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MISSOULA –

University of Montana students soon will receive UM Debit Cards as part of a new program to electronically disburse all future financial aid and refund payments.

The new cards are marketed as the students’ “key to choice.” They will allow each student to have the option to create an account accessed by the card or to have the funds transferred immediately into an existing account via direct deposit.

“Going paperless with these UM-themed cards will save the University a lot of money,” said Mark Pullium, director of UM Business Services. “It also will be faster and more convenient for our students. This offers a much better choice than our old paper system.”

Even if students elect to use direct deposit, they are asked to keep the debit card because it can be used to make changes in how they participate in the refund program in the future.

Pullium also stressed that it’s vitally important that students immediately make sure their current mailing addresses on file with UM are up to date to ensure they receive their new debit cards and can participate in the program.

UM has partnered with Higher One, a national financial services company focused on higher education, to bring the electronic payment program to Missoula. Higher One encourages students to activate their cards as soon as they receive them.

“Remember, even if you are not currently expecting a refund from UM, we may have a refund for you in the future,” Pullium said.

As part of the program, Higher One offers an Easy Refund program that will allow students to gain access to their money the same day that UM releases it for distribution.

Students will be mailed a card with instructions on how to log on to a secure website. After logging on they will be asked to confirm their primary e-mail and mailing addresses and will be required to select how they will receive their refunds. Students can elect to have refunds direct deposited to the bank of their choice or select an electronic transfer to OneAccount – an optional Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.-insured, no-monthly-fee, no-minimum-balance checking account provided by Higher One.

Should the student create a OneAccount, the card the student received in the mail becomes a Debit MasterCard accepted at millions of locations worldwide. Additionally, students can sign up for text or e-mail notifications and can pay bills online through a secure website.

“The ultimate reason we decided to use Higher One was security,” Pullium said. “We wanted a company that is compliant with federal financial aid rules and regulations. Our ultimate goal with this new refund program is to provide better options for our students while providing superior customer service.”

To learn more about the benefits associated with the new UM Debit Card, visit http://umt.edu/bussrvcs/Students/UM Debit Card.

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Local, dailies, specialized western

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MISSOULA —

The Neuro Networking Club at The University of Montana will sponsor a free screening of the HBO film “Temple Grandin” from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, in the University Center Theater. The event is free and open to the public, and free parking will be available near the UC.

The film, which premiered in February and won seven Emmy Awards, is a biopic about autistic activist Temple Grandin, who revolutionized the humane treatment of livestock on cattle ranches and in slaughterhouses. It stars Claire Danes as Grandin, who won a best actress Emmy for her performance.

The Neuro Networking Club is a UM social group for adults with autism or Asperger’s syndrome and their friends. The group will host a discussion on topics presented in the film after the screening.

For more information, call event organizer Treva Bittinger at 406-543-0003 or e-mail treva.bittinger@umontana.edu. For information on the Neuro Networking Club, visit the group’s Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=90690919833.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s Programming in Recreation class will host the premiere tour of “Come Find Us,” a high-definition ski and snowboard film shot entirely in Montana, on Friday, Nov. 5, in Missoula.

The film, by Toy Soldier Productions, features Montana’s most talented up-and-coming freestyle riders and is devoted to revealing both the hidden talent and vast variety of freestyle terrain that the state has to offer.

“Come Find Us” will begin at 8 p.m. at the Wilma Theatre, located at 131 S. Higgins Ave. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are $8 in advance or $10 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Gull Ski & Snowboard and at Edge of the World in Missoula.

The premiere event, hosted by Lost Trail Powder Mountain, is a fundraiser for UM’s Backcountry Club. It offers information about the local ski community and a chance to win prizes.

More information about the film is available online at [http://ToySoldierProductions.com](http://ToySoldierProductions.com).

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Local, specialized western

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MISSOULA —

Canadian broadcast journalist Duncan McCue will deliver The University of Montana School of Journalism’s Marjorie Nichols Lecture titled “Red, White, and News: Reporting on First Nations in Canada” at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in Skaggs Building Room 117.

McCue is Anishinaabe, who are members of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation located in southern Ontario. He is an award-winning reporter, who for more than 12 years has worked at CBC-TV News in Vancouver, British Columbia. His news and current affairs pieces are featured on CBC’s flagship news show, “The National.” McCue is also an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia School of Journalism and has taught documentary journalism to indigenous students at First Nations University and Capilano College.

McCue earned a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of King’s College in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a law degree from the University of British Columbia. Currently, he is a Knight Fellow at Stanford University, where he is spending the 2010-11 school year developing a curriculum to assist journalists covering aboriginal issues.

Marjorie Nichols was a 1966 graduate of the UM School of Journalism who distinguished herself in her native Canada by her widely read national political commentary. When she died of cancer in 1991 at age 44, she was one of Canada’s most influential journalists. UM awarded her its distinguished alumna award in 1988.

For more information about the lecture, call Carol Van Valkenburg, School of Journalism professor and print journalism chair, at 406-243-4008 or e-mail carol.vanvalkenburg@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Award-winning ceramicist Beth Lo will give the next installment of the Provost’s Distinguished Lecture Series at The University of Montana on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Lo, a professor in UM’s School of Art, will present “Making a Language: A Slide Show Retrospective of the Artwork of Ceramicist Beth Lo” at 6 p.m. in the University Center Theater. The lecture will address Lo’s artistic influences of family and cultural heritage and the process of creating visual form.

The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

Lo was born in Lafayette, Ind., to parents who had recently emigrated from China. She received a Bachelor of General Studies degree from the University of Michigan in 1971 and then studied ceramics with Rudy Autio at UM. She received a Master of Fine Arts degree at UM in 1974.

When Autio retired in 1985, Lo stepped into his role as professor of ceramics at UM. She has exhibited her work internationally and has received numerous honors, including the United States Artists Hoi Fellowship in 2009, the Marion Vannett Ridgway Award in 2005, a National Endowment for the Arts Visual Artist Fellowship in 1994, a Montana Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship in 1989 and an American Craft Museum Design Award in 1986.

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

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Local, specialized western

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Percussion Ensemble and Islanders steel drum band will present their Fall Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, in the University Theatre.

The concert will feature a variety of music styles, including works by Pat Metheny and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. In addition to large ensemble works, there will also be chamber-oriented works and a piece reminiscent of the Broadway group “Stomp!” The Islanders will close the concert with upbeat calypso, soca and Brazilian music.

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

For more information, call Daniel Darrah at 406-243-4819 or e-mail daniel.darrah@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana presents the Robert T. Pantzer Presidential Humanitarian Award each year to a person from the University or state who has substantially contributed to making campus a more open and humane learning environment.

The award honors Pantzer, UM president from 1966 to 1974, whose open-door policy was a hallmark of his administration. Pantzer also provided outstanding leadership in the preservation of unfettered academic inquiry and expression.

The Pantzer Award Committee seeks nominations of individuals who have demonstrated similar characteristics. Nominations should include the nominee’s resume and a statement describing how the individual fits the criteria. Previous nominations may be reactivated by request and by providing any additional or updated information.

The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18. The award will be presented at UM’s Charter Day ceremonies Feb. 17, 2011.

Send nominations to Pantzer Award Committee Chair, Office of the Provost, The University of Montana, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812, or fax them to 406-243-5937.

Information about the call for nominations also is online at http://www.umt.edu/provost/PantzerAward.aspx. For more information, call the UM Office of the Provost at 406-243-4689.

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Local, specialized western, dailies

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MISSOULA –

Several students in the Welding Technology Program of The University of Montana College of Technology recently received 2010 James F. Lincoln Foundation Awards.

The awards recognize student achievement in the design, blueprint creation and fabrication of a welding project.

Geoffrey Franklin of Coos Bay, Ore., and Jason Besch of Billings won 2010 Division II Silver Awards and $750 for their Aluminum Drift Boat project. Seth Nemitz of Missoula also won a Silver Award and $750 for his Custom Camp Stove project. The 2010 Division II Bronze Award and $500 went to Donald Hansen of Missoula for his Custom Coffee Tables project.

The following students won Merit Awards and $50 for their projects:

- Robert Bloom of Lolo for Tubing Bender and Folding Cart Workstation.
- Ben Sonnenberg of Spokane, Wash., for Modular Gun Safe.
- Kyle Sharfe of Kalispell for Master Compost Tumbler.
- Ross Christy of Milltown and Ryan Shelton and Joel Stroud of Missoula for The Arch Gate.
- Christopher Brown of Fairfield for Game Cart.
- David Williams of Missoula for Front Entrance Indoor Stairwell Railing System with Child/Pet Gate.
- Weston Mallin of Lolo for How to Build a Grill Guard.

COT welding instructors are Assistant Professors Mark Raymond and Zachary Reddig.

The James F. Lincoln Foundation is dedicated to advancing safe, reliable and cost-effective arc welding design and practice worldwide. The awards program began in 1938 with the first contest for the best technical papers on the application of arc welding to design and production.

Today, the college and school shop award programs have continued in the U.S. with an invitation to global participants as well. Over the years, a number of COT Welding Technology Program students have won awards in the national competition.

For more information about the COT program, call Raymond at 406-243-7647 or e-mail mark.raymond@umontana.edu.

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Local, specialized western, hometown

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Contact: Alan Fugleberg, associate dean, UM College of Technology, 406-243-7608, alan1.fugleberg@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Seattle-based architects Chris Hellstern and Stacey Smedley will present “Learn About Designing Living Buildings” on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at The University of Montana.

The presentation of the University’s Sustainability Lecture Series will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in Gallagher Business Room 122. It is free and open to the public. Living buildings harvest all their waste and energy needs on site and generate no waste once they are built.

The architects will talk about the award-winning design for the Living Building Science Wing of Bertschi School, a Seattle elementary school. In 2009 the Restorative Design Collective, a group of Seattle-area professionals, asked the school to join them in the Living Building Challenge to create what will be the first Living Building in the state of Washington. The purpose of the challenge was to define the highest measure of sustainability possible in the built environment based on the best current thinking.

As part of the collaboration, all design services, from the initial concept phase through construction, will be provided at no cost. Construction has begun, and the building will open in January. More information is available online at http://www.bertschi.org/campus/science.html.

The award-winning design will allow the school to expand on existing components of its science curriculum in areas such as rainwater harvesting and solar energy.

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

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Local, specialized western

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana School of Journalism students have produced stories previewing the initiatives and contested statewide races on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The stories have appeared in newspapers across the state and also are available on the UM student-produced website at http://www.montanavotes2010.org. The site also features stories about voting and campaign tactics this season.

After the election, the students will produce stories about the decisions state legislators will face in their 2011 session.

“The reception from newspapers has been great, and students are getting a kick from seeing their bylines appear in papers as far away as Glasgow and Sidney,” said UM Professor Dennis Swibold, who teaches the journalism school’s Community News Service course.

Swibold said the class includes juniors, seniors and a few graduate students in journalism. For many, the stories represent their first published work. Students also saw the value of their work.

“A reader in Dillon wrote a letter to her editor, thanking him for publishing our thoughtful, balanced stories on the ballot issues,” Swibold said. “That’s great to hear.”

Swibold said news organizations and others are free to republish the stories or link to the website, as long as they retain the students’ bylines.

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Local, state

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MISSOULA –

Royce Engstrom, who became the 17th president of The University of Montana on Oct. 15, has started a new weekly video series.

"The President's Update" offers another tool for the president to communicate with the Missoula campus, as well as the affiliated UM campuses in Butte, Dillon and Helena.

The first video is online at the President's Office website, http://www.umt.edu/president. Future videos will be available there and on the official UM YouTube channel, http://www.youtube.com/UniversityOfMontana.

Links for each new video will be e-mailed to all employees and students when the videos become available. UM e-publications also will offer access to the videos. Engstrom hopes the videos will be shared widely, especially among students.

"I hope this becomes an effective way to communicate our priorities and other important University information widely across our affiliated campuses," Engstrom said. "This is a new process for me and our staff, and we will continue to refine and improve the series as we move forward.

"We want to keep these videos simple, conversational and, above all, useful."

Engstrom said many videos will be filmed in his office, but he expects some will be shot on location at the affiliated campuses. The president also said the videos will occasionally feature other speakers.

Stay tuned. More videos are on the way.

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Local, dailies, Dillon Tribune

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HAMILTON –

The steering committee for the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will hold its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, 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 Monday, Oct. 25, on the BCP website at http://www.umt.edu/bcp (click on “Meetings” under “Steering Committee”) or by calling BCP Interim Director Victoria Clark at 406-375-0100 or e-mailing victoria.clark@umontana.edu.

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

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Local, specialized western, Bitterroot Valley media

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MISSOULA —

The University Center Gallery at The University of Montana will display works by artists Stephanie Johnsen and Rebecca Weed from Monday, Nov. 1, through Tuesday, Nov. 23, in an exhibition titled “Undergo.”

An opening reception for the exhibition will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, in the UC Gallery, located in Room 227. The event is free and open to the public.

Johnsen earned a bachelor’s degree in printmaking and printing and drawing from Utah State University. She is currently completing her second year as a master’s candidate in printmaking at UM.

Weed earned a bachelor’s degree from Montana State University-Billings, and is completing her thesis in painting at UM.

“Undergo” will display works that explore the events a person or object undergoes that result in progression and change.

The UC Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call Josh Peters-McBride, UC Student Involvement program adviser at 406-243-5776 or e-mail josh.peters-mcbride@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Montana residents and visitors will have an unprecedented opportunity to view selected works by some of the most notable artists from the late 18th to the early 20th century at an exhibition opening Friday, Nov. 12, at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana.

The exhibition, “Renoir, Magritte, Gauguin and other Masterpieces from a Private Collection,” is largely centered on portraiture and includes works by Alexander Archipenko, Rosa Bonheur, William Bouguereau, Max Ernst, Paul Gauguin, René Magritte, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, George Romney, Théophile van Rysselberghe and John William Waterhouse.

An opening reception will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 12 at MMAC, which is located in UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The exhibition will be on view at the museum through March 12, 2011.

Featured will be three portraits by Renoir: “Portrait de Nini” (1874); “Mademoiselle Grimpel au ruban rouge (Hélène Grimpel)” (1880); and “Portrait de Wilhelm Mühlfeld” (1910). The portraits provide compelling evidence of the evolution of the artist’s approach to his subjects over the course of his life.

Romney’s romantic portrait of Emma Hart, a painting that was listed in a 1787 inventory of the artist’s studio, also will be part of the exhibition. Considered one of the most beguiling beauties of England in the mid-1700s, Hart was renowned for her talent of imitating classical poses drawn from antiquity, such as those found on Greek vases. In this portrait, she appears demurely as “Absence.”

Bonheur, perhaps the most famous woman artist of the 19th century, was a friend to Francisco Goya and known for her depictions of animals. Because the Paris-based Académie de Beaux-Arts did not admit women to their classes, Bonheur, disguised as a man, frequented slaughterhouses, fairs and horse shows for models. The exhibition includes “Monarchs of the Forest,” a double-portrait of Bonheur’s favorite pet stag.

Additional paintings by Gauguin and Van Rysselberghe document the transition away from the Impressionist painting style to what became known as Post Impressionism and Pointillism – both of which are characterized by an expressive use of color and emphasis on emotion instead of shifting natural light.

In conjunction with the exhibition, MMAC Curator of Art Brandon Reintjes will present an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute course titled “Questions of Connoisseurship” at UM. The course will begin Jan. 17. Reintjes also will present a lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, in the Masquer Theatre of the PAR/TV Center.

UM art history Professor Valerie Hedquist will give a lecture in conjunction with the exhibition at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in the Montana Theatre of the PAR/TV Center.

Concurrent with the masterpiece exhibition will be “Three Centuries of European Prints,” a display of works on paper drawn from the same period. The works are from MMAC’s Permanent Collection and have never before been exhibited. They will be on view in the museum’s Paxson Gallery. The Permanent Collection, which has existed since 1894, contains more than 10,000 artworks.

MMAC will provide expanded hours throughout the course of the exhibitions. Gallery hours will be from noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Sponsors of the exhibitions in addition to the private collector are Laura Barrett, First Interstate Bank, Suzanne and Bruce Crocker, The Washington Companies, Ben and Shirley Steele, Anne and Jon Bertsche, Cathy Capps and Tom Rickard, the UM President’s Office, Bravo Catering and Montana Public Radio.

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

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

Jim Levitt, director of the Program on Conservation Innovation at the Harvard Forest, Harvard University, is the next presenter in a forum series at The University of Montana that explores emerging issues in natural resources and environmental policy.

Levitt will present “The American Tradition of Innovation in Conservation Thought and Practice” from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, in the UM Law Building’s Castles Center. The forum is free and open to the public.

Levitt will speak about the tradition of American leadership in conservation that began almost 400 years ago. He also will consider how opportunities to achieve large landscape conservation objectives in North America may put us in a position of conservation leadership again in the 21st century.

Levitt, a graduate of Yale College and the Yale School of Management, is the editor of three books on conservation policy and practice: “Conservation in the Internet Age: Threats and Opportunities,” “From Walden to Wall Street: Frontiers of Conservation Finance” and “Conservation Capital in the Americas.” He has three decades of experience as a consultant and adviser to large public, private and nonprofit organizations and has written and lectured extensively in the United States and internationally on conservation innovation in the 21st century.

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

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

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Local, specialized western

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana will hold the inaugural all-campus green residence hall competition in coordination with the UM Office of Sustainability and the Associated Students of UM Sustainability Center from Oct. 26 to Nov. 10.

The eight residence halls on campus will compete to reduce electricity, heat and water usage. UM Campus Eco-Reps will kick off the competition at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, in the Food Zoo. UM President Royce Engstrom will announce the winner at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10.

In addition to the residence hall competition, Eco-Reps are also sponsoring two “green room” competitions. One prize will be given to the resident with the “greenest” room, and the other will be given to a resident that makes the best case for needing a “green room makeover.” Entries for these additional competitions are due Friday, Nov. 5. For more information about the competitions and to learn how to “green your room,” visit http://www.useyourpowerwisely.org.

The new Eco-Rep program was started by the ASUM Sustainability Center, and there are currently three Eco-Reps who live on campus. The reps are working to shift student culture around pro-environmental behaviors through education and outreach. They’re also working with Residence Life and Facilities Services to bridge the gap between students and administrators while making sustainable living fun and engaging to help UM meet the goals of its Climate Action Plan.

Darcy Klessens, an intern at the UM Office of Sustainability, spearheaded the green residence hall competitions. For more information, call Jennifer Hill-Hart, ASUM sustainability coordinator at 406-243-4856, e-mail asum.sustain@mso.umt.edu or visit http://www.useyourpowerwisely.org.

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MISSOULA –

The Pacific Northwest International Section of the Air & Waste Management Association will hold its 50th annual conference Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 3-5, at The University of Montana.

The 2010 conference, “Training our Future Environmental Professionals,” will be hosted by the Montana Chapter of PNWIS. This year will be the first time the conference has taken place on a university campus.

The conference features presentations on regional and local environmental issues, including Libby asbestos contamination, the Milltown Dam removal, wood-smoke air pollution in western Montana, the pros and cons of biomass boilers, and more. It is the premier networking event in the Northwest for students and young professionals in the environmental field. More than 200 environmental professionals and students from Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana are expected to attend.

Full conference registration costs are $395 for AWMA members and $445 for nonmembers. Students can attend the full conference for $75 if they are AWMA members and $125 if not. Single day rates also are available. A complete schedule of events and registration is available online at http://www.pnwis.org/PNWIS2010/index.htm. Registration also will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, in the third-floor foyer of UM’s University Center, where most conference events will take place.

A plenary session with welcoming remarks by Richard Opper, director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, will take place from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the University Center Theater. Concurrent technical sessions will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday and from 8:30 to 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to noon, and 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday.

UM President Royce Engstrom, PNWIS President Al Trbovich and AWMA President Gwen Eklund will speak at the conference luncheon, which will take place from noon to 1:15 p.m. Thursday in the University Center Ballroom.

Conference events also include an Environmental Challenge, where student teams compete to prepare and present an optimal solution to a complex environmental problem. Environmental Challenge presentations will take place from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and from 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday in University Center Room 333.

The conference will conclude Friday, Nov. 5, with a field trip to UM’s LEED-certified Payne Family Native American Center and a guided tour of the Milltown Dam.

For more information, call UM Assistant Professor Tony Ward, conference chair, at 406-243-4092 or e-mail tony.ward@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University Center Gallery at The University of Montana has issued its annual call for art for the gallery’s 2011 exhibition calendar.

The UC Gallery exhibits visual arts from local, regional and national artists and also functions as a space for UM students to exhibit and learn.

Between eight and nine artists will be selected to have their work exhibited in the gallery from January through December 2011. Applications are available online at http://www.umt.edu/uc or in the UC Gallery. The deadline to apply is Monday, Nov. 29.

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

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has entered an Environmental Protection Agency Waste Wise Game Day challenge and will be recycling and composting during tailgates at the Grizzlies football game against the Northern Arizona University Lumberjacks on Saturday, Oct. 23. The theme of the game is “Go Griz, Go Green.”

Montana State University-Bozeman also will participate in the EPA challenge, so those who attend Saturday’s tailgates and game are asked to help UM hold the greener events.

The Grizzlies vs. Lumberjacks game begins at 1 p.m. in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Accepting EPA’s Waste Wise Game Day challenge is part of a continuing effort by the University and UM Grizzly Athletics to demonstrate their commitment to sustainability initiatives and environmental stewardship.

EPA encourages colleges across the country to compete to see who can reduce, reuse and recycle the most waste by asking them to design a waste-reduction plan for one home football game in October and measure the results. Schools can collect common materials for recycling and food to be composted. The amount of waste generated and recycled will determine which school is the greenest. More information about the EPA challenge is online at http://www.epa.gov/osw/partnerships/wastewise/challenge/gameday/index.htm.

Concessions at Saturday’s game primarily will be stocked with food grown in Montana and provided by University Dining Services through their Farm to College program.

UM Recycling and the Associated Students of UM Sustainability Center will increase recycling efforts at the game with student volunteers, who will provide fans with recycling bins, bags and information about the competition and recycling on campus. Bins will be available at the game for recycling and can be used for compost. With help from the student volunteers, Grizzly Athletics, University Dining Services and UM Facilities Services, compostable waste will be sent to Garden City Harvest’s PEAS Farm.

Videos created by students will be played before and after the game. The videos feature athletes and other student leaders talking about why a sustainable lifestyle is important to them.

For more information about Saturday’s “Go Griz, Go Green” events, call Jennifer Hart-Hill, ASUM sustainability coordinator, at 406-243-4856 or e-mail asum.sustain@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s “Can the Cats” food drive competition against Montana State University-Bozeman begins Saturday, Nov. 6. UM’s annual competition to collect more canned food than MSU benefits the Missoula Food Bank.

The competition will run through Saturday, Nov. 20, when the winner will be announced at the Griz vs. Cats Brawl of the Wild football game. Food collected before Nov. 6 will not be counted for the competition.

This year’s competition has two new sponsors, Karl Tyler Chevrolet and the Governor’s Office of Community Service. Karl Tyler Chevrolet trucks and UM volunteers will collect canned food at the gates of Washington-Grizzly Stadium during the home games Nov. 13 and Nov. 20.

Designated canned food boxes for “Can the Cats” will be located on campus in UM residence halls, at The Source in the University Center and at the Office for Civic Engagement, located in Davidson Honors College Room 015.

Collection boxes also will be available at the Good Food Store, Karl Tyler Chevrolet, Orange Street Food Farm, the YMCA, Worden’s Market and the Swift Building in Missoula.

Competition canned food contributions can be made directly to the Missoula Food Bank during the collection period, but donors must specify that their donations are for “Can the Cats.”

Missoula Food Bank Development Director Nick Roberts said that this annual partnership already presents an important food collection effort, as it leverages thousands of pounds of food each year. But he believes this year’s momentum points toward a record-breaking benchmark for the project.

“At a time when our food bank programs combine to serve approximately 5,000 clients each month, the impact of this project is substantial,” Roberts said. “I have a gut feeling that we will collect a record-breaking amount of food from this year’s effort, as we have established several new drop-off locations and have found exciting additional sponsorship. We are thankful for the diverse showing of local community support that makes this project fun and feeding people accessible.”

The annual “Can the Cats” event is coordinated by UM’s Office for Civic Engagement. For more information or to volunteer, call Katie Koga at 406-243-5531 or e-mail katie.koga@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

“Montana Journal: Patrolling the Big Sky,” a television magazine produced by radio-TV students in The University of Montana School of Journalism, will air at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, on MontanaPBS.

The program takes viewers along for a ride with the men and women of the Montana Highway Patrol. “Patrolling the Big Sky” travels to Wolf Point, where one trooper covers hundreds of miles of open road, and takes to the air with members of the MHP’s aviation department who patrol Montana’s roads from the sky. In the Bitterroot Valley, the show explores a female trooper’s dream of working in law enforcement, and in Kalispell visits with the wife of a fallen trooper who is working to change DUI laws across the state.

The program will premiere at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, in the University Center Theater at UM. The event is free and open to the public.

“Montana Journal” is produced by senior-level students in the UM journalism school’s Department of Radio-Television. Kagan Yochim, radio-telephone adjunct instructor and MontanaPBS producer, teaches the class and oversees the student production.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana students, faculty and staff can check out yellow cruiser bikes for up to two days at no charge through the Associated Students of UM Cruiser Co-op program.

The program, which began in 2000 with 50 bikes, is administered through the ASUM Office of Transportation. Some of the bikes have been replaced over the years, and the transportation office board recently decided to replace the program’s 10-year-old bikes with a new style.

The bikes will still be yellow, heavy duty single-speeds with coaster brakes, but they will be a brand purchased from a Northwest distributor, so parts and replacement bikes will be more readily available.

ASUM’s successful Cruiser Co-op program is financed through transportation fees. One of the first student-run bike check-out programs in the country, it has been a model for other campuses nationwide.

Those who wish to check out bikes should bring their valid Griz Card to The Source in the University Center.

More information about the Cruiser Co-op program is online at http://www.umt.edu/asum/ot.

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MISSOULA –

Sandy Ross, associate dean of The University of Montana Graduate School, has been selected as the Sloan Mentor of the Year by the Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring.

The compact is a partnership of regional, federal and foundation programs that focus on minority graduate education and faculty diversity.

Each year the Southern Regional Education Board, one of the compact’s primary sponsors, receives nominations from students across the nation for Sloan Mentor of the Year. Recipients are chosen for demonstrated excellence in mentoring, contributions to increasing diversity in academia and meeting other goals of the compact’s mission.

Ross serves as principal investigator of the Sloan Indigenous Graduate Partnership grant, which supports the Sloan American Indian Graduate Program for science graduate students at UM.

A professor of physical biochemistry in UM’s Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Ross specializes in time-resolved, excited-state and single-molecule spectroscopy and microscopy. He is an investigator in UM’s Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics and the University’s Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience, as well as director of the BioSpectroscopy Core Laboratory that serves the centers and other scientists at the University.

Ross earned a doctorate at the University of Washington and did postdoctoral research at UW and The Johns Hopkins University. Before joining the chemistry and biochemistry faculty at UM in 2002, he was a professor of biochemistry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. While at Mount Sinai, he served as visiting professor at the University of Parma, Italy, and as visiting scientist at the National Synchrotron Light Source at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Ross will be honored as the Sloan Mentor of the Year at the 17th Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring Oct. 28-31 in Tampa, Fla.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s fifth annual Day of Dialogue will be held Thursday, Oct. 28, at the University Center.

The free daylong symposium brings campus and community members together for presentations, performances, workshops and exhibits that encourage dialogue about diversity.

Participants can explore topics such as race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation, class, social hierarchy and privilege. Day of Dialogue events, which are participatory in nature, are created by UM students, faculty and staff and community members.

Events begin at 8:10 a.m. with UM staff education sessions. Vice President for Student Affairs Teresa Branch will give Day of Dialogue opening remarks at 9:10 a.m. in The Payne Family Native American Center.

Participants then can select from more than 15 free educational sessions that begin at 9:40 and 11:10 a.m. and at 2:40 p.m. on the third floor of the University Center. Sessions also will be held at 12:10, 1:10 and 2:10 p.m. at the UM College of Technology.

John Lund, pastor of Emmaus Campus Ministry, will moderate a panel discussion titled “Evolution and Religion: A Dialogue about Earth History, Divinity and the Meaning of Life” at 1:10 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

Cultural entertainment will take place at noon in the University Center Atrium, and “Art in Progress,” a University Center Gallery show in conjunction with Day of Dialogue, will hold a reception and artist talk at 5 p.m. in the gallery, located in UC Room 227.

In conjunction with Day of Dialogue, UM Regents Professor of History Paul Lauren will present a lecture titled “Human Rights in Words, Images and Sounds” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in the University Center Theater. The presentation is an event of the Provost's Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series at UM.


For more information, call Tina Brown, Day of Dialogue coordinator, at 406-243-5082 or e-mail dayofdialogue@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Neil Shubin, author of The University of Montana’s 2010 First-Year Reading Experience book selection, “Your Inner Fish,” will give the next installment of the President’s Lecture Series at UM on Thursday, Oct. 28.

He will present “Finding Your Inner Fish” at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre.

Earlier that day from 3:40 to 5 p.m., Shubin also will give a seminar titled “Fossils, Genes and the Evolution of Limbs” in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

The lecture series events, held in conjunction with UM’s First-Year Reading Experience and co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost, are free and open to the public.

Shubin is the Robert R. Bensley Professor and associate dean of the University of Chicago’s Department of Organismal Biology and Anatomy and serves as provost of Chicago’s Field Museum. He will talk about his 2008 book, “Your Inner Fish,” which tells the story of evolution by tracing the organs of the human body back millions of years, long before the first creatures walked the earth.

Shubin is best known as one of the discoverers of the 375-million-year-old fossil fish Tiktaalik roseae in the Canadian Arctic. The 2004 discovery revealed a missing link in evolution between fish and land animals.

He has conducted field work in Greenland, China and much of North America and Africa and has published multiple articles, including 18 in the prestigious journals Science and Nature.

Shubin also will hold a book discussion for UM first-year students and answer their questions at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

First-Year Reading Experience gives students new to UM an opportunity to read the same book and attend discussions and presentations, as well as enter an essay contest for cash prizes. Visit http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/fyreading for more information.

A complete schedule of events in the 2010-11 President’s Lecture Series at UM is online at http://www.umt.edu/president/lectures.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana President George M. Dennison has been honored with a Second Nature Climate Leadership Award in the Individual President/Chancellor category.

Dennison received the award at the Climate Leadership Summit of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, held Oct. 12-13 in Denver.

As he retires Oct. 15 after more than 20 years leading his alma mater, Dennison will leave a legacy as a recognized champion for commitment to sustainability and for UM’s position now as a model campus in the nation for its climate change efforts.

On Earth Day 2002, Dennison signed the Talloires Declaration, rededicating UM to promoting sustainable development, self-determination and social justice on local, state, national and global levels. He then appointed UM’s Sustainable Campus Committee, with members from the faculty, staff, administration and students, to guide and document efforts by the University and campus groups to achieve the goals of the declaration. The SCC was charged with developing an annual State of the Sustainable UM Campus report to be delivered each Earth Day.

Dennison was a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment in 2007, which officially committed UM to reduce its carbon emissions to zero.

During Earth Day events on campus this year, Dennison once again affirmed the University’s commitment to leadership on climate change by announcing his endorsement of the UM Climate Action Plan. The plan details strategies to make UM carbon neutral by 2020 and describes how the University will infuse sustainability across the curriculum. Several of the strategies already have been implemented.

Dennison also supported formalization of UM’s Office of Sustainability with the addition of a full-time sustainability coordinator, as well as a student-driven Sustainability Center. He was an advocate of the UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology, called the FLAT – a University-owned home that students are retrofitting as an example of energy-efficient and sustainable living.

Through Dennison’s support and the efforts of many people on campus, in the community and throughout Montana, UM’s newest building, The Payne Family Native American Center, was dedicated this spring. The first of its kind in the nation, the culturally significant and uniquely designed center located near the UM Oval will achieve LEED Gold status.

During Dennison’s tenure, UM also created a minor in climate change studies that is available to any student regardless of discipline. The Climate Change Studies Program at UM is one of the first in the nation. To help educators incorporate climate change into curriculum across campus, Dennison worked closely with UM Provost Royce Engstrom to develop the Green Thread faculty development program.

For more information about UM sustainability programs and Dennison’s many accomplishments over the years, visit the Greening UM website at http://www.umt.edu/greeningum.

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Montana Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns, Montana Deputy Commissioner for Two-Year Education Mary Sheehy Moe, members of the Board of Regents and Royce Engstrom, who will take over the reins as The University of Montana’s next president Oct. 15, will hold public listening sessions at the UM College of Technology and in Hamilton on Friday, Oct. 29.

The session at COT will take place from 10 a.m. to noon in Administration Building Room AD05, located at 909 South Ave. W. in Missoula.

The session in Hamilton will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bitterroot River Inn, located at 139 Bitterroot Plaza Drive.

Stearns and the regents are conducting a statewide listening tour this fall to discuss major initiatives in the Montana University System and to hear from state residents about their interests and concerns for higher education.

She expects the discussions to include themes of improved access to higher education, improved support of student success, and better efficiency in all aspects of business operations and the student experience.

A major Montana initiative in two-year education is COLLEGE!Now, one of just seven in the nation supported by the Lumina Foundation. COLLEGE!Now has been recognized for its bold steps to reach students where they are – academically and geographically. Montana will be expanding its virtual community college opportunities, including packaged degree programs and work force training delivered online throughout the state.

Key aspects of the initiative include affordable regional college access, statewide alignment of curriculum, resource sharing among two-year colleges, and improving opportunities for high school students to take courses for high school and college credit simultaneously.

“COLLEGE!Now is getting national attention for its innovation, and it really is the result of hard work toward strategic goals the regents established years ago,” Stearns said.

The goals include improved access to college, higher education leadership in economic development, efficiency and effectiveness.

“We’re eager to tell Montanans about the success of COLLEGE!Now, but we mainly want to hear from residents across the state on how they think we should be pursuing goals for success,” Stearns said.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana Regents Professor of History Paul Lauren will give the next installment of the Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Lauren will present “Human Rights in Words, Images and Sounds” at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

The lecture, held in conjunction with UM’s annual Day of Dialogue, will explore how determined and courageous men and women in history and in our contemporary world have struggled to uphold human rights. It is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

Lauren, who has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, was the first faculty member at UM to be named a Regents Professor. He earned a doctorate at Stanford University and has received numerous awards for his teaching, advising and mentoring, research, administrative leadership and public service. His published books, chapters and articles are widely acclaimed, and his works have been translated into seven languages.

Lauren was selected by The Teaching Company to teach one of their Great Courses on the subject of human rights. He has lectured to audiences around the world and has delivered invited addresses at the Smithsonian Institution, the Nobel Institute and before the United Nations, where he has been described as the world’s leading authority on the history of human rights.

Day of Dialogue, held annually at UM, will take place this year on Thursday, Oct. 28. It is a campuswide symposium focused on the topics of race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation, employment hierarchy and academic discipline. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members will deliver presentations, performances, workshops, and more throughout the day. For more information and a schedule of events, visit http://www.umt.edu/dod.

Information about the Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series is online at http://www.umt.edu/provost/pdfls.

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MISSOULA –

KBGA College Radio 89.9 FM at The University of Montana will host a concert by Class Actress, Small Black and Shahs at 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Palace Lounge.

Admission to the show is $5 for those 21 and older and $7 for those under 21. The event is open to ages 18 and up.

Class Actress is from Brooklyn, N.Y., and pulls from a variety of styles. The band ranges from the ’80s synth pop of Depeche Mode and New Order, to the vivaciousness of early Madonna and the bubbly heartbreak of Mazzy Star.

Touring with Class Actress is Small Black, an emerging band also from Brooklyn. Their self-titled full-length album debuts this fall. They describe themselves on Myspace as “acousmatic, tape music, concrete and pop.”

Opening the show is Shahs. He is originally from Minneapolis, but is now living and making music in Missoula. On Myspace, Shahs describes his music as “tropical, live electronics and visual.”

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

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MISSOULA –

Community members who are looking for a deal on outdoor gear or who want to sell their equipment should check out The University of Montana’s Used Outdoor Gear Sale from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, in the University Center Atrium.

The sale, a semiannual fundraiser for the UM Campus Recreation Outdoor Program, is free and open to the public. The program collects 15 percent of the sale price of each item.

Those who want to sell gear can bring it to the UC between 7 and 11 a.m. Unsold gear must be picked up between 5 and 7 p.m.

For more information, call the Outdoor Program at 406-243-5172.

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MISSOULA –

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

The clinics will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Oct. 25-28 and Nov. 1-4, 8-11 and 15-18, in Skaggs Building Room 129. Enjoy a 20-minute massage for $12 and a 40-minute massage for $20. Appointments are required.

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

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

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MISSOULA –

Washington Post staff writer Eli Saslow will deliver the 2010 T. Anthony Pollner Lecture titled “Inside the Bubble: Covering President Obama” at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, in the University Center Theater at The University of Montana. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Saslow, the T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor for autumn semester at UM’s School of Journalism, began writing for The Washington Post in 2004. He covered the 2008 presidential campaign, writing profile stories about Barack Obama and then chronicling the new president’s transition to life inside the White House. Saslow has won multiple awards for news and feature writing. Previously a sports writer for the Post, two of his stories appeared in Best American Sports Writing.

Saslow is teaching a course in narrative nonfiction writing at the UM School of Journalism. He also mentors the staff of the student newspaper, the Montana Kaimin.

The Pollner professorship was created in 2001 by the family and friends of T. Anthony Pollner, a 1999 journalism school graduate who was killed in an accident in 2001. Saslow is UM’s 10th Pollner professor.

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MISSOULA –

A National Institutes of Health grant to protect human subjects when clinical research is conducted in rural populations has been awarded to The University of Montana.

The nearly $750,000 grant went to UM Research Professors Ann Cook and Helena Hoas of the University’s Department of Psychology. Cook and Hoas will explore the approaches used by physicians, research coordinators, nurses and administrators who conduct research in states with large rural populations.

“The research is important because clinical research, once primarily conducted in academic medical centers located in large, urban communities, increasingly takes place in physicians’ office or clinics where it engages rural participants,” Cook said.

The grant will support efforts to identify the ethical issues that face clinicians who conduct research in private practices and rural hospitals and clinics. It also will allow Cook and Hoas to explore how features of the rural environment may influence clinicians’ abilities to maintain research integrity.

The UM researchers already have examined types of clinical and nonclinical studies that are conducted in communities throughout the country and have interviewed research participants to better understand what issues are important to them when they are invited to participate in the studies.

The new NIH grant will help expand their research to those who conduct clinical studies in a 12-state area.

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MISSOULA –

Two of the most vibrant and leading advocates for improving the nation’s education, Barbara Barrett and Craig Barrett, will speak at The University of Montana on Thursday, Oct. 28.

During their campus visit, Barbara Barrett, former U.S. ambassador to Finland and president and CEO of Triple Creek Guest Ranch in Darby, and Craig Barrett, retired CEO and chairman of the board of Intel Corp., will receive the 2010 Montana Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs Pioneer in Industry Award.

The award, which recognizes the achievements of outstanding entrepreneurs, will be presented to the Barretts at a VIP reception at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, in the Gallagher Business Building second-floor piazza. To purchase tickets for the reception or for more information, call Larae Hackney at 406-243-4830 or e-mail at larae.hackney@business.umt.edu.

The Barretts will hold open forums on campus earlier that day that are free and open to the public. They will speak about the ever-changing, high-velocity business landscape.

The forum for UM students, faculty, staff and the campus community will take place at 2 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. An open forum to address the Missoula community will be held at 5 p.m. in the University Theatre.

Barbara Barrett was president of the International Women’s Forum, deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and an executive of two Fortune 500 corporations. Craig Barrett, a leading advocate for improving education in the U.S. and around the world, will share his global commitment to raising social and economic standards.

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MISSOULA –

The mountains of Missoula will transform into the mountains of Kyrgyzstan with the traditional music of the ensemble Ordo Sakhna on Saturday, Oct. 16.

The 10-person ensemble of prize-winning musicians from Kyrgyzstan will perform at 3 p.m. in The University of Montana’s Music Recital Hall. They will present ancient traditional melodies and dastans (short sections of epics) that have been passed down through many centuries.

Tickets are $15 in advance and $18 at the door. They may be purchased by calling UM’s School of Music at 406-243-6880.

Ordo Sakhna will display the beauty, color and diversity of many traditional instruments and styles of dress while performing. The ensemble will travel nearly 6,000 miles to share their epic nomadic civilization of Central Asia with American audiences for the first time.

Ordo Sakhna has toured widely in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Russia. More information is available online at http://www.ordosakhna.com.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana officials hope to shrink the carbon footprint of campus by nearly a quarter by building a $16 million, wood-fired, biomass boiler onto the existing heating plant.

UM recently was awarded a $180,000 grant from the state Department of Natural Resources and Conservation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service to complete plans for the project, which would reduce the University’s natural gas usage by 70 percent and provide year-round steam to campus.

Robert Duringer, UM vice president for administration and finance, said the University will seek state Board of Regents approval for the project during a Nov. 18-19 meeting in Missoula. If that happens, plans for the plant would be completed this winter and construction likely would begin next spring.

“This project would be paid for with bonds and savings from not using natural gas,” Duringer said. “It also would involve no tuition money.”

The boiler would be about 120 feet long, 100 feet wide and 40 feet tall. It would be built on the east side of the existing heating plant. Duringer said the heating plant now produces half a megawatt of electricity. With the expansion, that output could potentially double.

He said the industrial-sized biomass boiler would burn an estimated 17,000 to 20,000 tons of wood a year instead of using natural gas. Most would be logging residue such as treetops and limbs. It also might use beetle-killed trees and some trees from thinning projects.

“With our approach, for the most part, we are not going out there and logging,” Duringer said. “We are going out and getting what’s left over after the land has been logged. We are getting the slash and byproducts that are left in the forest.”

UM intends to protect air quality in the Missoula Valley by using a biomass gasification provider called Nexterra from Vancouver, British Columbia. Duringer said the company uses cutting-edge technology that reduces emissions to at or below those of natural gas.

“So we will be adding nothing to the airshed in Missoula that isn’t already here,” he said. “By switching to biomass, this would be a very sustainable, green thing we are doing. It also advances our Climate Action Plan, which aims to make campus carbon neutral by 2020.”

Duringer said the gasification system could be used as a teaching platform for the Energy Technology program at UM’s College of Technology. Fuel from the University’s Lubrecht Experimental Forest also could be used for the biomass plant, providing a real-time, sustainable logging laboratory for students at the College of Forestry and Conservation.

He said UM has hired a Seattle-based firm called McKinstry that will help spearhead the project. McKinstry will hire vendors and guarantee the performance of the venture. The company already has located area firms that will supply wood at the necessary price to make the project viable. He said such providers would be asked to sign five-year contracts.

“This project also definitely could supply some much-needed forest-product jobs for the Missoula area,” Duringer said.

Julie Kies coordinates the Fuels for Schools and Beyond program with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. She said the biomass plant proposal represents proven technology, as forest-products mills have used similar technology to heat their facilities for decades. In addition, 10 Montana public schools already use similar technology, as does UM-Western in Dillon and the University of Idaho in Moscow.

“What sets the UM plan apart is its scale, though it still won’t be as large as the co-generation facilities used by mills,” Kies said. “But it would be the largest such plant used at a Montana educational facility.”

Duringer said the University of South Carolina completed a similar project with mixed results that UM has learned from. Other campuses now introducing biomass plants include the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash.
UM Plans Biomass-Fired Steam Boiler To Heat Campus - UM News - The University Of Montana

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China’s role in the world – from its economic behavior, position on diplomatic matters and expansion of its military to its activities in Africa and the U.S.-China relationship – is in the news and at the center of foreign policy discussions around the nation.

To help Americans understand this dynamic relationship and have their questions answered by leading experts, the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations will conduct a unique 50-city event, “CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections” on Monday, Oct. 18.

The town hall will take place at 6 p.m. in Missoula at The University of Montana’s James E. Todd Building Room 210. It is free and open to the public. The Missoula event is co-sponsored by UM Continuing Education, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, the Montana World Affairs Council and the National Committee on United States-China Relations.

Featured speaker U.S. Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman Jr. will discuss the U.S.-China relationship in a live webcast from Beijing. He will then respond to questions from audience members. The webcast will be followed by an on-site presentation by Chinese human rights activist Dimon Liu, who will give a related talk on “Human Rights Activism and Human Rights Policy.”

Before assuming his current position in August 2009, Huntsman was elected twice as governor of Utah, served as deputy assistant secretary of commerce for Asia, U.S. ambassador to Singapore and deputy U.S. trade representative, negotiating dozens of trade and investment agreements for the United States with numerous countries, including China. He has previously lived in Asia three times and speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese.

Liu was born in China and emigrated to the United States in 1965. She became a human rights activist after witnessing conditions in China in 1972. Trained in architecture in New York and political economy in London, she taught architecture and urban design for 15 years in Hong Kong and New York.

Liu’s human rights activities have included urging organizations to embrace Chinese concerns, systematically briefing journalists on conditions in China, teaching Chinese citizens how to get involved in politics and organizing human rights initiatives within Chinese prodemocracy groups. At the U.N. Sub-Commission on Human Rights in 1989, she initiated and organized an intervention that resulted in an unprecedented U.N. reprimand against China for human rights abuses.

In 1993 Liu left academia to focus on U.S.-Sino relations. She has testified before Congress on human rights conditions in China and regularly briefs officials and staff members in Washington on issues concerning China. Her writings on human rights, rule of law, democracy and military strategy have appeared in many journals and newspapers, including the Asian Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, The New York Times, Newsday and The Washington Post.

"Dimon Liu’s role as an activist for human rights and democracy in China provides a valuable firsthand perspective on the status of one of the world’s most significant nations," said Mansfield Center Director Terry Weidner.

For more information, visit http://www.umt.edu/mansfield or call 406-243-2988.

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MISSOULA –

The sixth annual “Bulls, Blues and Brews” benefit and silent auction, hosted by The University of Montana law school’s Environmental Law Group, will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the Missoula Children’s Theatre Center for the Performing Arts, located at 200 N. Adams St. in Missoula.

“Bulls, Blues and Brews” is held each year to promote putting Montana’s laws to work to protect the state’s environment. Admission is $10. Those who attend must be 21 or older, and IDs will be checked at the door. Live music will be provided by the Discount Quartet, with special guests Chuck Florence and David Horgan.

This year’s event will raise funds to assist the Cottonwood Environmental Law Center, a newly formed nonprofit law firm based in Bozeman that is dedicated to preserving wild lands, wildlife and wild waters. Proceeds also will be donated to the Environmental Legal Education Network, an organization that works to enhance connections between law practitioners and law students.

The silent auction will feature donations and coupons from dozens of local stores, restaurants, residents, professors and students who share a passion for protecting Montana’s environment.

“The mission of the Cottonwood Environmental Law Center fits the mission of ELG, which is why we are thrilled to donate the proceeds from our popular event to them,” said ELG President Dave Whisenand. “We are excited to also donate to the Environmental Legal Education Network, because the organization plays an important role in bridging the gap between law students passionate about one day working to protect the environment and legal professionals who are already doing it, like the Cottonwood Environmental Law Center.”

ELG is a UM School of Law student-run organization dedicated to raising environmental awareness within the legal and law school community. For more information, call or e-mail Whisenand at 406-640-3283 or david.whisenand@umontana.edu or ELG Vice President Josh Nichols at 970-201-0100 or joshua.nichols@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The next speaker in a University of Montana forum series that explores emerging issues in natural resources and environmental policy will talk about a California study that addresses the future of energy systems.

Jane C.S. Long is principal associate director at large for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and a fellow in LLNL’s Center for Global Strategic Research. She will present “California’s Energy Future Study: Portraits of the Energy System in 2050” from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, in the UM Law Building Castles Center. The forum is free and open to the public.

Long, who works on reinvention of the energy system, adaptation in response to climate change and geoengineering, will speak about a study of California’s energy system in 2050 undertaken by the California Council on Science and Technology. By executive order, the state is to reduce emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

The study identifies energy system descriptions, called “portraits,” from a technical perspective that would meet this standard and allow for population and economic growth. The requirement for growth means that the energy system should have nearly zero emissions.

The portraits are constructed by evaluating four key questions: How much can we control demand? How much heat and transportation will be electrified? How will electricity be de-carbonized? How much sustainable biofuel could be available?

Results show an energy system that is dramatically different from today’s but largely relies on existing technology.

Long serves as co-chair of both the California’s Energy Future Committee and the National Commission on Energy Policy’s Task Force on Geoengineering. She also is a member of the governor’s advisory panel on adaptation.

The forum is co-sponsored by the UM Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and the University’s Resource Conservation Program.

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society will hold a “Trick or Read” book drive as part of its fall literacy service program from Oct. 25-29. The group is collecting new or lightly used children’s books for preschool to elementary school-aged children.

Collection boxes will be located at The Source in the University Center, the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center and the Children’s Learning centers in McGill Hall and the Craighead apartments. The books will be donated to the Watkins Children’s Center and daycares around Missoula.

The Golden Key International Honour Society is an organization that focuses on academics, service and leadership. The UM chapter has more than 300 members. Students with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher are invited to join the group by visiting http://goldenkey.org or e-mailing Ashley McKeown, Golden Key faculty adviser, at ashley.mckeown@mso.umt.edu.

For more information about the book drive, call Gregory Lanoue, UM Golden Key treasurer, at 406-241-6861 or e-mail gregory.lanoue@umconnect.umt.edu.

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The U.S. Department of Commerce awarded Montana Public Radio three federal grants to expand coverage to Libby and Polson and improve service in the north Flathead area. The University of Montana-based station also received funds to upgrade its satellite distribution equipment and main recording studio in Missoula. The projects will happen in phases over the next 18 to 24 months.

The station must raise nearly $200,000 in matching funds, said MTPR general manager William Marcus. “We know there is support for this expansion and we look forward to bringing MTPR to unserved or underserved parts of Montana,” he said.

Marcus said the station was successful in the highly competitive grants, thanks in part to support letters from all three members of Montana’s congressional delegation. “We were happy to have strong advocates at the national level. It really makes a big difference,” Marcus said.

“Montana Public Radio has a long track record of providing unique local programming and comprehensive local news coverage,” said Montana Sen. Max Baucus. “I was proud to support this grant to help ensure Montanans continue to have access to Montana Public Radio.”

Sen. Jon Tester’s letter underscored the importance of bringing MTPR to Libby, mentioning MTPR’s coverage of the W.R. Grace trial. “Unfortunately, MTPR’s coverage was not available to the citizens of Libby,” Tester said. “The people of Libby deserve access to this (kind of) coverage.”

In his letter, U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg wrote, “I’m committed to ensuring that rural Montanans have the same access to public radio and news as residents in more populated states.”

In addition to the new transmitters, MTPR will move its Kalispell transmitter to the top of Whitefish Mountain Resort and install a translator to maintain good coverage in Kalispell. The grants will also address the viability of the Missoula-based satellite uplink that distributes the MTPR signal to transmitters in Butte, Helena, Great Falls and Hamilton. The MTPR recording studio will benefit from a new audio board and a fully networked digital storage and playback system.

Montana Public Radio is a public service of The University of Montana and broadcasts both NPR and local programming. Transmitter frequency information is available at http://www.mtpr.org.

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana chapter of Alpha Phi sorority will host a Red Dress Gala at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the MCT Center for the Performing Arts, located at 200 N. Adams St.

The event, which will feature dinner, music and a silent auction, is a fundraiser for the Alpha Phi Foundation, which supports women's cardiac care research. Tickets are $35 each or $60 per couple and are available by calling Jacquelynn Williamson, Alpha Phi’s marketing chair, at 406-208-2819 or e-mailing jacquelynn.williamson@umontana.edu.

Attendees are asked to wear formal red attire or red accents to raise awareness of heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women in the United States.

Alpha Phi International Fraternity was founded at Syracuse University in 1872 as one of the first Greek societies for women. Alpha Phi is dedicated to promoting sisterhood, cultivating leadership, encouraging intellectual curiosity and advocating service. The organization is comprised of more than 150 collegiate chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada. Chi chapter of Alpha Phi was established at UM in 1918.

The Alpha Phi Foundation is the sorority's philanthropic and educational partner. Through contributions from chapters, individual members and friends, the foundation supports women's cardiac health and other charitable and educational projects.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana students interested in a career in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering are invited to apply to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

Next spring the foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors and seniors during the 2011-12 academic year. Students must be nominated by their institution to be considered for an award. The UM submission deadline for all 2011 applications is 5 p.m. Nov. 5, and must be submitted to Laure Pengelly Drake in Davidson Honors College Room 102. Students are encouraged to see her as early as possible for an explanation of the process and help with the application drafts.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a current, full-time sophomore or junior and working toward a baccalaureate degree, have a B average or equivalent, stand in the upper fourth of his or her class, and be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or U.S. national who will pursue a career in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation was established by Congress in 1986. The award covers eligible expenses up to $7,500 per year.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana honeybee researchers and their partners have discovered a one-two-punch combination that may cause Colony Collapse Disorder, a mysterious malady that is depopulating beehives around the globe.

UM biology Research Professor Jerry Bromenshenk said his research group has learned that a honeybee virus previously unknown to North America, as well as a fungal pathogen, were found in all their samples collected at hives afflicted by CCD from 2006 to 2009. Those two pathogens were not found in the control groups – colonies with no history of CCD in Montana and Australia.

“We truly don’t know if these two pathogens cause CCD or whether the colonies with CCD are more likely to succumb to these two pathogens,” Bromenshenk said. “It’s a work in progress, but it may be the most important advance in the search for the cause of CCD in the previous three years.”

The research was published Oct. 6 in PLoS ONE, a scientific journal found online at http://www.plosone.org.

The first of the suspect pathogens, insect iridescent virus (IIV), is similar to a virus first reported in India 20 years ago, as well as a virus found in moths. It afflicts the abdomens of bees and is called iridescent because infected host tissues may take on a bluish-green or purplish hue.

The fungus is called Nosema ceranae. With this pathogen, the bee ingests spores that allow the fungus to spread in the gut. Either the iridescent virus or the fungus by itself can make bees sick, but together they might be too much for most bee colonies.

“From our data, there seems to be a correlation between the presence of these two pathogens together,” said Robert Cramer, a research partner and fungal pathologist at Montana State University-Bozeman. “We envision the bee gets an infection from one or the other, and this causes the bees to become stressed, which then allows the second infection to come in and more effectively cause disease.”

Bromenshenk said most researchers worldwide investigating the cause of CCD studied RNA viruses associated with honeybees. The insect iridescent virus his team correlated with the disorder is a DNA virus.

“This is a fundamental difference that takes CCD research in a whole new direction,” he said.

The research group’s samples of ground-up honeybees were analyzed at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, a U.S. Army-backed laboratory based at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. Edgewood has developed a liquid-chromatograph proteomics mass-spectrometry device, which identified and quantified as many as 30,000 proteins in each sample. This voluminous dataset revealed the iridescent virus and fungus were present in all CCD samples.

The team of UM bee specialists and MSU fungal pathologists eventually grew to include insect virus specialists at Texas Tech University and the Instituto de Ecologia, A.C., in Mexico. Much of the work was done at Bee Alert Technology Inc. in Missoula, a private company Bromenshenk and his partners started that licenses honeybee technologies discovered at UM.

So if the paired pathogens do cause CCD, what can beekeepers do to prevent the disorder and the mysterious disappearance of their bees?

Until an effective treatment can be developed, it may be prudent to eliminate infected colonies, said Colin Henderson, a faculty member at the UM College of Technology who did the statistics work related to the project. Standard quarantine practices, such as testing imported bees before they are added to colonies and disinfection of equipment, also likely would help.

Bromenshenk said some beekeepers have reported outbreaks of CCD following extended periods of cool, damp weather. Beekeepers also report more problems in areas with frequent fog or in hills where the weather is cooler. Placing bees in warm, sunny locations appears to help prevent outbreaks.

“Even if it’s not the cause of CCD, the discovery of the iridescent virus in our North American bees is important,” Bromenshenk said. “It warrants additional investigation, as it’s a whole different category of viruses than anyone has looked at before. It’s a unique discovery.”
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MISSOULA –

Dramatic Influence, an indigenous Maori performing arts group from New Zealand, will begin its North American tour at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, in the University Center Ballroom at The University of Montana. The group includes 11 members who will present aspects of traditional and contemporary Maori culture through song, dance and storytelling. The show is free and open to the public.

The Montana portion of the tour is being coordinated by Willie and Evelyn Brown, New Zealand natives based in Missoula. Willie Brown is currently a Native American studies student at UM and is interested in the exchange of cultural awareness. Missoula and Palmerston North, New Zealand, have been sister cities since 1982. The two cities share a common foundation through their universities and art communities, and the Browns are the designated representatives to Palmerston North by the City of Missoula.

The show is sponsored by American Indian Student Services, the Department of Native American Studies and the UC. For more information, call Josh Peters-McBride, UC Student Involvement program adviser, at 406-243-5776 or e-mail josh.peters-mcbride@mso.umt.edu.

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Top Obama administration officials, leading scientists, business leaders and environmental advocates from around North America and Europe will be in Missoula next week for the Society of Environmental Journalists 20th annual conference, hosted by The University of Montana.

The Oct. 13-17 gathering will explore a wide range of local, regional, national and international environmental and science issues and offer professional training in new media skills for working journalists. More than 500 people are expected to participate.

“We particularly welcome the opportunity to host some of the world’s top environmental journalists during this special event,” UM President George M. Dennison said. “They will learn much about our University research and our state during their time here.”

The full conference agenda can be found at [http://www.sej.org/initiatives/sej-annual-conferences/AC2010-agenda](http://www.sej.org/initiatives/sej-annual-conferences/AC2010-agenda).

Among the highlights are:

- Jon Jarvis, director of the National Park Service, will join journalists on a tour of Glacier National Park and will headline a panel on the future of the national parks on Friday, Oct. 15.

- Jane Lubchenco, director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Tom Strickland, the No. 2 official in the Department of the Interior, will join other speakers to explore lessons from the Gulf oil spill during a Friday, Oct. 15, plenary session.

- Nancy Sutley, chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, will lead off a panel on national energy policy during a Saturday, Oct. 16, lunch plenary session.

- UM Professor and Nobel laureate Steve Running will join former Interior Secretary and Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and others on a panel that looks at the changing West, also Friday, Oct. 15.

- Finally, Professor Dan Pletscher, director of the UM Wildlife Biology Program, and others will try to find the balance among wolves, grizzlies and people during a Saturday, Oct. 16, breakfast plenary session.

For journalists who cover Native American issues, or simply have Indian reservations in their regions, this year's conference offers several sessions that will explore the complexities of tribal sovereignty and land management, including an all-day tour of the Flathead Indian Reservation on Thursday, Oct. 14.

Rebecca Miles, executive director of the Nez Perce tribe, will join the Friday morning plenary on the Changing West. Another panel session will address energy issues on tribal land, with Indian reservations poised to become the lands of choice for renewable energy projects, while others sit atop coal, oil and natural gas reserves. Finally, another panel will look at tribes and salmon and tackle the thorny issue of hatchery versus native salmon.

Other panels and talks will explore such topics as conservation easements, populations and sustainability, the Canadian tar sands, coal mining in the West, the business of climate change, Libby’s deadly asbestos dust, geoengineering and climate change, Montana wilderness bills, clean energy economy and business, and many more.

A Sunday, Oct. 17, breakfast session features author Kathleen Dean Moore, Distinguished Professor of Environmental Philosophy at Oregon State University; David James Duncan, author of “The Brothers K,” “The River Why” and “River Teeth”; and William Kittredge, retired UM Regents Professor of English and Creative Writing and author of several books, including “Hole in the Sky: A Memoir” and “Who Owns The West?”

SEJ is an international organization of more than 1,500 working journalists, educators and students dedicated to advancing public understanding of environmental issues by improving the quality and visibility of environmental affairs reporting. Members work in a variety of mediums, including television, radio, print and online. Learn more about SEJ, its conference and programs at [http://www.sei.org](http://www.sei.org).
NOTE TO EDITORS: To obtain a press pass to cover one or more of the news-making sessions, contact Rita Munzenrider of UM’s University Relations at 406-360-4604. Credentials will be issued on sight by SEJ only after you’ve spoken with Munzenrider. We look forward to having you cover this conference and its many newsworthy sessions.

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MISSOULA —

The University Center at The University of Montana will host a panel discussion on various aspects of the 1960s hippy movement and modern stereotypes from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in UC Room 330.

James Caringi, director of the social work master’s program and assistant professor in the School of Social Work, and Trent Atkins, a professor in the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, will lead the discussion. There will be opportunity for questions and open dialogue.

“What is a Hippy?” is a program planned by University Center Student Involvement’s diversity programming and is free and open to the public.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Women’s and Gender Studies Program faculty, an interdisciplinary group of scholars housed in the University’s College of Arts and Sciences, now offers a graduate certificate for students at UM.

The newly created certificate program consists of a total of 12 graduate credits that focus on the experience of social inequality at multiple and intersecting levels of oppression. Students who pursue the certificate must already be admitted to a graduate program at UM.

The certificate program requires a core course from both the humanities and the social sciences, as well as six additional credits in women’s and gender studies. Students who participate in the program will receive a unique perspective on their primary area of study while meeting students and faculty from other departments.

For more information about the program, call Stacy Rye at 406-243-2584 or e-mail stacy.rye@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The Patricia Goedicke and Leonard Wallace Robinson Papers are now available for public research at The University of Montana’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

The collection, in the library’s Archives and Special Collections, provides insight into the literary and academic careers of Goedicke and Robinson through the manuscripts of their work, correspondence and professional papers. It expands the breadth and depth of the University’s local literary collections, which include the Dorothy M. Johnson Papers and a collection of Richard Hugo’s notebooks.

An exhibit featuring materials from the Goedicke and Robinson papers will be on display in the library’s Theta Rho Room through March 1, 2011.

“This is a fantastic addition to the literary collections at UM, providing researchers materials that document a unique cross section of American writers and critics, and students an opportunity to study the process of two remarkable writers,” said project archivist Steve Bingo.

Goedicke (1931-2006) taught creative writing at UM from 1981 to 2003 and was an influential member of the University’s Creative Writing Program following the passing of Richard Hugo in 1982.

She wrote 13 books of poetry, including “The Tongues We Speak,” a New York Times Book Review notable book for 1990, and “As Earth Begins to End,” which was named one of Booklist’s top 10 books for 2000.

Robinson (1912-1999) wrote two novels and two books of poetry. He also served as editor of Collier’s magazine from 1956 to 1957 and as executive editor for Rinehart, Holt and Winston. In 1989 Robinson taught the Graduate Fiction Writing Workshop at UM, where David Allan Cates, in the winter 2010 issue of the Montanan, recalls how Robinson’s advice to him as a young writer renewed his wavering confidence.

“Patricia and Leonard brought rare talent and passion to their writing, their friendships and their marriage,” said novelist and UM Professor Deirdre McNamer. “It is purely wonderful to know that their words, their lives, will be accessible to so many via this archival project.”

Goedicke was meticulous in documenting her work, as evidenced by the numerous drafts and notebooks in the collection.

“While Goedicke’s poetry tends to leap boldly from idea to idea, her drafts and notebooks illustrate how regimented and focused she was in her practice,” Bingo said.

The collection also includes an extensive set of manuscripts for Robinson’s novel “The Man Who Loved Beauty” and a manuscript of a collection of his short stories that appeared in publications such as Harper’s and The New Yorker.

Notable correspondence in the collection includes those with literary figures such as Rosellen Brown, Erica Jong, Carolyn Kizer, Robert Lax, Deirdre McNamer, Howard Moss and Helen Vendler, as well as a letter from Robert Frost dating back to Goedicke’s college years.

Lois Welch, who taught literature courses at UM, calls the collection “a double treasure trove of information about the lives and works of two wonderful writers.”

For Mansfield Library hours, visit http://www.lib.umt.edu/hours.

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MISSOULA —

Horizon Air recently announced it will begin flying a maroon and silver University of Montana-themed airplane to and from Missoula this November.

Horizon will paint the 76-seat Q400 turboprop aircraft with UM’s colors and logos next month and unveil it Friday, Nov. 19, at Missoula International Airport.

The plane already is scheduled to be repainted, so the new look will be provided at no cost to the University or Horizon.

“We appreciate Horizon Air taking the initiative to do this,” said Jim Foley, UM executive vice president. “Not only is the design of the plane beautiful, it’s a flying billboard for UM.”

Horizon Air serves 45 cities throughout the western U.S. and Canada, as well as Alaska. The airline began service to and from Missoula in 1986.

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Historically logged forest sites are denser and potentially more prone to severe wildfires and insect outbreaks than unlogged, fire-excluded forests and should be considered a high priority for fuel-reduction treatments, according to a new University of Montana study.

Anna Sala and Cameron Naficy, the lead researchers in the study, published an article on these findings in the most recent issue of the journal Ecological Applications. Sala is a professor in UM’s Division of Biological Sciences, and Naficy graduated with a master’s degree from UM in 2008.

Sala and Naficy’s study compared logged, fire-excluded sites to unlogged, fire-excluded sites in forests mainly consisting of ponderosa pines. The study covered a broad region spanning the Continental Divide of the Northern Rockies, from central Montana to central Idaho.

The findings contradict much of the conventional wisdom defining current U.S. forest policy, which assumes that increases in forest density, which in turn increase the susceptibility to severe wildfires or insect outbreaks, are primarily caused by fire suppression.

“This is an important finding because it highlights that vegetation management can result in long-lasting changes to forests that are likely to affect how large-scale disturbances, such as wildfires or insect outbreaks, play out on the landscape well into the future,” Naficy said.

“Furthermore, it shows that previously harvested and unharvested forests have very different restoration needs and fire hazard potential,” Sala said. “This recognition should go a long way in helping land managers to prioritize restoration and fuel-reduction efforts where they are most likely to be successful.”

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