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MISSOULA –

The Skaggs School of Pharmacy at The University of Montana ranks No. 7 nationally for earning grants and contracts from the National Institutes of Health.

According to figures from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the UM school raked in $11.2 million in NIH funds in 2009, earning a top-10 ranking among 112 pharmacy schools and colleges across the nation.

“We have been ranked in the top 10 since 2003,” said Dave Forbes, dean of the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, which houses the pharmacy school. “I think this ranking shows we have world-class researchers here in Montana doing great work to advance the frontiers of science.”

When individual faculty members are considered, UM also ranks No. 7 nationally for garnering NIH research funds. The pharmacy school has the equivalent of 30 full-time Ph.D. faculty members who successfully competed for an average of $374,000 apiece in 2009.

“Two of UM’s top-three funded scientists are in the Skaggs School of Pharmacy,” said Vernon Grund, associate dean for research and graduate education. “They are Dr. Andrij Holian, who directs UM’s Center for Environmental Health Sciences, and Dr. Michael Kavanaugh, who directs UM’s Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience.”

The UM school was unranked in 1990 but has since seen a meteoric rise in total NIH research funding. It was ranked 37th in total funding in 1998 and averaged a ranking of 21st between 1998 and 2002. Its average national ranking has been No. 8 since 2003.

The University of California, San Francisco, was ranked No. 1 on the list for earning NIH funding last year with $28 million.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana publications and commercials won eight awards in recent national and regional competitions.

The University’s latest President’s Report won a Gold award from the 25th Annual Educational Advertising Awards, a national marketing competition. The report, titled “Standing Out,” features profiles of 10 outstanding faculty members, four institutes and other campus highlights. It can be viewed online at http://www.umt.edu/urelations/report.

UM also won a Merit award for the Montanan, the University’s 80,000-circulation alumni magazine. The Montanan is online at http://www.umt.edu/montanan. Both the President’s Report and Montanan are produced by the University Relations office.

Campus won a Bronze award for its “UM Heritage” television commercial. The ad gives a dynamic overview of University history in a minute and a half. UM also earned a Merit award for “Griz Tunnel Run,” a video spot played before football games at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

The commercials are produced by Chisel Industries, a Montana-based company, under the supervision of UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley. The videos are online at http://www.youtube.com/UniversityOfMontana.

A Merit award also went to UM’s Viewbook, which is used to recruit prospective students. That publication is produced UM’s Enrollment Services.

“UM Heritage” won again in the regional Council for Advancement and Support of Education awards competition, earning a Silver in the public relations video category.

UM also earned two CASE Bronze awards in the writing category. Freelance writer Nate Schweber won for “The Making of Meloy,” a feature about UM alum and rock star Colin Meloy that appeared in the Montanan. University Relations staff member Cary Shimek won for “Tainted Trees: Research reveals another public health threat from asbestos,” which appeared in Vision, UM’s annual research magazine.

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MISSOULA —

Has the U.S. government ceased to function? Two former Montana lawmakers will attempt to answer this question during the first in a series of “Community Conversations” slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Carroll College Campus Center, 1601 N. Benton Ave., in Helena.

The event is free and open to the public.

“Has the U.S. Government Ceased to Function?” features a debate between former U.S. Congressman Pat Williams, a Democrat, and former Montana Secretary of State Bob Brown, a Republican. Brian Kahn, host of Yellowstone Public Radio’s “Home Ground,” will moderate the debate, which is sponsored by The University of Montana’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, Carroll College and the Helena Education Foundation.

The debate launches a public policy initiative of the Mansfield Center. As part of the initiative, the center will host a series of statewide conversations each year to increase public discourse on key issues during a time when many Americans feel estranged from the political process and powerless to effect change.

The series will facilitate a citizen culture that is informed, constructive and bipartisan, said Terry Weidner, center director.

“By engaging citizens in a balanced discussion, we hope both our citizens and our leadership will become better informed and open to compromise,” Weidner said. “It is not our intent to impose any solutions. Rather, we want help foster open debate around key public policy issues as a way of helping local voices direct debate toward concrete action.”

Deena Mansour, who will help direct the new public policy initiative, said the two debaters at the upcoming program reflect a commitment to civil, bipartisan discussion. Williams served nine terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979 to 1997. Brown spent nearly 30 years in the state Legislature before being elected Montana’s secretary of state in 2000.

For more information, visit http://www.umt.edu/mansfield or call Mansour at 406-243-2713 or Ashley Oliverio, Carroll College public relations coordinator, at 406-447-5415.

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MISSOULA —

The Registrar’s Office at The University of Montana announced Wednesday that the 2010 spring Commencement ceremony will take place Saturday, May 15, on the Oval.

Registrar Edwin Johnson said, to his knowledge, this is the first time in the University’s 117-year history that the main Commencement ceremony will be held outdoors on the Oval. The ceremony will start at 10 a.m. — rain or shine — followed by smaller ceremonies for individual schools and colleges at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

UM traditionally holds two all-school Commencement ceremonies in the Adams Center — one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. There will be one main ceremony this year, and Johnson estimates approximately 1,800 graduates will attend, along with 9,000 to 10,000 faculty members, friends and family members.

Johnson said the idea for an outdoor ceremony came about after President George Dennison, who will retire in August after 20 years at UM, attended his grandson’s outdoor graduation ceremony. Dennison thought holding Commencement on UM’s Oval would be a great opportunity to showcase the recent additions and improvements on campus.

“Commencement stands as one of the most important days in the lives of young people about to launch careers,” Dennison said. “I remember very well the feeling of having accomplished a great deal, but with much more to come now that I had succeeded academically. I personally believe we should make the event as spectacular as we can for the graduating students and their families.”

UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley said private funding will cover any additional costs incurred from staging an outdoor ceremony.

“This will be an opportunity to have complete engagement with graduates, their families and guests, and the campus community,” Johnson said. “It will serve to appropriately celebrate the culmination of the years of hard work and sacrifice the day represents.”

For more information, call the Registrar’s Office at 406-243-2995 or go to http://www.umt.edu/registrar.

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MISSOULA —

The Latin-flavored funk band B-Side Players will perform live at 9 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Top Hat Lounge, located at 134 W. Front St. in Missoula.

Tickets cost $9 and will be available at the door the day of the show. Doors will open at 7 p.m., and local band Fiancée will open for the group. Concertgoers must be 21 or older.

On their latest album, "Fire in the Youth," the San Diego-based B-Side Players continue to explore the multifaceted grooves of Latin America and the Caribbean, incorporating the sounds of Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico and Brazil with funk, rock, jazz and hip-hop rhythms.

“We combine different styles and cultures in our music because that is the secret behind the harmony of all races, religions and cultures,” lead singer Karlos Paez said. “The dance floor is testimony to our common ground, our common groove.”

For more information, go online to http://www.bsideplayers.com or http://umproductions.org, call Lucas Conder, UM productions marketing coordinator, at 406-243-4719 or e-mail marketing@umproductions.org.

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MISSOULA —

Lukas Nelson and Promise of the Real will perform live in concert at 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the Top Hat Lounge, located at 134 W. Front St. in Missoula.

Tickets cost $7 and will be available at the door the day of the show. Doors will open at 7 p.m., and local band Butter will open for the group. Concertgoers must be 21 or older.

Singer/songwriter Nelson, the band’s frontman, grew up playing percussion on stage as he toured the country with his father, country legend Willie Nelson. Lukas Nelson and Promise of the Real’s genre-bending musical style fuses blues, folk and rock ‘n’ roll. In addition to his father, Nelson said he pulls inspiration from musical greats like Neil Young, Bob Dylan, Aaron Neville and Ray Charles. When asked how to classify the band’s music, he said, “I have no idea how to label it, but we come with a rock and roll attitude!”

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MISSOULA –

Grizzly basketball fans will help fight cancer by wearing headbands Saturday, Feb. 27, as The University of Montana men’s and women’s teams host Montana State University during “I Love College Hoops … Beat Cancer Week.”

The Lady Griz will host the Bobcats at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in Dahlberg Arena. The men take the court at 7 p.m.

Fans will show their support of the fight against cancer by wearing UM’s own “I Love College Hoops” headbands. The headbands are on sale at http://www.footballfanatics.com and at Lids in Billings. The UM President’s Office also has purchased a limited number of headbands that will be given to the first students through the door at the men’s game.

“I Love College Hoops … Beat Cancer Week” was created to support the fight against cancer and is endorsed by the Collegiate Licensing Company. During the week of Feb. 21-28, college basketball fans around the country will support cancer awareness by wearing headbands to their respective home basketball games. A percentage of proceeds from all headband sales will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information about the campaign, visit http://www.ilovecollegehoops.com.

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MISSOULA –

The Revolving Energy Loan Fund, which finances projects that promote resource conservation, waste reduction and environmental awareness at The University of Montana, is now accepting student proposals for energy conservation and efficiency projects in campus buildings.

An optional student Sustainability Fee of $4 this year created the RELF to support student-initiated projects that can return money saved from energy conservation and efficiency to the fund. Proposals that can demonstrate quantifiable savings and return on investment will receive priority consideration.

The RELF Committee expects to award a total of $60,000 for yearlong projects that may begin May 15. Selected projects will reduce annual operating expenses, decrease greenhouse gas emissions and lower energy costs in campus buildings.

The deadline for project proposals is 3 p.m. Friday, April 9. Application guidelines and instructions are available on the Greening UM Web site at http://www.umt.edu/greeningum.

For more information, call Erica Bloom, Associated Students of UM sustainability coordinator, at 406-243-4856 or e-mail asum.sustain@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

A new documentary by MontanaPBS challenges the long-established assumptions of how the Montana Legislature came to adopt one of the most sweeping changes in state economic history – the deregulation of electric power rates in 1997.

"Power Brokers" premieres on MontanaPBS at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. Check local listings for channels.

For more than a year, MontanaPBS investigative reporter Anna Rau, who wrote and produced the documentary, researched the origins of the deregulation movement and interviewed principal players in the Legislature, the Public Service Commission, power-industry experts and consumer advocates.

The documentary details why Montana Power Company pushed so hard to pass a deregulation bill, then surprised many stakeholders by selling all the company's power generation assets. The power company's leadership sank most of the proceeds into the burgeoning telecommunications industry, changing its name from MPC to Touch America. Just four years later, caught in the telecommunications glut of 1999, the company declared bankruptcy, wiping out stock investments held by thousands of Montana households.

Rau's report reveals the roles of then-Gov. Marc Racicot and members of his administration in deregulation and the outside interests driving the nationwide deregulation movement.

MontanaPBS is a collaborative service of KUFM-TV at The University of Montana and KUSM-TV at Montana State University.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: High-resolution photographs are available online at http://www.montanapbs.org/PowerBrokers/pressroom.

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MISSOULA –

One of the nation’s top constitutional scholars will give this year’s Honorable James R. Browning Distinguished Lecture in Law at The University of Montana.

Erwin Chemerinsky, the founding dean of the University of California, Irvine, School of Law, will present “Closing the Courthouse Doors” at noon Monday, March 8, in the law school’s Castles Center. Sponsored by the Montana Law Review, the event is free and open to the public.

“One of the most important changes in the law by the Rehnquist, and now the Roberts, Supreme Courts, has been procedural restrictions that make it more difficult for injured individuals to get relief from the federal courts,” Chemerinsky said. “A number of distinct legal doctrines – heightened pleading requirements, greater restrictions on standing, limits on suits against government entities and government officers, restrictions on punitive damages – all have the effect of closing the courthouse doors.”

Chemerinsky has published classic texts on constitutional law that are used in law schools across the country. He also has produced more than 100 law review articles.

The Montana Law Review established the Honorable Judge James R. Browning Distinguished Lecture in Law to honor Browning, who has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit since 1961. Judge Browning graduated from the UM School of Law in 1941, was a member of the Montana Law Review’s first editorial board and later served as editor-in-chief. As chief judge of the 9th Circuit, Browning was credited with reorganizing and modernizing the administration of that court.

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MISSOULA --

The University of Montana will hold events during March to celebrate Women's History Month.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Writing Women Back into History." All events are free and open to the public.

UM history Professor Anya Jabour will present "An Activist Academic: Sophonisba Preston Breckinridge" at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, in Liberal Arts Building Room 302.

Breckinridge (1866-1948) was the driving force behind the establishment of the University of Chicago’s School of Social Service Administration, one of the earliest graduate programs in social work in the United States. Jabour will explore the connections between research and reform in Breckinridge’s career and challenge the artificial distinction between academia and activism.

A screening of the documentary "Mardi Gras: Made in China" will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, in Liberal Arts Building Room 302.

Winner of 21 national and international awards, the film follows the path of Mardi Gras beads from the streets of New Orleans during Carnival to the disciplined factories in Fuzhou, China, where teenage girls live and sew beads together all day and night. UM Associate Professor Teresa Sobieszczyk will give a talk after the film screening.

Salish educator Julie Cajune and Salish poet and author Jennifer Greene will present "Salish Women: Power, Place & Story" at 5 p.m. Monday, March 22, in University Center Rooms 332-333.

Cajune recently was awarded a three-year, $1.4 million grant from the Kellogg Foundation. She plans to establish the American Indian Center for Policy and Applied Research at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, where she will produce authentic tribal histories in a variety of media.

For more information, call Stacy Rye at the UM Women’s and Gender Studies Program at 406-243-2584 or e-mail stacy.rye@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University Center will teem with global sights, sounds and aromas Sunday, March 14, during the annual International Culture and Food Festival at The University of Montana.

The theme of this year’s festival is “View the World through a Cultural Kaleidoscope.”

The 2010 festival, sponsored by UM’s International Student Association and Foreign Student and Scholar Services, is dedicated to UM President George M. Dennison and Jane Dennison for their unwavering support and commitment to the well-being of international students during the past 20 years.

More than 400 students hailing from 75 countries will participate in the festival, which kicks off at noon with the parade of flags. Events will continue in the UC until 5 p.m.

General admission is $3. Admission for children 12 and under is $2. The festival will partner with the Missoula Food Bank again this year to accept donations of nonperishable food items and/or cash during the event.

A food bazaar in the UC Atrium will feature dishes from 20 regions of the world for under $4. Dishes range from Japanese Oyako-don and Greek Souvlaki to Argentinean Yerba Mate and Ethiopian Injera ana Shuro.

Children’s World in the second-floor UC Commons will offer games, dances and multi-ethnic crafts and will issue passports to young participants.

The cultural show on the third floor of the UC will include traditional and contemporary performances, such as an Indian “Bangra” dance, Mongolian songs, Polynesian dances and an African fashion show.

Literature, maps and photographs of individual countries will be available at information booths, making the festival perfect for those planning a trip abroad.

A silent auction of international arts and crafts will take place in the third-floor lobby of the UC. Proceeds from the auction will support the Missoula International Friendship Program, which works to make the community a welcoming place for UM foreign students.

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MISSOULA –

University Dining Services at The University of Montana recently opened a new coffee shop called Recess in the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center.

Located inside the east entrance of the center, Recess is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It offers coffee and espresso drinks from Liquid Planet, baked goods from Bear Claw Bakery and a variety of other beverages.

Recess will offer takeout sandwiches soon. The shop accepts cash, checks, campus meal plans, the commuter meal plan, UMoney, Visa and MasterCard.

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MISSOULA –

A brown bag lecture series at The University of Montana offers four free events this semester that explore challenges in Central and Southwest Asia.

The series, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by UM’s Central and Southwest Asia Program and the University’s International Programs. Lecture presenters are affiliated with the Central and Southwest Asia Program.

All lecture events will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in Old Journalism Building Room 303.

The series begins Wednesday, Feb. 24, with “Human and Cultural Landscapes of the Caucasus” by Ia Iashvili, associate professor of geography, Tbilisi State University, Georgia.

Other lectures in the series are:

- **Wednesday, March 17:** “Yemen: Current Challenges” by Khaled Huthaily, UM assistant professor of Arabic and educational linguistics and anthropology.
- **Wednesday, April 7:** “Afghanistan: Myths and Realities” by Shakib Rajaeeean, visiting Fulbright Scholar from Afghanistan.
- **Thursday, April 15:** “May You Eat a Horse or Carry a Gun? Comparing Originalist Approaches to the Interpretation of the Quran and the U.S. Constitution” by UM law Professor Jeffrey Renz.

For more information, go online to [http://www.umt.edu/cap](http://www.umt.edu/cap), call Brian Lofink at 406-243-2299 or e-mail brian.lofink@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA —

“Montana Journal: Taking the Stage,” a television magazine produced by students in the Department of Radio-Television in The University of Montana’s School of Journalism, will premiere at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, on MontanaPBS.

The program explores the community theater programs in five Montana towns. Viewers will follow the stories of the people who make up the programs, from inspiring young actresses in Helena and Billings to a behind-the-scenes volunteer who keeps the spirit of community theater alive in Stevensville. The program also visits Great Falls and Lincoln, which currently don’t have community theater programs but still have found ways to offer the live theater experience to their residents.

“Montana Journal: Taking the Stage” will air again at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, on MontanaPBS (KUFM-TV in Missoula and KUSM-TV in Bozeman).

In its 12th year, the “Montana Journal” series is produced twice a year by seniors in the radio-television program. UM adjunct instructor and MontanaPBS producer John Twiggs teaches the course and oversees the student production. MontanaPBS is a public service of UM and Montana State University in Bozeman.

For more information, click on “Montana Programs” at http://www.montanapbs.org, call Twiggs at 406-243-4565 or e-mail john.twiggs@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

"Dissemination Nation," a multimedia exhibit by Wyoming artist Ashley Hope Carlisle, will open at The University of Montana Gallery of Visual Arts on Thursday, March 4.

The exhibit will be at the gallery, located on the first floor of UM's Social Science Building, through Thursday, March 25.

The gallery will host an artist lecture at 5 p.m. March 4 in Social Science Building Room 356. The event is sponsored by the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Lecture Series. A reception will follow in the gallery, which will be open until 7 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

Concepts of transition and displacement are prevalent in the mixed media drawings, sculpture and video works of Carlisle, who is originally from New Orleans. The traumatic events and aftermath of Hurricane Katrina forced her to redefine her connection to people and place.

"Dissemination Nation" expresses the many parallels between plant life and the human condition.

Carlisle is an assistant professor of art in sculpture at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Her work has been exhibited throughout the nation and in England and Italy.

She will participate in the Western Cast Iron Art Alliance Conference, which will be hosted by the UM School of Art sculpture division in May.

Gallery of Visual Arts hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call gallery Director Cathryn Mallory at 406-243-2813 or e-mail gallery.visarts@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana’s Student Assault Resource Center will host the annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, in the University Center.

Male participants are invited to walk one mile around the UC in high heels while enjoying live music by The Baldinis to raise awareness and support ending sexual and relationship violence. Registration is required and costs $5 until March 9 or $10 the day of the event. Participants can register online at http://life.umt.edu/curry/SARC/default.php or from 10 to 11:45 a.m. March 10 in the UC. Participants are welcome to bring high heels or SARC can provide them.

SARC, located at UM’s Curry Health Center, is an advocacy center for survivors of sexual assault and relationship violence. All proceeds from the event will benefit the center’s outreach, education and violence-prevention programs.

For more information, visit the SARC Web site or call Stoney Sasser, SARC outreach coordinator, at 406-243-6429 or e-mail stoney.sasser@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

After the final tally, The University of Montana has a new record of 14,622 enrolled for spring semester 2010. That number is 797 students more than the previous record set last spring.

University President George M. Dennison said UM always experiences an enrollment decline between spring and fall semesters.

“However, this year enrollments for spring semester 2010 dropped off by only 300 students, or 2 percent, from fall semester 2009 -- something that has never happened in earlier years,” Dennison said. “As a result, spring 2010 enrollments exceeded spring 2009 enrollments by nearly 800 students, or 5.8 percent.”

Dennison said there were spring enrollment surges in every category, including residents, nonresidents, undergraduates, graduate students, distance-learning and the College of Technology.

UM also set a spring enrollment record in full-time equivalent students at 12,677.70, which is 670.9 or 5.6 percent more than a year ago. (An FTE represents 15 undergraduate or 12 graduate semester credits.)

Enrollment jumped by 498 at the main mountain campus and 299 at COT compared to a year ago. FTEs increased 437.77 at the mountain campus and 233.13 at COT over last spring.

Montana residents accounted for about 80 percent of the total increase, with a significant number of new students enrolling to sharpen their skill sets or develop new skills to get back into the work force.

Dennison commended staff and faculty members for extending themselves to serve students.

“Although constrained by cost concerns and a very tight budget, deans, chairs and faculty provided the courses the students needed,” he said. “The outcome benefits the students, the University and the state.”

The president also noted that the enrollment increases put a heavy stress on available space across the University – especially at COT.

“In fact, it became necessary to schedule COT courses on the mountain campus in order to find space,” Dennison said. “That change required transportation of students from the heavily impacted COT to the mountain campus, making for overcrowding and bus delays.”

The president emphasized the need for a new COT facility and more buses to improve the transportation system between campuses.

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MISSOULA –

Several state educators and community partners were honored Feb. 13 at the 21st Annual Education Reception hosted by The University of Montana’s Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences.

The annual event, sponsored by UM President George M. Dennison, recognizes educational partners who collaborate with the University and the College of Education and Human Sciences to prepare future professionals.

The theme of this year’s reception was “Recognizing YOU – A Montana Treasure.” Around 300 professionals attended the event, which was held in the University Center Ballroom.

David Bixby, a fifth-grade teacher at Hellgate Elementary School in Missoula, received the 2010 Maryfrances Shreeve Award for Teaching Excellence. The award was presented by Jean’ne Shreeve, daughter of the award’s namesake.

The Maryfrances Shreeve Award was created in 1992 by Jean’ne Shreeve and her brother, William, to honor their mother, a UM graduate who taught with distinction around Western Montana. Maryfrances Shreeve was the first award recipient. Since then, the award has brought deserved attention to exemplary Montana educators.

Bixby served as a master teacher mentor for a UM Department of Educational Research Services Excellence in Science Education grant. He mentored a group of 20 teachers during the two-year program. As part of the program, he taught in-services and demonstrated teaching techniques and lesson planning strategies.

Bixby earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from UM in 1997 and a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University in 2008.

Margarett Campbell, vice president of community services at Fort Peck Community College, received the Educational Leadership Excellence Award. The award is presented by UM’s Department of Educational Leadership.

Campbell earned an education doctorate from UM in 2003. She has been elected to three terms in the Montana House of Representatives. Her contributions include serving on the executive committee of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, where she held the office of president for three terms. Campbell also played a key role in the successful coordination of the statewide campaign for Montana’s “Discover the Indian Vote.”

The Trapper Creek Job Corps near Darby received the Department of Counselor Education Award. Mike Pepion accepted the award on behalf of the staff at Trapper Creek. The center provides supportive supervision for counselor education interns, who provide counseling, educational guidance and mini-retreats.

Susi Mathis, cardiac rehabilitation and wellness coordinator at St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center’s Cardiac Rehabilitation Center in Missoula, received the Department of Health and Human Performance Award.

Mathis provides internship opportunities for many UM exercise science students. She supports the instruction of students in a variety of classes and provides mentorship to help student grow as caregivers and clinical experts.

The Marlene Bachmann Student Teaching Award was presented by Bachmann to Michael Straw, who completed his elementary student teaching experience under the direction of Hellgate Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Sue Rowe and UM Department of Curriculum and Instruction supervisor Diane Kowalski.

Straw blended his abilities as a natural in the classroom with a passion for learning and improving that made a difference in the achievement and success of students.

Awards to honor UM Department of Curriculum and Instruction partners who collaborate to prepare future professionals also were presented at the reception. Partners serve as mentors, subject specialists and curriculum consultants.

Curriculum and Instruction Partnership Awards went to social studies departments at Missoula’s Big Sky High School, Hellgate High School, Loyola-Sacred Heart High
School and Sentinel High School. The departments were honored for their consistent enthusiasm and commitment to the preparation of future teachers.

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Bixby earned a bachelor’s degree in meteorology from Iowa State University and a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from UM in 1997. In 2008 he received a master’s degree in educational leadership from UM.

He also served as a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration commissioned officer. His duties included piloting and navigating ships, managing data collection and shipboard personnel, serving in public relations and working as an emergency medical technician.

Bixby has received numerous awards, including the IDEA PTA outstanding service award for work with students on individualized education plans, the Montana PTA Outstanding Educator Award and the Montana State Aerospace Educator of the Year Award. He was a national finalist in the General Excellence division of Cable in the Classroom’s Leaders in Learning Awards.

He also was featured in Northwest Education magazine for integration of open-ended technology in support of curriculum standards and presented at the Gates Foundation Technology in Education conference for school administrators.

“I count myself so fortunate that my teaching career was planted in the fertile soil of Hellgate Elementary School,” Bixby said. “I am surrounded daily by high examples, supportive colleagues – including Maryfrances Shreeve awardees Sue Rowe and Carla Clement – but also hundreds of other heroes who make it a joy to come to work each day.

“I wouldn’t trade the opportunity to give and receive the gifts of high examples and patience everyday with my students and colleagues and my community for anything.”

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will switch student e-mails from a campus-hosted service to UMConnect, a Microsoft-hosted service, on Monday, Feb. 22. UMConnect will be the official University e-mail for all students.

Students can activate and access their new accounts by visiting the UMConnect Web site at http://www.umt.edu/umconnect. They should use their NetID to log in.

The campus-hosted e-mail service, GrizMail, will be available until March 12 to allow students time to transfer data. After March 12 messages sent to a GrizMail address will not be delivered.

E-mail sent to student umontana e-mail addresses (first.last@umontana.edu) will be delivered to UMConnect. Blackboard and CyberBear e-mail tools point to umontana addresses, so e-mails sent from those systems will automatically be directed to UMConnect inboxes.

For more information about the e-mail switch, call the IT Central Help Desk at 406-243-HELP, stop by Social Science Building Room 120 or visit the UMConnect Web site.

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MISSOULA –

Bob Shook, an associate professor at The University of Montana College of Technology, recently received the Dalton E. Memorial Section Certified Welding Inspector of the Year Award from the American Welding Society.

Shook directs COT’s Welding Technology program.

The award recognizes AWS members whose inspection, professional and civic activities have enhanced public awareness of the society and the CWI program. Award recipients also have made outstanding contributions to the science of welding inspection.

The award recognizes Shook’s work with COT welding students and his efforts to develop a welding curriculum that incorporates welding inspection processes, as well as his active involvement with Montana businesses to ensure use of correct welding procedures and inspection. It also honors his decades-long involvement as an AWS member, welder, welding instructor and certified welding inspector.

Information about COT’s Welding Technology program is online at http://www.cte.umt.edu/industrialtech/welding.

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MISSOULA –

Area workers affected by layoffs from Smurfit-Stone Container Corp., Montana Rail Link, Macy’s or other businesses should mark their calendars.

The University of Montana College of Technology will host a Career & Training Open House for Transitional Workers from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. The event will be held at COT, located at 909 South Ave. W., and no RSVP is required to attend.

“The open house will be perfect for someone looking for a new direction or career,” COT Associate Dean Lynn Stocking said. “Layoffs can be a major setback, but they also can become an opportunity to find a fulfilling new direction or begin a path to a new career.”

COT will provide information on its certificate and associate degree programs. Representatives from the main "mountain" campus also will be available to discuss UM bachelor and graduate degrees, work force training, college admissions and the financial aid process.

“We’ll also address interest assessments and prospective job outlooks,” Stocking said. “After short presentations, people will be able to visit with representatives from Admissions, College of Technology programs, the UM Office of Student Success, Career Services, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School.

“If individuals have had previous college or university course work or degrees, we’ll be able to discuss that course work,” she said. “We look forward to talking with all those who attend.”

COT also will host a Financial Aid Workshop from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, in Administration Building Room 17. The event will provide information about the Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid. Attendees should apply for a FAFSA personal identification number before attending at http://www.pin.ed.gov. They also should bring their 2009 federal tax information (even if it’s not completed) and W-2 forms so workers can assist with completing the 2010-11 FAFSA application.

For more information, call 406-243-7811 are go online to http://www.cte.umt.edu.

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HAMILTON –

The Bitterroot College Program Steering Committee will hold a meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Ravalli County Commissioners Meeting Room, located at 215 S. Fourth St. in Hamilton. The BCP Steering Committee is a public board that encourages members of the public to observe and participate at its meetings.

Agenda topics will include operational, educational planning and fiscal issues. The meeting agenda will be available Friday, Feb. 19, on the BCP Web site (http://www.umt.edu/bcp; click on “Meetings” under “Steering Committee”) or by calling BCP Interim Director Victoria Clark at 406-375-0100 or e-mailing victoria.clark@umontana.edu.

The BCP Steering Committee is a collaborative group composed of local Ravalli County stakeholders, University of Montana officials and state higher education representatives. The committee is charged with planning an entity to provide responsive and sustainable adult and higher education opportunities to the residents of Ravalli County. BCP currently offers 13 UM College of Technology courses in the Hamilton area.

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MISSOULA –

Montana Public Radio will hold its annual marathon fundraising event, Pledge Week, from Saturday, Feb. 20, through Sunday, Feb. 28.

The station’s annual budget is $1.5 million, and the goal for this year’s Pledge Week is to raise $475,000.

The program lineup for Pledge Week includes a comedy special Thursday, Feb. 25; a National Folk Festival highlights show Friday, Feb. 26; and live jazz with Eden Atwood and David Morgenroth in the studio on Sunday, Feb. 28. “Pet Wars,” the station’s signature finale, will start 4:30 p.m. Feb. 28.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the station’s founding, and it is a big year in many ways. MTPR recently expanded the morning news block, now airing NPR’s “Morning Edition” until 9 a.m. and offering increased regional coverage during “Montana Morning News.” The station also started webcasting at http://www.mtpr.org, offering access to MTPR’s unique programming through an online stream.

MTPR hears from its audience during Pledge Week, as listeners donate money and many add their comments about the station and their favorite programs and give suggestions. Comments are read on the air during Pledge Week as listeners are thanked for their contributions.

Montana Public Radio is a public service of The University of Montana and receives financial support from its listeners, the University and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: High-resolution art of the Pledge Week logo is available by calling Linda Talbott at 406-243-4931 or by e-mailing linda.talbott@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will offer several culinary courses during May, June and July.

The courses are offered as noncredit, for college credit and for Office of Public Instruction credit for family and consumer science teachers. Preregistration is required, and space is limited.

Two of the courses, Intro to Food Service Industry and Food Service Sanitation, are required for the COT Culinary Program. Students who wish to take these summer courses for college credit should call COT Admissions at 406-243-7882.

Intro to Food Service Industry, a five-credit course, will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 8 to July 22.

Food Service Sanitation, a two-credit course, will be offered from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays from June 7 through July 19.

Other culinary courses offered at COT this summer include:

- Mexican Cuisine: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. May 25-27.
- Mexican for Teachers: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. July 26-30.
- Mediterranean Cuisine: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays, June 11-July 23.
- Intro to Baking and Pastries: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mondays, June 7-July 19.

The courses will be taught by Certified Executive Chef Tom Siegel and Chefs Aimee Ault and Jonah Elliot.

For more information or to register for courses, call the COT Outreach Office at 406-243-7812 or e-mail mary.opitz@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA —

If you want to convert that fetching garden gnome into cold hard cash or purchase a less-than-new sofa, plan to attend the “World’s Largest Garage Sale” on Saturday, March 20, at The University of Montana.

The sale runs from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – rain or shine – in UM’s covered parking garage on Campus Drive near the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

For $20, vendors are assigned two parking spaces, each 9 feet by 18 feet. Additional spaces may be purchased for $10 each.

Registration forms are available at The Source in the University Center or by visiting http://life.umt.edu/umadv.

The semiannual garage sale, which draws nearly 100 sellers and thousands of shoppers, is a fundraiser for UM Advocates, a campus service organization.

For more information, call Jenny Lawson or Blake Fisher at 406-243-5874 or e-mail advocates@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will offer training March 2-3 for contractors, maintenance workers and painters who want to meet new Environmental Protection Agency certified renovator requirements.

EPA will require all contractors and painters to have a certified renovator on board by April 22 for jobs taking place in every pre-1978 home or facility. Training participants will learn to direct lead-safe work practices, train noncertified workers, use EPA-type test kits to identify lead-based paint and oversee other aspects of lead mitigation in the workplace.

The training, provided by Montana State University Extension’s Montana Weatherization Training Center, the only EPA-accredited training provider in the state, will take place from 8 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at UM’s University Center, with hands-on workshops the morning of Wednesday, March 3, at the COT West Campus, located at 3639 South Ave. W.

The training costs $205, which includes testing for certification and all materials. Information about the EPA requirements is available at http://www.weatherization.org.

To register for the COT training, go to http://www.cte.umt.edu and click on “Outreach” under “Announcements.” For more information, call the COT Outreach Office at 406-243-7812.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Allies Program will host faculty and staff training sessions from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 18, and Tuesday, April 6, in the University Center. Interested participants only need to attend one session.

UM Allies is an interdepartmental program for faculty and staff who want to promote a campus environment that is inclusive and supportive of everyone’s sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Since its start in spring 2009, UM Allies has trained more than 100 employees and resident assistants. The organization hopes to increase campus participation.

The 2.5-hour interactive training will help participants better understand the experience of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning (LGBTIQ) individuals on campus. Participants will learn from a panel of LGBTIQ community members about the impacts of heterosexism, homophobia and transphobia and talk about ways to be an effective ally. Participants will leave the training informed about local and national resources for the LGBTIQ community and ways to make appropriate referrals.

Space is limited, so reserve a spot at least one week before the training date by e-mailing Katie Frutiger, UM Allies student intern, at katie.frutiger@umontana.edu or by calling Josh Peters-McBride, Diversity Program adviser, at 406-243-5776.

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MISSOULA –

A team of University of Montana researchers has been awarded a two-year, $382,000 National Science Foundation grant to study the ethics of geoengineering, the intentional engineering of the earth’s climate to offset climate change.

The project – “The Ethics of Geoengineering: Investigating the Moral Challenges of Solar Radiation Management” – was one of only 18 proposals out of 128 ranked as high priority for funding. It brings social science research together with ethical analysis to examine the views of stakeholders from politically powerful and marginalized populations on the moral challenges associated with deliberately engineering the climate.

Philosophers Dane Scott, an associate professor in the UM Department of Society and Conservation and director of the University’s Center for Ethics, and Christopher Preston, an associate professor in the Department of Philosophy and Fellow at the Center for Ethics, will work with social scientist Laurie Yung, director of UM’s Wilderness Institute and an assistant professor in the Department of Society and Conservation, on the interdisciplinary research project.

As part of their work, the team and the Center for Ethics will host a three-day workshop this fall at UM and produce a Web resource on ethics and geoengineering. They also will write a book addressing the moral challenges of solar radiation management.

Leading climate scientists, philosophers and policy experts from several North American universities and institutes will present at the workshop and assist the UM team in shaping the book and the resource center.

For more information, call the UM Center for Ethics at 406-243-6605 or e-mail blake.francis@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Raffle tickets will go on sale for a student-built home Friday, Feb. 19, during the Missoula Building Industry Association’s Trade Show at The University of Montana.

The trade show will be at the Adams Center Feb. 19-21. Hours are from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20-21.

The Bronze Level custom home, located at 2604 Roderick Way in Missoula, is valued at $340,000. It has three bedrooms and two and a half baths, with 1,484 square feet on the main floor and 742 square feet on the upper floor.

The home is scheduled for completion this spring. It is a project of the Building Futures Program, a community partnership of UM’s College of Technology, MBIA and the Flagship Program.

Raffle tickets cost $100 each and can be purchased at the trade show or in Missoula at MBIA, 1840 South Ave. W., or Junkermeier, Clark, Campanella & Stevens, 2620 Connery Way. Purchasers must be 18 or older, and prize winners must be Montana residents.

A minimum of 3,500 and a maximum of 5,000 tickets will be sold. The raffle drawing will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Farmers State Bank, located at 3130 N. Reserve St. in Missoula. Ticket purchasers need not be present to win.

In addition to the Grand Prize home, three other prizes will be awarded: first prize, a $20,000 car; second prize, a $10,000 boat or recreational vehicle; and third prize, a $5,000 home entertainment system.

The Grand Prize custom home is being built by students of the COT Carpentry Program and the high school Flagship Program. Supervising and guiding the students are Kim Zupan and David Neu of the COT Carpentry Program, Mike Nichols of Tamarack Construction Company, Jim Schafer of Straightedge Construction and Wade Hoyt of Hoyt Homes Inc.

Proceeds from the raffle will go toward sustaining the Building Futures Program and to the MBIA Scholarship Fund.


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MISSOULA –

Artists Dana Boussard, Steve Glueckert and Lisa Jarrett will talk about transforming white supremacist texts into works of art during a panel discussion Thursday, Feb. 25, at The University of Montana.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Montana Theatre, located in UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

Ken Toole, former director of the Montana Human Rights Network, will moderate the panel discussion, which is held in conjunction with the traveling exhibition “Speaking Volumes: Transforming Hate,” currently at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture. The exhibition features artists from across the United States who used white supremacist propaganda to create thought-provoking works of art.

The panel discussion will center on how prejudice and hate inform class issues, as well as how each artist worked creatively to reconfigure white supremacist materials.

Boussard is a nationally known artist with numerous public commissions. She received the Montana Governor’s Arts Award for Visual Art and is a former recipient of a Western States Arts Federation Fellowship and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship.

Glueckert is curator at the Missoula Art Museum and serves as an adjunct instructor with the UM School of Art. Since the 1970s, his work has referenced both fine and folk art, demanding audience participation. He has been included in more than 200 group and solo exhibitions in the region.

Jarrett is an adjunct instructor with the UM School of Art and artist in residence and gallery director at the Zootown Arts Community Center in Missoula. Her exhibition “Black History Month” is currently at ZACC.

Toole is vice chair for the Montana Public Service Commission. He is founder and chair of the Policy Institute, a Montana-based think tank focusing on economic issues, and a past Montana senator. Toole was born in Missoula and graduated from UM with a bachelor’s degree in political science. He continues to serve on the MHRN board. He has received the Leadership for a Changing World Award from the Ford Foundation, the Petra Fellowship and the Bayard Rustin Civil Rights Award.

MMAC partnered with the following organizations for the exhibition “Speaking Volumes: Transforming Hate”: Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, Missoula Public Library, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, Missoula Advocates for Social Justice, Missoula Art Museum, MHRN, National Coalition Building Institute, UM Diversity Advisory Council and Missoula Cultural Council.

The exhibition will be at MMAC’s Meloy and Paxson galleries, located in UM’s PAR/TV Center, through Saturday, March 6. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 4 to 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A $5 donation is suggested, and free parking is available near the northeast corner of the PAR/TV Center.

For more information, call 406-243-2019 or visit the museum’s Web site at http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Digital images of selected artworks included in the exhibition are available by request. Call Becky Garner, MMAC coordinator of programs and publications, at 406-243-2019 or e-mail rebecca.garner@mso.umt.edu.

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Artists Discuss Creating Artworks From Supremacist Texts - UM News - The University Of Montana

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MISSOULA –

The second annual Women’s Summit at The University of Montana on Wednesday, Feb. 24, offers campus and community members a chance to attend free workshops that focus on women’s health, wellness and empowerment.

The summit workshops, organized by UM’s Student Assault Resource Center, address women as they explore relationships with self, others and their communities. Workshops run from 8 to 5 p.m. in University Center Room 330. No registration is necessary. Both men and women are welcome to attend any of the workshops.

The summit begins with “Strength and Solace: Exploring Living Lessons of Hatha Yoga” from 8:10 to 9 a.m. At noon, a series of monologues by women and men that celebrate the strengths and daring feats of strong women and supportive men will be presented in the UC Atrium. The final workshop of the day is at 4 p.m. when a panel of men and women who will address gender equality and feminism in the 21st century.

Other summit workshops explore women and science, women’s economic empowerment, self-defense, stress management and sexuality.

For more information and a complete schedule of workshops, visit the SARC Web site at http://www.umt.edu/chc/SARC or call 406-243-6429.

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MISSOULA –

Robert McDuffie, internationally renowned violinist and Distinguished University Professor of Music at Mercer University in Macon, Ga., will give the next installment of the President’s Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

McDuffie, who has appeared as a soloist with most of the world’s major orchestras, is celebrated for his promotion and accomplished performances of contemporary American music. He will present a lecture and concert titled “The Seasons Project: The Overlapping Agendas of Antonio Vivaldi and Philip Glass” at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, in the University Theatre.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., he will give a master class in the Music Recital Hall.

Both events are free and open to the public and presented in collaboration with the Missoula Symphony Association.

McDuffie plays a 1735 Guarneri del Gesù violin known as the Ladenburg. It required a consortium of 16 investors to provide the funding for the legendary instrument.

“Area concertgoers will have the opportunity to hear what $3.4 million, in the hands of a true master, sounds like,” said UM Professor Richard Drake, who organizes the lecture series.

McDuffie is a Grammy-nominated artist, whose acclaimed Telarc and EMI recordings include the violin concertos of Mendelssohn, Bruch, Adams, Glass, Barber, Rozsa, Bernstein, William Schuman and Viennese favorites.


Information about the President’s Lecture Series at UM is online at http://www.umt.edu/president/lectures.

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MISSOULA –

The University Center Art Gallery at The University of Montana will display the photographs of Hamilton native Evan Caughey from Monday, Feb. 22, through Friday, March 26, in an exhibition titled “Dreamers and Dust.”

An opening reception and artist talk will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the gallery, which is located in University Center Room 227. The event is free and open to the public.

“Dreamers and Dust” documents Caughey’s intense fascination with the everyday lives of people he observed while traveling in India. His photographs capture hope and despair, youth and old age, success and failure, and the need for – or repulsion from – living a life that fits within the constraints of society.

Caughey has focused on photography as his artistic medium of choice since 2004, and his style evolved while taking pictures around the world in Montana, Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, India, Mexico and Boston. On a two-year scholarship at age 18, Caughey attended the United World College of India, where he received an international baccalaureate degree in May 2009. Caughey now is a freshman at Boston University where he studies photojournalism and the humanities.

UC Art Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call gallery Director Samantha Guenthner at 406-243-4991 or e-mail ucartgallery@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The 2010 Clark Fork Symposium will be held at The University of Montana on Thursday and Friday, March 4-5.

For 25 years, residents of the Clark Fork Basin have met every five years to discuss conservation science and actions in the basin. This year’s symposium events are designed to look back 25 years and think forward 25 years.

Invited speakers and panelists will explain recent and ongoing studies guiding actions planned or taken to conserve and restore the Clark Fork Basin. Posters and slideshows will be offered by watershed groups, scientists and other people interested in the basin.

Events begin Thursday with the Clark Fork Watershed Roundtable, featuring reports by local watershed groups, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third floor of the University Center. The roundtable will be followed by a 2 to 5 p.m. field trip to local streamside developments and the Milltown site.

The symposium’s keynote "State of the River Report" will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the University Center. The keynote event is free and open to the public. Speakers from UM, the Clark Fork Coalition and other agencies will describe how the basin has been transformed, and author Rick Bass will help those present envision what the basin can become.

The symposium resumes at 8:45 a.m. Friday with a brief welcome and a panel titled “Bringing Back the Upper River.” Panelists are representatives of the many agencies and citizen groups working to restore the upper Clark Fork. The panel will be followed by several keynote talks on 30 years of Flathead Lake studies, a 10-year nutrient reduction program recently completed and 25 years of cleaning up Butte soils.

More than 20 posters and displays and more than 30 short talks about studies and actions in the basin will be offered Friday afternoon. Organizers say this is a good time for public school students to visit the symposium.

Registration information and a complete 2010 symposium schedule are online at http://www.clarkfork.org/cfsymposium. All symposium events are free to students.

Proceedings of past symposia are online at http://www.umt.edu/clarkforksymposium. For more information, call UM environmental studies Professor Vicki Watson at 406-243-5153 or e-mail vicki.watson@umontana.edu.

Symposium co-sponsors include the UM President’s Office, Watershed Health Clinic, Environmental Studies Program, Department of Geography and the Clark Fork Coalition, Clark Fork Task Force, Bitter Root Water Forum, Rithron Associates and Watershed Consulting.

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MISSOULA —

A video produced by members of The University of Montana Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology (UM FLAT) is competing in the National Wildlife Federation’s Chill Out competition for a chance to win national recognition and a $1,000 or $500 grant.

The two-minute video highlights the student-run demonstration home, located at 633 S. Fifth St. E. in Missoula, which illustrates the practicality of sustainable living with the goal of encouraging the development of efficient and affordable homes. Students, faculty and community members of UM FLAT also work together on class projects, applied research and green renovations and participate in community events and meetings.

NWF sponsors the annual Chill Out competition to encourage innovation and celebrate campus sustainability initiatives to combat climate change. The organization whose video gets the most votes will receive national recognition and a grant to fund further sustainability initiatives.

To view and vote for the video, go to the UM FLAT Web site at http://www.umt.edu/umflat and click on “Chill Out.” For more information, call Derek Kanwischer, project director, at 406-579-3244 or e-mail umflat@gmail.com.

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MISSOULA –


“The new stream gives listeners, both near and far, a way to access the unique programs we have on Montana Public Radio,” said Program Director Michael Marsolek. “For example, we’ve gotten requests from people out of state who want to hear our children’s show, ‘The Pea Green Boat,’ but also many pleas from those who couldn’t get the broadcast signal right here in Western Montana.”

The mountainous terrain makes getting MTPR’s signal difficult in many locations. The station serves half the state, and the online stream is an alternative way to bring public radio to the residents of Montana. It also allows Montanans living far and wide to tune in.

“During the testing period, we’ve been tracking listeners around Montana and the world tuning to the MTPR stream,” said William Marcus, the station’s general manager. “They’ve been very enthusiastic about this new option for listening.”

The station has gotten positive comments from listeners in Montana and from as far away as Paris and Missoula’s Sister City in New Zealand, Palmerston North.

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MISSOULA –

Nate Rott, who graduated from The University of Montana in December, won first place in the in-depth writing competition of the 50th annual William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Journalism Awards Program.

Rott won $2,000 for his story "Beyond Reach," which he wrote for the Native News Honors Project. The UM School of Journalism will receive a matching grant. His first-place story also qualifies him for the National Writing Championship in June in New York City where he will compete against seven other reporting students for more than $15,000.

Rott's winning story is about a young man from the Crow Reservation who committed a crime off the reservation, then ran for the reservation border because he knew the Crow Tribe has no extradition agreement with the state and he would not have to face the consequences of his crime. The story tells of how the reservation became his self-imposed jail and also includes interviews with state and tribal prosecutors about the reasons for, and implications of, the lack of an extradition agreement. It can be read online at: http://nativenews.jour.umt.edu/urban/default.htm.

Rott is from Missoula. He worked his way through school employed as an emergency medical technician on an ambulance crew. He is currently traveling in Costa Rica.

Allison Maier, editor of the Montana Kaimin, won 11th place in the editorial writing category for a piece she wrote about the Kaimin’s conflict with former Montana football head coach Bobby Hauck. Maier is from Boise, Idaho. Former Kaimin editor Bill Oram, who is now a reporter for the Oregonian, placed 21st in editorial writing. Oram is from Hebo, Ore.

The UM School of Journalism is in sixth place nationally after three rounds in the Hearst print journalism competition.

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MISSOULA –


The presentation will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the University Theatre and is free and open to the public.

Reid also will present “Health Care Reform: Now What?” from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center. The event will be held in the Broadway Building Conference Center, located at 500 W. Broadway in Missoula. This presentation will be tailored to a medical audience, but the public is welcome to attend.

With major changes in U.S. health care looming, Reid will comment on his experiences as a global reporter and will examine why other countries have better, fairer and cheaper health care than the United States. According to the World Health Organization, the U.S. – the richest country in the world – ranks 37th overall on health care cost, quality and coverage.

After traveling the world while researching his forthcoming book, Reid offers lessons from other countries that he believes will help the U.S. fix its health care system.

One key point he offers is that most foreign countries do not use socialized medicine. Japan has 99 percent private hospitals and 5,000 health insurance companies, but provides universal coverage and excellent care for less than half what we spend per capita.

Another point Reid makes is that all the proposals to date from our politicians are too timid. He believes they are tinkering at the margins, when we ought to be revamping the system head to toe.

Reid has become one of the nation’s best-known correspondents through his coverage of global affairs for The Washington Post, his books and documentary films, and his light-hearted commentaries on NPR. He is a regular commentator on NPR’s “Morning Edition.”

His latest book, “The Healing of America,” was published last year. PBS Frontline produced two documentary films, “A Second Opinion” and “Sick Around the World,” following Reid as he reported the book.

A fundraising reception will be held at the Missoula Children’s Theatre Center for the Performing Arts from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 1. Cost is $25 per person or $40 per couple. All proceeds will benefit the Institute of Medicine and Humanities. Tickets are available by calling 406-243-4576 or online at http://www.stpatsfoundation.org.

IMH is a joint program of St. Patrick Hospital and UM. Since its founding in 1987, the institute has endeavored to work at the interface of the humanities and medicine, using knowledge from the disciplines of the humanities to better understand the human dimensions of health care.

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MISSOULA –

David Sheldon, a nationally known military defense attorney and University of Montana alumnus, will speak at UM on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Sheldon will present “Conscience of a Lawyer: Walking among the Lowest of the Dead” from noon to 1 p.m. in University Center Room 330. The event is free and open to the public.

He will talk about his experiences representing those who have been charged with offenses such as murder, assault and rape.

After earning a juris doctor degree at UM in 1990, Sheldon began his career as a military defense lawyer in the U.S. Navy. In four years of service, he built a distinguished record representing officers and enlisted members before the U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Court of Military Review, the Court of Military Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He launched his civilian career in 1994, earning a national reputation as an expert in military defense. As the lead military defense lawyer in numerous high-profile cases, Sheldon has successfully defended soldiers, sailors and airmen of every rank and stature.

Today he frequently provides comments and analysis on high-profile military cases for CNN, NBC, CBS and ABC television news and National Public Radio.

Sheldon will argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court on March 2.

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MISSOULA –

The second annual Extended Learning Institute will be held Thursday and Friday, March 11-12, at The University of Montana.

The institute aims to promote the exchange of knowledge, effective practices and research relative to online teaching and learning. The event is free and open to all faculty, administrators, librarians, staff and technology personnel within the Montana University System.

Participants are asked to register online at http://www.umt.edu/xli. Institute events will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Conference packets can be picked up at the registration table in the James E. Todd Building beginning at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, March 11.

Susan Ko will deliver the keynote address at a luncheon on Thursday, March 11. She also will facilitate an interactive workshop for experienced instructors interested in giving their online courses a "tuneup." Ko is the executive director of the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Maryland University College. She is co-author, with Steve Rossen, of the book "Teaching Online: A Practical Guide."

The Extended Learning Institute is sponsored by MUS and supports statewide eLearning strategic goals in the areas of faculty development, expanding online student services, developing collaborative online programs and fostering a community of practice for the new Montana Virtual Academy. The event is endorsed by Thomas Gibson, director of eLearning Business Development in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

Online and distance education continue to grow across MUS, with more than 6,000 students enrolling in nearly 500 courses each semester and more than 50 degree and certificate programs offered online.

For more information, e-mail the Extended Learning Institute at xli@umontana.edu or visit their Web site at http://www.umt.edu/xli/

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MISSOULA —

Two University of Montana commercials produced by Montana-based Chisel Industries won three awards Feb. 6 at the 2009 Montana Addy Awards Show and Dinner in Great Falls. The event was the first of a three-tiered national competition conducted by the American Advertising Federation.

UM’s “Heritage” commercial took home two accolades: “Best of Show — Electronic,” as well as a Gold Addy. The “2009 Tunnel Run” commercial won a Silver Addy. Both entries will move on to the District XI Addy Awards competition in Boise, Idaho, next month to compete against winners from Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Oregon. District winners will go on to the national competition in Orlando, Fla., in June.

The University also won a Silver Award for “Heritage” in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VIII Communication Awards competition. UM representatives will accept the award Friday, Feb. 19, at the District VIII conference in Portland, Ore.

Under the direction of UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley, staff members from several University departments have collaborated to produce the ad campaign, which began in 2005. The commercials have won dozens of national and regional awards, including a 2009 National Admission Marketing Award “Gold Winner” designation for “UM Griz Nation.” In 2006, UM’s television campaign was selected from more than 2,100 entries to win NAMA “Best of Show” honors.

The commercials and other UM videos can be viewed online on the University’s official YouTube channel at http://www.youtube.com/universityofmontana. For more information, call Foley at 406-243-2311 or e-mail james.foley@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Missoula’s own Chance McKinney and the band CrossWire will perform live in concert Saturday, March 13, at The University of Montana.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m in the University Theatre. Tickets cost $16 in advance and $18 the day of the concert. Children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult will be admitted free.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Feb. 10, at all GrizTix outlets, online at http://www.griztix.com or by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA.

McKinney recently was named the winner of Country Music Television’s Music City Madness Competition, a national talent search featuring hundreds of bands. For more information, visit http://www.chancemckinney.com.

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MISSOULA –

Piled bouffant-high hair, laughter, romance and a nonstop platter party are just part of the fun when “Hairspray,” Broadway’s musical comedy phenomenon, hits Missoula on Tuesday, April 13.

The Missoula production begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Adams Center at The University of Montana. Tickets are $37 and can be purchased at all GrizTix outlets, by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA, or online at http://www.griztix.com.

Winner of eight 2003 Tony Awards including Best Musical, “Hairspray” celebrated more than six record-breaking years during its Broadway run and inspired a major motion picture.

In "Hairspray," it’s 1962 – the ’50s are out and change is in the air. Baltimore’s Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has only one passion – to dance. She wins a spot on the local TV dance program "The Corny Collins Show" and, overnight, is transformed from outsider to irrepressible teen celebrity.

But can a plus-size trendsetter in dance and fashion vanquish the program’s reigning princess, win the heart of heartthrob Link Larkin and integrate a television show without denting her ‘do? Only in “Hairspray.” Welcome to the ’60s.

“Hairspray” is based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters, who served as creative consultant on the musical comedy. Produced by NETworks Presentations, it features an original score by Academy Award-nominated Marc Shaiman (who co-wrote the music and lyrics for the acclaimed animated musical “South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut”) and lyrics by Shaiman and Scott Wittman. The production is based on Jack O’Brien’s original direction and Jerry Mitchell’s original choreography, re-created by Matt Lenz and Danny James Austin.


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Local, specialized western

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MISSOULA –

Prospective students and their families have a unique opportunity to experience life at The University of Montana during UM Days this semester.

UM Days are scheduled for Fridays, Feb. 26, March 12 and 19; Monday, April 19; and Fridays, April 23 and 30.

Participants will be offered guided tours, residence hall viewings, academic sessions, student service panels and financial aid presentations.

To register for UM Days or for more information, call 406-243-6266 or 800-462-8636 or visit http://admissions.umt.edu/umdays.html.

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MISSOULA –

One of more than 10,000 treasures from the Montana Museum of Art & Culture’s Permanent Collection will travel next month to the Complesso Del Vittoriano in Rome as part of an exhibition titled “Impressionism and the Ecology of Landscape.”

The painting “Apres du Bois” by Virgilio Narcisso Díaz de la Peña (French 1807-1876), will be on display in Rome from March 5 through June 29.

“Under the high patronage of the president of the Italian Republic, the event is being organized with the Ministry for Arts and Culture and is supported by the Comune di Roma, together with Regione Lazio and Provincia di Roma,” said curator Stephen F. Eisenman, professor of art history at Northwestern University.

Of Spanish heritage, Díaz de la Peña was born in Bordeaux, France. Mainly self-taught, he first began painting on porcelain for the Sévres factory. He was included in the Salon 1831. In the 1840s, he began painting landscapes in the forest of Fontainebleau with members of the Barbizon school.

“This is an opportunity to share one of MMAC’s important Permanent Collection treasures with the larger world in the context of an international exhibition,” said MMAC Director Barbara Koostra. “Montana’s art will have a place alongside collections from Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, Russia and Hungary, as well as U.S. museums that include the Art Institute of Chicago, the Dallas Museum of Art, the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Brooklyn Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Seattle Art Museum and many others.”

More information about this and other artworks and artists is on the MMAC Web site at http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum. For more information, call MMAC at 406-243-2019.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Digital images of this artwork are available by calling Becky Garner, MMAC coordinator of programs and publications, at 406-243-2019.

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MISSOULA –

The Fifth Annual Missoula Labor Film Festival will take place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at the Roxy Theater, located at 718 S. Higgins Ave. in Missoula.

Two films will be shown each day, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The recommended donation is $5 for one night; $9 for both nights.

The film festival is sponsored by the Missoula Area Central Labor Council, The University of Montana Faculty Association and UM’s Women and Gender Studies Program, among others, with support from UM Students for Economic and Social Justice and UM Students for Peace and Justice.

Following is the film festival schedule:

- **Friday, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.**: “Demand.” The film features investigative footage of the dark and hidden world of sex traffickers, pimps and buyers.
- **Friday, Feb. 26, 7:45 p.m.**: “American Casino.” Follow a high school teacher, a therapist and a minister through Wall Street’s collapse, foreclosure, bankruptcy and homelessness.
- **Saturday, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m.**: “The Philosopher Kings.” The film takes viewers on a journey through the halls of the most prestigious colleges and universities in America to learn from the staff members who see it all and have been through it all: the custodians.
- **Saturday, Feb. 27, 8:15 p.m.**: “Modern Times.” Inspired by the production line in Detroit that was turning its workers into nervous wrecks, Charlie Chaplin turns against modern society, the machine age and progress in his last silent film.


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MISSOULA —

The University Center Multicultural Alliance at The University of Montana will kick off the 2010 Multicultural Film Series with the showing of “Tsotsi” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the UC Theater.

The series, which is free and open to the public, features films that highlight diverse cultural issues sometimes overlooked in everyday society. The films are a great opportunity for students and community members to broaden their perspectives, and the Multicultural Alliance will host a discussion or presentation following several films.

All films in the series will begin at 7 p.m. and take place in the UC Theater. In addition to “Tsotsi,” the series will feature the following films:

- Wednesday, March 10: “The Visitor”
- Wednesday, March 24: “Good Hair”
- Wednesday, April 21: “The Band’s Visit”
- Tuesday, April 27: “Y Tu Mama Tambien”

For full film synopses, go to http://www.umt.edu/uc.

For more information, call Diversity Programming adviser Josh Peters-McBride at 406-243-5776 or e-mail josh.peters-mcbride@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will celebrate its 117th birthday with a party and the annual Charter Day Awards ceremony and reception Thursday, Feb. 18. Area and campus community members are invited to attend the events, which are free and open to the public.

The birthday party, featuring free cupcakes and a UM saxophone quartet, will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the University Center Atrium.

The Charter Day Awards ceremony and reception to recognize exemplary campus and community members begins at 5 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

The University holds birthday festivities each year to celebrate the anniversary of its chartering by the Montana Legislature in 1893 and to honor its dedication to excellence.

Missoula Mayor John Engen will attend the Charter Day Awards ceremony to present an official proclamation of University of Montana Day.

UM Provost Royce Engstrom will preside over presentation of the following 2010 Charter Day Awards:

- Montana Alumni Award: Dianna Reber Riley. The award recognizes a former UM student for extraordinary service to the University. Riley, a 1988 UM graduate, served as a host parent for African-American students in the earliest days of the University's Black Studies program and was integral in organizing the fall 2009 40th reunion of Black Studies.

- ASUM Student Service Award: John Blake. The award recognizes distinguished service and achievement. A UM junior majoring in international relations, Blake represented Montana and the UM student group he co-founded, Montana Equality Now, at the National Equality March in Washington, D.C.

- Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award: Robert Burke. The award recognizes Montanans who have been notable in their efforts to enhance the bonds among the community, state and University. Burke is a trustee emeritus of the UM Foundation and a University business alumnus. He has served as president of the Montana Bankers Association and as financial adviser for Ameriprise Financial Services Inc.

- George M. Dennison Presidential Faculty Award for Distinguished Accomplishment: UM Professor Dan Pletscher. The award recognizes distinguished accomplishments that have brought significant recognition to UM at the regional and national levels. Pletscher, who directs UM’s Wildlife Biology Program, joined the faculty in 1984. His research includes endangered species, predator/prey interactions and strategies for conservation. He was featured in a 2007 New York Times article that focused on UM's ability to draw international graduate students to the Wildlife Biology Program because of its instructors and Montana's intact natural laboratory that no other leading wildlife program can claim.

- George M. Dennison Presidential Staff Award for Distinguished Accomplishment: Julee Stearns. The award recognizes distinguished accomplishment within the employee’s work unit that brings excellence, merit, distinction or glory to UM. Stearns earned a master's degree in health and human performance at UM in 1999 and is now the health promotion specialist for Curry Health Center. As chair of the UM Tobacco Task Force, she leads the effort to create a tobacco-free UM campus beginning fall 2011.

- Montana Faculty Service Award: UM Professor Donald Potts. The award recognizes dedication and unflagging commitment to UM and its faculty. Potts, who teaches watershed management in UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation, joined the faculty in 1979. He became chair of the Department of Forest Management in 2007. He serves on the Faculty Senate and has chaired and served on the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee and on the Executive Council of the Faculty Senate. He was appointed state climatologist in 2006.

- Robert T. Panter Presidential Humanitarian Award: Kenneth Welt. The award recognizes those who make UM a more humane learning environment. Welt is a clinical psychologist and director of Curry Health Center’s Counseling and Psychological Services. He is a founding member of the UM Crisis Intervention Response Team and a long-serving member of the Admissions Review Committee and the University Council on Student Assault.

For more information about the University’s Charter Day events or the award recipients, call the UM Office of Alumni Relations at 406-243-5211.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Photos of the award recipients are available by calling Jay Kettering, Office of Alumni Relations on-campus events coordinator, at 406-243-6439 or e-mailing jay.kettering@umontana.edu.
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MISSOULA —

Tickets — including family four packs for $100 — are still available for the Missoula performance of “Annie,” one of America’s most beloved musicals. The 30th anniversary tour of “Annie” will come to The University of Montana’s Adams Center for a one-night-only performance Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at $37 and are on sale now at all GrizTix locations, online at http://www.griztix.com and by phone at 406-243-4051 or toll-free at 888-MONTANA.

The timeless tale of little orphan Annie boasts one of Broadway’s most memorable musical scores, including “It’s the Hard-Knock Life,” “Easy Street” and the always optimistic “Tomorrow.”

“Ageless ‘Annie’ is as engaging as ever,” wrote the Chicago Sun-Times.

The original 1977 Broadway production of “Annie,” which won seven Tony awards, is one of the top 20 longest-running shows in Broadway history. The 30th anniversary production includes several members of its original crew, including director and lyricist Martin Charnin.

“Annie” is produced by NETworks Presentations and presented by Broadway in Missoula.

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MISSOULA –

The University Center Student Involvement will host the 12th Annual Student Leadership Conference on Saturday, Feb. 20, at The University of Montana.

The conference will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the third floor of the UC. It is open to all UM students. Registration costs $10 and is available at The Source in the UC. Lunch and conference materials will be provided.

This year’s conference theme is “It Starts Here.” The event aims to give students the knowledge and skills to make a change or impact lives using leadership tools. Keynote speaker Mark Horvath will discuss how he transitioned from a career as a TV executive to working with the homeless. There also will be workshops on leadership ethics, gender awareness and general awareness of disenfranchisement.

Students who need help with the $10 conference registration fee may be eligible for a scholarship. For more information, e-mail Michael Paine, UC Student Involvement program adviser, at michael.paine@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Wilderness and Civilization Program is currently accepting applications for fall semester 2010.

The program, offered at UM for more than 30 years, gives students the opportunity to step outside the traditional classroom to experience their education through hands-on learning, extensive fieldwork and small interdisciplinary classes.

A wilderness studies minor can be earned in just over one semester, making the program a great fit for students to graduate in four years with a minor that provides real-world experience, knowledge and skills.

The Wilderness and Civilization Program is limited to 25 participants, so interested students should apply soon. The early application deadline is Monday, Feb. 15. The general application deadline is April 1.

Students spend 30 days in the field throughout the program, learning firsthand how the ecology, politics, history and culture of a place shape conservation efforts. Field trips include a 10-day backpack into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and shorter weekly trips to Yellowstone National Park, the Blackfoot, Bitterroot and Mission valleys and the Flathead Reservation.

The field trips complement classroom teaching by exploring real-world environmental issues and the specific ways that managers, community activists, tribal members and landowners meet today’s conservation challenges.

For more information or to apply, call 406-243-6956, e-mail wi@cfc.umt.edu or go online to http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wc.

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MISSOULA –

Campus Climate Exchange, an event designed to raise community awareness about climate change, will take place at The University of Montana on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 16-17.

During the two-day event, hosted by the Associated Students of UM Sustainability Center, faculty members are asked to spend 15 minutes or more engaging students about climate change as it is relevant to their disciplines in one of their classes.

UM’s Office of Sustainability has completed the University’s first Climate Action Plan, and students at the ASUM center believe the class discussions are the perfect opportunity to introduce students to the plan. The plan is available on the Greening UM Web site at http://www.umt.edu/greeningum.

The ASUM Sustainability Center also will present “Reflections on Copenhagen: Next Steps for Climate Change Activism” at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, in University Center Room 326.

During the event, UM students Melissa Hayes, Yaicha Bookhaut and Zach Brown, who attended the U.N. Climate Change Conference, will speak about their experience in Copenhagen and about how students can get involved in climate change efforts on and off campus.

Other presenters at the event will be Montana Rep. Beth Berlin of Climate Solutions; Amy Cilimburg, global warming outreach coordinator, Montana Audubon; and Zack Porter, co-president of the UM student group Climate Action Now.

The event will be moderated by UM political science Professor Peter Koehn.

For more information, call Erica Bloom, ASUM Sustainability Center coordinator, at 406-243-4856 or e-mail erica.bloom@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Previous estimates that the economic cost of alcohol abuse is $511 million per year do not include costs from alcohol-related crashes with injuries. By adding the economic cost of these injury crashes, the total impact of alcohol abuse in Montana increases by $131 million, bringing the annual cost of alcohol abuse in Montana to $642 million, according to a University of Montana economist.

“Five people are injured or killed each day in Montana because of alcohol-related vehicle crashes,” said Steve Seninger, an economist at UM’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research. “This is a cost of $621,000 per day paid for by all Montanans.”

In the recently released report, “Economic Costs of Alcohol-Related Vehicle Crashes in Montana,” Seninger said that victims of alcohol-related crashes suffer more severe injuries than victims from crashes not involving alcohol. State-collected data show that one-half of the alcohol crash injuries involve Montanans under age 30 and include high-speed rollovers, rear-ending or T-boning another vehicle and running into power poles, trees or concrete abutments.

The severity of alcohol crash injuries results in hospitalization for crash victims, with more than half of these hospitalizations lasting 24 days or longer, up to extreme cases of 50 days in the hospital.

Seninger’s research shows costs of $81,000 for each injured survivor of an alcohol-related crash in 2005. This $81,000 breaks down as health care costs of $19,500, productivity losses of $16,000 (both individual earnings loss and employers’ costs), legal and insurance costs of $15,500 and property damage of $13,800. Losses in quality of life make up the remaining $16,200.

The $642 million economic cost of alcohol abuse are costs that occur every year and accrue to individual victims and their families, employers, health care and emergency service providers, and taxpayers.

Alcohol abuse costs are borne by all Montanans from all socioeconomic levels regardless of whether they live in rural or urban areas. Costs also are borne by local and county governments. Seninger’s report estimates the cost of alcohol abuse for Montana counties using county-level data on alcohol-related vehicle crashes with fatalities and with injuries.

“We have to remember that these costs are the financial ones and do not include the toll on families and communities in psychological and human suffering,” Seninger said. “Each year as a consequence of drinking and driving, children die, families are torn apart and people’s lives are shattered.”


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MISSOULA —

For the second straight year, The University of Montana is ranked in the top 10 in the nation for producing Peace Corps volunteers.

New figures show 29 undergraduate alumni currently serving in the Peace Corps, placing UM at No. 10 on the list for medium-sized universities with enrollments between 5,001 and 15,000. UM also ranked 10th last year, with 30 alumni serving abroad.

The top-10 ranking places UM ahead of universities such as Notre Dame, Yale and Syracuse. George Washington University ranked No. 1, also for the second straight year, with 53 alumni volunteers currently serving.

Year after year, UM — the only university in the state on this year’s rankings — places in the Peace Corps Top College rankings. Since its founding in 1961, 743 UM graduates have joined the Peace Corps.

More than 195,000 Americans have served in the Peace Corps since President John F. Kennedy founded the organization. Volunteers have been invited by 139 host countries to work on efforts such as AIDS education, environmental preservation and information technology.

“For nearly 50 years, enthusiastic college alumni have contributed to the success of Peace Corps programs and our mission to promote world peace and friendship in host communities around the world,” Peace Corps Director Aaron S. Williams said. “Peace Corps service is a life-changing leadership opportunity and a great career foundation in almost every field. I am proud of our historic relationship with over 3,000 colleges and universities in the United States and look forward to recruiting and training the next generation of Peace Corps volunteers.”

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana is one of 15 institutions in the nation selected to receive grants from the Sunshine Lady Foundation’s Learning by Giving Program, which will allow students to allocate $10,000 to area philanthropic organizations.

UM joins institutions such as Tufts, Cornell, Brandeis and Georgetown universities and the University of California, Berkeley, as participants in the program, whose benefactor is Doris Buffet, sister of Warren Buffet.

Students in a new UM School of Business Administration course – Individual and Corporate Philanthropy – will take part in a philanthropic experience through a project that involves developing a request for proposals, reviewing and evaluating those proposals, and making the funding allocations.

The course is taught by Bambi Douma, UM’s Deborah Doyle McWhinney Faculty Fellow, and Andrea Vernon, director of UM’s Office for Civic Engagement, who wrote the grant to bring the Learning by Giving Program to UM.

“Philanthropic education is a fast-growing concept in universities and colleges,” Vernon said. "The goal of educators and donors is to build upon a surging interest in social responsibility among college students and make philanthropy part of the mainstream curriculum. The courses can strengthen town-gown relations and help communities meet real, pressing needs."

For more information about the UM course or the Learning by Giving Program, call Vernon at 406-243-5159 or e-mail andrea.vernon@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology is offering free college prep classes for qualified veterans through the Montana Veterans Upward Bound program.

Classes are offered in math, writing and basic computer skills. They will be held Monday through Thursday evenings at the COT campus, located at 909 South Ave. W. Start times vary from 5 to 7 p.m., and classes end no later than 9 p.m.

Orientation will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the COT Dining Room. A graduation ceremony will be held Thursday, April 15.

For more information or to enroll, call 877-356-VETS or visit http://www.vubmt.com.

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MISSOULA —

In the spirit of Valentine’s Day, The University of Montana chapter of Alpha Phi sorority is collecting teddy bears to be donated to children who attend the YWCA’s Living in Peace group. Teddy bears can be dropped off Monday, Feb. 8, through Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the chapter house at 1107 Gerald Ave. or at The Source in the University Center.

"Alpha Phi is always looking for ways to support local charities, and we hope the donated teddy bears make Valentine’s Day special for these kids," said Danielle DeBouver, Alpha Phi’s philanthropy chair.

For more information, call DeBouver at 203-521-7232 or e-mail danielle.debouver@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

A cultural psychologist from the University of Michigan will explore the issue of historical trauma during the 13th Native American Lecture at the O’Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West, held in conjunction with The University of Montana’s Charter Day Celebration.

Joseph P. Gone will present “Reconsidering American Indian Historical Trauma: Ruminations of a Critical Cultural Psychologist” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in UM Liberal Arts Building Room 11. The event is free and open to the public.

Gone, an enrolled member of Montana’s Gros Ventre tribe, is assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and the Program in American Culture at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

His lecture will examine historical trauma in contrast to individual, personal trauma, specifically as it affects American Indians. He says historical trauma is a collective, intergenerational experience that, if left untreated, can compound over time, afflicting successive generations.

After attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Gone earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Harvard College and completed an internship in clinical psychology at McLean Hospital. He then earned a master’s and a doctorate in clinical and community psychology from the University of Illinois.

Gone has taught at the University of Michigan since 2002. His research centers on mental health professionals who serve Native American communities and how they can provide culturally appropriate helping services.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement will host "Diversity continuUM" Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 10-12, to celebrate and explore diversity at UM.

The event, held in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, features student photographs and stories that showcase campus diversity. The display will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 11-12, in the University Center Atrium. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Ashley Widtfeldt at 406-243-5531 or e-mail ashley.widtfeldt@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana law Professor Elizabeth Kronk is one of nine Americans selected to participate in the Environmental Justice Young Fellows Exchange program.

The fellowship program is sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and U.S.-China Partnership for Environmental Law at Vermont Law School. It provides leadership training opportunities to 18 Chinese and American women and men who are active in environmental justice efforts.

As part of the program, Kronk will partner with one of nine Chinese participants to study environmental justice and climate change. She will participate in a six-week cultural and educational exchange this summer, spending three weeks in Washington, D.C., and three weeks in Beijing, Yichang and Guangzhou, China.

During the program, Kronk will participate in a series of roundtables, study tours and a one-week internship at an environmental justice organization in each country.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana spring 2010 International Brown Bag Lecture Series will kick off Thursday, Feb. 18, with a presentation by Bernadette Sweeney, visiting scholar from University College Cork.

Sweeney will give a lecture titled “An Irish Scholar in Montana: Research and Performance” from noon to 1 p.m. in Old Journalism Building Room 303. The event is free and open to the public.

The spring 2010 series offers two other free lectures this semester, both from noon to 1 p.m. in Old Journalism Building Room 303. They are:

• Thursday, March 4: “Conservation and Exploitation of Biodiversity in Developing Nations: Observations from the Fourth Global Summit on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.” Presenter: Associate Professor Colin Henderson, UM College of Technology Department of Applied Arts and Sciences.

• Thursday, April 8: “Borders as Barriers and Resources: Experiences and Local Developments on the Finnish/Russian and U.S./Canadian Borders.” Presenter: Minna Piipponen, visiting scholar, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu campus.

For more information, call UM International Programs at 406-243-2288 or go to their Web site at http://www.umt.edu/ip.

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MISSOULA —

A preliminary report on a University of Montana study assessing what multiple DUI offenders say would have kept them from driving drunk is now available online at http://www.cor.mt.gov/content/news/MultipleDUIStudy.pdf.

Faculty and students in UM's School of Social Work, led by Associate Professor Timothy Conley, conducted the pro bono research effort by surveying currently incarcerated felony DUI offenders to determine what they think would deter Montanans from drinking and driving.

"In my experience, those convicted of multiple DUIs have always wanted to tell others how to keep from winding up like them," Conley said. "We are fortunate to have a longstanding cooperative relationship with the Department of Corrections, and we couldn’t have done this study if they hadn’t worked so well with us."

Among its findings, the study concludes that repeat DUI offenders usually start drinking and driving at an early age (20 or younger). The majority of those surveyed also say treatment would be more effective than incarceration in preventing future offenses.

Conley will discuss the study’s findings with the state Legislature’s Law and Justice Interim Committee on Monday, Feb. 8. The committee is charged with analyzing the effectiveness of Montana’s current DUI laws and their enforcement so lawmakers can address the issue during the 2011 session.

“This study should offer a fresh perspective to lawmakers,” Conley said. “This gives them the collective voice of 201 people who have been convicted of felony DUI.”

For more information on the study, call Conley at 406-243-5557 or e-mail timothy.conley@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Three resident artists from the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena – Nathan Craven, Steven Roberts and Kelly Garret Rathbone – will demonstrate their skills in ceramic art during Archie Bray Day on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at The University of Montana.

Events will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Artist demonstrations will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. in the Ceramics Studio of UM’s Art Annex, located south of the Adams Center. Slide lectures of the artists’ work will be shown from 5 to 6 p.m.

Craven, from Ogden, Utah, earned a bachelor’s in fine arts in ceramics from Weber State University in 2005 and a master’s of fine arts in ceramics from the Rhode Island School of Design in 2008. He is the first recipient of the Archie Bray Foundation MJD Fellowship for 2008-09.

Roberts was born in Colby, Kan., and grew up in Helena. He studied painting at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and ceramics at the Kansas City Art Institute and in the Program in Artisanry at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. He has taught at the Kansas City Art Institute, Bowling Green State University, the University of Alaska at Anchorage and the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Rathbone was born in Singapore to American parents. She grew up living all over the world and now calls Texas home. She has studied at Parsons School of Design in New York, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina and The Florence Academy of Art in Italy. She was the 2008 Howard Kottler Scholarship recipient for winter residency at Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts in Maine and is the 2009-10 Bray Matsutani Fellow.

More about the artists and their work is on the Archie Bray Foundation Web site at http://archiebray.org (click on “Artist Residencies” and then “Long-term Residents”).

Information about the UM School of Art’s Ceramic Program is online at http://www.umt.edu/art/programs/ceramics.

For more information, call UM Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-6476.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Photos of selected works by the artists are available by calling UM Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-6476.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Diversity Advisory Council offers grants of up to $1,000 to help student groups host events and activities that promote various diversity causes.

Grant proposals must be written by UM students. Events must promote and enrich diversity and impact both the campus and Missoula community. Student groups who submit proposals must have sought and received partial funding from other sources. Two or more student groups may collaborate for a proposed diversity event.

Student groups most likely to receive funding educate and celebrate ethnicity and culture, enhance the link between language and culture, raise awareness of ability issues, broaden perspectives about gender and identity and orientation, offer new perspectives and world views, and invite other students and community members to view, engage and participate in both education and celebratory events and activities.

Proposals will be reviewed by a Diversity Advisory Council committee, and recipients and nonrecipients will be notified as quickly as possible.

The deadline to submit proposals for spring semester 2010 is Friday, Feb. 26. Spring semester grants must be used before July 1.

Proposals for fall semester 2010 must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 15. Fall semester grant funds must be used before July 1, 2011.

Students may submit proposals online at http://life.umt.edu/diversity/minigrant.php.

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