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CHIPPEWA INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER COMES TO CAMPUS

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An American Indian social worker, activist and advocate will bring his inspirational message of survival and triumph to The University of Montana in early May.

Don Bartlette will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, in Social Science Building Room 356. The lecture, "Macaroni at Midnight," is free and open to the public.

A full-time public speaker, Bartlette has given his talk more than 5,000 times throughout the United States and Canada since 1972. It is the story of his experiences as a Chippewa child growing up with emotional, physical and speech disabilities. Despite a life filled with poverty, violence and substance abuse, Bartlette was able to overcome his difficult circumstances with the help of one person in his community. He went on to work in many capacities at educational and rehabilitation facilities.

He has won widespread recognition for his efforts on behalf of minorities, people with disabilities and those who have experienced child abuse, violence and alcohol and drug abuse. In 1997, North Dakota Gov. Ed Schafer proclaimed March 8 "Don Bartlette Day." He also

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has been honored by the National Council for Communication Disorders, the American Indian Leadership Initiative, the Civitan Club and the American Horse School of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Bartlette's talk is sponsored by UM's Native American Graduate Students Association and the Diversity Advisory Council.

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