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Recent Praise for MMAC Exhibitions - UM News - The University Of Montana

November 24, 2010

Comments and remarks received at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture in response to the exhibitions “Renoir, Magritte, Gauguin and other European Masterpieces from a Private Collection” and “Three Centuries of European Prints from the MMAC Permanent Collection.”

Comments received Nov. 12 – Dec. 5, 2010, and compiled by MMAC Director Barbara Koostra.

- "Wonderful…what a treat for Montana."
- "Outstanding…paintings and presentation."
- "Unique opportunity for Missoula."
- "Please…do more exhibits like this."
- "Terrific…"
- "Exhibit raises the cultural bar for Missoula and Montana."
- "Great…thanks for raising us all up."
- "A cultural coup for Montana."
- "Once in a lifetime."
- "What a wonderful asset (MMAC) to have in Missoula."
- "Thank you so very much for bringing great artwork to Missoula – shows what a cultural center we live in."
- "Fantastic!"
- "Amazing!"
- "Goose bumps!"
- "How cool is this!"
- Amazing.
- Lovely Exhibit!
- Awesome!
- Cell phones are a nice addition.
- A great show
- Thank you!
- Wonderful!
- Beautiful.

- That is an outstanding show. I so enjoyed being able to personally see such amazing art on display here in Missoula. As a painter, being able to examine the paintings closely as well as ponder from a distance without distraction is invaluable. As good as books and the internet are, there is no substitute to seeing the work in person. The paintings are well displayed. There was a steady, respectful crowd. I will bring my children, as I think it is a marvelous and uncommon opportunity for them to see this level of art here in Montana. Please pass on thanks to the lender for such a gift. I enthusiastically support more such shows in the future as well as the possibility of a permanent larger building to display the collection. Thank you.
- The reception and opening of the exhibit was wonderful. Many of us will return several times. Anxious to hear the audio too. So glad it is here until March. Congratulations to you and your excellent staff on a treasure of an exhibit.
- Tonight's opening was really impressive. The installation is excellent and people were very engaged. This is a first class exhibition, nicely blended, and should give the University a wake-up call as to the importance not only of its collection, but the high quality of what the museum can do. It definitely needs to be given a higher priority. I think the show came at a good time in the sense that he can see what a treasure the University has!
- "I just wanted to say that I think you did us all proud last night. It was absolutely wonderful in every way. I’m just so, so glad… It was a magnificent event, everything about it. I think everyone, I KNOW everyone just enjoyed it so much. We were so proud to have this beautiful collection of prints and the notes on it, and the way they were framed and the way the room looked and the paintings so beautifully hung in that hall. It was… it felt like… a real museum. So…there we are."
- We were very impressed with the European Masterpieces exhibit. From the turquoise wall in the main exhibit hall to the booklet on the exhibit, the entire event was first rate. What was as impressive as the works of art themselves, was the audience's reaction to what they were experiencing. The audience was almost ravenous in their savoring of the high quality of artistic expression that they were witnessing. People of all ages and persuasions. They jockeyed for position to get a closer (or a further) look. They couldn't stop talking about what they were seeing, commenting on the brushstrokes, the coloring, the perspective, the rich history of the artists. looking back into their exhibit booklet, and then back at the paintings. Pulling over a friend and showing them something they just noticed. Pointing and smiling or just gazing open-mouthed at the sheer awesomeness of the work. If ever there was a reason for having a permanent museum, that was it. The fantastic experience exhibits like this one (and MMAC...
has produced many) give to its audiences.

- “Although the art looked great, [it] helps to illustrate your need for your own space.”
- “The exhibits brought us to our knees. I’ll be back several more times.”
- “I feel like I’m in London or Rome.”
- “What an incredible opportunity to see such a rare show.”
- “It is a unique opportunity.”
- “Wow, you did the catalogues? We thought they came with the exhibition!”
- “There was a food line the entire evening.”
- “You really know how to throw a party.”
- “I loved the beet mousse.”
- “How remarkable that we get this kind of art in Montana. Thank you so much for the wonderful opportunity.”

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Creative Writing Program’s Fall 2010 Reading Series will wrap up with a reading by David Gates, William Kittredge Visiting Fiction Writer, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room.

The reading is free and open to the public.

Gates is the author of the novels “Jernigan” and “Preston Falls” and a collection of stories, “The Wonders of the Invisible World.” His fiction has appeared in magazines such as The New Yorker, Esquire, GQ, Tin House and Plowshares. His nonfiction has appeared in Newsweek (where he was a longtime writer and editor), The New Yorker, The New York Times Book Review, Bookforum, GQ, Rolling Stone, H.O.W., The Oxford American and the Journal of Country Music.

Gates has been a Guggenheim Fellow, and his books have been finalists for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award. He teaches regularly in the MFA writing programs at The New School and Bennington College.

Each semester UM’s Creative Writing Program presents literary readings by highly acclaimed University visiting writers and writers visiting the Missoula community. For more information visit [http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing](http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing), call Karin Schalm, program coordinator, at 406-243-5267 or e-mail karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Two new patents for brain imaging agents discovered at The University of Montana have produced a company called Rio Pharmaceuticals, which offers specifically designed molecules to image select biomarker proteins in the brain.

The new technology may help understand, diagnose and follow new therapies for neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases and neuropsychiatric conditions such as depression.

The lead inventor of the brain imaging agents is John Gerdes, an associate professor in UM’s Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Gerdes’ work was funded, in part, by the National Institutes of Health.

“A fantastic team has come together to create this new business, which has licensed this technology from the University,” said Joe Fanguy, UM director of technology transfer. “We need to continue to strive to find these types of partnerships that can help researchers like John transfer their discoveries to a more clinical setting.”

Gerdes, whose department is based in UM’s College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, has developed tracer molecules that target specific transporter proteins in the central nervous system. These molecules have quick-decaying radioactive atoms attached to them that allows for Positron Emission Tomography scanning. The PET scans detect the tracer molecules when they are bound to the biomarker protein inside the brain, allowing the biomarker proteins to be quantified.

Neurotransmitters released from nerve endings often are recycled by a specific transporter protein. Such proteins typically pump the released transmitter molecule back into the nerve cell that released it. The PET scanning tracer molecules developed by Gerdes target this class of proteins.

If both the PET scan tracer molecule and a new drug interact at the same protein, the imaging agent also can determine to what degree the new drug occupies the target protein in the brain.

“We basically put a camera around whatever you administer this molecule to and then you are able to see how the molecule functions,” Gerdes said. “We can see exactly where it goes in the body. It’s real-time biochemistry.”

He said UM is in the final stages of patenting the chemical entities that interact with brain transport proteins. One patent issued during October, while the other is expected to issue in 2011. Gerdes said there are two distinct transporter proteins in the central nervous system that are being targeted by two different PET scan tracers he has discovered and initially developed.

The new PET imaging tracers offer tremendous clinical, commercial and drug-discovery opportunities, Gerdes said. So in 2008, he and his partners started Rio Pharmaceuticals to market the agents. The company now includes a strong team of scientists and physicians and employs nine people. More information about the firm is available at http://www.riopharmaceuticals.com.

Gerdes said the company is currently located in San Francisco because they need ready access to a biomedical isotope facility that generates the positron atoms the company uses for PET scan tracers. Additionally he said the company is raising capital to start human clinical trials. He said multi-center Phase II human clinical trials cost several million dollars. If all goes well, he estimates the new imaging agents could reach the clinic within four to five years.

Fanguy said once the company gets through the next pivotal commercialization phase, Montana is well positioned to serve as its home base because of ongoing biomedical research activities within the University system.

“Access to great research is key to growing young companies,” Gerdes said.

Fanguy said university research enterprises are great for Montana.

“Last year The University of Montana pulled in $67 million in research grants, and 55 percent of that was spent on salaries in Montana,” he said, referencing the 2010 Growing Montana’s Economy report (http://www.bber.umt.edu/pubs/econ/universityreport-1.pdf). “That’s money spent locally that would not have been here otherwise. And
more than 100 graduate assistantships were funded by those dollars.

“We are educating the next generation of the research community,” he said. “So there is tremendous educational impact, as well as the creation of intellectual property and the potential for spinoff companies.”

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MISSOULA —

As children with parents in the military enter the holidays with family deployed overseas, The University of Montana Institute for Educational Research and Service will offer a free daylong training session for educators and counselors Friday, Dec. 10.

The training, "Military Deployment and Children: What Schools Can Do to Foster Resiliency," will take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Missoula. Counselor and teacher continuing education credits are available.

The session will teach participants about the unique strains deployment places on children of military families and how to help them be resilient. Deployment often has an emotional impact on children that may shape their behavior or performance in school.

"Supporting our troops overseas means supporting their families and kids back here at home," said John Frederikson, coordinator of the Montana Safe Schools Center at UM and a retired Army infantry officer. "Teachers are looking for tools to help them reach out to military kids before, during and after their parents or loved ones are deployed. This training will offer those kinds of tools."

Participants will learn from military specialists and childhood behavior experts about several topics that impact the children of military families. Attendees will:

- Learn how deployment affects the emotional, social, family and academic climate for children.
- Learn the phases of deployment, how they impact military families and how to recognize the kinds of emotions children may experience during each phase.
- Identify the specific needs and struggles of military families and learn stress management techniques for children.
- Learn how to use best practices in addressing the needs of military children.
- Identify resources available to military families and children.

Participants are asked to RSVP by Monday, Dec. 6, by calling Nancy Berg at 406-243-4973, or e-mailing nancy.berg@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Kathleen Dean Moore, one of the leading environmental philosophers and nature writers in the country, will give the next installment of the President’s Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Moore will present “Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril” at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, in the University Center Ballroom. The event is UM’s annual Brennan Guth Memorial Lecture and is presented in conjunction with the University’s Environmental Studies Program.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., Moore will give a seminar titled “The Work of a Writer in a World of Wounds” in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Moore will discuss her latest book, which deals with the “Moral Ground Movement” philosophy regarding the ethical obligations owed future generations to protect and preserve the natural environment.

She is co-editor of the book titled “Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril,” which gathers testimony from 80 global moral leaders who call on us to honor our obligations to leave to the future a world as rich in possibility as the world we inherited.

Moore earned a doctorate in the philosophy of law from the University of Colorado. She is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Oregon State University, where she teaches environmental ethics, philosophy of nature and a number of other philosophy and interdisciplinary courses about the place of humans in the natural world. She also directs OSU’s Spring Creek Project for Ideas, Nature and the Written Word.

She is the author or editor of many books, including “Wild Comfort,” “The Pine Island Paradox,” “Rachel Carson,” “Holdfast” and “Riverwalking” and has written countless journal and magazine articles. She serves on the board of directors for the Orion Society and for the Island Institute.

For more information about the President’s Lecture Series at UM, visit http://www.umt.edu/president/lectures.

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MISSOULA –

Students and faculty members of The University of Montana School of Art will once again display their work at the 25th annual Holiday Juried Show and Sale, which will be held Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 9-12, at the UM Art Annex.

The Art Annex is located on campus adjacent to the Grizzly Pool and the Adams Center. The sale and show are free and open to the public. Following are dates and times of this year’s event, which has been extended an extra day to continue through Sunday afternoon:

- **Thursday, Dec. 9:** 4-7 p.m. Opening celebration with live music. Awards presentation at 5 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 10:** 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 11:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 12:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The show and sale will include top UM student work in the 3-D area, ceramics and sculpture. To commemorate the 25th anniversary, works in this year’s show will be juried for entry as well as awards. The show will be co-juried by artist and educator Lela Autio and Helena potter Tara Wilson, whose wood-fired vessels have attracted an international audience.

Also in honor of the anniversary, three pieces in the 3-D area by UM faculty members Trey Hill, Beth Lo and Julia Galloway will be offered in a silent auction.

Sale proceeds will benefit UM Emerging Ceramic Artists, the student group sponsoring the event. Funds will be used for student projects such as scholarships, visiting artists, travel to conferences and wood for the Anagama kiln.

For more information, call Lo at 406-243-6476 or the UM School of Art at 406-243-4181.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** Photos of works included in the show and sale are available by calling Lo at 406-243-6476.

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MISSOULA –

“One Night of Queen” by Gary Mullen and The Works will hit the stage of the University Theatre at The University of Montana on Sunday, Feb. 27. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for “One Night of Queen,” presented by UM Productions, cost $25 for the general public and $15 for students. They are available now on the GrizTix website at http://www.griztix.com, at The Source in the University Center and at Rockin Rudy’s in Missoula.

The tour formed in 2000 after Mullen and The Works won ITV’s “Stars in Their Eyes” grand final with a record poll of 864,838 votes. Mullen delivers the look, the sound and the showmanship of Queen, which has been described as “the greatest live band of all time.”

Over the past seven years, “One Night of Queen” has toured nonstop around the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Portugal, Holland, France and New Zealand, playing theaters, arenas and festivals to sell-out crowds. Tour information is online at http://www.onenightofqueen.com.

For information about UM Productions, visit http://www.umproductions.org.

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The University of Montana’s spectrUM Discovery Area has joined forces with Community Medical Center to create a field trip bus based on spectrUM’s popular exhibition “The Brain: A World Inside Your Head.”

Nearly 400 K-12 students in the Missoula area will experience hands-on science activities — taught by a spectrUM educator and physical and occupational therapists from Community’s Rehabilitation Institute of Montana who work in neurology and head-injury treatment — during 60-minute field trips aboard the “Brain Bus” each Tuesday of this month.

“Recognizing that one of the primary barriers to Missoula K-12 schoolchildren experiencing spectrUM’s world-class science exhibits is the cost of transportation, spectrUM regularly partners with local businesses to make the magic of spectrUM available to Missoula schools through free field trip transport,” said Holly Truitt, spectrUM director.

“The Brain: A World Inside Your Head” was co-developed by spectrUM and UM’s Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience. The exhibition is designed to inspire the next generation of scientists and medical providers while sharing the exciting world of the human mind. Visitors to the exhibition can move a ball using their brainwaves, see a real-time simulation of an EEG, explore a colossal brain and diagnose a head injury.

“Community Medical Center is thrilled to work with spectrUM, The University of Montana and Missoula-area schools to share the message with the youth of Missoula about protecting their brains and using safety, fun and common sense,” occupational therapist Becca Robertson said.

In addition to UM and Community, Allied Waste Services and Beach Transportation also sponsor the “Brain Bus.”

SpectrUM is located in Skaggs Building Room 166 and is open to the public from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is $3.50 per person ages 4 and older. Teachers who would like to arrange field trips to spectrUM, which cost $3.50 per student, can call 406-243-4828.

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

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MISSOULA –

Menachem Mor, a professor at Israel’s University of Haifa and scholar of Jewish history, will give two presentations Nov. 29 and 30 while visiting The University of Montana.

Mor will present “Jewish Revolts in the Time of Jesus” from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, in the University Center North Ballroom.

At noon Tuesday, Nov. 30, he will speak at UM’s International Brown Bag Lecture Series. His lecture is titled “Israeli Higher Education and the University of Haifa.”

Both events are free and open to the public.

Mor holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Haifa, a master’s degree in religious studies from Duke University and a doctorate in Jewish history from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He has served as a faculty member in the Jewish History Department at the University of Haifa since 1973. From 1987 to 1993 he was the Philip Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

Mor’s visit is the first in an anticipated series of reciprocal visits to build academic ties between UM and Israeli institutions of higher learning. It is the result of a trip to Israel last summer by a UM delegation led by Montana Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger.

The presentations are sponsored by UM International Programs and the University’s Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center. For more information, call International Programs at 406-243-2299.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement will team with the Salvation Army, the Poverello Center and Valor House this holiday season for the annual Adopt-A-Family and Adopt-A-Veteran programs.

The programs assist people who cannot afford to provide for themselves or their families during the holiday season. They aim to ensure that everyone in the Missoula area is able to celebrate the holidays.

UM departments, student groups and individuals are encouraged to adopt an area family or to help a veteran through Valor House, the Poverello Center’s transitional facility for homeless veterans.

Adopt-A-Family and Adopt-A-Veteran participants can select families and veterans in need to provide gifts, food and other requested items.

The Bookstore at UM will host a holiday reception and gift-wrapping party for program participants from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9.

For more information or to sign up to adopt a family or a veteran, visit the OCE office in Room 015 of the Davidson Honors College, call 406-243-5531 or e-mail Katie Koga at katie.koga@mso.umt.edu.

OCE is a department of the Davidson Honors College that serves as UM’s primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility.

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MISSOULA –

The University Center at The University of Montana and UM Swing Kids will present “Swing Away Your Blues” from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the UC Ballroom.

Swing dance instruction taught by Martha Jane and students from Martha Jane Swing Instruction will begin at 7 p.m. At 8:30 p.m. dancers can try out their new moves to the live music of Zeppo Montana, an eight-piece rockin’ rhythm and blues group with three horns, two singers, a keyboard, bass and drums.

Admission is $6 for the general public and $5 for students. Couples can attend for $8.

The event is a fundraiser to help purchase a new dance floor for Martha Jane Swing Instruction. For more information, call 406-243-5776.

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MISSOULA –

Greg Pape, Montana’s poet laureate from 2007 to 2009, will give a poetry reading Tuesday, Nov. 30, as the final installment of the 2010 Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

He will present “Journey-Work: A Reading of New and Selected Poems by Greg Pape” at 6 p.m. in the University Center Theater. The reading is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow.

Pape is a professor of creative writing at UM. He has taught at the University since 1987 and is a former director of UM’s Creative Writing Program. He is the author of nine books, including “Border Crossings”; “Black Branches”; “Storm Pattern”; “Sunflower Facing the Sun,” which won the Edwin Ford Piper Prize, now called the Iowa Prize; and “American Flamingo,” winner of a Crab Orchard Open Competition Award.

His poems have been published widely in magazines and literary reviews, such as The Atlantic, Iowa Review, The New Yorker and Northwest Review and Poetry. They also have been featured on National Public Radio and read by Garrison Keillor on “The Writers’ Almanac.” He has received the Discovery/The Nation Award, two National Endowment for the Arts Individual Fellowships, the Pushcart Prize and the Richard Hugo Memorial Poetry Award.

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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MISSOULA –

More than 400 high school students from 18 Montana and Idaho schools will attend the Montana Model United Nations Conference Nov. 22-23 at The University of Montana.

At the conference, the high school students will represent 96 of the United Nations’ 192 member states, debating and writing resolutions addressing important international issues.

Students will participate on one of five UN committees: the Security Council, General Assembly Plenary, General Assembly First Committee (security issues), General Assembly Second Committee (economic and financial) and General Assembly Third Committee (social, cultural and humanitarian).

Each committee is staffed by a team of students in Associate Professor Karen Adams' Model United Nations class, a service-learning course offered by the Department of Political Science. Last March, a 12-member team from UM attended the weeklong National Model United Nations collegiate conference in New York.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, with opening ceremonies in the University Theatre. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Steven I. Levine, senior research associate at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM, and an expert on East Asian affairs.

Students then will move to the third floor of the University Center, where they will meet in their committees from late Monday morning through Tuesday afternoon. A list of topics each committee will consider is posted online at http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/hstopicg.html.

On Monday afternoon, each committee will have a faculty guest speaker. From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday evening, country teams will meet with other high school groups from their regions to find out about politics, economics, history and culture of the region during Region Night. There will be trivia questions, presentations by UM international students from the region and discussion with MMUN staff who have studied and traveled in the region. An ice cream social will follow.

At closing ceremonies held in the University Theatre from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Secretaries General Marissa Perry and Thecla Backhouse-Prentiss will announce awards for delegates, schools and conference staff. Ten high school seniors will be awarded scholarships to attend UM.

The Montana Model United Nations Conference is funded by school and delegate fees, as well as contributions from UM’s Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Division of Student Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Political Science.

For more information, visit MMUN online at http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun or call 406-243-2105.

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MISSOULA –

The 2010-11 University of Montana Mortar Board Last Lecture Series will begin with a presentation by UM Department of History Lecturer George Price at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the University Center Theater.

The series asks selected UM educators to deliver a lecture based on this question: If you were to give your last lecture, what would you share with the community, with your students and with the world?

Price will present his last lecture based on the idea that selective historical memory produces collective historical amnesia. The event is free and open to the public.

Price teaches courses in the Native American studies and the African American studies programs at UM. He began teaching at the University in 1998 and previously taught at Salish Kootenai College.

For more information about the lecture series, call Molly Collins, Mortar Board adviser, at 406-243-5776 or e-mail molly.collins@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Leslie A.C. Weldon, regional forester for the Northern Region of the U.S. Forest Service, will be the fourth speaker in the fall lineup of the Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Forum series at The University of Montana.

Weldon will speak about "Contemporary Themes and Philosophies for National Forest Stewardship" at noon Thursday, Dec. 2, in the UM Law Building Castles Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Weldon was appointed regional forester in 2009. The Northern Region covers 25 million acres of Montana and parts of Idaho, Washington and the Dakotas.

In recent years, the Forest Service has broadened its focus to larger, landscape-scale projects, which require the federal agency to build and maintain partnerships with state agencies, private landowners and various stakeholder groups.

In August the Northern Region was awarded two of the nine national Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Projects. One of the project awards is the Southwest Crown Collaborative, which promotes large-scale restoration work that will create rural jobs in the Blackfoot, Clearwater and Swan Valley.

Weldon will emphasize the significance of this approach and the importance of partners in making this landscape-scale conservation work possible.

The forum series is convened by the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, in cooperation with UM’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. The spring forum series schedule will be posted on the CNREP website at http://www.cnrep.org when dates are confirmed.

For more information about the series, call Sarah Bates, CNREP senior fellow, at 406-207-9071 or e-mail sarah@cnrep.org.

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MISSOULA —

Last spring Gary Funk, an associate professor at The University of Montana School of Music and UM choir director, spearheaded efforts to help Haiti recover from the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that hit the country on Jan. 12. The University Choir and Chamber Chorale performed “Requiem for Haiti,” a concert to help raise money for Dr. Patrick Jeudy, a physician in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to build a more earthquake-resistant hospital.

The concert raised about $1,400, and a subsequent fundraiser in Alberton brought in another $7,000 for the hospital. Those funds, along with blueprints created by Lippert Architecture, were given to Jeudy. Ten months later, something concrete is happening: the foundation and outer walls of the first floor of the hospital have been constructed in Port-au-Prince.

The UM School of Music and the Missoula community have been able to contribute to the recovering country with just a few thousand dollars.

There also have been recent exploratory discussions held with Sen. Max Baucus’ U.S. Senate Committee on Finance about finding funding to pay Montana workers to harvest, mill, and transport beetle-killed wood from Montana forests to rebuild much of Haiti.

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MISSOULA –

Four student-athletes, two from The University of Montana and two from Montana State University-Bozeman, have been selected to receive the 2010 Montana Athletes in Service Award.

The awards will be presented during the annual Brawl of the Wild football game Saturday, Nov. 20, at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. Amy Roberts and Casey Weinman of UM and Rick Haluszka and Lyndi Seidensticker of MSU will receive the awards from UM President Royce Engstrom, MSU President Waded Cruzado and Montana Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger.

The student-athletes were chosen by selection committees for their commitment to civic engagement, years of service and the impact that their service has on the community. The awards are sponsored by the Montana Campus Compact.

Roberts, a member of the UM women’s volleyball team, is a senior majoring in mathematics education. She serves as a math tutor for middle school and high school students and gives much of her time to community events that encourage healthy lifestyles.

Weinman, a junior majoring in resource conservation at UM, is a member of the men’s cross country and track and field teams. He volunteers to coach, mentor and tutor high school students in the off-season and has served with the Center for Global Education, teaching children about the damaging effects of environmental degradation.

Haluszka is a member of the MSU football team. He is a sophomore at MSU majoring in kinesiology. He volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters and regularly gives his time at events that support Bozeman-area senior citizens and schoolchildren by playing the guitar and singing at community functions.

Seidensticker, a member of the MSU women’s basketball team, is a senior majoring in mathematics education. She regularly mentors high school students, helping them with math, and serves as a Big Sister with the Bozeman Big Brothers Big Sisters, as well as volunteering at the Emerson Cultural Center.

“We strongly encourage student involvement and civic engagement as important parts of a college education,” said Flathead Valley Community College President Jane Karas, chair of the MTCC board of directors. “These student-athletes serve as role models and have a special civic responsibility.”

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“These men and women deserve special recognition for taking time from their busy school and athletic schedules to give back to the community,” MTCC Executive Director Dean McGovern said.

Presentation of the awards alternates with the location of the Brawl of the Wild rivalry football game. The first MAIS Award was presented in 2001 at Bozeman.

“It’s a special time of the year for Montana,” McGovern said. “Montanans are committed to their communities, and they are committed to this great annual rivalry.”

MTCC is a nonprofit coalition of 19 colleges and university presidents committed to helping students develop the values and skills of citizenship through civic engagement and participation in public service. It is the only statewide higher education organization whose primary purpose is to support campus-based community service.

For more information about MTCC, visit http://www.mtcompact.org.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Photos of the award winners are available by calling McGovern at 406-243-5177 ext. 4 or by e-mailing mcgovern@mtcompact.org.

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana will host the 2010 Holiday Art Fair Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 2-4, on the first floor of the University Center. The Art Fair will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The fair will feature unique, hand-crafted art from local and regional artists, live music and door prizes and is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Josh Peters-McBride, UC Student Involvement program adviser, at 406-243-5776 or visit http://www.umt.edu/uc/artfairs.

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The popular travelogue program "Backroads of Montana" visits four Montana communities in a new episode to premiere at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, on MontanaPBS.

In Polson, producer Ray Ekness met a beer lover who has amassed a large collection of memorabilia from Montana's beer-brewing history. That history is told in the labels on cans, bottles and mugs, and in signs, posters and promotional pieces, such as a book of matches in the shape of Butte Beer bottles.

The only tribal radio station in Montana is the subject of a story produced by John Twiggs. KGVA (the GV is for Gros Ventre; the A for Assiniboine) serves the Fort Belknap Reservation and a large portion of the state's Hi-Line. A once-struggling National Public Radio affiliate with mostly national programming, the station was reprogrammed as a communications link for the tribal community. It now broadcasts tribal council meetings and American Indian musicians, as well as basketball games.

Two "Backroads" segments are set in the Three Forks area: a visit to the smallest state park in Montana, the Parker Homestead just west of Three Forks, and producer Gus Chambers' profile of local collector and newspaper columnist Jim Phillips. Phillips collects inspiration and much more during walks along the Headwaters Trail System that ribbons around Three Forks.

The Prairie Winds Café in Molt, just northwest of Billings, features a bluegrass breakfast every Saturday morning, and "Backroads" host William Marcus helped out, introducing the stories between pouring coffee and busing tables.

"Backroads of Montana" is a production of KUFM-TV/MontanaPBS at The University of Montana. MontanaPBS is a collaborative statewide service of KUSM-TV at Montana State University-Bozeman and KUFM-TV at UM. Funding for "Backroads of Montana" is provided by the Montana Office of Tourism, the Greater Montana Foundation and UM.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana mathematics Professor Bharath Sriraman is co-editor of a new book that covers recent advances in mathematics education that pertain to the development of creativity and giftedness.

The book, “The Elements of Creativity and Giftedness in Mathematics,” was published by Sense Publishers in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. It is international in scope and includes numerous studies conducted in the U.S., China, Korea, Turkey, Israel, Sweden and Norway, as well as cross-national perspectives from Canada and Russia. Some contributions from the first joint meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Korean Mathematical Society in 2009 also are included in the book.

The book is described as “essential for graduate students and researchers interested in issues and topics within the domain of mathematical creativity and mathematical giftedness.” It is accessible to pre-service and practicing teachers who want to develop creativity in their classrooms, as well as professional development specialists, mathematics and gifted educators, and psychologists.

Among the topics covered are problem-posing, problem-solving and mathematical creativity; the development of mathematical creativity with students and teachers; cross-cultural views of creativity and giftedness; the unpacking of notions and labels such as high achieving, inclusion and potential; and the theoretical state of the art on the constructs of mathematical creativity and giftedness.


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MISSOULA —

Ryan Smith, an educator for spectrUM Discovery Area at The University of Montana, is a recent recipient of Gov. Brian Schweitzer’s Outstanding Science and Math Volunteer Award.

Smith has traveled across the state with spectrUM’s "Hands on Health" exhibition, bringing interactive science activities on health professions and sciences to schools in some of Montana’s most remote communities. “Hands on Health” features a health assessment station, guided cow eyeball and heart dissections, and a giant runny nose students can diagnose.

“Working with spectrUM and Montana communities is tremendously rewarding,” Smith said. “Initially, I became involved with spectrUM because they successfully address some of today’s most complicated education challenges — how to foster curiosity and passion, inspire youth and create informed citizens.”

In 2009 Smith volunteered more than 80 hours to bring “Hands on Health” to rural and tribal communities in eastern Montana.

"Because of my experience with spectrUM, I plan to integrate underserved and tribal populations into my future career as a physician,” he said.

The Governor’s Office of Community Service is recognizing outstanding community volunteers at home games throughout the 2010 Montana Grizzlies football season. Smith received his award Saturday, Nov. 13.

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

SpectrUM is located on campus in Skaggs Building Room 166. It’s open to the public from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is $3.50 per person ages 4 and older. Teachers who would like to arrange field trips to spectrUM, which cost $3.50 per student, can call 406-243-4828.

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

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Penetralia Chapter of Mortar Board will hold a “Reading is Leading” book drive between now and Wednesday, Dec. 1, to collect books for the Missoula Watson Children’s Shelter.

The drive also is a competition between Mortar Board chapters at UM and Montana State University-Bozeman to see which institution can collect the most books to help further education in Montana.

Donated books should be new or gently used novels or books appropriate for children from infants to age 14. Collection boxes are located on campus in the University Center and the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library and in Missoula at the Book Exchange and the Missoula Public Library.

Mortar Board is a national honor society recognizing college seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership, service and distinguished academic achievements. For more information, visit http://www.umt.edu/mortarboard or e-mail Michael Wemple, book drive chair, at jonathan.wemple@umconnect.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA —

Join the Montana Grizzlies football team and the rest of Griz Nation while supporting local children as the sixth annual Griz for Kids Toy Drive continues at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at The Bookstore at The University of Montana.

Members of the Montana Grizzly football team and coaching staff will be on hand until 8 p.m. to greet fans and help collect new, unwrapped children’s toys. The bookstore will offer a 20 percent discount on all Griz logo merchandise, and the players will autograph purchases for the public.

Griz linebackers Jordan Tripp and Alex Shaw, co-chairs of this year’s toy drive, will attend the event.

"The holiday season is the best time of the year," Shaw said. "However, so many families never get to experience the joy of giving and receiving gifts. I love being part of a toy drive that allows families that are hurting in this economy to take part in that tradition."

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana, Missoula International Airport and Horizon Air invite the public to a tailgate to celebrate the unveiling of Horizon's new Griz-themed airplane from noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the airport.

The Hilton Garden Inn and Blue Canyon Kitchen will serve chili to benefit United Way of Missoula County, and Starbucks will provide coffee. The UM pep band and cheerleaders will be on hand for the festivities, and the airport will provide free parking.

Horizon will unveil the freshly painted maroon and silver Q400 turboprop aircraft when Flight QX2348 arrives from Seattle at approximately 12:45 p.m.

"Horizon Air has served Missoula for 24 years, and this is an exciting way for us to serve the Griz fans and the community," said Susan Roy, Horizon Air customer services manager. "It is going to be a beautiful airplane, and we look forward to feeding Griz fever."

Horizon announced last month that it would paint the airplane with UM's colors and logos and unveil it just in time for the Nov. 20 Griz-Cat football game in Missoula. Since it was already scheduled to be repainted, the new look will be provided at no cost to the University.

Horizon Air serves 45 cities throughout the western U.S. and Canada and is a partner of Alaska Airlines, which serves Alaska, Mexico, Hawaii and several East Coast destinations.

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MISSOULA –

The Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association at The University of Montana will hold two events to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month and to raise funds for the spring powwow to be held on campus.

The public is invited to enjoy Indian tacos or frybread at the Kyi-Yo Indian Taco Sale that will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, in The Payne Family Native American Center.

Family fun, music, an exhibition of Native American dances and a silent auction of American Indian items will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, in The Payne Family Native American Center.

Kyi-Yo aims to unify and provide for communication among Native American students, to foster a strong sense of cultural identity and to promote extracurricular activities that bridge UM with the community and its Native residents.

For more information visit [http://www.umt.edu/kyiyo](http://www.umt.edu/kyiyo), call Kyi-Yo program coordinator Robert Peltier at 406-243-2669 or e-mail robert.peltier@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA —

Pantzer Hall won The University of Montana's first ever all-campus green residence hall competition. The competition was held in coordination with the UM Office of Sustainability and the Associated Students of UM Sustainability Center from Oct. 26 to Nov. 9.

The eight residence halls on campus were involved in the competition, and on Nov. 9, Pantzer Hall had reduced its energy by 7 percent, the highest percentage over a period of two weeks. Elrod, Knowles and Jesse halls rounded out the top four.

In addition to the residence hall competition, UM Eco-Reps also sponsored two “green room” competitions. The first was for the resident with the "greenest" room, and the other was for the resident that made the best case for needing a "green room makeover.”

The Eco-Rep program was started by the ASUM Sustainability Center, and is led by Jennifer Hill-Hart, ASUM sustainability coordinator. There are three Eco-Reps from the Climate Change Studies program this semester: Eliza Allison, Catelyn Epperson and David Shaad.

Darcy Klessens, an intern at the UM Office of Sustainability, read meters weekly, coordinated events with the Eco-Reps and calculated the amount of energy saved during the competition.

For more information on the residence hall competition, the Eco-Rep program and UM's Climate Action Plan visit [http://www.useyourpowerwisely.org](http://www.useyourpowerwisely.org).

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana is staying put.

UM President Royce Engstrom announced today that Grizzly Athletics will stay in the Big Sky Conference and the Football Championship Subdivision. University officials had the opportunity to consider a move to the Western Athletic Conference of the Football Bowl Subdivision.

“It was a complex issue with many pros and cons,” said Engstrom, who started his new duties as UM’s 17th president Oct. 15 and recently attended his first meeting of Big Sky Conference university presidents in Park City, Utah. “In the end, the better course is to stay with the conference we helped establish in 1963 and to continue building on its solid foundation.”

Engstrom said three principles guided his decision. First, he wanted to maintain the cross-state rivalry between UM and Montana State University-Bozeman, which he regards as essential to the state’s cultural fabric. The two institutions played their first college football rivalry game in 1897. Now nicknamed the Brawl of the Wild, it’s the fourth-oldest active rivalry in the FCS and the oldest west of the Mississippi.

Second, he wanted UM to compete with more mission-similar institutions. He said the recent addition of the University of North Dakota strengthened the Big Sky Conference in that regard.

Finally, he wanted to ensure that UM athletic teams can compete successfully and maintain the prestige and integrity the program has demonstrated over the years.

“At this time, FCS football presents the best overall fit for the University, it provides our student-athletes and fans with a great experience, and it is consistent with the strategic direction of the University,” Engstrom said.

“I agree this is the best course for The University of Montana at this particular time,” UM Athletics Director Jim O’Day said. “Right now, Grizzly Athletics needs to concentrate on building its athletics infrastructure. That should be our No. 1 priority now and where we should be allocating our energy.”

UM will compete in an expanded Big Sky Conference starting in 2012. On Nov. 1, UND and Southern Utah University accepted invitations to become core members of the conference. California Polytechnic State University and the University of California, Davis, also joined the conference in recent months as affiliate members for football.

“I am quite sure that the regents would agree that this is a wise decision by President Engstrom,” said Sheila Stearns, state commissioner of higher education. “He has the full support of the Board of Regents and my office.”

“This was the right move at this time,” said Clayton Christian, Board of Regents chair. “It’s the right decision for the state, The University of Montana and the Big Sky Conference.”

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana School of Art will present “Disquietude,” a Master of Fine Arts thesis exhibition by Pamela Caughey, in the UM Gallery of Visual Arts from Tuesday Nov. 30, to Thursday, Dec. 16. The opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in the Gallery of Visual Arts and is free and open to the public.

The gallery is located on the first floor of the Social Science Building and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“Disquietude” explores the wide range of psychological, social and global ramifications of living in the age of terrorism. The exhibit is a combination of large-scale photography, installation and printmaking, and challenges viewers to consider and reflect upon the emotions and repercussions of terrorism as it exists today.

For more information, call Lisa Jarrett, interim gallery director, at 406-243-2813 or e-mail gallery.visarts@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Stephen Kinzer, an award-winning foreign correspondent who has covered more than 50 countries on five continents, will present “Turkey and Iran: America’s Partners in the New Middle East?” on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at The University of Montana.

The presentation will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the University Center Theater. It is part of UM’s celebration of International Education Week and is free and open to the public.

Kinzer’s most recent book, “Reset: Iran, Turkey, and America’s Future,” is described by The Huffington Post as “a bold exercise in reimagining the United States’ big links in the Middle East.”

Kinzer spent more than 20 years working for The New York Times, most of it as a foreign correspondent. His foreign postings placed him at the center of historic events and, at times, in the line of fire.

From 1983 to 1989, he was the Times bureau chief in Nicaragua. In that post he covered war and upheaval in Central America. He wrote two books about the region, “Bitter Fruit: The Untold Story of the American Coup in Guatemala” with co-author Stephen Schlesinger and “Blood of Brothers: Life and War in Nicaragua.”

From 1990 to 1996 Kinzer was posted in Germany. As chief of the Times bureau in Berlin, he covered the emergence of post-Communist Europe, including wars in the former Yugoslavia.

In 1996 he was named chief of the newly opened New York Times bureau in Istanbul, Turkey. He spent four years there, traveling widely in Turkey and in the new nations of Central Asia and the Caucasus. After completing that assignment, Kinzer published “Crescent and Star: Turkey Between Two Worlds.”

Kinzer also has worked in Africa and wrote “A Thousand Hills: Rwanda’s Rebirth and the Man Who Dreamed It.”

His appearance in Missoula is sponsored by UM International Programs, the School of Journalism, and the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center. For more information, call UM International Programs at 406-243-2288 or e-mail brian.lofink@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Poet Jennifer Greene will read from her new book, “What Lasts,” and other works at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Space in The Payne Family Native American Center at The University of Montana.

Greene, who is Salish and Chippewa-Cree, is a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and lives on the Flathead Reservation. She teaches for the Missoula Writing Collaborative at Two Eagle River School in Pablo. In October Greene traveled to Tetova, Macedonia, where she was awarded a Poetic Creativity prize at the Ditet e Naimit International Poetry Festival. Her first collection of poetry, “What I Keep,” won a North American Native Authors Poetry Award in 1998.

The reading is free and open to the public, but donations to the event’s sponsor, the Missoula Writing Collaborative, will be accepted. The MWC, which started in 1996, is a writers-in-the-schools program bringing literacy, critical thinking, cultural awareness and artistic joy to Montana’s children.

For more information, call Megan McNamer, executive director of the MWC, at 406-549-3348 or e-mail meganmcnamer@msn.com.

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MISSOULA –

Bill McGlynn, a University of Montana School of Business Administration alumnus and CEO of Memjet, will speak at the public forum of the Harold and Priscilla Gilkey Executive Lecture Series on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

McGlynn will present “Technology and Market Disruptions: A UM Graduate’s Experiences on the Bleeding Edge of Technology” at 6 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The lecture is free and open to the public.

After 24 years at Hewlett-Packard, McGlynn transferred his industry knowledge and executive leadership experience to a new technology startup called Memjet. Memjet’s new Micro-ElectroMechanical Systems technology is expected to revolutionize printing. The company fabricates micron-sized features that allow engineering of printer components at 17 times the density of today’s technologies, while increasing speed and decreasing size and cost.

Before joining Memjet, McGlynn was a senior executive in the Imaging and Printing Division at HP. Through various executive roles, he helped accelerate HP’s growth in the printing industry from $150 million to $24 billion in annual sales.

Specifically, McGlynn led HP’s entry into commercial printing, including the acquisition of Indigo – an Israeli-based digital printing technology company, which is a growth engine for the company today.

McGlynn is recognized in the industry for his vision of the digital transformation of commercial printing. Before his assignment as an HP senior executive, he was a leader and developer of the company’s desktop printing business. He led the worldwide marketing of all HP printer products and played a key role in establishing the company’s brand in printing.

McGlynn helped accelerate HP’s entry into lower-cost printers sold in retail outlets worldwide and created the LaserJet multifunction printer category. He also led various supplies, customer-support services and companywide reorganization initiatives.

McGlynn was a member of the original small team that brought the HP LaserJet to market in 1984 and is known to compare the potential impact of the Memjet technology to the impact that laser technology had on the then dot matrix-dominated printing market. He believes this will be a “benchmark year” for Memjet as it begins launching its technology worldwide.

The UM lecture series was established by Harold and Priscilla Gilkey in 2004 to provide resources for the University’s School of Business Administration to host the nation’s top business leaders to share their knowledge, expertise and experiences with students, faculty members and the community.

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MISSOULA —

Players on the Montana Grizzlies football team are leading an effort to give back to the community with the sixth annual Griz for Kids Toy Drive on Saturday, Nov. 13, at The University of Montana.

Fans can drop off new, unwrapped toys at all entrances to Washington-Grizzly Stadium before the Griz game against the University of North Dakota. Those unable to attend the game can make cash donations at all Missoula Federal Credit Union locations. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Former Griz players Marc Mariani and Levi Horn led last year’s toy drive, which brought in thousands of toys for children in need during the holiday season. This year, linebackers Jordan Tripp and Alex Shaw are in charge.

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MISSOULA –

Thirty-two students in Garry Kerr’s Introduction to Anthropology course at The University of Montana are among the winners of the Public Anthropology Award.

More than 4,000 students from 21 schools competed for the awards, which are presented by the Center for a Public Anthropology, a nonprofit that encourages scholars and their students to address public problems in public ways.

The center uses the Internet to draw students at various universities together into an intellectual community. Its Community Action Website encourages students to consider ethical issues that lie at the interface of anthropology and the contemporary world.

Students are asked to write professional-style op-ed pieces on various topics. The topic for this competition was “Who Should Be the Beneficiaries of Anthropological Research?”

The names of the UM Public Anthropology Award winners and their award-winning opinion pieces are online at http://www.publicanthropology.org/CAW/10-Fall/PAA-2GK2Montana.htm.

Kerr has played an integral part in the center’s online student community, showcasing the ability of UM students to learn effective writing skills while being active global citizens.

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MISSOULA –

Stephen Sprang has been appointed The University of Montana's new associate provost and dean of the Graduate School.

Through the half-time appointment, Sprang will provide strategic direction for the Graduate School, as well as other aspects of the University's academic mission.

Sprang also is a professor in UM's Division of Biological Sciences and the director of the University's Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics.

He brings significant experience in graduate education and academic collaboration. He has mentored many doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows and has served on numerous dissertation committees.

Sprang led the graduate program in molecular biophysics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. At UM he promoted the creation of a joint graduate program in biochemistry and biophysics, served on the Interdisciplinary Science Building advisory group and is a member of the University's Graduate Council, among other efforts.

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MISSOULA –

Dara Wier, author of numerous collections of poetry, will read at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall at The University of Montana. The reading is free and open to the public.

Wier teaches at the University of Massachusetts Program for Poets and Writers and the Juniper Summer Writing Institute. Her poetry has been supported by fellowships and awards from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the American Poetry Review. She is co-director and founder of the Juniper Initiative for Literary Arts and Action at UMass.

Her collections of poetry include “Selected Poems,” “Remnants of Hannah,” “Reverse Rapture,” “Hat on a Pond,” “Voyages in English,” “Our Master Plan,” “Blue for the Plough,” “The Book of Knowledge,” “All You Have in Common,” “The 8-Step Grapevine” and “Blood, Hook & Eye.” Wier’s work also has been included in recent volumes of Best American Poetry and The Pushcart Prize Anthology.

The reading is sponsored by the UM President’s Writers-in-Residence Series. For more information, call Karin Schalm, program coordinator, UM Department of English, at 406-243-5267 or e-mail karin.schalm@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA —

Montana Public Radio has launched its "Go Public" campaign, which aims to raise $165,000 by the end of the year while helping food banks in the station’s listening area.

MTPR will host an on-air fundraising drive Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 17-19. During this pledge drive, instead of offering premiums in exchange for listener donations, as the station usually does, Missoula Federal Credit Union will match 5 percent of donations to benefit food banks and feeding programs in the donors’ zip-code area.

The 5 percent matching funds will go to the Montana Food Bank Network, which will distribute food to their partner food banks throughout western and central Montana.

"We chose the Montana Food Bank Network because they supply food for mere pennies on the dollar and have partner agencies in all the communities where we broadcast," said Linda Talbott, MTPR fundraising director. "This way our donors can support Montana Public Radio while also keeping the shelves in their local food banks full this holiday season."

MTPR is counting on $750,000 in listener contributions to meet its operating budget, and has raised $585,000 toward that goal so far this year.

"There are many great ways for listeners to participate in our 'Go Public' drive," Talbott said. "We are asking listeners who haven't donated before to become members and for current members to make an end-of-the-year donation. Also, a fun, new option for everyone is to give MTPR gift memberships to friends and family."

People can donate anytime by calling 800-325-1565 or by going online to http://www.mtpr.org. For more information, call Talbott at 406-243-4215 or e-mail linda.talbott@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana is one of more than 70 colleges and universities that has committed to a national initiative to improve student learning by expanding efforts in gathering and reporting evidence of learning and using it to improve outcomes.

“As a founding member of the Presidents’ Alliance, The University of Montana is demonstrating its commitment to higher education for citizens of Montana and the nation,” said Arlene Walker-Andrews, UM’s associate provost for undergraduate education and policy. “Our assessment endeavors, which will be reported publicly, help us to promote student success and educational quality. UM is part of a community of higher education that values evidence-based decisions to improve learning outcomes and student engagement.”

The Presidents’ Alliance members, which include two- and four-year public and private institutions across the nation, have also agreed to assist each other by publicly reporting on their efforts and encouraging other institutions to take similar steps.

“As the United States sets a national goal to again lead the world in educational attainment, it is critical that undergraduate degrees and credentials reflect a high-quality education,” said David Paris, executive director of the New Leadership Alliance for Student Learning and Accountability, which developed the initiative. “This requires colleges and universities to develop evidence of students’ skills and knowledge as they work toward and complete their undergraduate studies. Quantity and quality both matter, and higher rates of attainment need to be accompanied by higher levels of achievement.”

A description of the Presidents’ Alliance, including a searchable database that shows each institution’s commitment, can be found at http://www.newleadershipalliance.org.

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MISSOULA –

The Public Policy and Leadership Initiative of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana announces the Pat Williams Scholarships for internships and research awards.

The scholarships are available to UM undergraduate and graduate students. Projects should fall under the areas of public policy and leadership.

Grants will range from $500 to $1,500. They will be awarded for use by students during the University’s 2011 Wintersession and spring and summer semesters.

Applications are due at the Mansfield Center by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. Application criteria are available on the center’s website at http://www.umt.edu/mansfield. Awardees will be contacted by Monday, Dec. 13, and the winners will be posted on the website.

This is the second year that the scholarships have been available. Last year more than $20,000 was awarded to 27 students in a range of fields.

Grants will be made in two areas:

- **Internships:** Students must already have a specific internship in mind to which the funds would be applied. Students can consult with their departments or the Mansfield Center for relevant opportunities.

- **Research:** Students must have sufficient background in the discipline of the major to conduct meaningful research and the ability to develop and carry out a research project under the guidance of a faculty mentor. The faculty mentor’s written agreement to work with the student is required.

These scholarships are made possible by a congressionally appropriated grant administered by the U.S. Department of Education. The funding of these internships and research does not imply endorsement of specific activities by the federal government.

The Mansfield Center was established in 1983 to honor U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield’s long and distinguished service. The center hosts programs that embody the core interests and characteristics of Mansfield’s career: ethics in public affairs and modern Asian affairs.

The Public Policy and Leadership Initiative follows Mansfield’s example by emphasizing the global nature of responsible decision making, ethical leadership and the skills necessary for considered policy development. It serves as a resource to both students and the general community, offering speakers, courses and scholarships.

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MISSOULA –

The Payne Family Native American Center at The University of Montana will be recognized with a premier environmental award at a ceremony Friday, Nov. 5.

The center will receive the Environmental Achievement award of the Pacific Northwest International Section of the Air & Waste Management Association at a 12:30 p.m. public ceremony in the University Center Ballroom during the association’s 50th annual conference at UM this week.

The Payne Family Native American Center, the first of its kind at any American university, was dedicated last spring. The building, which houses the University’s Department of Native American Studies, American Indian Student Services and related campus programming, is expected to receive LEED Gold certification.

The family of Terry Payne, a Missoula-based insurance executive and a 1963 UM graduate, was a major supporter and donor for the Native American center.

As part of its Climate Action Plan, UM has made a commitment that all new buildings on campus meet the certification requirements of the U.S. Green Building Council to be at least up to the LEED Silver rating. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

“The University of Montana is pleased to receive this prestigious Environmental Achievement award that highlights the LEED certification features of The Payne Family Native American Center,” said UM President Royce Engstrom. “The center is a wonderful example of the University’s commitment to sustainability, as well as its commitments to Native American education.”

Those attending the conference will be invited to tour the Native American center following the awards ceremony.

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MISSOULA —

Jonathan Leiman, a master’s candidate in The University of Montana’s Environmental Studies Program, recently received a $500 Love of Learning Award from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. The award was given to 80 Phi Kappa Phi members nationwide to help fund post-baccalaureate studies and career development.

Leiman received his undergraduate degree in natural resources from Cornell University.

The selection process for the Love of Learning Award is based on the impact of the applicant’s career or educational goals, academic achievement, leadership and service on campus and in the community, and a personal statement of educational perspective, purpose and objectives.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897. It is an all-discipline honor society that annually inducts more than 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni from more than 300 colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines.

More than $700,000 is awarded annually to qualifying members and nonmembers through graduate fellowships, undergraduate study abroad scholarships and member and chapter awards and grants for local and national literacy initiatives.

For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, call 800-804-9880 or visit http://www.phikappaphi.org.

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MISSOULA –

Mount Holyoke College President Lynn Pasquerella will give the Stan Kimmitt Lecture on Public Service at The University of Montana on Monday, Nov. 15.

Pasquerella, an internationally celebrated medical ethicist, will present “Overcoming Moral Distress: Reforming Organizations and Institutions” at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre. The presentation is an event of UM’s President’s Lecture Series.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., Pasquerella will give a seminar titled “Biology and the Concept of Death as Un-American” in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Pasquerella’s career is marked by local and global engagement. She will speak about her experiences in Africa, where she served as project leader for a research team working to empower women in an AIDS-ravaged area of Kenya, and in American higher education, where she is a leader in promoting the careers of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

A longtime philosophy professor at the University of Rhode Island, Pasquerella served as URI’s vice provost for research and graduate school dean and as provost and chief academic officer at the University of Hartford before being named president of Mount Holyoke College in July. She earned a bachelor’s degree at Mount Holyoke College and a doctorate in philosophy from Brown University.

Pasquerella has written extensively in the areas of medical ethics, theoretical and applied ethics, metaphysics, public policy and the philosophy of law. She is co-author of “Ethical Issues in Home Health Care” and co-editor of “Ethical Dilemmas in Public Administration.”

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

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will hold events Monday through Friday, Nov. 15-19, to celebrate International Education Week. All events are free and open to the public.

The International Education Week opening ceremony will take place at noon Monday, Nov. 15, in the University Center Atrium. Speakers are UM Associate Provost for International Program Mehrdad Kia, Foreign Student and Scholar Services Director Effie Koehn and International Student Association President Alina Calianu.

Information about study abroad opportunities will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day in the University Center Atrium, and a panel discussion about study abroad will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in UC Room 330.

The public and UM community are invited to explore options for international careers and teaching abroad at “International Market,” a workshop from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, in Lommasson Center Room 154. The workshop is hosted by UM Career Services.

Featured speaker Stephen Kinzer will present “Turkey and Iran: America’s Partners in the New Middle East?” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, in the University Center Theater. A best-selling author, Kinzer is a professor of international relations at Boston University. He is a former New York Times correspondent and served as chief of the Times bureau in Istanbul.

A complete International Education Week schedule of events is on the UM International Programs website at http://www.umt.edu/ip. For more information, call 406-243-2288.

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MISSOULA —

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

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

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

The winner will be recognized by the University Center’s Leadership Programming and may receive an in-state tuition waiver for spring semester 2011, depending on eligibility. University regulations restricting fee waivers will apply.

Applications will be assessed and judged according to the requirements listed on the nomination form. Some requirements for nomination have been changed from previous years. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 19. Nominees will be recognized at the Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, April 26, 2011.

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

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

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MISSOULA –

The “3x3x3 Rideshare Challenge” at The University of Montana asks UM students, faculty and staff to commit to commuting to campus with three people, three times a week for three weeks, Nov. 3-24.

The goal of the challenge, organized by CoolPool, a group of environmental studies graduate students, and sponsored by the Associated Student of UM Sustainability Center, is to reduce UM’s carbon emissions. People can join at any time, and all means of ridesharing are encouraged.

Those who log their carpooling through posts and photos on Facebook at http://facebook.com/3x3x3atUM will be eligible to win Dairy Queen ice cream and other gift certificates. A grand prize of a new Hellgate Cyclery bicycle will go to the rideshare post or photo with the most Facebook “likes.”

“We want to show people that carpooling to campus can be fun and a way to make new friends,” said CoolPool organizer Kyle Watson. “If they try for a few weeks, they will realize it can be easy and convenient.”

The “3x3x3 Rideshare Challenge” Facebook page also will link to a survey about commuters’ attitudes and hesitations about carpooling. The goal of the program and survey is to gauge interest in and support for carpool programs at UM and to discover possibilities for a longer pilot program.

“I am glad students are organizing this, and I am excited to see their results,” said ASUM Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer Hill-Hart. “A successful rideshare program can help UM meet 2020 carbon neutrality. I hope many students, faculty and staff will get involved.”

Challenge organizers said that transportation accounts for more than a third of the University’s carbon emissions. Fewer commuter vehicles on campus would lessen those emissions and also ease parking and University neighborhood traffic issues.

UM President Royce Engstrom, the Office of Public Safety, the ASUM Office of Transportation, the Sustainable Campus Committee and UM Climate Action Now all are supportive of the project and encourage the University community to participate.

Based on the response to the “3x3x3 Rideshare Challenge,” CoolPool will create a report with recommendations for a future permanent rideshare program at UM.

“We hope to work with many people within the University, so we can create a ridesharing program that benefits the University, the community and the environment,” said CoolPool organizer Oskar Cole.

More information about the rideshare challenge is on the Greening UM website at http://www.umt.edu/greeningum. For information about University transportation options, visit the ASUM Office of Transportation website at http://www.umt.edu/asum/ot.

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MISSOULA --

The public is invited to celebrate the life and work of artist Ben Steele, who is a Bataan Death March survivor and was a Japanese prisoner of war during World War II, on Steele’s 93rd birthday, Wednesday, Nov. 17.

Steele, a Montana native, created oil paintings and drawings that chronicle the Japanese bombing of Clark Field in the Philippines after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the capture of more than 76,000 Allied POWs, the infamous Bataan Death March and his experiences as a Japanese prisoner of war in the Philippines and Japan. His story was featured in the book “Tears in the Darkness,” a 2009 New York Times best-seller written by Michael Norman and Elizabeth M. Norman.

The celebration will begin at 12:15 p.m. at the Western Heritage Center in Billings with a Montana National Guard Honor Guard and the presentation of a flag from the State Capitol. Montana Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger will attend.

At the ceremony, Steele will recount his incredible journey of survival, and the Western Heritage Center will host an open house to celebrate his birthday with his wife of 59 years, Shirley, and many friends who will be present to honor him for his service to our country.

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture in Missoula, the Schoolhouse History and Art Center of Colstrip and the Western Heritage Center are all currently honoring Steele with displays of his World War II paintings and drawings.

In September the Montana Museum of Art & Culture, located at The University of Montana, announced Steele’s gift to the museum of 11 original oil paintings and 82 drawings.

“Ben is a treasure,” MMAC Director Barbara Koostra said. “We are thrilled that his POW artworks have become a part of the MMAC Permanent Collection. His message is one of peace and hope, and people will learn a great deal about the lessons of war from his important, powerful art.”

The Western Heritage Center has hosted several shows of Steele’s art, and he has given presentations at the museum many times.

“We are inspired by Ben’s ability to endure the worst and come out of those experiences with such a gracious and positive spirit,” Western Heritage Center Executive Director Julie Dial said. “Please join us for birthday cake, great conversation and good cheer.”

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MISSOULA –

A daylong workshop Friday, Nov. 5, at The University of Montana will offer several perspectives on the rights and sovereignty of indigenous peoples.

“Indigenous Peoples’ Sovereignty: Global and Local Perspectives” will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. A reception will follow in the rotunda of UM’s Payne Family Native American Center.

The workshop and reception are free and open to the public.

The event of the Indigenous Peoples and Multicultural Societies of the UM Native American studies department and the University of Tromsø Centre for Sami Studies is co-sponsored by UM’s Office of the Provost, Department of Native American Studies, International Programs and Humanities Montana.

Featured speakers include Alan Parker, director of the Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute at Evergreen State College. A citizen of the Chippewa Cree Tribal Nation, Parker lived for many years on the Rocky Boy’s Reservation in Montana. He graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law in 1972 and practiced law in Washington, D.C., for more than 20 years before joining the Evergreen College faculty in 1997.

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MISSOULA –

"Dusk," one of a trilogy of plays that will be presented in Missoula over the next several months, explores the difficulties in coming to terms with life-sustaining treatment options from a medical and a personal perspective.

The performance, presented by the Institute of Medicine and Humanities and produced by Montana Repertory Theatre director Greg Johnson, will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, in the Roxy Theater, located at 718 S. Higgins Ave. Tickets for the event are free and are available at the door.

A dessert reception will be held before the performance at 6:30 p.m., and a talk-back session with "Dusk" playwright Bryan Hametiaux of Spokane, Wash., will take place after the performance.

"Dusk" tells the story of an aging father and a fractured family and their struggles with health care decision-making. Gil Everette has had a heart attack and is now in congestive heart failure. On the eve of his 65th birthday, he and his adult children, with a medical social worker on hand, explore his wishes regarding life-sustaining treatment options as he is challenged by his children to fill out and sign a physician orders form.

The play is a thoughtful exploration of this familiar family tableau. It is told with a keen awareness of the medical and legal problems, yet is rich in character and humor. The production aims to initiate community dialogue around end-of-life issues and to focus on decisions surrounding the physician orders for life-sustaining treatment.

The Institute of Medicine and Humanities, a collaboration of The University of Montana and St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, encourages people to attend with a significant other: a spouse, grandparent, son, daughter or other person who has played a prominent role in their lives.

"Dramatic theatrical presentations often stimulate conversations on end-of-life issues," said IMH program coordinator Megan Twohig. "'Dusk' increases our understanding, particularly with the complex decision-making associated with physicians order forms, advance directives and the like."

"Dusk" premiered in Spokane in 2007. Theater critic Jim Kershner said in the Spokesman Review: "This play delivers exactly what it promises. It puts you inside what feels like a real, honest family crisis, and it makes you grapple with an issue that will be even more common as the baby boomer generation comes of age."

For more information call Twohig at 406-243-4576 or e-mail mtwohig@saintpatrick.org.

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