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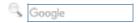
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April 30, 2010

MISSOULA -

The Princeton Review has selected The University of Montana for inclusion in its new guidebook, "The Princeton Review's Guide to 286 Green Colleges."

The organization chose UM based on its Green Rating score of 96 (out of 99) it received in the summer of 2009, when the Princeton Review published scores for 697 schools in its annual college guidebook.

The guidebook's entry mentions several of UM's sustainability initatives, including student groups Climate Action Now and Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology (UM FLAT), the Revolving Energy Loan Fund and the Farm to College Program, as well as the University's greenhouse gas inventory and resulting Climate Action Plan, which outlines UM's strategy to achieve carbon neutrality by 2020.

"Listing in the 'Princeton Review's Guide' is deserved acknowledgment of UM's commitment to sustainability and of the many people who are turning this commitment into reality," said Cherie Peacock, UM sustainability coordinator.

Published in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council, "The Princeton Review's Guide to 286 Green Colleges" is the first free, comprehensive guidebook focused solely on colleges and universities that have demonstrated an above-average commitment to sustainability activities and initiatives. UM is the only university in Montana to make the list.

"The University of Montana has put tremendous energy behind its 'green' efforts, with people from all sectors of campus participating," said Royce Engstrom, UM provost and vice president for academic affairs. "I am especially excited about recent academic innovations. The new minor in climate change studies has caught on quickly, and the workshop for faculty members to incorporate sustainability concepts into their courses has been a great success."

To view the complete guide, visit the Princeton Review's website at http://www.princetonreview.com/greenguide. For more information on UM's sustainability initiatives, visit http://www.umt.edu/greeningum, call Peacock at 406-243-6001 or e-mail cherie.peacock@mso.umt.edu.

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April 30, 2010

MISSOULA, Mont. -

The University of Montana will hold the formal dedication ceremony for its new Payne Family Native American Center on Thursday, May 13, at its campus in Missoula.

The \$8.6 million, 30,000-square-foot center, the first of its kind on any university campus in the nation, will house UM's Department of Native American Studies, American Indian Student Services and related campus programming under one roof.

"The center represents Indian people on campus and the commitment of the University to future tribal leadership," said Linda Juneau, UM's tribal liaison. "It marks a new beginning of our relationships on campus — at last a home on the homeland, where Indian students have the opportunity to provide a welcoming, sharing, cross-cultural exchange with all who enter."

The building's dedication signifies a "coming home" for Montana's Natives, as the land on which the UM campus is now located was home to Chief Charlo and the Bitterroot Salish before the federal government forced them to migrate north to the Flathead Reservation in 1891.

Designed by Daniel Glenn, a Crow architect, the center is steeped in traditional Native American symbolism. It boasts the Lodge Rotunda, a circular, translucent atrium that serves as an entryway and gathering space, with a canted roof pitched toward the east. The roof houses a long, slotted skylight that admits the first rays of the rising sun, as well as a central oculus that brings light down into the center of the circle. At night, the atrium's translucent panels make the building glow like a teepee with an internal campfire.

The main features of the Lodge Rotunda — its canted walls, eastern entrance and circular form — symbolize the teepee lodge. Internally, it resembles a Sun Dance lodge, with 12 vertical logs representing Montana's 12 tribes. The names of the tribes are engraved above each log, first in the tribe's native language, then in English.

The building also honors Native Americans' reverence for the environment. From its pending status as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold building (the second-highest designation) to the golden panels made from crushed sunflowers adorning the walls, the building symbolizes the Native philosophy of wasting nothing Mother Earth provides.

Private donations made up the majority of funding for the building. When financial support lagged, the family of Missoula businessman and UM alumnus Terry Payne, the project's lead donor, stepped up to provide funding. They deemed the project too important to fail.

"This was an opportunity to build a facility specifically for Native American studies that we can be proud of," Payne said. "We feel proud and blessed our family was able to participate. And we weren't alone — many people stepped up in a big way."

He and others involved in the University's Native American programs believe the center will raise the bar for Native studies at the University and across the country. They also think it will encourage more Indian students to attend — and graduate from — UM.

"The Payne Family Native American Center underscores our commitment to serve all Montanans, not just some," UM President George M. Dennison said. "It also places The University of Montana in a unique leadership position nationally and is a source of tremendous pride for everyone involved."

Representatives from all seven of Montana's reservations, plus those from the landless Little Shell Tribe, will take part in the daylong festivities on May 13 leading up to the formal dedication ceremony. Events will include many Native traditions, such as a "coming home" walk and early morning tribal flag raising, honor songs, the dedication and blessing of the Bonnie HeavyRunner Memorial Gathering Space, and a ceremonial luncheon including buffalo soup and fry bread. For a complete schedule of events, go online to http://events.umt.edu/.

"This center will make a tremendous impact throughout Indian Country," said Fredricka Hunter, director of American Indian Student Services at UM. "This says to Native students, 'We care about you. We want you to be successful in your educational endeavors and in life, and we want you to maintain your Native identity.'

"The center also makes a statement to its own faculty and staff that American Indian students are important to this campus," Hunter said. "Higher education in the 21st century needs a solid place for American Indian people, and this provides the means to that end."

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April 30, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana College of Technology will offer introductory courses in heavy equipment operation and basic training and testing for a Commercial Driver's License beginning May 24.

The heavy equipment operation course is an introduction to the safe operation and basic understanding of machine capabilities, startup and shutdown procedures, and preventative maintenance.

The CDL training option will include classroom preparation for the written test, the pre-trip vehicle inspection and proper vehicle operation. One opportunity to take the CDL driving test administered by the Montana Department of Motor Vehicles will be provided.

The heavy equipment operation course with the CDL option will be held Monday through Thursday, May 24-July 15. Heavy equipment operation without the CDL option will take place Monday through Thursday, June 1-July 15. All courses will be held at the COT West Campus, located at 3639 South Ave. W.

CDL orientation will take place Wednesday, May 12. Times for the CDL course are to be determined.

The CDL course without the heavy equipment operation option costs \$2,200. Heavy equipment operation without the CDL option is \$4,100. The course that includes both options costs \$6,300.

For more information or to sign up, call Mary Opitz of the COT Outreach Program at 406-243-7812 or e-mail mary.opitz@umontana.edu.

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April 30, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana will host the "George M. Dennison Symposium on the Future of Higher Education" and a reception Monday, May 10, to honor UM's longest-serving president and his wife, Jane Dennison.

The Dennisons have been a driving force in the success of UM since George Dennison took the reins of the University on Aug. 15, 1990. Dennison plans to retire Aug. 15, 2010 – 20 years from the day he became the University's 16th president.

The symposium will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Montana Theatre of UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The reception will follow from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. Both events are free and open to the public.

Keynote speakers at the symposium will be E. Gordon Gee, president of The Ohio State University; C. Peter Magrath, senior presidential adviser of the College Board and president emeritus of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities; and President Dennison.

The keynote presentations will be followed by a discussion with Montana Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns, Montana State University President Waded Cruzado, UM Regents Professor of Philosophy Albert Borgmann and UM Regents Professor of History Paul Lauren. UM Provost Royce Engstrom will moderate.

For more information, call the UM President's Office at 406-243-2311.

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April 29, 2010

MISSOULA -

Amber Bushnell and Charles Raffety, media arts students at The University of Montana, have been selected as finalists to compete in the 2010 Digital Graffiti Festival, slated for Saturday, June 12, in Alys Beach, Fla.

The event is the world's first projection-art festival, and the 36 finalists will use the latest technology to project their original video and interactive artworks onto the iconic white walls of Alys Beach, a resort town on Florida's Gulf Coast. The artists will compete for \$10,000 in cash prizes, including a \$5,000 Best of Show award, \$2,000 prize for most innovative/experimental creation and a \$1,000 Best Local Submission award.

"We received entries from all over the U.S., as well as from digital artists in 17 other countries," said Kelli Arnold, Alys Beach events coordinator. "From a field of nearly 300 entries, our selection committees narrowed it down to 36 amazing finalists."

For more information, visit the festival's website at http://www.digitalgraffiti.com, call UM media arts Professor Martin Fromm at 406-243-2379 or e-mail martin.fromm@umontana.edu.

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April 29, 2010

MISSOULA -

Austin James, a University of Montana sophomore from Butte, will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer as the recipient of the 2010 J. Stanley Kimmitt Public Service Internship.

James, who majors in economics and political science with a minor in communication studies, will serve as a summer intern for U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg. At the same time, he will be enrolled in The Washington Center internship program. The Kimmitt internship includes a \$1,500 stipend.

James is a graduate of Butte Central High School. He served as a team field leader intern for John McCain's presidential campaign and as a local volunteer for Rehberg's last two congressional campaigns. He is a member of UM's Davidson Honors College and the Pi Sigma Alpha, Alpha Lambda Delta and Golden Key honor societies. James also serves as an Associated Students of UM senator and as treasurer for the campus group College Republicans.

The Kimmitt intern is selected each year through a competitive application process. The review and ranking of this year's internship applications was carried out by a UM faculty committee convened by Davidson Honors College Dean James McKusick. Finalists then were interviewed by staff in Rehberg's office to determine their suitability for an internship in the U.S. Congress.

The internship, a public service opportunity for UM students established to honor J. Stanley Kimmitt, former secretary of the U.S. Senate and aide to Sen. Mike Mansfield, rotates among all three members of the Montana congressional delegation.

The next Kimmitt internship will be awarded in summer 2011. A call for applications for that award will be announced this fall by the Davidson Honors College. For more information, call 406-243-2541 or e-mail dhc@umontana.edu.

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April 28, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana chapter of Sigma Xi, a scientific research society, will hold its Spring Reception at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Davidson Honors College Ephron Student Lounge.

The event honors new student and faculty initiates coming into the society, and the Senior Award will be presented. In addition, biological sciences Regents Professor Fred Allendorf will present a lecture titled "The Passion of Science."

The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided.

Sigma Xi is an international science and math honor society. For more information, call UM geosciences Professor George Stanley at 406-243-5693 or e-mail george.stanley@umontana.edu.

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April 28, 2010

MISSOULA -

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and Continuing Education at The University of Montana will present a bipartisan Community Conversation titled "What's Broken: The U.S. Government or Us?" on Tuesday, May 11, at UM.

The event, which is free and open to the public, features Pat Williams, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Bob Brown, former Montana secretary of state. The conversation begins at 7 p.m. in James E. Todd Building Room 204. Home Ground Radio host Brian Kahn of Helena will moderate.

The program provides an opportunity for the community to come together to discuss important issues of the day in a civil, bipartisan forum.

As our elected officials debate vital issues such as employment and health care, observers question whether action is possible in the current political climate. The Community Conversation will facilitate a citizen culture that is informed, constructive and bipartisan, said Mansfield Center Director Terry Weidner.

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

Deena Mansour, who helps direct the new policy initiative at the Mansfield Center, said the two speakers reflect a commitment to civil, bipartisan discussion. Williams served nine years in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979 to 1997. Brown spent nearly 30 years in the state Legislature before being elected Montana's secretary of state in 2000.

The program will be streamed live on the Web at http://www.umt.edu/mansfield. If others across the state want more information or would like to host a similar program in their communities, they can call Mansour at 406-243-2713.

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April 27, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana, in conjunction with the Institute of Translational Health Sciences, TechRanch and the Montana Bioscience Alliance, will host the Preclinical Research & Development Summit from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, May 17, in Skaggs Building Room 117.

The event will be a day of discussion and learning for translational researchers in academic and industry settings. It will feature speakers and sessions addressing preclinical research resources, entrepreneur partnerships, tech transfer, marketing new discoveries, and life-science research developments at UM, among other topics.

The summit is free, but attendees are asked to RSVP by e-mailing <u>vprd@mso.umt.edu</u> and including "preclinical summit" in the subject line. Montana State University will host a similar event Wednesday, May 19, in Bozeman.

For more information, call Joe Fanguy in the UM Office of Technology Transfer at 406-243-2148 or e-mail joe.fanguy@umontana.edu.

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April 27, 2010

MISSOULA -

In October 2009 during sub-zero temperatures, Hellgate winds blew through The University of Montana campus and pummeled the All People Tree, a spruce that had stood for years on the northeast corner of the UM Oval as a symbol of the University's commitment to diversity.

UM President George M. Dennison has directed the planting of a new tree this year, and the first steps to bring the All People Tree back to the Oval will be a traditional blessing of the site from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 6.

The public is invited to attend the event, organized by the UM Diversity Advisory Council. The site is located near Main Hall on the northeast corner of the Oval. Educator and activist Julie Cajune (Salish) will speak at the ceremony.

"Invisible to the eye, but known in memory and heart, are the stories of an old tribal world," Cajune said. "Who we are collectively as a people, as a diverse society, is the sum of these stories and many others."

Cajune is the administrator of a Kellogg Foundation grant to develop tribal historical materials for Salish Kootenai College. She was named one of "50 visionaries who are changing your world" in 2009 by Utne magazine.

The All People Tree was first dedicated on the Oval in 1996, when UM's Diversity Advisory Council members led efforts to widen sidewalks near the site and provide a bench where the community and visitors could sit and find solace in the University's commitment to welcome all to campus. A plaque was placed near the tree that reads: "The All People Tree, a lasting tribute to the many branches of humankind."

Several other quotes appear on plaques that surround the tree, one of which is very relevant to the efforts of UM Diversity Advisory Council members to support the All People Tree on the Oval: "Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead (1901-1978).

UM's Diversity Advisory Council, composed of representatives from across campus, works to remove barriers to academic achievement and promote social integration through a supportive campus climate and learning environment.

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April 26, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University Center Art Gallery at The University of Montana will display the "Two Man Militia" show through Friday, May 14. An opening reception for the show will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 6.

"Two Man Militia" is mostly sculptural artwork by Will Hutchinson and Nathan Tonning. Both artists are Master of Fine Arts candidates at UM. Both came to Missoula from the Midwest, and the exhibition reflects their awareness of the cultural regionalism of the Mountain West mixed with their roots in the Great Lakes area.

The UC Art Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The opening reception is free and open to the public.

For more information, call gallery director Samantha Guenthner at 406-243-4991 or e-mail ucartgallery@mso.umt.edu.

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April 26, 2010

MISSOULA -

Trey McIntyre Project, a multimedia dance troupe, will celebrate the 100th birthday of Glacier National Park with an Oct. 6 show at The University of Montana. UM Productions is presenting the unique multimedia experience, and tickets are now on sale.

The 7:30 p.m. show will be at the University Theatre. Tickets cost \$33 plus fees for the general public and \$23 plus fees for students. They are available at all GrizTix Outlets, by calling 406-243-4051 or toll-free at 888-MONTANA or online at http://www.umt.edu/griztix.

Trey McIntyre Project will honor the Crown of the Continent park with a collection of the group's critically acclaimed pieces – two of which are significant to Montana and UM. The first piece is "The Sun Road," a masterful multimedia performance celebrating the vast and changing Glacier National Park and its centennial. The performance combines stunning live choreographed dance with breathtaking, majestic, high-definition video of the dancers performing in the park.

The second piece, "Wild Sweet Love," will feature 18 students from UM's own School of Theatre & Dance.

Trey McIntyre Project burst onto the national dance scene as a summer touring company in July 2005 with its debut performance at the Vail International Dance Festival. The group's fresh and forward-thinking choreography was an immediate sensation with both critics and audiences alike.

Galvanized by critical success during the summer tours and a demand for national and international appearances, Trey McIntyre Project launched as a full-time, year-round company.

For more information, visit http://treymcintyre.com.

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April 26, 2010

HAMILTON -

The Bitterroot College Program Steering Committee will hold a meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Ravalli County Commissioners Meeting Room, located at 215 S. Fourth St. in Hamilton. The BCP Steering Committee is a public board and welcomes members of the public to observe and participate at its meetings.

Agenda topics will include operational, educational planning and fiscal issues. The meeting agenda will be available Friday, April 23, on the BCP website, http://www.umt.edu/bcp, (click on "Meetings" under "Steering Committee"), by calling BCP Interim Director Victoria Clark at 406-375-0100 or by 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 now offers 13 UM College of Technology courses in the Hamilton area.

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April 23, 2010

MISSOULA -

University Dining Services at The University of Montana is teaming with Montana farmers, ranchers and businesses to grow and raise the food for a feast to be held on campus in September.

The project will culminate in the "Farm to College Fall Feastival: Celebrating Montana's Food Cycle" showcase meal to be served at UM on Thursday, Sept. 16. Nearly 99 percent of the items on the menu will be provided by local suppliers.

UDS will document the development of the livestock and growth of the crops raised specifically for the feast to provide a holistic view of Montana's agricultural food cycle.

The September meal will provide insight into the abundance and variety of Montana's agriculture. The goal is to celebrate the success of the UM Farm to College Program and to raise public and student awareness about the time and effort required to produce the food we eat each day.

"Local foods represent a smaller carbon footprint, will be delivered fresher from the field to the consumer, taste better and are more nutritious," said Jerry O'Malley, UDS marketing director. "Along with the sustainable benefits to the environment, buying from local food producers has a positive impact on economics across the state."

The local foods featured at the September event will be supplied by 16 Montana farmers and ranchers.

The "UM Farm to College Fall Feastival" will feature other sustainable business practices, as well as recycling and reuse. All waste materials generated at the event, including food, plates, cups, serviceware and napkins, will be pulped and processed and turned into soil-enhancing planting material to provide a starting point for the next growing season.

"Generating compost from the solid waste from the event effectively demonstrates the cycle of planning, growing, delivering and consuming our food in a sustainable fashion," O'Malley said.

Information about UM's Farm to College Program is online at http://life.umt.edu/dining/farm_to_college. For more information, call O'Malley at 406-243-6433 or e-mail ierrv.omallev@mso.umt.edu.

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April 23, 2010

MISSOULA -

The Women's and Gender Studies Program at The University of Montana will show the award-winning documentary "Ask Not" at 4:10 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, in Skaggs Building Room 169. The event is free and open to the public.

The hourlong film chronicles the experiences of gay and lesbian soldiers and service members under the U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Immediately following the screening will be a question-and-answer session with Alexander Nicholson, a subject in the film and an Army veteran who was discharged under the policy.

Nicholson is a former U.S. Army human intelligence collector who speaks several foreign languages, including Arabic. After being discharged from the Army six months after 9/11, he's become one of the nation's top leaders in repealing the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. He is the founder and executive director of Washington, D.C.-based Servicemembers United, the nation's largest organization of gay and lesbian troops and veterans.

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

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April 23, 2010

MISSOULA -

Retiring University of Montana President George M. Dennison will be the featured speaker at the spring 2010 Last Lecture at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 6, in the University Center Theater. The event is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow.

UM Mortar Board members are partnering with the UC to bring back the lecture, which challenges a UM professor to answer the questions: "If you had one lecture left to give, what would you say? What wisdom would you impart? What do you want your legacy to be?"

Established at UM in 1904, Mortar Board is a national honor society that recognizes college seniors for achievements in scholarship, leadership and service. Mortar Board provides opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to colleges and universities, and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community.

For more information, call Michael Paine, Center for Leadership Development program adviser, at 406-243-5527 or e-mail michael.paine@mso.umt.edu.

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April 23, 2010

MISSOULA -

The Second Biennial Western Cast Iron Art Conference in Missoula May 6-9 will hold several events that are free and open to the public.

The conference, sponsored by The University of Montana School of Art, the Western Cast Iron Art Alliance and the Montana Museum of Art & Culture, will begin with preconference workshops for registered participants May 3-5.

Conference events that are free and open to the public include:

Thursday, May 6

- 5-7 p.m., Montana Museum of Art & Culture: Opening reception of "Western Cast Iron Art Conference Exhibition: Elizabeth Kronfield and Matthew Wicker." The museum is located in UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.
- 7:30-8:30 p.m., University Center Theater: Kronfield and Wicker, artists and educators from Rochester, N.Y., will give the conference keynote address.

Friday, May 7

- 10 a.m., UM Sculpture Division Studio, Art Annex: Production Iron Pour.
- 5-8 p.m., Missoula Art Museum, 335 N. Pattee St.: "National Iron" art opening.
- 6-10:30 p.m., Gallery 615, 615 Oak St.: "Pearlsnaps: Meet the WCIAA" art opening.
- 7-9 p.m., Tsunami Gallery, 101 S. Higgins Ave.: "WCIAC Student Exhibition" art opening.

A Sundown Performance Pour is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, at the Rock Creek Lodge east of Missoula. The event, which begins after sundown, is open to the public. Admission is \$10 at the gate.

Registration and additional conference information are available on the Western Cast Iron Art Alliance website at http://WCIAA.org. For more information, call UM School of Art Associate Professor Brad Allen at 406-243-5704 or e-mail bradley.allen@umontana.edu.

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April 23, 2010

MISSOULA -

The Western Cast Iron Art Conference Exhibition of artworks by Elizabeth Kronfield and Matthew Wicker will open at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture on Thursday, May 6

An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the museum's Paxson and Meloy galleries, located in The University of Montana's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

The exhibition is held in conjunction with the Second Biennial Western Cast Iron Art Conference May 6-9 in Missoula. The works will be on view at MMAC through Saturday, May 29.

The conference is hosted by MMAC, the UM School of Art and the Western Cast Iron Art Alliance. It was formed to promote the understanding of cast iron art and artists in the western states who use a variety of approaches, including installation and performance-based works.

Kronfield and Wicker will present the conference keynote address following the reception from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 6 in the University Center Theater.

The reception and the conference keynote event are free and open to the public.

Kronfield and Wicker are artists and educators from Rochester, N.Y. Kronfield is an assistant professor in the College of Imaging Arts & Sciences at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Wicker teaches sculpture at the Rochester Institute of Technology and Monroe Community College.

Their work combines cast iron or bronze with evocative materials such as stone, horsehair, ash or cloth.

Kronfield said, "This work is drawn from my time and experiences in the West – influenced by everything from the vast spaces to individuals to politics to livestock in the backyard to living off a dirt road."

MMAC gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 4 to 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A \$5 donation is suggested, and free parking is available near the northeast corner of the PAR/TV Center.

For more information, call 406-243-2019 or visit MMAC's website at http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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

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April 22, 2010

MISSOULA -

Work crews at University Villages, a University of Montana housing complex, will apply herbicides to selected areas this spring and summer.

Residents and the public should watch for signs posted along the perimeter of treated areas or call grounds supervisor Rich Erving at 406-243-6030 with any questions.

"We may begin spot spraying later this month as daytime temperatures increase," Erving said. "We post a lot of signs, so people should be on the lookout. It should be obvious that work is happening."

Glyphosate – commonly known as Roundup, one of its brand names – will be spot sprayed near parking lots, curbs and sidewalks, as well as in some ornamental flowerbeds. Craighead, Sisson, Elliot, Toole, and Lewis and Clark villages are scheduled for treatment this spring. The herbicide Horsepower will be used for treatment of broadleaf weeds in some areas.

Erving stressed that workers will strictly adhere to all procedural regulations and guidelines in applying the herbicide.

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April 21, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana School of Business Administration will host the 21st annual John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 13, in the Gallagher Business Building lobby.

The competition, which is free and open to the public, showcases the entrepreneurial aspirations of college and university students from across the state. Fifteen teams will present business plans, and a panel of judges will select four finalist teams to compete for significant prize money.

The judges represent a wide spectrum of professional expertise and include venture capitalists, angel investors, bankers, successful entrepreneurs and corporate executives.

The John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition began in 1990 and has grown into one of the state's premier entrepreneurial events. More than 500 students have participated in the competition, and 30 business plans have been implemented, including one for Big Sky Brewing Co. in Missoula.

For more information, go online to http://www.business.umt.edu/made/programs/biz.asp. Organizers request those planning to attend RSVP by calling Larae Hackney, business school special programs coordinator, at 406-243-4830 or e-mailing larae.hackney@business.umt.edu.

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April 21, 2010

MISSOULA -

Master of Fine Arts thesis exhibitions of Cathryn Sugg and Rebecca Weed will be presented by the Gallery of Visual Arts and the School of Art at The University of Montana April 29-May 14.

The exhibitions, "Inbetween" by Sugg and "Recollection" by Weed, will open at the Gallery of Visual Arts on Thursday, April 29. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the gallery, located on the first floor of UM's Social Science Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Sugg's mixed media paintings in the exhibit "Inbetween" attempt to define the space that exists between so-called opposites. She is interested in the middle ground that exists between female and male, urban and rural, interior and exterior, kitchen and toolshed.

The surfaces Sugg creates honor traditions of both the feminine domestic realm (hand-stitched, painstakingly embroidered "canvases") and of the heroic masculine painting style (grandiose forthright surfaces and imagery). Camouflage and lace find equal ground that question notions of gender roles and the relationship to place.

"Recollection" is a series of figurative paintings by Weed that relate to feelings of loss, the passing of time and apprehension in how to proceed in life.

Weed explains: "We all have moments that test our sense of stability and safety. In these moments we perceive the very thin veil that separates us from sorrow or even elimination."

This sense of stability and safety are heightened by the compositional placement of figures in and around water. A competitive swimmer, Weed uses the swimming pool as a symbolic reference to physical boundaries and emotional feelings of self-doubt and exposure.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call gallery Director Cathryn Mallory at 406-243-2813 or e-mail gallery.visarts@umontana.edu.

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April 21, 2010

MISSOULA -

University of Montana President George M. Dennison celebrated Earth Week by presenting UM's Climate Action Plan to campus and area community members.

Dennison announced the University's plan to become carbon neutral by 2020 during Earth Week festivities Wednesday, April 21, on the UM Oval.

"Everyone today realizes the critical importance of finding ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to protect an increasingly fragile planet," Dennison said. "Our dependence on others to provide for our energy needs subjects us to rising prices and increasing damage to the environment."

In 2007 Dennison was one of the first 100 in the nation to sign the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, dedicating UM to reduce carbon emissions to zero. Since then the University has taken major steps to become a leading model in the community and the nation for working to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions.

"With the active engagement of the entire campus community, UM has conducted an inventory of emissions, developed an aggressive plan to achieve carbon neutrality and initiated action in response to the plan," Dennison said, reminding everyone of the challenge to achieve the goal.

The recently completed Climate Action Plan is a collaborative effort among UM administrators, faculty, staff, students and Missoula community representatives to determine actions that will lead the University to carbon neutrality by 2020. To encourage participation in the plan, UM held open houses, conducted surveys and held many conversations with community and campus experts that led to new ways of thinking about the challenges of climate change.

"The spirit of collaboration that emerged through the planning process was amazing," said UM Sustainability Coordinator Cherie Peacock. "That is what will make UM's Climate Action Plan a success."

Peacock said the goal of the University now is to implement the strategies of the plan as soon as possible to reduce or offset UM carbon emissions in the next 10 years.

"Teams are already looking into ways to incorporate renewable sources of energy such as biomass and wind, as well as making the overall campus more energy efficient," she said. "Students, administrators, faculty and staff are working together to encourage the campus community at large to use alternative transportation and conserve energy by turning off lights and equipment and using less water."

The University completed its first Greenhouse Gas Inventory in 2008, created the Office of Sustainability and hired Peacock as its first full-time director in 2009, and has worked to encourage sustainability across the curriculum.

Student education and involvement is an important part of UM's Climate Action Plan, Peacock said. The University offers one of the nation's first interdisciplinary undergraduate minors in climate change and has offered faculty workshops that lead to opportunities for students to learn about sustainability within UM courses in various fields of study.

The University also offers several options for students beyond the classroom that encourage participation in learning and research, such as the UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology (UM FLAT), an experiential resource that demonstrates the practicality of sustainable living.

The Revolving Energy Loan Fund, generated through a \$4 per semester optional student sustainability fee, also allows students to propose projects that save energy on campus.

"Everyone at UM can help the University reach the goal of carbon neutrality by 2020," Peacock said. "It is up to each of us to make wise decisions about energy and other resources we consume."

The UM Office of Sustainability, the Sustainable Campus Committee and the Associated Students of UM Sustainability Center will track progress and share information by publishing a greenhouse gas inventory every two years and other progress along the way.

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April 21, 2010

MISSOULA -

The Ellen Meloy Fund for Desert Writers has awarded Michelle Lanzoni, an environmental studies graduate student at The University of Montana, the 2010 Desert Writers Award.

Lanzoni won the award for "Thirst," a book in progress about water availability. She will receive \$2,000 and join a prestigious list of previous winners of the annual competition. Lanzoni will present portions of "Thirst" as her master's thesis this fall at UM.

"Michelle Lanzoni is a young writer at work on the most important environmental issue on Earth: the issue of water availability to human beings and natural systems," said awards panelist Don Snow, a professor at Whitman College in Walla, Wash.

Ellen Meloy, who earned a master's degree in environmental studies from UM in 1979, was a writer and naturalist based in Bluff, Utah. Before her unexpected death in 2004, she published four books, including "The Anthropology of Turquoise: Meditations on Landscape, Art, and Spirit," a 2003 Pulitzer Prize finalist. The Ellen Meloy Fund for Desert Writers was established in her honor to support writers whose work reflects the spirit and passion for the desert embodied in her writing.

For more information, visit the fund's website at http://www.ellenmeloy.com, call Phil Condon, UM associate professor of environmental studies, at 406-243-2904 or e-mail phil.condon@umontana.edu.

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April 22, 2010

MISSOULA -

A University of Montana delegation recently received two awards at the National Model United Nations Conference, held March 29-April 3 in New York City.

The UM National Model United Nations Team, which represented Vietnam and Burkina Faso, won a Distinguished Delegation award, given to the top 25 percent of the 190 countries represented at the conference. Team member Stephen Carnes also earned Top Delegate honors for his work representing Burkina Faso on the Security Council.

Also at the conference, which 340 schools in the U.S. and abroad attended, MUN team member Aimee Ryan was selected as the General Assembly chair; Thecla Backhouse-Prentiss chaired a Security Council working group; and Nicole Allen served as rapporteur for the General Assembly First Committee.

Other UM students who attended the conference were team President Marissa Perry, Kelsi Steele, Samantha Stephens, Kristin Smith, Tyler Campbell, Selene Christman, Qasim Abdul-Baki and Travis Suzuki.

Conference highlights for the UM team included meeting Bui The Giang, Vietnam's ambassador to the U.N.; working in renovated rooms at U.N. headquarters; and testing a new voting system to be used during upcoming sessions of the General Assembly.

Funding for the trip was provided by the Alumni and Friends of Montana Model U.N.; UM offices of the President, Provost and Vice President for Research and Development; College of Arts and Sciences; Department of Political Science; Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center; Office of International Programs; Davidson Honors College, Associated Students of UM; and MUN Club fundraising.

MUN is an academic simulation of United Nations sessions. During the events, students work to find solutions to real world problems by debating, negotiating, caucusing, drafting and voting on resolutions.

For more information, call Kedra Hildebrand, MUN faculty assistant, at 406-241-7979 or e-mail kedra.hildebrand@mail.mcgill.ca.

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April 21, 2010

MISSOULA -

In honor of Earth Day, The University of Montana Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology (UM FLAT) will host a Farm to College barbecue and open house from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday, April 22, at 633 S. Fifth St. E. The event is free and open to the public.

Participants can enjoy locally produced burgers, brats, veggies and other treats from community businesses while listening to live music by Baba Ganoush. Those who attend also can tour the student-run project designed to encourage the development of efficient, sustainable and affordable homes, which includes innovations such as an expanded permaculture garden, real-time energy monitoring system, and use of passive solar techniques and natural light.

For more information, visit UM FLAT's website at http://www.umt.edu/umflat, call Derek Kanwischer, UM FLAT project coordinator, at 406-579-3244 or e-mail umflat@gmail.com.

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April 21, 2010

MISSOULA -

The Kappa Alpha Theta sorority took home University of Montana Greek Chapter of the Year honors during the annual Greek Life Awards Banquet held Sunday, April 18, in the University Center North Ballroom.

Individual awards also were announced at the banquet and included:

- Outstanding New Members: Alyissa Canady (Kappa Kappa Gamma); Kyle Marshall (Sigma Phi Epsilon).
- Outstanding Senior: Stefanie Dvorak (Delta Gamma).
- Outstanding Chapter Presidents: Breland Cederberg (Kappa Alpha Theta); Colin McLean (Sigma Phi Epsilon).
- Outstanding Community Outreach: Hannah Herkert (Delta Gamma).
- Outstanding Campus Involvement: Mary Martin (Delta Gamma).
- Greek Woman the Year: Madison Judkins (Delta Gamma).
- Outstanding Alumni: Carlie Magill (Kappa Alpha Theta); Al North (Sigma Nu).

The banquet marked the start of Greek Week 2010, which will take place Thursday through Sunday, April 22-25. A full slate of campus, community and philanthropy oriented events is scheduled, and most are free and open to the public.

Highlights of Greek Week 2010 include:

- Noon- 3 p.m. Thursday, April 22, Gallagher Business Building lawn: TOMS Shoes "Style Your Sole" event. Members of the campus community who purchased TOMS Shoes during registration will decorate their pair, and Tom's Shoes will donate a pair to a child in need.
- 2-3 a.m., Saturday, April 24, UM Oval: All-Greek Karaoke Contest during UM's Relay for Life event. Fraternity and sorority members will compete for the title and invite other Relay for Life participants to join in.
- 2-4 p.m., Saturday, April 24, GBB lawn: Greek Olympics. Fraternity and sororities will pair up and compete in various events, including tug-of-war, relay races, egg toss and badminton.

For more information on Greek Week or Greek Life at UM, go online to http://life.umt.edu/greeklife, call Greek Life adviser Tyson McLean at 406-243-2005 or e-mail tyson.mclean@umontana.edu.

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April 21, 2010

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana College of Technology will hold its annual Capstone Dinner on Saturday, May 8.

This year's dinner – "Mediterranean Cruise" – features cuisine from Morocco, Greece, Spain and stops in between. Events begin at 5:30 p.m. in the foyer of the COT Administration Building, located at 909 South Ave. W. in Missoula. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening, as well as live entertainment.

The multicourse dinner, prepared by graduating culinary arts students, is a fundraiser for the Culinary Student Education Fund.

Tickets cost \$80. They are available at the Cashier's Office in the COT Administration Building or by calling 406-243-7870. For more information, call COT Culinary Arts Director Tom Campbell at 406-243-7831.

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April 20, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana extends an apology to those members of the greater Native American community adversely affected by a lack of careful planning by University administrators for the 2010 Kyi-Yo Celebration.

Specifically, the University did not plan adequately and did not anticipate the shortfall in total revenue. This inadequate planning and communication impacted many participants and Kyi-Yo members who left the event feeling understandably disappointed and hurt.

UM will identify the 2010 powwow contest winners and compensate them at the same levels as the 2009 Kyi-Yo Celebration winners. The University meant no disrespect to the officers or members of the Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association. The Kyi-Yo officers, program coordinator and other volunteers deserve commendation for their commitment and hard work. They organized an impressive event, and the University salutes them.

To prevent any recurrence in the future, the University will work with the club to outline and implement a planning process that will provide for unanticipated developments. In doing so, the University will ensure the continuation of the Kyi-Yo Celebration as a club-directed event of great significance on and off campus.

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April 20, 2010

MISSOULA -

Garry Kerr, an instructor in The University of Montana Department of Anthropology, has received the Center for Public Anthropology's Eleanor Roosevelt Global Citizenship Award

The award honors Kerr's exceptionally effective participation on the center's Community Action Online website project, as well as his wider activities in the public sphere. Less than 5 percent of those who teach introductory anthropology courses across North America receive the award, which honors an individual, project, organization or institution for outstanding contributions to ethical education, democratic governance and public activism.

Kerr was nominated for the award for inspiring UM students to partake in the global community and think critically, respond intelligently and act responsibly.

"Garry is almost legendary for the praise his teaching consistently receives from so many UM students," said Christopher Comer, dean of UM's College of Arts and Sciences. "It is wonderful to see him getting much deserved national attention."

The Center for Public Anthropology hosts the Community Action website, an interactive venue that helps students explore ethical issues that lie at the interface of anthropology and the contemporary world.

Thirty-six students in an Anthropology 101 course Kerr taught earlier received awards from the Center for Public Anthropology for a project he initiated using the website.

The students wrote letters about the promise to return blood samples to the Yanomami of northern Brazil. The samples, taken by scientists in the 1960s, were frozen and held by Pennsylvania State University and the National Cancer Institute. The ethical question was whether they should be returned to the Yanomami, who, because of their belief that everything of a departed ancestor should be destroyed, requested them so their ancestors could rest in peace.

The students' letters are available on the Center for Public Anthropology website at http://www.publicanthropology.org/Yanomami/10-Spring/PAA-GK3-Montana.htm.

Kerr recently took students to Tanzania, Oluvai Gorge and Zanzibar for hands-on education. He was voted best professor at UM by the readers of the Missoulian in 2010, as well as three times in the Missoula Independent. He also teaches anthropology courses for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM, which offers courses for people 50 and older, and actively participates in projects in area schools to encourage interest in anthropology.

"I teach anthropology to students from 6 to 92," Kerr said. "I love what I do and always feel lucky to do what I love."

Information about UM's Department of Anthropology is online at http://www.cas.umt.edu/anthropology. For more information about the Center for Public Anthropology, visit http://www.publicanthropology.org.

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April 19, 2010

MISSOULA -

The internationally acclaimed Palestinian hip-hop group Dam will perform Saturday, April 24, in the University Center Ballroom at The University of Montana.

The event begins at 7 p.m. A \$10 donation is suggested. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Playgrounds for Palestine, a nonprofit organization dedicated to building playgrounds for Palestinian children.

The members of Dam rap in Arabic, Hebrew and English about social justice, peace and an end to racism and the conflict between Israel and Palestine. They have produced three albums and have appeared in numerous films.

The event is sponsored by the UM Office of the President and the University's Mount of Olives Arabic Club. For more information, call event coordinator Mackay Pierce-Eiselein at 406-672-3028 or e-mail mackaype@yahoo.com.

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April 19, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana will participate in Missoula's Bike Walk Bus Week by hosting "Walk N Roll" days Monday through Friday, April 26-April 30.

The Associated Students of UM event aims to encourage people to get to campus on those days any other way than driving alone. Options include walking, biking, carpooling or using public transportation.

Public transportation options for getting to and from campus include riding shuttles from Park-N-Ride lots or taking Mountain Line buses, which are free throughout Missoula during Bike Walk Bus Week.

During "Walk N Roll" days, volunteers at all University entrances will hand out raffle tickets to those who arrive on campus using options other than driving alone. Raffle tickets also can be picked up at the University Center for those who use other means of transportation and don't find a "Walk N Roll" volunteer where they enter campus.

Raffle prizes include a cruiser bike, bike trailer, headlights, locks and numerous other donated gifts.

The raffle drawing will take place at noon Friday, April 30, on the Mansfield Mall, located between the University Center and Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. The popular band Broken Valley Roadshow will provide entertainment.

UM community members who would like to be "Walk N Roll" volunteers should call the ASUM Office of Transportation at 406-243-4599. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt.

Park-N-Ride schedules are on the ASUM Office of Transportation website at http://life.umt.edu/asum/asum_agencies/Transportation/. The Mountain Line schedule is online at http://www.mountainline.com.

Missoula will celebrate the 19th annual Bike Walk Bus Week April 24-May 1. In addition to UM's "Walk N Roll" events, historic neighborhood walking tours and bike rides will be held, and community businesses will provide incentives for employees to reduce how often they drive alone to work.

The festivities begin with the annual Festival of Cycles at noon Saturday, April 24, in Bonner Park. A complete schedule of events is online at http://www.bikewalkbusmissoula.org.

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April 19, 2010

MISSOULA -

As America's elected officials debate vital issues such as employment and health care, observers question whether action is possible in the current political climate. Polls show that many citizens feel estranged from the political process and powerless to effect change.

In an effort to elevate the level of public discourse on key issues, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center of The University of Montana and the Bringing the U to You Lecture Committee will present a bipartisan Community Conversation in Great Falls on Monday, May 3.

The event -- "What's Broken: The U.S. Government System or Us?" -- begins at 7 p.m. in Heritage Hall, located on the Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology campus at 2100 16th Ave. S. It is free and open to the public and will feature Pat Williams, former state representative and U.S. congressman, and Bob Brown, former Montana secretary of state. Great Falls Tribune Editor Gary Moseman will moderate.

The event is part of a Public Policy Initiative of the Mansfield Center which hosts an annual series of public conversations around the state. Mansfield Center Director Terry Weidner said the conversations are intended to facilitate a culture that is informed, constructive and bipartisan.

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

Williams, a Democrat, served two terms in the 1960s as a state legislator from Silver Bow County before serving as Montana's congressman from 1979 to 1997. As a nine-term congressman, he was deputy whip of the U.S. House, chair of the Post-Secondary Education Committee and a senior member of the Natural Resources Committee.

Brown, a Republican, served as the Montana secretary of state from 2000 to 2004. He served in the state Legislature from 1970 to 1996. He also taught high school government, history and economics. He is a Senior Fellow at the Mansfield Center.

For more information, visit the center's website at http://www.umt.edu/mansfield or call Deena Mansour at 406-243-2713 or Bill Beecher at 406-899-0277.

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April 16, 2010

MISSOULA -

University of Montana students Lindsey Aull and Emily Schembra have won \$5,000 Udall Scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year.

Udall Scholars are selected on the basis of commitment to careers in the environment, health care or tribal public policy, leadership potential and academic achievement. The independent review committee awarded 80 Scholarships and 50 Honorable Mentions.

Aull, from Bismarck, N.D., is a sophomore in environmental studies. She grew up on a farm in North Dakota and plans to work in the sustainable agriculture field as an organic farmer, researcher and policy advocate.

Schembra, from Annapolis, Mo., is a junior in environmental studies and political science. She intends to use her academic background and her special interest in water to mitigate natural disasters through the development of environmentally sound policies.

The 80 national Udall Scholars were selected from a record 537 candidates nominated by 256 colleges and universities. Each scholarship provides up to \$5,000 for one year. Honorable Mentions will receive a \$350 award.

Including these two new awards, UM students have received 33 Udall awards since 1997.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation was authorized by Congress in 1992 to honor Rep. Udall's legacy of public service. It was renamed this year as the Morris K. and Stewart L. Udall Scholarship because the award now also honors Stewart Udall, Morris' brother, who served as a congressman and the secretary of the interior under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

The 2010 Udall Scholars will assemble Aug. 4-8 in Tucson, Ariz., to receive their awards and meet policymakers and community leaders in environmental fields, tribal health care and governance.

For a listing of the 2010 Udall Scholars and Honorable Mentions and more information on the foundation and related programs, visit http://www.udall.gov.

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April 16, 2010

MISSOULA -

University of Montana poetry students will present their work during "Poetry for Lunch" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, in the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library Learning Commons, located on the ground-floor level. The event is free and open to the public.

"Poetry for Lunch" will feature students whose work was chosen for publication in the The Oval, UM's undergraduate literary journal, or who are enrolled in visiting Professor Eileen Myles' advanced creative writing poetry class. The reading will coincide with the launch of the 2010 issue of The Oval and also will recognize April as National Poetry Month.

UM's Department of English and the Mansfield Library are sponsoring the event.

For more information, call Professor Sue Samson, humanities librarian and library instruction coordinator, at 406-243-4335 or e-mail sue.samson@umontana.edu.

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April 16, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana College of Technology in Missoula will offer two summer communication courses for college credit or Office of Public Instruction credit for teachers seeking recertification. Registration is required, and space is limited.

COM 295, "Teaching Communication in the Secondary Classroom," is worth one credit and will take place from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 8-9, at the COT, located at 909 South Ave. W. It is geared toward current or future secondary educators in all disciplines.

COM 260S, "Survey of Children's Communication," is a three-credit course offered online June 28-July 30. It will focus on how children and adolescents learn to communicate in contemporary environments, including interactions in family relationships.

For more information or to register, call course instructor Kimberly Reiser at 406-243-7839, e-mail kim.reiser@umontana.edu or visit http://www.cte.umt.edu/outreach.

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April 15, 2010

MISSOULA -

Andrew J. Nathan, one of the world's foremost experts on China, will give the final installment of the 2009-10 President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Nathan will present "Does the Rise of China Threaten American Interests?" at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the University Theatre. The event is UM's annual Lucile Speer Memorial Lecture.

Earlier that day from 3:40 to 5 p.m., Nathan will give a seminar titled "China's Human Rights Record and Why It Matters to Us" in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Nathan, the Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science at Columbia University, has written and edited more than a dozen books on China's politics and history. He will comment on the challenges and opportunities now confronting the United States and China in their historically troubled relationship.

A native New Yorker, Nathan received a bachelor's degree in history, a master's degree in East Asian regional studies and a doctorate in political science from Harvard University. He has been at Columbia University since 1971.

He served as director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs from 1991 to 1995 and has directed graduate studies in the university's political science department since 1997. He chaired the Advisory Committee of Human Rights Watch, Asia, from 1995 to 2000 and continues to serve on that committee and on the board of Human Rights in China.

Nathan's books include "China's New Rulers: The Secret Files" and "The Great China Wall and the Empty Fortress: China's Search for Security," which was published last year. He is the author of several publications on Chinese culture and politics and is a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Democracy, The China Quarterly, The Journal of Contemporary China and China Information, among others.

He has held a Guggenheim Fellowship, as well as fellowships and grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, the Henry Luce Foundation and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation and has directed four summer seminars for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

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April 15, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University Center's Diversity Programming and Annual and Special Events at The University of Montana will present the Tranny Roadshow from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the UC Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

Tranny Roadshow performers describe themselves as a "multimedia performance art extravaganza composed of an eclectic group of artists, each one self-identified as transgender." The show features performances by poets, rappers, filmmakers, storytellers, break dancers, rock bands, comedians, actors, folk singers, photographers and more. Stationary art will be on display, but most of the presentation is a live show, a unique variety act in which the expressions of gender and self are inseparable. The show is a fluid entity, changing to suit the artists and the crowd but is always full of intelligence, fun and humor.

Although the Tranny Roadshow is done entirely by transgendered people, it is not exclusively for them. It is a raucous evening of entertainment open to people of all backgrounds. The group intends to challenge people and make them think, but its most important goals are to entertain members of the audience and make them laugh and dance.

For more information, go online to http://www.trannyroadshow.com/, call Josh Peters-McBride, UM Diversity Programming adviser, at 406-243-5776 or e-mail josh.peters-mcbride@mso.umt.edu.

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April 14, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana Debate Team will host a semiannual public debate at noon Tuesday, April 20, in the University Center South Atrium. The debate is free and open to the public.

Team members will debate whether to eliminate the filibuster. At a time when Congress is struggling to pass simple and complex legislation, the debate will examine if the purpose of a filibuster — to protect the minority — is worth the cost of preventing the will of the majority. A discussion session will follow.

UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center is sponsoring the event.

The UM Debate Team is part of the Department of Communication Studies and participates in individual and team competitions around the region and hosts events on campus. For more information, call Matt Meade, Debate Team president, at 406-570-1492 or e-mail mm119017@umconnect.umt.edu.

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April 14, 2010

MISSOULA -

Organizers are now accepting presentation proposals for the fifth annual Day of Dialogue at The University of Montana, slated for Thursday, Oct. 28, in the University Center.

Proposals are due Friday, May 21, and applications can be downloaded on the Day of Dialogue Web site at http://www.umt.edu/dayofdialogue.

Administrators, faculty, staff, students or community members interested in presenting research findings; discussing professional interests; conducting workshops or other professional development or training sessions; providing entertainment during a noon performance; coordinating a panel discussion, debate or other interactive session; or creating or hosting an art exhibit or other interactive media experience are encouraged to submit proposals.

Day of Dialogue is a campuswide symposium featuring workshops, exhibits and entertainment focusing on diversity issues such as race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation and class. UM students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the Missoula community collaborate to organize the event.

For more information, call coordinator Tina Brown at 406-243-5622 or e-mail dayofdialogue@mso.umt.edu.

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April 21, 2010

MISSOULA -

The Eighth Annual Central and Southwest Asia Conference will hold events that are free and open to the public Wednesday through Friday, April 21-23.

The conference brings internationally renowned scholars, diplomats, analysts and journalists to UM to engage the campus and the community in a discussion about the challenges countries in Central and Southwest Asia face and how those challenges affect the United States.

The conference begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the University Center North Ballroom with a session titled "Yemen: A Failed State?" A complete conference schedule with information about speakers and topics is on the UM Central and Southwest Asia Program Web site at http://www.umt.edu/cap.

The following events will take place Thursday and Friday in the University Center Theater:

Thursday, April 22:

- 9-10 a.m. "Tajikistan: An Emerging Democracy!"
- 10 a.m.-noon "Working to Conserve Natural Resources in Afghanistan."
- 1-3 p.m. "Politics of Arabic Dialects in the Arab World and the United States."
- 3-5 p.m. "Growing Up Palestinian: East and West of the Green Line."
- 7-9 p.m. Keynote presentation: "The Role of Islam in Afghan Politics."

Friday, April 23:

- 9-10 a.m. "Kazakhstan: The Birth of a New Regional Power."
- 10 a.m.-noon "Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood & the Gulen Movement in Turkey."
- 1-3 p.m. "Failure of Democracy in Afghanistan."
- 3-5 p.m. "Georgia: Regional Geopolitics and State-Building."
- 7-9 p.m. Keynote presentation: "Religion and the State in Central Asia."

The conference is sponsored by UM's Central and Southwest Asia Program, International Programs and Office of the Provost. For more information, call the Central and Southwest Asia Program at 406-243-2299.

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April 14, 2010

MISSOULA -

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana (MOLLI) will partner with the International Wildlife Film Festival and UM's spectrUM Discovery Area to host two member appreciation events this spring.

Environmental law and policy expert Azrina Abdullah will present "Why Should the U.S. Care About Wildlife Trade in Southeast Asia?" from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, April 28, in James E. Todd Building rooms 203-204.

Her lecture will focus on the growing illegal wildlife trade, of which the United States is the second largest market, after China. Abdullah, who earned a law degree and a master's degree in public order from the University of Leicester in England, has more than 15 years of experience in the environmental law and policy field at the regional, national and international levels.

Jessie Gajewski, spectrUM's museum operations manager and educator, will team up with retired physics teacher Glenn Govertsen to present a daylong bike camp, "Wonder Wheels," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at spectrUM, located in Skaggs Building Room 166.

Govertsen will teach the physics of bicycling, and participants will ride their bikes to Missoula Bicycle Works and Free Cycles, where they will learn about the importance of bicycle maintenance, build headlamps and ride around the city with Missoula's Bicycling Ambassadors.

Both events are free for current MOLLI members. Members must register in advance for "Wonder Wheels" by calling MOLLI's Dannette Fadness at 406-243-2905 or e-mailing dannette.fadnesss@umontana.edu.

MOLLI offers programs that promote lifelong learning and personal growth of adults 50 and older through a diverse collection of noncredit, short courses offered in the fall, winter and spring. Annual membership costs \$20, and those who sign up now are eligible to attend the member appreciation events. Membership will extend through summer 2011. For more information, go online to http://www.umt.edu/ce/plus50.

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April 14, 2010

MISSOULA -

Caesar Andrews, who for nearly 30 years led Gannett Co. newsrooms in Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Washington, D.C., and Michigan, will give The University of Montana School of Journalism's 53rd annual Dean Stone Lecture on Thursday, April 22.

He will present "Journalists and American Idol: What We Can Learn" at 7 p.m. in Skaggs Building Room 169. The lecture is free and open to the public.

As executive editor of the Detroit Free Press in 2008, Andrews supervised the investigative project that exposed illegal activity of the city's mayor, Kwame Kilpatrick. The Detroit Free Press staff was awarded a 2009 Pulitzer Prize in Local Reporting for that investigative work.

Andrews teaches ethics and reporting at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he is the Paul A. Leonard Visiting Chair for Ethics and Writing in Journalism in the university's Reynolds School of Journalism. In 2009 he served as the Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.

He has been an elected leader of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Associated Press Managing Editors and has received awards for his contributions to media industry diversity from the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education and the Black College Communication Association. Andrews also served on the boards of the Student Press Law Center and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

He is a graduate of Grambling State University in Grambling, La., and in 2009 was inducted into the Grambling State University Hall of Fame.

For more information about the annual Dean Stone Lecture, call the UM School of Journalism at 406-243-4001.

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April 14, 2010

MISSOULA -

Legendary jazz musician Buddy DeFranco will return to The University of Montana for the UM School of Music's 30th annual jazz festival Friday and Saturday, April 23-24.

For the past 10 years, the event has been called the Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival to honor the celebrated jazz clarinetist. Each year DeFranco comes to Missoula to collaborate with the UM jazz program and world-class jazz artists during the two-day festival. The festival's clinics provide educational opportunities for hundreds of aspiring jazz musicians, and the concerts inspire thousands of audience members.

This year's featured artists are pianist Shelly Berg; saxophonist, singer, composer and arranger Grace Kelly; alto saxophonist and composer Lee Konitz; and trumpet player Terell Stafford. All festival events will take place in the University Theatre.

On Friday, April 23, Berg and Stafford will give a clinic at 1 p.m. and will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. with DeFranco, the UM Jazz Band, Clipper Anderson on bass and Bob LedBetter on drums. On Saturday, April 24, Kelly and Konitz will present a clinic at 1 p.m. and will perform at 7:30 p.m. with DeFranco, the UM Jazz Band and the Jazz Festival Trio – David Morgenroth, Anderson and LedBetter.

The afternoon clinics are free and open to the public. Evening concert tickets can be purchased at all GrizTix locations, by phone at 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA, or online at http://www.griztix.com.

Tickets cost \$24 for the general public and \$18 for students and seniors. A special two-night price of \$42 for the general public and \$30 for students and seniors also is available.

More information about the festival schedule and featured artists is online at http://www.umt.edu/defrancojazz.

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April 14, 2010

MISSOULA -

The National Student Employment Association has awarded University of Montana student Ryan Stevens the National Student Employee of the Year award.

On behalf of NSEA President Patti Beck, UM President George Dennison presented the award to Stevens, a University Dining Services employee, at an April 13 reception in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room.

A senior majoring in history, Stevens also earned UM Student Employee of the Year honors. The Bartlett, III., native then competeted against student employees from 249 colleges and universities for the national award.

"Ryan continuously demonstrates his reliability as a student employee and has done so throughout his four years with University Dining Services," UDS Director Mark LoParco wrote in Stevens' nomination letter. "Ryan takes full ownership and responsibility for each and every task he is assigned. Because Ryan has proven to be so reliable, he was promoted to a newly created position of student project manager."

Stevens has completed 16 major projects during his four years with UDS, the letter says. The projects ranged from developing online data forms to overhauling the department's financial-management and budget-planning systems.

"What makes Ryan's prolific contributions so unique is, not only the importance of his projects to our organization, but that his contributions will serve us many years past his graduation," LoParco said in the letter.

According to its Web site, NSEA "supports and promotes student employment through research, publications, professional development opportunities and the open exchange of information." Each spring, the organization selects the National Student Employee of the Year from a pool of nominees from hundreds of schools across the country. Stevens is the first UM student to win the award.

For more information, call Valarie Marsh, UM student employment coordinator, at 406-243-5460, e-mail valerie.marsh@umontana.edu or go online to http://www.nsea.com.

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April 14, 2010

MISSOULA -

The Montana University System has hired a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm to help find the next president of The University of Montana-Missoula. Current UM President George M. Dennison plans to retire Aug. 15 after two decades of service.

Academic Search Inc. has completed 177 presidential searches since 2004, as well as 256 searches for executive senior administrators. The firm also assisted with the recent presidential search for Montana State University-Bozeman, which resulted in the hiring of Waded Cruzado.

"We now have a national company helping us do a national search for UM," said Clay Christian, vice chair of the Board of Regents, which oversees the state university system. "We are working hard to meet President Dennison's Aug. 15 retirement goal."

Christian chairs the 20-member committee appointed to spearhead the search for UM's 17th president. He said the committee made the decision to hire a consulting firm in March, and Academic Search Inc. helped lay the groundwork for the presidential search during the committee's April 8 meeting in Missoula.

Bill Franklin, senior consultant with Academic Search Inc., encourages nominations of promising prospects or exploration of personal interest in the position by e-mailing bif@academic-search.com or calling 830-249-1444.

A presidential search prospectus will be available soon on the UM Web site http://www.umt.edu/potumsearch and on and the Academic Search Inc. Web site http://www.academic-search.com. The prospectus provides detailed information about The University of Montana and its campuses, the position and its requirements, and the procedures for becoming a candidate.

For more information, call Christian at 406-728-1500 or e-mail clayton@stewartmt.com.

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April 12, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana's official YouTube channel recently received YouTube EDU status, making it one of only a handful of universities in the Pacific Northwest with a presence on the site's directory.

YouTube EDU is a listing of videos and channels from the Web site's college and university partners. This education-based portion of the site was started by YouTube in 2009 and is exclusively dedicated to institutions of higher education. There currently are 38 videos on the official UM site, and more will be added regularly.

Featured content on the UM YouTube channel includes lectures from some of UM's top professors, lectures from the President's Lecture Series and Provost's Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series, Enrollment Services videos, UM outreach commercial spots, Montanan magazine Web-only videos and a series created exclusively for YouTube with UM's president called "YouChat with President Dennison."

"We've worked toward obtaining YouTube EDU status for some time," UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley said. "As an institution we realize the importance of connecting with our students, alumni, recruits and friends of the University on this growing medium. YouTube is just one step we're taking to grow our social media presence at UM."

The University's official YouTube channel can be found at http://www.youtube.com/universityofmontana.

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April 12, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana American Cancer Society Relay For Life will take place on the Oval from 6 p.m. Friday, April 23, through 6 a.m. Saturday, April 24. Students, faculty and staff can join or form a team now to participate in the event.

Teams of up to 15 people can register by visiting http://www.umrelayforlife.com. Individuals also can register online for \$10. Each relay participant is encouraged to raise \$100. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's mission to eliminate cancer. UM's goal this year is to have at least 50 teams participate and raise at least \$50,000.

"We have a wide spectrum of teams already registered for this year, but we know we've only scratched the surface when it comes to those on campus who would like to participate," said Alyse Johnson, chair of the UM Relay For Life. "Most of them just need to be asked."

Cancer survivors from throughout Missoula County are invited to participate in the opening survivors' lap at 6 p.m. Friday, April 23. A free reception will follow for all survivors and their caretakers.

During Relay For Life one member of each team must be walking the lap at all times. When they aren't walking, team members can take a nap, visit other campsites or enjoy games, entertainment and food venues. Just after dusk, hundreds of luminaria will be placed around the inside of the Oval to honor those who died of cancer and others still fighting the battle.

To form a team or join a team, register for the cancer survivors' lap, or to learn more about the UM Relay For Life, call Johnson at 541-231-6551; Katy Ellison, co-chair, at 505-330-5294; or Severena Whirry, publicity chair, at 925-858-8583. More information is available online at http://www.umrelayforlife.com.

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April 12, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research will host the Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference in Missoula Thursday and Friday, May 20-21.

The conference, "Opportunities and Challenges in the Pacific Northwest Hinterlands," will take place at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park in Missoula. The event will bring together regional and international economists, analysts and students for economic sessions, presentations and exhibits.

A conference registration fee is required, and specific session rates are available. Members of the media are welcome to attend. For more information, visit the conference Web site at http://www.pnrec.org or call BBER 406-243-5113.

"It is really useful to take a regionwide perspective on the challenges and opportunities for economic development that today's economy presents us," said Patrick Barkey, director of BBER and vice president of PNREC. "Energy development, land management, housing and transportation are just a few of the issues that cross state and country borders."

This 44th annual gathering will consist of economists and policymakers from Pacific Northwest states, British Columbia and Alberta. The conference will feature nationally prominent researchers from throughout the region.

"This is an honor to host a prestigious conference and provide other universities an opportunity to see what our research center accomplishes," Barkey said.

Keynote speakers will include Nigel Gault, the group managing director of Global Insight, who will open the event with a presentation on the national economic outlook. Other program highlights will include a panel of economists speaking on the regional economic forecast, along with presentations on climate change, potentials in biomass, health care and energy.

"The challenges facing states and provinces throughout the region have never been starker," said Tom Potiowsky, PNREC president and an Oregon economist. "The time to start working on solutions to these challenges is now."

PNREC is a nonprofit organization established to promote research and education on the economies of northwestern states and western Canada. It seeks to provide a forum for individuals from academia, business and government to meet and interact professionally.

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April 09, 2010

MISSOULA -

Feature stories written by students from The University of Montana's School of Journalism will contain clues leading participants on a nighttime scavenger hunt through Missoula starting at 6 p.m. Friday, April 16.

On the evening of the hunt, stories containing clues will be posted on the Web site featuring the students' work, http://www.nightvisionmissoula.com. The clues will describe eight places in the University District and downtown Missoula, and the first group or individual who correctly identifies all eight and sends photos of themselves at the locations to nightvisionmissoula@gmail.com will win a prize and have their pictures published on the Night Vision Web site.

Anyone is welcome to participate in the contest, and no prior registration is necessary. The event coincides with the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, which will draw thousands of students and faculty mentors from around the country and abroad to campus.

Night Vision Missoula is a Web site created by the 20 students in Associate Professor Henriette Lowisch's feature writing class. Their stories portray life in Missoula between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., covering everything from bars and restaurants to paramedics and bondsmen.

Students regularly add new stories to the Night Vision site, and updates on new posts are available at http://www.facebook.com/nightvisionmissoula and http://www.twitter.com/nightvisionmso.

For more information on the scavenger hunt or Night Vision Missoula, call Lowisch at 406-243-2227 or e-mail herriette.lowisch@umontana.edu.

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April 09, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University Center at The University of Montana will host the 2010 Spring Art Fair Thursday through Saturday, April 22-24, on the first floor of the UC. The event is free and open to the public.

The fair, which will feature unique, handcrafted art for sale by local and regional artists, will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The event also will feature live music and door prizes.

For more information, call 406-243-5714 or visit http://www.umt.edu/uc/artfairs.

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April 09, 2010

MISSOULA -

Enjoy the skills of some of the best Native American dancers and drum groups in North America at the annual Kyi-Yo Celebration on Friday and Saturday, April 16-17, at The University of Montana's Adams Center.

The theme of this year's celebration of heritage and artistry is "Existing in the 21st Century." It recognizes the strength and perseverance of Native peoples and cultures and the commitment of Native American students who have embarked on the path to embrace education and strengthen their families and communities.

General admission is \$5 Friday and Saturday evening and \$8 for all day Saturday. Weekend passes are available for \$12. Tickets and passes can be purchased at the door.

The first Grand Entry event will be held at 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday Grand Entry times are noon and 6 p.m. Head dancers this year are UM students Tashina Hunter and Darin Cadman Sr. More information is on the Kyi-Yo Web site at http://www.umt.edu/kyiyo/powwow.htm.

This year's Kyi-Yo Celebration will be held in conjunction with the following events:

- April 12-16: "Indian Education for All." An Indian Law Week event presented by UM's Native American Law Student Association. For more information, call Shane Morigeau at 406-546-7194 or e-mail shane.morigeau@umontana.edu.
- Wednesday, April 14: Missoula Indian Youth Conference. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the University Center.
- April 15-17: The 2010 National Conference on Undergraduate Research at UM. More information is on the NCUR Web site at http://www.umt.edu/ncur2010.

Kiy-Yo is an Associated Students of UM-recognized club that is open to all University students. The club promotes pride and positive identity in Native American culture and supports cultural diversity on campus.

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April 09, 2010

MISSOULA -

Explore topics ranging from Hamlet and math in images to the Blackfoot language or human-bear interactions during The University of Montana's ninth annual Graduate Student and Faculty Research Conference on Saturday, April 24.

The conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in University Center third-floor meeting rooms. All events are free and open to the public, but those who plan to attend are asked to register online at http://life.umt.edu/grad/Grad_Research_Conference so conference organizers can plan for meals and space requirements. Child care will be available with preregistration.

Nearly 100 concurrent oral presentations will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Poster sessions will take place from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

A roundtable discussion – "Research on Global Health Issues: Hazards and Hopes" – will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. The panel of UM faculty members will discuss diverse topics related to global health, especially as it pertains to research.

Panelists are Elizabeth Kronk, assistant professor of law; Sarah J. Halvorson, associate professor of geography; Kimber Haddix McKay, associate professor of anthropology; and Ranjan Shrestha, assistant professor of economics. UM English Professor David L. Moore will facilitate the discussion.

The conference awards ceremony and closing reception will begin at 5 p.m. with remarks by Missoula Mayor John Engen and UM Provost Royce Engstrom.

More information is on the conference Web site at http://life.umt.edu/Grad Research Conference.

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April 08, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana will present honorary doctorate degrees to four exceptional individuals during 2010 Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 15.

Robert S. Bennett, one of the nation's most prominent attorneys and a generous and dedicated friend of UM, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Law; Stewart M. Brandborg, a towering figure in the American conservation movement, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Science; John Hollenback, a lifelong Montanan who has worked tirelessly to steward state lands, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Science; and Matt McCann, a former state representative and champion of higher education, will receive a Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Bennett, an attorney with the Washington, D.C., law firm Hogan and Hartson, is renowned as an exceptional trial lawyer. He has tried numerous high-profile cases and has represented corporations and individuals in criminal, civil, Securities and Exchange Commission, enforcement and congressional matters.

Bennett served as special counsel to the U.S. Senate's Select Committee on Ethics in several major investigations and was President Clinton's personal attorney in the Paula Jones case. Most recently, he represented Judith Miller in the investigation of disclosure of a CIA agent. His memoir, "In the Ring: The Trials of a Washington Lawyer," attracted widespread political and public attention for his unique service as a lawyer.

Though Bennett earned law degrees at Harvard Law School and Georgetown University, he has a close service connection to Montana and the UM School of Law. He has served on the law school's Board of Visitors and raised financial support for the University's Judge William B. Jones and Judge Edward A. Tamm Judicial Lecture Series. He has played a key role in recruiting series lecturers, which have included five U.S. Supreme Court justices.

Brandborg's humble beginnings in Montana's Bitterroot Valley led to an unshakable conservation ethic. For more than 60 years, he has fought tirelessly for our nation's wilderness and wildlife, including some of our most beloved wildlands in Montana.

After earning a bachelor's degree in wildlife technologies from UM in 1947, Brandborg worked for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. In 1954 he accepted a position as assistant conservation director of the National Wildlife Federation. While still with NWF, he was elected to the governing board of The Wilderness Society. He began working for TWS in 1960, and in 1964 accepted the position as the society's director.

Brandborg worked to propose and support wilderness for designation under the 1964 National Wilderness Preservation Act passed. He also lent the support of TWS to stopping a proposal for a Trans-Alaska pipeline that threatened wilderness and wildlife in Alaska. Although the pipeline was eventually built, the efforts of TWS led to greater environmental regulations and the declaration of more than 100 million acres of parks, refuges and wild rivers in Alaska.

In 1982 Brandborg became the national coordinator for the Regional Environmental Leadership Conference Series. He returned to the Bitterroot Valley in 1986 and continues to work on local environmental issues from his home in Hamilton.

The people and the resources of Montana have benefited from Hollenback's lasting contributions to natural resource conservation and his longtime public service and leadership. One of six children born and raised on the Montana ranch established by his grandfather, Hollenback graduated in 1957 from Powell County High School in Deer Lodge. His formal education was cut short when he was needed to help his mother run the ranch after his father's death.

With decades of experience in range management, Hollenback is committed to being a resource for others, generously sharing the knowledge and vision gained with students in UM's Environmental Studies Program. Students learn about stewardship of natural resources at his working ranch near Gold Creek, where he demonstrates the relationship between a healthy ranchland ecosystem and a financially viable operation.

Hollenback has held leadership positions in a wide range of organizations, including the Governor's Rangeland Resources Executive Committee, the Montana Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, the Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District and the Upper Clark Fork River Basin Remediation and Advisory Council. He was instrumental in forming the Watershed Restoration Coalition, a nonprofit that implements restoration projects and best management practices on private lands in cooperation with public agencies.

McCann attended UM from 1980 to 1983, when, as the oldest of seven children, he made the decision to return to Harlem to run the family ranch after his father died at age 52. That decision made it possible for all six of his siblings to earn college degrees, three of them at UM.

In addition to service to his family and his community, McCann served as a representative in the Montana Legislature from 1995 to 2002. He was appointed to five key legislative committees and worked across party lines to demonstrate his commitment to the value of higher education, as well as social services and conservation of natural resources.

McCann was a member of the House Appropriations Committee from 1995 to 2002 and served as committee vice chair. He also was a member of the Legislature's House Finance Committee, Corrections Committee and Mental Health Subcommittee. To be sure that his political decisions were uncompromised, McCann never accepted a campaign contribution.

After completing his terms in the Legislature, McCann's commitment to public service led him to serve on the Montana Board of Pardons and Parole from 2003 to 2005. He and his wife, Laura, a UM graduate, have worked to ensure all of their children will have the opportunity to achieve their higher education goals.

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April 08, 2010

MISSOULA -

Top University of Montana educators will teach a course titled "Global Perspectives: From Ancient Egypt and China to Current Day Tibet, China and Iran" this spring in Hamilton.

Tuition for all four course lectures is \$45 for the general public and \$40 for those who are 50 or older. Co-sponsors are UM Continuing Education, the Bitterroot College Program of UM and the Hamilton Performing Arts Center.

Classes will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. each Wednesday, April 21-May 12, at the Hamilton Performing Arts Center, located at 327 Fairgrounds Road. To register, call 406-243-2905 or visit http://www.umt.edu/ce or <a href="http://www.umt.edu

Classes on China will be held April 21 and May 5. They will be taught by Steven Levine, associate director of UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and a specialist on Chinese politics and East Asian international relations.

Levine said most people know something of Tibet and the Dalai Lama, but few have heard of Xinjiang. Together the two regions occupy one-third of Chinese territory and are largely inhabited by non-Chinese nationalities. Many resent Chinese rule. Does ethnic tension in these regions threaten China's political stability? What will happen in Tibet after the Dalai Lama (now 75 years old) dies?

A class on Iran is set for April 28. It will be taught by Mehrdad Kia, UM associate provost for International Programs, who studies the intellectual history of 19th-century and early 20th-century Iran, the Ottoman Empire and the Transcaucasus. He has won several UM teaching awards.

Kia said Iran continues to puzzle, challenge and surprise us. He will discuss the political events and socioeconomic transformations that Iran has undergone since 1906, when a popular revolution introduced a constitutional form of government to the country.

The Egypt class is planned for May 12. It will be taught by Margaret Kingsland, a former director of Humanities Montana who is a faculty affiliate in the UM English department. She did graduate work in Egyptology at Brown University.

Kingsland said her class will take students on a rapid tour of 7,000 years of fabulous art and history in the Nile Valley, with an emphasis on ancient Egypt. It also will cover the country's great Islamic art and architecture. Reference materials with recipes, as well as ancient and contemporary Egyptian stories, will be provided.

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April 07, 2010

MISSOULA -

Curtis Sandberg, exhibition curator and vice president for the arts at Meridian International Center in Washington, D.C., will speak at The University of Montana on Wednesday, April 14.

Sandberg is curator of the exhibition "Jam Session: America's Jazz Ambassadors Embrace the World," currently on view at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at UM. His presentation, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Masquer Theatre, located in UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

"Jam Session" is a photographic exhibition that chronicles the international tours of legendary jazz musicians who served as cultural ambassadors for the U.S. State Department from the 1950s through the 1970s. The exhibition, which has traveled the world and also is on display in a number of international cities, will be in the Montana Museum of Art & Culture's Meloy and Paxson galleries, located in the PAR/TV Center, through April 24.

Sandberg will discuss the development of the exhibition, the value of the jazz program to America's cultural diplomacy during the Cold War and State Department tours that are currently happening worldwide.

In his position at Meridian International Center, Sandberg develops and manages exhibitions presented by the center and directs the Meridian Traveling Exhibition Service. The service takes Meridian-organized exhibits around the world, fostering connections with institutional and governmental partners in host communities.

Sponsors of MMAC's "Jam Session" exhibition are Joseph S. Sample in memory of Miriam Sample, Gallagher Western Montana Charitable Foundation and KTMF ABC23/Max Media of Montana. Exhibition partners are the Montana World Affairs Council, Montana Public Radio, the Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival, First Interstate Bank and UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

Satellite exhibitions held in conjunction with "Jam Session" are the Joseph S. Sample Collection in the PAR/TV lobby, James Todd Jazz Portraits in the Mansfield Library and Henry Meloy Jazz Portraits at First Interstate Bank in downtown Missoula.

For more information, visit the Montana Museum of Art & Culture Web site at http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum or call 406-243-2019.

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April 07, 2010

MISSOULA -

Area and campus community members are invited to celebrate Earth Week at several events April 19-22 at The University of Montana.

UM's Earth Week celebration will kick off at noon Monday, April 19, in the University Center Atrium with the "Trash Bash Recycled Fashion Show." Students from across campus will model their outfits made from recycled or reused material. Prizes will be awarded based on the most creative and wearable outfits.

University Dining Services will join the festivities with a Farm-to-College local food cooking demonstration at noon Tuesday, April 20, in the UC Commons. Dining Services also will offer an Earth Day-themed omelet bar from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Food Zoo, located in the Lommasson Center.

At 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, the Associated Student of UM will show the documentary film "Tapped" in the North Underground Lecture Hall.

The film exposes bottled water as an environmentally destructive and socially unjust industry. Those who attend can learn how to take action to promote the use of reusable water bottles on campus.

A panel discussion will follow the film with panelists Edi Stan, UM recycling coordinator; John Kappes, Mountain Water Co.; Kate Marcille, environmental studies student; Sarah Halverson and Tom Sullivan, UM Department of Geography faculty members; and Brandon Krumwiede, geography graduate student.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, tables and demonstrations will be available on the UM Oval, with prizes raffled through the ASUM Sustainability Center. UM President George M. Dennison will announce the University's Climate Action Plan at 12:30 p.m. that day on the Oval. The plan outlines UM's strategies for achieving climate neutrality by 2020.

The city of Missoula and its Greenhouse Gas and Energy Conservation Team also will be on hand Wednesday, April 21, on the Oval to roll out a novel program to market renewable energy credits or green tags to its residents.

Green tags, which represent one megawatt-hour of electricity generated by a renewable energy source, are a way for people to "green-up" their electricity without having to buy and erect renewable energy generators on their property. The city will receive a small portion of each green tag sale to help fund additional greenhouse gas mitigation strategies proposed by the team.

At 4 p.m. on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, a Farm-to-College barbecue will be held at the UM FLAT, located at 633 S. Fifth St. E. Enjoy food and live music and tour the student-run project designed to encourage the development of efficient and affordable homes for a sustainable society.

Those who attend can check out UM FLAT's expanded permaculture garden, real-time energy monitoring system and the renovated garage that is now a community demonstration space. More information about UM FLAT is online at http://www.umt.edu/umflat.

At all Earth Week events, people will be encouraged to sign the Sustainability Pledge, a voluntary pledge aimed to reduce an individual's environmental impact while joining a community effort in greening UM.

Several other events will be held throughout the area during Earth Week. A complete schedule and the Sustainability Pledge are available on the Greening UM Web site at http://www.umt.edu/greeningum.

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MISSOULA -

The University of Montana will acknowledge the valuable contributions student employees make at UM and the benefits they derive from employment during National Student Employment Week, April 11-17.

The Office of Career Services, in partnership with University Dining Services and the Residence Life Office, will host a reception honoring UM's Student Employee of the Year and all student employee nominees from 4:30 to 6 pm. Tuesday, April 13, in Turner Hall's Dell Brown Room.

Studies show students who work on campus part time tend to achieve higher grades, faster degree completion and greater satisfaction with school while suffering lower dropout rates than their nonworking counterparts. A recent survey attributed these findings to students more frequently interacting with their campus environment, fellow students, faculty and administrators, indicating that students who work on campus possess a greater sense of belonging to the university community.

At UM, student employees who work for departments such as University Dining Services and the Residence Life Office also can receive academic financial assistance. Each semester, UDS awards three \$750 scholarships to student employees, and the Residence Life Office will award \$2,100 in scholarships to seven of their student workers this year.

For more information on National Student Employment Week, call Valerie Marsh, student employment coordinator in UM's Office of Career Services, at 406-243-5460 or e-mail valerie.marsh@umontana.edu. General information on student employment at UM can be found online at http://www.umt.edu/studentjobs.

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April 07, 2010

MISSOULA -

Community members are invited to learn about the life and work of mathematician N.J. Lennes during a special Math Awareness Month colloquium at The University of Montana.

The colloquium, "N.J. Lennes, Montana and Mathematics in the U.S. 1892-1922," will be presented by Associate Professor David Zitarelli of Temple University's Department of Mathematics from 3:10 to 4 p.m. Monday, April 19, in Math Building Room 103. A reception will follow the colloquium in the math lounge, located in Math Building Room 109.

Lennes earned degrees at the University of Chicago and became a leader in U.S. mathematical studies during the early 1900s. He chaired UM's Department of Mathematical Sciences from 1913 to 1944 and is remembered today as the first person to state the general definition of a connected set. Zitarelli will discuss the early history of the concept, ending with its coming-out party in 1922.

Lennes wrote numerous mathematics textbooks, and the royalties of some of them financed the construction of a 16-room home on Gerald Avenue in Missoula. The construction began in 1928 and took four years to complete. The home was purchased by UM in 1974 and is the official residence of the University's president.

More information about the colloquium is online at http://www.umt.edu/math.

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April 06, 2010

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana will host a weeklong "International Terrorism Law Seminar Series" conducted by University of Utah law Professor Amos Guiora, one of the world's leading counterterrorism experts.

The series will take place from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 19-23, in the UM School of Law Castles Center. All seminars are free and open to the public. The series is hosted by UM's School of Law, Continuing Education and Office of International Programs. Continuing legal education credits will be requested from the State Bar of Montana.

Guiora, who regularly appears in U.S. and international media as a key source of expertise and information, is a widely published author and scholar. He is a savvy, provocative speaker who effectively engages audiences in stimulating dialogue.

He has testified before U.S. congressional committees on national security and detention issues. Before beginning his U.S. law teaching career, first at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law and currently at the University of Utah College of Law, Guiora served for 19 years in the Israeli Defense Forces Judge Advocate General's Corps, where he created critical counterterrorism programs and helped develop a number of counterterrorism measures.

Guiora's books include "Freedom of Religion-Freedom from Religion: Rights, Conflicts and Obligations – A Comparative Perspective: Israel, The Netherlands, Turkey, U.K. and U.S.," "Constitutional Limits on Coercive Interrogation," "Fundamentals of Counterterrorism" and "Global Perspectives on Counterterrorism." He also has published numerous articles on terrorism and national security themes. His complete biography can be found online at http://www.law.utah.edu/faculty-profile/?id=amos-guiora.

Guiora's books will be available for purchase through The Bookstore at UM, and he will be available for private consultations each day he is at the University.

UM faculty members will moderate seminar sessions. Following is the seminar topic schedule:

- Monday, April 19: "A History of International Terrorism & Religious Extremism."
- Tuesday, April 20: "Terrorism & Middle East Geopolitics."
- Wednesday, April 21: "U.S. Counterterrorism Approaches: The USA Patriot Act, Homeland Security, Guantanamo Detention & Military Tribunals, Rule of Law."
- Thursday, April 22: "Comparative Counterterrorism Approaches: Israel, Other Middle East Countries, Europe, Russia, China, Other Countries."
- Friday, April 23: "Torture, Extraordinary Rendition, Extreme Interrogation Techniques: Legal, Ethical & Moral Issues."

For more information, call UM Legal Counsel David Aronofsky at 406-243-4668 or e-mail aronofskyd@mso.umt.edu.

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April 06, 2010

MISSOULA -

Learn to cook Mexican or Mediterranean cuisine this summer from American Culinary Foundation-certified chefs at The University of Montana College of Technology.

COT still has openings available in several culinary courses that will be offered during May, June and July.

The courses, which are open to the public, are offered as noncredit courses. For an additional fee, courses can be taken for college credit, and family and consumer science teachers can earn free Office of Public Instruction continuing education credits.

Courses available include:

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

Students in COT's Culinary Program can take the required Intro to Food Service Industry or Food Service Sanitation courses during June and July. These courses also are open to the public.

Intro to Food Service Industry will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 8 to July 22. Food Service Sanitation will be offered from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays from June 7 through July 19.

Visit http://www.cte.umt.edu/docs/info/CulinarySummer2010.pdf for more information about courses. To register or for more information, call the COT Outreach Office at 406-243-7812 or e-mail mary.opitz@umontana.edu.

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April 06, 2010

MISSOULA -

More than 2,500 undergraduate students and their faculty mentors from around the country will gather on The University of Montana campus Thursday through Saturday, April 15-17, for the 24th National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

NCUR is dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity in all fields of study. It will feature thousands of presentations on campus, including:

- more than 1,300 oral presentations in more than 50 classrooms and lecture halls.
- more than 1,000 poster presentations in the Adams Center.
- 60 dramatic presentations in the Music Building and Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.
- 42 visual arts presentations in the University Center Student Lounge and Gallery of Visual Arts.
- 197 presentations covering 45 topics by UM students.

The conference also will feature four plenary speakers:

- Thursday, April 15, 10:20 a.m.-noon: William David Burns, founder and principal investigator for Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities.
- Thursday, April 15, 7-9 p.m.: R. Carlos Nakai, the world's premier performer of the Native American flute and member of the Arizona Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame.
- Friday, April 16, 1-2:20 p.m.: Steve Running, a Nobel Peace Prize co-recipient for his work on climate change and Regents Professor of Ecology in UM's College of Forestry and Conservation.
- Saturday, April 17, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.: Henriette Löwisch, an international journalist focusing on global relations and a professor in UM's School of Journalism.

All presentations are free and open to the public. Seating for community members at plenary speaker sessions is limited to the balcony of the University Theatre and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

More information on NCUR plenary speakers and a complete schedule of presentations can be found online at http://www.umt.edu/ncur2010.

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, call Professor Garon Smith, NCUR conference chair, at 406-243-5606 or e-mail garon.smith@umontana.edu.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Members of the media interested in covering the conference must contact Jessica Carter, NCUR media liaison, by April 14 to obtain a media pass. Carter can be reached at 406-243-6496 or <u>jessica.carter@umontana.edu</u>.

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April 06, 2010

MISSOULA -

Veteran archaeologist Donald P. Ryan will discuss his investigation of one of the world's most famous sites Thursday, April 29, at The University of Montana.

Ryan will present "Recent Archaeological Adventures in Egypt's Valley of the Kings" at 7 p.m. in the Masquer Theatre, located in UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The event is hosted by the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at UM.

As the royal cemetery of Egypt's prosperous New Kingdom (c. 1500-1000 B.C.), the Valley of the Kings, located near Luxor in the south of the country, was the burial place of many of the greatest pharaohs.

Ryan is a faculty fellow in the Division of Humanities at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., and director of the university's Valley of the Kings expeditions. His lecture will summarize the work and discoveries of the expeditions, which began in 1989.

The focus of the expeditions has been the more obscure, undecorated tombs that lie among the large and often elaborate tombs of the pharaohs. Many of the smaller tombs remained virtually unstudied.

Expeditions led by Ryan found several preserved items in previously unexplored tombs that included female mummies, funerary food provisions, broken bits of burial equipment, necropolis seals and coffin fragments. Using these finds, Ryan has published fascinating and occasionally controversial results.

For several years, Ryan worked closely with world-renowned Norwegian explorer, archaeologist and author Thor Heyerdahl. Together they excavated the mysterious pyramids of Guimar in Tenerife on the Canary Islands before Heyerdahl's death in 2002.

Ryan is the author of eight books. He will complete Heyerdahl's last book about the ancient colonization of the islands of the South Pacific. His latest book, "Beneath the Sands of Egypt," will be released in June by HarperCollins.

For more information, call the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at 406-243-2019 or visit the museum's Web site at http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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April 06, 2010

MISSOULA -

Roman Stubbs, sports editor of the Montana Kaimin, The University of Montana's student-run newspaper, has won first place in the Hearst Journalism Awards personality profile writing competition.

Stubbs, a UM junior from Great Falls, majors in print journalism. He received \$2,000 for the win and will compete in the national championship in New York City in June.

In the five Hearst print competitions so far this year, UM journalism students have won two. In February, Nate Rott won first place in the Hearst Journalism Awards in-depth writing category. He'll join Stubbs in New York in June for the championship, where they will compete for almost \$22,000.

The Hearts awards, often referred to as the college Pulitzers, are the most competitive in the country. Open only to students from accredited journalism programs, the contest awards \$550,000 to winners in print, broadcast and photojournalism competitions. This is the 50th year of the competition. The UM journalism school receives matching grants of \$2,000 for each of the wins posted by Rott and Stubbs.

"We're so proud of all of our students who place in the Hearst competition," said UM School of Journalism Dean Peggy Kuhr. "And to have two first-place winners just this winter is a testament to these talented students' hard work, outstanding faculty mentoring and great story material."

Stubbs wrote a meticulously reported profile of former Grizzly football player Jimmy Wilson, who was acquitted of murder charges in 2009 during a second trial in California. The story, "Gladiator School," was published in the Kaimin on Feb. 19. Stubbs did most of the reporting and writing for a fall narrative nonfiction writing course taught by UM's T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor Chris Jones. His research included a trip to California. The story is online at http://www.montanakaimin.com/index.php/articles/article/gladiator_school/770.

The UM journalism school is in sixth place nationally in the yearlong competition. Schools are awarded points for each student who places in the top 20 in the monthly contests. In the profile writing category, 115 student stories were entered.

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April 05, 2010

MISSOULA -

Chas Cartwright, superintendent of Glacier National Park, will give welcoming remarks at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, to kick off a two-day symposium – "History and Memory in Glacier National Park's Centennial Year 2010" – at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell.

All symposium events are free and open to the public and will take place in FVCC Art & Technology Building Room 139. The symposium is hosted by the O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West, the National Park Service and FVCC.

"National parks have long played an important role in the historical development of the Rocky Mountain West and in the emergence of our regional identity," said William Farr, associate director of the Center for the Rocky Mountain West. "This is headwaters country or, as the Blackfeet designated it, the 'backbone of the world' – a continental watershed of elevation from which descend big rivers and memorable experiences."

In 1910 Congress created a particular jewel from this crown of the continent - the distinctive Glacier National Park.

"One hundred years have now passed," Farr said. "It is fitting for the Center for the Rocky Mountain West – The University of Montana's regional study center – to host a symposium to explore retrospectively and regionally the importance of Glacier National Park for all of us."

Following Cartwright's welcoming remarks at the opening symposium event Friday, April 23, UM Associate Research Professor Ted Catton will present "Reservoir, Sanctuary, Relic, Ecosystem: Preserving Different Natures, 1910-2010." Catton is the author of numerous books, articles and reports on the national parks, including "Inhabited Wilderness: Indians, Eskimos and National Parks in Alaska" and "National Park, City Playground: Mount Rainier in the Twentieth Century."

Saturday, April 24, symposium events begin at 9 a.m. with introductions by Farr. The symposium will run until 5 p.m. with the following events:

- 9:15 a.m.: "Living & Working in a Man's World: Women & Glacier National Park 1918-1988" by UM English Associate Professor Nancy Cook. Cook's publications include "Home on the Range: Montana Romance and Geographies of Hope" in "All Our Stories are Here" and "The Romance of Ranching; or Selling Place-Based Fantasies in and of the West" in "Postwestern Cultures: Literature, Theory, Space."
- 10 a.m.: "The Enigma of Two Guns White Calf: Glacier's Icon" by Ray Djuff. Djuff is a journalist at the Calgary Herald, who has written six books about the national parks and is working on a biography of Two Guns White Calf, a member of the Blackfeet tribe who was a longtime spokesman for the Great Northern Railway's mountain hotels.
- 11 a.m.: "How the Blackfeet Became the Guardians of Glacier" by William Farr of the O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West. Farr also is professor and former chair of the UM Department of History. His books include "Montana: Images of the Past," "The Reservation Blackfeet, 1882-1945" and "Julius Seyler and the Blackfeet: An Impressionist at Glacier National Park."
- 1:15 p.m.: "Glacier Park and Visions of the Big Sky" by Dan Flores, UM's A.B. Hammond Chair in Western History. Flores is the author of eight books, including "Visions of the Big Sky: Painting and Photographing the Northern Rocky Mountain West."
- 2:15 p.m.: "All in the Game: Homesteaders, Tourists and Class Conflict During the Early Years" by Shawn Bailey, who received a master's degree at UM last year and is pursuing a doctorate at the University, concentrating on environmental history and the history of the American West.
- 3:15 p.m.: "Blackfoot War Art at Glacier National Park" by James Dempsey, an associate professor at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. Dempsey has edited several books and is author of "Blackfoot War Art," published in 2007.
- 4 p.m.: "Historical Reflections of Glacier: A 40-Year Personal Journey" by Jack Potter, chief of the Division of Science and Resources Management at Glacier National

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April 05, 2010

MISSOULA -

Aimee Ault, a faculty member in the Culinary Arts Program at The University of Montana College of Technology, has achieved dual certifications that only a few chefs in the Pacific Northwest have attained.

Ault received ProChef Level II Certification at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., as well as certification as a Chef de Cuisine in the American Culinary Foundation.

She received the certifications after completing a four-day examination that included seven written and four practical exams. Ault now is planning her advance to the next level as Certified Executive Chef.

COT's Culinary Arts Program offers a Certificate of Applied Science and an Associate of Applied Science degree. All members of the COT culinary arts faculty are ACF certified. For more information, visit http://www.cte.umt.edu/businesstech/culinaryarts.

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April 05, 2010

MISSOULA -

Sandra Petronio, an expert in health and family communication, will present "Why Does Privacy Break Down?" on Monday, April 19, at The University of Montana.

The colloquium, hosted by UM's Department of Communication Studies, will be held from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room L14 and is free and open to the public.

Petronio is a professor in the Department of Communication Studies at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, a faculty member in the IU School of Medicine and an adjunct faculty member in the IU School of Nursing and Informatics. Her areas of expertise are in health and family communication, and she studies privacy, disclosure and confidentiality within family, health and interpersonal contexts.

Petronio developed the evidence-based "Communication Privacy Management" theory, and in 2002 published a book based on the theory titled "Boundaries of Privacy: Dialectics of Disclosure." The book won the Gerald R. Miller Award from the National Communication Association and the book award from the International Association of Relationship Research.

She is writing a new book on privacy breakdowns and has published five other books, including one on HIV/AIDS and disclosure. She also has written several articles in scholarly journals and served as editor and special issues editor for several communication journals.

Petronio earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary social science from State University of New York at Stony Brook and a master's in social psychology and doctorate in communication from the University of Michigan. In 2005 she was invited by the Consortium on Social Science Associations to give a congressional briefing in Washington, D.C., on issues of privacy.

She has initiated a program on Translational Ethics of Applied Health and Medical Communication at the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics. The program is geared toward research and improvement of communication in ethics training. She also directs the IUPUI Translational Science Initiative.

For more information about the UM Department of Communication's colloquium series, call Associate Professor Stephen Yoshimura at 406-243-4951 or e-mail stephen.yoshimura@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA -

Jeff Goldsmith, president of Health Futures Inc. of Charlottesville, Va., will talk about the potential positive and negative impacts of the baby boomer generation on society and the health care system Thursday, April 15, at The University of Montana.

Goldsmith will present "The Future of the Baby Boomers" from 3 to 4 p.m. in the University Center Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

An associate professor of public health sciences at the University of Virginia, Goldsmith is a health care industry analyst who writes and lectures actively on health policy, financing and technology. He is the author of "The Long Baby Boom: An Optimistic Vision for a Graying Generation."

Goldsmith also will speak from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. April 15 at the annual Montana Gerontology Society conference – "The Silver Tsunami: Crisis or Opportunity?" The cost to attend his keynote address is \$10. The conference will take place at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park in Missoula on Wednesday and Thursday, April 14-15.

More information about the two-day conference and registration is available on the Montana Gerontology Society Web site at http://www.montanagerontology.com/index.htm or by calling Barbara Morgan at 406-243-2480 or e-mailing barbara.morgan@umontana.edu.

Goldsmith's UM presentation is sponsored by a Faculty Development Grant with the assistance of the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the Institute for Gerontology Education.

Information about UM gerontology programs is available online at http://www.health.umt.edu/schools/sw/programs.php.

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MISSOULA -

Local blues musicians will play and information about the difference between "the blues" and depression will be available at "Blues Fest" events to be held at The University of Montana during Suicide Prevention Awareness Week.

Community members can screen public service announcements produced by MTV and get confidential online mental health assessments and other educational resources from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, April 12-14, at the University Center.

Blues musicians will play each day from noon to 1 p.m. in the UC, and 1,100 flags representing the number of college students who take their own lives every year will be displayed on the UM Oval.

Following are other "Blues Fest" events planned for Suicide Prevention Awareness Week at UM:

- 6 p.m. Monday, April 12, University Center Theater: Free screening of "Unspoken: Voices of Suicide in Montana," a film produced by UM radio-television students. Hear real stories from survivors, friends and family of those who have taken their own lives. Through multiple interviews, people speak out about suicide in Montana, its underlying causes and prevention efforts, hoping to spark a larger discussion on the issue.
- 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, University Center Theater: Mental health informational panel featuring community and campus mental health experts.
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, UM Oval: Several local animal rescue agencies will be represented to discuss adoption options to reduce stress, depression and anxiety.
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, UM Oval: Celebrate National Stress Out Day with general fun, free hugs, jump ropes, hula hoops and more.

UM's Curry Health Center and Health Enhancement programs also will offer suicide prevention training from 2 to 4 p.m., Thursday, April 15. The training is free and aims to prepare the campus community to better respond to suicidal and depressed students. To register or for more information, call 406-243-2809.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Week events are sponsored by UM Health Enhancement programs, which work to promote healthy lifestyles for students through peer education, media and unique volunteer opportunities.

For more information, visit the Curry Health Center Web site at http://life.umt.edu/curry and click on "Health Enhancement."

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