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Historic detention camp preserved

UM enters agreement to protect barracks that housed detainees during WWII

With the entry of the U.S. into World War II, sleepy Fort Missoula became home to about 1,000 Italian nationals, a similar number of Japanese and Peruvian-Japanese aliens and a few Germans. They were housed in the fort's Alien Detention Camp from 1941 to 1944.

The camp inmates were all men, and none were American citizens. Most of the Italians were from impounded Axis ships or the New York World's Fair. The Japanese had been living on U.S. soil, and many were among the most prominent leaders of their communities. Perhaps they would have liked to become citizens but were prevented by U.S. Alien Exclusion Laws.

The forced detention of these people in Western Montana created a strange and fascinating chapter in Missoula history. And now that history will be protected by a new agreement among The University of Montana, Missoula County and the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula.

The parties in the agreement own property once used for the Alien Detention Camp, and they signed a memorandum of understanding to preserve, interpret and maintain the former camp barracks area



Robert Brown, executive director of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, points out the original Alien Detention Camp during a recent news conference about a new agreement to preserve the camp.

during a ceremony earlier this month.

In addition, they will cooperate to obtain National Landmark Status for Fort Missoula. Then in 2011 they will jointly sponsor a conference about the alien internment period to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War II.

"We feel a responsibility to preserve this historic area and what occurred there for the benefit of future generations," UM

President George Dennison said. "Scholars still work to unravel the full story of the camp. Certainly some of the detainments must have seemed unavoidable, while others remain very much in doubt, suggesting lessons for leaders, now and in the future."

UM and the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula will work together to

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Monte takes third at national mascot championships

With stunt skills and a distinctive sense of humor, UM's mascot, Monte the bear, won third place at his first appearance at the Universal Cheer Association/Universal Dance Association National Championships, held Jan. 16-18 in Orlando, Fla.

The two-time National Champion Mascot of the Year came in second out of 11 mascots in a video qualifying round in November. Monte then traveled to Florida with the top five mascots to present a 90-second skit showcasing his abilities.

In "Monte's Top People of 2008," the local celebrity parodied some of the year's biggest names. His subjects included Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps, the Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James and New York Giants' Plaxico Burress, who made headlines after accidentally shooting himself in the leg.

Monte also made a foray into politics with a satire of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, but kept the skit grounded in entertainment with depictions of Michael Jackson and Britney Spears. And, no, he didn't forget the rumored Madonna and

Alex Rodriguez affair.

The mascots were judged on crowd appeal, creativity, enthusiasm, crowd interaction, use of props and overall impression.

The University of Delaware's YoUDEe took the top prize, but Monte's still No. 1 at UM.

"While Monte may have taken third in this competition, Grizzly Athletics feels that the antics and athletic ability that Monte showcases on the field at sporting events and in the community are second to none," said Kenny Dow, UM Intercollegiate Athletics assistant marketing director. 🐻



UM recognized for community engagement

UM was selected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for the prestigious 2008 Community Engagement Classification.

Institutions are chosen for the classification in one of three categories: Curricular Engagement, Outreach & Partnerships, or Curricular Engagement and Outreach & Partnerships.

UM was one of only 68 public institutions to receive the 2008 Community Engagement Classification in the Curricular Engagement and Outreach & Partnerships category. Fifty-one private institutions were awarded the 2008 classification in that category.

The Community Engagement Classification relies on voluntary participation by institutions of higher education and permits analysis of attributes that are not available in national data. Since its beginning in 2006, nearly 200 institutions have received the classification.

UM's application was submitted by the University's Service Learning Advisory Board, chaired by Davidson Honors College Dean James McKusick, and the Office for Civic Engagement, OCE, a department of the Davidson Honors College, is the University's primary agent

University named to service honor roll

The Corporation for National and Community Service honored UM earlier this month with a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America's communities.

UM students engaged in academic service learning provided more than 30,500 hours to the Missoula community during the 2007-08 academic year. The students also participated in nearly 5,000 hours of extra-curricular volunteering and in more than 34,000 service hours through the AmeriCorps national service program, which helps with tuition support.

According to Andrea Vernon, director of UM's Office for Civic Engagement, UM student service to the Missoula community during the 2007-08 academic year equated to an economic impact of nearly \$875,000.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.

More information is online at <http://www.nationalservice.gov>.

of community activism.

"Achieving this distinction is truly an impressive milestone for The University of Montana, one that recognizes UM as standing at the vanguard of U.S. colleges and universities for its commitment to public service and community engagement," McKusick said.

In a letter to UM President George Dennison, Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification

officials noted that UM's application "documented excellent alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resource and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement."

The newly classified institutions represent 34 states and Puerto Rico. A complete listing of selected institutions is on the foundation's Web site at <http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/classifications>.

Educator's research on display at Smithsonian

UM anthropology Assistant Professor Ashley McKeown's research that involves skeletons of early 17th-century Jamestown, Va., colonists will be featured in an exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

"Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake" will be at the Washington, D.C., museum from Feb. 7, 2009, through Feb. 6, 2011.

Founded in 1607, Jamestown was the first permanent English colony in the New World. During a three-year postdoctoral fellowship prior to joining the UM faculty, McKeown worked with anthropology curator Douglas Owsley of the Smithsonian museum and archaeologists at the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities' Jamestown Rediscovery project to excavate and analyze more than 75 burials from Jamestown. Her work revealed the bone biographies of some of the earliest colonists – many nameless men, women



UM anthropology Assistant Professor Ashley McKeown's research on skeletons from colonial Jamestown, Va., is now part of a display at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

and children who made the colony succeed.

McKeown assisted with the excavation and analysis of more well-known individuals, such as Capt. Bartholomew

Gosnold, one of the founders of the Jamestown expedition and the explorer who named Martha's Vineyard after his daughter. Gosnold died at Jamestown on Aug. 22, 1607, and in 2003 his grave was discovered just outside the original James Fort palisade.

Also featured in the exhibition are skeletons recovered from St. Mary's City, the first capital of Maryland, and burials from around the Chesapeake.

McKeown analyzed the skeleton of a young female found buried under a theater in Williamsburg, Va., and, based on tooth modification, was able to determine that she was an enslaved African from the central West African coast.

The interpretation of the lives of 17th-century colonists, both the famous and the mundane, are presented in the wide-ranging exhibition that seeks to inform visitors about life and death in the early Chesapeake, an area that gave rise to many of the nation's most famous early leaders.

UM Tops For Peace Corps Volunteers

—New figures rank UM No. 10 in the nation for producing Peace Corps volunteers. The 2009 list ranks medium-sized colleges and universities with enrollments between 5,001 and 15,000. UM now has 30 alumni serving in the Peace Corps. Last year, the University was ranked 17th nationally, with 23 volunteers serving abroad. This year's improved ranking places UM ahead of universities such as Brown, Notre Dame and Yale. George Washington University topped the list with 57 volunteers. The Peace Corps was founded in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, and more than 195,000 Americans have served in the organization since then – including 727 from UM. Volunteers have been invited by 139 host countries to work on efforts such as AIDS education, environmental preservation and information technology.



be joined by six UM undergraduate students in the University's Prescribed Fire Practicum course. Those students will plan and conduct prescribed burns on more than 1,000 acres in the longleaf pine ecosystem on Nature Conservancy holdings in the state. The Prescribed Fire Practicum, a course in UM's forestry college, gives undergraduate students with previous wildland firefighting experience the opportunity for technical training and theoretical learning in prescribed burning for ecological benefits. During the two-week class, students rotate through fire management roles, plan and implement burns, and document and evaluate burn successes. The inaugural class was in January 2008.

COT Offers Noncredit Online Courses—The UM College of Technology has partnered with Ed2Go to offer hundreds of high-quality, instructor-facilitated noncredit online courses. Ed2Go is a Web-based online learning center that offers noncredit courses at reasonable rates – usually about \$79. No enrollment to UM or COT is required. New sessions of each course begin every month. Sessions are six weeks, with two new lessons released weekly for a total of 12 lessons. The courses are entirely Web-based with comprehensive lessons, quizzes and assignments. A dedicated professional instructor facilitates every course to pace learners, answer questions, give feedback and facilitate discussions. To learn more, call the COT Outreach Office at 406-243-7812 or go online to <http://www.ed2go.com/cot>.

Montana Artisans Attend National Market—The Montana World Trade Center at UM and the Montana Arts Council took 10 Montana artisans to sell their wares at one of the country's premier handicraft shows Feb. 19-22 in Louisville, Ky. The group attended the 27th annual "Kentucky Crafted: The Market." The trip was designed to expose other regions of the country to the richness and diversity of Montana artisanship. The artists received business instruction before competing in the national marketplace. The selected artisans use a variety of media and come from all parts of Montana. Funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce as part of the EnterpriseMontana Program, the artisans received additional support from the Montana Department of Commerce and the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The artists' launch was also part of the Montana Arts Council's new program "To Market We Go," which focuses on helping rural Montana artists become market-ready.

Cultural Celebration On Tap—UM will celebrate International Week March 15-20 with a festival, food bazaar, music and dance performances, and informational and educational sessions. Events begin with the International Culture and Food Festival on Sunday, March 15, in the University Center, sponsored by the International Student Association and Foreign Student and Scholar Services. The festival kicks off with a parade of flags at noon and runs until 5 p.m. General admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. During the festival, a food bazaar in the UC Atrium will feature authentic dishes from 50 cents to \$4. Children's World will be stationed on the second floor of the UC, and a five-hour Cultural Show will take place on the third floor. The Missoula Food Bank in partnership with ISA will accept nonperishable food donations and cash at the door of the Cultural Show. For more information about the festival call 406-243-2226. All other UM International Week events are free. Events will include information sessions on studying, interning and working abroad, and educational sessions about Ethiopia, Siberia, Georgia and Bhutan. The International Week opening ceremony begins at noon Monday, March 16, in the UC Atrium. A complete schedule of International Week events is online at <http://www.umt.edu/ip>. For more information, call UM International Programs at 406-243-2288.

Professor Helps Develop Federal Grant Criteria—UM Professor David Schuldberg assisted the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in developing criteria for the federal agency's new national evaluation contract during a focus group held in Rockville, Md., in December. The recommendations from Schuldberg and others will impact the way hundreds of federal grants are evaluated annually. Schuldberg, a member of the UM Department of Psychology and director of clinical training for Clinical Psychology, was invited because of his role as director of evaluation for the National Native Children's Trauma Center. Schuldberg shared experiences from work he and his colleagues are engaged in with American Indian tribes across Montana, Alaska, Minnesota and South Dakota. He said one of his goals was to ensure that unique issues surrounding client privacy and protection of human subjects data in tribal communities will be sensitively reflected in future grant evaluation requirements.

Fire Center Conducts Research, Classes in Georgia—Research scientists with the National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis at UM are performing research on prescribed fire-related fuel consumption and thermal characterizations of fire in southeastern Georgia. The center is a unit of UM's College of Forestry and Conservation. As part of an ongoing partnership with The Nature Conservancy to conduct prescribed burning for ecological objectives in Georgia's forests, Montana researchers will

Album Recorded At UM Wins Grammy—A recording of a live performance at UM by children's storyteller and songwriter Bill Harley won a Grammy Award for Best Spoken Word Album for Children at the awards presentation in Los Angeles on Feb. 8. The album, "Yes to Running: Bill Harley Live," includes stories and songs that paint a vibrant and hilarious picture of school, growing up and family life. It is a collaboration between Montana PBS and Montana Public Radio and was recorded in June 2007 at UM's University Theatre. Daniel Dauterive, operations director at KUFM-TV, originated the idea of recording the popular performer and co-produced the Grammy-winning CD with Harley. Michael Marsolek, MTPR program director, coordinated the audio for Harley's two live concerts at UM and was the engineer for the recording. 🐻

Campus, community leaders honored on Charter Day

UM celebrated its 116th birthday with a noon-hour party and the Charter Day awards ceremony and reception on Feb. 12. The birthday festivities are held each year to honor the University and its dedication to excellence.

Missoula Mayor John Engen attended the Charter Day awards ceremony and presented an official proclamation of University of Montana Day.

During the celebration, UM recognized several campus and community members with Charter Day Awards.

This year's winners are:

Montana Alumni Award: William Jones, who has practiced law at the Missoula firm Garlington, Lohn & Robinson for 50 years. Jones has earned much recognition in the last half-century as a trial lawyer and was one of 16 who graduated from UM's law school in 1959.

ASUM Student Service Award: Jessie Davie, ASUM sustainability coordinator.

Davie is pursuing a master's degree in environmental studies and was the main author of UM's first-ever Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award: James and Joy Mariska of Billings. The Mariskas have been actively involved in a variety of UM and community organizations that better the lives of Montanans. James is a UM business alumnus.

George M. Dennison Presidential Faculty Award for Distinguished Accomplishment: Regents Professor Jakki Mohr, UM School of Business Administration. Mohr was named Montana's first woman Regents Professor at a ceremony held at UM in November 2008.

George M. Dennison Presidential Staff Award for Distinguished Accomplishment: Jodi Johnson Moreau, off-campus events coordinator, UM Office of Alumni Relations. Moreau has

worked at UM for 15 years and joined the alumni office staff in 2000. Since then she has coordinated more than 50 tailgates. She also coordinates alumni relations' successful House of Delegates.

Montana Faculty Service Award: Professor Jean Luckowski, UM School of Education. Luckowski, who joined the education school faculty in 1983, has served on and chaired several University committees and the Faculty Senate, as well as representing UM throughout Montana and the nation.

Robert T. Pantzer Presidential Humanitarian Award: Associate Professor Phil Condon, UM Environmental Studies Program. Condon, who received a master's from UM in fine arts, creative writing, works to provide forums for environmental and nature writers and opportunities for students to write, read, present and publish in the field. 🐾

Detention Camp — continued

create learning opportunities for students and the public, including classroom education, fieldwork, distance learning and internships. Future exhibits, programs and lectures are expected.

The University and the museum already have a long history of working together. Robert Brown, the museum's executive director, is an affiliate faculty member in UM's Department of History, and the

museum offers internships for UM history students.

"What happened at the Fort Missoula Alien Detention Camp is a unique and important part of Missoula's history, Montana's history and America's history," Brown said. "The opportunity to partner with The University of Montana in preserving and interpreting this important site for future generations to learn from is exciting for all of us."

The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula now occupies what was the Alien Detention Camp headquarters. UM owns a few buildings left from the camp era that are currently used for storage or University research.

UM and museum officials will appoint a joint planning committee to generate ideas about how to move the proposals forward. The group should have a detailed plan by June 1. 🐾

UM Concert Band Festival — Feb. 23-24. Information: 406-243-4382.

"Marching Toward Hell: America and Islam after Iraq" — Feb. 23. 8 p.m. University Center Ballroom. Presenter: Michael Scheuer, former CIA officer. An event of the 2008-09 President's Lecture Series. Free and open to the public. Information: <http://www.umt.edu/president/lectures/default.aspx>; UM history Professor Richard Drake, 406-243-2981, richard.drake@umontana.edu.

"The Razor's Edge: Climate Change, Subsistence Agriculture and Threatened Cultures in Ladakh India" — Feb. 24. 7 p.m. Gallagher Business Building Room 106. Presenter: Cynthia Hunt, mountaineer and founder of Health Inc. An event of the Wilderness Issues Lecture Series. Free and open to the public. Information: <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/lecture.html>, 406-243-5361, wi@cfc.umt.edu.

"Journalism's Brave New World" — Feb. 24. 7 p.m. University Center Theater. Presenter: Peggy Kuhr, dean of

UM Events

UM's School of Journalism. An event of the 2009 Community Lecture Series, "Hidden Montana: Dispelling Myths." Tickets for the six-part series: \$20 general public; \$15 UM Alumni Association members; \$10 students. Available at the Office of Alumni Relations, Brantly Hall Room 115, or by calling 406-243-5211 or 800-862-5867. Information: <http://www.grizalum.com>; Kelsey Crawford, 406-243-6439, kelsey.crawford@umontana.edu.

"Buried Child" — Feb. 24-28; March 3-7. 7:30 p.m. Masquer Theatre, PAR/TV Center. UM Department of Drama/Dance production. Cost: \$14 general public; \$12 seniors/students; \$8 children 12 and under. Tickets and information: Drama/Dance Box Office, 406-243-4581, umtheatredance@umontana.edu, <http://www.umtheatredance.org>.

"Surviving Severe Wildfires" — Feb. 25. 7 p.m. Montana Natural History Center, 120 Hickory St., Missoula. Presenter: UM Professor Dick Hutto. Suggested donation: \$4. Information: 406-327-0405, <http://www.montanaturalist.org>. 🐾



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