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**AUTHOR SETH KANTNER TO SPEAK AT UM**

**MISSOULA -**

Author Seth Kantner will be in Missoula to talk about his book, "Ordinary Wolves," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 3, in the University Theatre at The University of Montana.

"Ordinary Wolves" was chosen to be the "first-year reading experience" book at UM for 2006. Every first-year student is encouraged to read it in order to have an additional common experience with other students.

Kantner is a 1991 graduate of UM's School of Journalism, and his debut novel met with rave reviews around the country. A native Alaskan, Kantner writes an honest story of modern Alaska loosely based on his life as a young white boy coming of age as a minority in a remote part of the tundra.

Also connected to the first-year book experience, UM geography professor Anna Klene will give a speech titled "Alaska, Great Land of Change: Some Geographic and Historic Context for 'Ordinary Wolves'" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the University Center Theater. UM Wildlife Biology professor Dan Pletscher will present a speech titled "An Endangered Species: Wolves in Montana" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in Urey Lecture Hall.

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First-year students also can enter an essay contest with a \$400 first prize. The essay must be about the reader's reaction to the book. For more information visit

<http://www.lib.umt.edu/firstyear/readingexperience/essay.htm>.

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