September 2010 news releases

University of Montana--Missoula. Office of University Relations

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Recommended Citation

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the University Relations at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact scholarworks@mso.umt.edu.
September 2010 News

10/01/2010 - Raffle Extended For Award-Winning Home In Missoula - Alan Fugleberg

09/30/2010 - Writing Competition Open To UM Students - Karin Schalm

09/29/2010 - Scientists Discover Hidden Glacial Crevasses - Joel Harper

09/29/2010 - Registration Open For Climate Change Course In Hamilton - Dannette Fadness

09/29/2010 - Conference Deals With Treatment, Understanding Of Alzheimer's - Terry Egan

09/29/2010 - Next UM President Outlines Priorities - Jim Foley

09/29/2010 - Exhibit Opens At University Center Gallery - Josh Peters-McBride

09/29/2010 - UM Launches New Minor In South, Southeast Asian Studies - Ruth Vanita

09/29/2010 - 'Pianissimo!' Back By Popular Demand - Christopher Hahn

09/28/2010 - O'Day In Dallas To Attend WAC 'Information Gathering' Session - Dave Guffey

09/28/2010 - Regents Approve UM Center For Study Of Central, Southwest Asia - Brian Lofink

09/28/2010 - Join In Celebration Of National Fossil Day At UM - George Stanley

09/27/2010 - UM Enrollment Soars Above 15,000 - George M. Dennison

09/27/2010 - Events At UM Address Depression, Suicide Prevention - Ryan Norton

09/27/2010 - $1.5 Million DOD Grant Studies Drug To Limit Brain Injuries - David Poulsen

09/24/2010 - Fulbright Award Takes UM Student To Tajikistan - Liz Ametsbichler

09/24/2010 - Student-Produced Program Features Montana Businesses - Denise Dowling

09/24/2010 - Popular Program 'The Apathy Myth' Comes To UM - Caitlin Parker

09/23/2010 - Engstrom Named UM's 17th President - UM President's Office

09/22/2010 - Messina Speaks About Law, Politics At UM This Week - Holly Kulish

09/22/2010 - UM Grizzly Marching Band To Participate In 'Hawaii Five-O' Contest - Kevin Griggs

09/21/2010 - Meeting Planned For Bitterroot College Program Of UM - Victoria Clark

09/21/2010 - Regents Eye Thursday Action On Engstrom's Candidacy For UM President - Clayton Christian
09/08/2010 - Lecture At UM Examines Idea Of Nature As Religion - Bill Farr

09/08/2010 - Mansfield Center Launches Domestic Policy Initiative - Pat Williams

09/07/2010 - Regents Professor Receives Fulbright Specialist Award - Jakki Mohr

09/07/2010 - Accounting Master's Student At UM Earns Prestigious National Scholarship - Jodi Mammenga

09/07/2010 - UM Students Produce News Updates For MontanaPBS - Denise Dowling

09/07/2010 - Reconnect Sept. 19-25 At UM Homecoming - Susan Cuff

09/07/2010 - Public Invited To 'Weird Science Dance Party' - Levi McGarry

09/07/2010 - KBGA College Radio Hosts Birthday Bash Sept. 24 - Drew Larson

09/07/2010 - University Center To Hold 2010 Homecoming Art Fair - Josh Peters-McBride

09/03/2010 - Leadership Events On Tap For UM Students - Michael Paine

09/03/2010 - Scoop Up Fun At Annual Neighborhood Ice Cream Social - Jean Woessner

09/03/2010 - Fulbright Grant Takes UM Professors To Bhutan - Jill Belsky

09/03/2010 - Football Opener Honors Volunteers For UM Foundation Missoula Business Drive - Beth Hammock

09/02/2010 - Griz Fans Invited To 'Get Your Griz On' - Erika Beede

09/02/2010 - UM Homecoming Parade Entry Applications Available - Suzette Dussault

09/02/2010 - COT Offers Microsoft Certification Course - Mary Opitz

09/02/2010 - Workshop Allows Students To Explore Social Inequality - Tobin Miller Shearer

09/02/2010 - Noted Scholar To Speak About Montana Architect A.J. Gibson - Brandon Reintjes

09/01/2010 - University Center Hosts 'International Coffee Hour' - Josh Peters-McBride

09/01/2010 - Crown Of The Continent Summer E-note Now Available - Rick Graetz

09/01/2010 - UM Kicks Off 'Use Your Power Wisely' Campaign - Cherie Peacock
MISSOULA –

There's still time to buy raffle tickets for the award-winning student-built home in Missoula.

The Building Futures Program, a community partnership with the Missoula Building Industry Association, The University of Montana College of Technology and the Flagship Program, has extended the sale of raffle tickets for the home, valued at $340,000. The new date for the raffle drawing is Jan. 2, 2011.

A minimum of 3,500 tickets is needed to hold the raffle, which was originally scheduled for Sept. 26. To date, more than 2,400 tickets have been sold. To help meet the minimum raffle ticket requirement, additional open house events have been scheduled.

The next open house will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3. The Bronze Level efficiency custom home is located at 2604 Roderick Way in Missoula.

The home has three bedrooms and two and a half baths, with 1,484 square feet on the main floor and 742 square feet on the upper floor. During the recent Parade of Homes and Remodeling Tour, the home received many awards, including the Notable Kitchen, Site Integration and Overall Design awards in its category. The home also tied with Edgell Building and Development for the Craftsmanship award.

Raffle tickets cost $100 each. They may be purchased at the following locations in Missoula: MBIA office, 1840 South Ave. W.; First Security Bank, 2601 Garfield; Rosauers on Reserve Street; COT at 909 South Ave. W.; Junkermier, Clark, Campanella and Stevens, 2520 Connery Way; Community Bank, 3010 American Way; Caras Management Co., 401 S.W. Higgins; all four Loose Caboose locations; and Culligan Water Conditioning, 2020 Ernest Ave.

Ticket purchasers need not be present at the raffle drawing to win. Additional prizes include: first prize, a $20,000 car; second prize, a $10,000 boat or recreational vehicle; and third prize, a $5,000 home entertainment system. More information and raffle rules are online at http://www.missoulastudentbuilthouse.org.

Current ticketholders should have received information about the extension in the mail. Those ticketholders are asked to return the postcard they received by Friday, Oct. 8, indicating whether they want to remain a part of the raffle or request a refund. For more information, stop by the MBIA office at 1840 South Ave. W. in Missoula or call 406-543-4423.

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 open house events, call Alan Fugleberg, COT associate dean, at 406-243-7608 or e-mail alan1.fugleberg@umontana.edu at least 48 hours in advance.

###

AF/bd
Local, state
093010rffl

Contact: Alan Fugleberg, UM College of Technology associate dean, 406-243-7608, alan1.fugleberg@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

University of Montana autumn semester 2010 undergraduate and graduate students are invited to enter a competition for the Merriam-Frontier Award.

The award was established by H.G. Merriam, UM professor of English and creative writing from 1919 to 1954, to recognize distinguished achievement in writing. It consists of a $500 prize and publication of the winning entry as a chapbook.

Entries should be in one of the following categories:

- Fiction: two or more stories (40-60 double-spaced pages).
- Essay: two or more essays (40-60 double-spaced pages).

All entries must be delivered to Karin Schalm, assistant to the director of creative writing in the UM Department of English, in Liberal Arts Building Room 133 by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15.

The manuscripts will be judged by a committee of writers not affiliated with UM. A winner will be announced by Feb. 7, 2011, and will be invited to give a public reading.

Frontier, later titled Frontier and Midland, was a distinguished quarterly journal founded and edited by Merriam and published at UM from 1920 to 1939. Contributors included then-emerging talents Wallace Stegner, A.B. Guthrie Jr., William Saroyan, Dorothy Johnson, John Mason Brown, Weldon Kees, Thomas McGrath and many others. A particular strength of the journal was its frequent publication of work by young authors, a custom which the Merriam-Frontier Award both honors and continues.

For more information, call Schalm at 406-243-5267 or e-mail karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu.

###

BD

Campus

093010awrd

Contact: Karin Schalm, UM Department of English, 406-243-5267, karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu
MISSOULA –

A science team led by University of Montana researcher Joel Harper has confirmed the existence of crevasses that form on the bottom side of glaciers and store large quantities of water.

The finding was published in the Sept. 30 issue of the prestigious journal Nature in an article titled “Vertical Extension of the Subglacial Drainage System Into Basal Crevasses.”

“We know very little about water under glaciers and ice sheets, because it is so hard to observe,” said Harper, an associate professor in UM’s geosciences department. “Our findings are important because they will help to more accurately model how fast glaciers move when they have water at their base.

“Ultimately, such understanding is needed to project how fast glaciers will move in a warmer climate and their potential impact on future sea levels,” he said. “Glacier speed influences sea level through iceberg calving.”

Harper’s team discovered the crevasses on Bench Glacier in Alaska. They form from the bottom up and can extend 80 meters or more into the ice, but they do not reach the surface. Similar cracks are expected to exist worldwide, including in the massive Greenland and Antarctica ice sheets.

The scientists used boreholes drilled through the glacier, radar, seismic imaging, dye injections and submersible cameras to make the discovery. Harper said scientists had long debated the possibility of such basal crevasses, but the Bench Glacier work confirmed their existence.

He said the crevasses can store and release water, potentially causing glaciers to slow down or speed up. Harper and his partners noticed a fivefold increase in the speed of Bench Glacier when its base was flooded with water.

###

Contact: Joel Harper, UM geosciences associate professor, 406-243-5867, joel.harper@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA —

Continuing Education at The University of Montana, in conjunction with the Bitterroot College Program of UM, the Climate Change Studies Program and the Hamilton Performing Arts Center, will offer a course for lifelong learners in the Bitterroot Valley titled “In Our Backyard: Addressing Climate Change.”

The course will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 27-Nov. 17, at the Hamilton Performing Arts Center, located at 327 Fairgrounds Road. An optional field trip on the geological history of western Montana, led by UM adjunct professor of geology George Furniss, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6.

Course registration is $35 before Oct. 15 and $45 after. Registration for the Nov. 6 field trip only is $40, and the cost for both the course and field trip is $70.

“In Our Backyard: Addressing Climate Change” will be taught by Steve Running, UM Regents Professor of Ecology; Sarah Bates, senior associate at UM’s Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy; Diana Maneta, executive director of the Montana Renewable Energy Association; and Steve Schwarze, associate professor and chair of UM’s Department of Communication Studies.

The course will take a broad look at some of the impacts and opportunities facing Montana regarding climate change, including ecosystem responses, growing seasons, wildfires, water management, renewable energy and improving public discourse on the topic.

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

###

Local, specialized western

092910root

Contact: Dannette Fadness, UM Continuing Education program coordinator, 406-243-2905, dannette.fadness@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

Alzheimer’s disease currently affects 4.5 million Americans, and that number is expected to rise to 13.2 million by 2050.

To help health care professionals meet the challenges of the disease, a daylong conference, “Alzheimer’s Disease: From Research to Best Practices,” will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 12, by the Montana Geriatric Education Center at The University of Montana.

The conference will be broadcast from Missoula and Billings, with interactive videoconferencing sites available around the state. It features four presenters who are internationally recognized for their contribution to the understanding and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease.

The conference is designed for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, dieticians, nursing home administrators, tribal health administrators and practitioners, and other health care providers working in geriatric care and education.

Registration is required, and continuing education credits are available. Students in health care professions, social work, psychology and other disciplines interested in geriatrics can participate for free, but registration is required.

For registration and location information, go online to http://mtgec.umontana.edu, call 406-243-2453 or 866-506-8432, or e-mail montanagec@umontana.edu.

###

Local, state

092810alzh

Contact: Terry Egan, associate director, Montana Geriatric Education Center, 406-243-2480, terry.egan@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

University of Montana Provost Royce Engstrom, who will become UM’s 17th president on Oct. 15, said providing more people with the opportunity for education, as well as raising retention and graduation rates, will be top priorities of his administration.

Engstrom made his remarks during a campus news conference on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

“It is a tremendous honor for me to be selected as the 17th president,” Engstrom said. “Successively strong leadership is necessary to build a great university. I am fortunate to follow President George Dennison, who has dramatically increased the effectiveness and reputation of the University during his 20 years as president, and with whom I’ve enjoyed working these past three years.”

He said the Partnering for Student Success program will lead efforts to improve educational opportunities at UM and boost retention and graduation rates. The program is a collaborative effort involving the offices of student affairs, academic affairs, and administration and finance.

Other goals Engstrom outlined:

- Establish a program called the 2020 Curriculum to design and implement an undergraduate experience that prepares graduates for the problems and opportunities they will face.
- Assure the responsiveness of UM’s two-year programs and enhance the infrastructure needed for top-quality education at the two-year level.
- Strategically grow graduate programs to meet the advanced educational interests of students and needs of society. Programs will become more competitive to attract more highly qualified students.
- Grow the impact of UM research and creative scholarship by increasing production levels and working to create programs of distinction that are well-known nationally and internationally.
- Continue to emphasize campus vitality through cultural and academic programming and through Grizzly Athletics.
- Strengthen the University’s effectiveness in areas of responsibility, including diversity, sustainability, global awareness and shared governance.

Engstrom said he has been meeting with Dennison, UM’s president for the past two decades, to ensure a smooth transition. He also is preparing for the upcoming legislative session, “working with our legislators to make as strong as an investment as possible in higher education, as I believe higher education is the key to the economic, social and cultural competitiveness of our state.”

During his remarks Engstrom announced that Perry Brown, dean of UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation, would become interim provost and vice president for academic affairs on Oct. 15. Brown will serve in that capacity for two years. A national search for the next provost will begin next fall.

Brown announced that Jim Burchfield, research professor of forest social sciences, would become interim dean of the forestry college – a role he has filled before.

Engstrom said Arlene Walker-Andrews, UM associate provost for undergraduate education and policy, will take on another role in his administration, that of special assistant to the president for accreditation. He said the University’s accrediting agency has changed the nature and process of accreditation, requiring more intensive, ongoing interaction with the agency.

Taking questions from the media, Engstrom said UM employee raises would be a top priority with the Legislature, as well as seeking a new facility for the UM College of Technology. With record enrollment, campus parking is an issue that he hopes students and employees would help address by using alternative transportation.

He said he will continue the Dennison tradition of offering open office hours, and he will start doing a weekly video broadcast. He also wants to start a University council, which he described as a bi-weekly forum that will help with UM shared governance.

When asked how UM will continue offering great education with dwindling resources, Engstrom said, “Essentially, you have to have a good strategic plan in place. You need to have a plan in place and the will to prioritize.”

NEWS CONFERENCE VIDEO: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwwW0Lf1lzU

Contact: Jim Foley, UM executive vice president, 406-243-2311, jfoley@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

“Art in Progress,” an exhibit that shows the process of art, is on view at the University Center Gallery at The University of Montana through Friday, Oct. 29.

The exhibit shows the process and progress of art being developed by three UM students: Chelsey Von Ehrenkrook, Kelly Hegg and Sonya Yahyaoui.

Using various materials, Von Ehrenkrook will create a sculpture addressing women’s issues. Hegg will explore the use of paint, pens and coffee to express the delicate ideas and emotions that come to light during conversations. Yahyaoui will work with the difficulties and importance of language barriers and document these struggles using paper, language and wax.

The exhibit is held in conjunction with UM’s annual Day of Dialogue. A reception and artist talk will take place in the gallery at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, during Day of Dialogue. The talk and all Day of Dialogue events are free and open to the public.

The University Center Gallery is located in UC Room 227. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 406-243-5776. Information about Day of Dialogue is online at http://www.umt.edu/dayofdialogue.

###

BD

Local, specialized western

092810prog

Contact: Josh Peters-McBride, University Center Student Involvement program adviser, 406-243-5776, josh.peters-mcbride@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Liberal Studies Program will host a talk titled “Harem Portraits” on Friday, Oct. 8, to inaugurate the University’s new minor in South and Southeast Asian studies.

The talk, presented by Ruby Lal, professor of South Asian studies at Emory University, will be organized around a series of paintings. It begins at 4 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 119. A reception will follow.

Lal is the author of a book about the women of Mughal India titled “Domesticity and Power in the Early Mughal World.”

“Harem Portraits” is co-sponsored by UM International Programs, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program and the Montana Anthropology Student Association.

UM students in any field of study can add the South and Southeast Asian studies minor, which requires an introductory course, six lower-division credits and nine credits in upper-division courses.

For more information, call UM Professor Ruth Vanita at 406-243-4894 or e-mail ruth.vanita@mso.umt.edu.

###

BD

Local, specialized western

092810east

Contact: Ruth Vanita, UM professor, 406-243-4894, ruth.vanita@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Music will present the third annual “Pianissimo!” concert Friday, Oct. 8.

The performances feature a wide variety of works and styles for solo piano, piano duet, two pianos, multiple piano works and more. The audience also will be treated to the sound created by seven pianos played at the same time.

The gala event, performed by some of Missoula's most prominent and distinguished pianists, begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. Tickets are $20 for the public and $10 for students. They can be purchased at the door or by calling the music department at 406-243-6880.

Featured performers are UM faculty members Steven Hesla, Christopher Hahn, Nancy Cooper and Barbara Blegen, as well as Margery Whatley, Dorothy Peterson, Jan Halmes, Aneta Panusz, Scott Billadeau and Emily Trapp. UM piano students Paul Nonnenmacher, Brenna Hyvonen, Allyson Carroll, Seth Quay and Scott Koljnen also will take part in the performances.

A reception hosted by Liquid Planet will follow the concert.

"Pianissimo!" is a fundraiser for the UM Keyboard Society to help piano students attend conferences, fund performance travel, sponsor events and bring in guest artists. The UM Keyboard Society was recently named the 2010 Benjamin Whitten Collegiate Chapter of the Year, an award presented by Music Teachers National Association.

Proceeds also will help with much-needed maintenance and care for UM’s pianos to provide instruments that will attract the best students to the University’s music programs.

###

Contact: Christopher Hahn, UM music professor, 406-243-6490, christopher.hahn@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA —

University of Montana Athletic Director Jim O’Day attended an “information gathering” session Sept. 28 with the Western Athletic Conference athletic directors, who are currently in Dallas for the annual convention of the Division I athletic directors.

Four other schools -- Texas State and Texas-San Antonio in football and the University of Denver and Seattle University in basketball -- were asked to make formal presentations for acceptance into the league.

O’Day emphasized that Montana did not make a formal presentation to representatives from the WAC, and that he was attending simply to gain knowledge from the dialog that was presented.

“We took advantage of this offer as a fact-finding mission,” O’Day said. “This, along with all our other information we’re accumulating through our independent internal assessment, will be very helpful in determining the future direction of Grizzly Athletics during these turbulent times. Any change in conference re-alignment would have to be made by the University president and supported by the Montana Board of Regents.”

###

DG

092810waci

Contact: Dave Guffey, UM associate athletic director for external and media relations, 406-243-5402, guffeydb@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA —

The Montana Board of Regents unanimously approved the creation of the Center for the Study of Central and Southwest Asia at The University of Montana during its Sept. 23 meeting in Butte.

UM currently is the only American university that offers an undergraduate degree in the field through its Central and Southwest Asia Program, and the new center will expand on the program's success and bring in more federal funding. Since the program's inception in 1997, interest in the region, which encompasses the Middle East, north Africa, western China and five former Soviet republics of Central Asia, has grown exponentially, and demand for graduates and research in the field has as well.

UM currently offers a major and a minor in Central and Southwest Asian studies, and more than 300 students take classes in the program each semester. Grants and projects from federal agencies have largely contributed to the program's growth.

For more information, call Brian Lofink, Central and Southwest Asia Program coordinator, at 406-243-2299 or e-mail brian.lofink@mso.umt.edu.

###

BL/als

Local, dailies, specialized western

092810asia

**Contact:** Brian Lofink, UM Central and Southwest Asia Program coordinator, 406-243-2299, brian.lofink@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Paleontology Center will host several events Wednesday, Oct. 13, to celebrate National Fossil Day.

In addition to celebrating the history of ancient life, National Fossil Day aims to promote public awareness and stewardship of fossils and to foster a greater appreciation of their scientific and educational value.

The celebration begins at 5 p.m. on the first floor of the Clapp Building, with a gathering around the T-rex exhibit for a reception with food and beverages. Lectures, music, movies and tours of the Paleontology Center, which contains more than 100,000 fossils, will follow.

"A shell, a fossil bone, a leaf impression or a footprint are like a time machine, allowing us to travel through the ever-changing pageantry of Earth’s deep past, perhaps helping us to grasp the significance of our own place in it," said UM Professor George Stanley, who directs the Paleontology Center.

More information about National Fossil Day is online at [http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/nationalfossilday](http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/nationalfossilday) or on the UM geosciences department website at [http://www.umt.edu/geosciences](http://www.umt.edu/geosciences).

For information about the UM Paleontology Center, call Stanley at 406-243-5693 or visit the center’s website at [http://www.cas.umt.edu/paleontology](http://www.cas.umt.edu/paleontology).

###

BD

Local, specialized western

092810fosl

**Contact:** George Stanley, professor and director of the UM Paleontology Center, 406-243-5693, george.stanley@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

For the first time in its history, the headcount enrollment at The University of Montana has topped 15,000. According to the Registrar’s Office, UM enrollment for autumn semester is 15,642, which is 721 more than the all-time record set a year ago. The headcount includes students at the central mountain campus and the UM College of Technology.

“This enrollment jump exceeds anything I have seen during my two decades at UM,” said President George M. Dennison, who will retire Oct. 15. “No doubt the economy played a role in this record enrollment, particularly at the College of Technology, but the figure also reinforces the perception that the rising demand for access to higher education continues unabated in Montana and beyond.

“For some three decades, the United States has lost ground in the international educational standings,” Dennison said. “If these numbers prove sustainable, we have clearly turned a corner and have a fighting chance to reclaim the world leadership we lost.”

The number of students jumped 382 at the mountain campus, with an additional 339 at the COT. For the COT, enrollment has surged even in an overcrowded facility, built in the 1960s for some 700 students and now hosting more than 2,400. UM officials hope the state will approve a new COT facility during the upcoming legislative session.

The University also set a record for full-time equivalent students at 13,367.40, some 609.87 more than last autumn. (An FTE represents 15 undergraduate or 12 graduate semester credits.) FTEs jumped 436.53 for the mountain campus and 173.34 for the COT. The FTE numbers rose in most categories, including healthy jumps of 364.58 for resident students and 152.37 for nonresident students (all for the mountain campus). The only drop occurred among distance-learning-only students, down by an almost imperceptible 0.3 FTE.

###

CBS

Local, dailies

092410enrl

Contact: George M. Dennison, UM president, 406-243-2311, george.dennison@umontana.edu; Ed Johnson, UM registrar, 406-243-2412, edwin.johnson@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s Curry Health Center will hold campus events Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 6-8, to address the link between depression and suicide in conjunction with National Depression Screening Day on Oct. 7.

The events aim to increase suicide awareness and to direct students to resources on campus. Montana’s suicide rate is among the highest in the country. During the past 30 years, the state’s suicide rate has been in the top five in the nation, with an average of 180 Montanans taking their lives each year, according to the state’s Strategic Suicide Prevention Plan.

The following events are free to all UM students:

- **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, UM Oval:** Curry Health Center’s Health Enhancement Program will host the second annual “Blue Couch Day.” A couch will be set up for students who want to sit down, take a break and learn more about depression and suicide prevention. Peers and health center staff will be on hand to give support and answer questions.

- **2-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7:** Curry Health Center will offer free, confidential depression screenings. Students also can schedule a free counseling session at any time by calling Counseling and Psychological Services at 406-243-4711.

- **6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, University Center Theater:** Students can choose a different type of screening – a free screening of the acclaimed independent film “Jumping Off Bridges.” The film explores what life is like for those left in the wake of a suicide. It has been described by critics as “hopeful and uplifting” and “capturing the gritty realities of suicide in a way that neither glorifies nor trivializes it.”

For more information about these events, call Ryan Norton at 406-214-7291 or e-mail ryan.norton@umontana.edu.

The Office of Health Enhancement is a Curry Health Center program that focuses on student health and well-being, offering students healthy lifestyle advice, kits to quit smoking and more.

Counseling and Psychological Services offers various counseling and psychotherapy services for students.

More information about Curry Health Center programs and services is online at http://life.umt.edu/curry.

###

BD

Campus

092710crry

**Contact:** Ryan Norton, suicide awareness coordinator, Health Enhancement Program, Curry Health Center, 406-214-7291, ryan.norton@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has been awarded a $1.5 million federal grant to support the preclinical development of low-dose methamphetamine as a treatment to limit the damage caused by traumatic brain injuries.

The Department of Defense grant was awarded by the office of Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs to David Poulsen, a researcher in UM's Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

“This grant will help us optimize the dosing regimen and determine the maximum window the drug can be therapeutically applied,” Poulsen said.

His research has demonstrated that rats suffering severe traumatic brain injuries show behavioral, cognitive and neuromotor problems 30 days after the injury. However, injured rats treated with low-dose methamphetamine experience profound improvements.

“After 30 days, we can’t differentiate them from normal rats,” he said. “It’s like they never had an injury.”

Poulsen’s lab has discovered that low-dose methamphetamine administered to rodents soon after strokes or traumatic brain injuries offers neuroprotective properties. Brain damage affecting normal behavior, learning and memory is greatly reduced.

He said the military seeks a drug that can be administered to soldiers exposed to blast-force energy waves from explosions such as those experienced in warfare in Iraq and Afghanistan. Such therapies would be applied within hours of exposure to a significant blast.

“This is primarily coming from the Air Force – especially the Air Force Special Operations Command,” Poulsen said. “They envision a drug available for special forces personnel who are forward deployed in areas where medical attention may be hours or days away.”

Military planners hope to develop a drug that lessens the incidence of complications associated with brain injury such as learning and memory deficits, neuromotor impairment or epilepsy. Poulsen said military personnel who suffer traumatic brain injuries develop seizures at 20 times the rate of the civilian population.

“If we can protect the neurons, there is a really good chance it could prevent them from developing seizures,” he said.

Poulsen and his partners formed a UM spin-off company in 2009 called Sinapis Pharma Inc. (http://www.sinapispharma.com), which intends to bring the low-dose methamphetamine product to the marketplace.

“This drug application could profoundly affect the quality of patients’ lives if the neuroprotective properties we see in rodents can translate to humans,” Poulsen said.

The company has successfully completed Phase I clinical trials on human subjects and expects a Phase II trial to commence in 2011.

“This latest grant will allow us to learn how long after the injury we can use the drug and still see a therapeutic effect,” Poulsen said.

Joe Fanguy, director of UM’s Office of Technology Transfer, said, “Dave’s efforts offer a prime example of how technology developed in a University research lab has the potential to become a life-saving or life-improving product.”

Poulsen said he sometimes encounters resistance to his scientific work because homemade meth is an addictive scourge when abused. However, he said prescription methamphetamine has many positive clinical uses and has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration since 1944.

“Very little work has been done looking at the low therapeutic dose of methamphetamine,” he said. “Take Coumadin for example: At low doses it’s a life-saving anticoagulant, but at high doses it’s rat poison.”
"The difference between a poison and a cure is the dose," he said.

###

Contact: David Poulsen, research associate professor, UM Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 406-243-4709, david.poulsen@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

University of Montana student Michael Church will study geography in Tajikistan during the 2010-11 academic year through a Fulbright U.S. Student scholarship.

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.

Church is one of more than 1,500 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad through the program. He joins three other UM students, Henry Bundy, Ellen Cheng and Shane McMillan, who have been awarded Fulbright U.S. Student scholarships to study abroad this year.

UM students who would like to learn more about applying for upcoming Fulbright awards should call Liz Ametsbichler, Fulbright program adviser, at 406-243-5001 or e-mail elizabeth.ametsbichler@umontana.edu. The deadline to submit applications for the 2011-12 academic year is Sept. 30.

###

Contact: Liz Ametsbichler, UM Fulbright Program adviser, 406-243-5001, elizabeth.ametsbichler@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

Students in The University of Montana Department of Radio-Television will premiere the latest edition of “Business: Made in Montana” on Montana Public Television stations Thursday, Sept. 30.

The program will air on MontanaPBS at 7:30 p.m. It features businesses from around the state that produce products such as specialty cheeses and gourmet mustard.

Businesses highlighted in the program include Amaltheia Organic Dairy Farm in Belgrade, JuJu Gear in Big Sky, the Montana Emu Ranch in Kalispell, HCR Industries in Lewistown, Nine Fingers Mustard in Laurel and Montana Monster Munchies in Bozeman.

Students who were juniors last spring in UM’s radio-television program came up with the ideas, did the research and interviews, and wrote and edited the individual stories. Katie Mansfield of Helena anchors the program.

“Business: Made in Montana” is now in its 17th year of production. Advisers for the program are UM radio-television Professor Ray Ekness and Associate Professor Denise Dowling, who chairs the department.

For information about MontanaPBS stations, visit their website at http://www.montanapbs.org.

###

Contact: Denise Dowling, associate professor and chair, UM Department of Radio-Television, 406-243-4143, denise.dowling@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA —

T.J. Sullivan, co-founder and CEO of Campuspeak, will facilitate his popular workshop, “The Apathy Myth,” from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, in University Center Room 330 at The University Montana.

The UM Office of Greek Life is sponsoring the workshop, which is free and open to all student groups interested in learning how to improve their organizations. The workshop is geared toward leaders of student organizations and applies a hands-on approach. Up to two members from each group may attend, and organizations must RSVP by e-mailing Ashleen Williams, Associated Students of UM president, at assum.president@mso.umt.edu by Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Later the same day, Sullivan will give a presentation on motivation and involvement from 6 to 8 p.m. in the UC Theater. This portion of the program is open to all members of student organizations, but seating in the theater is limited to 300.

Campuspeak is the nation’s premier agency providing educational speakers and interactive workshops to America’s colleges and universities. Sullivan’s leadership background allows him to form a connection with student organizations he works with, and he’s been described as someone who’s “funny, professional and connects well with audiences.”

For more information, call Caitlin Parker in the Greek Life office at 406-243-2005 or e-mail greeklife@mso.umt.edu.

###

CP/als
Local
092410myth

Contact: Caitlin Parker, UM Office of Greek Life, 406-243-2005, greeklife@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has its next president.

The state Board of Regents voted Thursday, Sept. 23, in Butte to approve the hiring of UM Provost Royce Engstrom to become the University's 17th president. Engstrom will begin his new duties Oct. 15.

"I am excited and deeply honored to take on this responsibility," Engstrom said. "The University of Montana is truly a special place. The four campuses enrich the lives of students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members. The University is an engine of competitiveness for the state of Montana. I am ready, with the help of the campus community, to engage the challenges and embrace the opportunities the future holds."

Engstrom has served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at UM since 2007. He also is a chemistry professor. Born in Michigan and raised in Nebraska, he came to Montana after a national search from a provost position at the University of South Dakota.

He will replace President George M. Dennison, UM’s longest-serving president who led his alma mater for two decades.

For more information, visit http://www.umt.edu/potumsearch or http://www.umt.edu/provost/about/RCE.aspx.

###

CBS
Local, Weeklies, Dailies
092310pres

Contact: UM President’s Office, 406-243-2311.
MISSOULA –

Jim Messina, deputy chief of staff to U.S. President Barack Obama, will speak at The University of Montana on Friday, Sept. 24.

He will present “Law & Politics: Updates from Washington” from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Law School Room 101. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Before assuming his position as deputy chief of staff, Messina served as director of personnel for the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition and as national chief of staff for Obama for America.

He joined the Obama campaign from the office of U.S. Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, where he was chief of staff. He previously held the same position for U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota and U.S. Rep. Carolyn McCarthy of New York.

Messina has overseen and consulted on political campaigns across the country, from Alaska to New York. He is a UM graduate and attended high school in Boise, Idaho.

For more information, call Holly Kulish, UM School of Law program assistant, at 406-243-6509 or e-mail holly.kulish@umontana.edu.

###

NOTE: Jim Messina was featured in a spring 2009 issue of the Montanan, UM’s alumni magazine. That article is available online at http://www.umt.edu/montanan/s09/Obama%27s%20Fixer.asp.

BD

Campus

092110msna

Contact: Holly Kulish, program assistant, UM School of Law, 406-243-6509, holly.kulish@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA —

The University of Montana Grizzly Marching Band is participating in CBS’ “Hawaii Five-0” Marching Band Mania, a contest honoring the return of the 1970s TV series.

UM is one of 18 schools competing for the title of best video performance of the “Hawaii Five-0” theme song. The winning school will receive $25,000 to go toward its marching band program.

Public voting began Monday, Sept. 20, after the premiere of the new “Hawaii Five-0” on CBS, and will run through Monday, Oct. 4. The winning school will be announced and its video will be played during a “Hawaii Five-0” episode at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11.

Visit [http://www.cbscollegesports.com](http://www.cbscollegesports.com) to cast a vote for the UM Grizzly Marching Band.

For more information, call band director Kevin Griggs at 406-243-2959 or e-mail kevin.griggs@umontana.edu.

###

CM

Local

092110mrch

Contact: Kevin Griggs, UM associate director of bands and director of athletic bands, 406-243-2959, [kevin.griggs@umontana.edu](mailto:kevin.griggs@umontana.edu).
HAMILTON –

The steering committee for the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will hold its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 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, Sept. 24, 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 e-mailing victoria.clark@umontana.edu.

The BCP steering committee is a collaborative group composed of 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 Ravalli County residents. It currently offers 19 UM College of Technology courses in the Hamilton area.

###

VC/als

Local, specialized western

092110btr

Contact: Victoria Clark, interim director, Bitterroot College Program of UM, 406-375-0100, victoria.clark@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

The state Board of Regents chairman and Royce Engstrom have reached an agreement in principle on terms for Engstrom to become the 17th president of The University of Montana, which the board will vote on Thursday in Butte.

After a Monday meeting in which the regents discussed Engstrom’s qualifications for the position, board Chairman Clayton Christian and Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns met with Engstrom to discuss the candidate’s interest and terms and conditions of the position.

Engstrom has served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at UM since 2007. He also is a chemistry professor. Born in Michigan and raised in Nebraska, he came to Montana after a national search from a provost position at the University of South Dakota.

Christian, who also chairs the UM presidential search advisory committee, said the committee recommends that the commissioner of higher education and Board of Regents hire Engstrom.

"The committee was highly impressed with Dr. Engstrom’s qualifications and felt he did an outstanding job in the interviews,” Christian said. “The search committee overwhelmingly supports the recommendation to hire Provost Engstrom as the next president.”

After the Board of Regents meeting on Monday, which was closed to discuss matters of job performance and qualifications, Christian said he is confident in the board’s support and enthusiasm for Engstrom in the president position.

“Everyone who meets Provost Engstrom knows he’s the right person for the job,” Christian said. “He knows The University of Montana well and has the leadership abilities needed to enhance the academic programs, bolster research activities, support athletics, weather future funding challenges and continue student success at UM.”

With Board of Regents approval, Engstrom would start his new duties Oct. 15. He would replace President George M. Dennison, UM’s longest-serving president who led his alma mater for two decades. Dennison had planned to retire Aug. 15 but agreed to stay on when the presidential search needed more time.

Christian said about 40 candidates applied for the UM presidency. After a thorough screening, the search committee interviewed six candidates in out-of-state meetings, narrowing the search down to three finalists. As was previously reported, two of the finalists withdrew, which allowed the search committee to expand the involvement and input of interested parties in interviewing and evaluating Engstrom as a candidate. The provost completed an exhaustive interview process, hosting a public forum and being interviewed at UM campuses in Missoula, Dillon, Butte and Helena.

“I was impressed throughout this search with the quality of individuals who want to lead The University of Montana,” Christian said. “At the end of this process, our state is fortunate to have attracted an applicant as well qualified as Dr. Engstrom.”

For more information, visit http://www.umt.edu/potumsearch or http://www.umt.edu/provost/about/RCE.aspx.

###
Contact: Clayton Christian, Montana Board of Regents chair, 406-546-2332, clayton@stewartmt.com.
MISSOULA —

The annual Heart Walk, a fundraiser for the American Heart Association, will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at The University of Montana.

Teams are forming now and are soliciting donations to support the education and research efforts of the American Heart Association, a nonprofit that raises awareness of cardiovascular disease and stroke and promotes heart-healthy lifestyles. This year’s goal is $160,000. No fundraising minimum is required to take part in the Heart Walk, and registration is open until the day of the event.

The Heart Walk event will begin at 10 a.m. on the Oval with a ceremony to introduce heart disease survivors and remember those who have passed away because of heart disease. Participants then will walk a three-mile, noncompetitive course around the UM campus. Awards and a closing ceremony will follow.

This year the kids’ zone at the Heart Walk will feature spectrUM Discovery Area’s popular exhibit “Hands on Health.” The exhibit features interactive science exhibits and activities exploring health professions and sciences, including a health assessment station, guided heart dissections and a giant runny nose participants can diagnose.

Refreshments and information on healthy lifestyles also will be available at the event. Grizzly athletes, the University dance team and mascot Monte will be on hand to sign autographs and take part in the festivities.

For more information or to register, call the American Heart Association at 406-829-3377, e-mail missoula.walk@heart.org or visit http://www.missoulaheartwalk.org.

###

Contact: Bill Mathews, regional director, American Heart Association, 406-829-3596, bill.mathews@heart.org; Beckie Christiaens, UM Heart Walk campaign chair, 406-243-4611, beckie.christiaens@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

Season tickets now are available for the 2010-11 Broadway in Missoula series, which will bring “An Evening with Garrison Keillor,” “The Wizard of Oz” and “Riverdance” from New York to The University of Montana’s Adams Center stage.

Writer and humorist Garrison Keillor will appear in Missoula on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Keillor is best-known for his widely popular radio show “A Prairie Home Companion,” which attracts more than 2 million listeners on more than 450 National Public Radio stations weekly. He is a best-selling author of 12 books, including “Lake Wobegon Days,” “Love Me” and “Homegrown Democrat.”

“The Wizard of Oz” twists its way into Missoula on Tuesday, Dec. 7. The entire family will be captivated as they travel down the Yellow Brick Road and beyond with Dorothy, Toto and their friends the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow in the lavish production that features breathtaking special effects, dazzling choreography and classic songs.

“Riverdance,” the thunderous celebration of Irish music, song and dance that has tapped its way onto the world stage thrilling millions around the globe, will play one of its “Farewell Performances” at the Adams Center on Wednesday, May 18.

Season tickets now are on sale to the general public. They range from $99 to $140 and include all three shows. Purchasing a “Best of Broadway” subscription package saves subscribers more than 30 percent per seat versus buying individual tickets. To order or renew subscriptions, call the Broadway Series Hotline at 888-712-2929.

Individual tickets go on sale about six weeks prior to each engagement at all GrizTix outlets, online at http://www.griztix.com or by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA. Tickets for “An Evening with Garrison Keillor” are now available.

###

AW/bd

Local, specialized western

092010bway

Contact: Adrien Wingard, Adams Center events coordinator, 406-243-5321, adrien.wingard@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana has received a gift of 11 oil paintings and 78 drawings by noted artist Ben Steele.

Steele, a survivor of the Bataan Death March in the Philippines and a former prisoner of war in Japan, used found paper and salvaged charcoal to document his ordeal of unparalleled cruelty and savagery – 41 months of starvation, dehydration, hard labor, torture and a journey on notorious “hell ships” to the Japanese homeland.

Crippled by a combination of dysentery, pneumonia, malaria, blood poisoning and Beriberi, Steele miraculously survived before being liberated in 1945. The drawings were smuggled out of the prison camps but unfortunately were lost.

During his yearlong recuperation in a Spokane, Wash., hospital, Steele re-created the lost drawings. Following his recovery, he pursued a degree at the Cleveland Institute of Art, where he studied with noted artists George Grosz, Hans Mueller and Clarence Van Duzer. Steele later received teaching credentials from Kent State University and earned a Master of Art degree from the University of Denver in 1955.

MMAC Director Barbara Koostra recently conducted an oral history with Steele as part of the museum’s efforts to preserve the history of art in Montana.

“Ben is a treasure,” Koostra said. “His message is one of peace. We hope that people will learn a great deal about the lessons of war from his paintings.”

As part of MMAC’s Permanent Collection, the Steele paintings have recently been cleaned and conserved. MMAC will reframe the drawings using archival materials. The conservation and reframing are in preparation for an exhibition of Steele’s work titled “War Tom: The Art of Ben Steele.” Scheduled for September 2011, the exhibition will coincide with the 38th annual Montana History Conference at UM. The theme of the conference will be “Montana and War: Conflict and Resolution Under the Big Sky.”


MMAC 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.

###

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

092010mmac

Contact: Brandon Reintjes, curator of art, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, 406-243-2019, brandon.reintjes@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office of Alumni Relations and the Missoula City Police Department remind UM Homecoming Parade participants that it is a violation of a Missoula City ordinance to throw, drop or cast candy, trinkets or other articles to people along the parade route.

Participants may walk along the edge of the parade route and hand out these items. Organizations whose members do not comply with this ordinance will not be allowed in future UM Homecoming parades.

“We want the parade to be the memorable and wonderful community event that it is each year without any unfortunate accidents,” said Susan Cuff, assistant director of UM’s Office of Alumni Relations, an event sponsor.

This year’s parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, just moments after the Homecoming Hustle 5K race kicks off at 9:55 a.m. Events begin at the corner of Broadway and Higgins.

The parade then proceeds down Higgins to University Avenue, where the first half of the parade turns east onto Helen Avenue and the second half of the parade turns onto Plymouth Street.

For more information, call parade coordinator Suzette Dussault at 406-243-5214 or e-mail suzette.dussault@mso.umt.edu.

Contact: Suzette Dussault, parade coordinator, 406-243-5214, suzette.dussault@mso.umt.edu,

###

SD/bd

Local, specialized western

092010cndy
MISSOULA –

Brian H. Spitzberg, a Senate Distinguished Professor in the School of Communication at San Diego State University, will present "Stalking and Unwanted Pursuit: Cultural Corruptions of Communication and Courtship" from 3:40 to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, in Gallagher Business Building Room 119 at The University of Montana. The talk is free and open to the public.

Spitzberg’s research is widely published, with books and articles in areas that include interpersonal communication skills, communication assessment, conflict management, jealousy, infidelity, intimate violence, sexual coercion and stalking. He is the co-author of the 2004 book "Dark Side of Relationship Pursuit: From Attraction to Obsession and Stalking." which won the International Association for Relationship Research Award in 2006.

He received his doctorate in communication arts and sciences from the University of Southern California in 1981.

Spitzberg is an active member of the San Diego district attorney’s Stalking Case Assessment Team, an advisory group that consults on problematic stalking cases presented to the D.A.’s office.

The event is sponsored by the UM Department of Communication Studies, the UM Department of Public Safety, the University Council on Student Assault and the Student Assault Resource Center.

For more information, call Stephen Yoshimura, associate professor and director of graduate studies in UM’s Department of Communication Studies, at 406-243-4951 or e-mail stephen.yoshimura@umontana.edu.

###

JH

Local

091710sptz

Contact: Stephen Yoshimura, associate professor and director of graduate studies, UM Department of Communication Studies, 406-243-4951, stephen.yoshimura@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana and the UM International Studies Program will collect coats, warm clothing, quilts and blankets to send to the victims of ethnic violence following the political coup in Kyrgyzstan this summer.

Collection boxes are on campus at the James E. Todd Building, the Law Building, the geography department office in the Old Journalism Building, the International Center, and UM fraternities and sororities. Donations of boxes and plastic storage bags also are needed. Those interested in volunteering for the project can call Susie Graetz at 406-243-2299 and leave a message.

In 1996 through the National Guard Bureau’s State Partnership Program, Montana became a sister state to Kyrgyzstan. Since then a solid, giving relationship has been built.

Thousands of Kyrgyzstan’s citizens are homeless and unprepared for the coming brutal winter weather. Nearly 2,000 were injured and hundreds of families have been left to fend for themselves because the breadwinners were killed in recent ethnic violence.

Kyrgyzstan is a small country in Central Asia. More than 90 percent of the country is mountainous, and its highest peak reaches more than 25,000 feet. Beautiful and rugged, its landscape often resembles the wide-open spaces and mountain grandeur of Montana. Once part of the former Soviet Union, it now struggles to stabilize itself as an independent republic.

UM has sent many delegations to the Central Asian country – such as law school professors to teach in Kyrgyzstan’s universities, physical therapy students to work with Kyrgyz peers, geography professors to study and do research, representatives to consult with universities and aid in their development, and much more. In return for their contributions to the health, welfare and education within the country, the UM representatives have been warmly received by the Kyrgyz people, and close and enduring friendships have ensued.

Manas Air Base Transit Center in the capital, Bishkek, is manned by the U.S. National Guard. Over the years there has been a continuous, generous flow of humanitarian aid from the base to the people of Kyrgyzstan. In Bishkek, Jim Carney, a Montanan and former Montana National Guardsman, has worked for and closely with UM for many years. Carney is collaborating with the base’s humanitarian assistance director, Maj. Elliot Safdie, on this project. Not only are U.S. military personnel collecting warm clothing from their friends and families, the base also has pledged $50,000 to purchase winter coats in Kyrgyz bazaars.

If UM can get donations to Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Wash., by late October, the base commander in Bishkek will make sure that they get on a plane bound for the Kyrgyz Republic and will be delivered by our military to the southern part of the country and the people who need and will benefit the most.

###

SG/bd

Local, specialized western

091710kyrg

Contact: Susie Graetz, project organizer, 406-243-2299, susie.graetz@mso.umt.edu; Rick Graetz, project principle, UM Department of Geography, 406-243-2307, rick.graetz@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA —

U.S. Sen. Max Baucus recently announced that legendary investor Warren Buffett has invited University of Montana Master of Business Administration and Master of Accountancy students to join him for an extended question-and-answer session and tour of two Berkshire Hathaway subsidiaries March 11 in Omaha, Neb.

Buffett personally extended the invitation at the Montana Economic Development Summit at Montana Tech of UM in Butte earlier this week, where he addressed more than 2,000 Montanans as a keynote speaker.

"The University of Montana’s strong commitment to ethics is so important in this day and age," Buffett said. "While the most important things in life aren’t about money, UM’s business plan competition and entrepreneurship programs are preparing these students to be successful and to be competitive. UM really has a first class business school and MBA program. I look forward to meeting these bright students in person."

More than 100 UM students will compete for the opportunity, but only 20 will be selected to participate. UM was one of only 48 schools selected for the program out of the 200 colleges and universities that applied. In addition, UM students will participate in one of just six question-and-answer sessions Buffett will hold with college business students this year.

"Montana business students represent the entrepreneurial future of our state, and giving them the opportunity to learn from one of the world’s most successful investors will add incredible value to their education and our state’s economic potential," Baucus said. "The fact that Warren is spending his time contributing to the Montana Economic Development Summit and reaching out to future business leaders at UM paints a promising picture of our economic future."

For more information, call Associate Professor Simona Stan, director of the UM School of Business Administration’s MBA program, at 406-243-6027 or e-mail simona.stan@business.umt.edu.

###

ALS

Local, dailies, specialized western

091710buff

**Contact:** Simona Stan, UM MBA program director, 406-243-6027, simona.stan@business.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

In November Montanans will vote on whether to convene a constitutional convention to revise or replace the state constitution.

In light of this important upcoming vote, the Montana Law Review will dedicate this year’s Honorable James R. Browning Symposium at The University of Montana to an examination of the Montana Constitution and the process of a constitutional convention.

The symposium, which is free and open to the public, will take place Thursday and Friday, Oct. 7-8, in the University Center. Registration is not required.

Members of the State Bar of Montana can receive Continuing Legal Education credits for each event attended. A total of 17 free CLE credits are available. For more information, call the Montana Law Review at 406-243-2023.

The symposium should be of particular interest to all Montana residents. It will feature highly regarded national, regional and local speakers and panelists, including several of the delegates to the 1972 Constitutional Convention.

Symposium events begin with opening remarks by UM School of Law Dean Irma Russell and Regents Professor of Law J. Martin Burke at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in the University Center Theater. The final event of the symposium will honor delegates and staff of the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8. A complete symposium agenda is available on the Montana Law Review website at http://www.montanalawreview.com/id62.html.

“Montana’s constitution is personal to each of us,” said Montana Supreme Court Justice James C. Nelson. “Through it we give others the power to govern us; and we protect ourselves from them. The symposium is a way to learn why our constitution’s guarantees must be preserved against attacks from politics, religion and greed.”

Montana voters adopted the state’s current constitution in June 1972 following a constitutional convention. Professor Fritz Snyder, director of UM’s William J. Jameson Law Library and co-author of “The Montana State Constitution: A Reference Guide,” said, “The resulting constitution is widely considered to be one of the most forward-looking state constitutions in the country.”

A few of the prominent provisions of the 1972 constitution are:

- some of the strongest privacy rights in the nation;
- the right to a clean and healthful environment;
- the recognition that the dignity of the human being is inviolable;
- a guarantee of a free, quality public education;
- a specific educational goal of preserving the cultural integrity of Native Americans in Montana; and
- three ways citizens can change the constitution, including amendments by the people through initiative.

How these and other provisions of the 1972 constitution should be interpreted and applied has been the subject of considerable debate and jurisprudence in recent years. The November ballot issue affords the Montana electorate the opportunity to set in motion a process that could significantly change the state’s constitution.

The UM symposium will address the development of the 1972 constitution in light of contemporary constitutional issues such as whether technological developments endanger the right to privacy, the ability to sue to enforce rights to a clean and healthful environment, whether the elected judiciary is the best model, and to what extent the constitution does or should recognize and protect same-sex rights.

“The law review’s symposium editors, in collaboration with the law review advisory board and state bar leadership, have done a remarkable job of selecting the topics for the symposium and inviting outstanding speakers and panelists to address those topics,” said Burke, who is the Montana Law Review faculty adviser. “The symposium will provide Montana attorneys and the Montana public an unparalleled opportunity to assess Montana’s unique constitution in advance of the November election.”

The annual symposium honors Judge James R. Browning, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, who was raised in Belt and graduated from the UM School of
Law in 1941. Judge Browning was a member of the first editorial board of the Montana Law Review and served as editor-in-chief. In September 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed Judge Browning to the Ninth Circuit, where he continues to serve.

The Montana Law Review, established by UM law students in 1940, is a legal periodical published semiannually. It includes articles, comments, case notes and shorts written by judges, practitioners, professors and students that address recent legal developments and is the principal means of communication to the Montana bar on state law. Principal funding for the law review is provided by the State Bar of Montana as a service to its members and to legal education.

Contact: Briana Schwandt, symposium co-editor, 406-243-2023, montanalawreview@gmail.com; Peter Arant, Montana Law Review editor-in-chief, 406-243-2023, montanalawreview@gmail.com; Jori Frakie, Montana Law Review editor-in-chief, 406-243-2023, montanalawreview@gmail.com.
MISSOULA –

A multifaceted exhibition featuring two nationally recognized artists will open at the Gallery of Visual Arts at The University of Montana on Thursday, Sept. 30.

Doug Anderson’s interactive mixed media installation “Asphodel” investigates loss. Sara Schneckloth’s exhibit “Surge Protection” explores memory with engaging cut paper drawings.

The artists’ works will be on view through Nov. 10 in the gallery, located on the first floor of UM’s Social Science Building.

An opening reception and presentation by Anderson will take place from 5:15 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30. Anderson will speak about his work at 5:15 p.m. in Social Science Building Room 356.

Schneckloth will present an artist’s lecture from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in Social Science Building Room 356.

The artists’ presentations are sponsored by the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Lecture Fund and are free and open to the public.

Anderson, an associate professor of art at State University of New York at Geneseo, and Schneckloth, an assistant professor of art at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, share a conceptual interest in drawing as a ritual experience that can expand our awareness of history, story and memory. Each exhibit redefines traditional expectations of drawing and works on paper.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Lisa Jarrett, interim director, at 406-243-2813 or e-mail gallery.visarts@umontana.edu.

###

NOTE TO EDITORS: Select images from the exhibition are available by calling Lisa Jarrett at 406-243-2813 or by e-mailing gallery.visarts@umontana.edu.

LJ/bd

Local, specialized western

091710gvar

Contact: Lisa Jarrett, interim director, UM Gallery of Visual Arts, 406-243-2813, gallery.visarts@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA —

More than 100 women participated in fall sorority recruitment at The University of Montana this fall, according to the Office of Greek Life.

After getting to know current members of the Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma sororities during recruitment activities Sept. 7-10, 102 women gathered in Washington-Grizzly Stadium on Sept. 11 to receive their bid cards and participate in bid-day activities with their new chapters.

Recruitment turnout hasn’t been this high since 2003, said Tyson McLean, UM Greek Life adviser. Quota — which is roughly equal to the number of women participating in recruitment divided among the four chapters — was set at 24, and each sorority recruited at least that many new members.

“Panhellenic Council (the governing body for sororities on campus) did a great job of getting the word out about recruitment this year,” McLean said. “These 100-plus new members will help further the sororities’ values of sisterhood, academic achievement and community involvement.”

Though formal recruitment is over, women interested in joining a sorority can still do so through a process called continuous open bidding. For more information on joining a chapter, call the Office of Greek Life at 406-243-2005, e-mail tyson.mclean@umontana.edu or go online to http://www.umt.edu/greek.

###

CP/als

Local

091710rcrd

Contact: Tyson McLean, UM Greek Life adviser, 406-243-2005, tyson.mclean@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture will honor outgoing University of Montana President George M. Dennison with an exhibition of his selections from the museum’s Permanent Collection.

The exhibition, titled “President’s Choice,” is now on view in the reception area of the President’s Office, located in UM’s Main Hall. Public viewing is welcome from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Dennison’s selections include portraits by Rembrandt’s first pupil, Gerrit Dou (Dutch, 1613-1675), the school of Allan Ramsay (Scottish, 1713-1784), Ilya Efimovich Repin (Ukrainian, 1844-1930) and William Merritt Chase (American, 1849-1916). He has contributed insightful remarks to accompany each work.

An astute art observer, Dennison selected the four paintings from the more than 10,000 objects in UM’s Permanent Collection, which has existed since 1894. He has been a strong supporter of MMAC and the Permanent Collection and supports plans for a new museum building.

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

###

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

BK/bd
Local, specialized western
092310mmac

Contact: Barbara Koostra, director, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, 406-243-2019, barbara.koostra@mso.umt.edu.
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, received several awards at the Missoula Parade of Homes Builder Awards Ceremony Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park.

The student-built house took home several Category A awards, including Rising Star, Notable Kitchen, Memorable Décor, Overall Design and Site Integration. It also tied with Edgell Building and Development Inc. for the Craftsmanship Award. COT carpentry faculty members Kim Zupan and David Neu supervised COT students working on the project. Site supervisors Mike Nichols and Jim Schafer oversaw the Flagship students working on the project.

The student-built house, a Bronze Level National Association of Home Builders Green Certified custom home, will be on display as part of Missoula’s annual Parade of Homes from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Sunday, Sept. 19. It is located at 2604 Roderick Way in Missoula.

Raffle tickets for a chance to win the home, valued at $340,000, cost $100 each and can be purchased during the Parade of Homes. 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. Ticket purchasers need not be present to win.

###

AF/als

Local

091710home

Contact: Alan Fugleberg, UM College of Technology associate dean, 406-243-7608, alan1.fugleberg@umontana.edu
MISSOULA –

The first installment of the 2010 Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series at The University of Montana will feature Thomas Martin of UM’s Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit.

Martin will present “Live Fast and Die Young or Grow Slow and Die Old: What Do Field Studies of Breeding Birds Across the World Tell Us?” at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in James E. Todd Building Rooms 203-204.

All lectures in the series are free and open to the public. Receptions will follow each event.

Martin is one of only 40 senior scientists nationwide with the U.S. Department of the Interior and serves as assistant unit leader of the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, which partners with the U.S. Geological Survey. He works on issues related to conservation of birds and their habitats and the evolution of characteristics related to population success, such as nesting success, parental behaviors, offspring quality and growth. He will talk about field studies of breeding birds and the causes and consequences of the strong variation in offspring and parental strategies for growth, behavior and longevity, especially across geographic locations.

Martin was named a 2009 American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow in the Biological Sciences section. AAAS Fellows are chosen for their significant contributions in areas such as research, teaching, technology, services to professional societies and the communication of science to the public. He has led projects on nesting biology of birds in a variety of locations around the world, including Argentina, Venezuela, South Africa and Malaysia, as well as in Montana and a long-term project in northern Arizona. He has published more than 125 scientific papers and is ranked as one of the most highly cited authors in the world in environmental sciences.

Following is a schedule of other lectures in the series this semester:


- 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10: “Making a Language: A Slide Show Retrospective of the Artwork of Ceramicist Beth Lo” by UM art Professor Elizabeth Lo. University Center Theater.

- 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30: “Journey-Work: A Reading of New and Selected Poems by Greg Pape.” Pape is a UM creative writing professor. University Center Theater.

For more information, visit http://www.umt.edu/provost/pdfs or call the UM Provost’s Office at 406-243-4689.

###

BD

Local, specialized western

091710prov

Contact: Kyra Cardella, UM Provost's Office, 406-243-4689, .
MISSOULA –

The Daily Beast, an online news site, has named The University of Montana the 23rd safest college in the U.S on its second annual ranking.

The website used crime data compiled by the U.S. Department of Education, the FBI and the Secret Service from the calendar years 2006-08 to compile the 50 Safest Colleges rankings. The Clery Act mandates that all schools that receive federal funding disclose crime information annually. The data reflect incidents reported to campus or local police, not convictions.

To be eligible for the Daily Beast ranking, colleges must have at least 6,000 enrolled students and provide residential facilities. A total of 458 schools across the country met this criteria and were considered for the ranking.

The statistics account for nine types of criminal incidents, which were weighted based on a subjective judgment of violence. All totals were then divided by the number of enrolled students, so that midsize and large campuses could be accurately compared.

Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisc., was ranked as the No. 1 safest college. The Daily Beast also ranked the 50 Most Dangerous Colleges. To view the complete list of rankings, visit http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2010-09-14/50-safest-colleges/.

Contact: Jim Foley, UM executive vice president, 406-243-2311, james.foley@umontana.edu.

###

JS

Local

091610safe
MISSOULA –

Distinguished novelist, poet, biographer and critic Jay Parini will present the next installment of the President’s Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Parini, the D.E. Axinn Professor of English and Creative Writing at Middlebury College in Vermont, will present “The Books that Changed America” at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, in the University Theatre.

The lecture will deal with the foundation texts that Parini thinks represent the soul of the American Republic, from William Bradford’s “Of Plymouth Plantation” to Betty Friedan’s “The Feminine Mystique.”

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., he will give a seminar titled “The Passages of Herman Melville” in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Parini is the author of “Why Poetry Matters” and “Promised Land: Thirteen Books that Changed America.” He has written several novels that include “The Apprentice Lover,” “Benjamin’s Crossing” and “The Last Station: A Novel of Tolstoy’s Last Year,” which inspired last year’s highly acclaimed film starring Helen Mirren and Christopher Plummer.

Parini began his writing career as a poet with the publication of “Singing in Time.” His most recent book of poems, released in 2005, is titled “The Art of Subtraction: New and Selected Poems.” His biographies have covered literary figures Robert Frost, John Steinbeck and William Faulkner.

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

###

BD

Local

091610pres

Contact: Richard Drake, UM history professor and lecture series organizer, 406-243-2981, richard.drake@umontana.edu

September 16, 2010
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will hold events Friday, Sept. 24, to celebrate American Indian Heritage Day.

The community is invited to attend all events, which are free with the exception of the Native American-themed meal offered that day at the Food Zoo and the evening show by comedian Ryan McMahon.

The day will begin with a 7 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony and continental breakfast near the east entrance of The Payne Family Native American Center. A tipi rising will follow at 9 a.m. on the lawn between the center and the Math Building.

Participants will then enjoy the flute music of Kasey Nicholson before UM President George M. Dennison’s proclamation of American Indian Heritage Day at noon near the east entrance of the Native center. UM student Shandin Pete will sing an honor song for the occasion.

At 1 p.m. Native games facilitated by students Robert Hall, Ian Grimshaw and Ian Webber will begin outside on the southwest quadrant of the UM Oval, and handgames facilitated by student Dana Wilson will take place in the Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place of the Native center.

The Food Zoo in Lommasson Center will offer a Native American-themed menu from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It costs $8.75, and residence hall and commuter meal plans can be used.

UM English Professor Debra Magpie Earling will give a reading at 2 p.m. in the Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place.

The day closes with a 7 p.m. performance by comedian Ryan McMahon in the University Center Theater. Admission at the door is $5 for the general public and $3 for students.

For more information, call Salisha Old Bull, American Indian Student Services program coordinator, 406-243-6308.

###

BD

Local, specialized western

091510natv

Contact: Salisha Old Bull, program coordinator, American Indian Student Services, 406-243-6308.
MISSOULA –

More than two dozen campus technologies will be on display at the Tech Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, in the University Center Atrium at The University of Montana.

During the event students, faculty and staff can visit with technology support staff at tables, and a series of short presentations will be offered throughout the day.

Student-focused information will include a new online academic planning tool, UMConnect student e-mail, technology support in residence halls and technology services provided by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library and other academic and student service departments. The Bookstore at UM will feature vendors Adobe, Apple and Dell.

Faculty members can learn about classroom presentation technologies, media development and the transition to a new learning management system. They also can sign up for a UM Professional Development Series course, "Designing and Managing Online Discussions," to be held in conjunction with the fair. The course covers creating questions that foster conversation, providing a sense of instructor presence in the facilitation of discussions and employing time-saving strategies to the management of discussions.

Fair participants will be entered into a drawing for prizes, including an Apple iPad and iPod Touch, Dell netbook, Kindle, smart pens, software packages, two tickets to the UM President's Box for the Oct. 23 Northern Arizona football game and more.

For more information, visit the Tech Fair website at http://www.umt.edu/techfair.

###

GP/js

Campus, Local

091510tech

Contact: Gordy Pace, director of IT Communications at UM, 406-243-2371, gordy.pace@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA —

The Mortar Board at The University of Montana received two national awards at the 2010 Mortar Board National Conference held July 23-25 in Chicago.

The UM chapter received the Silver Torch Award as well as a Project Excellence Award. The Silver Torch Award was given to 77 chapters that met chapter management standards while embodying the board’s ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. The chapter received the Project Excellence Award for the President’s Outgoing Senior Recognition Awards Ceremony, which honored about 140 UM seniors the day before Commencement.

UM chapter president Chris Wilkins accepted the awards in Chicago.

Mortar Board is a national honor society that recognizes college seniors for achievements in scholarship, leadership and service. The UM chapter, which was chartered in 1927, is among the organization’s 228 collegiate chapters.

For more information, call Alicia Notestone at the Mortar Board National Office at 614-488-4094 ext. 106 or e-mail anotestone@mortarboard.org.

###

CM

Local

091410mort

Contact: Chris Wilkins, UM Mortar Board president, wilkinsc79@gmail.com; Alicia Notestone, communications manager at the Mortar Board National Office, 614-488-4094 ext. 106, anotestone@mortarboard.org.
MISSOULA –

Peter Huybers, an international expert in ice ages and global climate change, will present “On the Astronomical Control of Late Pleistocene Ice Ages” at The University of Montana on Monday, Sept. 20.

The presentation, a colloquium of UM’s Department of Geosciences, will begin at 4:10 p.m. in Urey Lecture Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Huybers is an assistant professor in Harvard University’s Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. He received a bachelor’s degree in physics from the United States Military Academy at West Point and a doctorate in climate physics and chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He has received multiple awards, including the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, the Packard Fellowship for Science and Engineering, the American Geophysical Union’s James B. Macelwane Medal, the Harvard University Center for the Environment Fellowship and the MIT Carl-Gustaf Rossby Prize. His work has been published in prestigious journals such as Science and Nature.

For more information, call UM’s Department of Geosciences at 406-243-2341.

###

BD

Local, specialized western

091410gsci

Contact: Loreene Skeel, UM Department of Geosciences, 406-243-2341, .
MISSOULA —

Anthony Johnstone, solicitor for the state of Montana in the Office of the Attorney General, will present “Litigating Under the U.S. Constitution” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, in Gallagher Business Building Room 106 at The University of Montana.

The event is UM's Constitution Day Lecture, held each year to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Johnstone advises and represents the state in constitutional, election, antitrust, charity and complex litigation matters in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels. He teaches election law and public regulation of business as an adjunct professor in UM's School of Law and has taught constitutional law at Carroll College in Helena. He also serves as Montana's appellate lawyer representative on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and as a member of the Montana Supreme Court's Advisory Commission on Rules of Civil and Appellate Procedure.

For more information call Michael Mayer, UM history professor and lecture organizer, at 406-243-2088, e-mail michael.mayer@mso.umt.edu or go online to http://www.umt.edu/provost/CDL.aspx.

###

ALS

Local, specialized western

091010cons

Contact: Michael Mayer, UM history professor, 406-243-2088, michael.mayer@mso.umt.edu
MISSOULA –

The World Affairs Council of Montana will host Hakan Tekin, consul general of Turkey, as part of the organization's Distinguished Speaker Programs on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at The University of Montana.

The event, “Bridge between East and West: Trends in Turkish Foreign Policy,” will begin at 7 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. It is open to the public and free for students and WAC members. General admission for nonmembers is $5.

The council’s Distinguished Speaker Programs aim to foster global awareness in Montana communities and classrooms. Tekin will discuss recent shifts in Turkish foreign policy and the nation's rising influence on the global stage.

At the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Turkey has become a strategic geopolitical nation to the United States and the rest of the world. Bordering eight nations, including Iraq and Iran, Turkey remains a critical Middle East ally for the United States politically and economically. As a fast-rising economic power, Turkey continues to exert itself as a respectable power in the region.

The World Affairs Council of Montana, dedicated to engaging Montanans on global issues, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 2000 by former U.S. Ambassador Mark Johnson. The council has held three “Discover Turkey” K-12 educator workshops on Turkish culture and has sent 14 Montana teachers on study-tours of Turkey over the past three years. Tekin will meet with students at Hellgate High School during his Missoula visit.

For more information, visit the World Affairs Council of Montana website at http://www.montanaworldaffairs.org or call 406-728-3328.

###

AL/bd

Local, specialized western

091010turk

Contact: Aubrie Lyons, World Affairs Council of Montana, 406-728-3328, wacmontana@mtwi.net
MISSOULA –

University of Montana Provost Royce Engstrom, a finalist for the UM presidency, will present an open campus forum from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in the University Center Theater.

His talk is titled “Public Higher Education: The Key Challenges We Face and the Opportunities They Present.” A question-and-answer session will follow, and the event is free and open to the public.

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.

For more information call Clayton Christian, chair of the Montana Board of Regents and chair of the presidential search advisory committee, at 406-728-1500 or e-mail clayton@stewartmt.com. More information also is available at http://www.umt.edu/potumsearch/finalist.aspx.

###

CBS

Local, specialized western

091010royc

Contact: Clayton Christian, Montana Board of Regents chair, presidential search advisory committee chair, 406-728-1500, clayton@stewartmt.com.
MISSOULA —

University of Montana journalism graduate Nathan Rott has been selected as the first Stone and Holt Weeks Fellow and will spend the next six months working at The Washington Post and National Public Radio.

In announcing the fellowship awarded to Rott, Washington Post assistant managing editor Peter Perl said Rott was selected from among 350 applicants for the fellowship, which was established to honor the sons of Linton Weeks, a former Post editor now working at NPR, and his wife, Jan. Stone and Holt Weeks, both students at Rice University, were killed in a car crash in 2009. The Post and NPR created the fellowship to give a promising recent college graduate the chance to launch a career in journalism. Rott, who is from Missoula, will work for 12 weeks at the Post and then 12 weeks at NPR in Washington, D.C.

Perl said that after interviews with finalists, a selection committee of writers and editors at the Post, news executives at NPR and the Weeks family believed Rott best exemplified the spirit and values of the fellowship. Its focus is on making the world better through the power of journalism. Perl called Rott “a dogged reporter and sensitive writer,” citing in particular his stories about criminal jurisdiction on Indian reservations and grieving families dealing with organ transplant decisions.

“Nathan’s compassion and tenacity serves him well as a journalist and is evident throughout many aspects of his life,” said Ellen Weiss, senior vice president of NPR News. “We were impressed by his passion for storytelling and his signature reporting style.”

Rott won first-place awards for in-depth reporting from both the Hearst Journalism Awards and the Society of Professional Journalists and competed in June in the Hearst writing championships in New York City. He put himself through college working as an emergency medical technician and fighting forest fires. He also volunteered for a Missoula homeless shelter, Habitat for Humanity and the Ronald McDonald House. Rott also spent a semester traveling with the Missoula Children’s Theatre. A Sentinel High School graduate, he earned his degree from UM in print journalism in December 2009.

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

###

NOTE TO EDITORS: A photo of Rott is attached to this release.

CV/als

Local, dailies, specialized western

090910rott

Contact: Carol VanValkenburg, UM journalism professor, 406-243-4008, carol.vanvalkenburg@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA —

The University of Montana’s spectrUM Discovery Area will host the grand opening for its newest exhibition, “The Brain: World Inside Your Head,” from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in Skaggs Building Room 166.

“The Brain” features interactive science exhibits and activities exploring the wonders of neuroscience, including an EEG measurement station, a colossal brain and an activity in which visitors can move a ball using their brain waves. It will be housed at spectrUM through March 2011 and then will travel the state, visiting schools in many of Montana’s most remote counties and reservations.

The exhibition is sponsored by UM’s Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience. Neuroscientists and staff from the center collaborated with spectrUM on the design and development of “The Brain.”

“We were very excited when spectrUM approached us for this partnership because it will allow us to significantly expand our educational outreach,” said Michael Kavanaugh, the center’s director. “In addition to providing visitors with basic information about the brain in health and disease, we hope the exhibits will inspire the next generation of young neuroscientists in Montana.”

CSFN was founded in 2000 and is supported in part through a Center of Biomedical Research Excellence grant from the National Institutes of Health. Its faculty members engage in a broad range of basic and clinical neuroscience research, and the center supports research at other regional institutions, including Montana State University in Bozeman and the McLaughlin Research Institute in Great Falls. Research at the center focuses on a wide range of disciplines, including neuropharmacology, behavioral neuroscience, physiology and neuropathology.

To arrange for “The Brain” exhibition to visit your school or organization, call spectrUM Director Holly Truitt at 406-243-4828 or e-mail holly.truitt@umontana.edu.

spectrUM is open to the public from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is $3.50 per person ages 4 and older. Teachers who would like to arrange field trips to spectrUM, which cost $3.50 per student, can call 406-243-4828.

For more information, go online to http://www.spectrUM.umt.edu.

###

HT/als

Local, specialized western

090910spec

Contact: Holly Truitt, spectrUM Discovery Area director, 406-243-4828, holly.truitt@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA —

Men at The University of Montana interested in joining a fraternity can meet current members and learn more about Greek life on campus during fall recruitment Tuesday through Friday, Sept. 14-17.

Participants can get to know current members of the Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities and tour each chapter at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14. Potential members will then be invited back to chapters to learn more about each fraternity on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 15-16. Those who choose to join a fraternity will meet their new chapters Friday, Sept. 17.

For a more detailed recruitment schedule or to register, call Tyson McLean, UM Greek Life adviser, at 406-243-2005 or e-mail tyson.mclean@umontana.edu.

###

ALS
Local
090810frat

Contact: Tyson McLean, UM Greek Life adviser, 406-243-2005, tyson.mclean@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

The lecture by U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder that was scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at The University of Montana has been postponed.

The event is in the process of being rescheduled, and the date will be released as soon as it is set.

It will be the 11th in the Judge William B. Jones and Judge Edward A. Tamm Judicial Lecture Series.

For more information, call Holly Kulish, program assistant at the UM School of Law, at 406-243-6509 or e-mail holly.kulish@umontana.edu.

Contact: Holly Kulish, program assistant, UM School of Law, 406-243-6509, holly.kulish@umontana.edu.

###
MISSOULA –

Researchers at The University of Montana and the Montana Cancer Institute will benefit from a $10 million National Institutes of Health grant to improve access to personalized drug therapy for underserved populations in the Northwest.

UM investigators, with leading researchers from the University of Washington, the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, the Southcentral Foundation in Anchorage, Group Health Research Institute in Seattle, Puget Sound Blood Center, and tribal communities in Alaska and Montana will create a new center as part of the NIH Pharmacogenomics Research Network (PGRN).

The nationwide network of researchers in PGRN study the ways genes influence how a person responds to particular drugs, such as those used to treat cancer, heart disease, asthma and other conditions. This area of research – pharmacogenomics – aims to increase the safety and efficacy of drug therapies and holds considerable potential to impact the ways drugs are prescribed and used.

The newly formed Northwest-Alaska PGRN (NWA-PGRN), funded at a combined level of $10 million, includes researchers from UM and the Montana Cancer Institute who will receive $1.4 million to support their research. Erica Woodahl, assistant professor in UM’s Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences in the Skaggs School of Pharmacy, serves as the lead investigator for the Montana-based project. Collaborators are Mark Pershouse and Elizabeth Putnam, UM associate professors in the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Dr. Patrick Beatty, an oncologist and president of the Montana Cancer Institute; Dr. LeeAnna Muzquiz, a physician from the Tribal Health and Human Services Department of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; and Kevin Howlett, department head of Tribal Health and Human Services.

A unique partnership between researchers and CSKT of the Flathead Indian Reservation started many years ago, beginning with Beatty and other oncologists from his practice treating tribal cancer patients on the reservation. CSKT is the homeland of the Salish, Pend d’Oreille and Kootenai people, with approximately 7,500 enrolled members and about 5,000 living on the reservation. The government, the largest employer in Lake County, is overseen by a tribal council of 10 members.

With a level of trust developed among Beatty, Muzquiz and the Tribal Health and Human Services Department, UM researchers followed the proper steps to present each piece of the pharmacogenomics project, first to the Tribal Health and Human Services Department, and then to the Tribal Council, to receive the proper permissions to conduct research. Representatives from UM and the Montana Cancer Institute have attended the Arlee Powwow for the past four years to raise awareness and collect samples for the project. Since then, the partnership has grown, and researchers now have collected more than 350 CSKT samples.

The primary goal of the project is to develop and evaluate collaborative approaches for improving the diversity of populations who participate in and could benefit from pharmacogenomic testing. The initial focus of the Montana project will be on genetic variables influencing therapy with the anti-estrogen cancer drug tamoxifen, and future research may include the blood thinner warfarin and the immunosuppressive drug tacrolimus.

“These are promising examples of where pharmacogenomic tests are already emerging that could provide improved safety and efficacy in the dosing of these drugs for patients,” Woodahl said.

Researchers in Montana are working to determine if there is common gene variation that affects drug response in CSKT people.

Lead researchers of the overall NWA-PGRN are Ken Thummel, professor and chair of the University of Washington Department of Pharmaceutics, and Wylie Burke, professor and chair of UW’s Department of Bioethics and Humanities. The grant is one of 14 recently awarded by the NIH as part of its effort to expand the PGRN. It will be the first PGRN program that addresses the needs of populations of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

“We hope this grant will reduce barriers that limit the inclusion of American Indian and Alaska Native people in pharmacogenomic research,” Thummel said. “We’d like these communities and their health care providers to have the tools to evaluate the merits of pharmacogenetic testing and introduce advances into clinical practice when warranted.”

Without a clear understanding of the similarities or possible differences in genetic variation of key determinants of drug response in American Indian and Alaska Native people, these underserved populations may not derive the same benefit of pharmacogenomic research that more highly represented population groups already experience. With five years of funding, the NWA-PGRN investigators hope to address these critical knowledge gaps and make a difference.
For more information, call Woodahl at 406-243-4129 or e-mail erica.woodahl@umontana.edu or call Rob McDonald, CSKT communications director, at 406-675-2700 ext. 1222 or e-mail robertmc@cskt.org.

Contact: Erica Woodahl, UM Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 406-243-4129, erica.woodahl@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

Up against some of the top fly-fishermen in the world, the duo from The University of Montana squad held its own at the World Varsities Trout Fly Fishing Championship on Lough Corrib in Ireland last month.

UM’s team, made up of staff member Tony Tomsu and student Jesse Filingo, placed third overall in the inaugural competition. Thirty-six entrants competed in the event, including teams from Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Finland and the United States.

“The last two days have been awesome,” Filingo said after the competition concluded Aug. 29. “It’s our first time here, and the fishing is so different than what we do at home. I’ve learned so much and met some great people.”

Lough Corrib is considered one of the finest wild trout fisheries in Ireland and has a unique and diverse ecology that supports a large population of indigenous brown trout. The lake covers about 44,000 acres, and its trout are reputedly among the strongest fighters fishermen can try to catch.

The competition was catch-and-release, and 84 fish were caught during the event. Wet flies were used both days of the competition, with various patterns like the Green Peter and the Octopus being the most effective.

“It’s a wonderful event with wonderful people,” Tomsu said. “It was great to see such beautiful fish being returned safely to the lake.”

Brian Barry, a student at Ireland’s Limerick Institute of Technology, was named the top angler. Eugene McCarty and Harold O’Toole of Galway Mayo Institute of Technology took first place in the team event, while Barry and Anthony Grey helped LIT place second. John Cosgrove of LIT landed the biggest trout at just over 21 inches.

###

Contact: Tony Tomsu, program manager, UM Office of Planning, Budget and Analysis, 406-243-5801, tony.tomsu@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA —

The University of Montana School of Music and the Alex Morrison Family Foundation will present Chamber Music in Action from 2:10 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 in the Music Recital Hall.

The piano trio includes Eric Zivian on the piano, Tanya Tomkins on the cello and Ian Swensen on the violin. The event is free and open to the public.

Then on Friday, Sept. 17, the UM School of Music will present a performance by Zivian, Tomkins and Swensen as part of the Faculty and Guest Artist Recital Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

General admission is $10, and tickets for students and seniors cost $5.

For more information, call Fern Glass Boyd at 406-243-5371 or e-mail fern.glass@umontana.edu.

For more information, call Fern Glass Boyd at 406-243-5371 or e-mail fern.glass@umontana.edu.

###

Contact: Fern Glass Boyd, UM School of Music professor, 406-243-5371, fern.glass@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

University of Montana and area community members can learn about places such as India, Italy, Thailand, Israel and Australia at free events of UM’s International Brown Bag Lecture Series this semester.

Lectures in the series, hosted by UM International Programs, will take place on campus from noon to 1 p.m. in Old Journalism Building Room 303.

Following is the lecture series schedule:

- **Thursday, Sept. 9:** "IT Offshoring in India" by Roberto Candiotti, visiting scholar from the University of Turin, Italy.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 15:** "Of All Things Italian: Teaching and Researching in Brescia" by Associate Professor Michael Braun, UM Department of Management and Marketing.
- **Thursday, Oct. 7:** "Health and Wellness in Thailand: the Land of Smiles and Potential for Collaboration" by Associate Professor James Laskin, UM School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 27:** "The Box Jellyfish Chironex fleckeri: the World’s Most Venomous Animal and Fastest Swimming Medusa" by Tom Cross, visiting scholar from University College Cork, Ireland.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 17:** "Bees and Beekeeping for Multiple Economic Benefits: My Experience in India and USA" by Sivaram Venkataram Gowda, Nehru Senior Research Fellow and visiting Fulbright Scholar.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 30:** "Israeli Higher Education and the University of Haifa" by Menahem Mor, visiting scholar, University of Haifa, Israel.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 7:** "Australian Aboriginals: the Tragedy in Health and Education" by Al Yonovitz, chair, UM Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders.

For more information, visit the UM International Programs website at [http://www.umt.edu/ip](http://www.umt.edu/ip) or call 406-243-2288.

###

BD

Local, specialized western

090810brwn

**Contact:** Jeanne Loftus, UM International Programs, 406-243-6865, jeanne.loftus@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

Football fans who tune in to watch the Montana Grizzlies play this weekend and the rest of the season will see an improvement in picture quality.

KPAX General Manager Bob Hermes said the TV station is upgrading from analog to a digital 16-by-9 full-screen production.

“This is something we’ve looked at for a while,” Hermes said. “We tested it last year during the Griz-Cat game. The digital era is under way, and we think people will enjoy having this. It’s a whole new production setup.”

Hermes said fans will have a full-screen digital picture that’s greatly improved from the old technology. KPAX hoped to have it up for last week’s home opener, but some equipment was delayed in arriving.

“We look forward to this new technology, and the way it will enhance Grizzly football game-day telecasts,” said UM Director of Athletics Jim O’Day. “KPAX has put a major investment into this production equipment, and on behalf of UM Athletics and Griz fans everywhere, we thank them for their continued support of the program. It is very much appreciated.”

The No. 1-ranked Grizzlies take on the Cal Poly Mustangs on Saturday, Sept. 11, in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Kickoff is set for 7:05 p.m. MDT, and the game can be seen on Montana’s CW stations.

###

JH

Local, dailies, specialized western

090810kpax

**Contact:** Jim O’Day, UM athletics director, 406-243-5348, jim.oday@mso.umt.edu; Bob Hermes, KPAX general manager, 406-542-4400, bob@kpax.com.
MISSOULA —

Donald Worster, a distinguished professor of history at the University of Kansas, will present the 2010 A.B. Hammond Lecture in Western/Environmental History at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, in Gallagher Business Building Room 123 at The University of Montana.

The lecture, titled “John Muir and the Religion of Nature,” is free and open to the public. It’s sponsored by UM’s O’Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West and the Hammond Endowment in the Department of History.

Worster’s lecture will address the origin of a modern American sensibility crucial to environmentalism — the idea that the natural world is sacred. John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club, was perhaps the purest American practitioner of the concept of nature as religion, and Worster will examine this idea and how it has played out throughout the nation’s history.

Worster is the author several books, including “Rivers of Empire,” “A Passion of Nature: The Life of John Muir” and “A River Running West: The Life of John Wesley Powell.”

For more information, call Bill Farr, associate director of the O’Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West, at 406-243-7700 or e-mail farr@crmw.org.

###

ALS

Local, specialized western

090810wors

Contact: Bill Farr, associate director, UM O’Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West, 406-243-7700, farr@crmw.org.
MISSOULA –

When a 1983 act of Congress established an endowment that provided funding for the creation of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana, the new organization was to study and teach about two topics: East Asian affairs and public service.

The center has done an admirable job with the first mandate, and now new federal appropriations are allowing it to do more with the second through the Public Service and Leadership Initiative.

The initiative works to foster interest in and dialogue on public service and stresses the importance of civic leadership in our society. It supports scholarships, college courses, internships, research projects and community lectures.

The initiative will bring former U.S. Rep. Patricia “Pat” Schroeder of Colorado to campus on Friday, Sept. 10, to speak in some communications, law and journalism classes.

The University also will launch some public service scholarships and upcoming lectures in honor of Pat Williams, the U.S. congressman from Montana during 1979-97 who worked with Sen. Max Baucus to sponsor the federal legislation establishing the endowment that helps support the Mansfield Center. Williams has taught at UM for 14 years and is an emeritus Senior Fellow of the UM O’Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West.

UM President George M. Dennison said, “Pat Williams provided valuable assistance during the establishment of the Mansfield Center, and he also chaired the Postsecondary Education Sub-Committee in Congress. With his many years of public service, he embodies the ideals of civic engagement and leadership, and the University is pleased to honor him in this way.”

The University will award the Pat Williams Scholarships on a competitive basis to UM students pursuing internships and research related to public service in education, the environment, Native American issues, health care and the arts.

East Asia, domestic policy and public service were important issues to Mike Mansfield, the Butte miner who went on to become a revered statesman, the longest-serving U.S. Senate majority leader and an ambassador to Japan. Mansfield Center Director Terry Weidner said the new initiative follows Mansfield’s example by emphasizing the global nature of responsible decision making, ethical leadership and the skills necessary for successful public service.

Weidner said the initiative aims to facilitate a citizen culture that is informed, constructive and nonpartisan. “Many of us are frustrated by the current state of public affairs,” he said. “By engaging citizens in a balanced discussion, we hope both our citizens and our leadership will become better informed and open to compromise. 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.”

The center’s new programming was developed under a congressionally directed grant administered through the U.S. Department of Education, with appropriations of $238,000 in FY 2009 and $200,000 in FY 2010. The funding proposals were championed by U.S. Sen. John Tester and U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg. (However, the programs of the initiative do not necessarily represent the policy of the Department of Education, and do not assume endorsement by the federal government.)

Last year the initiative supported 27 UM student scholarships totaling nearly $27,000; six courses in environmental studies, journalism and political science; two environmental law internships; one public lecture; and community conversations in Helena, Great Falls and Missoula.

In addition to student scholarships, the initiative currently is funding a public leadership seminar taught by Missoula Mayor John Engen. This school year the initiative also will fund five University classes, a Mansfield global seminar for top Missoula high school students and their teachers, and Congress to Campus visits.

For more information visit http://www.umt.edu/mansfield.

###
Mansfield Center Launches Domestic Policy Initiative - UM News - The University Of Montana

Contact: Pat Williams, Senior Fellow, UM O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West, 406-531-7819, williams@crmw.org; Jim Foley, UM executive vice president, 406-243-2311, james.foley@umontana.edu; Deena Mansour, project manager, UM Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, 406-243-2713, deena.mansour@mao.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

University of Montana Regents Professor Jakki Mohr will head to Uruguay for two weeks in November as a Fulbright Specialist to work with ORT University in Montevideo.

Mohr will participate in the development and launch of a new executive Master of Management of Technology program at the university. The program aims to fill the need for managers in the information technology industry, which is developing at a fast pace in Uruguay.

Mohr will teach a graduate course on technology marketing, give lectures, lead seminars and workshops for top managers of local information technology companies, and develop and assess academic curricula and educational materials.

"I'm excited to have this opportunity in Uruguay – its technology industry has reached a tipping point in becoming a successful industry cluster," Mohr said. "In addition, this opportunity will enrich my own knowledge, allowing me to bring a more global perspective to my students and classes at UM."

Mohr, who teaches marketing in UM's School of Business Administration, was named a Regents Professor by the Montana Board of Regents in 2008. She is UM's Jeff and Martha Hamilton Distinguished Faculty Fellow. She has received several awards, including the 2008 Outstanding Marketing Teacher Award presented by the Academy of Marketing Science. She also was named "Montana Professor of the Year" in 2005 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

An innovator in the field of marketing high-technology products and services, Mohr has achieved international acclaim for "Marketing of High-Technology Products and Innovations," a textbook that has become the work of choice in business schools at colleges and universities worldwide.

###

Local, dailies

090710mohr

Contact: Jakki Mohr, UM Regents Professor, 406-243-2920, jakki.mohr@business.umt.edu.
The American Institute of CPAs has announced that Michele Keener, a Master of Accountancy student at The University of Montana, is a recipient of the 2010-11 AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship.

The $5,000 scholarship is awarded to students from liberal arts and other nonbusiness programs who are pursuing degrees in accounting and, ultimately, CPA licensure. The AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship recognizes the contributions liberal arts students bring to Master of Accountancy programs, and AICPA only awarded the scholarship to nine students for the 2010-11 school year. Recipients of the award must be admitted and enrolled in a top Master of Accountancy program.

"The John L. Carey Scholarship is an extremely competitive program, with selected students representing the top Masters in Accounting programs across the country," according to the AICPA. "We are proud to have Michele representing this year’s AICPA scholarship and hope you will extend the good news and accolades she certainly deserves to those on your campus."

After working as an independent bookkeeper and small-business accountant for the past 10 years, Keener is returning to school as a graduate student in the UM School of Business Administration’s Master of Accountancy Program. She has a bachelor’s degree in English and philosophy from Rice University, and also attended the New York University Graduate School for post-baccalaureate work in English literature. Keener spent her summer vacation co-founding The Stumptown Players, a theater company in Whitefish.

Keener said she looks forward to the intensive education the business school’s Master of Accountancy Program provides, particularly in the areas of taxation and nonprofit accounting.

For more information, call Jodi Mammenga, UM School of Business Administration assistant director of development, at 406-243-6723 or e-mail jodi.mammenga@mso.umt.edu.

###

JMi/als

Local, dailies, specialized western

090710keen

Contact: Jodi Mammenga, assistant director for development, UM School of Business Administration, 406-243-6723, jodi.mammenga@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

University of Montana radio-television students will produce daily news updates to air on MontanaPBS beginning this month.

The news updates will air in the evening hours Monday through Friday on PBS stations across Montana, giving students a chance to work with a professional broadcast outlet.

Seniors in broadcast news will write and anchor the news segments, while students in broadcast production will perform the technical duties. Graduate student Gillette Vaira of Lambert will supervise the productions.

“The Newsbrief offers our audience a quick summary of Montana news and gives students a broadcast opportunity to learn their craft, gaining confidence and poise on the air,” said UM Broadcast Media Center Director William Marcus. “Plus, the families of the Montana students can tune in and watch.”

MontanaPBS is a service of UM in Missoula and Montana State University in Bozeman. For more information, visit http://www.montanapbs.org.

###

BD

Local, dailies

090710news

Contact: Denise Dowling, associate professor, UM Department of Radio-Television, 406-243-4143, denise.dowling@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The community is invited to join the festivities at The University of Montana’s 2010 Homecoming, which takes place Sept. 19-25 with a full schedule of traditional events.

This year’s Homecoming theme is “UM – We Are The World,” in honor of the alumni from all over the globe who will return to campus to reconnect with old friends and classmates. The Class of 1970 also will celebrate its 40th reunion.

Homecoming Week kicks off Sunday, Sept. 19, with a celebration from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Southgate Mall Clock Court. Missoula’s 102.5 Mountain FM will host a live remote radio broadcast from the event.

The Homecoming Art Fair runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23-25, in the University Center Atrium.

A ceremony and reception beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, in the UC Ballroom will honor the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients: John Badgley, Patrick Cheney, Joseph P. Mazurek and Colleen L. McGuire. The event includes the traditional Singing on the Steps.

The All Alumni Social and Dance begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park. Music will be provided by the UM Alumni Band from 7:30 to 10 p.m., with a break at 9 p.m. for the UM Marching Band. From 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., the UM Jazz Combo will perform in the bar, and Rob Quist and Great Northern will play in the ballroom. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Yell Night Pep Rally gets under way at 8 p.m. Friday on the Oval with the lighting of the M at dusk. Join Montana Grizzlies head football coach Robin Pflugrad and other coaches, players, cheerleaders, the UM Marching Band and Monte around the bonfire.

The third annual Homecoming Hustle 5K race starts at 9:55 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the intersection of Higgins Avenue and Broadway Street downtown.

The annual Homecoming parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Higgins and Broadway, traveling south on Higgins to University Avenue. This year’s parade marshal is Jim Caron, co-founder of the Missoula Children’s Theatre, joined by honorary marshals UM President George M. Dennison and Jane Dennison.

The Montana Grizzlies take on the Sacramento State Hornets at 1:05 p.m. Saturday at the annual Homecoming football game in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

The public is invited to join fellow Griz fans at the Alumni Homecoming TV Tailgate from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Adams Center’s East Auxiliary Gym. Watch the game on a big-screen TV while enjoying food, beverages and prize drawings.

For a complete schedule of Homecoming events, call the UM Office of Alumni Relations at 406-243-5211 or visit [http://www.grizalum.com](http://www.grizalum.com).

###

PS

Local, specialized western

090710home

Contact: Susan Cuff, associate director, UM Office of Alumni Relations, 406-243-5211, susan.cuff@umontanaalumni.org.
MISSOULA –

To celebrate five years of community support, The University of Montana’s spectrUM Discovery Area will showcase its unique blend of science education and interactive exploration at the first-ever “Weird Science Dance Party” on Friday, Sept. 17.

The party, which features live music, selected exhibits from spectrUM’s new “Brain” exhibit, a live science demonstration and a laser light show finale, begins at 5:30 p.m. at Caras Park. Admission is $5.

Kids will experience hands-on demonstrations relating to perception and brain activity and will have the opportunity to learn about chemical compositions experienced during the process of tie-dye.

Funds raised will benefit the Science for All Scholarship Fund, which benefits children across the state.

“The spectrUM Discovery Area is in the business of inspiring the next generation of Montanans,” said Co-director Holly Truitt. “A key ingredient to reaching all Montana children is our Science for All Scholarship Fund, which provides funding to schools and families who otherwise would not have access to the magic and wonder of spectrUM.”

Each year, spectrUM reaches more than 39,000 children in Montana through in-museum science exploration and statewide traveling exhibitions designed to spend two to three days at rural or underserved schools. Of the children who interacted with spectrUM last year, 55 percent came from low-income areas or belonged to Title I schools in some of the state’s most impoverished counties.

The UM-supported spectrUM Discovery Area is a science learning center dedicated to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery through experiences, programs, educators and technologies that help all Montanans advance their curiosity about science and the world around them. Through outreach programs and participation in community events such as the Western Montana Fair and the River City Roots Festival, spectrUM inspires kids of all backgrounds to pursue careers in science, mathematics and technology.

For more information, visit http://spectrum.umt.edu.

###

LM/bd

Local, specialized western

090710spec

Contact: Levi McGarry, spectrUM Discovery Area campus and community liaison, 406-243-4323.
MISSOULA –

KBGA College Radio 89.9 FM at The University of Montana will celebrate 14 years on air with a Birthday Bash on Friday, Sept. 24, at the Palace and the Badlander in downtown Missoula.

Admission to the Birthday Bash is $5 in advance and $7 at the door. Pre-sale tickets are available for purchase at the KBGA office in University Center Room 208. Doors to the Badlander and the Palace open at 9 p.m. The event is open to those ages 18 and older.

This year’s annual event features artists from San Diego, Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., Bozeman and Missoula.

The musician Rafter hails from San Diego and recently released his third full-length album. The electronic duo Rainbow Arabia from Los Angeles brings a Middle Eastern-inspired sound to the stage. The Ah Holly Fam’ly from Portland features cello, violin, clarinet and saxophone.

Montana bands playing the event are Pterodactyl Plains, the female vocalists who recently returned from their first European tour; local Missoula musicians Wartime Blues; and The Salamanders of Bozeman, a four-piece garage country band formed in 2006.

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

Contact: Drew Larson, KBGA promotions director, 406-243-6139, promotions@kbga.org.

###
MISSOULA –

The University Center's 2010 Homecoming Art Fair will take place Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 23-25, at The University of Montana.

The Art Fair will be located on the first floor of the UC and is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. The Art Fair features unique, hand-crafted art from local and regional artists as well as live music and door prizes.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 406-243-5776 or visit http://www.umt.edu/uc/artfairs.

JH

Local

090710fair

Contact: Josh Peters-McBride, UC Student Involvement program adviser, 406-243-5776, josh.peters-mcbride@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

University of Montana students can hone their leadership skills and serve the Missoula community through upcoming events hosted by University Center Student Involvement.

The second annual First-Year Leadership and Volunteer Experience (FLAVE) will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. The program serves as an introduction to leadership and service at UM and in the community.

This year FLAVE offers three different service sites for students to choose from: the Missoula Family YMCA, Garden City Harvest and the Poverello Center.

Students who want to participate should meet at The Source in the UC at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

UC Student Involvement also will hold a new comprehensive leadership program this year. The Grizlead – Emerging Leaders Program is designed to give students effective leadership knowledge with a focus on personal growth, group dynamics and community involvement. The program offers eight fun and interactive sessions during the year – four each semester. Each session will focus on a different leadership value that will help students discover themselves and impact others.

Only 30 students will be accepted for the Grizlead program. Students can apply on the Grizlead website at http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/leadership/grizlead/default.php or download an application and turn it in to UC Room 209C. Applications are due by noon Friday, Sept. 10.

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

###

BD

Campus

090310lead

Contact: Michael Paine, UC Student Involvement program adviser, 406-243-5527, michael.paine@mso.umt.edu
MISSOULA –

The Ninth Annual University Community Ice Cream Social to welcome new and returning students to The University of Montana and Missoula neighborhoods will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12.

The street party will take place in the 400 block of University Avenue. Events feature live music by stringband Baba Ganoush, introductions of special guests and much mingling. Missoula Mayor John Engen will attend, and UM mascot Monte will make an appearance.

Participants can visit with their neighbors, browse information tables and win door prizes – and there will be free ice cream for all.

The event, held since 2002, was created by an informal group that calls itself the Thoughtful Neighbors to celebrate the diversity the UM students bring to the Missoula community. Thoughtful Neighbors is an evolving mix of University neighborhood homeowners and residents, UM students and administrators, the UM Foundation and Alumni Association, and members of a number of charitable and service organizations.

###

JW/bd

Local

090310icrm

Contact: Jean Woessner, publicity chair, Thoughtful Neighbors, 406-721-3540, jwoessner@bigsky.net.
MISSOULA –

Jill Belsky and Steve Siebert, professors in The University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation, have each received a grant under the Fulbright Senior Specialist Program to work in Bhutan this autumn semester.

Belsky teaches environmental social science in UM’s Department of Society and Conservation and directs the University’s Bolle Center for People and Forests. Siebert teaches tropical forestry in UM’s Department of Forest Management and coordinates the International Conservation and Development master’s option in resource conservation.

The grant will support their supervision of research begun by three Bhutanese graduate students enrolled in the UM forestry college’s Master of Resource Conservation Program/International Conservation and Development option. The students’ work with Belsky and Siebert is funded by a 2009-11 Katherine T. and John D. MacArthur Foundation grant that the two professors jointly received.

Since 2006 Belsky and Siebert have helped the government of Bhutan develop and build scientific research capacity in the Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environment. They also have helped set up a mutual technical exchange agreement between UWICE and UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation. Several UM professors have provided scientific and other assistance.

The Fulbright Senior Specialist Program grant is the second Fulbright award recognizing Belsky and Siebert for interdisciplinary and collaborative research. During 1987-88 they were awarded a Collaborative Fulbright Grant, which funded their dissertation research in Indonesia. They have conducted interdisciplinary and collaborative research together since 1983. This is the third Fulbright Award for Belsky and the fourth for Siebert.

###

BD

Local, dailies

090310fulb

Contact: Jill Belsky, UM professor and director, Bolle Center for People and Forests, 406-243-4958, jill.belsky@cfc.umt.edu.
FOOTBALL OPENER HONORS VOLUNTEERS FOR UM FOUNDATION MISSOULA BUSINESS DRIVE

MISSOULA –

Community leaders will rally around The University of Montana for both football and financial support on Saturday, Sept. 4.

Volunteers for the University’s 2010 Missoula Business Drive will attend a brunch hosted by UM President George M. Dennison and his wife, Jane, before the Grizzlies host the Western State College Mountaineers in their season opener at 1 p.m. in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The brunch is one of several events hosted by UM for Missoula Business Drive volunteers, who plan to raise $180,000 to benefit the University between now and November.

Led by 2010 Chair Adele Gibbs of Dalpiaz Law Office, the campaign provides resources for UM to seize new opportunities and offer additional programs for students throughout the state. Volunteers began the annual fundraising campaign in 1978 in conjunction with the UM Foundation as a way to strengthen the bond between the business community and the University. Decades later, their vision endures, with hundreds of businesses contributing to the future of UM each year.

“Considering that the annual economic impact of The University of Montana on Missoula tops $250 million, participating in the UM Foundation Missoula Business Drive is a solid investment,” Gibbs said.

This year’s campaign theme, “Look to the Future, Missoula,” emphasizes the important partnership between UM and the community. Citing statistical data from the Bureau of Business and Economic Research’s recent economic impact report, the drive reiterates that a prosperous UM benefits Montana.

“The partnership between The University of Montana and the Missoula business community serves all stakeholders well and enables the University to sustain its ongoing effort to educate students, reach out to the community and develop the new knowledge essential to a great society,” Dennison said.

For more information, call Lauren Clark, UM Foundation director of annual giving – external campaigns, at 406-243-2456.

###

BH/bd

Local, specialized western

090210bdrv

Contact: Beth Hammock, vice president for strategic communications and marketing, UM Foundation, 406-243-4609, beth.hammock@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

Fans and followers of Grizzly Athletics and all things University of Montana are asked to show their spirit on Fridays by wearing UM apparel to work, school or anywhere else.

People are asked to “Get Your Griz On” Friday, Sept. 3, which coincides with College Colors Day, an annual celebration dedicated to promoting the spirit and traditions that make the college experience great.

UM officials hope that wearing UM colors on Fridays will become a custom that marches on long after College Colors Day. The idea came from Erika Beede, UM’s trademark and licensing director.

“We hope that offices and businesses get excited about this and encourage their employees to wear their maroon and silver Griz Gear on Fridays,” Beede said, “People also can join the ‘Get Your Griz On’ Facebook page for updates on College Colors Day, new Griz apparel and promotions.”

Sept. 3 will be the sixth College Colors Day.

###

**Contact**: Erika Beede, UM trademark and licensing director, 406-243-2317, erika.beede@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA —

Applications for entries in The University of Montana’s Homecoming Parade are now being accepted.

The parade will take place Saturday, Sept. 25, during UM Homecoming 2010 festivities. The theme for this year’s parade is “UM – We are the World.”

The parade entry fee is $30, and the application deadline is Friday, Sept. 17.

Application forms and parade guidelines are available at the UM Office of Alumni Relations, located in 115 Brantly Hall, at the Missoula Chamber of Commerce and online at http://www.grizalum.org.

New this year is the ability to complete the application and pay the entry fee online. Completed forms and payments also can be dropped off at the Office of Alumni Relations or faxed to 406-243-4467.

For more information, call parade coordinator Suzette Dussault at 406-243-5214 or e-mail suzette.dussault@mso.umt.edu.

###

SD/als
090210prde
Local

Contact: Suzette Dussault, UM Homecoming parade coordinator, 406-243-5214, suzette.dussault@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will offer the second course in a series of three to prepare individuals for the Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist credential, the cornerstone of Server 2008 certification.

The noncredit professional development course for information technology professionals – Windows Server 2008 Network Infrastructure – covers skills and knowledge necessary to implement and manage a Microsoft Windows Server infrastructure, including Domain Naming Services, Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol, secure data transmission and remote access.

The 10-week course, taught by Dianne Burke, will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 15-Nov. 17. Classes will take place in Administration Building Room AD15 on the COT campus at 909 South Ave. W. in Missoula.

The course costs $995, which includes textbooks and all course materials. Attendance at the first course in the series is not a requirement. Online assignments are required.

For more information or to register for the course, call Mary Opitz of COT Outreach at 406-243-7812 or visit http://www.cte.umt.edu/outreach.

###

BD

Local, dailies

090210tech

Contact: Mary Opitz, UM College of Technology Outreach, 406-243-7812, mary.opitz@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

University of Montana students can explore social inequality at a one-day workshop, “Beyond Boundaries: Pursuing New Equalities,” which will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2.

The interactive discussion on social inequality, the boundaries that separate us and next steps on the road to equality aims to generate new undergraduate and graduate research questions and prepare for a national conference.

Students can get more information and apply for the workshop by calling UM Assistant Professor Tobin Miller Shearer at 406-243-6225 or by e-mailing tobin.shearer@umontana.edu.

Contact: Tobin Miller Shearer, UM assistant professor, 406-243-6225, tobin.shearer@umontana.edu.

###
MISSOULA —

University of Montana art history and criticism Professor Hipólito Rafael Chacón will present a lecture on renowned Montana architect A. J. Gibson at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Montana Theatre, located in UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

The lecture is in conjunction with the exhibition “The Original Man: The Life and Work of Montana Architect A.J. Gibson” on view at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture through Oct. 23.

Chacón co-curated the exhibition with MMAC and is the author of a 2008 Gibson biography of the same name as the exhibition, published in partnership with MMAC and The University of Montana Press. He will sign copies of the book at the event.

Between the 1880s and the 1910s, Gibson defined great architecture in western Montana and northern Idaho. His 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 illustrate how Gibson helped reshape the Western town as a civilized space rather than a rustic accumulation of buildings.

MMAC 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.

###

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

RG/bd

Local, specialized western

090210mmac

Contact: Brandon Reintjes, curator of art, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, 406-243-2019, brandon.reintjes@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University Center at The University of Montana will host three “International Coffee Hour” events during autumn semester that will feature UM cultural student groups.

The student groups will offer short presentations about their culture, and a discussion will be held after the presentations. The events are free and open to the public. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.

The following “International Coffee Hour” events will take place at 7 p.m. in University Center Room 330:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 8:** International Student Association.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 6:** Russian Club.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 10:** Mount of Olives.

For more information call 406-243-5776 or go online to [http://www.umt.edu/uc](http://www.umt.edu/uc).

###

BD

Local, campus

090110cffe

**Contact:** Josh Peters-McBride, University Center Student Involvement Program adviser, 406-243-5776, josh.peters-mcbride@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The summer issue of the Crown of the Continent E-Note has been released and can be found online at [http://issuu.com/crown_of_the_continent/docs/enotes2](http://issuu.com/crown_of_the_continent/docs/enotes2).

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

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

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

To receive other Crown of the Continent Initiative updates, e-mail umcrown@umontana.edu. The Crown of the Continent website is [http://crown.umt.edu](http://crown.umt.edu).

For more information, e-mail Rick Graetz or Jerry Fetz, initiative co-directors, at umcrown@mso.umt.edu.

###

BD

Local, dailies, weeklies

090110crwn

**Contact:** Rick Graetz, UM Crown of the Continent Initiative co-director, 406-439-9277, rick.graetz@mso.umt.edu; Jerry Fetz, UM Crown of the Continent Initiative co-director, 406-546-5711, fetzga@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana encourages energy conserving behavior on campus through the “Use Your Power Wisely” campaign that kicked off this week as autumn semester classes began and students returned to campus.

The campaign is part of the University’s Climate Action Plan, which details greenhouse gas reduction strategies such as developing positive behavior changes that result in less energy and water consumption and more use of bikes, buses and walking.

“Use Your Power Wisely” encourages students living on campus to turn off lights and equipment when they are not needed, to take shorter showers and to ride the bus. Student “ecoreps” living in the resident halls will connect with other residents to share information and encourage participation.

Associated Students of UM Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer Hill-Hart has several events planned, including residence hall energy-saving competitions. Energy conservation has the potential to reduce a significant amount of the greenhouse gases attributed to UM.

More information about the “Use Your Power Wisely” campaign is online at http://www.useyourpowerwisely.org.

###

CP/bd

Local, specialized western

090110powr

Contact: Cherie Peacock, UM sustainability coordinator, 406-243-6001, cherie.peacock@mso.umt.edu.