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UM NEWS



September 29, 2010

MISSOULA –

The Fall 2010 Brown Bag Lecture Series hosted by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana will begin Wednesday, Oct. 6, with a presentation by former congressmen Les AuCoin (D-Ore.) and Gil Gutknecht (R-Minn.).

They will present “Congress to Campus: Former Republican and Democratic Congressmen Assess Politics Today” from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the Mansfield Center Conference Room, located on the fourth floor of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

AuCoin and Gutknecht will assess politics today from the perspective of their 30 years combined experience in the U.S. House of Representatives, handling issues such as governmental reform, environmental policy and national security.

All lectures in the series are free and open to the public.

Other lectures in the series will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Mansfield Conference Room. Following is the series schedule:

- **Thursday, Oct. 21:** “Voters and Issues in the 2010 Election” by Christopher Muste, UM assistant professor of political science. Muste will discuss the 2010 election and the issues facing voters at the national, state and local levels.
- **Monday, Oct. 25:** “A Comparative Study of Climate Change Issues in Montana and Vietnam and Opportunities for Study” by Tyron Venn, assistant professor in UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation. Venn will discuss impacts of climate change on issues of concern to both Montana and Vietnam, including ecotourism, rivers, fisheries and forestry.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 10:** “China’s Criminal Justice System: Modern Challenges” by James Taylor, director of the Mansfield Center’s Legal Reform Initiative. Taylor will examine the criminal justice system of the People’s Republic of China that was established in 1978 after the Cultural Revolution and continues to evolve.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 1:** “Student Action on Global Environmental Issues in Southeast Asia” by Len Broberg, professor in UM’s Environmental Studies Program. Broberg will discuss his work with visiting Southeast Asian students on global environmental issues, with a focus on cross-cultural issues, the students’ perspectives of environmental issues and how that relates to our approach to environmental problems, as well as partnership opportunities with UM students.

For more information about the series, visit the Mansfield Center website at <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield>, call Jeri Jacobsen at 406-243-2988 or e-mail jeri.jacobsen@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



September 01, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana fly-fishing team took third place last weekend at the inaugural World Varsities Trout Fly Fishing competition on Lough Corrib near Cong, Ireland.

UM's team consisted of staff member Tony Tomsu and Jesse Filingo, a student. The duo competed against teams from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, France, Germany and the United States.

Ireland's Galway Mayo Institute of Technology won the event, and Limerick Institute of Technology, the host team, was second.

The UM team was sponsored by Kesel's Four Rivers Fly Shop, Kingfisher Fly Shop, Missoulian Angler and Grizzly Hackle.

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UM NEWS



September 01, 2010

MISSOULA –

University of Montana Provost Royce Engstrom has been named a finalist for the UM presidency, said Clayton Christian, who chairs the state Board of Regents and the presidential search advisory committee.

Engstrom, who was born in Michigan and raised in Nebraska, has served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at UM since 2007. He came to Montana after a national search from a similar position at the University of South Dakota.

"After a thorough national search that attracted many outstanding applicants from throughout the country, the committee recommended three superbly qualified individuals as potential finalists to be invited for campus interviews," Christian said. "Among this distinguished group is Provost Engstrom, who will interview for the position on all four UM campuses in mid-September."

Christian said one of the individuals identified as a potential finalist accepted a position at another prestigious university and the other elected to withdraw.

In describing the process going forward, he said the search advisory committee will review evaluations of Engstrom from the multi-campus interviews and provide its overall assessment to Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns.

According to board policy, Stearns makes the decision whether to recommend Engstrom to the full Board of Regents, which will make the final decision about whether to offer him the position as UM's 17th president. If this doesn't happen, the search advisory committee will reconvene and then determine how to continue the national search.

UM President George M. Dennison planned to step down Aug. 15 but indicated he would serve through the fall semester if needed. Christian said, "We appreciate President Dennison's continuing leadership. We fully expect to complete the search no later than Jan. 1, 2011."

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UM NEWS



August 31, 2010

MISSOULA –

Montana high school students across the state can learn to speak, read and write Chinese in an online course offered at no cost by the Confucius Institute at The University of Montana and the Montana Digital Academy.

The course is free of charge to all Montana high school students, including those who attend public, private or home schools. Students can enroll by consulting their school guidance counselor or visiting the Montana Digital Academy website at <http://www.montanadigitalacademy.org/>. The registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 20.

This first-ever opportunity is the result of a partnership between UM and the Southwest University of Politics and Law in Chongqing, China. Four talented Chinese-language teachers from SWUPL who are residents at the Confucius Institute will teach the course.

One-fifth of the world's people speak Chinese. The country is a rising power, with the world's second largest economy after the U.S., and is an increasingly important player in world commerce, politics and security matters.

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UM NEWS



August 31, 2010

MISSOULA –

Western music group Wylie & The Wild West will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, in the University Theatre at The University of Montana.

Tickets to the concert, presented by University Theatre Productions, are \$16 in advance and \$18 the day of the show. Children 12 and under will be admitted free. Tickets are available at all GrizTix locations, online at <http://www.griztix.com> or by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA.

The opening act for the show is cowboy poet Paul Zarzyski.

Wylie & The Wild West has performed at the Grand Ole Opry more than 45 times. The band, which has been playing together for 19 years, was a featured act at the National Folk Festival in Butte in 2009 and 2010 and has released numerous albums.

For more information, call Tom Webster, University Theatre director, at 406-243-2853, e-mail thomas.webster@umontana.edu or go online to <http://www.wylieww.com>.

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UM NEWS



August 31, 2010

MISSOULA –

“Your Inner Fish” by Neil Shubin has been selected as The University of Montana’s First-Year Reading Experience book for 2010.

Described as an intelligent, exhilarating and compelling scientific adventure story, “Your Inner Fish” is a book that will prompt discussion across the campus community. The book encompasses themes related to evolution and development, scientific discovery, the importance of the fossil record and what it means to be human.

In 2004 Shubin was part of a scientific team that discovered *Tiktaalik roseae*, a fossil fish that marks when fish first emerged from the sea to live on land. He is the Robert R. Bensley Professor and associate dean in the Department of Organismal Biology and Anatomy at the University of Chicago.

Shubin will be on campus Thursday, Oct. 28, to give an afternoon seminar and an evening lecture titled “Finding Your Inner Fish” as part of the President’s Lecture Series at UM. The events are a collaboration of the President’s Lecture Series and the First-Year Reading Experience Program and are free and open to the public.

Incoming UM students are invited to participate in a writing contest open only to freshmen. The competition is based on the book and interactions with the author during the campus visit.

For more information about the contest and the First-Year Reading Experience Program, go to <http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/fyreading>.

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

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UM NEWS



August 30, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement will hold the annual Fall Volunteer Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 9-10, in the University Center Atrium.

Students and community members can learn about the numerous volunteer opportunities available around Missoula from representatives of more than 20 nonprofit organizations at the fair. The event is free and open to the public.

To learn more about participating organizations and how an organization can be represented at the fair, go to the Office for Civic Engagement website at <http://www.umt.edu/dhc/occe> or call Colleen Kane at 406-243-5531.

The Office for Civic Engagement serves as UM's primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility and promotes civic engagement as a means to develop actively engaged citizens.

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August 30, 2010

MISSOULA —

University of Montana women interested in joining a sorority can meet current Greeks and learn about the four chapters on campus during fall sorority recruitment Tuesday through Saturday, Sept. 7-11.

Women can get to know current members of the Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma sororities during the first round of recruitment from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the University Center Ballroom.

Potential members can tour chapter houses and learn about each chapter's philanthropy, scholarship and social programming Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 8-10. Those who choose to join a sorority will meet their new chapters during "bid day" activities at noon Saturday, Sept. 11, on campus. For a complete schedule of recruitment, go online to <http://www.umt.edu/greek>.

Recruitment registration costs \$20, and participants will receive a T-shirt and other Greek Life prizes.

Greek chapters will have booths set up in several residence halls and on the Oval throughout the week of Aug. 30-Sept. 3 to answer questions and sign women up for recruitment. Those interested in joining a chapter also can register online at <http://www.umt.edu/greek> or call Tyson McLean, Greek Life adviser, at 406-243-2005 or e-mail tyson.mclean@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



August 30, 2010

MISSOULA –

The "World's Largest Garage Sale" at The University of Montana on Saturday, Sept. 18, is a perfect opportunity to sell unwanted items or to purchase those fun-to-find bargains.

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

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

Registration forms are available at The Source in the University Center or online at <http://life.umt.edu/umady>.

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

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

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UM NEWS



August 30, 2010

MISSOULA –

Walter LaFeber, author of the path-breaking “New American Empire: An Interpretation of American Expansion, 1860-1898,” will be the first speaker of the 2010-11 President’s Lecture Series at The University of Montana on Thursday, Sept. 9.

LaFeber will present “The American Century: Its Beginnings – and End?” at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre. The event is UM’s annual Ezio Cappadocia Memorial Lecture on Politics and History.

Earlier that day from 3:40 to 5 p.m., LaFeber will give a seminar titled “Reconsidering the Roots of the American Empire” in Gallagher Business Building Room 122.

Both events are free and open to the public.

“LaFeber has been one of the country’s most prolific and accomplished historians,” said UM history Professor Richard Drake, lecture series organizer. “As an expert on the historical formation of the American empire, now experiencing one of its most prolonged and financially ruinous crises, LaFeber has few peers and no superiors.”

LaFeber’s career spans the latter half of the so-called American century. In 1959 he joined Cornell University as an assistant professor after earning a bachelor’s degree from Hanover College, a master’s degree at Stanford University and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin. During his career he has served as Cornell’s Maria Underhill Noll Professor of History and as the Andrew Tisch and James Tisch Distinguished University Professor.

LaFeber’s numerous and highly regarded publications include nine books, four additional co-authored volumes, three edited collections and a host of articles, essays and book chapters in both scholarly works and the popular press.

Three of his books have won prestigious awards: “The New Empire: An Interpretation of American Expansion, 1860-1898” received the Albert J. Beveridge Prize of the American Historical Association, “Inevitable Revolutions: The United States in Central America” received the Gustavus Meyers Prize, and “The Clash: U.S.-Japanese Relations Throughout History” received both the Bancroft Prize in American History and the Ellis Hawley Prize of the Organization of American Historians.

LaFeber’s “America, Russia, and the Cold War” is one of his most highly regarded books and has been in print for more than 35 years.

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UM NEWS



August 27, 2010

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana School of Music will host the Mountain Computer Music Festival at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, in the Music Recital Hall.

The festival will feature compositions and performances by UM students and award-winning new media artist Gary James Joynes, aka "Clinker." Tickets cost \$5 for students and \$10 for the public and can be purchased at the door.

Joynes will perform music from his Leonard Cohen-inspired live cinema album, "On the Other Side," in which he uses voice, effects processing, analog synthesis and video projection to deconstruct and reassemble Cohen's voice into dreamlike soundscapes.

UM composition and music technology students Phil Maher, Kelly McGonigal, Aaron Minnick and Ben Murphy will perform music they composed for electric bass, MIDI controllers and joysticks, harmonica, percussion pad and computer.

For more information, call Charles Nichols, associate professor of music, at 406-243-5360 or e-mail charles.nichols@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



August 27, 2010

MISSOULA —

Nearly 7,400 small businesses in Montana may qualify for a tax credit of up to 35 percent of the health insurance premium they pay for their employees under the new federal health care legislation, according to the latest issue of Montana Business Quarterly.

"For employers wanting to reduce the cost of providing health insurance, the tax credit should ease the burden somewhat," said Gregg Davis, director of health care industry research at The University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. "But employers should recognize that in some instances, the qualifying premium could be reduced because of caps set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services."

Davis co-wrote the article, "The New Health Care Law: Montana's First Steps," with Jerry Furniss, a professor in UM's School of Business Administration.

For the full 35 percent tax credit, qualifying businesses must meet three criteria: They must employ fewer than 10 full-time-equivalent employees, pay average annual wages of less than \$25,000 per employee, and pay at least 50 percent of the insurance premium.

However, Davis said, limitations on the premium amount that can be applied to the credit could reduce the attractiveness of the tax credit for some employers. The average premium for a family policy in Montana is \$11,438, with employers paying about 67 percent of that premium, or \$7,615.

The qualifying premium used for the tax credit is the lesser of 67 percent of the average family premium — as determined by DHHS — or 67 percent of the actual premium paid by the employer, Davis said. DHHS has determined the average family premium for Montana is \$10,212, so the employer is limited to \$6,842 for the qualifying premium, well below the actual \$7,615 paid for health insurance premiums.

"For an employer with, say, nine full-time employees with annual average wages below \$25,000, the employer's cost of providing health care insurance to employees is almost \$70,000 per year, but the qualifying premium is limited to just under \$62,000, reducing the tax credit from \$24,500 to \$21,552," Davis said. "In effect, this reduces the credit for providing insurance from 35 percent to 31 percent. So although it appears this employer qualifies for the full 35 percent tax credit, the effective tax credit is only 31 percent of the full cost of providing coverage to their employees."

In 2014, the credit increases to 50 percent of qualifying premiums and phases out after two years, according to the legislation.

"Small employers in Montana who do offer insurance still receive some relief from the financial burden of providing insurance, but the relief may be smaller than expected," Davis said. "After the tax credits phase out completely, how small employers respond may depend more on what their competitors are doing in terms of insurance and have less to do with the cost of providing it."

Currently, small businesses are not required to offer health insurance to employees, Davis said. For larger businesses with more than 50 employees, 2014 is a landmark year. Employers that do not offer coverage, offer minimum essential coverage that is unaffordable or offer a plan that has an actuarial value of less than 60 percent are required to pay a penalty if any of their employees receive a premium or cost-sharing reduction in the exchange, he said. Also in 2014, employers with more than 200 employees must automatically enroll their employees in health insurance plans sponsored by the employer.

Other important health care provisions discussed in the Montana Business Quarterly article include the future elimination of the Medicare Part D "donut hole," the creation of a state high-risk pool for individuals with pre-existing conditions who have been without health care insurance for at least six months, and the extension of health insurance coverage for dependents up to age 26.

"For Montana, health care reform is particularly important," Davis said. "Our state devotes nearly 9 percent of its gross state product to health care, a proportion that is exceeded in only eight other states. Success of the new reform will be measured incrementally for years to come as different components of the law become reality."

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UM NEWS



August 26, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana and the U.S. Forest Service's Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory recently finalized an agreement to use the University's new high-speed Internet2 network connection for Forest Service research activities in Missoula.

The 10-gigabit-per-second network was built by a national consortium of universities and federal and government partners to provide a private Internet service across the U.S. for research and education activities. As one of only two locations in the country selected by the Forest Service for the Internet2 pilot project, the Fire Lab will use UM's Northern Tier Network connection to share vast amounts of data, run complex computer simulations and models, and collaborate with scientists in other locations.

The research branch of the Forest Service uses science and science applications for sustainable natural resource management and has more than 70 research facilities across the country. Missoula's Fire Lab, part of the Rocky Mountain Research Station, conducts fire research. The lab develops software applications and computer models used by fire managers and conducts extensive research on fire behavior, fuel dynamics, smoke emissions, fire ecology and management strategies.

Ray Ford, UM Information Technology chief information officer, saw the opportunity to partner with the College of Forestry and Conservation and the Fire Lab on Internet2 prototype projects because both conduct the sort of high-volume, data-intensive research for which Internet2 was designed. With the increased bandwidth, the Fire Lab will create simulations of landscape dynamics from Missoula, rather than waiting for data to be shipped from other states. The Forest Service's use of Internet2 for high-performance computing and large-volume data sharing will allow the University to test the robustness and functionality of the network and further partnerships between the school and the agency.

The Northern Tier Network was completed in June, connecting Montana and other northern states to the national network. The Northern Tier Network Consortium is composed of research universities from 13 states. More information about the consortium is available at <http://www.ntnc.org>.

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UM NEWS



August 25, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will begin a yearlong, campuswide effort to study its athletics program as part of the NCAA Division I athletics certification program. Specific areas the study will cover are governance and commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, gender/diversity and student-athlete well-being.

While academic accreditation is common in colleges and universities, this program focuses solely on certification of athletics programs. Following a two-year pilot project, the NCAA Division I membership overwhelmingly supported the program and its standards at the 1993 NCAA Convention.

UM completed its first certification self-study in 1996. At the 1997 convention, the NCAA Division I membership voted to change the frequency of athletics certification from once every five years to once every 10 years. UM completed its second certification self-study in 2003. The current self-study will be the third in the certification process for UM.

The athletics certification program's purpose is to help ensure integrity in the institution's athletics operations. The program opens up athletics to the rest of the University and the public. Institutions will benefit by increasing campuswide awareness and knowledge of the athletics program, confirming its strengths and developing plans to improve areas of concern.

The committee responsible for the study will include President George M. Dennison, study co-chairs and UM administrators Teresa Branch and Bill Muse, University employees, students, athletics department personnel and the community at large. A member of the NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs staff will conduct a one-day orientation videoconference with the committee and its subcommittees early in the process.

Within each area to be studied by the committee, the program has standards known as operating principles that were adopted by the association to establish benchmarks by which all Division I members are evaluated.

When UM concludes its study, an external team of reviewers will conduct a three- or four-day evaluation visit on campus. The reviewers will be peers from other colleges, universities or conference offices. The peer-review team will report to the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification. The committee will then determine the institution's certification status and announce the decision publicly. For institutions that fail to conduct a comprehensive self-study or to correct problems, sanctions could be imposed.

The three options of certification status are: certified, certified with conditions and not certified. While institutions will have an opportunity to correct deficient areas, those institutions that do not take necessary corrective actions may be ruled ineligible for NCAA championships.

The NCAA is a membership organization of colleges and universities that participate in intercollegiate athletics. The primary purpose of the association is to maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the educational program and the athlete as an integral part of the student body. Activities of NCAA membership include formulating rules of play for NCAA sports, conducting national championships, adopting and enforcing standards of eligibility, and studying all phases of intercollegiate athletics.

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UM NEWS



August 25, 2010

MISSOULA —

The Off-Campus Renter Center at The University of Montana has launched a new website with an online housing finder for use by the UM community.

The website, <http://www.umt.edu/housingfinder>, allows UM students, faculty and staff to use a variety of criteria — including location, price, pet policies and more — to search for available housing in Missoula.

The website also allows UM students to search for student-only roommates using specific criteria, and landlords can create accounts that allow them to post listings and photos for available properties.

The Off-Campus Renter Center, a service of the Associated Students of UM and the Office of Student Affairs, helps students find housing, understand their rights and responsibilities, resolve conflicts with landlords, and advocates for student renters at state and local levels to make rental housing in Missoula more safe, affordable and efficient.

For more information, call Director Beki Hartmann at 406-243-2017 or e-mail beki.hartmann@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



August 24, 2010

MISSOULA —

The Building Futures Program, a community partnership of The University of Montana College of Technology, the Missoula Building Industry Association and the Flagship Program, will hold its final open house for its student-built home from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29.

The Bronze Level National Association of Home Builders Green Certified custom home, located at 2604 Roderick Way in Missoula, is valued at \$340,000. It has three bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms, with 1,484 square feet on the main floor and 742 square feet on the upper floor.

Raffle tickets for the home are being sold for \$100 each and can be purchased at the open house. Those who buy a raffle ticket at the open house will be entered into a drawing for a free ticket.

Purchasers must be 18 or older, and prize winners must be Montana residents. The raffle drawing will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Farmers State Bank, located at 3130 N. Reserve St. in Missoula. Ticket purchasers need not be present to win.

UM complies with disability rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, by making reasonable modifications for individuals with disabilities. To request such a modification for this open house, call Alan Fugleberg, COT associate dean, at 406-243-7608, at least 48 hours in advance.

For more information e-mail alan1.fugleberg@umontana.edu or go online to <http://www.missoulastudentbuilthouse.org>.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: For a photo of the house, e-mail alan1.fugleberg@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



August 24, 2010

MISSOULA –

A new forum series at The University of Montana will feature speakers from a variety of disciplines to explore emerging issues in natural resources and environmental policy.

The series, which is free and open to the public, will provide insights into the ways decisions are made and conflicts are resolved to plan for sustainable use of our air, water and lands.

Following is a schedule of the first events of the forum series. All forums will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the UM Law Building's Castles Center

- **Thursday, Sept. 2:** "Water, Security and Climate Change: Global Perspectives" by Jerry Delli Priscoli, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the World Water Forum.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 20:** Presenter: Jane C.S. Long, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.
- **Thursday, Nov. 4:** "Frontiers of Conservation Finance" by Jim Levitt, Harvard Forest and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.
- **Thursday, Dec. 2:** Presenter: Leslie Weldon, regional forester, Northern Region, USDA Forest Service.

The forum series is convened by the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy at UM in cooperation with the University's College of Forestry and Conservation, School of Law, Bolle Center for People and Forests, Resource Conservation Program, Environmental Studies Program and Department of Geography.

For more information, call Sarah Bates, senior fellow of the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, at 406-207-9071 or e-mail sarah@cnrep.org.

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UM NEWS



August 24, 2010

MISSOULA —

In response to the demand for additional education and training opportunities following recent layoffs in western Montana, The University of Montana College of Technology in Missoula opened two industrial trade programs for welding technology and carpentry. The carpentry program still has a few slots available for fall semester. Classes will begin Monday, Aug. 30.

Students admitted to the new carpentry program will take late afternoon, evening and some weekend courses in the fall and spring terms. Summer term courses will be scheduled for daytime hours. Students admitted to the new carpentry program will take general education courses, such as math and writing, in the fall term and will begin their skilled-trades courses during spring semester 2011.

The carpentry program is accepting students on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and to apply for admission, call the COT Enrollment Services/Admissions Office at 406-243-7882 or e-mail COTadmissions@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



August 24, 2010

MISSOULA —

Folk music group The New Christy Minstrels will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, in the University Theatre at The University of Montana.

Tickets to the show, presented by University Theatre Productions, will cost \$23 in advance or \$25 at the door and are available at all GrizTix locations, online at <http://www.griztix.com>, or by calling 406-243-4051 or 1-888-MONTANA. All seating is general admission.

The New Christy Minstrels have been entertaining audiences for more 45 years, and most of the performers in today's group are founding members of the Grammy Award-winning band. Under the direction of Randy Sparks, they continue to thrill audiences with their warmth, humor and musical presence.

For more information, call Tom Webster, University Theatre director, at 406-243-2853, e-mail thomas.webster@umontana.edu or go online to <http://www.newchristyminstrels.com>.

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UM NEWS



August 23, 2010

MISSOULA —

Registration is now open for fall courses offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana (MOLLI).

Community members ages 50 and older can explore topics ranging from literature, history and music to psychology, philosophy and current events through the courses, taught by dynamic UM and community instructors. Fall courses will be held September through November.

An annual MOLLI membership fee of \$20 is required to enroll, and membership extends through June 2011 for those who sign up now. Individual course registration costs \$60 plus fees, when applicable. This fall, MOLLI will offer a special discount of two courses for \$100 — a 33 percent savings on the second course.

Following is a list of MOLLI courses offered this fall. Courses run Sept. 30- Nov. 5, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesdays:

- Jean Bowman: "Our 1972 Montana Constitution: Promises Kept or Opportunities Missed?" (Sept. 22-Oct. 27)

Thursdays:

- David Morgenroth: "What is Jazz?" (Sept. 2-30)
- Donna Koch: "1910: What a Difference a Century Makes ... Or Maybe Not" (Oct. 7-Nov. 12)
- Eileen Rafferty: "Photography: History through the Camera's Eye"
- Minke Medora: "The Face of Hunger in Montana"
- Joyce Hocker: "Life Writing for Everyone"
- Philip Bornstein: "Healthy Relationships with Increasing Age"
- Rick Graetz: "High Asia and the Silk Road"
- Mark Matthews: "Jitterbugging across the Colorline: Sharing Heritage and Culture"
- Steven Levine: "Deciphering North Korea: 1945 to the Present"
- Stan Roden and Phyllis dePicciotto: "Cinema, Comedy and Social Conflict"

Fridays:

- David Emmons: "Butte, America: The History of the World's Greatest Mining Town" (Sept. 24-Nov. 5)
- Mark Johnson: "Obama and the Middle East: Between Iraq and a Hard Place" (Sept. 3-24)
- Marilyn Bruya: "Yes, You Can Draw"
- Clem Work: "How Twitter Can Change Your Life: The Promises (and Perils) of Social Media"
- Dan Spencer: "Reconsidering Jesus: New Perspectives on Jesus and Christianity"
- Lee Heuermann: "Creativity and the Natural World"
- John Hunt: "A James Joyce Miscellany"
- David Curtis: "Buddhism: An Introduction to One of the World's Major Religions"
- Ian Lange: "Better Living through Geological Knowledge"
- Kate Gadbow: "Turning Life into Fiction: Moving Ahead"
- Jon Jackson: "The Maltese Falcon: A Classic American Mystery"

Complete course descriptions, locations, times, instructor information and registration are available on the MOLLI website at <http://www.umt.edu/molli>.

MOLLI is offering the course "The Maltese Falcon: A Classic American Mystery" in conjunction with The Big Read, sponsored by the Missoula Public Library. The National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read is the largest literary program in the history of the federal government. It is designed to revitalize the role of literature in communities by providing a wide range of imaginative activities related to one book and hosting events in a variety of locations. The Missoula Public Library chose "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett as Missoula's book for 2010, and programming will take place Oct. 4-Nov. 13.

In addition to its fall courses, MOLLI will sponsor a public lecture by Mark Blumenthal at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Broadway Building conference room at St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center. Blumenthal is the founder and executive director of the American Botanical Council, an independent organization dedicated to disseminating accurate, reliable and responsible information on herbs and medicinal plants.

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

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UM NEWS



August 23, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana invites all students, faculty and staff to “Get Your Griz On” from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, during 2010 WelcomeFeast on the Oval.

The annual event, sponsored by UM's Division of Student Affairs, provides an opportunity to jump-start the semester with free food, live music, campus life information, and fun and games.

In an effort to keep WelcomeFeast eco-friendly, participants are asked to bring reusable water bottles to be filled at coolers provided by University Dining Services.

In addition to the daytime activities, an evening outdoor movie, “Toy Story 3,” will be shown at 9 p.m. on the Oval.

The events are free and open to all members of the campus community. For more information, e-mail Molly Collins of University Center Student Involvement at molly.collins@mso.umt.edu.

Those who want to reserve a display table at WelcomeFeast should call University Center Administration at 406-243-5082.

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UM NEWS



August 23, 2010

MISSOULA –

A new lecture series at The University of Montana will introduce students and the community to sustainability concepts and careers and provide a forum for discussion on local sustainability efforts.

Lectures in the series titled “Will Work for Sustainability – Creating Jobs through Sustainable Development” will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays during autumn semester in Gallagher Business Building Room 122. All lectures are free and open to the public, and students can take the lecture series for credit through the UM Environmental Studies Program.

The series kicks off Wednesday, Sept. 1, with “Community Livability & the Path to Sustainability” presented by Dan Kemmis, former director of the Center for the Rocky Mountain West at UM. Kemmis is a UM alumnus, former Missoula mayor and state representative, and author of numerous books, including “Community and the Politics of Place.”

The Sept. 8 series event, “Sustaining the Best Place,” is a panel discussion of Missoula Mayor John Engen’s “Best Place Development Plan” and how to incorporate sustainability as a cornerstone of local development planning. Panel members will include two members of the mayor’s task force: UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley and Northwestern Energy President and CEO Robert Rowe. Kaia Peterson of the Montana Community Development Corporation and Richard Barrett, UM economics professor emeritus and co-author of “Cowboy Economics,” will provide feedback to the task force.

The series is co-sponsored by UM’s Environmental Studies Program and the Sustainable Business Council. Other lectures in the series this fall are:

- Sept. 15: “Greening Food Services.”
- Sept. 22: “Sustaining Water Resources in the Clark Fork Basin.”
- Sept. 29: “Will Work for Sustainability – Careers in Sustainability Services & Consulting.”
- Oct. 6: “Potpourri of Sustainability Jobs.”
- Oct. 20: “Basins of Relations: Thinking like a Watershed.”
- Oct. 27: “Sustainable, Affordable Transportation for All.”
- Nov. 3: “Living Buildings.”
- Nov. 10: “Deconstructing Buildings, Reconstructing Democracy.”
- Nov. 17: “Sustainable Energy.”
- Dec. 1: “Seeking a Sustainable Population with the Most Cost-effective Carbon Legacy Reducer – Family Planning” and “Shrinking Baby’s Ecofootprint.”

For more details about upcoming lectures, visit http://www.cas.umt.edu/evst/sustainability_lectures.htm. Information about other sustainability events and the lecture series also is on the Community Conservation Calendar website at http://www.cas.umt.edu/evst/events_calendars.htm.

For more information, call UM Professor Vicki Watson at 406-243-5153 or e-mail vicki.watson@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



August 23, 2010

MISSOULA –

GO Day on Friday, Aug. 27, is a fun-filled, daylong program designed for students to meet future classmates and kick off life at The University of Montana.

Events begin at 9 a.m. with a welcome rally, residence hall competitions, games and a raffle on the Oval. Lunch for students will be served at 11:30 a.m. on the Oval before the Academic Convocation, which will begin at 1 p.m. at the Adams Center. Family members are invited to attend the Academic Convocation.

At 2:30 p.m., students can learn about academic programming at various campus locations. Dinner for GO Day participants will be served at 5 p.m. on the Oval.

GO Day events continue at 7 p.m. with programs in the University Center and prize drawings.

For more information, visit the Go Day website at <http://admissions.umt.edu/goday.html>, call Karissa Drye of UM Enrollment Services at 406-243-2332 or e-mail karissa.drye@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



August 20, 2010

MISSOULA —

KUFM-TV will be off the air in parts of western Montana starting Tuesday, Aug. 24, as the station's engineering staff installs new transmitter components to boost the public TV station's power.

The transmitter upgrade will allow KUFM-TV to broadcast at the maximum power allowed by its FCC license and should improve on-air reception in the fringe areas of the Missoula and Bitterroot valleys, where MontanaPBS provides five on-air channels.

The work, which may take up to three days, will affect viewers who watch the station over the air in the Missoula and Bitterroot valleys and those who watch MontanaPBS on Dish Network or DirecTV satellite services in Missoula, Ravalli, Granite, Lake, Flathead, Sanders and Mineral counties. A direct feed to Bresnan Communications will keep the signal available for those with cable.

For more information, contact KUFM-TV at 406-243-4101.

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UM NEWS



August 20, 2010

MISSOULA –

Navajo Times reporter and editor Jason Begay has joined the journalism faculty at The University of Montana as an assistant professor and director of Reznet.

Begay will teach a class each semester and direct Reznet, the School of Journalism's nationally acclaimed mentoring, recruitment and website project (<http://www.reznetnews.org/>). Now in its eighth year, Reznet is supported by UM and the Gannett Foundation.

The intent of Reznet's training and mentoring program is to produce more Native American professional journalists. Denny McAuliffe, who founded Reznet at UM, returned last fall to The Washington Post, where he is an overnight news editor.

A UM alumnus, Begay was a reporter at The Oregonian before taking a job at the Navajo Times in Window Rock, Ariz., in 2004 to cover tribal government and education. In March, he became web editor of the Navajo Times, an independent newspaper and one of the most respected tribal papers in the nation. As a student and after graduation from UM, he had internships at several newspapers, including the Wichita Eagle and The New York Times.

"We're thrilled to have Jason join our faculty," said journalism Dean Peggy Kuhr. "We look forward to his working with students and with tribes across the state and beyond on topics involving tribal news coverage, journalism education, mentoring and skills training."

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UM NEWS



August 20, 2010

MISSOULA –

Pack your lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic to enjoy Shakespearean comedy and drama at The University of Montana Oval on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1.

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks will perform its summer tour headliner “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at 6 p.m. Tuesday and “Julius Caesar” at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream” is perhaps Shakespeare’s most produced play, as well as one of his best known comedies. It is a fantastical fantasy ride that enchants in its imaginative use of language, place and characters.

“Julius Caesar” includes espionage, secret alliances, murderous plots, political intrigue and lots of action. It serves as a cautionary tale for those who crave power and whose ambitions place personal gain above the public good.

If it rains, the plays will be performed in the University Theatre.

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks is touring for its 38th season in towns throughout Montana, northern Wyoming and eastern Idaho. The UM performances are sponsored by the University Center.

For more information, call Mary Lester at 406-243-5590 or e-mail mary.lester@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



August 19, 2010

MISSOULA –

Earth has done an ecological about-face: Plant growth that once flourished under warming temperatures and a lengthened growing season is now declining – struck by the stress of drought.

University of Montana researchers Maosheng Zhao and Steve Running discovered the global shift during a routine analysis of NASA satellite data. The 10-year decline is slight – just 1 percent – but the shift could impact food security, biofuels and the carbon cycle.

The team published their findings Aug. 20 in Science. The article is online at <http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/329/5994/940>.

“We see this as a bit of a surprise, as well as potentially significant on a policy level because previous interpretations suggested that global warming might actually help plant growth,” Running said.

Conventional wisdom held that global land plant growth was on the rise. A 2003 paper in the journal Science led by then UM scientist Ramakrishna Nemani, now at NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., showed that growth increased between 1982 and 1999 by as much as 6 percent. That’s because for nearly two decades, climate change eased the constraints on growth: temperature, solar radiation and water.

Setting out to update the analysis, Zhao and Running expected to see similar results as temperatures have continued climbing.

Instead, they found that between 2000 and 2009 the impact of drought overwhelmed the positive influence of a longer growing season, driving down global plant growth. “This is a pretty serious warning that warmer temperatures are not going to endlessly improve plant growth,” Running said.

The discovery comes from a growing-season analysis that combines plant growth data from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer on NASA’s TERRA satellite with climate constraints, including temperature, solar radiation and water. The plant and climate data drive an algorithm that weighs the constraints at geographical regions and measures their relative impact.

For example, it might seem straightforward that growth is limited in northern areas by temperature and in deserts by water. But the relationship can be complex, with each constraint having a varying degree of impact at different times in the growing season. Scientists can apply this thought process – mixing temperature, solar radiation and water availability parameters – for anywhere on Earth.

Zhao and Running’s global analysis showed that high-latitude northern hemisphere forests have continued to benefit from warmer temperatures and a longer growing season since 2000. But it was not enough to overcome warming-associated drought that limited growth in the southern hemisphere, resulting in a global net loss of land plants.

Researchers are keen to continue maintaining a record of the trends into the future, as a continued decline could have consequences affecting society.

“The potential that future warming would cause additional declines does not bode well for the ability of the biosphere to support multiple societal demands for agricultural production, fiber needs and, increasingly, biofuel production,” Zhao said.

Running directs the Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group, which has written software for NASA environmental satellites. Zhao is a researcher in NTSG, which is part of UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation. For more information, visit <http://www.ntsug.umt.edu>. For more information about NASA and its programs, visit <http://www.nasa.gov>.

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UM NEWS



August 17, 2010

HAMILTON –

The steering committee for the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will hold a meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 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, Aug. 20, on the BCP website at <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, UM 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 is offering 19 UM College of Technology courses in the Hamilton area this fall.

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UM NEWS



August 17, 2010

MISSOULA —

Washington Post reporter Eli Saslow will be The University of Montana's 2010 T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor. He'll join School of Journalism faculty for fall semester, teaching a seminar on reporting and writing and serving as a mentor for the staff of UM's student newspaper, the Montana Kaimin.

Saslow is a national enterprise reporter at the Post and has worked as a political and sports enterprise writer at the newspaper. Before coming to the Post, he worked for The Star-Ledger in New Jersey and The Buffalo (N.Y.) News.

The Pollner professorship was created in 2001 to honor T. Anthony Pollner, a 1999 UM journalism alumnus who died in an accident. Saslow will be the school's 10th Pollner professor. He will deliver the T. Anthony Pollner public lecture on Monday, Oct. 18.

For more information, call journalism Professor Carol VanValkenburg at 406-243-4008 or e-mail carol.vanvalkenburg@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



August 16, 2010

MISSOULA –

University of Montana President George M. Dennison will outline UM's institutional priorities for the upcoming academic year Friday, Aug. 27, during the annual State of the University address.

The public is invited to the 10 a.m. event, which takes place in the Montana Theatre of UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Refreshments will be available starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Montana Theatre foyer.

During the event, new UM faculty members and administrators will be introduced, and faculty members who have earned promotions and tenure during the past year will be recognized.

A live video stream of the State of the University address will be available on the UM Home Page at <http://www.umt.edu>.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: A brief news conference with President Dennison will immediately follow the speech. Copies of the address also will be available.

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UM NEWS



August 16, 2010

MISSOULA –

Three University of Montana students were awarded Fulbright U.S. Student scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year.

The University's newest Fulbright Scholars, their areas of study and exchange destinations are:

- Henry Bundy, anthropology, the Netherlands
- Ellen Cheng, ecology, Mongolia
- Shane McMillan, journalism, Germany

The Fulbright Program is the nation's leading international exchange program, operating in more than 155 countries. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

The University of Montana Fulbright committee encourages students to apply for upcoming Fulbright awards. Interested students should call Clint Walker, Fulbright program adviser, at 406-243-2501 or e-mail clint.walker@mso.umt.edu. The deadline to submit applications for the 2011-12 academic year is Sept. 30.

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UM NEWS



August 16, 2010

MISSOULA –

Montana Public Television, in cooperation with Montana 4-H, plans to produce a documentary about the 4-H experience.

The documentary will take a comprehensive look at Montana 4-H and the positive influence it has on young lives, families and the surrounding community. It will profile a handful of 4-H members as they pursue various projects from October 2010 through September 2011.

Montana 4-H is the largest, out-of-school youth development program in the state, reaching about 25,000 youth in all counties each year.

Producers hope to select a diverse group of participants who will represent a variety of ages, backgrounds, projects and geographic locations. They are looking for participants who likely will achieve the most meaningful experience during their 4-H year, along with those who are already standouts.

Selected participants will work closely with MontanaPBS and the Montana 4-H Center during pre-production, filming and post-production.

Application forms and more information for those new to 4-H or seasoned veterans who would like to be possible subjects for the documentary are online at <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:48>. Applications must be postmarked by Sept. 20.

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UM NEWS



August 16, 2010

MISSOULA –

Classes at The University of Montana begin Monday, Aug. 30, but the Montana University System has announced it will extend important deadlines for students who are fighting wildfires.

The extension gives student firefighters extra time – until Sept. 20 – to meet registration, financial aid, housing and other deadlines. To take advantage of the extended deadlines and reserve space in courses for which they are registered, UM students fighting fires must call 406-243-6566 by Monday, Aug. 23.

The number, in operation 24 hours a day, will play a recording asking students to provide their name, student identification number, the name of the agency they work for, and information about their assigned rooms in residence halls, family housing or elsewhere.

"I think it appropriate, under these circumstances, that we recognize the willingness of our students to put themselves in harm's way to protect the natural and built environments in Montana," UM President George M. Dennison said. "By reserving their places, we can let them know that we appreciate what they have done."

The extension applies to all students involved in the firefighting effort, including those providing support services for fire crews, as well as National Guard members and other military personnel.

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UM NEWS



August 11, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana broke its all-time summer semester record enrollment with 4,177 students registered this year.

Student numbers jumped 522 from last year's summer enrollment of 3,655.

UM also set a new record for full-time equivalent students, which hit 1,426 this summer. An FTE represents 15 undergraduate or 12 graduate semester credits.

"The robust summer enrollments reflect economic conditions to some extent," said UM President George M. Dennison. "People often return to college when jobs become scarce. Additionally, a significant outreach to recently laid-off workers resulted in the creation of numerous summer courses to aid those individuals who are returning to school with a smooth transition to academic pursuits fall semester."

Of the 4,177 students registered for summer semester, 3,683 were enrolled at the University's mountain campus and 494 at UM's College of Technology.

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UM NEWS



August 11, 2010

MISSOULA —

The Mansfield Library at The University of Montana and the Mansfield Library at the UM College of Technology are scheduled to open at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, to accommodate employee in-service training. Both libraries will close at the regularly scheduled time of 5 p.m. Both facilities will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the rest of the week.

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UM NEWS



August 09, 2010

MISSOULA —

The first half of 2010 brought Montana's wood products industry a mixture of employment and wage declines but some production increases, according to a University of Montana researcher.

Todd Morgan, director of forestry industry research at UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, said the mixed signals contain scraps of good news, but the big picture is not improving.

Lumber production increased about 11 percent at Montana sawmills between the first and second quarters of 2010, and production is up by 20 percent compared to the first half of 2009, Morgan said. About 256 million board feet of lumber were manufactured in Montana during the first half of 2010 compared to 212 million board feet in the first half of 2009. Wood panel (i.e., plywood, particleboard and medium density fiberboard) production also increased by more than 20 percent from the first half of 2009.

"The recent increases are nice to see, but lumber production is still only 69 percent of what it was during the same period in 2008 and less than half of what it was in 2005," Morgan said. "Montana lumber production figures for 2009 were the lowest they have been since the end of World War II. So, these modest increases are not very significant."

"We still have a long way to go before I would declare any kind of recovery in wood products," he said. "The U.S. housing market just has not made the kind of turn around that will significantly increase the demand for lumber and other wood products, and the outlook for the remainder of the year does not show much improvement."

The number of production workers employed in Montana mills during the second quarter of 2010 decreased to 1,560 – about 6 percent lower than the first quarter of 2010, and 23 percent lower than second quarter 2009 employment.

Production wages experienced a slight increase to \$14.3 million – almost 2 percent higher than the first quarter of 2010. However, like number of employees, wages are down nearly 23 percent compared to a year ago.

"The effects of the Smurfit-Stone Container and Plum Creek mill shutdowns are now beginning to register in the employment and wage figures for Montana's wood products industry," Morgan said. "Even if employment and wages at Montana lumber and panel producers increase for the remainder of the year, those increases are unlikely to make up for the jobs lost during 2009."

Compared to the relatively poor wood product market year of 2008, Montana mill employment in 2010 is down by 45 percent, and employee income is down by 50 percent.

Wage, employment and production figures refer only to Montana production workers at timber-processing facilities and mills that use wood residue. Production workers account for 30 to 40 percent of the workers in Montana's forest products industry. Estimates do not include several thousand workers in logging, trucking and other related jobs.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA —

Employers and student workers can connect at the Fall Student Job Fair to be held at The University of Montana on Thursday, Sept. 2.

The fair, hosted by UM's Office of Career Services, is free and will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. It is open to any business, organization or department that needs college students for part-time jobs, internships or volunteer opportunities. Employers with work-study openings also are invited to participate.

Registered employers will receive a career fair booth, snacks and free parking. The Office of Career Services will have students on hand to help employers bring in their job fair materials and assist with setup.

Employers can register online at <http://www.umt.edu/studentjobs/employer> or call 406-243-2022 for registration materials.

For more information, call Janay Whisman, student employment coordinator, at 406-243-5627 or e-mail studentjobs@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana will present an exhibition Aug. 20 through Oct. 23 honoring the work of Montana architect A.J. Gibson.

“The Original Man: The Life and Work of Montana Architect A.J. Gibson” was co-curated by MMAC and UM professor of art history and art criticism Hipólito Rafael Chacón.

The exhibition will open with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, at the museum’s Meloy and Paxson galleries, located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at UM.

Chacón is also the author of a book of the same name, published in 2008 in partnership with MMAC and The University of Montana Press. Chacón worked with the University’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library K. Ross Toole Archives and the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula to organize the exhibition and create the first complete biography of Missoula County’s best-known and most beloved architect, Albert John Gibson.

The exhibition, which traveled the state the past two years, returns to Missoula to coincide with centennial of the Missoula County Courthouse. The final showing includes models of several Gibson buildings constructed by members of the Montana chapter of the American Institute of Architects, reproductions of Gibson’s architectural plans, original drawings, scrapbooks, photo albums and architectural fragments.

Between the 1880s and the 1910s, Gibson defined great architecture in western Montana and northern Idaho. This was remarkable given that he had no professional training. Despite this, he designed and built a broad range of buildings, from private homes to grand residences and civic structures. He helped reshape Missoula from a rustic accumulation of buildings into a civilized space.

Gibson’s work has endured for more than a century and includes the first five buildings on the UM campus in Missoula, the Daly Mansion near Hamilton, and the Ravalli County and Missoula County courthouses.

Chacón will sign copies of his book and present a lecture on Gibson at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Montana Theatre in the PAR/TV Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture has new, expanded hours and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from noon. to 3 p.m. and Thursday and Friday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call 406-243-2019 or go online to <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Digital images of select items included in the exhibition are available upon request by calling 406-243-2019.

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UM NEWS



August 03, 2010

MISSOULA —

The Building Futures Program, a community partnership of The University of Montana College of Technology, the Missoula Building Industry Association and the Flagship Program, will hold an open house for its student-built home from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8.

The Bronze Level National Association of Home Builders Green Certified custom home, located at 2604 Roderick Way in Missoula, is valued at \$340,000. It has three bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms, with 1,484 square feet on the main floor and 742 square feet on the upper floor.

Raffle tickets for the home are being sold for \$100 each and can be purchased at the open house. Those who buy a raffle ticket at the open house will be entered into a drawing for a free ticket.

Purchasers must be 18 or older, and prize winners must be Montana residents. The raffle drawing will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Farmers State Bank, located at 3130 N. Reserve St. in Missoula. Ticket purchasers need not be present to win.

UM complies with disability rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, by making reasonable modifications for individuals with disabilities. To request such a modification for this open house, call Alan Fugleberg, COT associate dean, at 406-243-7608, at least 48 hours in advance. For more information e-mail alan1.fugleberg@umontana.edu or go online to <http://www.missoulastudentbuilthouse.org>.

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UM NEWS



August 04, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana once again is ranked as one the top four-year colleges and universities in North America by the Princeton Review.

The 2011 edition, "The Best 373 Colleges," was released Aug. 3. The rankings are based on surveys of more than 122,000 undergraduate students. The 80-question survey asks students to rate their school on several topics and report their campus experiences. Top schools, such as UM, receive a two-page profile with student comments. Only about 15 percent of the nation's four-year colleges and two Canadian colleges made the list.

"Inclusion once again among the 373 best colleges listed by the Princeton Review indicates that the University has sustained its programs and services despite the economic conditions," said UM President George Dennison. "We value this listing because it reflects the opinions of students, and as such serves as a beacon to attract other outstanding students to the campus."

This year's report quotes students as saying, "Life at UM combines a love for the Grizzlies with the outdoors." Another says, "Academics at UM are facilitated by great instructors [who do] anything and everything for their students."

The Princeton Review also rates schools on a scale of 60 to 99 using data collected during the 2009-10 academic year. UM received an 86 for "Quality of Life" and a rating of 94 in the "Green" category.

Complete listings are online at <http://www.princetonreview.com>.

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UM NEWS



August 04, 2010

MISSOULA –

In response to the demand for additional education and training opportunities following recent layoffs in western Montana, The University of Montana College of Technology is opening two additional industrial trade programs beginning fall semester 2010.

The carpentry program will accept 20 students for an Associate of Applied Science degree program. The welding technology program will accept 20 students for a similar degree program. Classes for both will begin fall semester 2010 and continue through spring semester 2011, summer term 2011 and fall semester 2011.

Students will take late afternoon, evening and some weekend courses in the fall and spring semesters. Summer term courses will be held during daytime hours. Students admitted to either program will take general education courses in the fall term (e.g. math and writing) and will begin their skilled-trades courses during spring semester 2011.

The carpentry and welding technology programs will accept students on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to apply, call Enrollment Services–Admissions at the UM College of Technology at 406-243-7882 or e-mail COTadmissions@umontana.edu.

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