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Stadium gets turf upgrade a little early

UM is replacing the synthetic playing surface in Washington-Grizzly Stadium this summer. The move will allow Sprinturf, the manufacturer, to install the latest technology offered by the company.

Removal of the old surface began July 21, and the new field will be ready for play Sept. 1. The first home football game for the Grizzlies is Sept. 13 versus Southern Utah.

UM Director of Athletics Jim O'Day said the University originally intended to replace the surface in time for the 2010 season. However, the deal offered by Sprinturf to update immediately was too attractive to turn down.

He said the new surface will give UM a head start on the latest technology being offered and give the Grizzlies an excellent playing surface for the next eight to 10 years.

UM's original Sprinturf field hosted 59 UM home football games, as well as numerous other community events.

The University's signature Grizzly logo will remain in the middle of the new field, the end zones will be maroon, while the "MONTANA" and "GRIZZLIES" lettering in the end zones will be silver/gray. The new turf will consist of Sprinturf's Ultrablade DF fabric. 🐻

New book celebrates life of architect A.J. Gibson

From the 1880s to the 1910s, architect A.J. Gibson reshaped Missoula from a rustic accumulation of buildings to a rational and civilized space and was an integral figure in the development of architecture, urbanism and society.

Now, Hipólito Rafael Chacón, a University of Montana professor of art history and art criticism, has written the first complete biography of Albert John Gibson,

Missoula County's best-known and most beloved architect.

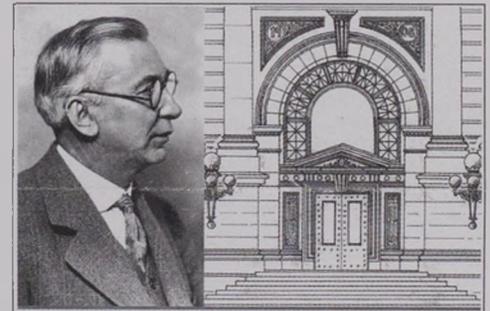
Using historical photographs and architectural drawings, Chacón creates an accurate and rich portrayal of

Gibson's life and his impact on Montana towns in "The Original Man: The Life and Work of Montana Architect A.J. Gibson."

The book's catalog of Gibson's buildings includes recent discoveries and materials from unpublished archival material, documents, drawings and photographs from the architect's life.

Gibson's legacy and work have endured for more than a century and include the first five buildings on the UM campus in Missoula, the Daly Mansion near Hamilton, and the Ravalli County and Missoula County courthouses.

His meteoric rise as an architect and



THE ORIGINAL MAN:
THE LIFE AND WORK OF MONTANA ARCHITECT A.J. GIBSON
BY HIPÓLITO RAFAEL CHACÓN

"The Original Man" is available for purchase at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture's Meloy and Paxson galleries, located in UM's PAR/TV Center; by calling 406-243-2019; or e-mailing museum@umontana.edu. It also can be purchased by calling The Bookstore at UM at 888-333-1995.

builder in the 1890s was remarkable, given that he had no professional training in the field. A self-made individual, he designed and built a broad range of buildings, from modest homes to grand residences and significant civic structures.

Gibson's other great passion was automobile travel. He and his wife, Maud, earned a reputation as automotive pioneers. Their lives ended tragically in an automobile accident on New Year's Eve 1927. 🐻

UM again named to list of 'Best 368 Colleges'

Once again, UM has been named one of the top four-year colleges in the United States by Princeton Review.

The 2009 edition of "The Best 368 Colleges," published annually by the Princeton Review, was released in July. Only about 15 percent of four-year colleges in the nation made the cut.

"We appreciate the recognition inclusion

among the Princeton Review's 'Best 368' provides, especially because it rests on student perceptions," said UM President George Dennison. "At The University of Montana, we put students first and apparently they realize that we do."

The rankings are based on surveys of more than 120,000 students. Top schools earn a profile with student comments.

Among other things, UM students said that musical and cultural offerings at the University are "outstanding" and that downtown Missoula has "great restaurants and local shopping."

UM also was included in Princeton Review's list of "Colleges with a Conscience," which lists schools with outstanding community involvement. 🐻

Economic Revisions—Each year, UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research presents an annual economic forecast for the state, and each June BBER re-evaluates Montana's current economic forecast in terms of the new information. Problems in housing, credit and financial markets and increasing energy costs have weakened national and state economies, leading UM economists to revise their annual forecast downward. Paul Polzin, newly retired director of BBER, and new BBER Director Patrick Barkey discussed the national and state economies on July 31 during a luncheon program in Kalispell as part of the 20th annual Montana Governor's Cup. Barkey presented on the national economic landscape and explained the factors contributing to the downturn. Polzin presented on the Montana economy and explained the situation since their forecast presentations in February.



end for the Grizzlies during 1974-76 and was inducted into the Grizzly Sports Hall of Fame in September 2003. He served as an assistant football coach for the Grizzlies when they won the Division I-AA national football championship in 1995 and again in 1996 when Montana was the runner-up. Betters and his wife, Jennifer, live in Whitefish.

Keys To Success—UM is now a charter member of the College Board's CollegeKeys Compact. The compact seeks to support students from low-income families as they work toward preparing for, getting into and succeeding in college. UM is one of the first 500 institutions to join this call to action to U.S. schools and colleges issued seven months ago by the College Board, a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. As part of the CollegeKeys initiative, UM has entered into a contract to actively pursue ways and dedicate resources to help students get into and excel in college.

Legendary Griz Honored—The Miami Dolphins announced recently that former UM Grizzly football star and member of the Grizzly Sports Hall of Fame Doug Betters will be inducted into the team's Ring of Honor. Betters, who played for the Dolphins from 1978 to 1987, will be joined by fellow "Killer B" Bob Baumhower. The two decorated defensive linemen will be the 18th and 19th players added to the ring, which is located below Dolphin Stadium's upper deck. Betters, originally from Arlington Heights, Ill., played defensive

Montana Volunteers Tops—A recently released Corporation for National and Community Service report on the state of volunteering in the United States ranks Montana among the tops in the nation. The report rated Montana nationally at fifth in terms of volunteer rate, with 38 percent of the state's population reporting that they volunteer. Montana also came in sixth in the nation in terms of volunteer hours, with 47 hours served per resident. In Montana, more people participate in national service each year through organizations such as the Montana Campus Compact, a network of 19 state colleges and universities committed to renewing the public purpose of higher education. Based at UM, MTCC sponsors community service, service-learning, volunteer and civic engagement projects and programs, which are offered to the network's college and university students, faculty and staff. Information about MTCC is online at <http://www.mtcompact.org>.

UM Marketing Goes Pro—UM has contracted with a sports marketing company to promote Grizzly Athletics for the next nine years. The comprehensive multimedia rights agreement with Learfield Sports kicks off during the 2008-09 academic year. The agreement enables Learfield Sports, a unit of Jefferson City, Mo.-based Learfield Communications, to oversee all sponsorship and multimedia rights for UM athletics. Work will be done locally by Learfield's Grizzly Sports Properties, an organization that collaborates daily with UM Athletic Director Jim O'Day and the entire athletics administration. Leading the GSP sales staff will be Gene Peterson, a longtime Missoula resident; Dan Ingram, former assistant director of the Grizzly Scholarship Association; and Todd Howell. 🐾

State of the University address—Aug. 22, 10 a.m. Montana Theatre. Presented annually by UM President George Dennison. Information: UM President's Office, 406-243-2311.

Fall Semester 2008 Begins—Aug. 25.

Holiday: Labor Day—Sept. 1. No classes. UM offices closed.

Shakespeare in the Parks—Sept. 2-3, 6 p.m. UM Oval. Free and open to the public.

World's Largest Garage Sale—Sept. 6, 9-11:30 a.m. UM Parking Garage. Information and registration: The Source in the University Center, 406-243-4636, <http://www.umt.edu/sa/umady>.

Ice Cream Social—Sept. 7, 3-5 p.m. 400 Block of University Avenue. An annual event to welcome UM students. Sponsored by Thoughtful Neighbors of Missoula. Free and open to the public.

African American Studies 40th Anniversary Celebration—Sept. 9, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. University Center. Information: UM Adjunct Assistant Professor George Price, 406-243-2302.

UM Events

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Football—Sept. 13, 1 p.m. UM vs. Southern Utah. Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Information: <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

UM Homecoming—Sept. 19-Sept. 20. For Homecoming events schedule, call the UM Alumni Association at 406-243-5211 or go online to <http://www.umontanaalumni.org>.

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt—Sept. 18-21. Dahlberg Arena, Adams Center. More than 75 quilt blocks memorializing hundreds of individuals who have died of AIDS-related illnesses will be showcased. Opening ceremonies: 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. Open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19-20, and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21. A fundraiser for the Missoula AIDS Council. Sponsored by the council and UM. Information: Missoula AIDS Council, 406-543-4770; University Relations, 406-243-2522. 🐾



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