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Dear editors and news directors:

The University of Montana's bus tour is a great way for us to get to know the communities and people of northwestern Montana, and for those people to get to know UM. As director of University Communications, I look forward to the Oct. 12-14 trip as an opportunity to talk with members of the local media.

Besides the public events mentioned in the enclosed news release, the bus tour's visit to the Kalispell area offers several interesting opportunities for media coverage, including campus visits to Flathead Valley Community College and Salish-Kootenai College.

As in past years, the heart of the bus tour will be its faculty workshops for area high school students. The sessions give high-schoolers the opportunity to "try out" university-level education and demystify the idea of college. The media are welcome to attend the workshops, planned at Kalispell High School from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday. President George Dennison will present "The U.S. Constitution and Today's High School Students" from 9:15 to 10 a.m.

Dennison will also speak at FVCC and SKC, discussing the linkage between UM and the colleges. Faculty members and administrators will meet with their counterparts, and bus tour participants will tour the campuses. You are invited to attend the events at both campuses.

At FVCC, a reception is planned from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Eagle's Nest cafeteria of the Student Center Administration building. The SKC reception is scheduled from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of the John Peter Paul Building.

I hope you or someone from your office will be able to attend these events, and I look forward to seeing you. For more details, call me at 243-2522 or call bus tour coordinator Kathi Larson, 243-4750.

Sincerely,

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NEWS RELEASE

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BUS TOUR BRINGS UM FACULTY, ADMINISTRATORS TO KALISPELL AREA

MISSOULA --

University of Montana President George Dennison and 45 other UM representatives will visit **Kalispell** and other area towns Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 12-14, on a whirlwind bus tour that will cover 15 northwestern Montana communities in three days, offering workshops to students from 21 high schools.

A wide variety of luncheons, receptions and other special events is scheduled to allow UM administrators, faculty and students to exchange ideas with community members and give presentations on economic development, the University and higher education in Montana.

A no-host luncheon for **Thompson Falls**-area alumni and other community members is planned at Rimrock Lodge for noon Monday. Management Professor Richard Dailey and Paul Svrcek, acting director of UM's Small Business Institute, will discuss how the SBI can assist area small businesses. The lunch will cost \$6 per person, and reservations are required; call the UM Alumni Association, 1-800-862-5862, by Thursday, Oct. 8.

At 7 p.m. Monday, Dailey and Svrcek will discuss the SBI at a free public forum and reception in **Libby**'s Champion Community Room. The reception will be hosted by the Champion International, Champion's Libby Plant Manager Dan Larson and the UM Alumni Association.

Also in Libby Monday night, UM will host a reception for prospective students from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Venture Motor Inn. UM students, faculty members and representatives of the

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University's New Student Services and financial aid offices will be on hand to share information with prospective students and their parents.

In **Whitefish** Tuesday, Dennison will address "Looking Ahead to the University's Second Century: The Future of Higher Education in Montana" at a no-host luncheon for alumni and community members. The luncheon, scheduled for noon at Grouse Mountain Lodge, will cost \$9 per person. Reservations are required by Oct. 8; call the UM Alumni Association, 1-800-862-5862.

A free reception for Flathead Valley alumni and friends is planned for 7 p.m. at the Kalispell home of Moose and Shirley Miller. Dennison will present a University update and refreshments will be served. Call the Alumni Association for reservations by Oct. 8.

Also in Kalispell, UM will host a prospective student reception from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Cavanaugh's Inn, and UM administrators and faculty members will meet with their Flathead Valley Community College counterparts and tour the FVCC campus Tuesday afternoon.

A no-host continental breakfast is scheduled from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Wednesday at Cavanaugh's Inn. No reservations are required for the breakfast, which will feature a joint presentation on higher education's role in economic development by FVCC's Small Business Development Center and UM's Small Business Institute.

At noon Wednesday in **Polson**'s KwaTaqNuk Resort, Dailey and Svrcek will discuss the SBI and its resources for area small businesses during a no-host luncheon for alumni and community members. The lunch will cost \$8; call the UM Alumni Association for reservations by Oct. 8.

On Wednesday afternoon, the bus tour will visit **Pablo**, touring the Salish Kootenai College

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campus and meeting with SKC administrators and faculty members.

The fifth annual UM bus tour, dubbed "Northern Exposure," is designed to strengthen ties between the University and Montana communities by fostering communication with students, alumni and other community members.

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