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MISSOULA —

An informational session to answer questions raised during a Dec. 8 meeting about The University of Montana’s proposed biomass boiler project is slated for 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in University Center Room 333.

A panel of experts from UM and the consulting firm the University has partnered with will address questions on the proposed project to convert UM’s natural gas-fired boiler system to one using forest biomass as its primary fuel. The panel will answer dozens of questions regarding air emissions, fuel supply, financing, design and environmental impact.

The project is part of University efforts to reduce its carbon footprint, a commitment made in its Climate Action Plan. When completed the biomass boiler project will reduce the University’s natural gas usage by 70 percent, provide year-round steam to campus and shrink UM’s carbon footprint by nearly a quarter. To protect air quality in the Missoula Valley, UM will use a biomass gasification provider that reduces emissions to at or below those of natural gas.

UM administrators are in the process of securing an air quality permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, which likely will take several months. UM will request approval to launch the project from the state Board of Regents at its May meeting in Kalispell.

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Local, specialized western

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana Productions will host State Radio in concert at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the historic Wilma Theatre in Missoula.

The group is a Boston-based trio led by singer and primary songwriter Chicoree Stokes — formerly Chad Urmston of Dispatch — along with Chuck Fay and Mike Najarian. State Radio injects punk-influenced sound and politically charged viewpoints into the band’s roots-reggae, ska and punk-rock style.

Admission to the concert is $18 plus ticketing fees before March 26, or $20 plus ticketing fees on the day of the show. Tickets can be purchased at Rockin Rudy’s, Ear Candy, The Source in the University Center and online at http://www.brownpaperticketing.com.

“This has always been an organic, grassroots thing,” Stokes says about the band’s impassioned social consciousness. “It’s about staying true to each other in so far as the music is an honest reflection of our lives.”

Road veterans, the band has not only headlined but also has shared the stage with the likes of Michael Franti, the Dave Matthews Band and The John Butler Trio.

Stokes’ and Sybil Gallagher’s humanitarian organization, Calling All Crows, which aims to mobilize musicians and fans to empower women, will organize pre-show service projects in partnership with local nonprofit organizations. During the March 26 show there will be donation buckets for “Bringing Change to Women,” a campaign to raise money for women’s empowerment programs around the world. Since December 2008, Calling All Crows has raised more than $200,000 for Sudanese women and has invested more than 10,000 hours of service in local communities across North America and Europe.

For more information call Matty Kerr, UM Productions marketing coordinator, at 406-243-4719 or e-mail marketing@umproductions.org.

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MISSOULA —

"Behind the Scenes at the Symphony," an annual course offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana, starts next week and is free for all MOLLI members.

The course, taught by Missoula Symphony Orchestra Music Director Darko Butorac and Executive Director John Driscoll, will offer a behind-the-scenes glimpse inside the making of a symphony performance, including a look at musical selections, programming and soloists.

Classes will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, and Tuesday, Feb. 15, in Todd Building Rooms 203-204. Members then can attend the symphony’s rehearsal, featuring renowned virtuoso pianist Antonio Pompa-Baldi, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in the University Theatre, for free.

All lifelong learners ages 50 and older are eligible for MOLLI membership, which costs $20 annually. For more information or to register, call MOLLI’s Dannette Fadness at 406-243-2905 or e-mail dannette.fadness@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

As protests and fighting continue in the streets of Cairo, a community discussion on the current crisis in Egypt will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, in the University Center Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

The discussion, “Egypt: Timeless or Out of Time? Reflections on the Current Crisis,” will be led by former Ambassador Mark Johnson, founder of the World Affairs Council of Montana.

“President Mubarak’s 30-year autocratic rule of Egypt is now threatened as demonstrations become larger and more violent,” Johnson said. “The current crisis in Egypt will have a profound impact on the Middle East and on U.S. policy in the region.”

The community discussion is co-sponsored by The University of Montana School of Extended and Lifelong Learning, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM and the World Affairs Council of Montana, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to engaging Montanans on global issues.

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MISSOULA —

Mehrdad Kia, The University of Montana’s associate provost for International Programs and director of UM’s Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center, will speak on Wednesday, Feb. 2, as part of the UM Mortar Board Last Lecture Series. The talk, which is free and open to the public, begins at 6 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

The Last Lecture 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?

Kia began working at UM in 1989 and previously taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Cornell College. He has published extensively on the emergence of a new Muslim intelligentsia, focusing primarily on issues of political modernization, socioeconomic reform and the relationship between the Islamic world and the West.

For more information about the lecture series, call Molly Collins, Mortar Board adviser, at 406-243-5754 or e-mail molly.collins@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

“Lessons of Our Land: The Indian Land Tenure Foundation Speaker Series” will take place during February and March at The University of Montana. The series will focus on contemporary land issues in Indian Country, casting a light on our relationship to the Earth and the management of Indian trust land.

All events in the series are free and open to the public and will take place from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in Room 105 of UM’s Payne Family Native American Center. A speaker reception in the center’s Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place will follow each presentation.

The series begins with an interview and live KBGA radio broadcast with University of Colorado, Boulder, law Professor Charles Wilkinson on Thursday, Feb. 10. Wilkinson will discuss American Indian land issues in the 21st century.

Copies of his new book, “The People Are Dancing Again: The History of the Siletz Tribe of Western Oregon,” will be available at the event.

Following is the schedule of other series events and presenters:

- **Wednesday Feb. 23:** Marcella Giles, a leading oil and gas attorney representing Indian landowners, will talk about what every American Indian land allottee needs to know – and needs to ask – about ownership and management of their land trust.

- **Wednesday, March 2:** Narcisse Blood, scholar and former director of Kainai studies at Red Crow Community College in Stand Off, Alberta, will share his knowledge of indigenous languages. He will discuss how the language of our ancestors explains our relationship to the Earth and our communities.

- **Wednesday, March 9:** Cris Stainbrook, president of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation in Little Canada, Minn., will address land consolidation and the American Indian Probate Reform Act, as well as concerns for landowners across Indian Country.

- **Wednesday, March 23:** Eloise Cobell, lead plaintiff in the Cobell v. Salazar lawsuit, will talk about progress made in the historic Claims Resolution Act of 2010. After 14 years of litigation, the landmark settlement was signed into law by President Obama this month.

- **Wednesday, March 30:** Julie Cajune, executive director of the Center for American Indian Policy and Applied Research at Salish Kootenai College, will present the Indian land tenure curriculum, “Lessons of Our Land.”

For more information about the series and biographical information for all speakers, visit [http://www.buffalosfire.com](http://www.buffalosfire.com). Information about the Indian Land Tenure Foundation is online at [http://iltf.org](http://iltf.org).

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MISSOULA –

Susan Conrad completed a 1,110-mile solo sea kayak journey up the Inside Passage of British Columbia and Alaska last summer. She traveled from Anacortes, Wash., to Juneau, Alaska, in just more than two months, and will speak about her trip at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in Room 210 of McGill Hall at The University of Montana. The event is free and open to the public.

The presentation will include a slideshow of her adventure while she relives experiences like living indefinitely in a wetsuit before the next shower, paddling for days on end, forging friendships with people in remote locations, and pretending not to be intimidated by 700-pound grizzly bears and 40-ton whales.

Conrad first began kayaking while she worked at the outdoor program at Southern Oregon University in the late 1980s. She then moved to Montana and co-founded a kayak company, led guided trips and shared her passion for the sport with anyone who would listen. She is certified through the American Canoe Association as an open water coastal instructor and currently lives in Bigfork.

For more information call the UM Outdoor Program’s Natalie Hiller at 406-243-5295 or e-mail natalie.hiller@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

A team of researchers led by University of Montana geosciences Professor George Stanley Jr. found fossil corals in central Nevada representing the oldest occurrences in North America of ancestors of modern reef-building species.

The team found annual bands in the coral’s skeleton, allowing them to accurately measure growth rate and to make comparisons with living reef-building species. The comparisons revealed nearly identical results.

The discovery provides the most unequivocal evidence to date for the presence of photosymbiosis among the earliest corals some 230 million years ago and long before coral reefs with modern corals evolved, Stanley said.

“We live in a symbiotic world,” he said. “Photosymbiosis is a process whereby microorganisms live inside and benefit a host animal. This process is best exemplified in corals, the master builders of reefs, whose fast growth rates and improved nutrition are attributed to symbiotic algae.

“In fact,” he said, “we wouldn’t have modern or ancient reefs if it weren’t for photosymbiosis, and photosynthetic algae and corals account for the success of reefs, which today are key players in global climate change.”

Stanley said it may well be that the symbiotic algae, not the corals, are the real masters of the reef, because discovery of photosymbiosis among ancient corals in the Nevada site pushes the origin of this important relationship to the Middle Triassic period, about 20 million years earlier than previously thought.

The research, which was published last month in GeoScience World’s journal Palaios, was selected this month to be featured in BioOne, a global, free access site that brings together scientific societies, publishers and libraries to provide access to critical, peer-reviewed research in the biological, ecological and environmental sciences.

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MISSOULA –

Relationship expert David Coleman will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the University Center Ballroom at The University of Montana. The event is free and open to the public.

Coleman is known nationwide as "The Dating Doctor" and "America's Real-Life Hitch!" He has been honored 10 times as a national speaker of the year: seven times by Campus Activities Magazine and three times by the National Association for Campus Activities. His work also has been recognized in Us Magazine, Glamour, Cosmopolitan, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal and others.

His program, "Making Relationships Matter," teaches people how to create and maintain healthy relationships. His presentation will cover how to make relationships more fulfilling in everyday life as well as tips on how to form, mend and sustain meaningful relationships. Topics include: who controls relationships and why, basic differences between men and women, arousal points for men and women, how to be more physically and emotionally romantic with others and more.

For more information about the Feb. 8 presentation, call Chris Wilkins, UM Mortar Board president, at 406-672-6343 or e-mail wilkinsc79@gmail.com. For more information about The Dating Doctor visit http://www.datingdoctor.com.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: If you are interested in scheduling an interview or media appearance with Coleman before or after his presentation, call Brooke Sims at 866-328-3762 or e-mail brooke@datingdoctor.com.

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MISSOULA –

The spring semester Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Forum at The University of Montana begins Thursday, Feb. 10, with a presentation by Charles Wilkinson on “Writing Tribal History” from noon to 1 p.m. in the UM School of Law Castles Center.

All forum series events are free and open to the public.

Wilkinson is author of “The People are Dancing Again: The History of the Siletz Tribe of Western Oregon.” The book recounts his experience working with the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Nation to regain federal recognition and all associated treaty rights. Copies of "The People are Dancing Again" will be available for purchase at the event.

Wilkinson also will participate in the Indian Land Tenure Foundation’s Speaker Series, "Lessons of our Land," from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in Room 105 of The Payne Family Native American Center. The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow at 5:30 p.m. in the center’s Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place.

Two other Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Forum events will be presented spring semester from noon to 1 p.m. in the law school Castles Center:

- **Thursday, March 31:** “Collapse, Collective Action, Conundrum: Pursuing Sustainable Communities in the Age of Ideology,” presented by William Shutkin of the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute.

- **Thursday, April 14:** “Who’s in Charge of Montana’s Lands and Water Management?” presented by Mary Sexton of the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation.

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

For more information, call Sarah Bates at 406-207-9071 or e-mail sarah@cnrep.org. The forum schedule is posted on the upcoming events page at http://www.cnrep.org.

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MISSOULA –

A panel discussion titled “Montana to the Tar Sands: The True Cost of Oil” will be held Tuesday, Feb. 8, at The University of Montana.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the University Center Theater. It is co-sponsored by UM’s Environmental Studies Program, St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, the Northern Plains Resource Council and Christ the King Parish.

The Tar Sands oil development project in northern Alberta brings with it significant impacts. Western Montana is on the route of the Kearl Module Transportation Project big rigs transporting equipment from Korea to the Tar Sands by way of Lolo Pass, Missoula, the Blackfoot River and the Rocky Mountain Front. Eastern Montana also will be affected as the oil leaves Alberta and is transported through pipelines to refineries in the United States.

The panel will explore the impacts from several perspectives. Panelists include UM Regents Professor of Ecology Steve Running, Dr. Georgia Milan of the Women’s Care Center at St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, Bureau of Business and Economic Research Senior Research Professor Steven Seninger, and Rich Bishop from Christ the King Parish, as well as speakers from the Indigenous Environmental Network, landowners and others.

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MISSOULA —

The Office for Civic Engagement at The University of Montana will host the Spring Volunteer Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 8-9, in the University Center Atrium.

More than 20 agencies will be on hand to inform students and community members of the many volunteer opportunities available in the Missoula area. The fair gives attendees an opportunity to learn about interesting civic work and gives agencies the chance to recruit new student volunteers. OCE will provide information on several of its programs at the fair.

A department of UM’s Davidson Honors College, OCE was founded in 1992 as Volunteer Action Services at UM. It serves as the University’s primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility. Through various programs and projects, OCE promotes civic engagement as a means to develop actively engaged citizens.

OCE coordinates volunteer fairs at the beginning of each semester to help nonprofits promote their activities and recruit new members to meet community-identified needs. For more information, call Katie Koga at 406-243-5531 or e-mail katie.koga@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA —

The Chi chapter of the Alpha Phi sorority will kick off Cardiac Care Month by raising awareness of women’s heart health the week of Jan. 31-Feb. 4 in the University Center at The University of Montana.

Chapter members will staff a table in the UC Atrium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday to hand out stress-relief balls, antioxidant-rich dark chocolate and information on living a heart-healthy lifestyle. Members also encourage people to wear red on National Wear Red Day, Friday, Feb. 4, to raise awareness of women’s heart disease.

“Though it’s the No. 1 killer of women in the country, many people don’t realize they could be at risk for heart disease,” said Lauren Woody, vice president of marketing for the chapter. “Alpha Phi is dedicated to raising awareness of the simple things you can start doing now to decrease that risk.”

Each February, Alpha Phi and its philanthropic partner, the Alpha Phi Foundation, sponsor Cardiac Care Month to raise public awareness about cardiovascular disease. Collegiate and alumnae chapters nationwide hold events to help their communities learn more about the causes, prevention and treatment of heart disease.

Alpha Phi International Fraternity was founded at Syracuse University in 1872 as one of the first Greek societies for women and 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.

For more information, call Woody at 503-956-1628 or e-mail lauren.woody@umconnect.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Renowned archaeologist Anna Roosevelt will give the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Roosevelt will present “Human Rights and the CIA: The Case of the Assassination of Patrice Lumumba” at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, in the University Theatre.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., she will give a seminar titled “Long-term Human Environment Interaction in Amazonia: From 11,000 Years Ago to the Present” in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Roosevelt is professor of anthropology at the University of Illinois, Chicago. The New York Times has described her as a leading archaeologist who is bringing new luster and controversy to her famous family name. A great-granddaughter of Theodore Roosevelt, she has stirred controversy with her fieldwork in the Middle Amazon, challenging conventional scholarship about the peopling of America and where and how some of the first Americans lived.

She will be at the heart of an even bigger storm because of the evidence she has unearthed concerning the CIA’s involvement in the assassination in 1960 of Patrice Lumumba, the first legally elected prime minister of the Republic of the Congo.

Lumumba was deposed after only 10 weeks and was subsequently imprisoned and murdered in circumstances suggesting the support and complicity of the governments of Belgium and the United States.

Roosevelt argues that serious ethical wrongs, human rights violations, and illegal civil and criminal acts were committed against Lumumba, his colleagues and the people of the Congo that had disastrous long-term consequences for the countries involved and for the advancement of democracy and world peace. She has led the request to open a new investigation of the human rights violations in the case that stemmed from the intelligence and diplomatic operations of the U.S. and its allies.

Roosevelt has studied human evolution and the environment in the tropics since 1973, specializing in the Middle Amazon and the Congo Basin. Her work has earned her a MacArthur Fellowship, an Explorers Medal, a Bettendorf Medal from Santarém, the Order of Rio Branco from Brazil and the Society of Women Geographers’ Gold Medal.

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

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MISSOULA –

P.J. Curtis, Ireland’s premier musicologist, will give a free lecture to introduce the concert series “A Springtime of Irish Traditional Music,” which will take place in Missoula and Butte during February, March and April. The series features a lineup of exciting performers who will present Ireland’s finest music and song tradition.

In the lecture titled “Bridging the Atlantic,” Curtis will explore the 300-year musical link between Ireland and America. The event will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives in Butte and from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in UM’s Music Recital Hall in Missoula.

An award-winning broadcaster and author, Curtis has produced 57 albums and recently received an honorary Master of Arts degree for his services to Irish music from the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Concert series events will be held in Butte from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 17, March 18, and April 8 and 21 at the Montana Tech Library Auditorium. The concert series will take place in Missoula from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 18, March 20, and April 9 and 24 at UM’s Music Recital Hall.

Tickets for the series cost $45. Individual concert tickets cost $15. Tickets are available online at http://www.griztix.com. They also can be purchased in Missoula at The Source in the University Center and the Adams Center Box Office on the UM campus and at Southgate Mall, Worden’s Market and Rockin Rudy’s. In Butte, tickets can be purchased at the Butte-Silver Bow Archives, Granite Mountain Bank and Cavanaugh’s County Celtic.

The concert series is co-sponsored by the Irish Studies Program and School of Music at UM, Humanities Montana, Culture Ireland and the Friends of Irish Studies.

For more information, call Terry O’Riordain in Missoula at 406-544-0311 or Jerry Sullivan in Butte at 406-490-1429.

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MISSOULA –

Nominations now are open for The University of Montana 2011 Student Employee of the Year. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, Feb. 16.

To qualify for the award, students must be enrolled in at least six credits and have completed at least six months of paid employment on campus. The UM Office of Career Services will award a $500 scholarship to this year’s award recipient.

The Student Employee of the Year award will be presented in April during National Student Employee Week at UM.

The nomination form and other criteria are on the Office of Career Services website at http://www.umt.edu/studentjobs. For more information, call Janay Whisman, student employment coordinator, at 406-243-5627 or e-mail janay.whisman@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer’s final State of the State address before the Montana Legislature in Helena will be broadcast live by Montana Public Radio at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26.

MTPR News Director Sally Mauk will host the coverage. University of Montana journalism Professor Dennis Swibold and UM political science Assistant Professor Christopher Muste will join Mauk to provide analysis of the governor’s speech and the Republican response.

MTPR broadcasts in Missoula, Helena, Kalispell, Butte, Hamilton and Great Falls and are available on the Internet at http://mtpr.org.

MontanaPBS and Yellowstone Public Radio also will carry live coverage of the governor’s speech.

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MISSOULA –

James McKusick, dean of The University of Montana’s Davidson Honors College, will sign copies of the revised and updated edition of his book “Green Writing: Romanticism and Ecology” and answer questions at two events in February.

McKusick will be at The Bookstore at UM from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, and at Fact & Fiction, located at 220 N. Higgins Ave. in Missoula, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4. Both events are free and open to the public.

“Green Writing” describes the emergence of ecological understanding among the English Romantic poets, arguing that this new holistic paradigm offered a conceptual and ideological basis for American environmentalism. The recently released paperback edition of the book contains a new preface and a new final chapter.

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HAMILTON –

The steering committee for the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will hold its monthly meeting at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Ravalli Entrepreneurship Center Conference Room, located at 274 Old Corvallis Road 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 is available on the BCP website at http://www.umt.edu/bcp (click on “Meetings” under “Steering Committee”), by calling BCP Interim Director Victoria Clark at 406-375-0100 or by e-mailing victoria.clark@umontana.edu.

The BCP steering committee is a collaborative group composed of Ravalli County stakeholders, UM officials and state higher education representatives. The committee is charged with planning an entity to provide responsive and sustainable adult and higher education opportunities to Ravalli County residents. It currently offers 21 UM College of Technology courses in the Hamilton area.

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Local, specialized western, Bitterroot Valley media

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MISSOULA –

Island Press recently released a book edited by David Naugle, a University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation professor, titled “Energy Development and Wildlife Conservation in Western North America.”

"The book offers a road map for those who seek to promote energy independence while at the same time protecting wildlife," said Naugle, who also is an applied landscape ecologist in UM’s Wildlife Biology Program. "It frames the issue and introduces readers to major types of extraction, quantifies the pace and extent of current and future energy development, provides an ecological foundation for understanding cumulative impacts, and synthesizes information on the biological response of wildlife to development."

The book’s foreword, written by Professor Mark Boyce of the University of Alberta Department of Biological Sciences, introduces the contributions of 25 experts who show how science can help craft solutions to conflicts between wildlife and energy development by delineating core areas, identifying landscapes that support viable populations and forecasting future development scenarios to aid in conservation design.

The final section of the book calls for a shift away from site-level management toward broad-scale planning and implementation of conservation in priority landscapes. It concludes by identifying ways that decision-makers can remove roadblocks to conservation and provides a blueprint for implementing conservation plans.

More information about the book is available online at http://www.wildlifeandenergy.com or by calling Island Press at 800-621-2736.

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MISSOULA –

The World Affairs Council of Montana will host a community discussion with Carolyn Miles, executive vice president of Save the Children, at The University of Montana on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

“Women and Children at Risk: Haiti and the Developing World” will begin at 7 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. Admission is $5 for the public and free for students and World Affairs Council members.

Miles, an established leader in the nonprofit sector and developing world, has traveled to more than 45 countries. Her visit to Missoula is part of a national outreach effort to increase awareness of the challenges faced by women and children in developing nations.

She will speak about the growing efforts to empower women, as well as Save the Children’s successful programs that address issues of basic health and education services for children around the world.

Miles also will discuss efforts being made to increase economic opportunities, HIV/OVC initiatives for children and communities, and emergency assistance during natural disasters, war and conflict.

This month marks the one-year anniversary of the Haiti earthquake disaster. Miles will share impressions from her recent visit to the country and the level of progress toward improving conditions from the tragedy.

The event is part of the World Affairs Council of Montana’s Distinguished Speakers Program and is the 2011 Dirk and Kim Visser/Allegiance Benefit Plan Management Inc. lecture. It is co-sponsored by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM.

For more information, go online to http://www.montanaworldaffairs.org.

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MISSOULA –

Internationally renowned climate change scientist Rob Jackson will launch the Conservation and Climate Change Lecture Series at The University of Montana on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Jackson, director of the Center on Global Change at Duke University, will present “Global Change: Tipping Points for People and the Biosphere” at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The event is free and open to the public.

Jackson is Duke’s Nicholas Chair of Global Environmental Change and co-director of the Climate Change Policy Partnership, which works with lawmakers and business leaders on practical climate change solutions. His lecture will discuss current and future changes for people and nature and how people can understand and respond to such changes.

“The diversity of Rob's work and the magnitude of his achievements are nearly unmatched in the scientific community,” said Cory Cleveland, an assistant professor in UM’s Department of Ecosystem and Conservation Sciences. “But what really sets him apart is his ability to successfully translate science to the public and to effectively communicate both science and the importance of taking informed environmental action to policymakers.

“A visit from Dr. Jackson will provide the UM community with a fresh and creative perspective to the discussions about the effects of climate change and ways to help mitigate and adapt to it,” Cleveland said.

The lecture series is co-sponsored by UM’s Wilderness Institute and Climate Change Studies Program and is made possible by a grant from the Cinnabar Foundation. All lectures will take place Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The lectures are open to the public, and college credit is available. For more information, visit http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/lecture.html.

Other lectures in the series are:


- **Feb. 15**: "Water in a Warming West: Policy Options to Respond to Climate Change Impacts" by Sarah Bates, senior fellow, UM Center for Natural Resources & Environmental Policy.


- **March 1**: “Biochar: A Carbon-Negative Solution from the Distant Past” by Gloria Flora, executive director, Sustainable Obtainable Solutions.

- **March 8**: ”Bark Beetle Blues: Community Experiences with Forest Disturbance by Insects” by Courtney Flint, rural and natural resource sociologist, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

- **March 15**: “Climate Change Economics: Solutions to the Growing Costs of Protecting Homes from Wildfire” by Ray Rasker, executive director, Headwaters Economics.

- **March 22**: “Building Resilience: How We Can Steward Nature Through Climate Change” by Erika Zavaleta, ecologist, University of California, Santa Cruz.

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Climate Change Expert Kicks Off New UM Lecture Series - UM News - The University Of Montana

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MISSOULA —

Cities across Montana will see growth in 2011 as the state moves further from the worst economic downturn in more than 20 years, according to University of Montana economist Patrick Barkey.

"The climate for growth has improved significantly in the past eight months, especially for energy and agriculture," said Barkey, director of UM’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research. "Two years have elapsed since the recession’s lowest point, and families and businesses are starting to adjust and both are now positioned to spend more."

Barkey and Paul Polzin, director emeritus of BBER, will outline the outlook for the national, state and local economies at the bureau’s annual Economic Outlook Seminars, to be held in nine cities throughout Montana.

For more than 35 years BBER has traveled around the state to deliver the half-day seminars. Barkey and other economists from the Montana University System will examine the prospects for the state’s major industries throughout the series of seminars.

In addition to economic forecasts this year’s seminars will include the insights of respected Montana journalist Ian Marquand. For the luncheon program Marquand will moderate a panel discussion with seminar presenters and community professionals to discuss how economic impacts are hitting local economies.

The seminar series begins in Helena on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Best Western Great Northern Hotel. Other seminars are scheduled as follows:

- **Great Falls** – Wednesday, Jan. 26, Hilton Garden Inn
- **Missoula** – Friday, Jan. 28, Hilton Garden Inn
- **Billings** – Tuesday, Feb. 1, Crowne Plaza
- **Bozeman** – Wednesday, Feb. 2, Best Western GranTree Inn
- **Butte** – Thursday, Feb. 3, Holiday Inn Express
- **Kalispell** – Friday, Feb. 11, Hilton Garden Inn
- **Sidney** – Tuesday, March 15, USDA/Agricultural Research Station
- **Miles City** – Wednesday, March 16, Bureau of Land Management

Each seminar runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., which includes lunch.

Barkey said the recently passed federal tax package should contribute to Montana’s growth in the upcoming year. Not only does it cut federal payroll taxes for the first time, it gives companies plenty of reasons to accelerate investment to take advantage of credits and deductions that later disappear.

"The growth ahead is going to help put at least some folks back to work, and get us feeling better about the economy," Barkey said. "It won’t impact all sectors of the economy such as housing or real estate, but there is potential for a better economic performance than we’ve seen in four years."

For more information or to register for a seminar, call 406-243-5113 or visit the BBER website at [http://www.bber.umt.edu](http://www.bber.umt.edu).

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MISSOULA —

At the University of Montana, 3,240 students made the autumn semester 2010 Dean’s List. To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must be undergraduates, must earn a semester grade average of 3.50 or higher, and receive grades of A or B in at least nine credits. No grades of C+, C-, D+, D, D-, F, NC or NCR are allowed.

To view the Dean's List, visit http://www.umt.edu/urelations/info/deanslist.aspx.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: The UM students listed in the attached document made the autumn semester 2010 Dean's List. A "**" in the "Honors" column indicates a GPA of 4.0. A "*" indicates a GPA of greater than 3.5 but less than 4.0 was earned.

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MISSOULA –

Glenn Eskew, who has written widely on the civil rights movement and Southern history, will give the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration lecture Wednesday, Jan. 26, at The University of Montana.

Eskew will present “Connor, King, Kennedy: Birmingham Icons Tell the Civil Rights Story” at 7:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The event is free and open to the public.

An associate professor of history at Georgia State University, Eskew is the author of the book “But for Birmingham: The Local and National Movements in the Civil Rights Struggle.” The book, which deals with the civil rights demonstrations that took place in Birmingham in 1963, integrates the city’s local history with the history of the national civil rights movement.

In “But for Birmingham,” Eskew examines the city’s black community and the pressures that led it to reject more traditional approaches in favor of nonviolent direct action. He also analyzes the role of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a national black organization, in the protests. In addition, Eskew’s carefully drawn portrait of Birmingham’s white community indicates that it was anything but monolithic.

Eskew is the author of a forthcoming biography of Johnny Mercer, a renowned lyricist, composer and singer who wrote or co-wrote more than 1,100 songs.

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MISSOULA —

Applications are now open for The University of Montana's Alumni Association Scholarship, which is available to any UM student who has a parent or grandparent who attended the University.

Applicants must attain junior status before the beginning of fall semester 2011 and be a full-time student for the autumn 2011 and spring 2012 semesters. Graduate students who received baccalaureate degrees from UM also are eligible for the scholarship.

Completed applications are due to the Office of Alumni Relations by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18.

The amount of the scholarship varies each year. Last year's recipient was awarded $4,000, and the Alumni Association’s board of directors will determine the amount of this year’s award in late winter. Winners will receive the scholarship funds in two equal installments during the 2011-12 academic year.

The application requires verification of eligibility, and applicants must answer a single essay question: What has been your most inspirational experience while at The University of Montana? Supporting documentation required includes a current resume and transcript. The application can be completed online or downloaded from the association’s Web site at http://www.GrizAlum.com.

For more information about the scholarship, call Anne Hosler at 406-243-4754 or e-mail anne.hosler@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

An international team that includes University of Montana researcher Jeffrey Good recently studied DNA from a 30,000-year-old finger bone found in 2008 in the Denisova Cave in southern Siberia, Russia. The scientists discovered previously unknown connections that occurred among the ancient ancestors of modern human populations.

The team, led by Svante Pääblo of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, sequenced the nuclear genome of the bone that came from a female of a group of hominins – a term used to refer to humans and their recent ancestors – in Asia who shared an ancient origin with Neanderthals but had a distinct history. The researchers call this group of hominins the Denisovans.

The team’s paper was published in the Dec. 23 issue of the international science journal Nature.

Last year some members of this same team, including Good, sequenced the genome of the Neanderthals and published their results in the May 7 issue of the international journal Science. This earlier work indicated that Neanderthals exchanged genes with the ancestors of present-day Europeans and Asians. In contrast, the Denisovans did not contribute genes to all present-day Eurasians but do show genetic evidence of interbreeding with the ancestors of Melanesians.

Good, an assistant professor in UM’s Division of Biological Sciences, said the research shows that the genetic interactions of our ancestors may have been much more complex than previous scientific studies have shown.

"These two studies have transformed our view of human population history," he said. "In the span of one year, the study of ancient DNA has allowed us to identify a previously unknown and potentially widespread group of extinct humans and to determine that there were likely multiple instances of interbreeding between ancient hominin groups living in Europe and Asia and the ancestors of present-day Eurasians."

"Our results suggest that two to three percent of the genomes of all present-day Eurasians derive from Neanderthals and that an additional four to six percent of genetic material in present-day Melanesians comes from Denisovans," Good said.

The researchers also found a tooth in the Denisova Cave that shows morphology distinct from Neanderthals and modern humans and resembles much older hominin forms. Bence Viola, a scientist at the Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology, said the tooth is "just amazing," because it allows the researchers to connect the morphological and genetic information.

David Reich, a Harvard Medical School associate professor who led the population genetic analysis, said that the fact the Denisovans were discovered in southern Siberia but contributed genetic material to modern human populations from New Guinea suggests that Denisovans may have been widespread in Asia during the Late Pleistocene period.

"The sequencing of genomes from the extinct Neanderthals and Denisovans are major technological feats, made possible by recent advances in DNA sequencing and years of research on the study of ancient DNA," Good said. "It is really exciting to think about what we might find next. There certainly is the potential for many more surprises in the coming years as researchers sequence more genomes from the fossil remains of other archaic hominins."

Financial support for the Denisova Cave research came from the Max Planck Society, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Krekeler Foundation in Germany. Good’s research was supported by a National Science Foundation International Research Fellowship.

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Genome Research Sheds New Light On Modern Human Origins - UM News - The University Of Montana

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MISSOULA –

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day Planning Committee, in conjunction with The University of Montana and the National Coalition Building Institute, will hold events Monday, Jan. 17, to celebrate King's legacy. All events are free and open to the public.

Service opportunities, coordinated by First Baptist Church, will be available that day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those who would like to participate should call 406-549-4555 or e-mail mlkmissoula@gmail.com by Friday, Jan. 14, to get more information.

A rally to take a stand against anti-gay bullying will be held at 5 p.m. at Caras Park. The event features music by 2010 First Night Idol winner Kira Means and remarks by United Church of Christ Pastor Amy Carter and Missoula County Public Schools Superintendent Alex Apostle. The rally will end with a candlelit march to First United Methodist Church, located at 300 E. Main St. in Missoula, for the community celebration, which begins at 6 p.m.

UM Associate Provost for International Programs Mehrdad Kia will present the community celebration keynote address, "No Mosque in My Backyard: Understanding and Addressing Islamophobia."

Music will be provided by the Lewis and Clark Peace Choir, John Baugh and Amy Martin. Awards for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day essay and art contest will be presented, and refreshments will follow the program.

For more information, visit the Missoula National Coalition Building Institute website at http://www.ncbimissoula.org or call NCBI at 406-541-6891.

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MISSOULA—

The Office for Civic Engagement at The University of Montana will kick off spring semester by hosting Diversity ContinuUM from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 24-28, in the University Center Atrium.

OCE invites all UM students, staff and faculty members to check out the Diversity ContinuUM table, where they can write and share what diversity means to them and have their portraits photographed. The stories and photos collected will go on display in the UC in February.

In its second year, the Diversity ContinuUM project is coordinated in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which falls on Monday, Jan. 17, this year. The project captures and highlights what diversity can mean and look like on UM’s campus and offers participants a unique opportunity to serve their community by making their voices heard. Through personal stories, Diversity ContinuUM promotes an understanding of individuality, tolerance and inclusion in the UM community and beyond.

OCE, a department of the Davidson Honors College, was founded in 1992 as Volunteer Action Services at UM. It serves as the University’s primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility. Through various programs and projects, OCE promotes civic engagement as a means to develop actively engaged citizens in our democratic society.

For more information, call OCE’s Katie Koga at 406-243-5531 or e-mail katie.koga@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will host a National League for Nursing Accrediting Commissions Inc. site review for accreditation of its associate degree Registered Nursing Program next month.

The public is invited to meet the accreditation site visit team and share comments about the program from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Dean’s Conference Room of the COT Administration Building, located at 909 South Ave. W. in Missoula.

Those who cannot attend the meeting in Missoula are welcome to submit written comments to Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326. Comments should be submitted to Tanner by Tuesday, Feb. 1.

For more information, call Jacquie Hofmann, COT assistant to the deans, at 406-243-7908 or e-mail jacqueline.hofmann@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana School of Extended & Lifelong Learning, College of Visual and Performing Arts and the Bitterroot College Program of UM have teamed up to bring a course titled “Four Pillars of the Romantic Piano with Steven Hesla and Friends” to lifelong learners in the Bitterroot Valley.

The course will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 26-Feb. 16, at the Hamilton Performing Arts Center, located at 327 Fairgrounds Road. UM music Professor Steven Hesla, a School of Fine Arts Distinguished Faculty Award recipient who has performed around the world, will teach the course, which also will feature celebrated pianists Barbara Blegen and Margery McDuffie Whatley.

“Four Pillars of Romantic Piano” will include live musical performances, emphasizing their power to transform the spirits of those privileged to hear them. It will also celebrate the bicentennial years of revered 19th century composers Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann, Frederic Chopin and Franz Liszt.

Registration costs $45 before Jan. 21 and $50 after.

For more information or to register, call Dannette Fadness, program coordinator for the School of Lifelong & Extended Learning, at 406-243-2905 or e-mail dannette.fadness@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana students are in Vietnam this month for a study abroad field course on climate change impacts and adaptation presented by the University’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center. The students left right after the Christmas holiday and will be in Vietnam through Jan. 22.

“This is the first such program of its kind in the U.S.,” said Mansfield Center Director Terry Weidner. “The students will explore the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of climate change in Vietnam, a low-lying coastal country where climate change impacts are expected to be among the worst on the globe. It is an environmental issue, a health issue, an economic issue, an energy issue and a security issue. It’s particularly relevant to our students’ studies because each of these concerns is critical to Montana.”

Those interested in following the students’ journey can read their blogs on the Climate Central website at http://www.climatecentral.org/ or at http://umvietnamstudy.wordpress.com/.

The Mansfield Center was awarded a grant by the U.S. Department of State to develop the study abroad program.

“The Mansfield Center won this project in part because Montana ties for 46th in the nation for the number of students who study abroad,” said Mansfield Center Project Manager Deena Mansour. “Of the nearly 250,000 Americans studying abroad each year, only about 700 currently choose Vietnam as their destination.”

The course is designed to develop an appreciation of the similarities and differences in climate change impacts and potential adaptation and mitigation opportunities between Vietnam and North America.

“Both Montana and Vietnam share concerns with agriculture, forestry, eco-tourism and water, but the students will look at issues they’ve learned about in Montana from a completely different perspective,” Mansour said.

Students in the course get an introduction to Vietnamese society and culture that includes field trips to coastal fishing communities, meetings with rice and aquaculture farmers, a four-day homestay and visits to cultural sites. They also will visit mangrove forests, wetlands, agricultural and mangrove management field experiment stations, and island coastal regions.

Nicky Phear, coordinator of the UM Climate Change Program, and Len Broberg, director of the University’s Environmental Studies Program are accompanying the students.

Students participating in the study abroad course are:

- Cameron Cotner, a resource conservation junior from Camino, Calif.
- Hailey Graf, a wildlife biology senior from Whitefish.
- Montana Hodges, an environmental journalism graduate student from Elk Grove, Calif.
- Trina Jones, an environmental studies graduate student from Washougal, Wash.
- Stephan Licitra, a chemistry senior from Missoula.
- Monica Lomahukluh, a resource conservation sophomore from Helena.
- Kevin Radley, an environmental journalism graduate student from Redmond, Wash.
- Patrick Shelso, a geography sophomore from Memphs, Tenn.
- Bryan Zimmerman, a resource conservation senior from Billings.

UM's participation reflects its growing involvement in Vietnam. With support from U.S. Sen. Max Baucus, the University has been designated as one of the lead institutions in the U.S. Department of State’s educational training initiative in Vietnam.

The Mansfield Center has been developing a comprehensive Vietnamese Affairs Program, including student and faculty exchanges, training for Vietnamese faculty, professional exchange programs, and programming on Vietnam and U.S.-Vietnamese relations. This spring, the 26th annual Mansfield Conference will be devoted to
Vietnam, including that nation's recent economic reform and new role in Asia.

For more information, visit the Mansfield Center's website at http://www.umt.edu/mansfield or call Mansour at 406-243-2713.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana students now have an opportunity to earn $3 for every $1 saved in a program called the Matched Education Savings Account.

For every $1 a UM student saves in a MESA account, the program offers a match of $3, with a maximum match of $1,500.

Students must meet certain income criteria, have earned income and be enrolled at UM. Participants must commit to monthly savings and participate in personal finance/money management training.

"With limited college funding available, this is a great way for students to quadruple their contribution to their own education while simultaneously learning money management skills that will last a lifetime," said UM Financial Aid Director Kent McGowan.

Matches will be made for the 2011-12 academic year, and applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, students should call Montana Credit Unions for Community Development at 406-442-9081 ext. 145 or visit [http://www.montanacreditunions.coop](http://www.montanacreditunions.coop) and click on "Matched Savings Accounts."

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Wilderness Institute is accepting proposals for grants that support historical research, creative writing and wilderness studies projects that explore Montana's land and people.

The grants range from $400 to $1,000 and are awarded through the Matthew Hansen Endowment, which was established in 1984 as a memorial to Hansen and his ideals. The deadline to submit proposals is March 1. Awards will be announced in April.

Projects should encourage mindful stewardship of the land and contribute to the preservation of Montana’s cultural heritage. Proposals from individuals will take precedence over those from institutions. The endowment committee recommends projects that can be completed in one year.

Proposals must be no more than two pages and describe how the idea originated, what the project hopes to accomplish, how it is related to Montana’s heritage and whom it will benefit. In addition to the proposal, submit a detailed budget, timeline and a brief personal resume of qualifications. Include a project cover page with your name, contact information, project title and budget. Submit seven copies of your proposal and seven copies of a previous work, if available.

Send proposals to The Matthew Hansen Endowment, Wilderness Institute, College of Forestry and Conservation, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

For more information, call 406-243-5361, e-mail wi@cfc.umt.edu or go online to http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi.

Hansen’s “An Oral History of Montanans at Work,” a set of audiotapes, is available for checkout from the Wilderness Institute Library. His written works “The South Fork of the Teton River: A History of its People” and “Clearing,” a book of poems, also are at the library.

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MISSOULA –

Residents in Shelby, Havre, Ft. Benton, Great Falls and Helena will have the opportunity to hear The University of Montana Jazz Band in concert this month, when the band travels to those cities for their annual tour to state high schools.

The music is big band jazz, ranging from the Golden Era of Swing to contemporary styles of today. All concert events are free and open to the public.

Following is the UM Jazz Band tour schedule:

Tuesday, Jan. 18:
- Noon: Shelby High School Auditorium.
- 7:30 p.m.: Havre High School Auditorium.

Wednesday, Jan. 19:
- 11:35 a.m.: Ft. Benton High School Auditorium.
- 7:30 p.m.: C.M. Russell High School Auditorium in Great Falls.

Thursday, Jan. 20:
- Noon: Helena Capital High School Auditorium

The tour is sponsored by the Associated Students of UM and the School of Music’s outreach to the state. For more information, call Professor Lance Boyd at 406-243-5071 or e-mail lance.boyd@umontana.edu.

Information about the UM School of Music is online at http://www.umt.edu/music.

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MISSOULA —

Bessel van der Kolk, one of the world’s leading experts on post-traumatic stress and childhood trauma, will deliver a lecture at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, in the Urey Lecture Hall at The University of Montana. It is free and open to the public.

Van der Kolk’s lecture will draw from his interdisciplinary expertise, appealing to everyone from psychologists, counselors and caregivers to educators, victim advocates, law enforcement officers and social workers.

The lecture marks the beginning of van der Kolk’s formal collaboration with UM’s Institute for Educational Research and Service, which focuses on the development of effective research models and practical educational services to improve the safety, health, technological competency and early intervention of students and communities in Montana.

Van der Kolk will collaborate with IERS on major projects, including its recent partnerships with the Office of Public Instruction and Missoula County Public Schools to improve performance of the lowest-achieving schools in Montana and MCPS’ Region 3.

A Harvard-trained psychiatrist, van der Kolk began his career working with veterans of the Vietnam War suffering from what was then called “shell shock” or “battle fatigue.” He was instrumental in more thoroughly classifying it as post-traumatic stress disorder and led the field trials that formalized the diagnosis in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association. He developed an interest in a parallel problem in children, especially those who suffer the effects of child abuse, domestic violence and poverty.

He helped found the National Childhood Traumatic Stress Network, sanctioned by Congress in 2001. The network researches the causes and remedies of childhood traumatic stress. The National Native Children’s Trauma Center at UM, a division of IERS, is one of seven of the network’s major centers.

The network’s research shows childhood traumatic stress, or “developmental trauma,” is surprisingly common, especially among children living in poverty. It can physically affect brain development and is linked to the nation’s leading social problems, such as alcoholism, drug abuse, juvenile crime, suicide, school dropout rates, bullying and continuing poverty. One major study in California concluded mistreated children die, on average, 20 years earlier than other people.

Van der Kolk is past president of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, professor of psychiatry at Boston University Medical School and medical director of the Trauma Center at HRI Hospital in Brookline, Mass. He has taught at universities and hospitals across the United States and the world.

For more information, call Richard Manning of IERS at 406-243-6249 or e-mail richard.manning@umontana.edu.

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Leading Expert On PTSD To Speak At UM Jan. 24 - UM News - The University Of Montana

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MISSOULA –

If you’re a young professional who works in the field of natural resources and the environment, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana might be looking to send you to China.

The Mansfield Center has been awarded a $440,000 grant by the U.S. Department of State to implement a two-way exchange program with China on global environmental issues. A critical part of the program is finding seven Montanans to participate in the exchange.

The exchange program focuses on young professionals and seeks participants between the ages of 22 and 39 who work in the field of the environment and want to establish international partnerships and new ways of looking at shared concerns. The group will represent a wide variety of fields, including government, nonprofit organizations, education, business and media.

Program participants should be actively working on some aspect of the environment, such as natural resource management, pollution prevention, energy, water or mining. The Montana contingent will be supplemented by three Alabamans who currently work on various aspects of coal mining and methane recovery.

The group of 10 Americans will travel to Beijing and Guizhou, China, for three weeks during May and June. They’ll also engage with 20 Chinese counterparts traveling to Montana in September. Travel costs to China are completely covered by project funding.

For more information and an application, visit the Mansfield Center’s website at http://www.umt.edu/mansfield or call Deena Mansour, Mansfield Center project manager, at 406-243-2713. The application deadline has been extended to Saturday, Jan. 22, given postholiday schedules.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM promotes better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia, and ethics and public affairs in the spirit of longtime U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield and his wife, Maureen.

“This U.S.-China exchange project is an integral part of the Mansfield Center’s efforts to increase mutual understanding between the U.S. and Asia,” said Mansfield Center Director Terry Weidner. “The program offers Americans the opportunity to share their expertise and experience with their foreign counterparts and to themselves learn about Chinese problems and perspectives.

“It also provides Chinese participants with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and understanding so they can better address the challenges facing their country,” Weidner says. “The theme of environmental issues is particularly important in a country like China, where sweeping social and economic changes have created enormous pressures on the global environment.”

The exchange will be divided into two phases. The first phase consists of a visit by 10 Americans to Beijing and Guizhou, a province in Southwest China, to look at environmental issues. Participants will be accompanied by Rich Harris, a wildlife biologist who has worked in China for more than 20 years.

An orientation to national environmental concerns, supplemented by cultural enhancements such as visits to the Great Wall and the Forbidden City, will launch the program in Beijing. The group will then fly to Guiyang, the capital of the province of Guizhou, where they will participate in a series of workshops and discussions on provincial issues before separating into teams for travel to relevant environmental sites throughout the province.

“Guizhou was chosen for this exchange because it is largely rural and has an economy based on agriculture and coal extraction,” Mansour said. “It’s struggling to create a restoration and sustainable economy while attempting a fair distribution of wealth. With Montana’s long history of natural resource use and recovery, The University of Montana is a natural partner to address these shared concerns.”

The second phase of the program starts with the visit of 20 Chinese to the U.S. this fall. Though based in Missoula, the Chinese group also will travel to Glacier National Park and Helena. The group will further develop their understanding of U.S. environmental issues with visits to Alabama and Washington, D.C.

“China’s environmental problems may require far-reaching reforms that can only be carried out by a new generation of leaders,” Weidner said. “Both the American and Chinese participants will have a real opportunity to make a difference.”
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MISSOULA —

The Associated Students of The University of Montana Office of Transportation has developed a real-time online mapping service and text-alert system to take the anxiety of when the bus is coming out of riding the bus.

The online mapping service at http://www.asumbus.com allows users to locate where buses are along each of ASUM Transportation’s three Park N Ride routes. Riders also may track buses by texting “asumbus,” followed by a space and their stop number, to 41411 to find out when the next bus is coming. The University of Utah bus system has had positive feedback from riders since it started using the same services.

ASUM Transportation operates shuttles from three Park N Ride locations: Lewis & Clark Villages on Higgins and Benton avenues, South and Higgins avenues, and the East Broadway lot. There also is a shuttle between the UM College of Technology and the main campus, and the late-night U-DASH shuttle runs between the main campus, south campus and downtown Missoula several nights a week. The system provided a record 196,600 rides during autumn semester 2010.

The bus system makes a tremendous difference in reducing congestion, reducing emissions and increasing accessibility on campus. Student fees pay for this service, which is open to the public.

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University of Montana researchers, with colleagues from the University of Idaho and the University of California, Davis, recently completed a study that challenges a widely held assumption that vegetation will move uphill in response to climatic warming.

The results of the study were published in an article titled “Changes in Climatic Water Balance Drive Downhill Shifts in Plant Species' Optimum Elevations” in the Jan. 21 issue of the prestigious journal Science. They are based on two unique datasets of vegetation surveys collected across the mountain ranges of California – the first in the 1930s and the second in the 2000s.

“These datasets provide us with an unprecedented view of the large-scale distributional changes that have occurred for vascular plants in the past 75 years in California,” said Assistant Professor Solomon Dobrowski of UM’s Department of Forest Management.

The study is the first to report widespread downhill shifts in elevations of plant species due to climate change. Researchers who participated in the study with Dobrowski are UM graduate student Shawn Crimmins, the lead author, and UM research analyst Alison Mynsberge; UI Department of Geography Assistant Professor John Abatzoglou; and UC-Davis Center for Spatial Technologies and Remote Sensing Project Scientist Jonathan Greenberg.

“It is widely believed that as global temperatures increase, species will shift their distributions uphill or away from equatorial latitudes in order to take advantage of cooler temperatures,” Dobrowski said. “There is evidence for this for some species, but the pattern is not universal. The assumption that temperature is the principal factor defining species’ distributions ignores the fact that many species, including plants, are constrained by energy and water availability.”

The new research shows that plant species’ optimum elevations in California have moved downhill by about 80 meters (about 262 feet) between the 1930s and 2000s, despite widespread and substantive increases in temperature during the 20th century.

“We demonstrate that plants within our study region are tracking changes in climatic water balance – the balance between the amount of water that is lost to evaporation and the amount of water that is available from precipitation – as opposed to changes in temperature,” Dobrowski said.

Increases in precipitation in California during the 20th century have outpaced increases in evaporative demand, and this has led to increased water availability across the northern half of the state. Consequently, Dobrowski said, plants are able to maintain adequate water supplies at lower elevations than they were previously capable of, and this has led to downhill shifts in their distributions.

“Forecasts of species response to future climate change are alarming in that they predict widespread extinction and range-shifts for hundreds of plant and animal species,” he said. “Much of this research assumes temperature is the dominant driver of species distributions.

“Our study demonstrates that in some cases actual elevation shifts under warming conditions may be counter to widely held expectations but can be mechanistically explained by accounting for coupled climatic constraints on species distributions.”

The findings have global implications, given that regional increases in climatic water balance have been identified elsewhere in the northern hemisphere.

“Many locations north of the 45-degree latitude have experienced increased precipitation over the past century,” Dobrowski said, “and global climate models generally predict these locations to become wetter over the next century.”

The historical data collection was supported by New Deal spending after the Great Depression and is unprecedented in its scope in the United States.

“This study is indicative of the value of this type of historical data and the investment the U.S. Forest Service made in collecting this data some 80 years ago,” Dobrowski said.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Jazz Program will present a “Quick Draw” fundraiser Friday, Jan. 21, at St. Anthony’s Parish Center, located at 217 Tremont St. in Missoula.

The event begins at 7:30 p.m. with “live” art created by several Montana artists and music performed by UM Combo I and UM Jazz Band I. An auction for the artwork created at the event will start at 9 p.m.

A silent auction for additional works of art will be held throughout the evening. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets are $10 for the general public and $5 for students and seniors. They will be sold at the door.

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MISSOULA –

Recent research conducted at The University of Montana’s Flathead Lake Biological Station has provided important data about how introductions or invasions of nonnative organisms can lead to major changes in the structure of aquatic ecosystems.

UM Assistant Research Professor Bonnie Ellis and FLBS Director Jack Stanford were among a team of scientists from around the Pacific Northwest who studied how the invasion or introduction of organisms into the lake has affected its biological diversity.

The research was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and the scientists’ study, “Long-term Effects of a Trophic Cascade in a Large Lake Ecosystem,” will be highlighted in an upcoming issue of Nature.

The researchers looked at a 120-year record of the food web structure and dynamics of the lake, the largest freshwater lake in the western United States. They examined the mechanisms of what is known as a trophic cascade, which occurs when reciprocal effects of predators on prey alter the abundance, biomass or productivity of a population, community or trophic level across more than one link in the food web.

The data reveal four distinguishable periods: the pre-1920 native period, when native species dominated the fish community (although numerous nonnative fishes had been introduced); the kokanee period from 1920 to 1984, when many nonnative fish species first appeared and nonnative kokanee expanded to a large population size, replacing cutthroat trout as the predominant angler catch; the period from 1985 to 1988, when the population of introduced opossum shrimp, Mysis diluviana, grew rapidly and then declined to less than half the peak density while the kokanee population crashed; and the lake trout period from 1988 to today, when a new community dominated by the roles of the opossum shrimp and lake trout seem to have stabilized.

In particular, the team looked at the invasion of the opossum shrimp during the 1980s.

“The population of opossum shrimp in the lake exploded from 1985 to 1988,” Ellis said. “During that time, the population of kokanee in the lake fell and never recovered, bull trout declined and lake trout came to be the dominant top predator. At the same time as the kokanee decline, bald eagle numbers dropped with the collapse of their primary prey.

“But the most important and unexpected finding is that the rate of primary productivity (growth of algae) increased suddenly by 21 percent, exactly coherent with the peak mysid numbers in 1986, and has not decreased since then. Basically, the mysid invasion changed the entire food web and in that way altered the water quality in Flathead Lake by increasing algae growth.”

The study also noted the loss of the kokanee salmon. Anglers reported kokanee, landlocked sockeye salmon, in Flathead Lake as early as the 1920s. The Flathead Lake stock came from the hatchery at Bonneville, Ore. The kokanee began spawning very successfully in two groundwater upwelling zones on the lake shoreline. By 1940 kokanee replaced cutthroat trout as the dominant catch of anglers.

During 1979-83 the kokanee population was estimated at 1.6 million to 2.3 million. From 1980 to 1985, high congregations of bald eagles gathered to feed on the kokanee spawning run at the McDonald Creek spawning site.

“With the invasion of the opossum shrimp, lake trout that had been introduced 80 years earlier but remained at low densities flourished,” Stanford said. “The shrimp provided a deep water source of food where little had been available previously. Lake trout, who fed on the shrimp, now dominate the lake fishery, at the expense of the native fishes.”

In addition to the loss of the kokanee population in the lake, native bull and westslope cutthroat trout also are imperiled, he said. The research shows that recovery of bull and cutthroat trout will be difficult given strong food web control by the expansive lake trout population.

“An important challenge now is to determine the tipping point for what might be the next ecosystem state as the community continues its internally driven dynamics – and how external drivers such as climate change and direct human intervention, such as introduction of yet another exotic species or manipulation of the lake trout population by netting in an attempt to protect the remaining bull trout, affect those dynamics,” Ellis said.
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The Sixth Annual Missoula Labor Film Festival will take place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the Roxy Theater, located at 718 S. Higgins Ave. in Missoula.

Two films will be shown each day, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The recommended donation is $5 for one night; $9 for both nights. There will be a comment period for the audience after each screening.

The film festival is sponsored by the Missoula Area Central Labor Council, The University of Montana Faculty Association and the Montana Public Employees Association.

Following is the film festival schedule:

- **Friday, Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.** "The Red Tail." The film examines the consequences of a globally integrated economy and the effort by workers to defend their interests in the new conditions. It is an intriguing and moving story about an American worker who comes up against the harsh realities of global capitalism.

- **Friday, Feb. 4, 8:45 p.m.** "Time to Tackle Climate Change." The International Trade Union Confederation showcases trade unions' concrete experiences, challenges and commitments for action on climate change and features contributions from more than 45 trade union organizations around the world. Missoula Blue-Green Dialogues will lead a talk-back after the screening.

- **Saturday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.** "It's a Free World." In this feature film, an out-of-work mother and her roommate set up a recruitment agency for immigrant workers that operates in a world where labor is cheap and laws are ignored. It's an opportunity that represents the chance to make as much money as possible, but at what cost?

- **Saturday, Feb. 5, 8:45 p.m.** "Harvest of Loneliness: The Bracero Program." One of the most significant contributions to the growth of agricultural economy in the U.S. was the creation of the Bracero Program, which brought more than 4 million Mexican farm laborers to America to work. Despite their enormous contributions, the braceros suffered harassment and oppression. This documentary examines the history of the Bracero Program and its implications for today's immigrant workers.


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MISSOULA –

Students who have interrupted their education and now want to earn an undergraduate degree at The University of Montana have a chance to receive a $2,500 scholarship. The UM Foundation received a $50,000 grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation to establish the Osher Reentry Scholarship Fund at UM.

UM will award 20 scholarships worth $2,500 for the 2011-12 academic year. The priority deadline for applications is Feb. 1.

“One of our top priorities is providing more people with the opportunity to attend UM, and this grant allows us to do just that,” said UM President Royce Engstrom. “The challenging economy has forced many Montanans to look for new careers. The Osher Reentry Scholarships will help people gain the education they need to succeed in the work force of the future.”

Reentry students are those who had an interruption in their education of five or more years and now want to resume their studies and earn an undergraduate degree. In addition to administering the scholarships, UM will provide resources such as orientation, academic advising and mentoring services to help each Osher Reentry Scholar succeed.

“Nontraditional students have special needs and concerns that differ from those of 19- year-olds,” said Sharon O’Hare, executive director of the Office of Student Success. “They worry about their rusty math skills and using technology that didn’t even exist when they were in high school.”

Qualified students will include part- and full-time students pursuing their first undergraduate degree. They must demonstrate financial need, academic promise and a commitment to completing their degree. They ideally are between 25 and 50 years old and anticipate rejoining the work force for a significant period of time. Osher Reentry Scholarship information and applications are available at the UM Financial Aid Office or online at http://www.life.umt.edu/finaid/.

The Bernard Osher Foundation was founded in 1977 by Bernard Osher, a San Francisco businessman and community leader. The foundation seeks to improve the quality of life through support for higher education and the arts. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM (MOLLI) was funded by The Bernard Osher Foundation beginning in 2006. MOLLI offers programs that promote lifelong learning and personal growth for individuals age 50 and older through a diverse collection of noncredit short courses.

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MISSOULA –

GoGriz.com will become the official online headquarters of The University of Montana Grizzlies on Thursday, Jan. 6. It will replace the MontanaGrizzlies.com site that has been in use since 1999.

The launch is a joint effort between UM, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the department’s multimedia rights partner, Grizzly Sports Properties. The site will be hosted by CBS Sports College Network.

“We wanted to simplify our online marketing effort to collaborate with how our fans affectionately refer to us – the Griz – so this makes sense,” UM Director of Athletics Jim O’Day said. “Our goal was to unveil a fresh, new site that will be easy to navigate, yet still be incredibly user-friendly and interactive and provide the most up-to-date information regarding anything and everything about Grizzly Athletics.”

MontanaGrizzlies.com, which was established and run by The Bookstore at UM, debuted more than a decade ago and gave the Griz programs their first official online presence.

“The Bookstore has been a longtime partner in promoting not only Grizzly Athletics but also The University of Montana, and we look forward to working together to promote the success of Grizzly Athletics,” said UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley.

GoGriz.com will offer fans exclusive access to in-game statistics, video content, photo galleries, merchandise and much more. It will also be the department’s site for immediate news and results and breaking announcements.

The Bookstore at UM will continue operating MontanaGrizzlies.com in a supporting role to GoGriz.com. The Bookstore site will feature Missoulian content and original written and video work produced by interns through the UM School of Journalism.

“As a nonofficial Griz site, our goal will be to build on the outline of GoGriz.com and provide a set of rich, complimentary features that include video, photos and articles,” Bookstore general manager Bryan Thornton said.

“Our goal is to grow the coverage of Grizzly Athletics and also burnish the image of The University of Montana by supporting the academic, athletic and social activities of the University,” Thornton said. “With GoGriz.com adding to the coverage of Grizzly Athletics, we’ll be able to refocus on the academic aspect through expanded internship offerings with the School of Journalism.”

The Bookstore has supported Grizzly Athletics since 1921.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana President Royce Engstrom has joined the board of directors of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations.

“We are very pleased to welcome President Engstrom to the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation Board of Directors,” said foundation Executive Director L. Gordon Flake. “Since the Mansfield Foundation’s establishment in 1983, we have been proud to have the president of The University of Montana serve on our board. This recognizes and reinforces the historic ties between our two organizations.

“It also helps facilitate the close and ongoing cooperation between the foundation and the Mansfield Center at The University of Montana.”

Engstrom became UM’s 17th president in October 2010 after serving as the University’s provost and vice president for academic affairs for three years. Before coming to UM, he was at the University of South Dakota, where he served as professor and chair of chemistry, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School, and provost and vice president for academic affairs. He received a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“Dr. Engstrom, who has extensive experience in higher education and a long dedication to undergraduate and competitive research, will bring valuable expertise and a new perspective to the board,” Flake said. “We also are grateful for the contributions of George Dennison, who served on the board as president of The University of Montana from 1990 to 2010, and we look forward to his continued participation on the board of directors.”

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation advances Mike Mansfield’s lifelong work to promote understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. The foundation’s exchanges, policy dialogues, research and education facilitate dialogue among Asians and Americans, explore the underlying issues that influence policies, create networks among Asian and American leaders, and increase public awareness about Asia.

The foundation’s recent and upcoming activities include: a program exploring opportunities related to the 2011 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings in the U.S., including a trade ministerial in Montana; a partnership intended to address security challenges in and around the Northeast Asia region; a program to identify and support the next generation of American public policy intellectuals interested in Japan; a Mansfield Committee on U.S.-Japan Relations; and collaboration with UM on the 26th annual Mansfield Conference, which this year will focus on U.S.-Vietnam relations.

The foundation has offices in Washington, D.C., Tokyo and Missoula.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will hold free college prep classes for qualified veterans through the Montana Veterans Upward Bound program.

Classes in math, writing and basic computer skills will take place Monday through Thursday evenings Feb. 7-March 30 at the COT campus, located at 909 South Ave. W. in Missoula. Start times vary from 5 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., and classes end no later than 9 p.m.

Orientation will take place from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, in the COT Dining Room. A graduation ceremony will be held Wednesday, March 30.

For more information or to enroll, call 877-356-VETS or visit http://www.vubmt.com.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will offer the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Administrator series of three noncredit courses to prepare individuals for Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist credential during spring, summer and fall semesters.

The first course in the series – Applications Infrastructure – will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays Feb. 16-May 4. The course costs $995, which includes textbooks and all materials. Classes will not be held during UM's April 4-8 Spring Break.

The second course in the series, Active Directory Configuration, will be offered during summer semester from 3 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays June 15-July 27. Network Infrastructure, the third course in the series, will be offered during fall semester from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 21-Dec. 7.

Courses will be taught by Dianne Burke in COT Administration Building Room AD16, located at 909 South Ave. W. in Missoula. Prospective students should have a working familiarity with Microsoft Windows Servers. Online assignments are required.

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

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology new student Orientation will take place Thursday, Jan. 20, at the COT East Campus, located at 909 South Ave. W. in Missoula.

Orientation is required for new COT students, who should receive information with a pre-orientation checklist in the mail.

All incoming freshman and transfer students who still need to take math and writing courses must submit math and writing assessment test scores. For information about assessments, call COT Admissions at 406-243-7882.

To RSVP for Orientation or for more information, call the COT Admissions Office at 406-243-7882 or 800-542-6882, visit the COT website http://www.cte.umt.edu, or e-mail cotadmissions@umontana.edu.

The college complies with disability rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, by making reasonable modifications for applicants or students with disabilities. For more information or to request such a modification at Orientation, call Disability Services for Students at 406-243-4424.

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MISSOULA –

The 2011 Community Lecture Series at The University of Montana will begin Tuesday, Feb. 15, and tickets are now available for purchase.

This year’s series – “The Beauty of the Brain” – features six lectures by five outstanding UM faculty members who will examine the science and evolution of learning.

Lectures will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 15-March 22, at the University Center Theater. Each event will include a question-and-answer session.

Cost for the complete lecture series is $20 for the general public, $15 for UM Alumni Association dues-paying members and $10 for students. If seats are available, tickets to individual lecture events will be $5 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at http://www.grizalum.org or by calling the UM Office of Alumni Relations at 877-862-5867. Space is limited.

The moderator and facilitator of this year’s lecture series is Professor Linda Gillison, chair of UM’s Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures.

Lectures in the series, now in its 13th year, are entertaining and educational. This year’s lineup focuses on the cutting-edge research that’s happening on UM’s campus and how that research is impacting the world. Attendees will discover that neuroscience is about a lot more than just test tubes and math equations – it’s about the beauty of the brain.

Following is the lecture series schedule:

- **Feb. 15:** “Brain History: Evolution from Molecules to Mind” by College of Arts and Sciences Dean and Professor Chris Comer.
- **Feb. 22:** “Eavesdropping On the Chemical Conversations Between Brain Cells” by Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences Professor Richard Bridges.
- **March 1:** “Love and War: How the Fruit Fly Brain is Wired for Behavior” by Division of Biological Sciences Assistant Professor Sarah Certel.
- **March 8:** “Bright Ideas in Treating Depression: Strategies for Building Neural Pathways to Happiness” by Department of Counselor Education Associate Professor John Sommers-Flanagan.
- **March 15:** “Art, Literature and the Intuitive Brain” by Department of English Associate Professor Ashby Kinch.
- **March 22:** “Neuroscience, the Science of Learning, Educational Reform” by College of Arts and Sciences Dean and Professor Chris Comer, followed by a panel discussion.

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MISSOULA –

Shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, Jeremy and Jessica Van Nuecker of Missoula learned they were the lucky winners in the raffle of the Building Futures Committee’s first student-built home.

The raffle drawing took place at the three-bedroom, custom home, which was appraised at $340,000. Following the drawing for the new home, tickets for other raffle prizes were drawn.

The first-prize $20,000 voucher for a new car went to Paul Allen of Missoula. The winner of a second-prize $10,000 voucher for a new recreational vehicle was Steph Lambert of Missoula, and the third-prize $5,000 voucher for a new home theater system went to Jan Cash and Stephen Megaard of Missoula.

The Building Futures Committee and the Missoula Student Built House project represent a community partnership among the Missoula Building Industry Association, The University of Montana College of Technology and the Flagship Program. Proceeds from the successful raffle will be used to continue the Student Built House project in Missoula.

The home was built by COT Carpentry Program students supervised by Carpentry Program faculty members Kim Zupan and David Neu and Flagship Program high school carpentry students supervised by Mike Nichols of Tamarack Construction and Jim Schafer of Straightedge Construction.

The Building Futures Committee extend its appreciation to the businesses, subcontractors and donors who support the Student Built House project and to businesses and individuals who purchased raffle tickets or made monetary contributions so the first Student Built House raffle would be a success.


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