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University Villages Plans Herbicide Application

March 31, 2014

MISSOULA – Work crews at University Villages, a University of Montana housing complex, will apply herbicides to select areas this spring and summer. Residents and the public should watch for signs posted along the perimeter of treated areas.

“We may begin spot spraying as soon as possible as daytime temperatures increase,” said Richard Erving, University Villages grounds supervisor. “We post a lot of signs, so people should be on the lookout. It should be obvious that work is happening.”

Glyphosate – commonly known as Roundup – will be spot-sprayed near parking lots, curbs and sidewalks, as well as in some ornamental flowerbeds. Craighead, Sisson, Elliot, Toole and Lewis and Clark Villages are scheduled for treatment this spring. The herbicide Horsepower will be used for treatment of broadleaf weeds in some areas.

Erving stressed that workers will adhere to all procedural regulations and guidelines in applying the herbicide.
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Acclaimed Poet Bob Pack to Read at UM

March 31, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Environmental Studies Program will host a poetry reading with Bob Pack at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in the Davidson Honors College Lounge.

One of America’s most revered nature poets, Pack has won the acclaim of critics throughout his long career. During the event, which is free and open to the public, Pack will read from his newest collection, “To Love That Well: New and Selected Poems.”

The collection reprises many of his best-known poems – both lyric and narrative, comic and meditative. Copies of the books will be available to purchase and Pack will sign copies after the reading.

Pack is a retired faculty member of UM’s Davidson Honors College, where he introduced its “Ways of Knowing” seminar – now a required part of the honors curriculum. In 2006, Pack was awarded the George M. Dennison Presidential Faculty Award for Distinguished Accomplishment.

For more information about the reading, call UM Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Dan Spencer at 406-243-6111 or email daniel.spencer@umontana.edu.

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Media Event Scheduled to Discuss Climate Change Threats to Grizzly Bears

March 31, 2014

MISSOULA – With the annual college basketball tournaments just finishing, a new National Wildlife Federation report, which can be read online at http://bit.ly/1i1Xpww, shows how changing climate is creating a new battle for college mascots all over the country, including the University of Montana’s Grizzlies.

Never backing down from a challenge, UM Mascot Monte, students, professors and administrators will join National Wildlife Federation officials to host a media event to discuss the threats facing grizzly bears due to changing climate. The media event will begin at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, in the Adams Center Sky Club.

The university will outline steps being taken to address carbon emissions. UM students will present their “big check” to partially fund carbon offsets to meet UM’s 2015 emission reduction goal.

In 2010, UM adopted a Climate Action Plan detailing strategies to reduce and neutralize all of its carbon emissions. The first goal of the plan is to reduce emissions 10 percent below 2007 levels by 2015. Students support the plan and are raising funds to purchase carbon offsets to meet the 2015 goal. Important energy-
efficiency work on campus is reducing emissions, just not fast enough.

Presenters include Mike Reid, UM vice president for administration and finance; Steve Running, UM Regents Professor and director of the Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group; Sterling Miller, retired grizzly bear biologist; Eva Rocke, Associated Students of UM sustainability coordinator; Kara Colovich, UM student; Dave Dittloff, National Wildlife Federation regional representative; and UM Mascot Monte.

For more information, call Dittloff at 406-214-8109 or email dittloffd@nwf.org; call Cherie Peacock, director for UM’s Office of Sustainability, at 406-243-6001 or email cherie.peacock@umontana.edu; or call Eva Rocke at 406-243-4856 or email asum.sustain@mso.umt.edu.

Note to the media: The presenters can be contacted directly. Their phone and email addresses are: Reid, 406-243-4606, michael2.reid@umontana.edu; Running, 406-243-6311, swr@ntsg.umt.edu; Miller, 406-531-8361, sterlingmil@gmail.com; Rocke, 406-243-4856, asum.sustain@mso.umt.edu; Colovich, 307-349-3458, kara.colovich@umontana.umt.edu; and Dittloff, 406-214-8109, dittloffd@nwf.org.

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Harvard Scholar to Lecture at UM About China Since Tiananmen Square Protests

March 28, 2014

MISSOULA – Rowena Xiaoqing He, a lecturer in Harvard University’s Department of Government, will deliver a talk titled “1989 as Watershed: China Since Tiananmen” as part of the University of Montana President’s Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

She also will deliver a seminar earlier that same day in collaboration with the UM Philosophy Forum. “Romance and Revolution: China Since Tiananmen” will be held from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Both events are free and open to the public, and the evening lecture is presented in collaboration with the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center.

He was born and raised in China and moved to Canada in 1998. She earned her doctorate from the University of Toronto in 2008, and spent two years as a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard’s Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies. She has won teaching awards for her work at Harvard for the past three years. She often is asked to give interviews for news media, and her op-eds about China have appeared in The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post.
She has given several talks at universities about the Tiananmen Square protests and massacre of June 4, 1989. In the spring of that year, millions of people across China took to the streets in a nationwide uprising against government corruption and authoritarian rule. What began with widespread hope for political reform ended with the People's Liberation Army firing on unarmed citizens in the capital city of Beijing. Thousands of people were killed or arrested. Leaders who survived the crackdown became wanted criminals overnight.

He witnessed this unprecedented popular movement in Communist China. She later joined former student leaders and others exiled in North America, where she has worked tirelessly for more than a decade to keep the memory of the Tiananmen movement alive.

Reviewers of her upcoming book, “Tiananmen Exiles,” describe He as “one of the most courageous academics in the United States” and her book as a powerful memoir, pre-eminently useful “not only to unlock the past and explain the present but also to peer into the future of China’s sustained struggle against totalitarian tyranny.”

The President’s Lecture Series at UM consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. For more information on the series, visit http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/ or call UM history Professor Richard Drake at 406-243-2981.

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**Note to media:** “He” is the lecturer’s surname, but she is a woman.

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MISSOULA – The School of Extended & Lifelong Learning at the University of Montana is developing new, community-based, personal enrichment programs for adults who are transitioning to a new stage of life or experiencing a major challenge.

The first series in this new program is called “Life Transitions,” and is comprised of low-cost courses for community members in the areas of movement, creative expression and resilience.

“Major life transitions, be it a job change, preparing for retirement, experiencing a loss or adding a new member to the family, all come with their own unique set of challenges and opportunities,” said Program Director Janie Spencer. “These courses are meant to provide mindfulness and connection.”

The first course in the series, Facing Life’s Challenges: The Art and Science of Resilience, is a three-hour intensive workshop that will be held Thursday, April 17. Kevin Dohr, a clinical psychologist and leader of the Happiness Project, will instruct the course. The workshop is offered in partnership with the Red Willow Learning Center and will help participants learn how best to cope with difficulties, setbacks and adversity.
The second course is Healing Yoga with Jasmine Goldberg. This workshop meets for six weeks on Thursday evenings, April 17-May 29, on the UM campus. Participants will meet as a group and work through yoga postures while deepening self-awareness between poses with journal writing. Jasmine is a certified yoga instructor and mental health counselor.

SELL has partnered with Zootown Arts Community Center to offer Reimagining Life Through Art, a two-course series. The first course, Turning Another Page, will be held Sunday, April 27, and Sunday, May 4. It will be a twofold session during which participants will use a variety of mediums and embellishments to create a book symbolizing times of transition through life. During the second course, Seeing Through My Eyes, held Sunday, May 18, and Sunday, May 25, participants will first make plaster gauze masks using their own faces as a mold. In part two of the session, students will paint and embellish the masks to represent their “inner selves” and “outer selves.”

New courses focusing on the many practical, social and psychological aspects of life transitions will be added regularly.

For more information visit http://umt.edu/ce/transitions/, call Spencer at 406-243-2705 or email janie.spencer@umontana.edu.

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Indian Law Week at UM Features Lectures, Indian Child Welfare Act Conference

March 27, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Native American Law Students Association will present Indian Law Week Monday through Friday, April 14-18. Short sessions related to Native American law topics will be held Monday through Wednesday on campus, and the all-day Indian Child Welfare Act Conference will be held Thursday and Friday at the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel, located at 5252 Airway Blvd. in Missoula.

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. The schedule is:

Monday

Tuesday

- Noon-1 p.m.: “Anything but Clear and Anything but Right: A Review of Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl,” Maylinn Smith, director of the Indian Law Clinic at the UM School of Law, UM School of Law Room 101.

Wednesday

- Noon-1 p.m.: “Funding Services to Families in Indian Country: Title IV-E,” Fred Fisher, director of Indian Child Welfare Programs with Casey Family Programs, UM School of Law Room 101.
- 6-7:30 p.m.: “Lost Sparrow” documentary on adoption of Native American children before the Indian Child Welfare Act, UM School of Law Room 101.
- 7:30-8:30 p.m.: “Importance of ICWA to Indian Tribes and Families,” discussion led by Angela Russell, former Crow tribal judge, UM School of Law Room 101.

Thursday

- 8-8:45 a.m.: ICWA Conference registration, Wingate Hotel.
- 8:45-9 a.m.: Prayer and opening remarks, Wingate Hotel.
- 9-10 a.m.: “Personal Experience as an Indian Adoptee,” Susan Harness, Wingate Hotel.
- 10 a.m.-noon: “Understanding Historical Trauma and How it Impacts Indian Child Welfare Cases,” Gyda Swaney, UM associate professor of clinical psychology, and Marilyn Zimmerman, director of the National Native Children’s Trauma Center at UM, Wingate Hotel.
- Noon-1:30 p.m.: Lunch with speaker Vance Home Gun, a recognized Champion For Change, Wingate Hotel.
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.: “Understanding Cultural Differences,” Patty LaPlant, wellness specialist with the Missoula Indian Center, Wingate Hotel.
- 2:45-4 p.m.: “Best Legal Practices for Working with Indian Families in State Abuse and Neglect Cases,” Eldena Bear Don’t Walk, attorney and tribal appellate judge, and Maylinn Smith, director of the Indian Law Clinic at the UM School of Law, Wingate Hotel.
- 4-4:30 p.m.: Wrapper, Wingate Hotel.
- 6 p.m.: Evening with the Native American Law Students Association, presentation of the Mi-Ha-Ka-Ta-Kis Award. Complimentary food and beverages will be available. This event will be held on the sixth floor of the Garlington, Lohn & Robinson building, located at 350 Ryman St. in Missoula. A suggested donation is $10 for the general public or $5 for students.

Friday

- 8:45-9:15 a.m.: Prayer and summary of previous sessions, Wingate Hotel.
- 9:15-10:30 a.m.: Judges panel on ICWA, featuring Judge John Larson of Montana’s 4th Judicial District, retired Judge Dave Rice of Montana’s 12th Judicial District, Judge Winona Tanner, chief judge of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and retired Judge Angela Russell of the Crow Tribe; Wingate Hotel.
- 10:45 a.m.-noon: Attorneys panel on ICWA, featuring Karen Kane, assistant attorney general in the Child Protection Unit, Missoula; Emily Von Jentzen, assistant attorney general in the Child Protection Unit, Kalispell; Yolanda Page, ICWA attorney for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; and Ryan Shaffer, ICWA attorney for the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes; Wingate Hotel.
• Noon-1 p.m.: Next steps discussion, Wingate Hotel.

For more information call NALSA Public Relations Officer Hillary Plouffe-Austin at 406-203-2213 or email hillary.plouffe@umconnect.umt.edu. CLE credits are pending for these events.

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UM Student Named Newman Civic Fellow

March 27, 2014

MISSOULA – Campus Compact recently honored University of Montana student Mara Menahan as a Newman Civic Fellow. Menahan, a senior from Helena, is one of eight Montana students recognized this year.

More than 190 students representing Campus Compact member colleges and universities were chosen from 36 states and the District of Columbia for the 2014 Newman Civic Fellow class. The recognition honors student leaders committed to creating lasting change in communities throughout the country.

Menahan is double majoring in environmental studies and geography with minors in climate change studies and wilderness studies. She was one of three UM students to attend the United Nations international climate change negotiations in Warsaw, Poland, last November, and in 2013 she received a prestigious Udall Scholarship. She also is actively involved with the UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology, also known as UM FLAT, the University’s environmentally focused living and learning community.

An aspiring artist, Menahan completed an internship with Montana Audubon during which she developed scientific illustrations to convey the impact of climate change on Montana’s birds. She also created sketches of her experience at the UN negotiations in Warsaw, working to learn how climate change issues can be communicated visually.
Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 1,000 college and university presidents committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. It promotes public and community service that develops students' citizenship skills, helps campuses forge effective community partnerships and provides resources and training for faculty looking to integrate civic and community-based learning into the curriculum. Newman Civic Fellows are nominated by institution presidents.

“Mara has tremendous capacity, motivation and drive. She is also a warm, compassionate and generous person,” wrote UM President Royce Engstrom in his nomination letter. “I have no doubt that her interests in participatory planning and visual communications will continue to find focus in helping society meet some of its greatest challenges.”

Menahan said public service played an important role in her transition to college life.

“It’s been really important as a student as a way to get involved and feel like I’m part of a larger community,” she said. “I think students can get lost when they come to a university as large as UM, especially as an undergraduate, where it’s sometimes your first time away from home. Public service for me has been a way to kind of adopt a family of my own away from Helena.”

For more information on the Newman Civic Fellowship, call Andrea Vernon, director of the UM Office for Civic Engagement, at 406-243-5159, email andrea.vernon@umontana.edu or email Menahan at mara.menahan@umconnect.umt.edu.

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Photo: UM senior Mara Menahan recently was honored as a Newman Civic Fellow.

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UM Global Grizzlies Host Auction, Race to Raise Funds for Cameroon Trip

March 27, 2014

MISSOULA – Ten pre-health professions students at the University of Montana will host an auction and race in April to raise funds for a summer medical-volunteering trip to Mamfe, Cameroon, in Africa.

The students are part of Global Grizzlies, a group based out of the UM Davidson Honors College. Every summer since 2008, Global Grizzlies members have embarked on an international service-learning program in which students combine their classroom education with real-world experiences.

The auction will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 11, at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 3720 N. Reserve St. in Missoula. Tickets cost $25 for singles, $40 for couples or $20 for a student. Tickets include dinner and one drink. They can be purchased at The Source in the University Center or from Global Grizzlies members.

The tie-dye themed “Run or Dye” 5K and 1-mile kid’s race will be held Sunday, April 27, at McCormick Park in Missoula. The 5K begins at 10 a.m. and will continue along the Kim Williams Trail, and the one-mile kid’s race will begin at 10:45 a.m., also along the trail. There will be prizes for podium finishers, and participants who
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register by Wednesday, April 9, will receive a special draw-string bag. Registration costs $10 for the 5K and $7 for the 1-mile. Runners can register online at http://www.active.com/missoula-mt/running/distance-running-races/run-or-dye-2014.

For more information call Global Grizzlies member Andrew Pasek at 406-794-9140 or email andrew.pasek@umontana.edu.

Contact: Andrew Pasek, UM Global Grizzlies member, 406-794-9140, andrew.pasek@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Six Montana sports professionals depart for China March 30 for a three-week sports diplomacy exchange sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Their arrival in Beijing will make them the first official Montana exchange program group to arrive since former Montana Sen. Max Baucus became ambassador, and following closely on the heels of the visit of First Lady Michelle Obama. The team is traveling to China as part of a grant to the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center of the University of Montana through the SportsUnited Division of the U.S. Department of State.

The Mansfield Center project uses soccer, Native American and other team games as a means to support underserved populations in China, including ethnic minorities and youth with disabilities. The team from Montana will draw from their expertise to share ways that sport can play a role in youth development at the grassroots level, while promoting technical proficiency among the youth sport coaches, sport administrators and sport officials. The program will help build teamwork and self-discipline in youth that can lead to success in other aspects of their lives.

The program is a reciprocal exchange in which eight Chinese participants will visit Montana in September to share their experience and work with the U.S. participants in their home environments.
The U.S. participants are:

- **Molly Blair**, program coordinator, UM New Directions Wellness Center
- **LeAnn Dolly-Powell**, Project UNIFY director, Special Olympics Montana
- **Arthur “Tucker” Miller**, professor, UM Department of Health and Human Performance
- **Glenn Moffatt**, health enhancement instructor, Paxson Elementary School, Missoula County Public Schools
- **Paul Phillips**, Native game specialist and manager of Making Fitness Fun, Salish Kootenai College
- **Jason Shearer**, associate executive director, Greater Missoula Family YMCA

The team will experience both professional and cultural activities during their China exchange. The group will work with ethnic-minority school children and with associations supporting youth with disabilities in the Miao regions of the province of Guizhou in the south and Mongol groups in the province of Jilin to the north.

Participant Glenn Moffatt said, “I’m excited about this experience to share my skills and learn from our Chinese partners. This is a unique opportunity to connect youth in China and in Missoula. Building on the afterschool Chinese language program at Paxson provided by the Confucius Institute at the Mansfield Center, our kids raised $570 in Change for China to buy sports equipment for a partner school. This fits right in with preparing our kids to compete in a global economy and build mutual understanding between such different cultures.”

Sports diplomacy has emerged as an integral part of efforts to build relations between the U.S. and other nations. This diplomacy uses the universal passion for sports as a way to transcend linguistic and sociocultural differences to bring people together. Participation in sports teaches leadership, teamwork and communication skills that help young people succeed in all areas of their lives.

The U.S. Department of State’s SportsUnited Division uses sports diplomacy to increase dialogue and cultural understanding between people around the world. The use of sports as a platform exposes foreign participants to American culture while providing them with an opportunity to establish links with U.S. sports professionals and peers. In turn, Americans learn about foreign cultures and the challenges young people from other countries face today. Participation in sports teaches leadership, teamwork, and communication skills that help young people succeed in all areas of their lives. The U.S. Department of State has involved thousands of people from more than 100 countries in sports exchanges. The Mansfield Center is honored to have been awarded the first SportsUnited grant in the state by proposing this exchange between Montana and China.

Mansfield Center Associate Director Deena Mansour noted, “The SportsUnited grant is one of many State Department grants run by the Mansfield Center to benefit our community, including the American Youth Leadership Program sending Montana high school students and teachers to Cambodia, and the Professional Fellows Program supporting an exchange of professionals in economic empowerment. These programs help further the Mansfield Center’s mandate to engage people from across our state in global connections.”

For more information on the U.S. Department of State Sports Diplomacy initiatives, please visit [http://eca.state.gov/programs-initiatives/sports-diplomacy](http://eca.state.gov/programs-initiatives/sports-diplomacy) or [http://umt.edu/mansfield/default.php](http://umt.edu/mansfield/default.php), or call Mansour at 406-243-2713.
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Public Lecture Offered in Conjunction with Gerontology Society Annual Conference

March 27, 2014

MISSOULA – The public is invited to a free lecture titled “Aging in Place: Rethinking Solutions to Staying Home as We Age,” as part of the Montana Gerontology Society’s annual conference held April 9-10 in Missoula.

The lecture, presented by Louis Tenenbaum, will address solutions for older adults to stay in their homes as they age, and to help communities create infrastructure and investments which promote independence among seniors. It will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 3720 N. Reserve St.

Tenenbaum is a former carpenter and contractor and now a leading thinker, speaker and consultant on aging in place. He helps businesses, nonprofits and communities understand their business-model relationships to promote aging in place.

The two-day conference, titled “Foundations for Successful Aging,” is open to older adults, caregivers and professionals who serve older adults. Speeches by Tenenbaum and sessions will address the built environment as well as health care, financial and legal issues surrounding aging in place in Montana. All
sessions will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Conference registration fees cost between $40 and $180 depending on Montana Gerontology Society membership and the number of days or sessions participants want to attend. Registration is available online at http://montanagerontology.org/annual-conference-registration-montana-gerontology/.

Visit http://montanagerontology.org/2014-conference/ for a full conference schedule or call Terry Egan, associate director of the Montana Geriatric Education Center at UM, at 406-243-2480 or email terry.egan@umontana.edu.

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Missoula Mayor Joins Day for Recognition of National Service

March 26, 2014

MISSOULA – Missoula Mayor John Engen will join mayors across the country on April 1 to celebrate the second annual Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service.

A gathering of national service members titled "A National Service Conversation with Mayor John Engen" will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, in University Center Room 327 at the University of Montana. Participants will share their stories of service with Engen, who then will make a proclamation and lead a discussion on the impact of national service in Missoula.

The goal of the Day of Recognition is to highlight the importance of citizen service, show support for nonprofit and national service groups, recognize the role national service members play in focusing community volunteers and inspire more residents to serve in their communities.

Last year, more than 6,500 people of all ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs, strengthen communities and increase civic engagement through national service in Montana. These members served with more than 1,100 national and local nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations and other groups. Currently,
758 Senior Corps volunteers, 134 AmeriCorps members and nine AmeriCorps VISTA members are serving in Missoula.

Mayor’s Day of Recognition for National Service is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service. CNCS leverages federal and private funds to support organizations that achieve measurable results where the need is greatest. Locally, this event is coordinated by Montana Campus Compact, Missoula Aging Services, Montana Legal Services Association, Montana Conservation Corps, the UM Office for Civic Engagement and Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming.

The Montana Campus Compact advances the public purposes of colleges and universities by deepening their ability to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility.

For a complete schedule of events, call MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA Program Manager Brian Christianson at 406-243-5427 or email christianson@mtcompact.org. For more information on the national event, visit http://www.nationalservice.gov/mayorsforservice.

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MOLLI Offers Members Free Events

March 26, 2014

MISSOULA – The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Montana (MOLLI) invites its members to free lectures April 9 through May 14. Members can bring a friend, but since seating is limited, are asked to RSVP in advance online at http://bit.ly/OVy0fS or by calling the MOLLI office at 406-243-2905.

The schedule and RSVP dates follow:

- **Wednesday, April 9:** “Teenage POW,” John W. MacDonald, 1-2 p.m., Todd Building Room 203. RSVP by Wednesday, April 2.

- **Monday, April 14:** “Reflections on the Tiananmen Massacre of June 4, 1989”, Steven Levine, noon-1:30 p.m., Todd Building Rooms 203-204. RSVP by Monday, April 7.

- **Wednesday, May 14:** “What’s Happening in the Middle East?,” Mark Johnson, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., University Center Theater. RSVP by Wednesday, May 7.

The first lecture details MacDonald’s life as a teenager prisoner of war. As a teenager of a missionary family in the Philippines, MacDonald and his family fled to the hills when Japanese Forces invaded their town of Legaspi on Dec. 12, 1941. After seven months, they were captured and transferred to Santo Tomas Internment Camp.
in Manila, Philippines, for a few weeks, then allowed to live at the mission compound in the city. In July 1944, they were re-interned at Los Baños Internment Camp, 40 miles southeast of Manila. By Christmas, they were on starvation rations and conditions continued to worsen. On Feb. 23, 1945, all 2,200 internees were rescued from behind Japanese lines by a classic raid conducted by Filipino guerrillas, Army Scouts, paratroops and amphibious tractors. After liberation, MacDonald moved to Missoula, where he finished high school and two years at UM before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force for pilot training. During his 20-year U.S. Air Force career, he served in the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam War.

The second lecture discusses the Tiananmen Massacre. In the June 4, 1989, Beijing massacre hundreds of peaceful demonstrators – students and ordinary workers – were killed by Chinese troops ordered to crush what paramount leader Deng Xiaoping called a “counter-revolutionary rebellion.” It actually was a movement for political reform involving millions of citizens throughout China. Discussion of the subject is forbidden in China to this day. The massacre marked a turning point in Chinese history. The authoritarian communist regime strengthened its repression to hold on to power, but the issues that were raised in 1989 remain of utmost importance in contemporary China.

Levine, a retired UM professor, has taught and written about China for more than 40 years. He has taught several MOLLI courses on Asian history and politics. Most recently he has launched a worldwide effort to encourage commemoration of the Tiananmen Massacre through a website: http://www.june4commemoration.org/. The site has elicited broad support, including from within China itself.

The third lecture addresses the contemporary Middle East and how recent events impact American foreign policy. Much of today’s Middle East is trapped between tyranny and chaos: violence in Iraq, civil war in Syria, disintegration in Lebanon, crackdowns in Egypt and the collapse of Libya. One bright spot is the historic opening between Iran and the United States over Tehran's nuclear program.

After a 30-year diplomatic career in the U.S. State Department, Johnson returned home to his native Montana where he founded the World Affairs Council of Montana. He served in Egypt, the Persian Gulf, Iran, Kuwait and was the U.S. Ambassador to Senegal. He has lectured throughout the U.S. and the Middle East. He and his wife, Sally Cummins, have made several recent trips to Egypt, Iran and the Persian Gulf.

For more information, to renew your membership or to become a member call the MOLLI office at 406-243-2905 or email molli@umontana.edu.

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Longtime UM Director Honored With Health Care Award

March 26, 2014

MISSOULA – Lawrence L. White Jr., a former University of Montana College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences faculty member, recently was named the 2014 recipient of the Montana Rural Health Initiative Franklin S. Newman Rural Health Leadership Award. White recently retired from his position as director of Western Montana AHEC at UM.

The award formally was presented to White, in absentia, at the Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference in Spokane, Wash., on March 19. It will be presented personally at the May meeting of the Western Montana AHEC Advisory Board on May 2 at UM.

As the recipient of this year’s award, White has devoted his career to the betterment of health care in western Montana, including its rural areas. Although retired, he continues his efforts to identify projects and collaborate with a vast array of partners to bring these projects to fruition. He personally has worked in rural areas as a member of critical access hospital boards and as an interim CEO. He also has participated in teaching leadership and management skills in rural health care settings and helped to develop future public health leaders for Montana.
White began his health care career in the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a Medical Service Corps officer for eight years in U.S. Air Force hospitals and dispensaries around the world. Upon discharge, he vice president of Marian Health Center in Sioux City, Iowa, assistant administrator at St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo, Texas, and became president of Missoula’s St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center in 1980. In his 23-year career there, he led the development of the regional hospital and health system that continues to serve many rural areas in western Montana. During his tenure as CEO at Providence St. Patrick Hospital, he served as a board member of Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains, St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson and Community Hospital of Anaconda.

Upon retirement from Providence St. Patrick Hospital, White served as a consultant to businesses, health care facilities and universities on projects related to rural health care organization and delivery. He also served as interim hospital CEO at three rural facilities. In 2006, he joined the faculty of the School of Public and Community Health Sciences within UM’s College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences as a research associate professor. He taught courses in health care reform and in administration and management of health care systems in the master’s of public health and certificate programs.

In 2007, he became the founding director of the Western Montana Area Health Education Center, retiring from that position in December 2013. During his tenure with the Western Montana AHEC, he led the organization in the development of a number of programs that directly benefit rural Montana. The K-12 programs include Hands on Health, Curriculum in a Box, Research & Explore Awesome Careers in Health Care, MedStart, Future Health Professionals, health-science teacher training and job shadowing opportunities.

For health professions students, he helped create rural clinical rotation support and coordination of fourth-year medical student rotations in rural areas. For health care professionals, he developed access to live grand rounds broadcasts, leadership and management skills development (LEAP and PATH), a distance-coding course and the rural mental health program. He also was instrumental in the development of the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana, which started its first class of residents in July 2013.

The award reflects the lifetime achievements of Newman, who represented the spirit of Montana during his nearly 50 years of health care service to rural communities in the state. He was instrumental in founding the Montana WWAMI Medical School Program, the Montana Office of Rural Health, the Montana AHEC, the Montana Family Medicine Residency Program and many other programs.

Newman served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a founding member of the Big Sky Wind Drinkers running club. Newman counseled hundreds of young people interested in careers in medicine and other health professions. Up until his death at age 80, he taught in the WWAMI Targeted Rural Underserved Track at Montana State University and worked at the Montana Office of Rural Health/AHEC.

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UM Celebrates Montana Archaeology Month

March 26, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s Department of Anthropology and the Montana Archaeological Society will celebrate April as Montana Archaeology Month by presenting lectures on the remarkable historic and prehistoric past of the state. Lectures are free and open to the public and will take place in Missoula, Lolo and Hamilton.

The Missoula schedule is:

- **Monday, April 7**: UM anthropology Associate Professor Doug MacDonald will present “Archaeology of the Snake and Lewis Wild and Scenic Rivers, Yellowstone National Park” from 7 to 8 p.m. in University Center Room 332.

- **Sunday, April 13**: UM anthropology Associate Professor Kelly Dixon and her students will present “History in Your Hands” from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Mercantile Building located on the corner of Higgins Avenue and Front Street.
Saturday, April 19: UM Librarian Helen Keremedjiev will present “Who Cares about the Past?” from noon to 1 p.m. in UM's Mansfield Library Room 512.

The Lolo schedule is:

- **Saturday, April 26:** Park Manager Loren Flynn of Fort Owen State Park will present a talk on the archaeology of Lewis and Clark from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Traveler’s Rest State Park.

Additional talks on the archaeology of Montana will be presented all day at the Montana Archaeological Society’s annual conference, which will take place Saturday, April 12, at Bitterroot River Inn Conference Center in Hamilton. The conference costs $35 for nonstudents and $10 for students.

MacDonald, together with Lolo National Forest Archaeologist Sydney Bacon, will present a lecture at 1 p.m. examining the archaeology of the Rattlesnake Wilderness.

Sara Scott, archaeologist with the Montana State Parks and UM doctoral candidate, will present the conference banquet keynote address on the archaeology of Pictograph Cave at 7 p.m. the same day. A ticket to the conference banquet costs $25 and includes a catered meal by Caffe Firenze of Florence.

For a full schedule of Montana Archaeology Month events, visit [http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/media/ArchMonthEvents2014.pdf](http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/media/ArchMonthEvents2014.pdf).

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Montana Public Radio Spring Pledge Drive Scheduled April 6-13

March 26, 2014

MISSOULA – Montana Public Radio is gearing up for the station’s annual Spring Pledge Week. The on-air fundraising event begins at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 6, and ends at midnight Sunday, April 13, at the conclusion of the wildly popular “Pet Wars.”

Members and sponsors provide about 60 percent of the station’s annual operating funds, the majority of which is raised during Spring Pledge Week.

“We never take our listeners’ support for granted. MTPR’s loyal, generous audience has trusted us to use their money wisely to build a solid public radio service for their community,” said William Marcus, director of the UM Broadcast Media Center. “We are always thankful for their support.”

Hundreds of businesses and individuals throughout western Montana donate thousands of items and services that are used as thank-you gifts for listeners who make financial donations. Some of the most popular items are goat compost, a day of sailing on Flathead Lake, homemade cakes and pies, weekend ski trips and gift certificates for dinners, massages, yard work and more. Premium donations will be accepted until 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 10.

“The support we receive from our listeners is vital to our service and accessing our content on air, on the Web and streaming through mobile devices,” said Linda Talbott, MTPR fundraising director. “Listeners provide the single most important source of funding for MTPR and we can’t thank them enough.”

MTPR is a public service of the University of Montana and receives financial support from its listeners, UM and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Contributions can be made online at [http://www.mtpr.org](http://www.mtpr.org) or by calling 406-243-6400 or 800-325-1565.

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Montana Middle-School Girls to Attend STEM Career Workshops at UM

March 26, 2014

MISSOULA – More than 100 western Montana middle-school girls will gather on the University of Montana campus on Saturday, April 19, for the inaugural UM Expanding Your Horizons Conference. The full day of science, technology, engineering and math – or STEM –career workshops, organized by the UM Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, will feature 19 workshops hosted by female STEM professionals from UM, as well as local STEM businesses and organizations.

The EYH Network, based in Oakland, Calif., provides a framework and assistance for conferences in 31 states and in Europe and Asia. The UM EYH Conference is one of three hosted in Montana. STEM role models and hands-on activities are designed to motivate girls to become innovative and creative thinkers ready to meet 21st century challenges.

Coralynn Revis, environmental engineer with HDR, Inc., will present a workshop titled “From Your House to the River,” which will explore the biology, chemistry and hydraulics used to treat wastewater before it goes to the river. Girls will learn how to design their own water filter and discover how both math and science are applied to civil engineering. Revis recalls attending an EYH workshop hosted at Missoula’s Hellgate High School when she was in middle school.
"I was already interested in math and science, but that workshop played a big part in inspiring me to pursue work in the engineering field," Revis said. "When I found out they were hosting EYH at UM, I jumped at the opportunity."

Girls will use each of their 100 billion nerve cells when they dissect sheep brains with UM neuroscience graduate student Genevieve Lind. Kaitlin Moe, forensic scientist with the Montana Department of Justice, will teach girls how to be latent fingerprint examiners as they identify suspects in a mock crime scene. Sandra Mwakwari and Juhiennah Khalef, chemists with Hamilton-based GlaxoSmithKline, will show girls how scientists use simple materials to improve people’s daily lives during “Jingle Gels: Exploring the Properties of Polymer.”

Helium balloons will be used to simulate space flight during “Mission to Mars,” presented by Jennifer Fowler, education specialist with the Montana Space Grant Consortium, a NASA higher-education program. Fowler works with the BOREALIS (Balloon Outreach, Research, Exploration and Landscape Imaging System,) a statewide program that offers middle school students various curricula to aid them in conceiving and designing payloads that are flown up to 100,000 feet. BOREALIS has two complete ballooning programs at Montana State University and UM. Fowler’s work with middle school students led her to Holly Truitt, director of spectrUM Discovery Area.

"Holly and I, along with other community members, really saw a need for more programs in the Missoula area for young girls interested in science," Fowler said. “NASA is particularly interested in bringing more women into the science field.”

Lisa Blank, UM curriculum and instruction professor, is thrilled that women from the community have stepped forward to act as professional role models for girls attending the conference.

“We know from research that for girls to consider a STEM major or career pathway, they need to become aware of opportunities beyond their social-learning experiences, recognize multiple STEM pathways and be able to envision themselves as a STEM professional," Blank said. “Without female STEM role models, it’s hard for female students to ever see themselves as a STEM professional. That’s what makes the community of STEM professionals the heart and soul of this endeavor. We couldn’t do this without their generous donation of time and expertise."

Additionally, UM student-teacher candidates will act as workshop moderators and group guides.

The April 19 EYH Conference is sponsored by SHAPE P-20, the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, UM Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, Big Sky Brain Project, Montana Institute on Ecosystems, Missoula County Public Schools, American Association of University Women, spectrUM, Western Montana Area Health Education Center, Montana Space Grant Consortium, the Carol Griffith Williams Award Fund and UM.

For more information about the EYH Conference, or to enroll in the April 19 program, visit http://www.expandingyourhorizons.org/conferences/Missoula/ or call Blank at 406-243-5304.
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UM’s Day of Dialogue Renamed DiverseU

March 24, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s diversity symposium, formerly known as the Day of Dialogue, will be renamed DiverseU beginning with the 2014 event.

DiverseU will continue to present an opportunity for campus and the Missoula community to engage in educational sessions, exhibits, art and presentations to promote understanding and create community through civil discourse.

This year’s campuswide symposium is the ninth annual event and will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members will explore topics such as race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation, class, social hierarchy and privilege. All events are free and open to the public.

To learn more about DiverseU or to submit a proposal, visit http://www.umt.edu/diverseu. Proposal submissions are due Friday, May 23.

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UM Criminology Research Group Awarded ‘Outstanding Program’ Status

March 24, 2014

MISSOULA – The Montana Board of Crime Control recently awarded the University of Montana Criminology Research Group a Certificate of Outstanding Program award to recognize its contributions to public safety, crime prevention and victim assistance to the state.

The Criminology Research Group, part of the Social Science Research Laboratory within UM’s College of Humanities and Sciences, accepted the award on March 14. The award was presented by Laura Olbert, chair of the MBCC board of directors.

The MBCC typically honors two programs each year – criminal justice programs and community-based programs – that provide effective services to address public safety-related issues.

This year, the CRG was recognized along with one of its collaborating community partners, Alliance for Youth of Great Falls. Alliance for Youth and members of the CRG worked with MBCC on a project that examines explanations for disparities between arrests of white and minority juveniles in Cascade County.
This work is being funded by a $100,000 grant award from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The Montana-based collaboration received one of only four awards that were funded nationally through the Community and Strategic Planning Initiative at OJJDP.

The CRG is led by UM sociology faculty members Dusten Hollist, James Burfeind, Daniel Doyle and Jackson Bunch and Social Science Research Laboratory Administrator Chuck Harris.

From its inception, the CRG has involved graduate and undergraduate students in grant-funded research. The CRG is founded on the belief that student learning through research is an essential component of the learning experience at UM.

The current membership of the CRG includes Patrick McKay, sociology research associate; Aislinn HeavyRunner-Rioux, doctoral candidate in education leadership; Department of Sociology graduate students Daniel Acton, Nicole Camp and Gabe Downy; and sociology undergraduate students Luke Stenslie, Murphy Moran and Kenneth Westphal.

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Photo cutline: Members of UM’s Criminology Research Group accept the Certificate of Outstanding Program award from Laura Olbert, chair of the Montana Board of Crime Control. From left to right: Daniel Acton, Aislinn HeavyRunner-Rioux, Jackson Bunch, Patrick McKay, Olbert, Dusten Hollist, Gabe Downey, Luke Stensilie and James Burfeind.

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POLSON – Hundreds of families, foundations and businesses have stepped up to the plate to help the Flathead Lake Biological Station meet a $1 million fundraising challenge. With more than $560,000 in donations in the past two years, FLBS is more than halfway to its goal of matching a grant for the Flathead Lake Monitoring Program.

“The people who have contributed know this lake is a very special place and worthy of their investment in its future,” FLBS Director Jack Stanford said. “We are very grateful for the outpouring of support.”

Government budget cuts hit the Flathead Lake Monitoring Program hard. In late 2011, an anonymous local donor pledged $1 million toward the program if FLBS and the community match the grant before the end of 2014.

As the deadline nears, a push to match the remainder of the Lake Monitoring Challenge Grant is in full swing. More than 300 families responded to a letter sent this past fall to the local community, including all shoreline homeowners. This brought in $55,000 for the monitoring program.
Jack Hanna, world-renowned animal expert, is one of the Flathead Lake residents who supports the Bio Station’s efforts. “I have been all around the world, and there is no finer lake than Flathead,” Hanna said. “The Bio Station’s monitoring work is very important to keep it that way.”

FLBS scientists specialize in ecological research and education with an emphasis on freshwater, particularly Flathead Lake and its watershed.

“Monitoring is the most important tool to keep Flathead Lake vibrant and healthy, because it reveals threats before they become problems,” said Bonnie Ellis, FLBS research assistant professor.

University of Montana economists estimate that the lake increases shoreline property values by $6 billion to $8 billion. Nature-based tourism accounts for more than 20 percent of the economy of Flathead and Lake Counties.

For more information or to make a donation, call Tom Bansak, FLBS research scientist and development coordinator, at 406-982-3301 ext. 229 or email tom.bansak@umontana.edu. Give online at http://www2.umt.edu/flbs/.

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MA, MFA Thesis Exhibitions Open at UM Gallery Of Visual Arts

March 21, 2014

MISSOULA – Thesis exhibitions by Master of Fine Arts graduate students Claire Melli and Scott Miller and Master of Arts graduate student Ellen Walden will be on display April 10-23 in the Gallery of Visual Arts at the University of Montana. An opening reception for the exhibits will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the gallery. All events and exhibitions are free and open to the public.

Melli’s exhibition of abstract paintings “Aporia” uses vivid color, frenetic line and ambiguous space. The term aporia refers to a problem for which a solution has not yet been identified. These works suggest the psychological reverberations of anxiety and tension without pointing to specific subject matter.

Miller’s photographs are inspired by the 17th century Spanish genre of still-life paintings of fruit, vegetables and game known as bodegon. Rather than depicting food images, Miller focuses on items from curbside donation boxes and other methods of “freecycling” in his exhibition, “From Mean to Free: Contemporary Bodegones.” These assemblages of relinquished objects are presented as “mementos mori” of consumerist culture.

“Otherness Empowered” by Walden examines notions of body image. In her large-scale photographs, she
challenges the notion of the perfect, idealized body in classic nude photography and replaces it with one that society considers less desirable and unattractive. Through the use of scale and black-and-white photographic techniques, the images communicate a sense of empowerment and dialogue that questions the notion of the perfect body.

The Gallery of Visual Arts is located on the first floor of the Social Science Building. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and by appointment on Monday.

More information about the UM School of Art is online at http://www.umt.edu/art.

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UM Offers Intensive Summer Arabic Courses to High School Students

March 20, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Arabic Studies Program will offer three intensive Arabic language courses to high school students during the Montana Arabic Summer Institute held at UM from June 20 to July 11.

The courses are funded through a STARTALK grant from the National Security Agency to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important foreign languages.

Thirty students will be recruited and enrolled in three levels: level one for students with no previous knowledge of Arabic, level two for students who have been introduced to the basics, and level three for former level-two students or those who have studied at least one year of Arabic in high school.

Students will develop and improve their Arabic language skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing – and cultural knowledge in a fun and academic environment. They also will learn how to enable and use Arabic on their computers, iPads and smartphones.
The grant will cover tuition, fees and instruction materials. Upon completion of the courses, students in the first two levels will earn five college credits and students in the third level will earn three credits.

For more information call UM Assistant Professor Khaled Huthaily, head of the Arabic Studies Program, at 406-243-6602 or email khaled.huthaily@umontana.edu. Registration forms are available at http://www.umt.edu/arabic.

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UM Researchers Seek Children Suffering From Nightmares for Study

March 20, 2014

MISSOULA – More than 5 million children in the United States experience trauma each year, which can contribute to a range of sleep difficulties. Researchers in the University of Montana Clinical Psychology Program are seeking children who struggle with nightmares and sleep disturbances after suffering trauma for a treatment study.

The treatment is part of a research study to test the effectiveness of Exposure, Relaxation and Rescription Therapy. ERRT is an effective treatment for adults who suffer with trauma-related nightmares and researchers in UM’s Research on Implementation Science and Trauma in Youth Lab have modified the treatment to test with children.

If the treatment is effective, ERRT-C will be a breakthrough brief nightmare treatment for children who have experienced trauma in their lives, according to UM researchers.

The serious nature and long-lasting trauma symptoms in some children can carry into adulthood, but a successful treatment potentially could reduce post-traumatic stress, depression and anxiety.
Participants must be 8 to 13 years old, have experienced a traumatic event, have a minimum of four nightmares in a month, have a parent or legal guardian also participate and be able to read and speak English.

Treatment sessions will be held at UM and include an initial evaluation, treatment once per week for five weeks, a post-treatment evaluation and three- and six-month follow-up appointments. Participants will be compensated up to $50.

Call the lab at 406-243-6684 to see if your child is eligible.

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$11 Million Gift to Provide Scholarships for UM Students

March 20, 2014

MISSOULA – A 1953 University of Montana alumnus has committed $11 million of his estate for academic scholarships at UM, the largest pledge for scholarships in the history of the University. President Royce Engstrom announced the gift last week at a reception for alumni from the San Francisco Bay Area.

Tom Cotter, of Palo Alto, Calif., is retired from a successful career in the investment field. The gift is a big show of support for UM’s Investing in Student Success Initiative, launched by Engstrom last summer.

“This is an incredible step toward providing resources for Montana high school students who wish to pursue a degree at the University of Montana,” Engstrom said. “It is such a generous gift, and one that dramatically influences UM’s ability to recruit and support Montana high school students. Tom Cotter and his family will forever change the lives of many people through this generosity and foresight.”

Growing up on a ranch near Townsend, Cotter says he watched the labor of his parents as they raised livestock and farmed the land of west-central Montana.
“My parents were hard workers,” he said. “I saw their work ethic, and came to learn about expectations. Back then, in a rural community, we would walk one and a quarter mile one way to school every day. Growing up on the land, and without the simple luxuries of running water, plumbing, electricity – this is where I came from and how I was shaped.”

By 1945, Cotter says the flags were waving and bands blaring in support of the war effort. Knowing he wasn’t old enough to enlist in the Army, Cotter was accepted in the Merchant Marines at age 16.

“I dropped out of high school and shipped out to the Pacific on a Liberty Ship,” Cotter said. “We had war cargo, and going to the Marshall Islands, we joined a convoy that steamed north on a zigzag course to Okinawa. That was the last big battle of World War II. After the war ended, I had to come home and honor the promise I had made to my parents to finish high school.”

By then, though, Cotter still wanted to see more of the world, shipping out again as a deckhand on a freighter, traveling around the world for 15 months before eventually deciding it was time to enroll in college.

“After I received my master’s degree from the University of Montana, I served as a special agent in the Army Counterintelligence Corps for two years,” he said. “Then I was off to the Boeing Co. in Seattle, where I worked for nine years in human resources.”

During a stint for Boeing that took him to Cheyenne, Wyo., Cotter decided to try his hand at financial planning on the weekends. He liked the work and decided to make a career of it, joining Merrill Lynch in 1965. Eventually he would join the investment firm that would become Franklin Templeton, retiring after 20 years of service.

After trailblazing new markets in the investment industry, his family settled in Palo Alto, Calif., where Tom and his wife, Neva, still reside today. Their daughter, Mary Ann, graduated from Palo Alto High School then followed in her father’s footsteps by attending UM. Mary Ann, who graduated from UM in 1995, is now a member of the UM Foundation President’s Club.

At age 84, Tom still enjoys alpine skiing and volunteer work. He also stays involved with the Cotter Charitable Foundation through which the family makes grants to at least 50 different entities annually.

“My father and mother were generous people, almost to a fault,” he said. “I think that helped me as much as anything, living in a family that looked out for the indigent. During the Depression, they would bring food to needy people and we could see it as children. That parental influence was very important to us.”

Looking back on his experiences, Cotter realizes how much his education affected his success.

“I could have never made it without my education, and I want to see if I can help upgrade the situations of students who want the chance to learn,” he said. “I have such a love for Montana and the University, and have always felt that students could be very good recipients of my money.”

After a lifetime of opportunities, Cotter lives by an ethic of generosity that now reflects an important legacy he will leave for the next generation.
“You know the old saying, ‘You can’t take it with you when you die,’” Cotter asks. “There’s lot of truth to that. It’s amazing how many very wealthy people die with their boots on and their assets locked away.”

The gift, which is made through the University of Montana Foundation, aims to make a UM education available to more students through increased scholarship support.

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UM Publishes Glacier, Yellowstone Region E-Magazine

March 19, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana has published a new e-magazine titled Crown of the Continent and the Greater Yellowstone. Filled with stunning photos and informative stories about the Glacier and Yellowstone park regions, the 78-page magazine is online at http://bit.ly/OoQ4ya.

Articles discuss mountain goats, Montana landscapes, land use, a 93-year-old ranger, grizzly bears, explorers, wolves, wilderness and much more, including a book review and art section.

The publication was produced by the UM Crown of the Continent and Greater Yellowstone Initiative, which is co-directed by Jerry Fetz and Rick Graetz. The initiative publishes several color-filled e-magazines each year, providing up-to-date information about issues driving decisions and research in the region. The e-magazines cover everything from the physical and historical geography to scientific research on the region’s wildlife, climate, rivers, geysers and glaciers.

The UM initiative formerly focused on the Glacier region but has expanded its focus to include the Yellowstone area as well. Likewise, the group’s e-magazine now includes information on both the Glacier and Yellowstone
More information about the initiative is online at [http://crown-yellowstone.umt.edu/](http://crown-yellowstone.umt.edu/). Current and past e-publications by the initiative are available on the website by clicking on “e-publications.” To receive initiative updates or more information, email Fetz and Graetz at crown.yellowstone@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana has reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights to ensure educational accessibility for people with disabilities at UM.

The resolution agreement outlines a comprehensive set of policies and procedures so all electronic and information technology at UM can be used by the blind and other students with disabilities.

“The University of Montana is committed to making sure that all students have access to education, and in today’s world that includes access to technology,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “We want to make sure that the technology we use on our websites, in our classrooms and in our offices is available to all.”

The agreement stems from a May 2012 student complaint to OCR that UM was discriminating against students with disabilities. The complaint alleged that UM used online tools such as Web pages, library databases, live chats, videos and a course-registration site that were inaccessible.

When UM learned of the complaint, a task force quickly was created to start addressing the issues.
Among the terms of the agreement, UM will develop accessibility policies, train employees about disability issues, survey former and current students with disabilities to identify problems and develop a grievance procedure. A draft accessibility policy already is in place.

The full resolution agreement is online at http://bit.ly/1iCJVKn.

The agreement covers technology used in all aspects of education and campus life, such as electronic textbooks, course materials, online registration, classroom technology and library services. The agreement specifically requires improvements to UM’s online learning management system, Moodle, and many of those already are in place.

Since 2012, a number of UM departments have collaborated to provide better access for all UM students and employees. Those include the Alliance for Disability and Students at UM, Information Technology, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, Disability Services for Students, UMOnline, Student Affairs and the School of Extended and Lifelong Learning. In addition, the University has worked closely with experts at the National Federation of the Blind and the Office for Civil Rights, as well as international expert George Kerscher of Missoula, on accessibility.

“This agreement, which is the most comprehensive of its kind to date, represents a thorough and systematic approach that will benefit (UM) students for years to come and serve as a model for university policies and practices across the nation,” said Marc Maurer, president of the National Federation of the Blind. “We applaud (UM) for the extraordinary commitment that it is making to ensure that all of its students, including those who are blind or who have other disabilities, receive the equal education that the law demands and the full benefit of the college experience that the University provides.”

UM technology leadership has put accessibility at the forefront with all new software purchases, website development and IT-related services, said Matt Riley, UM chief information officer. “Policy, an IT governance model and purchasing checks are in place to ensure that we stay on track,” he said. “UM looks forward to the opportunities for students, faculty and staff as we focus on staying among the leaders in higher education IT accessibility.”

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UM President Visits Lewistown, Great Falls on Seventh Stop of Outreach Tour

March 19, 2014

MISSOULA – University of Montana President Royce Engstrom heads to Lewistown and Great Falls Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25-26 as part of the “We are Montana” tour of the state. Engstrom and other senior UM leaders will meet with and listen to educators, alumni, students, legislators and community members.

“I always enjoy the opportunity to visit communities across our state to strengthen our connections with the people we serve as a flagship university,” Engstrom said. “We continue to build connections with Montanans across this great state and share the stories of our outstanding students, faculty and alumni. This outreach tour will help us achieve those goals.”

The UM Alumni Association will host a community event from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Mighty Mo Brewing Co., located at 412 Central Ave. in Great Falls. The event will offer community members a chance to meet with Engstrom and connect with alumni and friends. It is free and open to the public, and participants are encouraged to wear Griz gear.

University officials will visit Fergus County High School from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. They also
plan to visit Great Falls high schools on Wednesday, March 26.

Prior legs of the president’s “We are Montana” tour stopped in 29 towns, traveling a total of 3,500 miles. Engstrom will conclude his tour in April with visits to Missoula-area high schools.

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Note to the media: Interviews with Engstrom may be arranged in advance by calling Rebecca Power, assistant to the president, at 406-243-2311 or by emailing rebecca.power@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Major Fair will be held at Missoula College UM from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 27, in the Administration Building Common Area located at 909 South Ave. West.

The event is an opportunity for MC students to explore all mountain campus majors and undergraduate programs. Graduating MC students also can learn how to transition from MC to UM.

Fair participants include Enrollment Services, the Undergraduate Advising Center, the colleges of Humanities and Sciences, Education and Human Sciences, Forestry and Conservation, Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, the School of Business Administration, the School of Journalism and the Academic Advising Center. The event resulted from the efforts of the Transfer Recruitment Blitz Team.

For more information email MC academic advisor Brandie Terpe at brandie.terpe@mso.umt.edu or call 406-243-7864.
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Hamilton-area Business Leaders, Community Invited to Career Pathways Workshop

March 18, 2014

HAMILTON – Bitterroot College University of Montana and Missoula College UM invite Bitterroot-valley business leaders and community members to participate in a workshop titled “From Education to Industry – Career Pathways.” The workshop will be held from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the Hamilton High School Performing Arts Center, located at 327 Fairgrounds Road in Hamilton.

BC and MC are working with Hamilton High School to build programs of study that lead to viable careers for local students. The study areas are welding/manufacturing, health science and information technology. The event aims to help participants understand the Big Sky Career Pathway and its connection to industry, receive input into course work that aligns Pathways at the secondary and post-secondary level, and listen to the needs and concerns of local businesses and community members.

Participants can register by calling Donna Bakke, MC Career Pathways/Dual Enrollment Program manager, at 406-529-0044, by emailing donna.bakke@umontana.edu or by emailing Roch Turner, BC’s AmeriCorps VISTA
college access network coordinator, at roch.turner@mso.umt.edu. Registration is free, and refreshments will be provided.

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Missoula War Veteran Receives White House Award for Conservation, Helping Vets

March 17, 2014

MISSOULA – University of Montana student and Afghanistan war veteran Tristan Persico will be honored at the White House on Tuesday, March 18, with a Champions of Change award for his work conserving Montana wilderness and helping his fellow veterans readjust to civilian life.

The awards honor 14 individuals who through innovative approaches create opportunities for the next generation of Americans to take part in outdoor recreation and public lands conservation.

Persico, a graduate of Missoula’s Sentinel High School, is a full-time student studying parks, tourism and recreation management in the UM College of Forestry and Conservation. He also leads the Montana Wilderness Association’s Veterans Outreach Program, which helps veterans return to civilian life through outdoor experiences.
Working with MWA, Persico leads hiking and service trips into wilderness areas for small groups of returning combat veterans. He said the peace and freedom of wilderness can help vets ease the often-difficult transition from the war zone to civilian life.

Persico served as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician for the U.S. Air Force from 2005 to 2011 and lost some close friends in the line of duty.

"While I was in Afghanistan, I longed for the peace and beauty of Montana’s wilderness," Persico said. "When I returned home to Montana, I was lost and devastated. The only place I could find peace was in the wilderness."

Working with MWA NexGen Wilderness Leaders Program Coordinator Zack Porter, Persico leads backcountry trips, stewardship projects and educational opportunities for veterans. These excursions give returning veterans the opportunity to meet peers who often share similar experiences and challenges.

MWA member and Korean War veteran Lex Blood noted that returning war veterans have long held leadership roles in the conservation movement, dating back to the "greatest generation" of veterans who returned from World War II and helped pass the Wilderness Act.

"It’s often been said that nature and wilderness are a healing medicine for the soul," Blood said. "As a conservationist and a Marine, I’m proud of young people like Tristan who have served America overseas and are now serving Americans back at home as well."

Persico lives in Missoula with his wife, Lindsay, and children Briger and Quincy. He has several hikes for veterans planned for this summer and invites interested veterans to visit http://www.wildmontana.org, call him at 406-552-8431 or call Porter at 406-823-0695.

The Champions of Change award ceremony will be live streamed at 7 a.m. MDT at http://www.whitehouse.gov/live. For more information on the program visit http://www.whitehouse.gov/champions.

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Women Making History Lecture Returns to UM

March 17, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Department of History has organized the annual Maxine Van de Wetering Women Making History lecture for Women’s History Month. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in Gallagher Business Building Room 106.

Cathleen Cahill, an associate professor of history from the University of New Mexico will deliver this year’s lecture. Her talk is titled “Federal Mothers: What Happened When Women Went to Work in the U.S. Indian Service.”

After the lecture, Cahill will be available to sign her award-winning book, “Federal Fathers and Mothers: A Social History of the United States Indian Service, 1869-1933.”

Cahill’s presentation is co-sponsored by the Department of History, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, African-American Studies and the Provost’s Office.

The lecture is part of an array of events and exhibits in honor of Women’s History Month and the Montana
Woman Suffrage Centennial. For more information, visit http://www.cas.umt.edu/wsprog/ and click on “Events” or contact UM Professor Kyle Volk at kyle.volk@umontana.edu.

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UM Japanese Professors Reveal Hidden World Behind Rare Prints in Lecture

March 17, 2014

MISSOULA – Assistant Professors of Japanese Brian Dowdle and Robert Tuck from the University of Montana Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures will co-present a lecture titled “Sex in the City: Images of Town, Country and Tradition in Edo Japan.” The lecture will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, in the Masquer Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. It is free and open to the public.

The program is part of the exhibition at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture titled “The Japanese Woodblock Print: An Extension of the Impermanent,” which is on view through April 19 in the Meloy and Paxson galleries in the PAR/TV Center.

The exhibition includes historic Japanese woodblock prints from the MMAC Permanent Collection, as well as the George and Claire Louden Collection, on loan from the Carr Gallery of the Idaho Falls Arts Council and traveling through the Montana Art Gallery Directors Association. The prints on view date from four periods of Japanese printmaking: the height of color Ukiyo-e printmaking (1780-1868) through Japan’s Meiji period (1868-1912) to a period of print revitalization called the Shin Hanga movement (1915-1940) and contemporary Japanese prints (1940-1970). They illustrate a wide range of subjects including Japanese folk tales, famous courtesans, Noh performances and Kabuki theater.
Also on view at MMAC are two rare Japanese Friendship Dolls from a historic American-Japanese exchange in 1927. Miss Tottori is on loan courtesy of the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society in Pierre and Miss Aomori is on loan courtesy of Alan Scott Pate.

Dowdle holds a doctorate from the University of Michigan and specializes in the literature of early modern and modern Japan. His research interests lie in the physical reception and reproduction of Edo-period texts and authors during the Meiji period.

Tuck holds a doctorate from Columbia University and his research interests focus on 19th and 20th century Japanese and Chinese poetry, print media and modes of literary education. He currently is working on a book project analyzing the relationship among poetry, print media and ideas of national language and literature during the late 19th century.

The MMAC’s hours during the academic year are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The museum is open to the public with a suggested $5 donation. For more information call 406-243-2019 or visit http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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**Note to media:** Digital images from the exhibitions are available. Call Shawn Whitworth at 406-243-2019 or email shawn.whitworth@mso.umt.edu to request images.

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UM Students Receive Awards for Promoting Campus Diversity

March 17, 2014

MISSOULA – The Diversity Advisory Council at the University of Montana will honor the winners of this year’s DAC Student Achievement Awards at a ceremony to be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, in the University Center’s North Ballroom.

The campus community is invited to attend the ceremony, which will kick off with a welcome from UM President Royce Engstrom. Eric Gutierrez, UM’s director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, will deliver opening comments which will be followed by the keynote address from Steven Hesla, UM music professor and recipient of the 2013 Nancy Borgmann Diversity Award.

In his address, Hesla will share his story of growing up a gay man and how his gift for music became a refuge and safe zone for his sexuality. He will share his story of being raised in rural South Dakota in a religious family, his college experience, the trials he faced as he entered into the profession of teaching and his passion for gay rights and legal protections for the LGBTIQ community.

Following Hesla’s address, awards will be given to UM students to honor their leadership in promoting campus
diversity. Nominations for the awards were accepted through March 1. Associated Students of UM President Asa Hohman will introduce the award recipients and Engstrom will present the awards.

Nominees must have attended UM for one full academic semester during the 2013-14 academic year and be in good academic standing. Students may receive this recognition more than once. A DAC subcommittee reviewed all nominations and selected students most worthy of the award.

From managing the International House to raising awareness and funds for children’s health and wellbeing around the world to working with deaf people, this year’s awardees are being honored for a breadth of diversity activities.

The following students will receive awards at the ceremony:

- Turki Ismail
- Shane Bartschi
- Umut Arslan
- Mastewal Seyeneh
- Toan Phung
- Saeed Alsaari
- Chelsea Newberry
- Dakota Whisler
- Erika Baldry
- Chantanelle Marie Nava (“Chani”)
- Francisco MacFarland
- Zebah Burdeau
- Priscilla Lekalkuli
- Neil Bennett
- Lacey Kvam
- Yibo Fan
- Sachi Mahendri
- Lauri L. Lindquist
- Jessi Cahoon
- Mohammed Khamis Abdullah
- Farzona Shukurova
- Kamalashri Easwara Murthi
- Hanan Omar

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Missoula College Student Takes Bronze at Regional Culinary Competition

March 17, 2014

MISSOULA – Missoula College University of Montana culinary arts student William Gervais won a bronze medal at the American Culinary Federation Western Regional competition March 3 in Oakland, Calif.

Gervais competed in the one-hour category SK Student Culinarian of the Year portion against three other students selected from culinary programs in 13 Western states. Competitors prepared two portions of a meal that had to include Rock Cornish game hen, chicken or duck. They had restricted time frames to set up, fabricate and cook their dish, plate and clean up.

Gervais’ menu was chicken supreme stuffed with green tea mousseline forcemeat over a miso sauce, and a Pekin chicken roulade with shiitake mushroom sauce served with soy-braised shimeji mushrooms and baby bok choy, ginger purple jasmine rice and cucumber sprout salad.

He is a second-year, full-time student in the MC Culinary Arts Program, and will intern this summer at Chez Panisse in Berkeley, Calif.
For more information call Thomas Campbell, MC director of culinary arts, at 406-243-7815 or email thomas.campbell@umontana.edu.

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Diagenesis Duo to play New Music for Cello and Soprano at UM

March 14, 2014

MISSOULA – Contemporary classical music group Diagenesis Duo will perform a concert at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 22, at the University of Montana Music Recital Hall. The program will feature new music for cello and soprano, and the duo will collaborate with UM Professor Kimberly Gratland James, a mezzo-soprano, to perform Morton Feldman's “Two Voices and Cello.” Tickets range from $8 to $12 and can be purchased by calling 406-243-4581.

Formed by cellist Jennifer Bewerse of San Diego and UM alumna and soprano Heather Barnes of Helena, Diagenesis Duo has performed new music across the United States and Canada since 2011. They gave their premiere concert in Helena in May 2011 and since have toured throughout North America, at venues such as the Boston Conservatory, the University of Florida and the University of California, San Diego. They also have held prestigious residencies at the Banff Center for the Arts and UC San Diego and currently are recording their debut album.

Through their work, they strive to support living composers and have commissioned and premiered many works. With the support of the Myrna Loy Grant to Artists, Diagenesis Duo will perform at the Myrna Loy Center, UM and the Lewistown Art Center March 20-31. They also will perform outreach work in community
The duo will travel to Missoula on Thursday, March 20, to spend several days working with UM students and faculty members. Their time at the University will begin with a workshop evaluating pieces composition students have written for cello and soprano.

On Sunday, March 23, the duo will join the Missoula Children's Museum for NewSonics: Music Outreach. From 1 to 1:30 p.m., the Diagenesis Duo will perform an interactive new music program and concert-goers will get to play along on simple instruments and move to the music. Admission costs $4.25 per person, and the museum is located at 225 W. Front St. For more information call 406-541-7529.

For more information on the Diagenesis Duo, visit http://www.diagenesisduo.com/. For more information on the Missoula events, call Barnes at 406-422-5362 or email heatherebarnes@hotmail.com.

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MISSOULA – Two University of Montana School of Journalism students and one alumna have won awards in the news category of the international 2014 Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts.

Class of 2012 graduate Jessica Murri won first place in radio feature reporting with her piece “Taxidermy Bootcamp.” Seniors Max Barnum and Dustin Askim won third place in television feature reporting for their piece “PEAS Farm.”

Murri’s story was produced for a “critters” theme in Assistant Professor Jule Banville’s Advanced Audio course. It focuses on a taxidermy class that is stuffing a pheasant. Murri mentions that the taxidermy teacher didn’t want the “media to come in and see [them] as hicks.” Through radio, Murri was able to portray the students in a different light.

Askim and Barnum’s project, about the educational outreach of an urban teaching farm in Missoula, was an assignment for a class that produces a weekly news brief called UM News.
“Once every week they had kids from the elementary schools come and they just taught them how to grow their own vegetables,” Barnum said. The PEAS farm educators also teach students how to take care of chickens and pigs.

The prizes will be awarded during the BEA annual convention and Festival of Media Arts held April 6-9 in Las Vegas. For more information call Julia Cummings, communications and events coordinator for the UM School of Journalism, at 406-243-4366 or email julia.cummings@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Marketers Win Awards for Logo, Newsletter

March 13, 2014

MISSOULA – When a new logo is unveiled, everyone has an opinion. Now some national contest judges have voiced this view: The new University of Montana logo adopted last April is an award winner.

The UM logo recently won a Bronze Award during the 29th Annual Educational Advertising Awards, the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This year, more than 2,000 entries were received from more than 1,000 colleges and secondary schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries.

The new logo was designed in-house using a team led by Mario Schulzke, UM assistant vice president for marketing. Input was sought from students, staff, faculty, alumni and other stakeholders. The ultimate design that was chosen was created by Shauna Murphy, a graphic designer with UM Printing and Graphic Services.

“Logo design can be a contentious, expensive, drawn-out process,” Schulzke said. “I’m pleased we were able to use the talents right here at UM to come up with something amazing. The simple, elegant design Shauna developed will serve the University well for years to come.”
UM also won a Bronze Award for its Research View newsletter, which highlights University accomplishments in science and scholarship and publishes twice a year. The full-color newsletter is managed by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship, produced by University Relations and printed by UM Printing and Graphic Services.

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UM Students Win Debate Competition, Advance to National Stage

March 12, 2014

MISSOULA – University of Montana debate students fared well at the Northwest Parli Championship tournament, held March 8-9 at the University of Washington-Bothell. The tournament is designed for students in their first or second year of college debate.

Teammates Shelby Ryann Dolezal and Matt Powell won the first- and second-year open division after beating Clark College in the final round. The two debated why the U.S. government should sanction foreign aid to the nation of Uganda. Dolezal was the fifth speaker at the tournament, a recognition acknowledging her individual performance during her own speeches.

For teammates Ben Anglen and Tavia Kohles, the competition marked their inaugural participation in a tournament. They participated in the novice division, and Anglen was named the second speaker. According to UM Debate Director David Airne, that recognition was a significant achievement for Anglen, as it was the first time he had ever competed.

After winning their division, Dolezal and Powell will move onto the National Parliamentary Debate Association’s
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national tournament, which will be held March 20-23 at the University of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, Ariz.

They will compete along with UM senior Karla Nettleton, who is classified as an open debater and has been competing all academic year. She lost her UM teammate to illness so she will be paired with a student from the University of Washington, who also lost his teammate for medical reasons.

The NPDA national tournament is the largest tournament of the year with more than 50 schools competing for the national championship.

Additional information on the debate program can be found on its Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/UniversityOfMontanaDebate or on the Department of Communication Studies Web page http://cas.umt.edu/comm/studentClubs/default.php

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MISSOULA – Poet Sherwin Bitsui, the University of Montana Creative Writing Program’s current Visiting Hugo Writer, will perform a poetry reading at 7 p.m. Friday, March 21, in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room. The event is free and open to the public.

Bitsui is the author of two books of poetry: “Shapeshift” and “Flood Song.” He has published his poems in Narrative, Black Renaissance Noir, American Poet, The Iowa Review, LIT and elsewhere. His poems were anthologized in “Between Water & Song” and “Legitimate Dangers: American Poets of the New Century.”

Bitsui’s recent honors include a 2011 Lannan Foundation Literary Fellowship and a 2011 Native Arts & Culture Foundation Arts Fellowship. He received the 2010 PEN Open Book Award, an American Book Award and a Whiting Writers Award.

He originally is from White Cone, Ariz., on the Navajo Reservation and currently lives in Tuscon, Ariz. He is a Dine of the Todich’ii’nii (Bitter Water Clan), born for the Tl’izilani (Many Goats Clan).
The Hugo Visiting Writer is a faculty position in the UM Creative Writing Program that honors former professor and renowned poet Richard Hugo. For more information call Karin Schalm, Creative Writing Program coordinator, at 406-243-5267, email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu or visit http://www.cas.umt.edu/creativewriting/.

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MISSOULA – One of the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area’s popular traveling exhibitions, “Brain: The World Inside Your Head,” will visit Lolo Tuesday through Friday, March 25-28.

Featuring hands-on exhibits and activities exploring the wonders of neuroscience, “Brain” will transform the Lolo Elementary School gymnasium into an interactive science museum. Highlights of the exhibition include an EEG measurement station, a colossal brain and Mind Flex Duel, an activity that allows visitors to move a ball using just their brain waves.

The spectrUM Discovery Area travels the state with a mobile science center featuring interactive science exhibits. According to spectrUM Director Holly Truitt, the goal of spectrUM’s mobile outreach is to “help inspire Montana’s next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries.”

Since 2006, spectrUM has driven more than 22,100 miles to bring educators, exhibitions and programs to 60 different schools in 23 Montana counties, including all seven Montana Indian reservations. All together, spectrUM’s mobile science programs have served more than 34,080 people, of whom 30 percent are Native American and 75 percent are from rural communities.

Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, the spectrUM Discovery Area is an interactive
Science center located in the heart of downtown Missoula. SpectrUM annually serves more than 50,000 Montanans through in-museum and mobile programming.

National sponsors and partners include SciGirls, NISE Network, Western Montana AHEC and the Noyce Foundation. SpectrUM is supported by an array of funding sources including the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program. Its Science For All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 1,500 Montana children. This stop on spectrUM’s mobile science tour is powered by the Jane S. Heman Foundation.

SpectrUM’s new downtown museum, located at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula, is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is $3.50 per person. Teachers or schools interested in booking a field trip to the spectrUM museum or would like to arrange a stop on spectrUM’s mobile tour can call 406-728-STEM.

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More Than 11 Million Nonresidents Visited Montana in 2013, Spent $3.6 Billion

March 12, 2014

MISSOULA – Estimates of the number of travelers to Montana and how much they spent in the state during 2013 have been finalized by the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research at the University of Montana.

According to Kara Grau, ITRR’s assistant director of economic analysis, visitation was up 2.3 percent in 2013, topping out at just over 11 million travelers to the state during the year. During the third quarter, July through September, 46 percent or 5.1 million of those visitors were in the state. Nearly 50 percent of spending by travelers during 2013 totaled nearly $1.7 billion, with travel-group spending averaging $163.77 per day during summer months.

During the first and second quarters of the year, traveler groups spent an average of $152.47 and $142.39 per day, and totaled $420 million and $751 million, respectively. Fourth quarter group spending averaged $180.72 per day, totaling nearly $676 million.
Overall, nonresident travelers spent a total of $3.62 billion in Montana during 2013, with travel groups spending an average of $161.19 per day throughout the year.

Of the 11 million travelers Montana hosted during the year, one third were in the state primarily for vacation, and another 19 percent were visiting friends or relatives. Visitors in Montana for business accounted for 12 percent of travelers, while 31 percent of travelers were in the state mainly just to get to another location. A small percentage of travelers, 2 percent, came to Montana to shop; more than 60 percent of the shopping visitors were from Canada.

The annual analysis of travel spending’s contribution to Montana’s economy will be completed and released by ITRR this spring. For more information about the 2013 nonresident visitation and spending estimates, visit http://www.itrr.umt.edu/expendvisitation.htm. All information and reports published by ITRR are available online at http://www.itrr.umt.edu.

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Missoula College Culinary Program Offers Summer Classes

March 12, 2014

MISSOULA – The Missoula College University of Montana has four culinary classes planned for this summer.

The first course, Easy Elegant Hors d’oeuvres, runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, June 2-4.

Participants will learn how to create various colorful and tasty hors d’oeuvres: cold, hot and sweet. On the last day, class will meet at the Montgomery Distillery in downtown Missoula. Owner Jenny Montgomery will discuss the history of distilling, and manager and mixologist Tad Hilton will do a mixology demonstration.

The noncredit workshop, taught by MC catering Instructor Chef Suzanne Phillips, costs $175. The registration and payment deadline is at 2 p.m. Friday, May 9.

A class geared for family and consumer science teachers, Tips for Teachers: Baking and Pastries, runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 16-20. This class focuses on weights, measures, formulas and general baking classifications; handling and storage of ingredients; safety and handling; production of yeast-
raised dough products; cakes; cookies; batters; breads; biscuits; muffins; pies; and special dessert preparation.

This workshop covers the introduction of various ingredients and how they affect the finished product by giving a tender crumb and a well-developed crust, as well as the essential basic functions of ingredients and the techniques of scaling, pan preparation and sifting. Taught by MC Instructor Chef Aimee Elliott, the class costs $460 for noncredit or an additional $135 for two undergraduate credits. The registration and payment deadline is at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 30.

Each of these workshops has space for 18 students. UM financial aid or tuition waivers are not applicable. To register, visit http://www.mc.umt.edu/outreach/.

The Culinary Arts Program also will offer two introductory classes: Intro to Food Service Industry and Food Service Sanitation.

Intro to Food Service Industry is offered from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, June 30-Aug. 1 in the MC kitchen. The course is an introduction to food handling, history, cooking methods, tool skills, safety and menu development. The course is worth five credits and the course registration number is 50934.

Food Service Sanitation runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays, June 30-Aug. 1. The course introduces students to fundamentals in safe and sanitary food-handling practices. The course is worth two credits and the course registration number is 50935.

CULA 101 and CULA 105 are prerequisites to kitchen station courses. To register for these courses, call the Missoula College UM Admissions Department at 406-243-7882.

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Former New York Times Reporter Named Pollner Professor

March 13, 2014

MISSOULA – Former New York Times reporter William Glaberson will be the T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor at the University of Montana School of Journalism next autumn semester. He will teach a course in covering the courts.

Glaberson worked at the Times from 1987 through 2013, covering law, social issues, the media and business. He covered some of the biggest legal stories of the era, including the Guantanamo terror courts, the Unabomber trial and the Bush v. Gore election challenge. His multipart series in 2013 about the failures of the court system in the Bronx was described by the Times in an editorial as a powerful series that “painted a devastating portrait of a lackadaisical court culture in which the main actors in the Bronx seem utterly paralyzed or incompetent.”

Glaberson’s work at the Times earned him a number of awards, including the Daniel Pearl Investigative Award, as well as several Pulitzer nominations. He holds a master’s degree in journalism from Columbia University and a juris doctorate from the Albany Law School of Union University. He also has reported for Business Week Magazine and the New York Law Journal.
Glaberson will be UM’s 13th Pollner Professor. The endowed professorship was created by friends and family of T. Anthony Pollner, a 1999 journalism school alumnus who died in 2001. The position brings a noted journalist to UM each fall to teach a course and work with the staff of UM’s student newspaper, the Montana Kaimin. Glaberson also will deliver the annual Pollner Lecture in October.

For more information call Julia Cummings, communications and events coordinator for the UM School of Journalism, at 406-243-4366 or email julia.cummings@mso.umt.edu.

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Contact: Julia Cummings, communications and events coordinator, UM School of Journalism, 406-243-4366, julia.cummings@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – University of Montana students in their junior year who have a passion for liberal arts education are invited to submit an essay in the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Western Montana Essay Contest. The winner will receive a $1,000 scholarship for the next academic year.

Essays should be two to three pages and address the value of freedom of inquiry and liberty of thought in modern education. Entries must also include a completed application, which can be downloaded at http://www.dhc.umt.edu/documents/phi-beta-kappa-essay-application.docx.

Contestants must have a declared major within the College of Humanities and Sciences, have a minimum GPA of 3.75, have attained junior standing (minimum 60 credits) and have fulfilled all of their general education requirements before applying.

Applications are due to the Davidson Honors College by noon Friday, March 28. Winners will be decided by Monday, April 14, in anticipation of a formal announcement at the PBK Association of Western Montana banquet on May 1.

For more information email UM English Professor Ashby Kinch at ashby.kinch@umontana.edu.
Contact: Karin Schalm, program coordinator, UM Creative Writing Program, 406-243-5267, karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu.
World-Renowned Dance Troupe Brings Iconic Style to UM April 8

March 11, 2014

MISSOULA – The internationally recognized modern dance troupe Taylor 2 will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the George and Jane Dennison Theatre on the University of Montana campus.

Paul Taylor is known as one of the pioneers of modern dance. His choreography is noted for its physicality and grace, as well as its cultural relevance. At age 83, Taylor is at the top of his artistic game, offering new works to critical acclaim. The Paul Taylor Dance Company is celebrating its 60th year and Taylor 2 is in its 20th year.

The dances performed at UM will include “Company B,” “3 Epitaphs,” “Profiles” and “Esplanade.” In selecting repertoire for Taylor 2, Taylor chose dances that span the broad spectrum of his work. Taylor 2 introduces athleticism, humor and a range of emotions.

Tickets cost $29 for the general public and $18 for students/children. They can be purchased at the Adams Center Box Office, at all GrizTix outlets, by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA or online at http://www.umt.edu/griztix/.
A master class for community dancers and dance students also will be offered. Ruth Andrien, Taylor 2 rehearsal director, will teach the class, which is an opportunity to experience Taylor’s work. The class will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in the Dennison Theatre. Space is limited; those interested in participating should call the Downtown Dance Collective at 406-541-7240 or register online at http://ddcmontana.com/. Registration costs $15 per person.

For more information on the troupe, visit http://ptdc.org/ or call Dan Torti at 314-308-6834.

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**Note to the media:** Interviews with Taylor or Andrien can be set up by calling Torti at 314-308-6834. Photographs of Taylor2 can be found online at http://www.ptdcinfo.org/t2images.htm. Log on with: t2press and use password:200910.

Contact: Heather Krebsbach, UM productions marketing coordinator, 406-243-4719, marketing@umproductions.org.
Spring Registration Open for Lifelong Learning Courses at UM

March 11, 2014

MISSOULA – Registration is open for spring courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Montana, also known as MOLLI. The courses cover a variety of topics and are open to community members age 50 and older.

Spring courses will be held April 10-May 16. Classes include Art of Creative Reading; Health Care Delivery and Reform in America; Biomimicry; Women, Democracy and Human Rights in Islam; Improvisation; Ethnomusicology; Moral Excellence and Human Happiness; Campaign Finance Reform and Free Speech; French Cinema; River Ecology; Politics of Poverty and more.

MOLLI courses are taught by UM faculty and emeritus faculty members, as well as professionals and scholars from the community. Community members can register for classes online at http://www.umt.edu/molli, as well as view the course schedule, class descriptions and instructor biographies.

The cost is $60 per course, per participant, or registrants can enroll in two courses for $100. MOLLI also requires an annual $20 membership fee.
For more information or to register for courses by phone, call the MOLLI office at 406-243-2905. Community members can visit MOLLI at the UM School of Extended and Lifelong Learning in the James E. Todd Building on campus.

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UM Physical Therapy Students Host Massage Clinic Fundraiser

March 11, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Physical Therapy Student Association will offer 20- and 40-minute massages during campus fundraising clinics in March and April.

The clinics will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. March 17-20, 24-27, April 4-7 and 14-17 in Skaggs Building Room 129. A 20-minute massage costs $12, and a 40-minute massage is $20.

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

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 406-243-4753.

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Contact: Josie Sweeney, UM physical therapy student, 406-350-2086, josie.sweeney@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – After an inspection by a geologist, the M Trail and Campus Drive have been reopened at the University of Montana. They had been closed by a rock fall. Some parking near the mountain may still be cordoned off.

A boulder about 3 feet wide rolled off Mount Sentinel on Sunday night onto the UM campus, prompting officials to close a section of parking on Campus Drive. The boulder took out the top part of a retaining wall before coming to rest on the street near the Parking Garage on the east side of campus. No one was injured.

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Rock Fall Closes Campus Drive

March 10, 2014

A boulder about 3-feet wide rolled off Mount Sentinel Sunday night onto the University of Montana campus, prompting officials to close a section of Campus Drive until further notice.

The boulder took out the top part of a retaining wall before coming to rest on the street near the Parking Garage on the east side of campus. No one was injured.

Marty Ludemann, interim police chief at UM, said the rock fall evidently was caused by ground saturation and continuing precipitation. The boulder was discovered when workers arrived at around 6 a.m. this morning.

UM students were advised to not park on the mountain side of Campus Drive via text and social media messages that went out Monday morning. The M Trail also has been closed to hiking until further notice.

The M Trail and about 300 yards of Campus Drive will remain closed until conditions stabilize.

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UM Library Dean Given Prestigious Award for Contribution to International Librarianship

March 10, 2014

MISSOULA – Shali Zhang, dean of the University of Montana Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, is this year’s recipient of the American Library Association International Relations Committee’s John Ames/Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award.

Zhang was recognized for her exceptional contribution to international librarianship during her professional career at local, national and international levels.

In her prior role at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and currently at UM, Zhang has been instrumental in internationalizing the mission of both the libraries and the universities.

“In the mere 16 months that she has been at UM, Dr. Zhang has had a significant effect in transforming the Mansfield library’s operations, and – consequently – that of our University, including its international engagement,” said Perry Brown, UM provost and vice president for academic affairs.
In the international library community, she is a well-respected for her work both at International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions and with the international mission of the Chinese American Librarians Association. She has been invited to lecture or consult in numerous countries to share best library practices and to network with librarians from other countries.

“It has been wonderful experience for me in working on ALA’s international policies, and I’m most honored to receive this prestigious award,” Zhang said. “I have gained better understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing libraries around the globe, and I also feel fortunate for being able to apply my passion through practical work at the UM Mansfield Library. The library has been serving very diverse groups of students with diverse cultural backgrounds. I am very encouraged by this award and will continue working with a group of talented library faculty and staff to support their educational goals at UM.”

Zhang will receive the $1,000 award during ALA’s international reception on Monday, June 30, at their annual conference in Las Vegas.

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MISSOULA – Two of the most successful businessmen ever to graduate from the University of Montana will receive honorary doctorates during Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 17.

Terry Payne, founder of Terry Payne & Co. Inc., a Missoula-based independent insurance agency, will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. John “Jack” Poe, former CEO and chairman of the Semtech in Camarillo, Calif., a semiconductor company, will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Business. Gov. Steve Bullock will be the Commencement speaker.

“We couldn’t be more proud and excited to confer honorary doctorates on Terry Payne and Jack Poe,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “Both of these men became giants in their respective industries, and they continually have provided their expertise and financial support to improve the University of Montana, which they acknowledge helped launch their amazing careers.”

Payne earned a bachelor’s degree from UM in 1963 (magna cum laude). He started his Missoula insurance agency in 1972, parts of which evolved into Payne Financial Group. His company recently acquired Western
States Insurance to form PayneWest Insurance, the largest privately owned insurance agency in the western U.S. and a top-10 insurance agency nationally. Payne is chairman of the board for PayneWest, which serves 30 communities in four states.

Payne also was a director of many Washington Corp. entities and served as director of First Interstate BancSystem Inc. He formerly served as director and regional vice president of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers.

Payne and his family were the primary financial backers for The Payne Family Native American Center, a signature UM building completed in 2010 that provides a centralized home for Native American studies, American Indian Student Services and related programming. He and his family then provided further support for the Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute in the garden level of the Payne Center, which is under construction. The new institute will provide technology for teaching geographic information systems and interacting with indigenous people worldwide. It also will house a theater for film studies and a technology-rich classroom.

Annually, Payne funds several scholarships, including a Presidential Scholarship, the Don McGonigle Memorial Scholarships and the Elouise Cobell Memorial Scholarship.

In 2006, Payne was honored with UM’s Distinguished Alumni Award. He received the Neil Bucklew Presidential Service Award in 2008. He is a trustee emeritus of the UM Foundation, and he served on the steering committee for the last two UM Foundation capital campaigns.

“Receiving this honorary doctorate is a wonderful and humbling honor,” Payne said. “Some of my fondest memories are of the time I spent as a student at the University of Montana.”

Poe is a proud native of Medicine Lake in northeast Montana. He earned two degrees from UM: an undergraduate in accounting in 1973 and a Master of Business Administration in 1974. He then worked for 10 years at Fairchild Camera and Instruments, serving both abroad and in Silicon Valley.

In 1985, he became CEO of Semtech, a California semiconductor manufacturer. The company’s technology is used in everything from cellphones, computers and flat-screen TVs to medical instruments and satellites. Semtech had failed to post a profit for four years, but under Poe’s leadership – focused on diversification and research and development – the company landed on Fortune magazine’s list of 100 fastest growing companies in 1996. From 1992 to 2002, Semtech was the leading gainer on NASDAQ, increasing its value by more than 12,000 percent.

Poe was Semtech CEO until 2003. He chaired the company’s board of directors from 1998 to 2006. He eventually stepped away to spend more time growing berries and avocados on the family ranch in Somis, Calif.

Poe has made multiple gifts to the UM School of Business Administration to create the Poe Family Professorship in Entrepreneurship, the Poe Family Faculty Fellowship in Business, the Poe Family Scholarships and the Poe Family Opportunity Fund. He was named the Outstanding Alumnus for the School of Business Administration in 2006.

The son and brother of two UM-trained pharmacists, Poe also has made substantial gifts to the College of
Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, including a key donation for an addition to the Skaggs Building and establishing the Poe Family Scholarship in Pharmacy.

“I am thrilled and humbled to be recognized by the University of Montana with an Honorary Doctorate of Business,” he said. “I am forever proud of the University, proud of my family’s ties with the University and proud to be a Grizzly.”

Bullock, this year’s Commencement speaker, was elected Montana’s 24th governor on Nov. 6, 2012. Born in Missoula and raised in Helena, he served as Montana attorney general from 2009 to 2012. He started his career in public service in 1996 as chief legal counsel to the Montana Secretary State before moving to the Montana Department of Justice.

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MISSOULA – The Montana Museum of Art & Culture lecture by Alan Scott Pate that was postponed due to blizzard conditions has been rescheduled. Pate will present a free lecture on two rare Japanese Friendship Dolls at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27, in the Masquer Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at the University of Montana. The Japanese Friendship Dolls are on view at the MMAC as part of the exhibition titled “The Japanese Woodblock Print: An Extension of the Impermanent.”

In addition to the dolls, the exhibition includes historic Japanese woodblock prints from the MMAC Permanent Collection as well as the George and Claire Louden Collection, on loan from the Carr Gallery of the Idaho Falls Arts Council and traveling through the Montana Art Gallery Directors Association. The exhibition will be on view through Saturday, April 19, in the Meloy and Paxson galleries in the PAR/TV Center.

In 1927, the Japanese government sent 58 Friendship Dolls as a gesture of goodwill in response to the 12,739 "blue-eyed" dolls American children sent to Japan through the Committee on World Friendship Among Children earlier that same year. The 58 Japanese Friendship Dolls represent the 47 prefectures, four territorial holdings, six principal Japanese cities and the Imperial household.
The Friendship Dolls arrived first in the Port of San Francisco and were displayed as a single group for the only time in their history at the Kimnon Gakuen Japanese Cultural Center. Crafted by the most celebrated doll artists in Japan, each doll was outfitted in a silken kimono and adorned with accessories such as lacquer ware furnishings, sandals, tea sets, personal gifts, a ship ticket and a passport. All of the dolls measure 32 inches in height and were designed with unique facial features.

The dolls appeared in nearly 500 different cities across the U.S. before being permanently placed in children’s museums, libraries and other cultural institutions, where they could continue to fulfill their mandate as ambassadors of friendship and goodwill. During World War II, many dolls were removed from display and forgotten.

On view are Miss Tottori, courtesy of the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society in Pierre, S.D., and Miss Aomori, courtesy of Pate.

Pate, who is the author of “Ningyō: The Art of the Japanese Doll” and “Japanese Dolls: The Fascinating World of Ningyō,” has researched and photographed the 47 known dolls for his upcoming publication, “Art as Ambassador: The Japanese Friendship Dolls of 1927.”

“Alan is the world’s foremost expert on Japanese Friendship Dolls and we are extremely fortunate to be able to tap him for this program,” said MMAC Director Barbara Koostra. “It is not to be missed.”

The MMAC’s hours during the academic year are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The museum is open to the public with a suggested $5 donation. For more information call 406-243-2019 or visit http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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**Note to media:** Digital images from the exhibitions are available. Call Shawn Whitworth at 406-243-2019 or email shawn.whitworth@mso.umt.edu to request images.

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MMAC Lecture About Japanese Friendship Dolls Rescheduled - UM News - University Of Montana
Students to Convene at UM for Annual State Science Fair

March 07, 2014

MISSOULA – High school and middle school students from across Montana will present their research findings during the 59th annual Montana State Science Fair March 17-18 at the University of Montana's Adams Center.

Participants will register and set up their exhibits from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, March 17. The student projects will be judged between 1 and 4:30 p.m. the same day. The exhibits will be open for public viewing from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, and from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 18. The awards ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

The grand award winners from the Montana State Science Fair and Montana’s regional fairs will go on to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair to be held May 11-16 in Los Angeles. Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean additionally will announce Montana’s delegates for the National Youth Science Camp, a monthlong science education program that honors two high school seniors from each state.

The Montana State Science Fair is sponsored by UM, the Missoula Exchange Club, the UM President's Office and the UM College of Humanities and Sciences.
For more information visit http://cas.umt.edu/mtsciencefair/; call Science Fair Director Earle Adams at 406-243-4196 or email earle.adams@mso.umt.edu; or email Assistant Director Desirae Ware at desirae.ware@mso.umt.edu.

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March 07, 2014

MISSOULA – The Montana Board of Regents on March 7 approved a proposal by the University of Montana to open the Neural Injury Center, empowering students with traumatic brain injury and other neural injuries to access support and services from departments and colleges across campus.

The NIC is not a physical space as yet, but rather a collaborative of expertise on campus and an extension of UM’s ongoing, interdisciplinary Brain Initiative. Faculty members and researchers from the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, and College of Humanities and Sciences are working together to approach neural injury holistically.

“Our first initiative is to improve student success, but far more importantly it’s about improving the quality of their lives and the lives of their families,” said Reed Humphrey, UM professor and chair of the UM School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science.

While the Brain Initiative drives the purpose, the NIC provides the form and function that will allow students to
find support. For example, already in the works is an interactive Web presence supported by the UM VETS Office and the School of Media Arts.

This presence will allow currently enrolled students and other veterans to explore their options for support and services on campus. That first contact with departments and faculty members also provides a valuable resource to students who may not know where to start looking in the community for medical and psychological treatment options.

Humphrey said reaching the veteran community is especially important for the NIC because veterans make up a significant portion of students who have suffered unique brain injuries. And in the wake of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, these injuries that occurred during deployment need to be studied and addressed.

"We hope to attract veterans from the region who are looking to engage a college education, and I’d like to think they’ll come to UM because we have an environment that welcomes them and also provides them the support they need to be successful as students," he said.

Aside from connecting students with assistance and support, the NIC also will bolster interprofessional training opportunities for other UM students looking to gain experience assisting people who are living with neural injuries.

Students from several majors already work in practicum and research in labs, the UM Physical Therapy Clinic and other spaces on campus and in the community. A major emphasis within the NIC is a basic, translational research component that focuses on understanding mechanisms of injury and the development of intervening therapies.

“The approval of this center provides another foundational piece of UM’s continuing focus on the brain, and significantly it will involve the talents and passion of faculty and students in multiple departments across campus,” said Perry Brown, UM provost and vice president for academic affairs. “It will deal with an increasingly important issue, especially for veterans, and assist people with traumatic brain injury to move forward in education, work and life.”

For more information call Humphrey at 406-546-8069 or email reed.humphrey@umontana.edu, or call Brown at 406-531-1593 or email perry.brown@umontana.edu.

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Board of Regents Approves Neural Injury Center at UM - UM News - University Of Montana
UM Irish Studies Program Plans Irish Week March 9-15

March 07, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Irish Studies Program invites the Missoula community to celebrate Irish Week with activities March 9-15.

The week will kick off with a free concert and soda bread competition on Sunday, March 9. The event will take place from 1:30 to 4 p.m., at St. Anthony’s Parish located at 217 Tremont St and donations are welcome. The soda bread competition will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and all entries should be made at home. A concert of Irish and Irish-American music and dance will follow from 2:30 to 4 p.m. UM students will play music, sing and dance.

Later in the week, an Irish Film Festival will be held at the Roxy Theater, located at 718 S Higgins Ave. There will be an early showing from 6-8 p.m. and a late showing from 8:30-10:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13. Tickets cost $7.50 per show or $10 for both. Films available for the early showing are “Some Mother’s Son” and “Waking Ned Devine.” Films available for the late showing are “The Quiet Man” or “In the Name of the Fada.”
The week’s events will culminate at the St. Patrick’s Day Celebration on Saturday, March 15. Missoula residents are invited to attend morning Mass downtown, enjoy a parade, ride the carousel for free and feast at the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Auction in the evening.

The celebration will kick off at 8 a.m. with Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church, located at 420 W. Pine St.

The St. Patrick’s Day parade will assemble at 11 a.m. at Broadway and Higgins Avenue, departing at noon. Attendees are invited to wear green, bring their families and join in the parade. Entry forms are available at the Missoula Chamber of Commerce.

Free carousel rides will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Carousel for Missoula located at Caras Park.

The St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Auction will run from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel located at 100 Madison St. Friends of Irish Studies will host the banquet to support the UM Irish Studies Program. It will feature silent and live auctions, a traditional Irish meal and plenty of good music, song and dance. The “Painting the Irish” art show also will be on display. The show contains works that embrace an Irish theme and 50 percent of sales will support Friends of Irish Studies. The cocktail hour and silent auction begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets cost $25 per person and $15 for children 12 and younger, and are available at the door or in advance at http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/spd.html.

More information on the Friends of Irish Studies is available online at http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com. For more information on the events, call Traolach O’Riordain, director of the UM Irish Studies Program, at 406-544-0311 or email traolach.oriordain@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Irish Studies Program Plans Irish Week March 9-15 - UM News - University Of Montana
SpectrUM’s Motion Exhibit Travels to Ronan

March 06, 2014

MISSOULA – Motion, one of the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area’s popular traveling exhibitions, will visit Ronan on Thursday, March 20.

Featuring hands-on exhibits and activities that explore the wonders of physics and engineering, Motion will transform the K. William Harvey School Gym into an interactive science museum. Highlights of the exhibition include a larger-than-life spinning turntable, a gravity well, Bernoulli Blower, flying cups and spectrUM’s ever-popular flight simulator.

Families and friends also are invited to attend the school’s Family Science Night from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the same day. During Family Science Night, K. William Harvey students will be able to share spectrUM’s Motion exhibit and many other community activities with family, friends and neighbors.

The spectrUM Discovery Area travels the state with a mobile science center featuring interactive exhibits. According to spectrUM Director Holly Truitt, the goal of spectrUM’s mobile outreach is to “help inspire Montana’s next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries.”
Since 2006, spectrUM has driven more than 22,100 miles to bring educators, exhibitions, and programs to 60 different schools in 23 Montana counties, including all seven Montana Indian reservations. SpectrUM’s mobile science programs have served more than 34,080 people, of whom 30 percent are Native American and 75 percent are from rural communities.

Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, UM’s spectrUM Discovery Area is an interactive science center located in the heart of downtown Missoula. SpectrUM annually serves more than 50,000 Montanans through in-museum and mobile programming. National sponsors and partners include SciGirls, NISE Network, Western Montana AHEC and the Noyce Foundation. SpectrUM is supported by an array of funding sources including the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program. Its Science For All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 1,500 Montana children.

This stop on spectrUM’s mobile science tour is powered by the K. William Harvey School Parent Teachers Association and the NASA Summer of Innovation Program.

SpectrUM’s new downtown museum, located at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula, is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is $3.50 per person. Teachers or schools interested in booking a field trip to the spectrUM museum or would like to arrange a stop on spectrUM’s mobile tour can call 406-243-STEM.

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Forest Experts Discuss Management, Future During Two-Day Event

March 06, 2014

MISSOULA – Renowned forest scientists will discuss the future of forests and forest management during the College of Forestry and Conservation’s Plum Creek Lecture Series at the University of Montana. Lectures will be held Thursday and Friday, March 27-28, in the University Center Theater and are free and open to the public.

Speakers include Richard Waring from Oregon State University, Hugh Safford from the University of California-Davis and David Peterson from the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station.

This year’s annual Plum Creek Lecture Series is held in conjunction with the Northwest Scientific Association’s 85th annual conference. Registration and payment is required for the Northwest Scientific Association portion of the events, but all Plum Creek Lecture Series events are free.

The schedule of free events is:

Thursday, March 27:
• **9 a.m.**: Plenary speaker Richard Waring of Oregon State University: “Managing Forests in Continual Transition: A Challenge Calling for Interactive Models, Remote Sensing and Field Verification.”

• **10:30-11:10 a.m.**: Janneke Hille Ris Lambers of University of Washington: “Implications of Climate Change for Turnover in Forest Composition: A Case Study from Mt. Rainier National Park.”

• **11:10-11:50 a.m.**: James Lutz of Utah State University: “The Value of Observation: Longitudinal Data and Ecosystem Change.”

• **11:50 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**: Crystal Kolden of University of Idaho: “Climate Drivers of Forest Pattern: Development of Wildfire Refugia.”

• **1:40-2:20 p.m.**: Jake Verschuyl of the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement: “Does Available Energy Influence Avian Response to Key Forest Stand Habitat Features?”

• **2:20-3 p.m.**: Travis Belote The Wilderness Society: “Hedging Against an Uncertain Future: Forest Preservation and Conservation in the Anthropocene.”

**Friday, March 28:**

• **10:10-10:50 a.m.**: Derek Churchill of University of Washington: “Integrating Silviculture and Landscape Ecology: A Framework for Multi-Scale Forest Management.”

• **10:50-11:30 a.m.**: Hugh Safford of University of California, Davis: “Past, Present, and Future in the Forests of California’s Sierra Nevada: Variability in Forest Response to Environmental Change, and the Role of Management in Promoting Ecosystem Resilience.”

• **11:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m.**: David Peterson of the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station: “Accelerating Climate Change Adaptation in Forest Ecosystems: Principles and Paradigm Shifts.”

The Plum Creek Distinguished Lecture Series was funded through a gift to the University of Montana from Plum Creek Timber Co. in 1994.

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MISSOULA – Bloomberg Businessweek reporter-at-large Bryan Gruley will deliver a lecture titled “Confessions of a Dinosaur: All That Matters is the Story” at 7 p.m. Monday, March 24, in the University Center Theater at the University of Montana.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is the sixth installment of the School of Journalism’s annual Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture Series. The series honors Cole, a Butte native who graduated from the School of Journalism in 1980. He was aeronautics editor at The Wall Street Journal when he was killed in a plane crash while on assignment in January 2001.

Gruley has been at Bloomberg Businessweek in Chicago since September 2011. He writes on a wide array of subjects, including a medical marijuana entrepreneur, the struggles of Best Buy, the rise of Chobani yogurt, so-called pink slime in beef, and hockey stick design.

Before joining Bloomberg Businessweek, he spent 16 years with The Wall Street Journal as a reporter and editor in the Washington bureau and later as the chief of the Chicago Bureau.
He shared in the Journal’s 2002 Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He has won numerous other national awards for his work in journalism. Gruley is also the author of three award-winning mystery novels, “Starvation Lake,” “The Hanging Tree” and “The Skeleton Box.” He is working on a fourth novel.

The lecture is supported by the Jeff Cole Legacy Fund, which also offers an annual scholarship and a spring dinner for students who work at the Montana Kaimin, UM’s independent student newspaper.

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MTCC Welcomes New Class of AmeriCorps VISTA Members

March 06, 2014

MISSOULA – Thirteen candidates took the oath of service to become AmeriCorps VISTA members with the Montana Campus Compact on Jan. 24 in a special ceremony conducted by Montana Gov. Steve Bullock in Helena.

During the next year, these MTCC VISTAs will work with college and university campus partners in communities across Montana and Wyoming to further antipoverty efforts in the areas of education and veteran/military family support. Their projects include the expansion of science, technology, engineering and math opportunities; developing programming for K-12 success and retention; expanding veterans’ services; and leveraging volunteers and funding for local nonprofits.

“MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA members commit a year of their lives to using higher education resources to fight poverty,” said Brian Christianson, MTCC program manager. “When this happens, mutually beneficial, long-term partnerships develop between community organizations and higher education institutions, providing college students with exciting civic engagement opportunities and addressing the most pressing issues facing their communities.”
The new class of MTCC VISTA members, their sites and partner campuses are:

- Marissa Bremner, serving with Blackfeet Community College in Browning;
- Ambur Cameron, serving with the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming in partnership with the University of Great Falls;
- Mallory Cooper, serving with Montana Education Partnership in partnership with Helena College;
- Lacy Fiore, serving with the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming in partnership with Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell;
- Meghan Fullam, serving with the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming in partnership with Casper College in Casper, Wyo.;
- Erich Hellstrom, serving with Montana GEAR UP in Helena in partnership with Montana Tech;
- Alexander Herlich, serving with Salish Kootenai College Upward Bound in Pablo;
- Maureen Hopkins, serving with Poplar School District in partnership with Fort Peck Community College in Poplar;
- Ellen Snyder, serving with the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming in partnership with Gillette College in Gillette, Wyo.;
- Recynthia Robinson, serving with Lewis and Clark Region Troops to Teachers in partnership with Montana State University in Bozeman;
- Samantha Vernon, serving with Global Health Equity Foundation in partnership with Montana State University-Billings; and
- Adelle Yin, serving with Carroll College in Helena.

This year’s class also includes one member who re-enrolled for a second year:

- Kristen Hollum, serving with the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation in partnership with Montana State University-Billings in Red Lodge.

MTCC VISTA members come from around Montana and across the country to forge campus and community partnerships in Montana and Wyoming. In addition to working with low-income populations, VISTAs take a vow of poverty and are prohibited from holding employment outside their service. At the end of their one-year term, they receive a federal education award that can be used to pay back student loans or further their education.

“The impact VISTA members make on the communities they serve is significant,” Christianson said. “In the past year, MTCC VISTAs generated $372,311 in cash and in-kind donations for projects addressing poverty problems in Montana. They recruited more than 450 college student volunteers to serve with local VISTA projects.”

The Montana Campus Compact works to improve communities and educate students for their civic and social responsibilities. MTCC member campuses include Aaniiih Nakoda College, Blackfeet Community College, Carroll College, Dawson Community College, Flathead Valley Community College, Fort Peck Community College, Great Falls College Montana State University, Helena College University of Montana, Little Big Horn College, Miles Community College, Montana State University-Bozeman, MSU-Billings, MSU-Northern, Montana Tech, Rocky Mountain College, Salish Kootenai College, Stone Child College, UM, UM Western and the University of Great Falls. MTCC also works with campuses in neighboring states.
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Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation Provides $2.4 Million for Statewide Online College-Prep Curriculum

March 06, 2014

MISSOULA – Fully 28 percent of students arrive on Montana college campuses needing remedial courses. In response, the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation has made a $2.4 million gift to the Montana Digital Academy at the University of Montana to launch a statewide project designed to help students avoid remedial coursework when they attend college.

During the next three years, the Montana Digital Academy will test EdReady, a curriculum from the National Repository of Online Courses that was funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Washington Foundation gift will allow Montana students to be the first in the nation to use the curriculum statewide. It is intended to help students boost their scores on commonly used placement exams so they can begin their post-secondary education without remedial help.

“Dennis and Phyllis Washington are pleased to complement the efforts of Bill and Melinda Gates to advance
the first implementation of EdReady in the nation," said Mike Halligan, executive director of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. "The Washingtons believe that Montana's children must achieve at higher levels if they are to fulfill their own dreams and strengthen America. EdReady will provide students with the resources to accomplish their goals."

The Washington Foundation gift comes after a successful pilot project at UM last summer. In that project, 86 percent of participating students who needed math help increased their test scores and qualified to enroll in higher-level courses.

"Some students who enroll in college have a significant gap from the last time they took a math class in high school to the time they arrive on campus," said Denise Juneau, state superintendent of public instruction. "EdReady is a promising tool that we can use to help get those students up to speed, keeping them out of remedial courses and on track for college graduation."

The Montana Digital Academy, UM Department of Mathematical Sciences and UM Office of Student Success collaborated last summer on the EdReady pilot project, which involved 60 students who took the math curriculum remotely. The results showed that 86 percent of participants increased their test scores. Additionally, 41 students were able to avoid taking 49 remedial courses, totaling 151 credit hours that potentially would have cost those students about $30,000 in tuition and fees.

Robert Currie, executive director of the Montana Digital Academy, said a majority of the students were able to reach their target score with less than 16 hours of focused use of EdReady, versus an entire semester for most remedial courses.

"This game-changing system will help our students enter college more prepared, while saving them money and helping them earn their degree on time," Gov. Steve Bullock said. "Montana is leading the nation when it comes to innovative approaches to improving college and career readiness."

The Montana Digital Academy is part of the state's K-12 system and works with school districts to expand educational offerings with a mix of core and elective courses, including online college-prep courses. Statewide field testing of EdReady will begin this spring, with results expected in 2015. Initially, the EdReady curriculum will focus on improving math placement scores, with English to be added in 2015.

"This is a transformational gift for the University of Montana," UM President Royce Engstrom said. "Because of the Washington Foundation's continuing generosity and its focus on education, we will be the first state in the nation to offer the EdReady program to all secondary and post-secondary students, while also developing a national model that will guide future implementation across the country."

Currie said EdReady will show high school students where they lack readiness and help them create improvement plans. Middle and high school teachers and administrators can use the tool to evaluate their programs and help place students in appropriate courses in preparation for their college careers.

After high school students take the initial assessment, they and their schools receive information on which institutions likely would enroll them without remedial coursework and which schools would require it. EdReady then recommends courses of study tailored to students' personal needs based on the schools that they wish to attend.
“Montana is a national leader in testing this curriculum because we are committed to improving academic readiness, reducing time to degree and preserving college affordability,” said Clayton Christian, Montana commissioner of higher education. “The program is on the right track to help students succeed when they enroll at a college or university. Middle school and high school students will be able to establish their own EdReady accounts and improve their educational opportunities.”

If the Montana pilot project meets expectations, the Montana Digital Academy plans to take the program nationwide, said Roberta Evans, dean of the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences.


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UM to Kick Off International Week with International Culture and Food Festival

March 05, 2014

MISSOULA – The University Center at the University of Montana will become a venue for global sights, sounds and aromas at the 23rd annual International Culture and Food Festival on Sunday, March 23. Close to 3,500 people from the community and campus are expected to participate in the festival, with the theme “Celebrating Global Gateway.”

The festival will feature a world food bazaar, international culture show, children’s world, ethnic cultural pavilions and a silent auction. A parade of flags will kick off the festival at noon, and all activities will run until 5 p.m. Admission costs $5 for the general public and $3 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling Foreign Student and Scholar Services at 406-243-2226.

The food bazaar in the UC Atrium will feature authentic dishes from regions around world. Food is priced from 50 cents to $4 and will include Indian tacos, Greek souvlaki, Hmong eggrolls, Turkish kebap, Filipino banana turon, Mexican tortas ahogadas, Swedish meatballs and Chinese tangyuan.

The five-hour, nonstop and lively international culture show will take place on the third floor of the UC in the
Ballroom and will include traditional and contemporary performances such as the African fashion show, Pakistani dance, Chinese tea ceremony, belly dances and traditional Japanese fisherman's dance.

Children’s world in the UC Commons on the second floor will present an imaginative children’s festival with 15 events featuring hands-on, fun intercultural activities. Children can participate in games, dances, storytelling, multi-ethnic crafts and origami, as well as meet people from different cultures. Kids will be issued “passports” and can earn “world citizen” status by completing activities. At the same time, the Montana International Children’s Film Festival will feature short, entertaining, thought-provoking and visually stunning films for children ages 4 to 8 in the UC Theater on the third floor.

Cultural pavilions in the UC Ballroom will present displays from individual countries and internationally focused local organizations, making the festival an inspiration for those hoping to make international connections here in Missoula. Displays will include colorful information about countries, a world-items market and information booths.

The Missoula International Friendship Program will have sign-up information for those interested in becoming a “community friend” to incoming UM international students.

The festival is sponsored by the UM International Student Association and Foreign Student and Scholar Services and is the kickoff for International Week which will take place March 23-28 at UM. Presentations and cultural events during international week are organized by the office of International Programs and are free and open to the public. For a full schedule of events, visit http://www.umt.edu/international-programs/ or call 406-243-2288.

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Mansfield Center Offers Faculty Members Awards for Asia Research

March 05, 2014

MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana invites faculty members to apply for the Yamaguchi Opportunity Fund.

Through the generous support of Akira Yamaguchi, the University is able to offer modest support each fall and spring for faculty research related to Asian studies and, to a lesser extent, curriculum development related to Asia. Past awards have supported conference participation, and fundable activities include research-related travel, scholarly publication and essential research materials.

Preference is given to junior (full-time but pretenure) faculty members, although other faculty will be considered, and limited support may be available for outstanding research proposals from UM graduate students. Awards typically are $500, and the maximum award is $1,000.

Interested faculty and students should submit a two-page proposal detailing the nature and the cost breakdown of their request and explaining the impact the support will have on their research or teaching. A letter of support from a colleague in the field who is familiar with the applicant's work and able to assess the merits of
the proposal (or a letter of support from their principal adviser) must be included.

Applications can be submitted by email attachment to caitlin.sager@mso.umt.edu and must be received by Friday, April 11. Awards will be announced in late April. For more information, visit http://umt.edu/mansfield/academics/facultyfunding.php.

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Author to Lecture at UM on ‘New American Militarism’

March 05, 2014

MISSOULA – Author and Boston University Professor of International Relations and History Andrew J. Bacevich will deliver a lecture titled “The New American Militarism” as part of the University of Montana President’s Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

Bacevich also will deliver a seminar titled “The Importance of Reinhold Niebuhr’s ‘Irony of American History’” in collaboration with the UM Philosophy Forum and Mansfield Ethics and Public Affairs Program from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. that same day in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Bacevich is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and received his doctorate in American diplomatic history from Princeton University. Before joining Boston University, he taught at West Point and Johns Hopkins University. He currently teaches courses on American military experience and foreign policy.

As an author, he has gained a national following for his penetrating criticisms of American foreign policy, particularly the country’s post-Cold War military interventions. He draws from thinkers as diverse as Charles A. Beard, William Appleman Williams and Reinhold Niebuhr in formulating a scathing indictment of American
imperialism and militarism.


In 2004, Bacevich was a Berlin Prize Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin. He also has held fellowships at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, the John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Council on Foreign Relations.

The President’s Lecture Series consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. For more information, visit http://umont.edu/president/events/lectures/ or call UM history Professor Richard Drake at 406-243-2981.

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97th Foresters’ Ball, Community Events Slated for March 21-22

March 05, 2014

MISSOULA – The 97th annual Foresters’ Ball, “Saw Fumes and Outlaw Tunes,” will be held Friday and Saturday, March 21-22, at the University of Montana Adams Center. The Careers in Natural Resource Management Fair and Community Forestry Day also will return as part of the festivities this year.

The dance will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight both nights in the East/West Auxiliary Gym of the Adams Center. Tickets cost $20 for singles and $35 for couples. They will be available Monday, March 17, at the University Center, the Sunrise Saloon and the Adams Center Box Office. Pre-sale tickets will be available Monday, March 10, at http://www.griztix.com and at all GrizTix outlets.

Lead-up events have been scheduled:

• **Saturday, March 8:** Fir tree cutting at Lubrecht Experimental Forest. Students will meet behind the Forestry Building at 8 a.m. to carpool to the thinning unit, where nearly 500 small trees will be thinned and used as decorations at the ball.
Thursday, March 13: Boondockers Day on the Oval, 11a.m.-1 p.m. UM students can try their hand at ax throwing, crosscut sawing and keg tossing to win a ticket to the ball. The deans of the College of Forestry and Conservation and the School of Law will take turns seeing who can sling the most cow dung across the Oval lawn. The helicopter ticket drop will be at noon.

- **Monday, March 17**: Construction “Ball Week,” 8 a.m. Forestry students and other groups will begin construction of the traditional logging town. Everyone is invited to help, take pictures and be part of this 97-year tradition, provided they wear a hard hat.

Missoula-area high school students and UM students with undeclared majors are invited to the Careers in Natural Resource Management Fair from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, March 21, at the Adams Center. The event is hosted in collaboration with the Forestry Scholarship Association and features natural resources employers from across the region.

The public is invited to the free Community Forestry Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Adams Center. Missoula-area families and youth can experience all the fun and interactive aspects of the forestry world. Smokey Bear will make an appearance; Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks will have furs and fish to feel and catch; and forestry students will assist kids with their first mini-logging experience.

The dance will feature it’s traditional “Swingin’ Good Time” aspects, including the Drinkin’ and Dreamin’ Bar, where patrons can get a Coke for Kiss; the Mugshots photo booth; the Two Strokes Camp maze of trees; free chili at the Hungry Highwaymen’s chow hall; Cutters and Rakers barbershop; Gold Rush Picks general store; Bosworth’s Last Stand jail; and the Choker Bell Chapel, where couples can be married – and divorced – for a small fee collected by the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority for Camp Mak-A-Dream. Patrons also can walk back in time at the Honky-Tonk Heroes exhibit and Tall Timber Tales timeline.

The Foresters’ Ball is planned and put on by students in the UM College of Forestry and Conservation. All proceeds benefit student scholarships and ensuring this tradition continues for years to come.

For more information call Foresters’ Ball Publicity Officer Leslie Neu at 573-999-1925, email forestersball@gmail.com or visit http://www.forestersball.com.

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Experts to Visit UM During Three-Part Lecture Series

March 04, 2014

MISSOULA – The Mansfield Ethics and Public Affairs Program at the University of Montana has announced its 2014 lecture series for the community. The series is titled “Our Unraveling Democracy? Consulting the Past to Understand the Present” and is co-sponsored by the Project on American Democracy and Citizenship.

The lectures are free and open to the public. The schedule follows:

- 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, Interdisciplinary Science Building Room 110: “Inside the Mind of the Christian Right: A Deep History of the Culture Wars,” Molly Worthen, assistant professor of history, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

- 3:10-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, Gallagher Business Building Room 123: “The Importance of Reinhold Niebuhr’s Irony of American History,” Andrew J. Bacevich, professor of international relations and history, Boston University.

- 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, Turner Hall Dell Brown Room: “The Tocquevillean Moment ... and
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Ours,” Wilfred M. McClay, G.T. and Libby Blankenship Chair in the History of Liberty at the University of Oklahoma.

Worthen’s research focuses on North American religious and intellectual history, particularly the ideas and culture of conservative Christianity in the 20th century. During her lecture she will discuss the Christian Right as a product of a long civil war within evangelical ranks, a battle over intellectual authority with roots that stretch centuries into the past.

Bacevich is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He earned his doctorate in American diplomatic history from Princeton University. Before joining the faculty of Boston University, he taught at West Point and Johns Hopkins University. During his lecture he will assess the cost and benefits of American militarism. Bacevich is also on campus to deliver a talk on American militarism as part of the President’s Lecture Series, which will take place at 8 p.m. in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

McClay, a Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, is a widely acclaimed expert on American intellectual and cultural history. He was appointed in 2002 to the National Council on the Humanities, the advisory board for the National Endowment for the Humanities. He also is a senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. His lecture will examine the body of thought from Alexis de Tocqueville, one of the most profound and enduringly influential thinkers of the 19th century.

For more information on the lecture series, call Michal Helman, project coordinator for UM’s Mansfield Ethics and Public Affairs Program, at 734-834-6485 or email michal.helman@umontana.edu.

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UM Receives $1.5 Million Boost for Conservation from Wyoming Couple

March 04, 2014

MISSOULA – A University of Montana alumnus has committed $1.5 million of his estate to the College of Forestry and Conservation. The gift from Earle Layser and his late wife, Pattie, of Alta, Wyo., will endow a professorship in conservation biology and policy.

“Through this generous gift, the University of Montana will do even more to preserve the natural resources of the land the Laysers love,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “We are grateful for their dedication to conservation education and research.”

The position will be called the Earle and Pattie Layser Endowed Distinguished Professorship in Conservation Biology and Policy. It will increase the number of existing or planned endowed faculty positions in the college to four. Others include the Joel and Patti Meier Wildland Recreation Management Chair, the John J. Craighead Chair of Wildlife Conservation, and the Boone and Crockett Professor of Wildlife Conservation.

“These endowed positions complement each other and strengthen our programs in wildlands, wildlife biology, conservation biology and natural resource policy,” Engstrom said. “Together, these positions, and the
professors in them now and in the future, make UM a powerhouse in those fields."

Jim Burchfield, dean of the College of Forestry and Conservation, said the gift from Earle and Pattie Layser will allow the college to deepen its focus on wildland conservation and policy.

“We already have a strong foundation of scholarship and research in natural resource policy and land conservation,” Burchfield said. “This generous gift will help future students better understand the connections between people, wildlife and landscapes in the West.”

Earle Layser, who spent his childhood in rural Pennsylvania, graduated from the School of Forestry in 1965. His late wife, Pattie, grew up in Memphis, Tenn. Together, the couple traveled the world, but their home always was the Northern Rockies. They particularly loved the Greater Yellowstone area – a place Pattie would come to call her “life’s landscape.”

“I took Earle’s hand and we stepped into the outside,” Pattie Layser wrote. “I will always be thankful for that, over time and space, a Southern girl’s backyard morphed into Yellowstone Park and other western wildlands.”

The couple worked together as writers, naturalists and journalists, publishing hundreds of stories on conservation, natural history, history and heritage, outdoor recreation and travel.

“We were exceptionally fortunate to visit and write about some of Earth’s beautiful, wild and biologically unique places,” Earle Layser said. “But in the process, we witnessed firsthand humankind’s sobering worldwide assault on natural places and wildlife. Perhaps, within that same landscape, we can also be leaders in demonstrating to the world how, in the future, to live in ecological and sustainable harmony with our wildlands and wildlife. It is toward that goal that Pattie and I are making this gift.”

The University of Montana Foundation will manage the Earle and Pattie Layser Endowed Fund.

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UM Adds Powerful New Instrument to Analyze Crystals

March 04, 2014

MISSOULA – Scientists and students studying at the subnanometer level can rejoice: the University of Montana has purchased a single-crystal X-ray diffractometer valued at $515,000.

The device is the only small-molecule diffractometer in Montana and this part of the Rocky Mountain West.

“This is a state-of-the-art instrument,” said Orion Berryman, a UM assistant professor of chemistry. “We are really excited to have it here.”

The device was installed the last week of January in the basement of UM’s
Interdisciplinary Science Building. It did its first imaging Feb. 3.

Berryman said the diffractometer measures tiny crystal samples to determine composition at atomic resolution. This tells scientists what the crystals are made of and how the atoms are arranged. The device produces 3-D maps that illustrate the locations and composition of atoms within the sample.

A crystal is composed of an ordered and repeating molecule in the solid state. The diffractometer shines an intense X-ray source into the crystal to take measurements. The X-rays bounce off the electrons of the atoms at varying angles.

"Based on the angle that the X-rays diffract off the atoms' electrons, we can calculate the position of the atom and also how many electrons are involved," Berryman said. "If the diffraction has a particular intensity, it has to be a certain type of atom. And then we can make pictures of what the structure looks like."

He said the new UM instrument has a lot of capabilities because it has two X-ray sources – one copper and one molybdenum – that produce X-rays with different wavelengths. This makes the device capable of handling both large crystals or small samples that don't diffract well.

Though the diffractometer is valued a $515,000, UM paid significantly less. Berryman earned a $265,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund purchase of the instrument, and UM's research administration office, chemistry department, pharmacy college and College of Humanities and Sciences provided a 30 percent match. The manufacturer also provided a substantial discount.

"I think they were pretty excited to see one of their instruments in our region," Berryman said.

He wants to spread the word that the device is now available to chemists, geoscientists, pharmacy researchers, biologists and others. It uses liquid nitrogen to cool down the samples enough to obtain high-resolution data. He said a small fee will be charged to people at UM to maintain the facility and instrument. People from off campus will pay slightly more.
“This is intended to be an intercollegiate instrument,” Berryman said. “We hope to have students from UM, Montana State and elsewhere using the instrument.”

In his own lab, Berryman works to develop new catalysts, which increase the rate of chemical reactions. In the first uses of the diffractometer, he studied how a catalyst his lab designed interacted with an anionic substrate.

“It confirmed our hypothesis – that these molecules interact the way we designed,” he said. “There is no other instrument that gives us such direct confirmation of our structure. We can’t wait to train students to use this instrument. It’s pretty user-friendly. Analyzing the data takes more time, but certainly anyone interested in doing it can learn.”

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UM Team Wins International Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl

March 04, 2014

MISSOULA – A team of University of Montana students recently won the 18th International Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl after competing against undergraduate students from 32 different universities.

Students Hayden Hooker and Joel Johnson both are seniors studying philosophy; Alan Rolph is a senior studying political science and journalism; and team coach Neil Bennett is a graduate student pursuing a master’s in economics. This is the first UM team to win the competition since 1997.

Though it is common for Ethics Bowl teams to have a philosophy professor for a coach and to prepare for the competition through a credited course, the UM team prepared on their own, during time outside of class. During November and December the team advanced through regional competitions, and they won the final competition on Feb. 27 in Jacksonville, Fla. The 32 teams at the final competition all were regional champions.

In the Ethics Bowl, teams receive a set of cases in advance which raise issues in practical and professional ethics. The UM team had two months to prepare 15 cases.
“These cases were meant to have no direct ethical answer and ranged anywhere from bioethics to ethics in technology,” Bennett said. One case covered off-label prescriptions of anti-psychotic drugs, another was about naming parks after public figures with a racist past, and another was about use of drones in and out of warfare.

Teams prepare an analysis of each case, and at the competition a moderator poses questions based on a case from the set. A panel of judges may probe the teams for further justifications and then evaluates answers. Teams are judged on intelligibility, focus on ethically relevant considerations, avoidance of ethical irrelevance and deliberative thoughtfulness.

Bennett competed as an undergraduate student in the Ethics Bowl two years ago, but as a graduate student she decided to continue her involvement by coaching.

“Most of the other teams were comprised of five members and some alternates, but we managed to win with the minimum number of people required, which is three,” she said.

The International Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl is hosted by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics. For more information call Bennett at 208-529-6806 or email neil.bennett@umontana.edu.

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UM Dining Director LoParco Wins Silver Plate Award

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MISSOULA – University of Montana Dining Director Mark LoParco has won the International Foodservice Manufacturers Association Silver Plate Award for the colleges and universities category.

“We are privileged to award this year’s class of Silver Plate recipients,” said Larry Oberkfell, IFMA president and CEO. “The Gold and Silver Plate Awards are the IFMA community’s way of celebrating greatness within the operator community and acknowledging the leadership and dedication these particular individuals have put forth to advance the foodservice industry.”

Aside from directing all UM Dining services such as the Food Zoo, UM Farm to College Program and UM Catering, LoParco also is president of the National Association of College and University Food Services. He is the first standing president of the NACUFS to win a Silver Plate Award.

“While the Silver Plate Award is given to an individual, no one person could achieve the successes required to be honored in this way without a strong, supportive environment in which to thrive,” LoParco said. “For the past
22 years, I've had the privilege of serving the University of Montana, where Presidents George Dennison and Royce Engstrom and Vice Presidents Barbara Hollman and Teresa Branch have been fully supportive of our business activities on campus and strong proponents of our involvement in professional associations, especially NACUFS.

"Throughout my tenure at UM, the staff of UM Dining have been an unwavering source of creativity, innovation and dedication, and loyal to UM through feast and famine. For a foodservice professional in any category, winning this award is on parallel with winning a Heisman Trophy. I'm deeply humbled to be the recipient of the 2014 IFMA Silver Plate Award."

This year’s Silver Plate winners are eligible for the 2014 Gold Plate Award, which will be announced in May at the 60th annual Gold & Silver Plate Awards Celebration in Chicago. Silver Plate winners are chosen by a jury that includes national trade press editors, foodservice experts, past award winners and the chair of the International Gold and Silver Plate Society.

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