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MISSOULA –

The Montana Supreme Court will hear a case involving landlord-tenant issues Friday, April 9, on The University of Montana campus in Missoula.

The hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. in the University Theatre. Admission is free, and the hearing is open to the public.

The case, Matthew Summers and Heidi Ames v. Crestview Apartments, LH Residential, LLC and Scott Hacker, will be introduced by UM law Assistant Professor Kristen Juras.

Summers and Ames agreed to rent an apartment from Crestview Apartments in Missoula for a period of 12 months. In the fourth month, they moved out of the apartment for personal reasons. The landlord kept their $2,170 security deposit, applied it toward future unpaid rent and sought to collect additional amounts from the tenants, including attorney fees and a collection agency’s fee.

The Montana Supreme Court will review the rights and duties of tenants and landlords under Montana law and the types of provisions that are allowed to be contained in a residential lease.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s 2010 BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition will open at the University Center Gallery on Monday, April 5, and at the Gallery of Visual Arts on Thursday, April 8.

Opening receptions for the exhibition will be take place Thursday, April 8, in both galleries. The University Center Gallery reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.; the Gallery of Visual Arts reception will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. The receptions are free and open to the public.

The BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition will be on display in the Gallery of Visual Arts through Thursday, April 22, and in the University Center Gallery through Friday, April 23.

The annual exhibition of thesis works is required for all seniors pursuing a bachelor of fine arts degree from UM’s School of Art. Each candidate displays a body of work that reflects a chosen media.

Sixteen artists will participate in this year’s exhibition, which features painting, drawing, sculpture, installation, printmaking, photography and ceramics.

Participating artists represented in the Gallery of Visual Arts are Josiah Dedekam, Robert R. D’Almeida, Kathleen Donaldson, Cait Finley, Deegan Fox, Kathryn Hilmer, Rebecca Hoffman, Jessi Inkley, Nellie B. Lutz, Chad Mallow, Sarah Monk, Amber Prouty and Jake Weaver.

The Gallery of Visual Arts is located on the first floor of UM’s Social Science Building. Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Three artists – Jacilyn Albert, Katherine Jo Cain and Mara Vinton – will exhibit in the University Center Gallery, located in Room 227 on the northwest corner of the second floor of the UC. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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MISSOULA –

Visiting artist Nathan Green of Austin, Texas, will give a lecture on his work Monday, April 12, at The University of Montana.

Green will talk about his painting, drawing, installation, solo and collaborative work at 4:30 p.m. in Fine Arts Building Room 302. A question-and-answer session will follow the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

Green is a founding member of Austin's artist-run gallery Okay Mountain. His collaborative work is do-it-yourself in action and attitude. His solo work comments on and ponders life's incidental moments by artfully blending joyful and cynical interpretation with exquisite design presented through “punk-craft” and an intentionally naïve use of materials.

Green has exhibited at the Pulse Miami Art Fair, Scope Art Fair in New York, Art Palace in Austin and Subliminal Projects in Los Angeles. He has been awarded artist residencies at the Artists' Enclave at I-Park in Connecticut and the Prairie Center for the Arts in Illinois.

His recent projects include “Polymict,” a group exhibition of interacting contemporary paintings at Okay Mountain, which he curated, and a mural project completed by the Okay Mountain collective at Texas State University in San Marcos.

Green’s lecture is supported in part by the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Fund and the UM School of Art. For more information, call UM Visiting Assistant Professor Karina Hean at 406-243-6074 or e-mail karina.hean@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

MSN recently named Missoula, home of The University of Montana, one of eight towns with an authentic college vibe in an online news story titled “College Towns: An Honor Roll.”

The story is online at http://bit.ly/cJPW7H. It points to Missoula’s wilderness surroundings and its active residents “who tend to fish, bike, ski or hike before most of us have stumbled into our first cup of tea.” It also notes Missoula’s relatively mild winters, its placement near three of the “Mountain West’s most revered rivers” and its varied cultural offerings.

The top towns were selected after the author reached out via social media to followers and friends for suggestions, then reviewed the results and selected eight cities “that stand out as the best of what a college town has to offer, including colorful history, an array of cultural festivals and residential experiences that score plenty of lifestyle points.”

Other college towns on the list include Athens, Ga.; Chico, Calif.; Burlington, Vt.; and Lawrence, Kan.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Math Club will host the 11th Annual Math Film Festival on Tuesday, April 13, in celebration of Math Awareness Month. All films are appropriate for general audiences and are free and open to the public. The festival will take place in the University Center Theater. Ten films that run anywhere from about 2 minutes to almost an hour will be shown.

Following is the film festival schedule:

- **3:15 p.m.**: “The United States of Mathematics Presidential Debate” (45 minutes). In this time of crisis for the great nation of mathematics, who should be the next president of the United States of Mathematics? Should it be the figure-eight knot, representing fresh new mathematics or the Euclidean algorithm, representing the stability that comes from the traditional roots of mathematics?
- **4:05 p.m.**: “When Harry Met Math” (2 minutes). Find out what the perfect present for the math geek in your life is in this slightly on-the-silly-side mini-musical.
- **4:07 p.m.**: “Fibonacci and the Golden Mean” (4 minutes). A film about the Fibonacci Numbers, their occurrence in nature and their connection to the Golden Mean.
- **4:11 p.m.**: “Julia Robinson and Hilbert’s 10th Problem” (54 minutes). Illuminates how the work of Julia Robinson, the first woman elected to the mathematical section of the National Academy of Sciences and the first woman to become president of the American Mathematical Society, led to an unusual friendship between Russian and American colleagues during the height of the Cold War.
- **7 p.m.**: “Donald in Mathmagic Land” (27 minutes). A favorite of kids and adults. Donald Duck participates in a remarkable adventure in Mathmagic Land, where the ancient Greeks tell him about some of their basic mathematical principles.
- **7:30 p.m.**: “Culture and Math: The Maya” (24 minutes). An introduction to the base 20 number system used by the ancient Maya.
- **8 p.m.**: “The Vampire Curse of the Math Zombies” (10 minutes). Kids won’t be frightened by these zombies. Viewer discretion advised: Be prepared for green flashes, some pixilation and other minor shortcomings in this student-made film.
- **8:10 p.m.**: “Attack of the Note Sheep” (1½ minutes). What’s not to like when doodle sheep attack a student’s notes during an oh-so-boring abstract algebra class?
- **8:11 p.m.**: “Symmetry, Reality’s Riddle (TED Talk by Marcus du Sautoy)” (18 minutes). Oxford math Professor Marcus du Sautoy is not only a first-rate researcher, but also knows how to explain sophisticated mathematical concepts to audiences without a background in mathematics.
- **8:29 p.m.**: “The Top Ten List of Algebra Mistakes” (5 minutes). In this funny show on “Math TV,” host Ed Burger presents the all-time list of algebra mistakes.

Those who attend the festival will be entertained during intermissions by the music of Matheatre, [http://matheatre.com](http://matheatre.com), and “Calculus: The Musical!”

A film festival schedule and complete descriptions of all films are on the UM Math Club Web site at [http://www.math.umt.edu/mathclub](http://www.math.umt.edu/mathclub).

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MISSOULA –

Food activist and author Mark Winne will speak about community food security Monday, April 12, at The University of Montana.

He will present “Closing the Food Gap: Finding Our Way to a Just and Sustainable Food System for All” at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 122. The event is free and open to the public.

Winne argues that no matter what aspect of the subject is considered – hunger, obesity or the latest food trends – food is emblematic of a promise fulfilled for some but falls short for so many. He will talk about how food is a glaring example of the wide gap between the “haves” and the “have-nots” and will offer compelling solutions for making local, organic and nutritious food available for everyone.

Winne is a co-founder of the Community Food Security Coalition and project director of the coalition’s Food Policy Council. He has worked for 35 years to close the food gap – from organizing breakfast programs for low-income children in Maine and tackling the flight of grocery stores from inner-city Hartford, Conn., to developing innovative national food policies in Washington, D.C.

He is the author of the acclaimed book “Closing the Food Gap: Resetting the Table in the Land of Plenty.” His second book, “Food Rebels, Guerrilla Gardeners, and Smart-Cookin’ Mamas,” will be released this fall by Beacon Press.

Winne’s presentation is sponsored by UM’s Environmental Studies Program, the Community Food and Agriculture Coalition, Garden City Harvest and the Missoula Food Bank. For more information, call UM environmental studies Associate Professor Neva Hassanein at 406-243-6271 or e-mail neva.hassanein@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The Associated Students of The University of Montana Off-Campus Renter Center will host the 2010 Housing and Community Resources Fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, in the University Center Atrium.

The Off-Campus Renter Center hosts the annual event to provide information for student renters about housing options in Missoula and community resources available to them. Property management companies, credit educators, city officials, public assistance representatives and University offices will attend. A student raffle for cash prizes will be held.

According to the UM’s Residence Life Office, about 75 percent of the estimated 2,400 students living in on-campus residence halls move off campus each year. There are about 10,000 UM students who rent in the Missoula area.

The fair has a limited number of spots remaining for businesses. To reserve a table, call Beki Hartmann at 406-243-2017 or e-mail bekihartmann@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana archaeology students will present free events during April to celebrate Montana Archaeology Month.

The events offer a chance to learn about the contribution of the early Chinese experience in the state, life in the late Victorian Montana mining frontier, mining of Yogo sapphires in the 1800s, prehistoric sites along the northern shore of Yellowstone Lake and more. All events are free and open to the public.

The following presentations will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 222:

- **Thursday, April 8:** “Archaeological Conservation.” Master’s student Tori Luksha will talk about the importance of preserving artifacts and present a survey of approaches to artifact conservation in the ghost towns of Coloma and Garnet.
- **Friday, April 9:** “Prehistory of Yellowstone Lake and Crescent Hill: Results of the 2009 Montana Yellowstone Archaeological Project” by UM Assistant Professor Douglas MacDonald and archaeological student Jake Adams.
- **Wednesday, April 14:** “Public Versus Private Faces: A Feminist View of Gender Roles on the Late Victorian Montana Mining Frontier.” Doctoral candidate Mark Timmons will talk about the complex social identities associated with the residents of the late Victorian towns of Coloma and Garnet.
- **Friday, April 16:** “Archaeology of the German Gulch Chinese.” Master’s student William Norman will talk about the Chinese experience in Montana during the last half of the 19th century.

Two presentations will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. in University Center Room 331:

- **Thursday, April 22:** “Yogo: Jewel of the Prairie.” Archaeology student Jono Mogstad will talk about the Yogo Mining District, focusing on the area’s unique assemblage of residents. The presentation will feature an overview of future historical and archaeological work planned for the site.
- **Monday, April 26:** “How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Archaeology.” Master’s student Jackson Mueller will talk about how Fort Missoula presents a unique opportunity to combine archaeological excavations with public outreach.

The final presentation will be given by Chris Merritt, UM doctoral candidate. Merritt will present “The Forgotten Thousands: Chinese Builders of the Northern Pacific Railroad” from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in UC Room 326. He will talk about Chinese laborers who entered Montana working on the Northern Pacific Railroad, Montana’s first transcontinental rail line.

For more information about Montana Archaeology Month presentations, visit the Montana Archaeological Society’s Web site at [http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org](http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org).

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana Oval will once again take on a festive look Saturday, April 3, for the 10th annual Missoula Easter Eggstravaganza.

Area youngsters 9 and under are invited to bring their baskets and search for thousands of eggs packed with Easter treats during Western Montana’s largest egg hunt. The hunt begins when the clock of the Main Hall tower tolls at 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

There will be separate sections for age groups 0-2, 3, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9. One lucky kid in each age group who finds an egg with a special coupon will be rewarded with a brand-new bicycle. There also will be a parents’ raffle for prizes from local businesses.

KPAX weather forecaster Jeff Kelly and 102.5 Mountain FM radio morning personality Rick Sanders will emcee the event. The Easter Bunny, as well as UM mascot Monte, will be on hand for the fun.

The Missoula Easter Eggstravaganza is organized by UM’s University Relations with generous sponsorship from local businesses. Student volunteers from several campus organizations will help spread candy and eggs across the Oval lawn the morning of the hunt.

This year’s sponsors are Missoula Federal Credit Union, Ponderosa Dental, Free Masons of Missoula Lodge #13, Washington Business Services, Missoula Pediatric Dentistry, the UM President’s Office and University Relations, with in-kind donations from A Carousel for Missoula, Quality Supply, The Bookstore at UM, the DoubleTree Hotel Missoula Edgewater, Holiday Inn Downtown At The Park, Freemo’s Pizza, The Keep Restaurant, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Mountain Broadcasting and KPAX.

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MISSOULA –

A new report finds that The University of Montana in Missoula contributes 9,700 additional jobs to the Treasure State, $1 billion in additional after-tax income and more than $200 million in additional state tax revenues.

The report, “The University of Montana: Growing Montana’s Economy,” can be found online at http://www.bber.umt.edu/pubs/econ/universityreport.pdf. It was produced during a three-month period by UM’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

“The bottom line is that the University has been, and continues to be, a vital catalyst for growth in the state economy,” said BBER Director Patrick Barkey, the report’s lead author. “This report reveals what the economy of the state of Montana would look like if UM did not exist.”

BBER researchers found UM contributes to a more prosperous state economy through the earning power of its graduates; the contributions of its research, patents and inventions; and the millions of dollars of business it conducts with Montana vendors of products and services. The report also found that the average compensation per job throughout Montana is $1,346 higher because of UM.

The study focused primarily on five areas: University operations, University research, graduate earnings, visitors and student off-campus spending.

“This report details how the University plays a key role in helping the state grow income, job opportunities and prosperity for our future,” UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley said.

For more information, call BBER at 406-243-5113.

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana School of Business Administration, in partnership with the Sunshine Lady Foundation, is now accepting grant proposals from Missoula County nonprofit organizations.

Through the Learning by Giving program, UM students in the business school course “Individual and Corporate Philanthropy” will distribute grants ranging from $1,000 to $10,000 to eligible nonprofits. The total amount of money available through the program is $10,000.

To be eligible, an organization must be a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit that provides youth or hunger services in Missoula County.

Proposals are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. Students in the class will review the proposals and determine the nonprofits that will receive the funds, which will be awarded at a special ceremony May 10.

The goal of the “Individual and Corporate Philanthropy” class is to provide an opportunity for students to learn about the relationship between nonprofit and for-profit organizations, individual and corporate philanthropy. They also take part in a philanthropic experience funded by the Learning by Giving program.

For more information about Learning by Giving and the Sunshine Lady Foundation, or to apply for a grant, go to http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce/LearningbyGiving.htm.

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March 25, 2010
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Dance Program has been selected to represent the Northwest region of the American College Dance Festival Association at a national festival to be held May 27-29 at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

The ACDFA National College Dance Festival showcases dances chosen by adjudicators at regional conferences held around the country based on their outstanding artistic excellence and merit.

UM dancers performed two pieces this month at the ACDFA Northwest conference at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Dance programs from colleges and universities in Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming were represented at the regional competition.

"Being chosen to attend the national ACDFA festival is the highest honor a university dance program can be given," said UM dance Professor Karen Kaufmann. "It reflects the artistry, performance training and dance technique that our program provides."

At the Northwest conference, 11 UM students performed for three nationally known adjudicators and 400 dancers and faculty from colleges and universities throughout the Northwest. One of the pieces the students performed was "Prey," a work by internationally renowned choreographer Bebe Miller.

Miller visited UM last fall through an American Masterpiece: Dance grant administered by Dance USA, the National Endowment for the Arts and the New England Foundation for the Arts. She restaged "Prey" for a College of Visual and Performing Arts "Dance in Concert" production at UM this month.

UM students who performed at the Northwest competition are: Collin Ranf of Choteau; Lauren Belland of Hamilton; Ashley Griffith of Helena; Jessica Zacharias of Kalispell; Clare Antonioli, Johanna Ciampa and Faith Morrison of Missoula; Stephen Teran of Sandpoint, Idaho; Chelsea Densmore of Hartland, Vt.; Kelly Koltiska of Sheridan, Wyo.; and Michael Becker of Heilbronn, Germany.

The ACDFA National College Dance Festival aims to highlight the quality of the choreography and performance that is being created on U.S. college and university campuses. Three gala performances will present works from 30 colleges and universities.

"(UM) Dance Program students will have the opportunity to perform in one of the most prestigious arts venues in the world and will be celebrated as a collection of the best dance artists in the contemporary university setting," said UM dance Associate Professor Nicole Bradley Browning. "This is an incredible opportunity for the students and an excellent reflection on the quality of dance education provided at UM."

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MISSOULA —

Registration for a TOMS Shoes “Style Your Sole” event, organized by fraternity and sorority members at The University of Montana, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 25-26, as well as Monday and Tuesday, April 5-6, in the University Center.

Greek Life representatives will sell TOMS Shoes to decorate during the “Style Your Sole” event, slated for noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 22, on the lawn in front of the Gallagher Business Building. Shoes cost $45, and with every pair purchased, TOMS Shoes will donate a new pair to an underprivileged child. When the shoes are paid for, Greek Life will order them from TOMS and have them ready to decorate for the April 22 event. Decorating supplies will be provided.

Founded on the premise that with every pair of shoes purchased, the company will give a pair of new shoes to a child in need, TOMS helps organizations across the country host “Style Your Sole” events. The company has donated thousands of shoes as a result.

For more information, visit the event’s Facebook page at http://tinyurl.com/yhnu8yb or call Kristen Graham, UM Panhellenic Council social chair, at 714-454-8187 or e-mail kristen.graham@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

KBGA 89.9 FM College Radio at The University of Montana will bring several bands from Oregon, California, Canada and Missoula to the stage for their annual "Fools Night Out" event at the Badlander and Palace Lounge in downtown Missoula on Friday, April 9.

Hillstomp, from Portland, Ore., and Pack A.D., from Vancouver, B.C., will play the Badlander, located at 208 Ryman. Local band Butter will open.

The California-based hip-hop project known at The Jose Mateo Ep will play the Palace Lounge, located at 135 W. Broadway. FuzZ from Los Angeles also will play the Palace. Local hip-hop group Slopstar will open.

Tickets to attend "Fools Night Out" cost $5 and are available at the doors of the Badlander and the Palace the night of the show. Doors open at 9 p.m. and shows begin at 10 p.m. Concertgoers must be age 18 or older with valid ID.

For more information, visit the KBGA Web site at http://www.kbga.org.

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MISSOULA –

MontanaPBS will rebroadcast a documentary that 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," which premiered earlier this month, will air again on MontanaPBS at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, and at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 28. Check local listings for channels.

"Viewer response to the first broadcast was strong," said William Marcus, director of the Broadcast Media Center at The University of Montana and executive producer of the program. "This documentary touched a nerve that is still sensitive more than a dozen years after deregulation passed. We heard from lots of viewers who were grateful for this in-depth look at an issue that affected so many Montanans."

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 UM and KUSM-TV at Montana State University.

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MISSOULA –

Public policy expert Linda Bilmes, a faculty member at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, will give the next installment of the President’s Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Bilmes will present “The People Factor: Strengthening America by Investing in Public Service” at 8 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the University Center Ballroom. The event is UM’s J. Stanley Kimmitt Memorial Lecture on Public Service.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., Bilmes will give a seminar titled “The Impact of the Iraq War on the Economy” in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Bilmes is widely considered one of the leading experts in U.S. budgeting and public finance. She is the co-author of The New York Times best-seller “The Three Trillion Dollar War: The True Cost of the Iraq Conflict” and “The People Factor: Strengthening America by Investing in Public Service.”

She has held senior positions in government, including assistant secretary and chief financial officer of the U.S. Department of Commerce, deputy assistant secretary of commerce for administration and U.S. representative to several high-ranking commissions. She currently serves on the National Parks Second Century Commission.

Bilmes runs an innovative program at Harvard to assist local cities and towns with their financial health, leading teams of student volunteers who work in the communities. She also conducts the Harvard Institute of Politics budgeting workshops for newly elected mayors and members of Congress.

She has written extensively on financial and budgetary issues in newspapers, magazines and academic journals and has testified at numerous congressional hearings on subjects such as veterans’ benefits, public service and the cost of the Iraq war. In 2008 she received the Speaking Truth to Power Award from the American Friends Service Committee. She holds a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in business administration from Harvard.

The UM presentations are supported in part by a U.S. Department of Education congressionally directed grant award in public policy and leadership from the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM. The opinions expressed by the speaker do not necessarily represent the policy of the Department of Education and should not be assumed as an endorsement by the federal government.

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MISSOULA –

“Odyssey of the Stars – A Celebration of Artistic Journeys” will honor University of Montana alumnus and former faculty member Firman H. (Bo) Brown during its 10th anniversary production at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, in the University Theatre.

This year’s celebration – “Opening Doors” – recognizes Brown for his lifetime dedication to opening doors for students in the theater arts, not only at UM, but also across the nation.

“Odyssey of the Stars” honors outstanding UM performing and visual arts alumni and tells the story of their artistic journeys, showcasing the many different roads to success that an artist can travel. Odyssey 2010 will feature some of UM’s finest student performers and artists. The production, held annually since 2001, supports the College of Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship Fund.

“Bo Brown had a powerful impact on the cultural landscape of Montana through his founding of the Montana Rep, Bigfork Summer Theatre and his advocacy of the arts through the Montana Arts Council,” said Stephen Kalm, dean of UM’s College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Odyssey Sponsorships help underwrite the event. Sponsors enjoy select seating to the show followed by a VIP champagne reception with Brown.

Two-ticket sponsorships cost $125, and four-ticket sponsorships are $200. A portion of the cost of an Odyssey Sponsorship is tax deductible. For more information, call the College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean’s Office at 406-243-4970.

Individual tickets cost $30 for the public and $15 for students. They can be purchased at all GrizTix locations, by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA, or online at http://www.griztix.com.

Brown earned a bachelor’s degree at UM in 1949 and a master’s at the University in 1953. During his years as a UM student, he appeared in several productions, including “Hamlet,” “The Barretts of Wimpole Street” and “Dracula.”

He began his career in educational theater at Northern Montana College in Havre and, after doctoral studies in speech and theater at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, returned to Montana to teach at UM.

From 1956 to 1969, Brown chaired UM’s drama department. During that time, he made profound contributions to the growth and stature of theater at UM and to the arts in Montana. In 1968 he established the Masquer Summer Theater in remodeled space in UM’s Student Union Building. He turned to private enterprise in 1960, opening the Bigfork Summer Playhouse with his wife, UM law Professor Margery Hunter Brown. The couple ran the theater for eight years.

Brown established the M.A. and M.F.A. degree programs at UM and launched the inaugural season of the Montana Repertory Theatre in 1967 with an ambitious statewide tour featuring three plays: “The Devil’s Disciple,” “She Stoops to Conquer” and “Julius Caesar.” He was a founding member of the Montana Arts Council in the days when the National Endowment for the Arts was just beginning.

Brown then taught, directed and worked as an administrator at Ithaca College in New York, Rollins College in Florida and Ohio State University before returning to Montana in 2006. He served from 1987 to 1990 as president of the University/Resident Theater Association, a national organization of 40 major theater departments and regional theater companies. From 1990 to 1993, he was president of the National Association of Schools of Theater, the accrediting body for theater programs in American higher education.

Brown was awarded an honorary fine arts doctorate from UM in 2008. The degree recognizes a lifetime dedicated to teaching, scholarship and service to educational theater.

For more information, call 406-243-4970 or visit the “Odyssey of the Stars” Web site at http://www.umt.edu/umarts/odyssey.

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MISSOULA –

Nominations now are being accepted for the University of Montana’s spring 2010 Outstanding Student Leader Award.

All UM students are eligible and can be nominated by any member of the campus community who are in an excellent position to identify outstanding individuals who deserve the honor.

The award recognizes hardworking individuals who strive to make UM a better place for students to live, learn and grow. Based solely on leadership and service to the University, the distinguished award is given to a student who exhibits ethical, creative leadership and promotes a positive campus climate while remaining in good academic standing.

The award winner will be recognized by UM’s Center for Leadership Development and may receive an in-state tuition waiver for fall semester 2010, depending on eligibility. University regulations restricting fee waivers will apply.

Applications will be assessed and judged according to the requirements listed on the nomination form. Some requirements for nomination have been changed from previous years.

Nominations will be accepted until noon Friday, April 9. Nominees will be recognized at the Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony, which will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, in the University Center Ballroom.

Nomination forms can be picked up at The Source in the UC and are online at http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/center_for_leadership/recognition_programs.php. Completed applications can be turned in to the Student Suite in UC Room 209C or faxed to 406-243-4340, attention: Megan Hallar.

For more information, call Hallar or Michael Paine at 406-243-5527 or e-mail cld2.student@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA —

Members of a Missoula electricians' union are teaming up with The University of Montana Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology (UM FLAT) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 20, to promote community and sustainable-living technologies.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 786 members will volunteer their time and skills to wire the garage at the UM FLAT, transforming it into a functional space that will serve as a sustainability center for meetings, workshops, demonstrations and community events.

The Montana Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, Palmer Electric, Accurate Electric, Crescent Electric Supply Co. and the UM Sustainable Campus Committee also will contribute to the project.

UM FLAT is a student-run demonstration home, located at 633 S. Fifth St. E., that 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 they participate in community events and meetings.

For more information, visit the UM FLAT Web site at http://www.umt.edu/umflat, call Derek Kanwischer, UM FLAT project director, at 406-579-3244 or e-mail umflat@gmail.com.

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Students Work To Bring Safe, Clean Water To Haiti's Children - UM News - The University Of Montana

MISSOULA –

Griz for UNICEF, an Associated Students of The University of Montana-approved group, has partnered with spectrUM Discovery Area at UM to raise awareness to provide clean and safe water for children in Haiti.

During World Water Week, March 21-27, Griz for UNICEF will ask patrons at four Missoula-area restaurants to donate $1 or more to UNICEF Tap Project Montana to raise awareness and funds to provide clean and safe water for children in Haiti. Participating restaurants are River Wok Asian Grill, Sa-Wad-Dee, Scotty’s Table and The Old Post Pub.

The Griz for UNICEF project will kick off during the Central Asian New Year’s Celebration from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the University Center Ballroom.

With just $1, UNICEF can supply 40 liters of safe, clean water – enough to hydrate one child for 40 days.

“Water is one of the things millions of people around the world take for granted,” said Griz for UNICEF President Aigerim Begaliyeva. “However, nearly 900 million people in developing nations do not have access to safe drinking water.”

Begaliyeva said UNICEF figures show that about 24,000 children worldwide die every day because of a lack of potable water and other preventable diseases.

“Here at Griz for UNICEF our motto is ‘We believe in zero,’” Begaliyeva said. “This means we feel that no child should ever die due to preventable causes, including inadequate clean water supply.”

The Griz for UNICEF’s fundraising efforts will be matched, dollar for dollar, by the George Harrison Fund for UNICEF.

“Water,” a hands-on, interactive science exhibition that allows families to explore the wonderful world of water from a molecular level to large river ecosystems, opened this month at spectrUM Discovery Area, located in Skaggs Building Room 166. The exhibition will be displayed through Aug. 21.

More information about spectrUM Discovery Area is online at http://www.spectrum.umt.edu.

UNICEF works in more than 150 countries around the world to save children’s lives through immunizations, nutrition, health care, emergency assistance and programs that confront the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Information about the Tap Project is online at http://www.tapproject.org.

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MISSOULA –

The winter issue of the Crown of the Continent e-magazine has been released and can be found online at http://www.umt.edu/urelations/crown.html.

The region called the Crown of the Continent encompasses Glacier National Park and spans the Continental Divide from the Elk River headwaters and Crowsnest Pass in Canada to Rogers Pass and the Blackfoot River drainage in Montana.

The University of Montana launched the Crown of the Continent Initiative to provide an educational catalyst for collaboration between UM and Glacier National Park. The initiative now has grown to include groups beyond the park, notably The Nature Conservancy, the Glacier Institute, Flathead Valley Community College, the University of Calgary and more.

The initiative will publish two e-magazines and two e-notes each year, allowing people to get up-to-date information about issues driving decisions and research in the Crown. These color-filled publications cover everything from the physical and historical geography of the Crown to interesting scientific research on the region’s wildlife, climate, rivers, glaciers and more.

The direct link to the new e-magazine is http://issuu.com/crown_of_the_continent/docs/winter2009. To receive other Crown of the Continent Initiative updates, e-mail umcrown@umontana.edu. The official Crown of the Continent Web site is at http://crown.umt.edu. For more information, e-mail Rick Graetz or Jerry Fetz, the initiative co-directors, at umcrown@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Physical Therapy Student Association will offer 20- and 40-minute massages during campus fundraising clinics in April.

The clinics will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, April 5-8, 12-15 and 19-22, in Skaggs Building Room 129. Enjoy a 20-minute massage for $10 or a 40-minute massage for $18. Appointments are required.

Proceeds will help UM physical therapy students attend local and national educational and research conferences.

To make an appointment, call 406-243-4753.

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HAMPTON –

The Bitterroot College Program Steering Committee will hold a meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Ravalli County Commission Meeting Room, located at 215 S. Fourth St. in Hamilton.

The BCP Steering Committee is a public board and welcomes people to observe and participate at its meetings.

Agenda topics will include operational, educational planning and fiscal issues. The meeting agenda will be available Friday, March 19, on the BCP Web site at 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 –

An exhibit that features 15 Missoula women leaders, educators and community activists – “The Strong Women Project” – is now on view at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at The University of Montana.

The exhibit includes black-and-white photographic portraits of the women with their responses about what makes a strong woman. It will be in the library’s main floor Learning Commons through Wednesday, March 31.

The project was developed by UM students Shane McMillan, Richelle DeVoe and Laura Pflum. The students started the project as a group assignment for a UM women’s studies class.

“We had so much fun that we just had to keep doing it,” said McMillan, who is the project photographer.

The students plan to photograph more strong women. Their goal is to publish a book to share with area organizations who work to make women stronger.

“We want to give something back to the community and recognize the hard-working women who define our community – to honor them for their contributions,” McMillan said.

The students hope to do more photo shoots for the project. Photo shoots follow a formula McMillan calls “interview without words” and usually run 15 minutes to an hour.

“They are more like interviews with pauses for photos,” she said.

Information about the project is online at [http://thestrongwomenproject.blogspot.com](http://thestrongwomenproject.blogspot.com). For more information, e-mail McMillan at thestrongwomenproject@gmail.com.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will hold an Early Schedule Advising Night from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the COT Administration Building, located at 909 South Ave. W. in Missoula.

The event is only open to new students admitted for summer or fall semester 2010.

All new COT students must attend an advising session before registering for classes. During the session, students meet with an adviser, create a class schedule and register for summer or fall semester classes using CyberBear, the UM site for conducting business on the Web. Advising will be available for most COT programs during the event.

For more information or to RSVP, call the COT Admissions Office at 406-243-7882.

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Contact: Nicole Brandt, UM COT Admissions, 406-243-7888, nicole.brandt@umontana.edu.
Registration is now open for spring courses offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana (MOLLI).

Members of the community ages 50 and older can explore topics ranging from literature, history and music to psychology, philosophy and current events through the courses, taught by dynamic UM and community instructors. Spring courses will take place during April and May.

An annual MOLLI membership fee of $20 is required to enroll, and membership extends through summer 2011 for those who sign up now. Individual course registration costs $60 plus fees, when applicable. MOLLI is offering a variety of discounts this spring, including a special offer of two courses for $100 — a 33 percent savings. MOLLI also will offer new members — and current members who recruit friends — a $10 discount on spring courses.

Courses offered this spring are:

**Thursdays:**
- Lela Autio: “What You Should Know About Montana Artists”
- Fred McGlynn: “What is Existentialism?”
- Donald Simmons: “What to Listen for in Music”
- Valerie Hedquist: “From Ridicule to Respect: The Triumph of Realism and Impressionism”
- Jeff Gritzner: “Afghanistan: Land of the Free”
- Laulette Hansen: “The Rouge, the Lion and the Magic Box: 19th Century Russian Lit”
- Gary Hawk: “Not Just for the Young: Selected Texts from the Honors Curriculum”
- Charles Casey: “Shakespeare’s King Lear”
- George Seielstad: “Life in the Universe”
- Dennis O’Donnell: “Once Bitten Twice Cautious”

**Fridays:**
- Garry Kerr: “The Return of Food and Culture”
- Gary Bevington: “Where Do Words Come From? An Introduction to Etymology”
- Ron Wakimoto: “Fire in the Forest: Myths and Realities”
- Jan Wollersheim: “Psychology: Myths and Realities”
- Mehrdad Kia: “Iran Between Two Revolutions”
- Lee Heuermann: “Women in Music”
- Margaret Johnson: “Laughter and Theatre, a Winning Combination”
- Allan Mathews: “Walking through Missoula’s History”
- Ruth Vanita: “The Bhagavad Gita: Contemplating Life and Death in Hinduism”
- Michael McClintock: “Exploring the Richness of Science Fiction”
- David Cody: “The Operas of Puccini”

**Special Courses:**
- Hal Stearns: “Helena: Montana’s Very Special Queen City” (bus trip)
- Ray Risho and Chuck Thompson: “Classic Mediterranean Cuisine: Chemistry in the Culinary Laboratory” (free for MOLLI members)
- Jessie Gajewski and Glenn Goertsen: “Wonder Wheels” (free for MOLLI members)
Complete course descriptions, locations, times, instructor information and registration can be found on MOLLI’s Web site at http://www.umt.edu/ce/plus50.

In addition to spring courses, registration is now open for MOLLI’s second annual summer camp, “MOLLI Summer Adventures in Science: Connecting the Circle,” Monday and Tuesday, July 12-13. Children ages 6 through 12 can join their grandparents to learn from one another in scientific exploration through classroom and field experiences at UM. Participants can choose to learn about one of a variety of topics, including insects, weather and backyard biology. Tuition is $100 per pair and includes a 2010-11 MOLLI membership. MOLLI will collaborate with spectrUM Discovery Area and use a grant from the National Science Foundation’s Office of Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research to host the camp.

MOLLI offers gift cards to cover the $20 membership fee or $60 course fee. They are available at the institute’s office on the second floor of UM’s James E. Todd Building.

This spring, MOLLI will apply for a second $1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. To be eligible for this endowment MOLLI must have 1,000 members. This endowment would allow MOLLI to retain the current level of funding it’s had the past three years through Bernard Osher Foundation startup grants.

For more information or to register for courses, call UM Continuing Education at 406-243-2905 or e-mail dannette.fadness@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA —

The Neuro Networking Club at The University of Montana will host Spring Hullabaloo 2, an autism awareness event, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, in the University Center Ballroom.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will feature fun activities for all ages, including a performance by a UM mime troupe and appearances by PLUK the chicken and UM mascot Monte. Local organizations, including PLAY (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters), PLUK (Parents Let's Unite for Kids) and the Child Development Center, will provide information and resources on autism.

Spring Hullabaloo 2 also will feature a live auction to raise money for Zane Goicovich, a 4-year-old Missoula boy with autism who needs brain surgery to alleviate his epilepsy.

The Neuro Networking Club is an ASUM social group for adults with autism/Asperger's syndrome and their friends.

For more information, call Treva Bittinger, event organizer, at 406-543-0003 or e-mail treva.bittinger@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Owen Sirrs, a faculty associate with the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center Defense Critical Language/Culture Program at The University of Montana, will give an overview of the U.S. counterinsurgency strategy in Afghanistan on Tuesday, March 23.

He will give a presentation titled “Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan” from 7 to 9 p.m. in James E. Todd Building Rooms 203-204. The event is free and open to the public, and a community discussion will follow the presentation.

Sirrs will examine the fundamentals of the U.S.-led counterinsurgency strategy and explore its effects on the recent campaign in Afghanistan’s volatile Helmand Province. The community discussion will be about whether counterinsurgency is the appropriate strategy in light of fading international support for the Afghan effort, the legitimacy of the Afghan government, and America’s competing domestic and international priorities.

Counterinsurgency is the declared strategy of the U.S. and its allies to reverse recent successes of the Taliban and other groups in Afghanistan.

Sirrs collaborates on the Middle East Strategic Relations Program and has particular expertise on Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran.

He holds a master’s degree in strategic intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College in Washington, D.C. He has served on the Defense Intelligence Agency’s Iran desk and Middle East Policy Directorate. In 2009 he traveled to Afghanistan to serve as cultural adviser and trainer at the Counterinsurgency Training Center at Camp Julien.

The presentation and discussion are sponsored by the Mansfield Center Defense Critical Language/Culture Program, UM Continuing Education, the Montana World Affairs Council and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM.

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MISSOULA —

More than 2,500 undergraduate students and their faculty mentors from around the country will converge on Missoula for the 2010 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, slated for Thursday through Saturday, April 15-17, at The University of Montana.

NCUR is expected to have a significant impact on the Missoula economy, as visitors will sleep, eat, shop and explore the city and the greater western Montana region while attending the conference.

Highlights of NCUR’s economic impact include:

- Conference participants will occupy more than 1,500 rooms in area hotels.
- Additional aircraft and larger planes are scheduled to accommodate participants flying into Missoula International Airport. For example, the Wisconsin-area schools will charter two 747s to deliver students to Missoula.
- Nearly 400 conference participants will go on scheduled excursions to various locations in the Missoula region, including the People’s Center in Pablo, the National Bison Range and Lee Metcalf national wildlife refuges and the Smokejumper Visitor Center.
- Many participants and their families will extend their stays for personal trips, from hiking in and around Missoula to visiting Glacier National Park.

NCUR is the nation’s premier venue for undergraduate research. It typically boasts presenters from 45 states and 300 institutions. In addition to traditional science topics and poster sessions, the conference includes fine arts, humanities and social sciences offerings such as student dancing, musical performances, plays and films. UM last hosted the conference in 2000.

For more information, visit the NCUR Web site at [http://www.umt.edu/ncur2010/](http://www.umt.edu/ncur2010/) or call Professor Garon Smith, NCUR conference chair, at 406-243-5606 or e-mail garon.smith@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Internationally known philosopher and Princeton University Professor Alexander Nehamas will give the next installment of the President’s Lecture at The University of Montana.

Nehamas will present “Because It Was He, Because It Was I: The Good of Friendship” at 8 p.m. Monday, March 22, in the University Theatre. The event is UM’s Henry Bugbee Annual Lecture in Philosophy.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., Nehamas will give a seminar titled “Friendship and Other Non-Moral Values” in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Nehamas is the author of the classic “Nietzsche: Life as Literature” and many other books. Writing in opposition to the dominant trend in recent years to make philosophy more like a science, he has set himself the task of reclaiming the defining tradition of ancient Greek philosophy as a quest to master the art of living. He will speak about the place of friendship in a philosophically engaged life.

Nehamas is the Edward N. Carpenter II Class of 1943 Professor in the Humanities and a professor of philosophy and comparative literature at Princeton. His broad range of interests include classical Greek philosophy, aesthetics and literary theory.

Among the books he has written are “The Art of Living: Socratic Reflections from Plato to Foucault,” “Only a Promise of Happiness: The Place of Beauty in a World of Art” and “Virtues of Authenticity: Essays on Plato and Socrates.”

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Department of Communication Studies will host “From Greenwashing to Social Advocacy: The Ethical Imperative in Green Branding” at UM on Wednesday, March 17.

The presentation by Brant Short, professor of communication studies at Northern Arizona University, will begin at 3:10 p.m. in Liberal Arts Building Room 11. The event is free and open to the public.

Many Americans are suspicious of organizations that present a green perspective in corporate discourse, but labeling such messages as “greenwashing” presents numerous problems. Short will present an alternative perspective, grounded in rhetorical theory, to help consumers better understand the function and significance of green advocacy.

The UM presentation is sponsored by a grant from the Arthur W. Page Center for Integrity in Public Communication at Penn State University.

For more information, call the UM Department of Communication Studies at 406-243-4293.

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MISSOULA –

Two University of Montana administrators earned awards for outstanding leadership during the Montana Ambassadors annual meeting and conference held Feb. 25 in Great Falls.

Bill Johnston, director of UM’s Office of Alumni Relations, received the 2009 Montana Ambassador of the Year Award.

“Bill is constantly an ambassador for Montana and daily puts his best foot forward when representing the state of Montana and Montana Ambassadors,” said Ken Richardson, Montana Ambassadors past president.

David Forbes, dean of UM’s College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, was named the Montana Ambassadors 2009 Michael P. Malone Educator of the Year.

Forbes has led the UM college and its Skaggs School of Pharmacy to a place among the top 10 in the nation for funded research. The award recognizes his leadership in strengthening the college’s exceptional academic and research programs.

Montana Ambassadors is a nonprofit organization of leaders in business, education, and local and state government with a common dedication of doing business in Montana and furthering the best interests of the state.

Each year, the organization recognizes outstanding leaders within the organization and in business and education. The 2009 awards were presented by Montana Ambassadors and Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

Other awards presented at the Great Falls event are:

- **Entrepreneur of the Year:** The Huls family, for entrepreneurship and innovative production on the Huls Dairy Farm in Corvallis.
- **Business of the Year:** Community Counseling and Correction Services, for demonstrating extraordinary innovation and commitment to their employees and communities of Montana.
- **Outreach Montana Ambassador of the Year:** Joe Whittinghill, past president of the Pacific Northwest Chapter based in Seattle, for his leadership in building the first out-of-state chapter of Montana Ambassadors.

Information about Montana Ambassadors is online at [http://www.montanaambassadors.com](http://www.montanaambassadors.com).

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MISSOULA –

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center will offer five free lecture events during March and April in its Spring 2010 Brown Bag Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

All lectures will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Mansfield Center Conference Room, located on the fourth floor of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

Following is the lecture series schedule:

- **Monday, March 15:** “Southwest China’s Land and People: Focus on Guizhou Province” by Nathan Domitrovich, UM Department of Anthropology graduate student.
- **Tuesday, March 23:** “Guns vs. Prayer Wheels: China’s Internal Colonization of Tibet” by UM sociology Associate Professor Teresa Sobiesczyk.
- **Monday, April 12:** “Collective Action Problems in Post Revolutionary Nepal: The Use and Abuse of NGO-Supported Development Schemes in Humla” by UM anthropology Associate Professor Kimber McKay.
- **Wednesday, April 21:** “Special Education in China: A View from Across the River and a Peek at North Korea and Russia” by Glenda Edwards, retired music teacher and discipline-based arts facilitator.
- **Tuesday, April 27:** “Teaching English in Inner Mongolia” by Christopher Marlow, sales representative, SameSky Tickets.

For more information, visit the Mansfield Center Web site at [http://www.umt.edu/mansfield](http://www.umt.edu/mansfield), call 406-243-2988 or e-mail mansfieldcenter@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Rebecca Blumenstein, a Pulitzer Prize-winning editor at The Wall Street Journal, will present the School of Journalism’s second annual Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture on Thursday, March 18, at The University of Montana.

The event “Making Journalism and Global Coverage Relevant in the Internet Age” will begin at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. It is free and open to the public.

Blumenstein is a deputy managing editor and the international editor of The Wall Street Journal. Most recently, she was managing editor of The Wall Street Journal Online. Previously, Blumenstein was the China bureau chief. She oversaw the China team that won the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting in 2007. Blumenstein also was named to the Aspen Institute’s Henry Crown Fellowship for 2009.

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MISSOULA –

Transfer Transition, an early registration day for students who plan to transfer to The University of Montana for fall semester 2010, will be held Friday, May 7.

During the daylong event, students will meet with academic advisers to develop schedules and register for classes. All transfer students who have been admitted to UM for fall semester 2010 before April 23 are welcome to attend.

Information also will be available about campus resources, on-campus and off-campus living options, and the costs and payment options associated with attending UM.

Students can register for Transfer Transition online at http://admissions.umt.edu/ttregistration.

For more information, call UM Admissions and New Student Services at 406-243-6266 or toll-free at 800-462-8636.

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MISSOULA —

University of Montana International Programs and other UM departments will host several events in honor of International Week, March 14-19.

Events feature a presentation titled “Ethiopia: A Land of Diversity” by visiting scholars Tsige Gebre-Mariam and Masresha Fetene, professors at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will take place at noon Tuesday, March 16, in University Center Room 332. It will highlight Ethiopia’s eclectic cultures, as well as AAU’s graduate programs and prospective collaboration with UM.

The visiting professors also will give individual brown bag presentations at noon Monday, March 15. Gebre-Mariam will present “Mainstreaming Pharmaceutical Research to Local Needs” in Skaggs Building Room 117. Fetene will present “Strategies of Coexistence of Different Life-forms of Tree Species in a Montane Forest” in Clapp Building Room 452.

UM will host several other events throughout the week, starting with the annual International Culture and Food Festival from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 14, in the UC. The event, sponsored by the International Student Association and Foreign Student and Scholar Services, will feature a food bazaar, cultural festival and children’s activities. The festival costs $3 for the public and $2 for children 12 and under. The food bazaar features authentic dishes from 20 regions of the world for less than $4.

Other events slated for International Week that are free and open to the public are:

Monday, March 15

- 12 p.m., UC Atrium: International Week opening ceremony, with speakers Mehrdad Kia, International Programs associate provost; Effie Koehn, director of Foreign Student and Scholar Services; and Felicity Dugo, president of the International Student Association. Rashmeen Doowa will perform a Kathak Indian Dance to the song “Aaja Nachle.”
- 4 p.m., UC Room 332: Study abroad panel discussion. Learn about study abroad opportunities for UM students. Students who have studied abroad will share their experiences in various countries.

Tuesday, March 16

- 3:30 p.m., Lommasson Center Room 154: Work abroad information session, presented by UM Career Services. Explore options for working abroad and learn how to travel and see new places without dipping into college funds. Get information on teaching abroad and starting an international career.
- 6 p.m., UC 332: “Panamanian Paradise,” a presentation highlighting a research intern's semester working at an archaeology laboratory at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama.

Wednesday, March 17

- 12 p.m., Old Journalism 303: “Yemen: Current Challenges,” presented by Khaled Huthaily, assistant professor in UM’s Central and Southwest Asia Program.
- 2 p.m., UC 332: “Health Systems in Conflict Zones: A Darfur Case Study,” presented by Philip Nel, a doctoral student in medical anthropology.
- 5 p.m., Gallagher Business Building Room 123: “Vietnam Trip Report,” presented by Karen Adams, associate professor in the Department of Political Science. Adams will discuss her recent trip to Vietnam, where she toured the former demilitarized zone between North and South Vietnam. Sponsored by the Department of Political Science and Pi Sigma Alpha.
- 7 p.m., UC Theater: Screening of “The Counterfeiters,” a film about the true story of Salomon Sorowitsch, who, after he was arrested in a German concentration camp in 1944, agreed to help the Nazis in an organized counterfeit operation set up to finance the war effort. Presented by the UM Multicultural Alliance.

Thursday, March 18

- 12 p.m., UC 332: “Change Your World: Intern Abroad,” presented by UM Internship Services. Learn about opportunities with IE3 Global Internships, which provides international professional development experiences for students.
3 p.m., UC 332: Peace Corps information session. Amy Quandt, UM Peace Corps representative, will provide information about the Peace Corps programs offered at UM and opportunities abroad.

- 5-7 p.m., PAR/TV Center lobby: Opening reception for the exhibition “Jam Session: America’s Jazz Ambassadors Embrace the World” currently at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture, with live music by jazz pianist David Morgenroth. The exhibition features photographs chronicling the international tours of legendary jazz musicians selected to serve as cultural ambassadors by the U.S. State Department in the 1950s, ’60s and ’70s. Organized by the Meridian International Center in Washington, D.C., the exhibition features more than 80 images portraying jazz greats such as Dizzy Gillespie, Louis Armstrong, Dave Brubeck, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Sara Vaughn and others.

- 7 p.m., UC Theater: Showing of “Someone Else’s War,” a film about the 30,000 low-wage workers from South and Southeast Asia fighting in the Iraq war. Sponsored by the Peace & Justice Film Series.

Friday, March 19


For more information, go to [http://www.umt.edu/ip/](http://www.umt.edu/ip/) and click on “International Week,” call Jeanne Loftus in International Programs at 406-243-6865 or e-mail jeanne.loftus@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

An educator from the central Asian nation of Georgia will present two lectures this month at The University of Montana.

Ia Iashvili, a geography associate professor from Tbilisi State University, will address "Human and Cultural Landscapes of the Caucasus" on Friday, March 12, and "The New Social Order: Emigration from Georgia" on Friday, March 26. Both lectures will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Old Journalism Room 308.

The lectures are free and open to the public. They are part of the Spring 2010 Lecture Series of UM’s Central and Southwest Asia Program, which works to promote greater knowledge and understanding of Central and Southwest Asia among UM faculty members, students and the Missoula community.

Iashvili is a Faculty Development Program Fellow of the Open Society Institute working at UM. OSI works to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens.

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MISSOULA —

University of Montana President George M. Dennison will headline a talent show slated for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, in the University Center North Ballroom.

The show, organized by Alpha Lambda Delta, the Honors Students' Association and the American Indian Business Leaders at UM, is a fundraiser for earthquake victims in Haiti and Chile. The student organizations will donate all ticket proceeds to Doctors Without Borders relief efforts, and they also will accept larger donations at the show.

Tickets for the show cost $5 for the public and $3 for those 21 and under and UM students with valid Griz cards. Tickets will be available from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the International Culture and Food Festival in the UC and at the door the night of the show.

Along with Dennison on guitar, the show will feature students and faculty performing special talents. Missoula Mayor John Engen will emcee the event, and UM mascot Monte will make an appearance. Event organizers will raffle various prizes, including Griz basketball tickets, football photo prints and Griz apparel. Raffle tickets will be available at the March 14 festival and the talent show.

For more information, call Kelsey Olson, Alpha Lambda Delta vice president and Honors Students' Association secretary, at 303-250-8657, e-mail kelsey.olson@umconnect.umt.edu or call Tyler Emerson, Alpha Lambda Delta president and American Indian Business Leaders member, at 406-241-8917 or e-mail tylere.merson@umontana.edu.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** A photo of President Dennison playing the guitar as a student at UM is available by calling Laure Pengelly Drake at 406-243-6140 or e-mailing laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Award-winning guitar prodigy Tyler Bryant will kick off “Spring Thaw” at The University of Montana with a concert at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, in the University Center Ballroom.

Doors open at 7 p.m., with an opening band at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost $10. They will go on sale Friday, March 12, at The Source in the UC and at Rockin Rudy’s, located at 237 Blaine St. in Missoula.

Bryant, a Robert Johnson Blues Foundation New Generation Award winner, picked up the guitar at age 7 and never put it down. He has played with legendary guitarist Jeff Beck and performed at the Grammy Foundation’s “Music in Focus” with rock sensation Kenny Wayne Shepherd.

He also performed at Eric Clapton’s Crossroads Guitar Festival in Chicago and was signed by Creative Artist Agency on the spot after just one performance.

“It has been awhile since there has been someone who has the total package and can shred like Tyler,” said Jon Huie of CAA.

Bryant is the first artist to not have an album or a record label and still have one of his songs on Guitar Hero. His song “Who I Am” is on the Guitar Hero 5 expansion pack.

Bryant has performances and appearances on the award-winning documentary “Rock Prophecies,” which will be screened at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6-7, and at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Roxy Theater, located at 718 S. Higgins Ave. in Missoula. The screenings are free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

The award-winning rock documentary explores world famous photographer Robert M. Knight’s career and follows him on his quest to find the rock stars of tomorrow. Knight is based out of Las Vegas and has photographed a vast array of talent – from Jimmy Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan to Panic at the Disco and his new discovery Tyler Bryant.

UM’s Entertainment Management Program will host Knight, Bryant, film producer Tim Kaiser and film director John Chester for personal appearances April 6-11 at UM.

More information is online at http://www.umtentertainment.org or http://www.umproductions.org, by calling UM Productions at 406-243-6661 or by e-mailing marketing@umproductions.org.

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MISSOULA –

Clay Christian, Board of Regents vice chair, at the direction of board chair Steve Barrett, has selected the 20-member search committee tasked with finding the successor for University of Montana President George M. Dennison, who intends to retire Aug. 15 after two decades at the helm.

“I feel we have the right group to undertake the difficult job of trying to replace President Dennison,” said Clay Christian, the Board of Regents vice chair who will lead the search committee. “George has been one of UM’s chief assets since 1990, and the new president will need to be as dynamic, creative and inspiring as he has been.”

The presidential search committee members are:

- Clay Christian, Board of Regents vice chair and chair of the search committee.
- Doug Abbott, vice chancellor for academic affairs at Montana Tech of UM.
- Jill Bergman, UM English department chair and associate professor.
- John Blake, UM student.
- Teresa Branch, UM vice president for student affairs.
- Perry Brown, UM interim associate provost for graduate education.
- J. Martin Burke, UM Regents Professor of Law.
- Sharilyn Campbell, president of the UM Alumni Association Board of Directors.
- Linda EagleHeart, associate professor of applied arts and sciences at the UM College of Technology.
- Brandi Foster, dean of academic affairs at the UM Helena College of Technology.
- Joe McDonald, president of Salish Kootenai College.
- Angela McLean, Board of Regents member.
- Neil Moisey, UM Faculty Senate chair-elect and forestry associate professor.
- Bruce Nelson, Montana state executive director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.
- Sheila Stearns, Montana commissioner of higher education.
- Richard Storey, UM-Western chancellor.
- Dan Villa, governor’s policy adviser for education.
- Warren Wilcox, UM Foundation Board of Trustees past chair.
- Amy Xue, UM business school graduate student and teaching assistant.
- Tammy Yedinak, UM Staff Senate president and assistant to the business school dean.

The committee will begin the search for the next president immediately. Information about the search process can be found online at http://www.umt.edu/potumsearch.

Dennison, UM’s 16th president, announced his intention to retire Jan. 25 during a Campus Convocation. He is the University’s longest-serving president.

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Local, dailies, specialized western

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MISSOULA –

Country music star Gary Allan will bring his “Get Off on the Pain” tour to The University of Montana at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, when he plays the Adams Center with special guest Jack Ingram.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6. They cost $29.75 plus fees and are available at all GrizTix locations, by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA, or online at [http://www.griztix.com](http://www.griztix.com) or [http://www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

Allan is known for his songs “Watching Airplanes,” “Songs About Rain,” “Nothing on but the Radio” and “Best I Ever Had.” He is on tour promoting his eighth album, “Get Off on the Pain.”

Ingram won the “Best New Male Vocalist” award from the Academy of Country Music in 2008. The Texas-born songwriter and performer has been touring since 1997. In 2009 he released his seventh album, “Big Dreams and High Hopes.”

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MISSOULA –

Camas, the literary magazine of The University of Montana Environmental Studies Program, is now accepting submissions of nonfiction, fiction, poetry, photography and art that relates to Glacier National Park’s past, present and future.

The summer 2010 issue of Camas will be dedicated to the park, which celebrates its centennial anniversary this year.

The submission deadline is Monday, March 15. Guidelines and more information about Camas are online at http://www.umt.edu/camas. For more information, e-mail camas@mso.umt.edu.

Contact: Beth Raboin, Camas advertising intern, 920-539-9123, elizabeth.raboin@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

The Center for Ethics at The University of Montana will host a panel discussion Tuesday, March 16, on the ethical challenges the state Legislature will face after a recent Montana Supreme Court decision on a case involving aid in dying.

“Aid in Dying after the Baxter Decision: Ethical Challenges for Montana Legislators” will take place from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123, The event is free and open to the public.

In December 2009, the Montana Supreme Court resolved the Baxter v. Montana case by ruling that there is no Montana public policy or legal precedent against physician aid in dying. The decision placed in the hands of state legislators the question of whether the Montana Constitution protects the right to give and receive aid in dying.

The panel at UM will be moderated by bioethicist Mark Hanson of the UM Liberal Studies Program and College of Technology. Panelists include Montana Reps. Michael More and Dick Barrett; physicians Stephen Speckart and Eric Kress; private practice lawyer Mark Connell; Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, executive director of Disability Rights Montana; and Mary Anne Sladich-Lantz, vice president of Mission Leadership at St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center and member of the St. Patrick Hospital Ethics Committee.

For more information, visit the Center for Ethics online at http://www.umt.edu/ethics, call Blake Francis, program coordinator, at 406-243-6605 or e-mail blake.francis@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA —

Grammy Award-winning duo the Indigo Girls will perform live at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the University Theatre at The University of Montana.

Tickets cost $34 and are now available at all GrizTix outlets, by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA or online at http://www.griztix.com.

The Indigo Girls will perform to raise awareness for the Missoula Urban Demonstration Project, a local nonprofit founded in the 1970s to create a replicable model of sustainable living through education, demonstration and celebration. Ticket sales will not directly benefit MUD, but the show will help highlight the role the organization plays in the Missoula community.

Since the duo’s formation in 1987, Indigo Girls Emily Saliers and Amy Ray have produced 10 studio albums and entertained millions of fans with their uplifting harmonies, infectious melodies and honest, passionate lyrics. They’ve also balanced their love for music with a commitment to social, political and environmental issues, and in 1991 formed the nonprofit Honor the Earth, which raises awareness and financial support for indigenous environmental justice.

Over the years, the organization also has supported groups fighting for women’s rights, civil rights for same-sex couples, the abolition of the death penalty and voter registration.

For more information, go to http://mudproject.ning.com or call University Theatre Director Tom Webster at 406-243-2853 or e-mail thomas.webster@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Willis Jenkins, the Margaret Farley Assistant Professor of Social Ethics at Yale Divinity School, will present a lecture titled “Sustainability Ethics: Religion, Science and Cultural Change” on Monday, March 15, at UM.

The event, sponsored by UM’s Environmental Studies Program, begins at 7:30 p.m. in the North Underground Lecture Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Jenkins, who also holds a secondary appointment at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, teaches courses in social and environmental ethics, including courses for the joint degree program of Yale’s divinity and forestry schools.

He is the author of “Ecologies of Grace: Environmental Ethics and Christian Theology,” which won a 2009 Templeton Award for Theological Promise.

Jenkins also is editor of “The Spirit of Sustainability,” released in 2009, and co-editor of “Bonhoeffer and King: Receiving Their Legacies and Import for Christian Social Thought,” released this year.

He currently is at work on a book about sustainability and social justice.

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MISSOULA –

An exhibition that chronicles American jazz legends as they traveled the globe on behalf of the U.S. State Department will open at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana on Thursday, March 18.

"Jam Session: America’s Jazz Ambassadors Embrace the World" is an exceptional collection of photographs and documents drawn from important archives around the country. These materials range from the mid-1950s through the 1970s, when Dizzy Gillespie, Louis Armstrong, Dave Brubeck, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Sara Vaughn and others served as cultural ambassadors.

An opening reception featuring music by jazz pianist David Morgenroth will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. March 18 in the lobby of UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

"Jam Session" will be at MMAC through Saturday, April 24. The exhibition includes more than 80 compelling images of musicians visiting 35 countries across four continents, providing a unique insight into the successful diplomatic initiative that built international friendships through jazz. Millions of people experienced the concerts, which introduced many to the styles and variations of this uniquely American art form.

The successful cultural programs continued under the direction of the U.S. Department of State until 1978.

During the exhibition, the museum will unveil its new audio tour system, Guide by Cell, which will allow visitors to use cell phones, iPods or MP3 players to listen to the musicians play jazz standards.

"Jam Session” was organized by Meridian International Center and has traveled to countries throughout Europe, Asia and Africa, as well as major cities across the United States. The exhibition has been curated by Curtis Sandberg, Meridian’s vice president for the arts, with Penny M. Von Eschen, an expert in the history of jazz diplomacy and author of “Satchmo Blows Up the World: Jazz Ambassadors Play the Cold War.”

Sandberg will present a lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Masquer Theatre of the PAR/TV Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Three satellite exhibitions will be held in conjunction with “Jam Session.” “Selections from the Joseph S. Sample Collection” will be on view in the lobby of the PAR/TV Center at UM. “James Todd Jazz Portraits” will be displayed at UM’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and “Henry Meloy Jazz Portraits” will be at First Interstate Bank, located at 101 E. Front St. in Missoula.

Exhibition sponsors are Joseph S. Sample, in memory of Miriam Sample, and the Gallagher Western Montana Charitable Foundation. Exhibition partners are First Interstate Bank, the Montana World Affairs Council, the Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival, Montana Public Radio, the Mansfield Library and Max Media of Montana KTMF ABC 23.

More information about the exhibition can be found on MMAC’s Web site at http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

MMAC is located in UM’s PAR/TV Center. 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.

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

The University of Montana chapters of Alpha Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon invite the Missoula community to join them for "Eat Your Heart Out at a Pizza Phi’d" from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Alpha Phi chapter house, located at 1107 Gerald Ave.

Members of the sorority and fraternity will sell soda for $1 and pizza slices for $2, with all proceeds benefiting Watson Children’s Shelter. Biga Pizza and Pizza Pipeline will donate the pizza.

"The Alpha Phis are very excited to host this new event with the newest members of Sigma Phi Epsilon," said Lauren Kooistra, Alpha Phi president. "We’re looking forward to a fun event where we can also help out a local organization."

For more information, call Danielle deBouver, Alpha Phi philanthropy chair, at 203-521-7232 or e-mail dd120670@umconnect.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology has been notified that its Respiratory Care Program has received continued accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care.

CoARC ensures high quality respiratory care education through accreditation services and serves to advance and enhance the profession. To receive CoARC accreditation, a program must perform an annual resource assessment and maintain ongoing documentation, analysis and follow-up.

COT’s Department of Health Professions offers an associate of applied science degree in respiratory care. Graduates work as health care professionals who evaluate, treat and manage patients of all ages with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders in a wide variety of clinical settings.

Starting salaries are competitive, and jobs are plentiful throughout the United States. Graduates are eligible to take the credentialing examinations administered by the National Board of Respiratory Care, which lead to the registered respiratory therapist credential.

Information about the COT Respiratory Care Program is online at http://www.cte.umt.edu/health/respiratorycare. For more information, call 406-243-7882 or 800-542-6882 or e-mail cotadmissions@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

March is the month that brings the Irish out in all of us – the time when “the wearing of the green” seems as natural as the movement of the seasons.

The University of Montana’s Irish Studies Program and many local groups have added a whole new dimension of fun with events guaranteed to appeal to all, no matter what their cultural heritage may be.

“This is the time when the darkness of winter gives way to the rebirth of spring and the promise of sunshine and the long hot days of summer,” said Traolach O’Riordain, who teaches in UM’s Irish Studies Program. “For those who trace their heritage back to the Emerald Isle, this is a particularly festive and joyous occasion.”

Missoula’s traditional St. Patrick’s Day Parade will take place at noon Saturday, March 13. The parade route runs along Higgins Avenue from the Iron Horse to Grizzly Grocery. Parade applications are available at the Missoula Chamber of Commerce.

Other festivities this month include:

- **Friday and Saturday, March 5-6:** Irish Film Festival, Roxy Theater, 718 S. Higgins Ave. Tickets are $10 each day and are available at the door. Reception begins at 5 p.m. Friday, March 5, followed by the films “Give Up Your Aul Sins,” “Janey Mary,” “Yu Ming is Ainn Dom,” “Mickeybo and Me” and “Garage.” Films begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, with showings of “Granny O’Grimm Sleeping Beauty,” “Ding Dong Denny O’Reilly’s History of Ireland,” “The Wind that Shakes the Barley” and “Once.” Information: [http://www.missoula-aoh.org](http://www.missoula-aoh.org).

- **March 10-13 and March 17-20:** Beckett Shorts, 7:30, Crystal Theatre, 515 S. Higgins Ave. Samuel Beckett's “Krapp's Last Tape” and “Play,” presented by the Montana Actors' Theatre and the UM Irish Studies Program. Tickets: $15 Wednesday-Thursday; $20 Friday-Sunday. Information: [http://www.mtactors.com](http://www.mtactors.com), bernadette.sweeney@mso.umt.edu.

- **Saturday, March 13:** St. Patrick’s Day corned-beef and cabbage dinner, Irish music and dance, 12:30-7 p.m. St. Anthony’s Parish Hall, 217 Tremont St. Cost: $8.50; children 10 and under $6; all you can eat $12. Information: [http://www.irishmontana.com](http://www.irishmontana.com); [http://www.missoula-aoh.org](http://www.missoula-aoh.org).

- **Tuesday, March 23:** Tommy Sands and his Irish Band in concert, 7 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall. Tickets: $15 general admission; $10 students, seniors and members of Friends of Irish Studies.

For those looking for more, UM is offering a two-week, three-credit course in Dublin this summer.

Brain, Mind and the Literary Imagination, a collaboration between UM and Trinity College, University College, and St. Patrick’s College in Dublin, will be offered June 3-19. For more information, e-mail Christopher Comer, UM College of Arts and Sciences dean, at christopher.comer@umontana.edu.

From May 25 to June 3, O’Riordain and the Friends of Irish Studies will take a group to Ireland for a nine-day history and cultural tour – Into the West Tour of Ireland. For cost and more information, e-mail erin@irishmontana.com.

Information about UM’s Irish Studies Program is online at [http://www.cas.umt.edu/irishstudies](http://www.cas.umt.edu/irishstudies).

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MISSOULA –

Phone volunteers in the Montana Public Radio pledge room cheered and celebrated 411 times, once for each thousand dollars raised during Pledge Week 2010.

Listeners pledged $411,241 during the station’s annual on-air fundraiser, which ended at 11:59 p.m. Feb. 28.

“We are happy and very grateful to our listeners for their generosity during Pledge Week,” said Linda Talbott, MTPR fundraising director. “It’s an extraordinary event that provides more than just support for our next year. During Pledge Week we also get to hear from our audience.”

Listener comments that offered both praise and critique were read on air during Pledge Week, providing a conversation about public radio’s value and service to the region.

While the majority of the calls and online pledges came from western and central Montana, support was received from listeners across the U.S. and abroad, from locations as remote as Australia, Ethiopia and Antarctica.

The event finale, “Pet Wars,” encourages listeners to donate in honor of their family pets and other critters. This year during “Pet Wars,” pledges were received for 60 species. Dogs won with 1,415 votes, and cats were just 12 votes behind at 1,403.

Chickens came in third with 500 of the “working” variety and 312 “backyard” chickens. Horses received 83 votes and rabbits 69. There were 50 votes for turkeys, 38 for assorted fish, 25 for ducks, 20 each for llamas and cows, 19 for sheep and 13 for goats. Listeners having some fun also cast one vote for mold and one for a pet peeve.

Pledge Week ended $64,000 short of its $475,000 goal. The station expects donors will continue to contribute for several more weeks.

"After we have a chance to see what the revenue deficit really looks like, we’ll explore options for bridging the gap," Talbott said. "We have a solid core of support to count on from Pledge Week, and that is great."

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MISSOULA –

The Corporation for National and Community Service honored The University of Montana with a place on the 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

UM has earned a place on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll each year since it was launched in 2006.

“Students at The University of Montana continue to be heavily engaged in community service activities,” said Andrea Vernon, director of UM’s Office for Civic Engagement. “Each year, the students outperform service hours from the previous year.”

During the 2008-09 academic year, UM students engaged in academic service-learning provided more than 13,000 hours to the Missoula community. Students also participated in nearly 11,000 hours of extracurricular volunteering and in more than 111,500 service hours through the AmeriCorps national service program, which helps with tuition support.

The Independent Sector, a leadership forum for charities, foundations and corporate giving programs, has determined the value of a volunteer hour by state, and Montana’s hourly rate is $14.13, Vernon said. Using that hourly rate as a guideline, the almost 136,000 volunteer hours by UM students brought an economic impact to the Missoula community of nearly $2 million.

Students served to meet needs related to the environment, education, arts, health and more. They served in organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, the Missoula Urban Demonstration Project and the Missoula Food Bank. Students worked with the UM linguistics program and the Piegan Institute to develop an electronic Blackfoot dictionary that links sample audio files to its entries. They also are developing corresponding Blackfoot language teaching materials.

UM academic service-learning students worked in a variety of areas throughout the community. They provided afterschool activities with the Missoula Flagship Program, wrote personal life histories with residents of local nursing homes and volunteered at community gardens.

“We of The University of Montana take very seriously the obligation to prepare students for meaningful lives as committed, engaged, ethical citizens of their communities, state, nation and the world,” said UM President George M. Dennison. “We do so because we understand that citizenship requires hard work and commitment, and we cannot have the quality of life we all want in our communities without engaged citizens making that happen. Students have the opportunity to develop the ‘habits of the heart’ through service-learning, while also enhancing and making even more relevant the education we provide.”

Patrick Corvington, Corporation for National and Community Service CEO, congratulated UM students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities.

“Our nation’s students are a critical part of the equation and vital to our efforts to tackle the most persistent challenges we face,” Corvington said. “They have achieved impactful results and demonstrated the value of putting knowledge into practice to help renew America through service.”

More than 700 colleges and universities were honored by the Corporation for National and Community Service for their impact on issues ranging from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. Overall, the corporation honored six schools with Presidential Awards. In addition, 115 were named as Honor Roll with Distinction members and 621 schools as Honor Roll members. A full list is available at http://www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll.

The Corporation for National and Community Service oversees the honor roll in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education. More information is available at http://www.nationalservice.gov.

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MISSOULA —
Alternative rock band Ween will perform at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at the Wilma Theatre, located at 131 S. Higgins Ave. in Missoula.

Tickets cost $32 and will go on sale at noon Friday, March 5, at Rockin Rudy’s, The Source in the University Center at The University of Montana and online at http://www.inticketing.com.

Ween was founded in 1984 by Aaron Freeman and Mickey Melchiondo, now known as Gene Ween and Dean Ween, respectively. The online pop culture magazine PopMatters describes the band as “more in tune with the fundamental nature of rock ‘n’ roll than anyone currently making music. They’re doggedly passionate, gloriously theatrical, brilliantly subversive and maybe a little bit evil.” The band’s most recent studio album, “La Cucaracha,” features jazz-infused tracks such as “Your Party” and “Fiesta.”

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

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MISSOULA –

A new hands-on, interactive science exhibition – “Water” – will open Saturday, March 13, at The University of Montana’s spectrUM Discovery Area.

The exhibition allows families to explore the wonderful world of water from a molecular level to large river ecosystems.

The grand opening event for the exhibition will take place from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 13 at the discovery area, located in Skaggs Building Room 166. “Water” will be at spectrUM Discovery Area through Aug. 21.

Among the eight exhibits offered is a large, real-life model of the Nyack Floodplain on the Flathead River. Visitors can explore the effects of spring runoff or damming by interacting with the giant water table and leave with an understanding of the water cycle and the habitat living in the unique area.

Another exhibit, “Wildlife of the Water,” will showcase rainbow trout eggs and allow returning visitors to see the transformation of an egg to a fry. Visitors also will have the opportunity to observe the wide world of microorganisms in pond water by using spectrUM’s Scope-on-a-Rope.

One of spectrUM’s most popular activities, “Bubbles,” will be a permanent exhibit during “Water.” The newly built Bubble Table will allow for free exploration of bubbles and their unique properties. Participants can use different shapes of bubble wands and test if a bubble can be square.

Those who can’t make the grand opening of “Water” can visit the spectrUM Discovery Area during its regular hours from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Admission is $3.50 per person and free for members. Prearranged field trips are available throughout the week. Free passes for families in need are available for check out at the Missoula Public Library.

“Water” is sponsored by the Montana National Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, Trout Unlimited, the Flathead Lake Biological Station, Montana Water Center, the Ennis National Fish Hatchery, Pet Nebula, and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

For more information about spectrUM Discovery Area, go online to http://www.spectrum.umt.edu, call Jessie Gajewski at 406-243-4323 or e-mail jessie.gajewski@umontana.edu.

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