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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

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# COALITION LAUNCHES VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN AT UM MISSOULA --

A nonpartisan coalition formed to register voters and inform the electorate about the issues will launch a get-out-the-vote campaign Monday, Sept. 9, with a weeklong voter registration effort at The University of Montana.

Coalition members will be on hand to register UM students and members of the community from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, through Friday, Sept. 13, in the University Center atrium. Registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 7.

Joining forces in the registration effort are the UM President's Office, ASUM, Montana

Public Interest Research Group, League of Women Voters and American Association of University

Women.

Additional community sponsors have joined coalition efforts in putting together a series of political events in the weeks leading up to Election Day, Nov. 5.

Monday, Sept. 16: CA-30 debate pitting state Rep. Ray Peck against Missoula attorney and former student Regent Shelly Hopkins, 11:45 a.m., Village Red Lion.

Monday, Oct. 14: Forum on the minimum wage initiative, I-121, with state AFL-CIO Executive Director Don Judge and Montana Chamber of Commerce Executive Director David Owen, noon, UC atrium.

Wednesday, Oct. 16: Forum on the clean water initiative, I-122, featuring representatives

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of Montanans for Clean Water and Montanans for Common Sense Water Laws, noon, UC atrium.

Monday, Oct. 21: Forum on campaign finance reform, I-125, with C.B. Pearson of the Campaign Finance Reform Committee and William Leary, executive director of the Committee to Defend First Amendment Rights Against I-125, 11:45 a.m., Village Red Lion.

Wednesday, Oct. 23: Debate between Democratic gubernatorial candidate Chet Blaylock and Gov. Marc Racicot, 7 p.m., Montana Theatre.

Thursday, Oct. 24: Debate between Democrat Bill Yellowtail and Republican Rick Hill, candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, 7 p.m., Montana Theatre.

Thursday, Oct. 31: Debate among U.S. Sen. Max Baucus and contenders for his post Dennis Rehberg and Becky Shaw, 7 p.m., Montana Theatre.

Sponsors of the political events include KUFM and the Missoulian.

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