani and Lloyd Queen, are valued highly throughout the world.

"We're not a major-league player on many topics," says Running. "We're generally a pretty small player in a pretty small state. We're usually dwarfed by the Stanfords and MITs. But in this topic of scientific global change, we're an acknowledged leader."

Nemani is a prime example of what satellite science has done for UM researchers. A native of India, the research associate professor

serves as Running's top assistant and is widely recognized as a leading expert in remote-sensing imagery. Nemani, who came to UM in 1983 and was

Running's first doctoral student, has earned high praise internationally and locally for his research into global warming and the greenhouse effect.

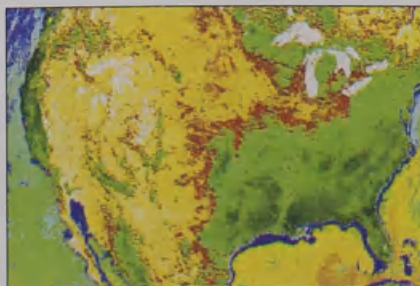
Last year, after studying national warming trends, Nemani turned his attention closer to home and determined that the average annual temperature in Missoula has climbed almost 2 degrees over a fifty-year period. "First I looked at California and Alaska," Nemani says. "Then I decided to look in my own backyard." What Nemani found happening in Missoula, as in other locales affected by warming trends, was rather startling. He determined that the number of frost-free days in Missoula had gone up

# I'VE SEEN RAIN

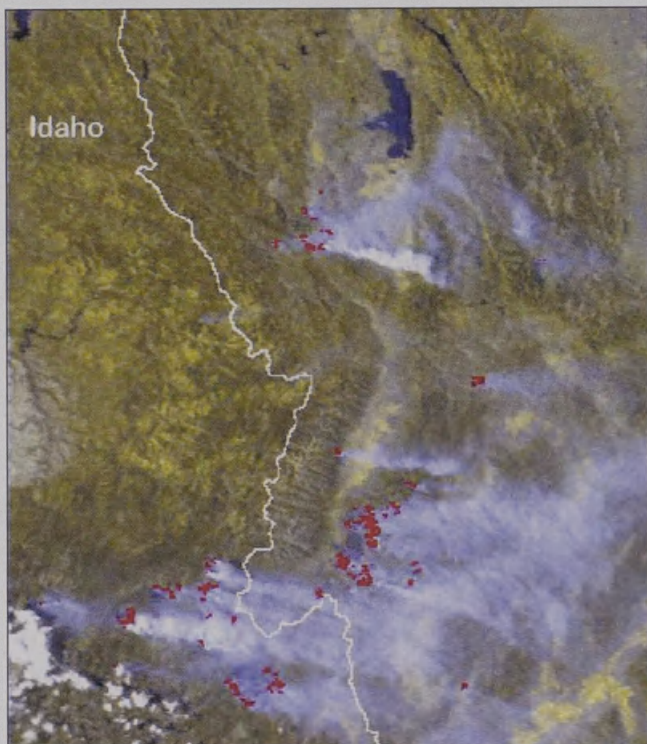
research dollars from the space agency – more than \$10 million since Running first pulled in a \$20,000 NASA grant in 1981. "I believe they have brought in more money over the decade of the '90s than any other research group on campus," says UM President George Dennison.

"It's put The University of Montana on the map," he says. "They've been very helpful in that regard. They compete nationally for funding, and that has encouraged others on campus to be competitive. They were there at the beginning when we started to have a huge increase in research dollars."

Dennison goes so far as to give Running's



A composite image shows the "green wave" of spring in North America and sea surface temperature, collected the first week in April 2000. The darker green shows where the most green foliage is being produced due to photosynthetic activity. Yellows on land show where there is little or no productivity and red is a boundary zone.



Left, MODIS tracks fires during Montana's disastrous 2000 fire season.



What Queen and other scientists got by the end of the fire season was a testing field that spanned millions of acres of burnt wild lands.

"It was way more than what we wanted and would ever have hoped for," Queen says. "It became clear that what we were doing no longer had anything to do with research. It simply became a point of delivering all the help we could." Queen and others at UM offered their services and technology to fire managers from the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies. The UM contingent did everything from setting up Web sites for fire information purposes to using the remote-sensing ability to measure the moisture of different forested areas and advising fire managers on how likely certain areas were to burn.

"It literally reached a point where people from around the region were asking for our products," Queen says. "We weren't talking about mainlining [their work] for two or three years because we wanted to make sure the models were working properly. But there were unique needs that summer. Fire management teams were looking for all the help they could get."

## Training & Education

Because of the demand for access to the satellite technology by fire managers and others interested in land and resource management, UM has established the EOS Training Center, designed to train land managers in use of satellite data for resource management, and the EOS Education Project, aimed at helping teachers and others understand and apply the earth-science imagery in classrooms and real-world studies.

Running's staff provides workshops and other events for land managers in the training center. The EOS Education Project is directed by John Kuglin, a former grade-school teacher now acknowledged as a leading expert in using technology in schools. It has become a model of how university-level science research and K-12 education can team up

to improve student learning. (See story on John Kuglin in the Winter 2000-01 Montanan.)

The EOS Education Project also has led to UM being selected as the home of the National Lewis and Clark Teacher Education Center. With the bicentennial of the famed explorers' trip through Montana and the West only two years away, Kuglin and a team of educators are using Running's satellite imagery to help teachers supplement their Lewis and Clark lessons. "This will be a resource center available to all those across the country who want to learn from

by fifteen days in a fifty-year period, primarily in the spring. Good news for gardeners, but not so good for skiers. "Two degrees over fifty years may look like no big deal," Nemani says. "But when you dissect it, it can be pretty profound."

The NASA connection also has made Nemani a player in the California wine business, a \$9 billion a year industry. Nemani and Running are in the midst of a three-year climatic study designed to increase the quality and quantity of wine produced in California vineyards. Using their remote sensing technology, Nemani and the others advise vineyard owners in California's fertile Napa Valley on the best methods to grow grapes.

"We found that wine quality is different in various areas of the vineyards," Nemani says. "We found that the best quality comes from plants with fewer leaves. Scrawny plants produce better grapes." Through their research, the UM scientists are able to instruct wine growers on how much water they should use in different vineyards to achieve optimal growing conditions.

## Fighting Fires

Last summer's devastating wildfires in Montana and other western states also provided a real-world test for the Terra remote-sensing imagery, albeit sooner than many researchers would have liked. "What we were hoping for was to have a few fires over 100 acres in size," says Queen, an associate professor of forestry and a leading expert on using the satellite data as an effective tool in fighting forest fires. "I know it was a goofy thing to wish for, but I thought if we were really going to test how well our model works, we had to have some real-world examples."



From left, Lloyd Queen, Steve Running and Ramakrishna Nemani

Lewis and Clark's great expedition," Kuglin said at the opening of the new center last spring. "This is a true collaboration between the business community, higher education and government."

Since Terra went into orbit, Running has been a man in great demand. On campus his time is devoted to supervising his lab and a twenty-person staff as well as preparing for the launch of "the next generation of satellites." But he also finds time to teach two classes every fall — a sophomore course on his first love, tree biology, and a graduate class on computer modeling and satellite research. "My continuing to teach in the classroom gives our students a full look at our research activities," Running says.

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**Diane Wickland, NASA**

Since the launch, however, Running finds himself spending almost as much time off campus as he does in his lab. "I do a lot of traveling," he says. "But that's what makes this happen. When you are doing global science, you need to build global teamwork." He serves on top-level committees for NASA and travels around the world speaking at conferences and symposiums on earth science issues. The reputation and research of Running and his team are one of the best recruiting tools UM has these days, Dennison says. "What it

tells the world is that while we remain a liberal arts institution, we have professors and researchers of science who are of the highest quality," Dennison says. "These are world-class people."

Because of his own meteoric rise through the rocket and earth science research ranks, Running also is attracting plenty of attention from other colleges and universities. But Running says it would take a pretty promising offer to lure him away from western Montana, where he has raised a family and enjoys the area's outdoor amenities. "When you get



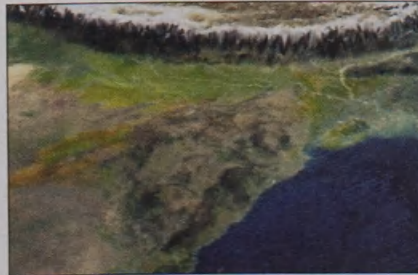
**An image from the EOS project's IKONOS satellite shows vineyards in northern California. Vintners are using the imagery to minimize variation in vine growth. Optimum conditions would result in blocks, which appear as if patches in a quilt, having a uniform intensity of color.**



to this stage of your career, other universities don't want to hire you to be a professor. They want you to be a director of an institution," Running says. "The inquiries I get are from universities who want me to come and direct big programs. Well, I'm already directing a big program.

"Unless someone can offer a more interesting program in a more interesting place, I'm not likely to just start looking to go moving around," he says. "That would only disrupt my work." 🐾

*Gary Jahrig '85 is a reporter for the Missoulian.*



**Terra "pictures" of the Indian sub-continent from the Himalayas and Tibetan Plateau to the north. On the left water vapor – by far the dominant greenhouse gas – is measured. Next, the MODIS software shows the true color of the land surface, with dark green areas showing lush vegetation. The blue area to the bottom right is the Arabian Sea. On the right, the image shows the high concentration of aerosol particles in the atmosphere (brownish pixels just south of the Himalayas) associated with a dense population and industrial emissions.**



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# BACK ROADS FEVER

BY PATIA STEPHENS

**W**hen the production team for the Montana PBS series *Backroads of Montana* is on the job, lunch and dinner become a culinary adventure. Fast food joints are rare along Montana's rural roads, and often the nearest town offers only one dining establishment.

The four men who produce the series have their own favorite road-food memories. Ray Ekness, who originated *Backroads* nearly ten years ago, remembers going to lunch in Shawmut and being served a "turkey dinner with all the fixings — in this little ghost town." William Marcus relishes the food at Yesterday's Calf-A in Dell, featured in episode eleven.

Other shows herald Montana specialties like Lloyd Wolery's pitchfork fondue in Chinook or the iced pickles on a stick called Chilly Dillys served up at the Hi-Line Theatre in Rudyard. But the gastronomic standout so far would have to be the spaghetti soup ladled up at the Hobson Lounge.





The "Backroads guys" straddle the headwaters of the Missouri River (front to back): Gus Chambers, producer/director; William Marcus, host; and Ray Ekness, associate producer.

At left, John Twiggs, producer/director.

Backroads videos are available for purchase online at [www.montanapbs.org](http://www.montanapbs.org). The program is produced by KUFM-TV at UM with funding from Travel Montana, the Greater Montana Foundation and the University.



"When we said 'What's the soup?' and the waitress said 'Spaghetti soup,' we went 'Ugh,'" Gus Chambers says. "You just had this idea of leftover spaghetti in liquid with fat floating on the top."

"William and Ray ordered the soup, but I didn't," he continues. "Ray went to use the phone. When the soup came, it was so good I ate his before he came back." When the guys left the Hobson Lounge, they had with them the recipe for spaghetti soup.

Since the debut of the program in May 1991, the Backroads crew has produced fourteen half-hour episodes that air regularly on Montana PBS. The show has won three Program of the Year Awards from the Montana Broadcasters Association, and episodes are available for checkout at more than 150 public libraries statewide.

Backroads has a tradition of getting to know Montana's special places through its people — "neat, quaint people who are kind of quirky," Ekness says.

Emphasis on the quirky. But in a good way. The respect, appreciation and homespun humor that comes through from the crew as well as those featured makes Backroads a kind of *Northern Exposure* of Montana's own eccentrics, experts and just regular folk.

There is the "Doorknob Lady" — Sonia Tetlie of Columbia Falls —



Bob Corbett's Mirror-Mobile

who collects antique doorknobs, by stealing whenever possible. (She carries a screwdriver with her.) There's Bill Seward, proprietor of the Jersey Lilly Cafe in Ingomar for decades and inventor of a bridle-like device that keeps his eyeglasses from slipping off his nose. Or Marion and Margaret Pyeatt, proud owners of a teepee they constructed out of used baling twine on their Wise River property. Or Bob Corbett, who drives around Butte in an Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight he covered with mirrors — just to amuse his friends. And Jean Wrobel of Hamilton, who went to New York City as a young pianist and talked jazz great Teddy Wilson into giving her lessons.

For a few days or a week at a time, various combinations of crew members take off from their regular campus jobs and hit the road looking for stories. They agree it's the most fun they have all year.

Coming up with ideas is the easiest part. Many are sent in by viewers or suggested by people along the journey. "We never run out of ideas," Marcus says. "A lot of the stories we end up finding on the way to someplace else."

The team has developed a nearly foolproof technique for tracking down potential story subjects. "We call up the post office," Chambers says. "And we'll say, 'I heard that some guy in your town does this, is that true?' And they'll go, 'Oh yeah, that's so-and-so. You need his phone number?'"



Chambers uses an aquarium to get an underwater shot.

Ekness calls the segments an oral history in the grand tradition of storytelling. Backroads is not only a chronicle of Montana's unique people but also a visual journal of its landscapes and historic features.

"One of my favorite stories was Mann Gulch," Marcus says, referring to

the site where thirteen firefighters lost their lives in 1949. "There are places in Montana that really do have ghosts. Little Bighorn Battlefield is one of them. Mann Gulch is, too."

Episode three's segment on the Polar Bar, a charming watering hole in Polaris, remains one of the team's favorites. Shortly after they filmed the establishment, 85-year-old owner Walt Melcher sold his liquor





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license to an out-of-town venue. Townsfolk still gather in the old saloon, but they have to bring their own bottle.

"We just happened to be there at the twilight," Marcus says.

Episode seven featured an abandoned railroad trestle and track bed that slowly are crumbling back into the earth. The crew won't divulge the exact central Montana location on request of the property owner.

"That was a great story for us," John Twiggs says. "We had no idea what we were getting into. We had to go through caved-in tunnels. Or drive up around them to get back down onto the track. Or drive on the trestle, which was scary. We were calculating how heavy the Suburban was, how long it would take us to get out if we fell. We didn't have a snakebite kit, so we knew we'd be in trouble."



Chambers enjoys Joe Burman's metal sculpture in Wibaux

The four crew members clearly have a creative rapport. All are UM graduates who enjoy recalling highlights of past road trips and gleefully poke fun at each others' faux pas.

Backroads bloopers that didn't make it on the air include the time Chambers received a head wound while trying to film through the blade of a ceiling fan. Or the time Ekness was following Chambers through a swampy area in the Centennial Valley.

"It was all mucky and murky. . .

. . . I went in up to my waist," Ekness says. "Gus turns around and looks at me and walks away." Chambers deadpans: "There was nothing I could do. The show must go on."

Even the distinguished host of Backroads doesn't escape ribbing. "This one trip I'd been wearing jeans while everyone else had been wearing shorts," Marcus says. "So we get up one morning and I put on these bright blue shorts and head out to the parking lot, and they're both dressed in jeans. And they go, 'William. We're going to a rodeo.'"

On another trip, this one to the Madison River, Marcus failed to catch any fish but did hook fly-fishing instructor Maggie Merriman.

Though he is director of UM's Broadcast Media Center, Marcus says he isn't the boss. "Backroads is produced by all of us," he says. "We all do individual segments. But we scream at each other a lot."



The Pyeatts in their teepee made of baling twine.

Joking aside, these guys clearly love what they do. And they say Montana residents make the state a great place to film the show.

"People aren't as guarded here," says Chambers, who hails from Georgia. (Ekness is from Crosby, North Dakota, near the Montana border; Twiggs is a former Virginian; and Marcus, with his cultured elocution, is an unlikely Wibaux native.) "They're so upfront and friendly. There are times we're pulled off the road, standing in the borrow pit getting a shot of the sunset or whatever, and people pull over and ask, 'Do you guys need any help?' Montana just makes it easier."

Marcus adds, "You go to people's houses, they cook you dinner, they show you their family pictures. . . They're so welcoming."

Backroads contributes to that neighborly feeling by bringing small-town Montana to living rooms across the state. Future episodes will include segments on a leather artist, Fort Union and Medicine Lake. And a 10th anniversary celebration, including a daylong marathon of Backroads of Montana episodes, is planned for Montana PBS in May.

"We'll probably have some kind of party, too," Twiggs says, "maybe with a huge vat of spaghetti soup." 🐾

*Patia Stephens is a news editor and Web designer for University Relations. One of her life's goals is perfecting the fine art of road-tripping.*

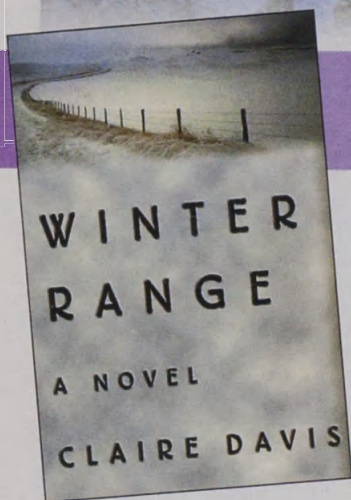
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The Calf-A in Dell, a converted schoolhouse, is known for its down-home cookin'.

# Books

BY JOYCE H. BRUSIN



## Winter Range

by Claire Davis, M.F.A. '93

Picador USA, New York, 2000, 262 pp. \$23.

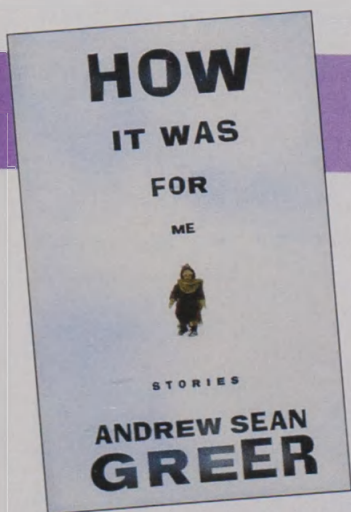
The events of *Winter Range*, Claire Davis' first novel, take place in northeastern Montana during a few short weeks at the close of an unusually long and snowy winter. A rancher, haunted by bitterness and the stunted expectations of a cruel father, has run out of money, good credit and the regard of his neighbors. Totally absorbed in his own demise, he decides to starve his sizable cattle herd to death rather than accept charity or interference in its care. When the local sheriff stumbles upon the first frozen carcasses one cold night, the tightly knit ranching community must find a way to balance the demands of conscience with their long-held belief in a rancher's rights of ownership.

The eventual demise of the cattle herd precipi-



tates even more morbid and formidable plans for vengeance in the rancher. On an ice-ridden night, the town's firemen are called to squelch one of his fiery acts. "They plied water over the buildings and grasses, and sleet joined the barrage until fantastic ice shapes grew in the dark, stalactites and pillars and in the core of some the coals ebbed and glowed like small

hearts beating." The sheriff leaves the fire to discover a group of cattle out on the winter range. They are cornered against a fence and sheathed alive in ice, bound to the ground like stalactites, their breath steaming through blowholes. At the close of an often bleak and merciless story, this beautifully haunting and disturbing image will end up containing its own glowing embers of hope.



## How It Was for Me

by Andrew Sean Greer, M.F.A. '96

Picador USA, New York, 2000, 211 pp. \$23.

"Youth is a tender terror. Even the young will tell you so, improvising on their lives as on parlor pianos, stuttering out a boogie-woogie somewhere in the mess of ivory they've found themselves at." So begins "Blame It On My Youth," one of eleven stories in this debut collection. The lovely lyricism of these pieces allows a pronounced and insightful humanity to rise up from the page. In the title story, a motherless boy examines the Mercedes his father has just purchased in the latest of many gala spending sprees. "When I climbed inside for the first time, it had the warmth and lush smell of a sultan's litter. It was deep red, the color of an all-day sucker, and if you secretly licked it when your father wasn't looking, you could imagine it tasted sweet beneath the fuzz of pollen."

Much of the imagery here is intense and vibrant. In "The Walker," a handsome widower



attempts to regain the privileged world of his marriage by escorting wealthy women to the opera. He finds that "a woman halfway around the reef is staring at him. He sees her in the twilight before the air turns utterly black, and she seems all white neck and face, a goblet raised to him."

In "The Art of Eating," a mother relocates to Seattle from Montana and settles in for a time with her thirty-something son and his boyfriend. While growing to appreciate the culinary experiments of her son's lover, she searches for work among the aged and is astonished to encounter there a nearly-Proustian obsession with the taste of food and its recollections, both cherished and terrifying.

All of these stories look squarely and compassionately at the ways society's outsiders compose the music of their lives.



## Through Yup'ik Eyes: An Adopted Son Explores the Landscape of Family

by Colin Chisholm, M.F.A. '95

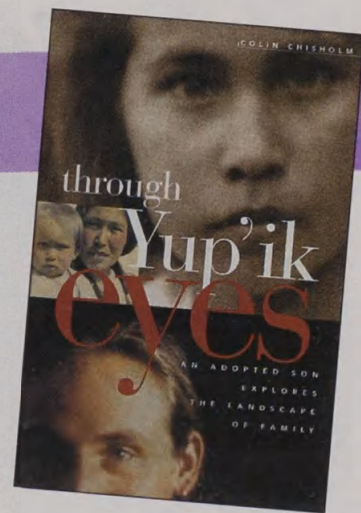
Alaska Northwest Books, Portland, Oregon, 2000, 304 pp. \$23.95.

From its opening pages this mesmerizing book delivers on its promise to explore the landscape of family. An inventive and courageous mix of memoir and fiction, it is fueled by the author's determination to explore the legacy of his adoptive mother's Alaskan childhood — a childhood that included her own adoption at an early age. The book is broken up into sets of vignettes, half depicting Chisholm's recollections of his northern California childhood and the visit he makes as an adult to his mother's home village; the other half are fictionalized accounts of what he imagines life was like for his half-native mother's ancestors on an Alaskan river delta.

Interwoven in the narratives are lush descriptions of the literal landscapes in which he and his mother grew up. Searching for their grandfather's wilderness grave, his brother alerts him, "Colin, you won't believe . . ." And I don't. Before us, the tundra turns from red and yellow to undulating orange, the sun just dropping below distant, snowcapped hills. We had grown up in mountains, where winter alpenglow had tinted our skin shades of indigo and pink, and we had stood on

high Sierra peaks and gazed into the gray-green deserts of Nevada. But we have never seen so far. From this lowly hill, a few hundred feet above the sea, we see the curves of the earth. We stand as if sea-bound, the tundra transformed into waves of orange that drain off the horizon like water cascading into a bottomless sky."

Vivid emotional landscapes are depicted as well. With unflinching straightforwardness Chisholm relates his struggles with the distance that eventually grew between him and his mother. He attributes much of it to her struggles with identity. In one vignette he muses on her "subtle alcoholism" and how it infiltrated the daily life of her family. "I was a child then; now I see that the woman who raised me was not wholly the woman I understood her to be. This isn't to say she had no substance; on the contrary, she had too much, like a sunrise that cannot last the day. She couldn't share with me who she was because she wasn't sure herself." Ultimately, it is the collective memory of his mother's culture — vivid scraps of recollection — that creates a story people convincingly by both the living and the dead.



## Blood Memory

by Neile Graham M.F.A. '84

Buschek Books, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, 2000, 127 pp. \$14.95

Neile Graham published her first collection of poetry, *Seven Robins*, in 1983 while still a graduate student at UM. In this, her third book, she writes in dramatic monologues and stately, intelligent lyrics of how women have made paths for themselves in the world.

### Leaving Montana in August

Heat. Our last night  
in this city. Sweat  
and the sounds of the mill  
and catfights from the window

above our bed. We've been  
trading plans and memories  
all night, the linen sheets  
twisted between us.

We've said goodbye  
to the Blackfoot River,  
the Bitterroot Valley, the winter  
wind from out the Hellgate,  
dreaming of a green city, an ocean  
a breeze that doesn't bring  
stories and dust.

This place is too tangled  
with the way we've built  
our lives and failed,  
always feeling as stifled

as in tonight's simmering heat.  
But you can only blame a place  
for not being home for so long  
before you lose hold of  
what home is. Summer  
doesn't burn off as easily  
as snow. Everything dies first.

But at six a.m. this is home  
and beautiful. The sun rises  
over Sentinel mountain, just as  
distant thunder breaks from the sky.  
First light pours onto our faces,  
then rain scatters its blessing  
on the sheets of our bed.  
And we're ready, we're able  
to start now again.



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# Cool Alumni? We Got That!

By Julie Schwartz

One of the best things about alumni work is the travel. As associate director, I've visited with alumni at out-of-state football tailgates, social gatherings in Denver and Las Vegas and escorted a group to Ireland.

I've noticed some truisms. Because our alumni feel especially loyal and connected to their alma mater, they tend to show up. We had horrendous weather at a recent event in Denver, yet one intrepid couple traveled an hour and a half on treacherous freeways to enjoy the company of other alumni and listen to President Dennison, Fred Lee, President/CEO of the UM Foundation, School of Business Administration Dean Larry Gianchetta and Arnie Sherman of the Montana World Trade Center.

I attended most tailgates last fall and was astound-

ed at the people who travel to these games. We had more than 4,000 supporters at the national football championship game in Chattanooga! It felt like we were only a state away. Thousands attend our Griz-Cat satellite TV parties.

UM alumni are a classy and gracious bunch. Although we DO like to have a good time (I won't mention the final beverage tab in Chattanooga!), our alumni have a national reputation for being a great group to work with. I've heard this over and over from host staffs at various athletic venues and from professionals who put on alumni tours around the world.

An outstanding university creates outstanding alumni, and UM alumni are indeed special. Other schools know it and they're envious. Reconnect to the Alumni Association and Montana, no matter where you live, by logging on to zGrizzlies.com — our exclusive UMAA Web portal. See you at our next event!

# NAVIGATING THE WORLD OF BIRDS

How easily we can fly in dreams. Bird-like, we extend our arms – the sky is ours. Awake, however, the human body will never fly on its own. Even though we share similar bones, muscles and nerves with our avian friends, Mother Nature never intended for us to fly. Nor did she grant us the vocal mechanism to sing two notes at once or a three-dimensional, gyroscopic honing instinct. Exploring the world of birds provided the theme for this year's UMAA sponsored Community Lecture Series. For six evenings in February and March, 250 Missoula area alumni and friends attended presentations by three internationally renowned UM ornithologists.

Professor Erick Greene discussed birdsong, Mount

Sentinel's lazuli buntings and the predatory cowbird. Greene received UM's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2000 and its Most Inspirational Teacher Award in 1996. Professor Ken Dial, host of twenty-six episodes of the Animal Planet nature series *All Bird TV*, focused on the aerodynamics of birds and their relationship to dinosaurs. Professor Dick Hutto, in his 23rd year at UM, and host of many episodes of the PBS television series *Birdwatch*, spoke on bird migration and their behavior in relation to forest fires.

Plans are underway for a 2002 lecture series. In the meantime, many new local birders are watching and listening for area birds, and still, most likely, dreaming of flight.

Alumni magazine humor is rare indeed. The January 16, 2001 FoxTrot comic strip caught our attention.

## FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



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## Discovering Home

By Betsy Holmquist

**M**ark Hamilton's search for poetry in the journals of Lewis and Clark took him on a four-year, 6,800 mile voyage. A poet and former writing professor at Ball State University in Muncie,



Indiana, Mark initially set out looking for poetry in the writings of the ambitious, literary Meriwether Lewis and the spirited, man-with-a farmer's heart, William Clark while a graduate student at UM. The more Mark read their words, however, the more he knew he had to take their journey. Today, Mark stands as the sole person to have traveled the complete route of Lewis and Clark, on their approximate timetable, under his own power.

Mark received his M.F.A. degree at UM in 1989. With help from a Matthew Hansen Endowment, awarded through UM's School of Forestry Wilderness Institute, endorsements, his family and friends, and much research, Mark set out from St. Louis, Missouri, in June 1998. For the next two years and four months, he retraced the steps of the 1804-1806 Voyage of Discovery.

Mark reached the Pacific Ocean, on November 14, 1999, then paddled on to Fort Clatsop, where Lewis and Clark wintered in 1805. On March 23, 2000, Mark launched his ruddered kayak, Gander, into the Columbia River for the first leg of the return journey. At The Dalles, Oregon, Mark swapped his kayak for Joe, a delightful and hard-working pack mule. For the next three months they trekked the route taken by William Clark, southward, to the headwaters of the Missouri River. Like the original explorers, Mark and Joe found the snow-covered Bitterroot Mountains impassable in early June. They reached the eastern side of the divide on June 30, and Joe returned to his home pasture in Horse Prairie, Montana. Mark hiked on to Dillon where he re-launched the Gander, this time into the Beaverhead, and headed upriver. A sixty-mile hike and portage over the Bozeman Pass brought Mark to the Yellowstone River. Paddling as much as forty miles a day, Mark encountered 105-degree temperatures at Pompey's Tower, black flies, heat lightning and pollution. He did enjoy gigantic turtles, beaver, coyotes, buffalo, herons and meals shared with other river travelers and friends met in campgrounds. On September 30, 2000, almost to the day in 1806 when Lewis and Clark reached St. Louis, Mark brought his kayak ashore at the St. Louis Waterfront, his journey complete.

The original search for poetry in the Lewis and Clark journals? That project's currently on hold as Mark is working on a book-length prose piece based on his own journals and poetry. Outside his Rosburg, Washing-



ton, home the Gander waits; the nearby Columbia River beckons.

Mark's talents illustrate and narrate his voyage on his Website, <http://www.lewisandclarkandmark.com>. and video, *Discovering Home: A Sojourn on the Lewis & Clark Trail by Paddle and Pack Mule*. The video was produced by UM alum Robert R. McConnell '66, M.A. '73. Robert lives in Gig Harbor, Washington, with his wife, Janet McConnell, a '71 UM graduate.

### ALUMNI EVENTS

#### May

1 **Alumni Gathering**-Seattle

17-19 **Class Reunions:**  
1941 & 1951, Missoula

19 **UM Commencement**

#### June

27-7/11 **Alumni International Travel**-Passage on the Elbe/Poland

#### July

19-8/3 **Alumni International Travel**-Danube

#### September

1 **Tailgate**, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

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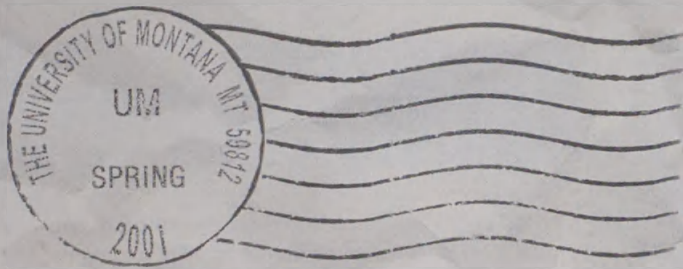
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I was in the hospital having a bone marrow transplant for leukemia when the request for articles on favorite professors was issued. I missed the opportunity to honor two professors who deeply touched my life. The first is Dr. Carling Malouf in anthropology. He was an expert in Native American cultures and opened my mind to the non-white solutions to many of the basic questions every culture addresses. The second is Ulysses Doss, first teacher in the African-American Studies program. His personal experiences in the Civil Rights Movement and his acquaintance with the leaders and participants in this movement added to the value of those courses. He encouraged open – and sometimes heated – discussion about the black experience in America.

An editorial by John Lewis, black Congressman from Atlanta, in [a recent] *Newsweek* brought back to my remembrance Dr. Doss's enlightenment about the price that was paid to win the vote for minorities. I am grateful to both of these men for opportunities to see things from a new perspective.

Sincerely,  
Maureen L. Goering '69  
Agency, Iowa

Dear Editor:

As a 1976 graduate (B.A., English) I enjoyed reading alumni recollections of their favorite teachers. Professor Walter King was one of my favorites. I'll never forget the terse comment he penned on one of my papers – "Evidence of an active mind." And, like Michael Oke, I, too, played tennis with Father Wang.

All the best,  
John B. Dwyer '76

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your outstanding article "Teachers Who Change Lives." Professors are the heart and soul of a university; yet they often labor in seeming anonymity, uncertain whether their work matters. But I face a dilemma other UM graduates may share: how to isolate one or two professors out of many who challenged, stretched and inspired me. Here's my list of teachers who made a difference: Gerry Brenner, Bill Bevis, Gerald Fetz, Horst Jarka, Bruce Bigley, Michael

McClintock, Coburn Freer, Harry Fritz, Cynthia Schuster, John Madden, John Hay, K. Ross Toole, Bob Hausmann and Lois Welch. I thank them all for their enthusiasm, rigor and care.

Sincerely,  
Ken Egan Jr. '78  
Professor of English  
Rocky Mountain College

E-mail to Bill Johnston, Director of Alumni Services:

I am sending my dues by U.S. Postal Service, stimulated by the always good *Montanan* and by the especially fine Winter 2000-01 issue. I cannot resist praise for the photo of the 1950 football team. Some will recall that the Kingsford-to-Bauer passing combination was one of the best in the PCC. What a team!

I was also moved by the "Teachers Who Change Lives" feature. H.G. Merriam, a glaring omission, and Leslie Fiedler, of course, defy encomia. In addition to those English professors named in the article (bless Nan Cooke Carpenter!), Edmund L. Freeman, a gentleman, Walter Brown, who nursed graduate teaching assistants with erudition and encouragement, and Rufus Coleman, who, we were sure, knew Walt Whitman personally, deserve enduring praise.

Louie W. Attebery M.A. '51

Dear Editor:

It was especially rewarding to read through the Winter 2000-01 edition of the *Montanan*. I enjoyed the perceptions of former students about various professors. These titillated me to sit down and write this letter.

1936 – I started out as a journalism major. I wanted to be a reporter. Spring quarter, 1937, wooden building just at the base of Mount Sentinel, second floor, sunshine through several open windows, 1 to 2 p.m. class and Dean Stone expounding (in his quiet voice), bless his heart.

So then I tried forestry, Dean Spaulding in command. I skipped a few classes. Silverculture [sic] was not my bag. Surveying was sort of fun. The Foresters' Ball was my event.

So then I tried wildlife technology. I now had squeezed through six quarters of college and [was] on my third major. Basketball was my major; tennis my minor. Not far behind

were golf, bowling, softball, fraternity interests, Bear Paw. . . .

Year three. Mainly zoology and botany courses. Wonderful teachers and administrators. Dr. Gordon Castle, zoology – thoughtful, perceptive and much admired by his students. Ludvig Browman, zoology, enjoyed good students with a modicum of a sense of humor. He also taught a few anatomy courses. He once asked me in a laboratory practical oral exam, "What muscles does a cat use to defecate?"

Dr. "Smoky Joe" Kramer – a wonderful teacher, providing you paid attention. He loved the soil – anywhere – and what grew from it. "Oh look, look, look; a brand new find, a new grass. Glory be – way out here!" Philip Wright taught mammology and ornithology. I showed up a couple of times in his ornithology class and once on a field trip to the biological station at Flathead Lake. He asked me, "What are you doing here?" I reminded him I was enrolled in his class.

Burly Miller, dean of men. He probably spent ten percent or more of his time getting guys out of jail! Usually nothing really serious; partying on the street outside Jock's Gym; reviewing our football team win over Montana State at 2 a.m. somewhere in downtown Missoula; a fight or two here and there. Guys loved Burly. He always came to your aid and never [with] follow-up words about your dumb actions.

Dr. Reuben Diettert was a wonderful teacher and very much of a gentle person. I took a course from Professor J.P. Rowe, called something like the Geography of Montana. Professor Rowe sometimes would rapidly tap his fingers together and say, "All right, class, today we are going to talk about rivers. Yes, the rivers, oh the rivers, the wonderful rivers of Montana."

Arthur W. Merrick '50  
Columbia, Missouri

(Unfortunately, Merrick's letter, full of rich reminiscences of his time at UM, had to be edited due to space limitations. - JM)

Montanan:

Please accept this small amount to help cover next year's publications. As I grow older, your magazine gets better.

Joe Clemow '37

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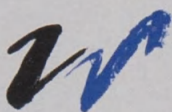
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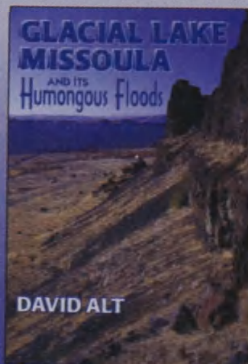
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## '30s

**Paul B. Lowney** '39 published his childhood memories in "At Another Time-Growing up in Butte," his fourteenth book. Paul has written a weekly humor feature for *The Seattle Times* and authored a cartoon panel. He runs a small advertising agency and publishing company in Seattle.



## '40s

The 60th reunion for the class of 1941 will be held on campus May 17-19, 2001.

**Robert R. Zahn** '43 is a Maryknoll priest missionary for the Catholic Church in Matsuzaka, Japan. He attended the October alumni reception at Toyo University. During the Allied occupation, Father Zahn worked in the Tokyo headquarters for the Supreme Command for the Allied Powers.

**Stewart M. Brandborg** '48 received the Robert Marshall Award, the American Wilderness Society's highest honor, at ceremonies in October. As former director for the Wilderness Society, Stewart was instrumental in the passage of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Viewed by fellow environmentalists as the "patriarch of the conservation movement," Stewart and his wife **Anna Vee Mather Brandborg** '47, live near Darby. Stewart founded the Friends of the Bitterroot in 1988 and serves on the Montana Board of Directors for Wilderness Watch.

**Wilbur E. Funk** '48, M.M. '59, is minister of music emeritus at Central Lutheran Church in Portland, Ore. He was guest conductor of the Helena Symphony in May 1997, conducted the Mount Hood Community College string orchestra

in May 1998, and recently sang with the Spats Big Band in Yakima, Wash. Will's son, **Gary D. Funk**, M.Ed. '68, is head of UM's choral activities.



## '50s

The 50th reunion for the class of 1951 will be held on campus May 17-19, 2001.

**Everett C. Chaffin** '51, M.Ed. '57, writes that he and his wife, **Frances Hagan Chaffin** '54, have had a "rather nomadic life this past twenty-five years," visiting 65 foreign countries, all 50 states and nine Canadian provinces. The Chaffins spend autumn and spring at Lake Mendicino, Calif., and summers and winters in San Diego. "We plan to continue traveling for several more years, health permitting," Everett reports.

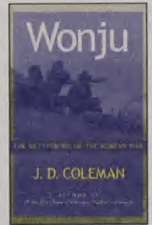
**Ted Hilgenstuhler** '50, a resident of Simi Valley, Calif., attended his 50th class reunion last May. Ted wrote the following after receiving his class photo and reunion yearbook: "Just wanted to thank everyone responsible for all the work put into the 50th Class Reunion bios and photos. My own bio was so good, I was wondering who you were writing about! Also, I have already contacted at least five fellow grads whose whereabouts were unknown to me. So you see, there are side benefits to all your labors."

**Joel G. Roth** '51, LL.B. '57, a resident of Great Falls, traveled with the Friendship Force to Brazil and Winnipeg, Canada, last year. He also attended Elderhostel programs in Texas and Boston.

**Jack M. Dollan** '54 retired after a 38-year career with the Forest Service and related outdoor professions including consulting for national parks in Taiwan. He currently consults for Glacier National Park, working to facilitate trail and boat dock handicap access. A cancer survivor, Jack and his wife, Helen, live in Whitefish and can be reached at [dacotah@cyberport.net](mailto:dacotah@cyberport.net). "Thank you, U of M," Jack writes. "You launched me into a long rewarding outdoor career."

**J.D. Coleman** '56, a retired Lt. Col. and veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars, has written

"WONJU: The Gettysburg of the Korean War." A Kalispell resident, J.D. also authored "Pleiku: The Dawn of Helicopter Warfare in Vietnam" and "Incursion: From America's Chokehold on the NVA Lifelines to the Sacking of the Cambodian Sanctuaries."



**W. Clark Hamor** '58 attended the Kennewick, Wash., Griz-Cat satellite party hosted by **Pat** '50 and **Don Campbell** '51. "I had a great time," Clark writes. "Don was my history teacher in Libby back in the early '50s. One of the Bobcats who showed up was the older brother of one of my Libby High School classmates. We visited the whole time, and, occasionally watched the game!" Clark is a House of Delegates member and resident of Ontario, Ore.



## '60s

**Luise Wachtel Closhen** '60, and her husband, Dieter, of Hanau, Germany, retired from teaching in April. They have traveled throughout Europe and Canada and are enjoying their three grandchildren.

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Future plans include revisiting Missoula and Montana State University, perhaps this summer.

**Judith Blakely Morgan '60** attended her first class reunion at Homecoming. A travel writer based in La Jolla, Calif., Judith wrote a column on the reunion for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. Judith's photograph of students walking near Main Hall accompanied her article, which highlighted this "dazzling autumn weekend of apple-red maples and golden poplars."

**Douglas Gale Henriksen '61** and **Patricia Maher-Henriksen '61** retired in 1994 and moved to Flathead Lake. Gale previously was in family practice in St. Maries, Ind.

**Earl E. Morgenroth '61** is president of the Boone & Crockett Club, the nation's oldest conservation organization. Earl and his wife, **Noella Nichols Morgenroth '60**, live in Reno, Nev., where he is a principal in Western Investments. Earl is active in Western Financial, Inc., in Missoula; Times Square, Inc., in Great Falls; Morgenroth Music in Missoula and Billings, and J-Mar Music in Great Falls.

**Douglas A. Kienitz '62** writes, "I retired in March 2000, as regional radio executive for the Associated Press in Dallas, following a 33-year career. I have also retired as a commander in the Naval Air Reserves, having flown some 2,000 hours as a navigator. I remain involved with the Texas Golf Writers Association, an association for all military officers to promote patriotic education." Doug and his wife, Sandie, reside at Georgetown in Sun City, Texas.

**William L. Bouchee '63**, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Big Sky YMCA region, which encompasses Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah. Bill was honored for 15 years of successful fundraising for the greater Missoula Family YMCA. Bill also received the Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award at Charter

Day Ceremonies at UM in February.

**George M. "Sonny" Gratzer '63**, M.F.A. '76, received a second Silver Star for "gallantry in action" during the U.S. 1968 Tet Offensive in Vietnam at ceremonies prior to the December 9 Grizzly-Appalachian State football game. A resident of Butte, Sonny previously received a Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his actions with Team Bravo in the south jungles of Vietnam.

**I. Claudette Morton '63**, M.F.A. '64, D.Ed. '90, received the National Rural Education Association Service Award for her advocacy of rural education. Claudette, a Helena resident, is executive director of the Montana Small Schools Alliance.

**R. Thomas Flynn, M.Ed. '64**, was inaugurated in October as the fourth president of Monroe Community College, Rochester, N.Y. He has been with the college for 25 years, serving as its interim president since November 1, 1999. In January Tom received an honorary doctorate from Roberts Wesleyan College.

**Dennis L. Stevens '64** received the 2000 Society Citation from the Council of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. An authority on toxins of gram-positive bacteria, Dennis is professor of medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

**Juli Ann Karisgodt Parker '65**, M.Ed. '71, retired after 31½ years as an educator in Montana and Nevada. Juli is an educational consultant in Sparks, Nev. She has plans to write and travel.

**William C. Spratt '66** is senior vice president for First National Bank in Lewistown.

**Samara L. Gilroy-Hicks '69** is principal of Mountain View High School in Vancouver, Wash. In 1997, Samara received Washington's Christa McAuliff Excellence in Education Award. Her

school currently is involved in a \$10,000,000 Gates Foundation grant to reinvent high schools. Samara invites e-mail to [shicks@egreen.wednet.edu](mailto:shicks@egreen.wednet.edu).



## '70s

**A.C. Smid '72** is president of Bear Trust International, a newly-formed, non-profit organization dedicated to wild bear conservation. For further information, contact [inquire@beartrust.org](mailto:inquire@beartrust.org).

**John P. Garrity '72** retired after 27½ years with the Federal Social Service, the last 22 as a claims and field representative for Missoula's Social Security Administration office.

**Joan Kuder Bell '74** writes from Boulder, Colo., that she and her husband, Richard, have begun the 21st season of their classical theatre company, The Upstart Crow, and are preparing the second edition of their book, "Auditions and Scenes from Shakespeare." The Bell's daughter, Alexis, is a Persian Farsi translator for the U.S. Navy.

**Douglas L. Koch '74** is a member of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Friends of the Library Board of Directors. The library has established the Susan M. Koch Library Research Scholarship in recognition of Doug's wife, **Susan M. Puphal Koch '64**, M.Ed. '76, who died June 20, 2000. A member of Theta Rho Chapter of Delta Delta Delta, Susan helped set up a trust for the chapter's assets. The trust designated UM's library as its primary recipient.

**Barry F. Smith '74**, J.D. '79, joined the National Labor Relations Board as special counsel to the general counsel in the Division of Operations-Management. Barry previously served as a senior attorney in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and taught public sector employment law at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. Barry and his wife, Judy, reside in Silver Spring, Md., with their children, Natalie and Toby.

**James R. Comstock '75** directs business development for Mills-Peninsula Behavioral Health Services and the wellness program for the San Francisco Giants Baseball Club. Jim, his wife, Christine, and eight-year-old son, Drew, live in Pacifica, Calif.

**Darla J. Bruner '76** education curator at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, is president of the Museums Association of Montana and member of the board of directors for the Garnet Preservation Society. Darla's daughter, Breanna, lives with her in Missoula. Son Casey "defected to MSU to pursue an engineering degree," Darla writes, "but I predict he'll be back!"

**John B. Dwyer '76** of Dayton, Ohio, has written "To Wire the Word," Western Union's 1865-1867 North Pacific expedition that sent men to British Columbia, Alaska and eastern Siberia to survey and build a telegraph line connecting the United States with Europe via Russia. His book is published by Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc.

**Robert L. Anderson, M. Ed. '78**, is superintendent for the Winifred United School District. A

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**Rhea Ashmore '81**



◀ **DeAnna Poling '81**, (in baseball cap), sits next to Rosalyn Carter; former President Jimmy Carter stands to the right of other Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

Montana educator for 32 years, Jim served 14 years as the CEO for the Montana School Board Association. He and his wife, Bonnie, reside in Helena. They have two daughters and five grandchildren.

**Erick Lee Erickson '78**, an economics professor at Metropolitan State College of Denver, taught this winter aboard the Semester at Sea program, accompanied by his wife, Jeni, and daughter, Greta.

**Gary R. Hoven '78** is general manager of ITW Plexus, a division of the Illinois Tool Works Performance Polymers group. Gary joined ITW Plexus in 1997; he resides in Crystal Lake, Ill.

**Carolann M. Russell, M.F.A. '79**, was visiting poet at the American Academy in Rome, Italy, last May. An English professor at Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minn., Carolann's recent work, *Passaggiata*, appeared in a bi-lingual edition of "Italia" published by The Quiet Crow Press.

**William Daniel Edge '79, M.S. '82, Ph. D. '85**, received the Ted Trueblood Communications Award from the Northwest Section of the Wildlife Society and the Wade Excellence in Teaching Award from the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University. An associate professor at OSU, Dan is interim department head for the university's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. He and his wife, **Sally Olson-Edge M.S. '84**, reside in Corvallis, Ore.

## '80s

**Rhea A. Ashmore, Ph.D. '81**, professor and chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in UM's School of Education, has published "Promoting the Gift of Literacy: 101 Lesson Plans for Oral and Written Language." Rhea uses the text in her literacy classes and recommends it for "caregivers, parents, educators and anyone who wishes to promote the gift of literacy." The book is available from Allyn and Bacon, [www.abacon.com](http://www.abacon.com).



**DeAnna Gross Poling '81** is a commercial relationship manager for U.S. Bank in Seattle. In 1987 Deanna received her M.B.A. from Seattle University. Last summer Deanna and her husband, Michael, built homes for Habitat for Humanity in Brooklyn, N.Y. DeAnna writes, "Building twelve homes in a week and meeting former President Jimmy Carter were incredible experiences." She serves on the board for Seattle Habitat for Humanity. "My favorite part of the *Montanan* magazine is 'Class Notes,' DeAnna adds. "I really enjoy reading about what my college friends are up to."

**John M. Jemison '83** writes from Orono, Maine, "I have spent the past ten years as a water quality specialist for the University of Maine — sure enjoy the work — miss UM!"

**Georell Copps Bracelin '85** writes from Bend, Ore., "I love receiving the *Montanan*! It helps keep

my homesickness for Montana at bay." Georell is brand manager and marketing director for Chorus, a new snowboard/ product line designed by and marketed to women. "I'm lucky enough to telecommute for my new job," Georell explains, an arrangement that allows more time for her three-year-old son, Trey, husband, Gary, and nearby Mount Bachelor.

**Susan B. Swimley '86, J.D. '89**, is a partner in the

Bozeman law firm Nash, Zimmer & Swimley.

**Debra Rhodes Chuey '88** received one of four national Circle of Excellence awards presented by the American Red Cross to its top donor recruiters. A "one-person office," out of Kalispell, Debbie recruits donors from Flathead, Lincoln and Lake counties. She has been with the American Red Cross for five years and credits "phenomenal volun-

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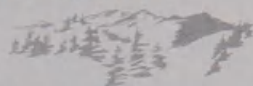
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teers" for helping her win the award.

**Jessica R. Woodall '88**, originally from Lima, Peru, now a resident of Charlotte, N.C., attended the International Students reunion at Homecoming. She writes, "What a feeling to be back in Missoula! Although it has grown and there are quite a few new buildings at UM and around the city, the friendliness and warmth of the people still make this University so unique. I love Missoula." Jessica received her M.B.A. degree from Winthrop University, Rock Hill, S.C., in 1996.

## '90s

**Lina Hassan Barakat '90** teaches fifth grade in Oakland, Calif. A native of Lebanon, Lina attended the International Students reunion at Homecoming and writes that the experience was "a wonderful walk down memory lane. UM is really engraved in my mind and heart forever." Lina, a resident of Dublin, Calif., received a master's degree in education from John F. Kennedy University, Orinda, Calif., in 1998.

**Frank G. D'Angelo '90**, is branch manager of D.A. Davidson & Company in Missoula. Frank and his wife, Rae Lynn McCarty-D'Angelo, announce the October 11 birth of their second child, Connor Richard D'Angelo.

**Kin-Ming Liu '91** is general manager in charge of administrative and financial operations for Apple Daily in Hong Kong.

**Anne McIntosh M.A. '91**, has published "Sometimes I Talk, Sometimes I Sign," a children's book written in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. Anne credits her UM years as instrumental in writing the book. "When I was working on my master's thesis I became familiar with the School for the Deaf and Blind in Great Falls and decided to make working with hearing loss a career focus." Anne lives in Davidson, N.C., where she owns a consulting firm, Communication Connection.

**Cyndy Kaye Thorsen '91** and her husband, Eric, own and operate the Eric Thorsen Gallery and an outdoor sculpture gallery in Bigfork. Eric, a wildlife biology student while at UM, received the 2000 People's Choice Award for Best Sculpture at the C.M. Russell Art Auction and the 2000 Award of Excellence from the Society of Animal Artists. Visit their gallery at [www.ThorsenGallery.com](http://www.ThorsenGallery.com).

**Christine M. Hill '92** joined the Seattle firm of Bader Martin Ross & Smith, P.S., as a manager in the tax department. Christine resides in Federal Way, Wash.

**Frances Rebekah Jackson '92** will be featured in a May exhibit at the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History on a fossil dinosaur egg locality in Patagonia, Argentina. Frankie also has worked with the museum in China and with the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman where she is a research associate. "If you had asked me even a few years ago if I would be publishing in *Nature* and going to remote parts of the world, I would have thought you had

lost your mind," she writes. "The site in Argentina is great. We camp in a ghost town in the desert and there are kilometers and kilometers of dinosaur eggs. Both trips have been sponsored by *National Geographic*. They did an article on Patagonia and will probably do something with our China trip when we finally get the fossils to the U.S. for preparation."

**Sara Hagen Hull '93** writes from Billings, "I always love reading the 'Class Notes' portion of the *Montanan* to see what my friends have been up to. Having been an RA in Craig and Turner, a SPUR and an Advocate, I can't help but be an active alum." Sara and her husband, **Todd Hull '94**, have two sons, Tyler and David.

**James G. Thomas '93** is a senior technical recruiter at MSX International in Detroit.

**Catherine Betrand '94**, J.D. '97, received an LL.M. degree in international and comparative law in June 2000, from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington D.C. Catherine, an import compliance specialist at the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, resides in Alexandria, Va.

**Jeong-Kyu Lee, M.Ed. '94**, is an associate research fellow at the Korean Education Development Institute in Seoul. An adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Education at Seoul's Hongik University, Jeong-Kyu teaches higher education policy. He received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Texas at Austin, and has had work published in domestic and foreign journals. Jeong-Kyu welcomes correspondence at [jeongkyuk@hotmail.com](mailto:jeongkyuk@hotmail.com).

**Kari A. Galle Peiffer '94** received Montana's Sallie Mae First Class Teacher Award. The \$1,500

award and a trip to Washington, D.C., are presented to a first year teacher. Kari, her husband, Scott, and son, Grady, live in Kalispell where she teaches at Evergreen School.

**Leslie M. Ryan, M.S. '95**, received the 2000 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writer's Award, with which she plans to "build a writing studio and purchase a laptop computer." Leslie is writing a collection of linked essays drawing on the narrative of her family and the themes of identity and landscape. Some of her essays have been published in *Northern Lights*. Leslie also guides academic wilderness trips for the Sierra Institute at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She resides in Gordonsville, Va.

**Joe W. Harlan, M.S. '96**, is the head women's track and cross-country coach and an instructor in exercise physiology and coaching theory at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wis. Joe previously was the head track and cross-country coach at Clark College in Vancouver, Wash.

**Aaron Bonginkoski Mthembu, M.P.A. '96**, joined the national Parliament of South Africa in 1999 as manager in human resources. He writes from Cape Town, "South Africa is undergoing a process of transformation which affects all sectors. For me at Parliament, the major challenge is to transform the work force by creating opportunities for black people who were excluded in the past. I am so happy with my job, although there are problems due to the political environment." Aaron taught public administration and human resource management and served as human resource manager at the University of Zululand prior to his current position. He writes in praise of "the diversity of the UM community which prepared me on how to deal with diverse people in my present job. I learned a lot from the

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**Brian M. Simonson '99**

M.P.A. program and the interaction with students and faculty from other countries. I returned to South Africa with one goal: to serve my country with the knowledge and skills I acquired through my studies at UM. I have achieved that goal."

**Catherine A. Jasserand '98**, an exchange student from France in 1998-1999, obtained a master's degree in European law from the Sorbonne. She

plans to return to the United States and study for a master's degree in intellectual property law.

**Brian M. Simonson '99** is a fitness instructor and trainer at the Golden Door Spa in San Diego. A graduate in health and human performance, Brian teaches spinning, stretch, abdominal, fitball, body sculpting and water aerobic classes. He credits UM's Ask-An-Alum program for connecting him with

alumni such as **Sandra Lippert Orendain '88** of Encinitas, Calif., who helped him find employment with the spa.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

**A.E. Anderson '57, LL.M. '61**, Fort Benton  
**Beverly Dale Anderson '56**, Fort Benton  
**Leslie Berg '80**, Missoula  
**Sylvia Wigen Carty '64**, Montesano, Wash.  
**Brian E. Cockhill '64, M.Ed. '68**, Helena  
**Bruce Crocker**, Palo Alto, Calif.  
**Suzanne Moore Crocker '64**, Palo Alto, Calif.  
**Shari Livingston Dayton '66, M.Ed. '71**, Billings  
**Lamar P. Detert '81**, Rogers, Minn.  
**Bruce L. Ennis '63, J.D. '66**, Anacortes, Wash.  
**Albert R. Farrington '72, M.B.A. '81**, Butte  
**Michele L. Garrihy '98**, St. Ignatius  
**Julene M. Hall '83**, Portland, Ore.  
**Daniel F. Hoheim '81**, Missoula  
**Jon A. Jourdonnals '50**, Missoula  
**Ernest L. Kradolfer**, Missoula  
**Ruth A. Buzzetti Kradolfer '56**, Missoula  
**Tiffany Gribble Madden '86**, Billings  
**Heather Miceli**, Winnetka, Ill.  
**Steven Miceli '99**, Winnetka, Ill.  
**Otto J. Otnes '72**, Missoula  
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**Jenny R. Thompson '97, '98**, Stevensville  
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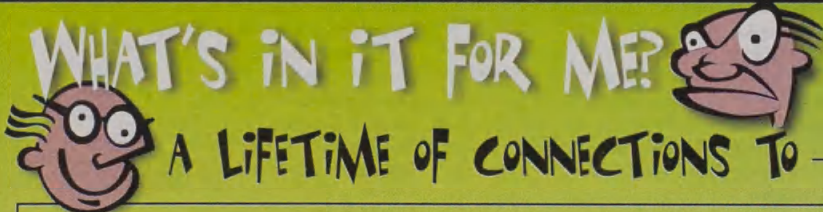
## IN MEMORIAM

To be included in In Memoriam, the Alumni Association requires a newspaper obituary or a letter of notification from the immediate family. We extend sympathy to the families of the following alumni, friends and faculty.

**Helen Kennedy Waters '25**, Bozeman  
**Albertine Twitchell Hamill '27**, Butte  
**Margaret Adele Keenan '28**, Butte  
**Emmalou Neffner Baty '29**, Bozeman  
**Dorothy J. Brading '29**, Columbia Falls  
**Lois Miller "Betty" Hollingsworth '29**, Hamilton  
**May Campbell Page '29**, Lonepine  
**Marie L. Heyfron Stark '29**, Missoula  
**Mary E. Fierce Black '31**, Polson  
**Dee D. Cooper '31, M.Ed. '39**, Helena  
**Dorothy L. Duval '31**, Butte  
**Thelma Bjorneby Fox '32**, Salinas, Calif.  
**Helen Putney Helms '32**, Missoula  
**William J. Erickson '34, M.Ed. '54**, Libby  
**Maureen Hayes Mansfield, M.A. '34**, Washington, D.C.  
**Arnold S. Peterson '34**, Portland, Ore.  
**Kenneth C. Duff '35**, Bountiful, Utah  
**Willie Clary Gough '35**, Helena  
**Ambrose Measure, J.D. '35**, Kalispell  
**Dick Whittinghill '35**, North Hollywood, Calif.  
**Lloyd N. Hovee '36**, Cheyenne, Wyo.  
**Robert Joseph Moody '36**, Yuma, Ariz.  
**Marie G. Christian Nelson '36**, Great Falls  
**James W. Vicars '36**, Livingston

**Leo C. Maney** '37, M.A. '38, Butte  
**Lawrence B. Thomas** '37, Huntington Beach, Calif.  
**Marie Cook Carmody** '39, Missoula  
**Charles J. Martin** '39, Mead, Wash.  
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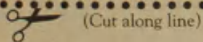
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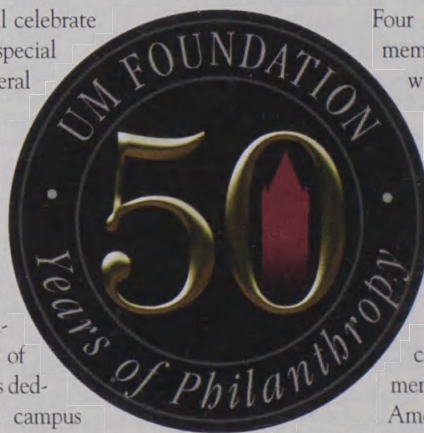


## Year-long Celebration Recognizes 50 Years of Philanthropy

The University of Montana Foundation will celebrate its founding throughout this year with a special logo, "50 Years of Philanthropy," and several activities.

The insignia designed especially for the anniversary was introduced in the Foundation's 2000 Annual Report and will be used throughout the year on Foundation materials. "Inclusion of the Main Hall tower in the design symbolizes the Foundation's purpose: our service to the University in raising, management and distribution of private gifts," said Penny Peabody, chair of the UM Foundation Board of Trustees. The year is dedicated to drawing attention to academic and campus enhancements made possible by private support and to what can yet be accomplished through the generosity of donors, Peabody said.

The actual birthday of the Foundation was June 16, 1951, the date when a temporary Board of Directors, convened by then-President Carl McFarland, met to elect officers and adopt bylaws.



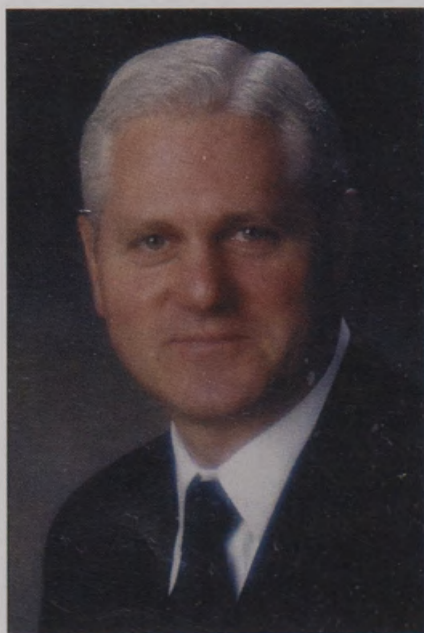
Four months later, October 12, was the first official membership meeting. That first meeting anniversary will coincide with Homecoming 2001 and will be the celebration year's highlight. Homecoming also marks the 100th anniversary of the UM Alumni Association. Joint activities to celebrate the two milestones are planned. Peabody said, "The history of the Foundation and the Alumni Association are closely linked so we look forward to having a joint celebration."

Original funding for the UM Foundation came from UM Alumni Association dues-paying members.

Among activities will be a reunion on October 10 of men and women who have served on the board during the past fifty years, the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees and the annual President's Club Dinner. The President's Club Dinner has been moved back to the Thursday night of Homecoming, October 11, so it will occur on the eve of the first annual meeting.

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## BILL BOUCHEE IS LATEST BUCKLEW AWARD WINNER



William L. Bouchee '63 received the Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award during Charter Day ceremonies February 15.

Bouchee is the fourteenth person to receive the award, which recognizes a Montanan for noteworthy efforts to foster understanding among the community and state and UM. The award entitles its recipient to name a University department to award a \$1,000 scholarship in the Bucklew Award winner's name. Bouchee selected the School of Business Administration, from which he earned a degree in 1963.

Bouchee began his banking career at Missoula's First National Bank following his UM graduation and is now president of First Security Bank. He and his wife, the former Phyllis Lindgren '63, and the bank are long-time members of the Foundation's President's Club for donors of \$1,000 annually.

Bouchee's involvement with the community and the University parallel his career in Missoula, making him eminently qualified to relay the University's strengths and needs to the community as well as represent the community to UM decision makers. He's coached youth sports and raised funds for sports programs and facilities, including the YMCA building and addition and the Missoula County High School Stadium. At the same time, he's worked on the Excellence Fund's Missoula Business Drive as a volunteer almost since its inception in 1978 and was a driving force behind securing funds from Montana supporters of Grizzly sports to complete the John Hoyt Office Complex at Adams Center. He's served on the Grizzly Athletic Association board, the Business School Advisory Board and is a life member of the UM Alumni Association.



# UM People Create Endowments to Benefit Campus Causes They Know Best

**M**embers of the UM family — and their family members — are ensuring permanent bonds with the University.

Over the past decade, dozens of endowed scholarships and funds to meet campus needs have been established or enhanced by University professors and staff members — retired and active — and on their behalf by spouses, children and siblings.

President George Dennison who, with his wife, Jane, established faculty and staff awards and a scholarship for Native American students, said, "Even students who never had the opportunity to study under a particular professor can feel that individual's influence through a memorial scholarship or departmental Opportunity Fund that enhances the educational opportunities a named fund provides." He encourages others to follow the example of those who have already established funds to acknowledge the contributions made by persons long associated with UM.

Many are funds established personally by a UM employee. News that sciences assistant librarian Irene Evers, the University's staff member with longest tenure, had given her entire estate to the institution where she worked for thirty-eight years was a surprise to the community. Her bequest supports scholarships in the School of Forestry and added to the Irene Evers Library Endowment, established by friends and colleagues to mark her 80th birthday.

While most funds established were committed as deferred gifts, as Evers' was, some faculty and staff members have given current assets to help meet departmental needs. During the last capital campaign, geology Professor Robert Weidman and his

wife, Eleanor, created a scholarship for a third- or fourth-year geology student with an interest in classical geology or field studies. Recently, retired geography Professor Darshan Kang and his wife, Jeety, did the same. They established a scholarship for students in his department.

From his years on campus, Kang had seen firsthand what private support could do to enhance educational opportunities for UM students and wanted to help future students. Law Professor Greg Munro echoes those sentiments. "We recognized a need," he said. The contribution he and his wife, Lynn, an accounting professor, made helps attract American Indian students to the School of Law. Their gifts enhance the Linda Ward Williams Law Scholarship for Native American students.

Other funds memorialize or honor a UM employee. Although many donors have contributed to funds in honor of long-time athletic trainer, Naseby Rhinehart, his oldest son Pete, '58, on behalf of his brother and sisters, created the Naseby and Evelyn Rhinehart Scholarship for African-American students through the gift of a life-insurance policy. The Rhineharts prefer that the recipients be students who have a commitment to public service, a value their parents instilled in the young Rhineharts.

The Flightner Scholarship was established in 2000 for Spanish majors who wish to participate in foreign study programs. It was announced at the retirement party of College of Arts and Sciences Dean Jim Flightner. Spearheading the drive to create the scholarship were individuals who had worked with Flightner as professors or staff members in the college.

Still other UM employees choose to establish a fund honoring someone else.

Retired mathematics Professor Charles Bryan, his wife Cynthia, and his brother and sister-in-law established a scholarship in honor of their parents because, as Charles Bryan said at the time it was created, "they helped a lot of students — including me — get an education." Charles and John Bryan, both highly educated, had distinguished careers in scientific fields, Charles in education and John in industry.

Spouses, recognizing the important role UM played in their lives, often choose a memorial award to preserve a campus tie. Doreen Shafizadeh's endowment for the Wood Chemistry Laboratory resulted in its being renamed for her husband, Fred, the director from its creation in 1966 until his death in 1984. Gary Nygaard, retired professor of health and human performance, established a scholarship for his wife, Pat, who had been a radiological technologist at the Student Health Services. The scholarship goes to students in health-related fields.

And siblings, too, have created funds. Gracing the southeast entrance to the Liberal Arts Building is the King Memorial Rose Garden, a gift for English Professor Walter King from his sister, brother and sister-in-law. Known primarily as a scholarly authority on Shakespeare, King also was a great admirer of roses.

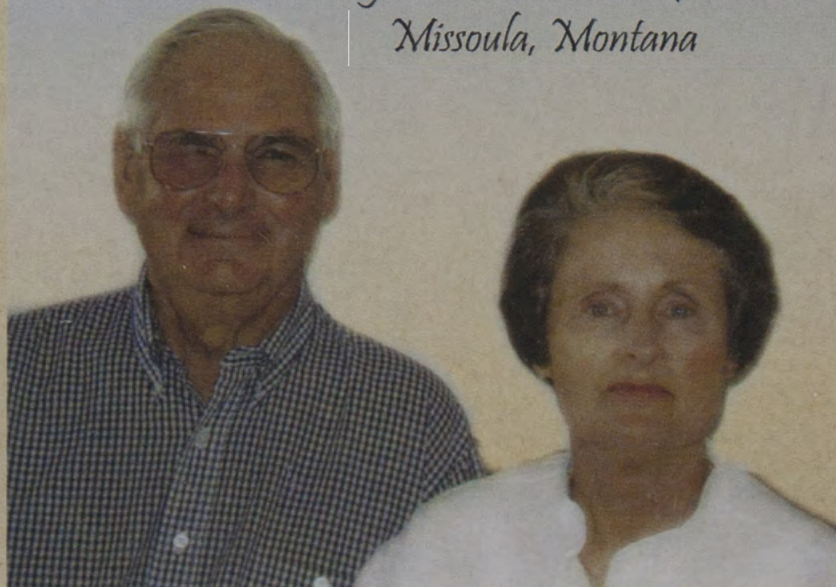
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