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FORUM ON UNIVERSITY TRENDS SLATED AT UM

MISSOULA --

A public forum to shed light on the often unsettling changes sweeping through higher education is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, at The University of Montana.

"Changing Times: What Is Happening to Our University?" is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. in Turner Hall's Del Brown Room. The forum, sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi honor society, is open to UM faculty, staff and students and all members of the Missoula community.

John Madden, dean of the Davidson Honors College and secretary of UM's Phi Kappa Phi chapter, said many people are puzzled and disturbed by changes in "traditional assumptions" about the nature of the university and of education.

"We need to be aware of anything which will affect the quality of education, and we need to find a voice to respond to it," he said. "This forum will bring us together to pursue those two purposes."

Forum participants will be Jeffrey Baker, Montana's higher education commissioner; Robert Kindrick, UM provost and vice president for academic affairs; James Flightner, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; David Strobel, associate dean of the Graduate School; management Professor Richard Dailey, president of the UM chapter of the University Teachers' Union; and education Professor Rhea Ashmore, member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.

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In the first hour, participants will discuss what they consider the most important influences for change in higher education. During the second hour they will take questions from the floor.

Those attending the forum are invited to bring their lunch.

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