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UM Paleontology Center Celebrates National Fossil Day

September 30, 2016

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Paleontology Center invites the public to “follow the dinosaur footprints and party with paleontologists” at the seventh annual National Fossil Day on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

The free event runs from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Charles H. Clapp Building on the southeast corner of campus. Attendees are asked to enter through the building’s breezeway.

Activities include rock and fossil identifications; tours of the Research Collections Room, which only happen once a year; a screening of a short film about the coelacanth; and a chance to hear about current paleontological research going on at the center. Activities geared especially for kids ages 5 to 12 will take place in the Junior Paleontologist Room.

The UMPC collections represent the ancient heritage of Montana and western North America. There are more than 50,000 vertebrate, invertebrate and plant specimens in the research collection, which was started in 1898.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s College of Humanities and Sciences celebrated the grand opening of six newly remodeled classrooms in the Liberal Arts Building on Sept. 30 and announced the next stage of renovations to the facility.

In the past two years, private investors Dennis and Gretchen Eck have generously contributed nearly $4 million toward the renovations to UM’s
Liberal Arts Building. Their most recent $2.6 million pledge will help initiate future phases of the remodel.

Thanks to the Ecks’ ongoing support, the college has created a technology corridor by outfitting six classrooms with enhanced technology to promote flexible learning environments. These “smart” classrooms reopened to students and faculty this semester, providing access to advanced audio/visual resources such as a dual-purpose whiteboard “skyfold” wall, Polycom units, an 80-inch monitor and wireless input systems to help facilitate lectures.

“I was walking across campus one day, stepped into the building and went back in time 50 years,” said Dennis Eck, former interim CEO and current director at Ulta Salon, Cosmetics and Fragrance, Inc. “Nothing had been modernized. And I decided to do something about it – something that could serve as a proof of concept for upgrading the University’s facilities without changing its characteristic beauty.”

Dennis and Gretchen’s previous gifts also have ensured further renovations, which will launch in December. The next stage, unveiled at Friday’s event, includes enhancing technology in the building’s 120-seat auditorium, creating a new central entrance, remodeling office spaces and designing much-needed student gathering spaces. Additionally, their support has provided for the development of an official master plan to guide the college’s facility upgrades.

“We are grateful for generous visionaries like Dennis and Gretchen Eck, who recognize the value of an education that builds a broad foundation across disciplines,” said UM President Royce Engstrom. “The improvements being made to the Liberal Arts Building will be integral to equipping our students with the tools to succeed in the global 21st century.”

The College of Humanities and Sciences fulfills approximately 80 percent of all general education requirements for the University, making the Liberal Arts Building one of the University’s most highly trafficked spaces. The Ecks and the college have envisioned a facility that brings digital technology to faculty and students’ fingertips and allows them to access scholars and educational resources around the world.

“Using the technology of LA 304 allows me to present three to four different pieces of information simultaneously,” said Barbara Weinlich, a visiting associate professor of classics. “Essentially, it provides me a platform for making various thinking dispositions visible. This new learning environment not only meets the expectation of the digital
generation but also facilitates the deepening of each student’s understanding of the course content.”

Throughout his career, Dennis has been at the forefront of technological innovation in retail, leading companies like The Vons Companies, Coles Myer, and Ulta Salon, Cosmetics, and Fragrance. His extensive experience as a pioneer in business has led him to believe that technology is an equalizer.

“Because technology is a cost-effective way of transmitting information, data and learning, it removes barriers without decreasing value,” Dennis said. “In a university setting, that value is passing knowledge from a professor to a student. If the technology in the Liberal Arts Building allows that to happen more efficiently, then we’ve accomplished a big part of making education affordable and available in the long term.”

The next phase of facility renovations depends on important infrastructure updates to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems, plumbing and electrical systems, as well as roof repairs and asbestos abatement. As a priority for the University in the next legislative session, this project promises to demonstrate the momentum of private support when coupled with state resources.

The College of Humanities and Sciences – known as the “heart and soul” of the University – encourages and supports teaching and research that cross traditional disciplines in collaborative ways, both within the college and across UM. For more information on supporting the Liberal Arts Building project or the college, call Marci Bozeman at 406-243-2646 or email marci.bozeman@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Foundation honored two of its most dedicated donors with the prestigious Order of the Grizzly award at the annual President’s Club Dinner on Sept. 29. The 2016 recipients, Bill and Phyllis Bouchee, have supported UM for more than 30 years and are known throughout Missoula for their involvement and generosity.

In 2001, the Bouchees established the Bill and Phyllis Bouchee Scholarship for a Montana student majoring in finance, which has since
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grown to provide three full-tuition scholarships each year. Just over 10 years later, the couple created the Bill and Phyllis Bouchee Family Football Scholarship for student-athletes. To date, 24 students have received scholarships thanks to the Bouchees.

With the largest scholarship offered in the School of Business Administration, they have set a standard for others to follow. Every year they attend the business school’s scholarship banquet and the Robert O. Lindsay Scholar-Athlete Honors Banquet to meet the recipients of their awards.

“Bill and Phyllis have provided incredible support to the University,” said Shane Giese, president and CEO of the UM Foundation. “The personal investments they have made over the years have had an exceptional and tangible impact on campus.”

Bill began his 41-year career in the finance industry at First National Bank, now First Montana Bank. He later transitioned to First Security Bank, where he supported countless promising young people on their journeys up the corporate ladder. As president for 13 years and later CEO and vice chairman, he not only guided the bank’s growth to over $600 million in assets, but also personally mentored many entry-level tellers to executive positions.

Scott Burke, one of the bankers who benefited from Bill’s mentorship and now president and CEO of First Security Bank, presented Bill and Phyllis with the award.

“Bill has a bigger heart than most people,” Burke said. “And Phyllis is half that heart. They’re very, very good people.”

The Order of the Grizzly award recognizes those who have made a significant impact on UM through their leadership and philanthropy. Bill and Phyllis exemplify these criteria not only through their financial investments, but through their volunteer service to the University.

Both are UM alums and were actively involved in campus life as students. Bill received his bachelor’s in business administration in 1963, lettered in football and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Phyllis was a member of the Mortar Board, Spurs and Kappa Kappa Gamma and graduated in 1965 with a bachelor’s in history and political science.

Since graduating, Bill has served as a member of the Grizzly Scholarship Association, Business Advisory Council, Business Drive Committee and National Advisory Board of Grizzly Athletics. Phyllis volunteered with the UM Alumni Association and later joined the staff and worked in alumni relations until 2009. She has also been involved in the UM Retiree’s Association. The pair can be spotted at nearly every Griz football and basketball game and continue to be actively engaged in Grizzly Athletics.

“We could not be where we’re at today without Bill and Phyllis’ consistent support,” said Kent Haslam, UM director of athletics. “That support is far more than financial – it has come with their own time, talents and passion.”

While the Bouchees are monumental supporters of UM, their philanthropy has touched numerous organizations throughout Western Montana, including the Missoula Art Museum, Community Medical Center, Five Valleys Land Trust, Missoula Food Bank and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Bill and Phyllis previously have received UM’s Community Service Award, and Bill is a former recipient of the Neil S.
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Bucklew Presidential Service Award and School of Business Administration Distinguished Outstanding Alumnus Award.

The Bouchees’ sons, Mike and Bob Bouchee, are also UM alums, graduating from the School of Business Administration and the College of Humanities and Sciences, respectively.

The UM Foundation established the Order of the Grizzly in 1965 to honor individuals who sustain an active interest in Montana and whose accomplishments contribute to the welfare of the state, nation and world. Recipients are awarded a bronze statue of a grizzly bear, the mascot of the University, sculpted by late art Professor Rudy Autio.

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HAMILTON – Anyone interested in pursuing a degree early childhood education should attend an information meeting Thursday, Oct. 6, in Hamilton. The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. in Room 111 of Bitterroot College University of Montana, located at 103 S. Ninth St.

The event will describe early childhood education degrees offered by UM Western at the Bitterroot College campus. Participants will learn about assistance with college admission, course registration and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, as well as a new prekindergarten to third grade bachelor degree. People are encouraged to bring copies of their high school transcripts or past college transcripts, if applicable.

For more information email Jen Gilliard at jen.gilliard@umwestern.edu or Dawn Zimdars at dawn.zimdars@umwestern.edu. Prospective students also can call 406-683-7176 or 406-683-7304.

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UM Art Professor to Discuss ‘Monkey Business’ in Oct. 6 Lecture

September 29, 2016

MISSOULA – In conjunction with the annual University of Montana School of Art Faculty Exhibition, Valerie Hedquist, professor of art history and art criticism, will present the lecture “Monkey Business” at 5:10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in Social Science Building Room 356.

The UM School of Art Faculty Exhibition is on display through Thursday, Oct. 20, in the Gallery of Visual Arts, which is located on the first floor of the Social Science Building. The lecture and exhibition are free and open to the public.

Hedquist’s research is inspired by the early 16th-century drawing by Titian of the classical sculpture of the priest Laocoön and his sons. The Venetian artist surprisingly replaced the heroic, idealized male figures of the original Greek work with a trio of struggling monkeys. Since that time, monkeys have occasionally shown up in paintings and prints, acting like humans as they eat dinner, play cards, look at art and occasionally wreak havoc. Hedquist will explore what message the artists convey when they depict monkeys assuming the role of humans, and whether human folly or the wisdom of monkeys is on display.
Hedquist has taught art history and art criticism at the UM School of Art since 1999. Her research interests are 17th-century Dutch art and 18th-century English portraiture. Hedquist has been published in numerous journal articles, book chapters and reviews and has several ongoing research projects including a book about Thomas Gainsborough’s Blue Boy.

For more information call Cathryn Mallory, UM Gallery of Visual Arts director, at 406-243-2813 or email gallery.visarts@umontana.edu. Information about the Gallery of Visual Arts is available online at http://www.umt.edu/art.

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UM’s Curry Health Center’s Wellness Department Presents ‘Best Fail Ever’

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MISSOULA – Curry Health Center Wellness at the University of Montana will present a series of events around the theme “Best Fail Ever” during the month of October to raise awareness about the importance of failure and resiliency for college students.

“Often people view failure as a terrible thing, when in reality failure is often an opportunity to learn and grow,” said Linda Green, director of Wellness at Curry Health Center. “Everyone who has ever accomplished something great has also failed along the way. The purpose of the event is to help reframe how we view success and failure.”

A 2015 survey from the Center of Collegiate Mental Health at Penn State showed half of all students who visit counseling services at the nation’s colleges are experiencing anxiety.

The 2016 National College Health Assessment Survey found that 61 percent of UM students reported feeling anxiety during the past year. Eighty-seven percent of UM students reported feeling overwhelmed by all they had to do.

“We want students to know that successful students aren’t the ones who do everything perfectly. Successful
students are the ones who ask for help when they are struggling,” Green said. “Successful students are the ones who don’t give up, but keep trying until they get it right. The people we think of as the most successful often had many failures before they succeeded.”

Curry Health Center Wellness will sponsor graffiti boards across campus Oct. 3-6 where students can share their “Best Fail Ever” stories in an anonymous public space. The boards will be set up on campus at the University Center on Monday, Oct. 3; on the Oval on Tuesday, Oct. 4; in the Lommasson Center on Wednesday, Oct. 5; and in the Gallagher Business Building on Thursday, Oct. 6.

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, Curry Health Center will hold its annual Blue Couch event on the Oval from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Curry Health Center staff will be on hand to listen to UM students share their stories, worries or concerns.

Curry Health Center Wellness will partner with artist Jack Metcalf for a “Best Fail Ever” art exhibit at the Real Good Art Space celebrating failure from 8 to 10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7. In addition to Metcalf, exhibiting artists include Courtney Blazon, Jeff Medley, Marc Moss, Michael Workman and Liz Williams. The campus graffiti boards also will be on display at the event. The Real Good Art Space is located at 1205 Defoe St. in Missoula.

“An essential trait of an artist – or anyone in a creative field – is the ability to cope with rejection. If not, the individual would not have much longevity in their field,” said Metcalf, who is also an adjunct instructor at UM. “Artists truly are innovators and leaders, and they have to be resilient, self-motivated and see their ideas through. I notice in art school academia, the students that really excel are those that embrace criticism with warm open arms.”

Following the public events, the wellness department’s student-run blog, Health Nut (http://healthnut.umt.edu), will continue to feature videos of students, faculty and staff sharing their “Best Fail Ever” stories. All are invited to share #BestFailEver stories online by tagging @curryhealthcenter on Facebook and Instagram or @curryhealth on Twitter.

For more information on “Best Fail Ever” events, call Curry Health Center Wellness at 406-243-6958 or email jessica.vizzutti@umontana.edu.

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UM Students Selected as Conservation Scholars

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MISSOULA – Three University of Montana students were selected from among candidates throughout the western United States as 2016-17 Wyss Scholars for Conservation.

Clayton Miller, Alexander Barton and Matthew Hart were chosen by the Wyss Foundation and UM faculty from the Environmental Studies program and the College of Forestry and Conservation for their superlative academic achievement and conservation goals.

Hart, from Amherst, Massachusetts, is in his second year of master’s work in UM’s Environmental Studies program. Barton, from New London, New Hampshire, is also in his second year of master’s work and studies resource conservation in the College of Forestry and Conservation. Miller, from Deltaville, Virginia, is in his second year at UM’s Blewett School of Law.

The awards provide tuition assistance, internship strategies and postgraduate loan repayment funds.

The Wyss Scholars Program supports graduate-level education for a new generation of leaders in western land
conservation. Wyss Scholars apply the latest concepts of conservation policy and science to careers in land management agencies and nonprofit conservation groups.

Scholarships provide up to half of tuition and expenses for a master’s degree, with part of the award going to the master’s program and the rest toward students who enter qualifying employment. Scholars also are awarded up to $5,000 to cover summer research or internships. UM is one of four schools that host the Wyss Scholars Program.

For more information on the program, visit http://wyssfoundation.org/fellows-scholars/scholars/.

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MISSOULA – The Office of the Registrar at the University of Montana is now offering students and academic advisers the use of DegreeWorks, an easy-to-use, web-based degree audit and academic advisement tool designed to enhance the advisement process.

DegreeWorks is engineered to help students and advisers monitor students’ progress toward degree completion. It combines UM’s degree requirements and an individual student's completed coursework into an easy-to-read worksheet. The worksheet helps students and advisers see which completed and in-progress courses count toward degree requirements. Additionally, the worksheet displays outstanding course requirements.

“We believe students will find DegreeWorks to be a powerful tool to assist with reaching their academic goals,” said UM Registrar Joe Hickman.

All undergraduate students who enrolled at UM after fall 2014 and who use the 2014-15 catalog or a newer version to fulfill their degree requirements have full access to DegreeWorks.
Enrolled students who entered UM before fall 2014 and are using an older catalog to fulfill their degree requirements can access DegreeWorks to perform “What-if” analyses on their intended majors and view General Education information.

Through DegreeWorks, students and advisers are able to:

- Learn the academic requirements for degree programs.
- See how all completed courses apply to degree requirements.
- Identify courses needed to complete degrees.
- View grades and academic standing.
- View cumulative grade point average.
- View transfer credit hours earned.
- Calculate a GPA based on their performance for the term.
- Calculate the grade combination(s) needed to achieve a goal GPA.
- Plan for registration in future semesters.
- Create “What-if” audits to process speculative degree audits based on current class history.
- Estimate how many semesters it will take to graduate.

Students and advisers can access DegreeWorks through the CyberBear portal by clicking on either the “CyberBear for Faculty and Advisers” or “Student Services” tab. The DegreeWorks link is available on both pages.

DegreeWorks is designed to aid and facilitate academic advising, but is not intended to replace face-to-face advising sessions. DegreeWorks is neither an official academic transcript nor an official notification of completion of degree requirements.

For additional information visit http://www.umt.edu/registrar/students/DegreeWorksFAQ.php.

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UM to Become First US Campus to Launch Fast-Charging, Zero-Emission Electric Buses

September 28, 2016

MISSOULA – The Associated Students of the University of Montana will launch its first zero-emission vehicles on Friday, Sept. 30, following a decision to "go electric" with its fleet.

The student-led transit agency will host an official ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. on the UM Oval, becoming the first campus in America to bring fast-charging electric buses to a university fleet.

Along with UM President Royce Engstrom, ASUM will host a slate of local and national dignitaries at the ceremony, including Montana Gov. Steve Bullock and Proterra CEO Ryan Popple.

"After years of planning and anticipation, we're proud to unveil our first electric bus to the campus community," said Jordan Hess, director of the ASUM Office of Transportation. "The UDASH service and this electric bus project are
testaments to the advocacy, involvement and entrepreneurial spirit of our student body. In the long run, these vehicles will reduce our carbon footprint while delivering substantial cost savings to the University."

Vehicle manufacturer Proterra offers fast-charging electric vehicles, and ASUM is its first university client. ASUM Transportation ordered two 40-foot Catalyst fast-charge buses and a charging station for its campus routes in February following years of planning. The first of those vehicles arrives in Missoula this week, and Homecoming parade watchers will get to see the new vehicle with its lively graphic design and near-silent operation.

The purchase was supported with Diesel Emissions Reduction Act funding from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

“We are pleased to partner with ASUM in providing supplemental funding on this project,” said Kyla Maki with the DEQ Energy Office. “Electric buses are a viable transportation option that will help meet goals we share with UM to reduce emissions, save money and improve public health and the environment.”

According to DEQ, the Proterra buses will immediately improve local air quality when they enter service, reducing emissions by 1,392 tons during their 12-year lifespan. The DEQ also estimates that nearly 123,500 gallons of diesel fuel will not be burned as a result of the transition to the new technology.

“As stewards of everything 'under the big sky,’ we all have a responsibility to protect our planet and our communities from the heavy impact of diesel pollution," said Ryan Popple, president and CEO of Proterra. “We salute the University of Montana as the first college in the nation to adopt Proterra zero-emission buses. We hope this example inspires other academic institutions to follow suit.

Founded in 1999 by a student referendum, ASUM Transportation has seen its ridership grow to nearly 15,000 people per week. Last year alone it provided more than 400,000 zero-fare rides to students, staff, faculty and visitors.

For more information about ASUM Transportation visit http://udash.org.

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MISSOULA – Two accomplished poets will visit the University of Montana to offer insight on “Race and Publishing in the 21st Century.” Ruth Ellen Kocher and Carmen Giménez Smith will deliver a lecture on the topic on Friday, Oct. 7, before reading their own work that evening.

UM creative writing faculty members, specifically Prageeta Sharma, invited the poets to share their thoughts at UM. Sharma, who has organized the highly successful “Thinking its Presence” conference on race, creative writing and literature, is excited to give Missoula audiences the opportunity to hear from these poets.

“Both Ruth Ellen Kocher and Carmen Giménez Smith are terrifically talented in breaking open poetic and prose forms and exploring how we explore innovation in
writing," Sharma said.

Kocher, a poetry, poetics and literature professor at the University of Colorado-Boulder, has written several prize winning poems, including “Domina Un/blued,” which won the Dorset Prize and the 2014 PEN/Open Book Award; “One Girl Babylon,” which won the Green Rose Prize; and “Desdemona’s Fire,” which won the Naomi Long Madgett Prize.

Her poems have appeared in various anthologies, and Kocher has been awarded fellowships from the Cave Canem Foundation and Yaddo. She is a contributing editor at Poets & Writers magazine and has taught poetry writing for the University of Missouri, Southern Illinois University, the New England College Residency Master of Fine Arts program, the Indian Summer Writer’s Workshop and Washington University’s Summer Writing Program.

Smith, a poetry teacher at the creative writing program at New Mexico State University and the publisher of Noemi Press, is the author of a memoir and four poetry collections. “Milk and Filth” was a finalist for the 2013 NBCC award in poetry. She co-edited “Angels of the Americlypse: New Latin@ Writing,” published by Counterpath Press.

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Artwork from UM’s Mike Mansfield Collection Now Available Online

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library announces a new online collection showcasing artwork and artifacts from Mike Mansfield’s archives. Mansfield was a Butte miner who went on to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1943 to 1952, the U.S. Senate from 1953 to 1977, and as U.S. ambassador to Japan from 1977 to 1988.

The collection is online at http://scholarworks.umt.edu/mansfieldartifacts/.

Mansfield received many gifts throughout his time in government service, including artwork, needlework, musical instruments, political cartoons and ceramics. He and his wife, Maureen, also purchased artwork during their travels through Latin America and East Asia.

“Mansfield donated these pieces to UM in the 1970s, along with his personal archives, to be made available to the
residents of the state," UM Archivist Donna McCrea said. "Some of the artists represented in the Mansfield collection have since become very well known."

UM's online repository, ScholarWorks, currently has 168 Mansfield items available to view. The entire collection has more than 700 items.

"I'm very excited to include representations of these 3-D artifacts in ScholarWorks, as they’re both visually interesting and historically important," said Digital Initiatives Librarian Wendy Walker, who manages ScholarWorks. "This is the first collection in our repository that really encourages you to zoom in on detail and to spend time exploring each object. I'm hopeful that it will inspire and support research, as well as simple curiosity."

The collection will continue to be updated as more artifacts are digitized, McCrea said.

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Montana’s Most Experienced Political Analysts Return to Airwaves

September 27, 2016

MISSOULA – The state’s most experienced team of political analysts returns to the airwaves with “Campaign Beat,” Montana Public Radio’s weekly political analysis program. Every Friday through election week, Sally Mauk, Chuck Johnson and Rob Saldin examine the week’s top election stories and inject a dose of reality into the campaign rhetoric.

“‘Campaign Beat’ operates on the premise that intelligent analysis requires context, history and even-handed candor,” said MTPR Senior News Analyst Sally Mauk. “Chuck, Rob and I hope our weekly discussion breaks down the cacophony of the campaigns into comprehensible and common-sensible information voters can hear and understand.”

The trio is well-suited for the task. Mauk has spent her career delivering context and “even-handed candor” over the airwaves, covering Montana news and politics since the early 1980s. Chuck Johnson is a walking encyclopedia of Montana political history. He’s been covering state politics since the 1972 Constitutional Convention and is one of Montana’s longest-serving political reporters. UM Professor Rob Saldin brings the critical eye of the political scientist, who can put Montana politics into the larger context of national, and even international, trends.
“Campaign Beat” airs Fridays on Montana Public Radio during the 6:30 p.m. news hour. An encore broadcast airs at 11 a.m. Sundays. The show is available online at [http://bit.ly/2cKGr5F](http://bit.ly/2cKGr5F) and via podcast.

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UM Physical Therapy Students to Host Massage Clinic Fundraiser

September 26, 2016

MISSOULA – University of Montana Physical Therapy Student Association members will offer 20- and 40-minute massages throughout October as part of their biannual campus fundraising clinics.

The clinics will take place from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Oct. 3-6, 10-13, 17-20 and 24-27 in Skaggs Building Room 129. The massages are open to the public and cost $12 for a 20-minute massage and $20 for a 40-minute massage. Only cash or checks will be accepted as payment.

Proceeds directly support scholarships for UMPT students and will help them attend local and national conferences. UMPT students have traveled to the National Student Conclave to hear guest lecturers discuss new findings in the field of physical therapy and the Combined Sections Meeting to network for jobs and residencies and learn about different forms of treatment. Money raised through the fundraiser also helps PT students study abroad in places such as South Africa, Thailand and Ethiopia.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 406-243-4753.
Contact: Laura Neneman or Dakota Amy, directors, UM Physical Therapy Student Association Massage Clinic, 406-243-4753, umptmassageclinic@gmail.com.
MISSOULA – International comedy sensation and ventriloquist Jeff Dunham and his cast of hilarious characters will perform at the University of Montana as part of their hugely successful “Perfectly Unbalanced” tour.

The show begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017, in the Adams Center.

Tickets cost between $34.50 and $47, plus applicable service fees. They will be available starting at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30, online at http://www.griztix.com, by calling 406-243-4051 or at all GrizTix locations.

Dunham has garnered numerous accolades, from being named to Forbes’ Celebrity 100 list of Most Powerful Entertainers to setting the Guinness World Record for the “Most Tickets Sold for a Stand-Up Comedy Tour” to setting the viewership record for Comedy Central. He has sold more than 7 million DVDs worldwide and has nearly a billion views on YouTube.

Dunham handcrafts each character personally from conception to the final coat of paint, then brings them to life on stage. His beloved troupe of sidekicks include Walter the Grumpy Retiree; Achmed the Dead Terrorist; the beer-
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fueled redneck Bubba J.; the manic purple creature, Peanut; the spicy pepper from south of the border, Jose Jalapeno; and Little Jeff, a mini-version of the ringmaster himself.

The famed comedian has visited five continents and 12 countries, including the United Kingdom, South Africa, Australia, the Middle East and Asia, where he continuously performed to sold-out arenas.

For more information about the Missoula event, call Chanelle Paakkonen, UM productions marketing coordinator, at 406-243-4719 or email marketing@umproductions.org.

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Haynes Foundation Establishes $4 Million Endowment to Benefit UM

September 26, 2016

MISSOULA – The University of Montana announced Sept. 26 that The Haynes Foundation, a charitable foundation founded by Jack Ellis Haynes and Isabel May Haynes in 1958, has established an endowment of just over $4 million with the UM Foundation. The endowment will be used to provide scholarships to undergraduate students who have graduated from a Montana high school.

Since its inception, the goal of The Haynes Foundation has been to assist in providing scholarships to deserving Montana students. Jack and Isabel Haynes owned and operated The Haynes Picture Shop in Yellowstone National Park. This was a continuation of the photo shop originally started by Jack Haynes’ father, Frank J. Haynes, in 1884. The Haynes family photographs, postcards, guidebooks and souvenirs opened the wonder of Yellowstone National Park to generations worldwide.

The establishment of this endowment demonstrates the 50-plus year commitment of The Haynes Foundation to promoting higher education in the state of Montana and to helping prepare students for a lifetime of success.

Montana and Yellowstone National Park were integral parts of the Haynes family history. Jack and Isabel Haynes...
demonstrated the strong work ethic, entrepreneurship and commitment to continuing a successful business, which enabled them to establish The Haynes Foundation. The endowment will benefit students for many generations to come and continue to ensure that the goals of The Haynes Foundation will continue to be fulfilled in perpetuity.

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UM Releases Fall 2016 Enrollment Numbers

September 23, 2016

MISSOULA – The University of Montana today announced an overall, preliminary fall enrollment headcount of 12,419 students. This represents a 4.8 percent decrease in total enrollment at UM.

Fall 2016 headcount enrollment at the central mountain campus was down 6.1 percent, while Missoula College UM numbers were up 2.2 percent. The headcount for graduate students grew 3.9 percent.

Tom Crady, UM’s new vice president for enrollment management and student affairs, expressed concern with the continued reduction in the number of incoming freshmen.

“The size of our freshman class impacts enrollment for four to five years,” Crady said. “We’re intensifying our recruiting efforts with the top priority of boosting those numbers.”

When Crady arrived on campus this past summer, he began to evaluate the capacity of the admissions and recruiting office. His immediate plans include examining recruiting strategies for Montana high school students, expanding areas to target new non-resident students and taking the entire operation digital and eliminating paper
files.

Crady also praised his team. “They are passionate about UM and work hard to bring new students to campus. Our recruiters visit every high school in Montana to share with prospective students all that UM has to offer,” he said.

Despite an overall reduction in the number of students, there are some positives worth noting within individual areas of the data. The Graduate School at UM increased from 2,030 students last fall to 2,110 this year. UM also has more nonresident students, a fact that will help meet budget projections.

Overall, the UM Office of Data/Institutional Research had projected and planned fiscally for a lower fall enrollment. “The fall numbers indicate that we are on course with meeting the targets around which we’ve built the budget,” said Dawn Ressel, UM associate vice president for planning, budgeting and analysis.

Missoula College UM showed a slight uptick in enrolled students this year, and dual enrollment was largely the reason. The number of high school students taking college courses at MC increased 37.2 percent, from 425 students to 583 for the fall term.

Enrollment challenges at UM continue at a time when the institution is enjoying immense success in many areas. Research awards approached $87 million this year, and expenditures were nearly $79 million – both new records. In August, the UM Foundation announced another fundraising record for the 2016 fiscal year, with $53.67 million in funds raised. Academic Analytics also ranked UM’s Wildlife Biology Program the best in the United States and Canada.

Crady sees opportunities for enrollment growth across the board.

“As I said when I arrived on campus, I’m excited about the quality of education, experiential learning, campus life and community that is available to our students – and at a very reasonable price for families,” he said. “More students should be benefiting from a University of Montana education.”

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UM to Celebrate American Indian Heritage Sept. 23

September 22, 2016

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will celebrate American Indian Day on Friday, Sept. 23. All events are free and open to the public, except lunch at the Food Zoo.

The schedule is:

- **7 a.m.**: Sunrise Ceremony, led by Kevin Kicking Woman and Ruth Swaney.

- **8:15 a.m.**: Light refreshments, Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place, Payne Family Native American Center.

- **9 a.m.-4 p.m.**: Curated Indigenous Traditional Regalia and Clothing Display, Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place, Payne Center.

- **9:30-11:30 a.m.**: American Indian Heritage Day Activities led by spectrUM, SciNation and the College of Forestry and Conservation, including wildlife furs and skulls, stomp rockets and more. UM Oval.
• **11 a.m.**: Native Plant Garden Tour with UM botanist Marilyn Marler. Payne Center fire ring.

• **11 a.m.**: The Food Zoo will offer an indigenous menu. Costs $8.06 with Bear Bucks and $10.75 without. Lommasson Center.

• **11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.**: Soup Friday, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Circle of Success: Mentoring Opportunities in STEM program. Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place, Payne Center.

• **Noon**: American Indian Heritage Day Proclamation by UM President Royce Engstrom; includes opening prayer, traditional dancing and drumming; Payne Center.

For more information on the day’s activities, call Michelle Guzman, Native American studies adviser, at 406-243-5831 or email michelle.guzman@mso.umt.edu.

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September 22, 2016

MISSOULA – John Rush, an internationally recognized expert on depression, will present a lecture from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the University Center Theater at the University of Montana.

The lecture, “A Skeptic’s Guide to Recognizing and Treating Depression and Suicidality,” is free and open to the public and does not require reservations.

Rush, a clinical researcher and practitioner, specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of depression and other mood disorders. He holds degrees from Princeton University, Columbia College and Northwestern University and currently serves as Professor Emeritus at the Duke-National University of Singapore.

Throughout his career, Rush has helped develop and test cognitive therapy and medications for people with unipolar depression and bipolar mood disorders. He has received many honors, including the Donald Klein Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society for Clinical Psychopharmacology and the Mind of American Scientific Research Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contribution to the Study of Depression. He also has authored over 800 publications.
The lecture is sponsored by UM Health and Medicine, the Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience, UM’s Department of Psychology, the Office of the Provost, and the Office of Research and Creative Scholarship.

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UM School of Public and Community Health Sciences Lands $1.8 Million Grant

September 22, 2016

MISSOULA – The School of Public and Community Health Sciences at the University of Montana recently was awarded a $1.8 million grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The funding will develop the Montana Pediatric Clinical Trial Site.

The charge of MPCTS is to include children from rural and Native American populations in multicentered studies examining the influence of environmental factors on childhood health as part of the larger Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes program.

“These funds are a tremendous opportunity for the University of Montana to expand efforts already underway to improve the health of children,” said MPCTS Director Dr. Paul Smith. “The main strength of our application was showing that investigators from UM's School of Public and Community Health Sciences already had a track record of studies involving Native American and rural children. Understanding health and cultural issues of these children has been a key to such successful efforts.”

In the past, children from states such as Montana have been largely excluded from many studies. However, they
might differ significantly compared to children in urban settings in terms of risk factors, responses to disease or treatment. The grant will allow researchers and physicians in Montana to become part of the Institutional Development Award Pediatric Network and to develop methods for including children from rural states in such studies.

“This grant award emphasizes the robust collaboration that exists between the campus expertise associated with the UM Health and Medicine Initiative and our health care providers to move health and wellness forward in the region,” said Reed Humphrey, dean of UM’s College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences.

MCTPS will establish a network of collaborators located across the state and larger national institutions.

Along with Smith – who also is director of pediatric inpatient care, pulmonology and critical care at Missoula’s Community Medical Center and is affiliated with UM's Family Medicine Residency – other key personnel involved from UM are Erin Semmens and Kathrene Conway from the School of Public and Community Health Sciences and Lisa Blank from the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences. Outside UM, a cadre of nurses from across the state will help coordinate subject enrollment and data management.

The grant will support MCTPS for four years.

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Renowned Biogeochemist to Speak at UM

September 21, 2016

MISSOULA – William Schlesinger, one of the world’s leading biogeochemists, will speak Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the University of Montana. His talk, “The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse,” will be at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

Sharing experiences from 30 years of work, Schlesinger will discuss population and economic growth and their implications for natural habitats, biodiversity and the planet.

Schlesinger is the President Emeritus of the Cary Institute on Ecosystem Studies, former dean of the Nicholas School for the Environment at Duke University, a Duke professor of biogeochemistry and the author of more than 200 scientific papers.

His work has taken him to diverse habitats, ranging from Antarctica to Okefenokee Swamp in southern Georgia to the Mojave Desert of California. His research has been featured on “NOVA,” CNN, NPR and on the pages of Discover, National Geographic, The New York Times and Scientific American. He also has testified before U.S. House and Senate committees on a variety of environmental issues, including preservation of desert habitats, global climate change and carbon sequestration.
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Schlesinger currently serves on the board of trustees for the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Southern Environmental Law Center and on the Board of Scientific Advisors for Terrapass LLC.

His visit is sponsored by the Montana Institute on Ecosystems, a multi-institutional community dedicated to understanding complex ecosystems and the interconnectedness of people and nature. For more information, visit http://www.montanaioe.org/.

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Closure of Yellowstone River Results in Economic Loss for Park County

September 21, 2016

MISSOULA – The recent closure of the Yellowstone River due to a parasite outbreak resulted in an economic loss to businesses in Park County, Montana, of $360,000 to nearly $524,000, according to preliminary estimates from the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research at the University of Montana.

Sections of the Yellowstone River were closed on Aug. 19 by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks because of a parasite outbreak that killed thousands of whitefish. Closure of segments of the drainage to all water-based activities directly impacted spending behavior by visitors to counties affected by the closure, thus reducing revenue to river-dependent business such as outfitters and guides, fly shops, rafting companies, river shuttle companies and myriad spin-off businesses in lodging, food and beverage services, and area attractions. The estimated economic losses are the equivalent of five to eight full-time jobs.

“We used nonresident visitor spending data based on previous surveys conducted by the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research for these numbers,” said ITRR economist Jeremy Sage.

The Upper Yellowstone River is the most fished river drainage in Montana by residents and nonresident visitors to
the state, amassing more than 374,000 angler days in 2013 (the most recent angling pressure data available from FWP), and accounting for nearly 11 percent of all angler days in the state.

According to ITRR, nonresident visitors in 2015 who fished or rafted on Montana’s rivers outstayed and outspent the average Montana visitor. Groups who fished stayed in Montana 9.17 nights and spent an average of $218 per day for a total of $1,999 per trip, significantly more than the average Montana visitor group, which spent 4.59 nights and $149 per day, for a total of $685 per group-trip or $128.6 million last year.

Similarly, nonresident groups that participated in rafting, floating, kayaking or canoeing spent an average of $227 per day on their trips in Montana, for a total of $92 million. Like groups that fished, these travelers outstayed (9.47 night average) and outspent the average Montana visitor. Note that the spending for the two identified groups is not additive as there is significant overlap between them.

Some of the loss to businesses in Park County due to the river closure is likely to be offset by the potential gain to businesses near the Madison and Missouri rivers where many fishing guides subsequently took their clients. Further analysis is needed to estimate the overall impact to the state. Additionally, while economic losses may have occurred immediately, the decision to close the upper Yellowstone River by FWP was based on reducing the potential future impact to Montana waters, fisheries and the overall economy.

The invasive parasite killing thousands of Yellowstone River whitefish was unprecedented in Montana. FWP’s decision to institute the temporary closure was based not only on the observed presence of the parasite, but also a number of confounding conditions that may threaten longer-term impacts if not effectively addressed. Such conditions include low river flows, elevated water temperatures and recreational pressure on the fisheries.

The Yellowstone River closure on Aug. 19 and its tributaries ran between the northern Yellowstone National Park boundary near Gardiner to Laurel, about 183 miles downriver. The closure applied to all water-based recreation uses on the affected rivers and streams. FWP states that a major goal of the closure was to not only prevent spread of the parasite to other rivers, but more importantly, to protect infected fish from the stress of angling and other recreation in order to increase their survival to the following year. Infected fish that survive to the following year can show signs of developed resistance to the parasite.

This report is available at: http://scholarworks.umt.edu/itrr_pubs/346/. All information and reports published by ITRR are available online at http://www.itrr.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana has selected successful businesswoman Karen Kracher Dykstra to serve as interim director of the Office of Alumni Relations and president/CEO of the Alumni Association during the coming year.

A UM alumna, Dykstra will start her new duties Oct. 1. She will replace Bill Johnston, who retired this month after 36 years of service to UM.

“Karen has remained very involved with UM,” said Mario Schulzke, the University’s associate vice president for integrated communications. “She is an alumna who has had remarkable success in the world of business but never forgot her roots. We are excited to bring her back on campus so she can help move our alumni enterprise forward.”

Dykstra earned a UM criminology degree and an advanced finance certificate from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Her career most recently included serving as president of the Wholesale Division of Navitor Inc. in Minnesota and as president of Kracher Consulting.

During her extensive career with eight companies, she helped enhance the growth of both startup and mature businesses, working with both privately and publicly held firms. Sales and marketing are her passions, as well as a
commitment to excellence in customer service, operations and strategic processes

“UM helped make me who I am and launch my professional career,” said Dykstra, who currently resides in Arizona. “I have always been an active member of Griz Nation, and I relish the opportunity to help the University actively connect with its alumni base in Montana, across the nation and around the world.”

She currently serves on the advisory board for UM’s College of Humanities and Sciences and soon will complete multiple terms as a UM Foundation trustee and treasurer.

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MISSOULA – The University Center Gallery at the University of Montana will host “Sonder” by Shelby Hanson, an art exhibition that runs from Monday, Oct. 3, through Thursday, Oct. 27.

An opening reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6. It is free and open to the public, and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

Hanson’s work focuses on relationships humans have throughout life and the feelings associated with them. By combining repetitive processes with artifacts that carry a personal history, Hanson aims to grab the viewer’s attention by bringing a connection to the everyday items featured in her work.

For more information visit the event’s website at https://www.facebook.com/events/581517122053507.

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MISSOULA – A professor known for writing about secret services, politics and the world order will speak at the University of Montana as part of the 2016-17 President’s Lecture Series.

Alfred W. McCoy, the Fred Harvey Harrington Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will present “Surveillance and the Future of U.S. Global Power” at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, in the University Center Ballroom. The lecture is the Ezio Cappadocia Memorial Lecture on Politics and History.

McCoy also will lead the seminar “Showdown in the South China Sea: Beijing and Washington Struggle for Domination of the ‘World Island’” from 3 to 4:30 p.m. the same day in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The lecture and seminar both are free and open to the public.

McCoy received a Ph.D. in Southeast Asian history at Yale University in 1977. His first book, “The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia,” sparked controversy in 1972 when the CIA tried to block publication. After three editions and translations into nine foreign languages, the book now is regarded as a foundational work on global drug traffic.
More recently, McCoy’s work has included studies on U.S. covert operations. “A Question of Torture: CIA Interrogation, from the Cold War to the War on Terror” explores the agency’s half-century history of using psychological torture. A film based in part on the book, “Taxi to the Dark Side,” won the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature in 2008.


Additionally, McCoy is regarded as the foremost American expert on the history of the Philippines, three times having won that country’s National Book Award. In 2001, the association of Asian Studies awarded him the Goodman Prize for “a deep and enduring impact on Philippine Historical Studies.”

The best-known of his earlier works on the Philippines is “Closer than Brothers: Manhood at the Philippine Military Academy,” in which he analyzes the corrosive impact of torture on the Philippine military. “Policing America’s Empire: The United States, the Philippines and the Rise of the Surveillance State” draws together his interests in covert operations and modern Philippine history. In 2011, the Association for Asian Studies awarded the book the George McT. Kahin Prize.

Current work by McCoy explores the influence of criminal syndicates and secret services in shaping the politics of modern states and the world order. He is in the process of publishing articles on surveillance and U.S. global power.

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

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UM Rural Institute to Raise Fall Prevention Awareness on Sept. 22

September 20, 2016

MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities, along with the National Council on Aging and its Falls Free Coalition, will celebrate the ninth annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day on and around Thursday, Sept. 22, the first day of fall.

Most falls are preventable. The Rural Institute, facilitating the Montana chapter of the Falls Free initiative, will support several events across the state to help educate older adults and their caregivers about effective fall prevention strategies. Additionally, Montana Gov. Steve Bullock has officially recognized the day as Fall Prevention Awareness Day in the state, and said he encourages Montanans to do the same.

“Falls for older adults are among the leading cause of injury deaths, unintentional injuries and hospital admissions for trauma,” Bullock said. “Falls can take a serious toll on older adults’ quality of life and independence.”

The Montana chapter of the Falls Free initiative will facilitate the following fall risk screening events:

- **Columbus**: 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 24, Stillwater Billings Clinic, 710 11th St. N.
• **Deer Lodge**: Powell County Council on Aging, 409 Missouri Ave., Suite 109
• **Great Falls**: Thursday, Sept. 22, Benefis Great Falls, 1101 26th St. S.
• **Missoula**: 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, Missoula Senior Center, 705 S. Higgins Ave.; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, Element Physical Therapy, 2001 S. Russell St.; 4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, PEAK Health Fair, 5000 Blue Mountain Rd.

This will be Montana’s eighth celebration of Falls Prevention Awareness Day.

For the first time this year, NCOA and its Falls Free Coalition are encouraging supporters to wear a yellow ribbon to increase awareness of falls prevention.

For more information on the Montana events, call Mindy Renfro, principal investigator at the UM Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities, at 406-243-2841 or email mindy.renfro@umontana.edu.

For falls prevention resources, visit [http://www.ncoa.org/FallsPrevention](http://www.ncoa.org/FallsPrevention).

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Former WWII Internee to Speak at UM

September 20, 2016

MISSOULA – A Japanese-American internee during World War II, Yukio Shimomura, will discuss his wartime experiences Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the University of Montana.

Shimomura will present “My 2½ Years Behind Barbed Wire in the United States” at 6 p.m. in Room 110 of UM’s Interdisciplinary Sciences Building. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Shimomura was born in San Francisco and was a grade-school student at the outbreak of the war. He and his family first were to an internment camp in San Bruno, California. They were then moved to the Topaz War Relocation Camp near Delta, Utah. Operated by the War Relocation Authority, Topaz was home to more than 9,000 internees and staff at its peak. The camp ran from Sept. 11, 1942, until Oct. 31, 1945.

His presentation will discuss the impact of the war and internment on his family, as well as reveal details about life in the camps. Following his talk, Shimomura will answer any questions from the audience.

This lecture is sponsored by UM Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, the UM Department of History, and the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center.
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MISSOULA – Ambassador Sung Kim, former U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Korea and current Special Representative for North Korea Policy at the U.S. State Department, will speak on Monday, Sept. 26, at the University of Montana.

Kim will present “North Korea and Northeast Asia: Is Peace Possible?” at 6 p.m. in the Dell Brown Room of UM’s Turner Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Just six months after the United Nations Security Council passed stricter sanctions against North Korea, the country recently conducted its fifth nuclear weapon test. This year’s earlier sanctions, which had been supported even by North Korea’s longtime ally China, came after North Korea claimed it had successfully tested a hydrogen bomb and conducted numerous ballistic missile tests. As North Korea continues to defy international pressure to end its nuclear ambition, questions about the future security and stability of the region once again come to the forefront of U.S.-East Asian relations.

Drawing on his extensive diplomatic experience in Northeast Asia, Kim will discuss the current situation on the
Kim now serves as special representative for North Korea policy and deputy assistant secretary for Korea and Japan. He functions as the top U.S. diplomat responsible for North Korea policy at the U.S. State Department. From November 2011 to October 2014, he was the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. He also has served as the special envoy for the Six-Party Talks on dismantling North Korea’s nuclear program. Outside of Korea, he has also served in a variety of diplomatic positions in Seoul, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong. In the coming months, he will transition from his current role to become the next U.S. ambassador to the Philippines.

Kim's visit to UM is sponsored by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, which works to promote better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia and ethics in public affairs in the spirit of Sen. Mike Mansfield (1903-2001) and his wife and life partner, Maureen Hayes Mansfield. The center houses programs that focus on the peoples and cultures of modern Asia and ethics in public affairs – the core interests and hallmarks of Sen. Mansfield’s career.

More information is available at [http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/](http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/). RSVP online or by calling 406-243-2988.

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MISSOULA – Morton J. Elrod became the University of Montana’s first professor of biology in 1897 and founded the Flathead Lake Biological Station a few years later. Now his decades-long career as one of the state’s foremost scientific minds is the subject of a new biography titled “Montana’s Pioneer Naturalist: Morton J. Elrod.”

Released this month by the University of Oklahoma Press, the 280-page biography was written by historian George M. Dennison, who led UM as president from 1990 to 2010.

“As I set out to research and write the history of UM, I sought to find a way to avoid or at least to broaden the
tight institutional focus,” Dennison said. “To do so, I opted to begin by capturing the perspective of a single faculty member present virtually from the founding and, if possible, trace the contributions of personal and professional development to that of the institution. Morton J. Elrod immediately emerged as the best possible choice because of his stature in the university and the availability of his collected papers and photographs, which were largely unexamined by scholars.”

Elrod was a Renaissance man with diverse interests. He was an accomplished photographer, a skill that he used to document ecological survey expeditions conducted from the biological station, which was one of the nation’s first freshwater laboratories. Specimens from these early expeditions resulted in Montana’s first zoological collection, now the Philip L. Wright Zoological Museum at UM.

Elrod immediately began studying Flathead Lake and the Crown of the Continent ecosystem. He promoted and conducted ecological research and education in the region, hosted famous naturalists of that era, established a science program and summer field courses at the biological station, and wrote prolifically. Early students and researchers arrived at the biological station at Yellow Bay by horse or steamboat, and Elrod served as the biological station’s director until 1933.

“This one man helped shape the scholarly study of nature and its institutionalization in the West at the turn of the century,” Dennison said.

Additionally, Elrod played a role in the creation and promotion of Glacier National Park, was its first naturalist and wrote its first guidebook and scientific papers. He also helped establish the National Bison Range and operated Montana’s first weather station from his home in Missoula.

“Morton Elrod is a really amazing character from our past in Montana, UM and the biological station,” said Tom Bansak, the station’s assistant director. “On campus in Missoula, he also started the Kaimin newspaper and launched UM student government. His productivity and history are just amazing.”
The new book is available from online booksellers, the Bookstore at UM, in many Montana bookstores and directly from the University of Oklahoma Press.

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Award-winning Editor to Deliver Annual Pollner Lecture

September 19, 2016

MISSOULA – Melissa McCoy, a former deputy managing editor of the Los Angeles Times, will deliver the University of Montana School of Journalism’s annual T. Anthony Pollner Lecture on Monday, Oct. 3. Her topic: “What the Media Communicate About Mental Illness.”

The lecture, which is free to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater. McCoy said she is interested in why violence is often a theme in news coverage “when people coping with a mental illness are much more likely to be the victims of crimes rather than the perpetrators.”

She believes the media are making some progress in how such stories are covered but need to do better.

“What the news media tell us about mental illness is getting a bit deeper,” McCoy said, “but most stories are still reactive. By that I mean we chase the news when there’s violence, but we generate relatively few stories about how mental illness affects tens of millions of ordinary Americans every year.”

McCoy spent 17 years at the LA Times, advancing from metro copy editor to a deputy managing editor supervising
250 journalists. In addition to overseeing the paper’s award-winning copy desks, graphics department and researchers, she frequently was the final editor for major projects, a number of which won Pulitzer Prizes. During her newspaper and magazine career, McCoy also worked as a reporter, copy chief, news editor and assignment editor.

Since leaving the LA Times in 2009, McCoy has been a media consultant, writer and editor. She was a visiting faculty member at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, where she had previously served as an ethics fellow. At UM she teaches a seminar that focuses on reporting and writing about sensitive topics that include rape, murder, suicide and mental illness.

McCoy is the school’s 17th Pollner Professor, a professorship created in 2001 in memory of T. Anthony Pollner, a UM journalism alumnus and a dedicated staff member at the Montana Kaimin who died two years after graduating. The Pollner endowment allows the school to bring a distinguished journalist to campus each semester to teach a course and to mentor students at the Kaimin.

Founded in 1914, the School of Journalism is now in its second century of preparing students to think critically, act ethically and communicate effectively. To learn more about the School of Journalism, visit http://jour.umt.edu/.

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UC to Present Series of Talks that Explore Privilege in Society

September 16, 2016

MISSOULA – The Student Involvement Network in the University Center will bring a series of talks to the University of Montana that target the power of privilege in our society.

The new series, called Understanding Power and Privilege or U.P.P., will focus on eight topics: race, sexual orientation, mental health, gender, ableism, class, women’s rights and religion.

The series has a superhero theme, where attendees are encouraged to use their “powers” (their privilege) for good to help those who are struggling for equality. Each session will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings on the third floor of the UC. The first U.P.P. talk will be Tuesday, Sept. 20.

SIN partnered with various student groups and community members to select speakers and topics. U.P.P. is not an accredited class.

For more information visit the U.P.P. Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/events/183238105420770/.
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Mortar Board National Honor Society Presents Gold Torch to UM Chapter

September 16, 2016

MISSOULA – The Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society chose the Penetralia chapter at the University of Montana as one of the 36 winners for its Gold Torch award.

UM chapter Vice President Matthew Thomas accepted the award at the Mortar Board’s national conference in Indianapolis this summer.

The Gold Torch is a national
distinction conferred annually upon the most outstanding chapters of Mortar Board. Recipients of the Gold Torch excel in all areas of chapter operations, while promoting scholarship, leadership and meaningful service to their institutions.

“We are extremely proud of our Gold Torch chapters,” said Abigail Diehl, Mortar Board’s national president. “Their members set the bar for excellence as scholar-leaders on their campuses, and their innovative programming positively impacts their communities throughout the year.”

UM’s Penetralia chapter also was among 28 Mortar Board chapters to receive the 2016 Project Excellence Award, which recognizes an outstanding project in scholarship, leadership development, fundraising, alumni involvement, service, “Reading is Leading” or Mortar Board Week. The Penetralia chapter received this award for organizing the 2016 Last Lecture event at UM.

Mortar Board is the premier national honor society recognizing college seniors for their outstanding achievements in scholarship, leadership and service. Since its founding in 1918, more than a quarter of a million members have joined 231 chartered chapters across the country. Members include numerous industry leaders, university presidents, best-selling authors, professional athletes, award-winning actors and top government officials.

For more information on Mortar Board, call 513-907-7485, email jszolwinski@mortarboard.org or visit http://www.mortarboard.org.

For more information on UM’s Penetralia chapter, visit http://www.umt.edu/mortarboard/default.php.

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Reconnect ‘Under the Big Sky’ at UM Homecoming Sept. 25-Oct. 1

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The festivities begin with the Homecoming Kickoff Celebration from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Southgate Mall Clock Court. The event will include music, dancing and prizes, as well as the “Cutest Future Griz Contest,” open to kids ages 2 to 10. Participants can register online at http://bit.ly/2cpq1Vq. The kickoff is sponsored by Southgate Mall, Missoula’s 102.5 Mountain FM, Liberty Mutual Insurance, the University of Montana and the UM Office of Alumni Relations.

The celebration continues at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, with the painting of the Hello Walk on the sidewalk outside Turner Hall. Members of the public are invited to join students and alumni in this UM tradition.

The public also is invited to the Homecoming Buffet Dinner at the Food Zoo in the Lommasson Center at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. The cost is $8.80 per person.
The 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients will be honored at a ceremony and reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, in the University Center Ballroom. This year’s recipients are Darrel Choate, Timothy Conver, Arlynn Fishbaugh and Tom Seekins.

The All-Alumni Social begins at 7 p.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown. Music will be provided by the UM Alumni Band from 7 to 9 p.m. in the ballroom, with a break to see the UM Marching Band perform between 9 and 9:30 p.m. in the atrium. The Alumni Jazz Band will play from 10 p.m. to midnight at Brooks & Browns Bar and Grill, adjacent to the atrium. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Yell Night Pep Rally gets underway at 8 p.m. Friday on the UM Oval, with the lighting of the M at dusk. Join Grizzly cheerleaders, the UM Marching Band and Monte for a bonfire, Singing on the Steps and a fireworks display.

The ninth annual Homecoming Hustle 5K race starts at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the intersection of Higgins and Main downtown, just before the annual Homecoming Parade.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and travels south on Higgins to University Avenue. This year’s honorary parade marshal is legendary Montana journalist William Marcus, who retired in 2015 after 40 years in public broadcasting.

Alumni are invited to join fellow Griz fans at the UMAA-sponsored Alumni Homecoming Tailgate from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday in tailgate spot 2 in the River Bowl, on the east side of Parking Lot M. Drop by before the football game to enjoy food, beverages and prize drawings.

The Montana Grizzlies take on the Southern Utah Thunderbirds at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the annual Homecoming football game in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

The Alumni Association also invites the UM community to participate in the Homecoming Scavenger Hunt. Throughout the week, UMAA will post clues on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter that feature campus landmarks, as well as Homecoming spirit/event locations and sponsor locations. Participants who post a selfie from the location with the hashtag #GrizUnderTheBigSky will be eligible to win daily prizes.

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

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Missoula College Students to Host Annual Carnivores Classic Event

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MISSOULA – The public can enjoy classic barbecue dishes, live music and more during the third annual Carnivores Classic event, hosted by students in the Culinary Arts Program at Missoula College University of Montana, Friday through Saturday, Sept. 23-24.

The Carnivores Classic, a part of the Missoula BBQ Festival, will begin on Friday with a “Drive-In-Grill-Out” movie, sponsored by Axmen, at 6 p.m. at the Missoula County Fairgrounds.

Saturday’s events, which are free to the public and run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will include a barbecue contest, live music from the Western Front Band, a special performance by the UM Marching Band, ponies from Parsons’ Pony Farm and competition-style barbecue from MC culinary arts students.

The contest, sponsored by the Kansas City Barbeque Society, draws contestants from all over the nation to compete for the Grand Champion Prize. Teams submit four different entries of pork, ribs, brisket and chicken and are scored by KCBS-trained judges. This year, MC students will enter a team into the competition.
Culinary students also will cook American barbecue, accompanied by classic side dishes, for sale to the public. The menu will feature dishes such as Alabama grilled chicken, St. Louis-style ribs, pulled pork sandwiches, beef brisket and more.

Earlier in the week, the Culinary Arts Program will host a barbecue competition cooking class for beginners from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at MC. Tony Balay, a world-class barbecue competitor, will teach techniques on cooking competition barbecue. Students also will serve a barbecue lunch on the MC lawn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, Sept. 19-23, featuring a whole hog roast and Cabrito-style roasted goat Friday.

“We look forward to seeing all of our faithful supporters and the opportunity to make new friends,” said Tom Campbell, MC culinary arts director.

Proceeds will support the MC Culinary Arts Program, the only such program accredited by the American Culinary Federation in the state of Montana.

Tickets for the drive-in, sign-up for the barbecue class and more information are available at http://missoulabbqfest.com/.

For more information on the Carnivores Classic, call Amy Nack, MC chef instructor, at 406-243-7815, email amy.nack@umontana.edu or visit the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/carnivoresclassic/.

To sponsor a culinary arts student, donate or participate in an event, call 406-243-7815 or email rose.burland@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – Memoirs highlighting the career of former University of Montana faculty member B. Riley McClelland, who worked for the National Park Service for 42 years, now are available to the public in the UM Mansfield Library Archives and Special Collections.

McClelland taught courses in recreation and park management, among other areas, at UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation from 1977 until his retirement in 1993. He also conducted research on cavity-nesting birds and bald eagle migration in Glacier National Park.

The memoirs summarize McClelland’s long career with the National Park Service at Yellowstone and Glacier national parks. He details his own work experiences and changes in the park’s management and policies while analyzing what makes these parks special to so many people.

McClelland starts his book:

“On the morning of 14 August 1949, I was in the Biscuit Basin parking area, two miles west of Old Faithful. It was
shortly after dawn as I watched the dense fog take on mysterious shapes in the Basin. From out of the vapors, a person in uniform gradually appeared. It was Ranger-Naturalist George Marler, on duty to observe and record hydrothermal activity. What a wonderful job! I was 14 yrs old and that episode established my career goal. I wanted to be a ranger in YNP.”

McClelland also remembers highlights from his time at UM, such as the annual weekend field trip to Yellowstone he led with students in his park management class.

The memoirs are available online at http://scholarworks.umt.edu/mcclelland/.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana geosciences Professor George Stanley recently was part of an international team of scientists brought to south China to study some amazingly well-preserved fossil deposits.

Stanley joined 14 other foreign experts in China in early August to study and tour fossil excavation sites located in geologic landscapes that are being proposed for a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site and World Geopark status. The five-day field workshop was aimed at putting these fossil Geoparks on the
international map. The workshop brought together over 50 researchers from China, Thailand, Japan, Italy, Germany, Israel and the U.S.

The fossil sites examined during the workshop were discovered in the Guizhou and Yunnan provinces. The unusual fossils contained in these deposits included swimming marine reptiles called ichthyosaurs along with turtles and other marine reptiles, as well as a diversity of fish, marine invertebrates and plant species. These life forms all lived together more than 210 million years ago and most were found in lifelike conditions. Because of their unique preservation and fine details, the fossils offer unprecedented insight into ecosystem diversity and evolutionary history of China’s extinct marine life. The excursions to these sites were organized by Beijing University and funded by the Chinese government.

Stanley, along with the other international specialists, also met with government officials in Xingyi City to offer personal insights into the global scientific importance of these geological “hot spots” of scientific research.

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MISSOULA – What would it mean for the Missoula economy if Grizzly Athletics at the University of Montana never existed?

That question is answered in a new report titled “The Economic Contribution of Grizzly Intercollegiate Athletics,” which was prepared by UM’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research. The full report is online at http://www.bber.umt.edu/.

The study finds that the operation of Grizzly Athletics provides a significant economic boost to Missoula, resulting in a more prosperous local economy.

“We always knew that our sports programs help our student-athletes realize their athletic and scholarly potential,” UM President Royce Engstrom said, “but this new report helps us quantify the economic contributions of Grizzly Athletics, and it turns out they are significant.”

Using data from 2013 to 2015, study authors reveal that UM athletics recently earned $22.9 million in annual
revenue, with 79 paid employees and hundreds of student-athletes who receive support for tuition and living expenses. This activity reverberates across the Missoula economy, helping Grizzly Athletics produce:

- 1,384 permanent jobs spread across a wide spectrum of industries.
- $120.8 million in gross sales annually for Missoula-area businesses and other providers of goods and services.
- $52.8 million in annual earning, including wages, benefits and earnings of the self-employed.
- A Missoula population increase of 1,334 people.
- About $2.5 million in Missoula spending from out-of-area attendees for each home football game.
- $5.5 million spent on housing, food and other living expenses by 343 varsity athletes at UM.

“For the first time we are able to deliver this comprehensive assessment of what Grizzly Athletics means to the Missoula economy,” said Patrick Barkey, BBER director and a study co-author. “In terms of permanent jobs, income and business sales, this report clearly shows how the Missoula community reaps considerable economic gain.”

The report notes that Grizzly football significantly boosts Missoula’s economy during home games. Groups coming to town average 2.7 persons who spend 1.98 nights in town. These groups spend a little over $200 per day.

Researchers found that nearly 170,000 people attended Griz football games in 2015, with 90,000 of those traveling from outside Missoula. Griz basketball attendance from out-of-area was about 9,500, and Lady Griz attendance was 8,200 for that same year. Total nonresident spending by those attending those three sports totaled $30.7 million, including airfare expenditures.

Spending covers everything from groceries to auto repair, but it was dominated by accommodations, food and refreshments, retail goods and entertainment.

“This business community has always appreciated what the University of Montana Grizzly Athletics contributes to our community,” said Kim Latrielle, CEO and president of the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce. “This report is greatly appreciated as it helps us quantify the economic impact.”

Using 2014-15 figures, the report found Grizzly Athletics provided $6.6 million in employee compensation, as well as $4.4 million in scholarships, fellowships and tuition waivers. The department also spent $10.3 million on construction, equipment and other vendors. Visiting teams and officials brought in about $700,000 during all UM home sporting events.

Barkey and BBER Senior Economist Kyle Morrill produced the report at the behest of Grizzly Athletics. BBER was founded as the research arm of UM’s School of Business Administration in 1948. The study was conducted during the 2015-16 academic year.

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Major Irish Studies Conference Comes to Big Sky Country Oct. 20-22

September 14, 2016

MISSOULA — Irish Studies at the University of Montana, in partnership with the President’s Lecture Series, Friends of Irish Studies in the West, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, will host the 32nd annual American Conference of Irish Studies – Western Regional. The conference’s theme is “Her Exiled Children: Ireland and Irish America.”

The conference is set for Missoula during the weekend of Oct. 20-22. Most events will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

“A full slate of activities has been organized to commemorate the Easter Rising of 1916,” said Traolach Ó Riordáin, UM’s Irish Studies program director, “and to celebrate the long and historic relationship between Ireland and Montana.”

Guest speakers include H.E. Anne Anderson, the ambassador of Ireland to the U.S.; Professor Ruan O’Donnell, chair of history at Ireland’s University of Limerick; Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, poet in residence at the University of Notre Dame; Breandan Feiritéar, former head of Radio na Gaelachtachta and documentary filmmaker; and Myles Dungan,
independent scholar and Irish radio and television broadcaster.

“It is only right and proper to give our guests a hearty Irish welcome to Montana, and where better to do this than in the cities of Anaconda and Butte?” Ó Riordáin said.

A tour of both cities is organized for Thursday, Oct. 20, and will be led by UM Professor Emeritus of History Dave Emmons, author of the seminal texts “The Butte Irish” and “Beyond the American Pale.”

Delegates will be received by members of Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at their Anaconda hall. Founded in 1885, this division is the longest continuously active division west of the Mississippi. Following a tour of the facility and town, the group travels to Butte for a reception at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, home to a rich repository of primary material relating to the history of the Irish in the West. A tour of the city follows, after which the group returns to Missoula.

Friday marks the official opening of the conference and the presentation of papers. Ellen Crain and Aubrey Jaap from the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives will present the traveling exhibit, “Erin’s Exiled Children: Irish America and the Road to the Rising,” which sets the theme for the day, focusing primarily – but not exclusively – on the Easter Rising. Dungan will develop this theme as he presents a paper titled “How to Lose a Country in 16 Executions.”

The day culminates with O’Donnell delivering a speech as part of UM’s prestigious President’s Lecture Series. He will present “Irish America and the 1916 Rising.” The talk begins at 8 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom on UM’s campus and is free and open to the public.

Saturday will celebrate the historical relationship between Ireland and America in general – in particular the close connection between Ireland and Montana. The Irish love of sport is a prominent feature of Saturday’s activities. Hurling, the most ancient of Irish games, is the sport, Loyola Sacred Heart’s Rollin Field is the venue and teams that traveled from throughout the Northwest and Canada are set to play.

Saturday’s keynote speakers have a personal connection to Montana. Feiritéar will deliver a talk titled “Dragging it Home: Songs and Stories from Gaelic America.” He has been following the trail of Irish-speaking emigrants and presenting his findings on radio and television for more than 40 years. His documentary on Butte, “Scéal ar Butte,” will be shown following his talk.

Ní Dhomhnaill will read from her large corpus of original poems and will share family stories and the memories they left from living and working in Montana.

The evening culminates with a banquet at which Irish Ambassador Anderson and Montana Gov. Steve Bullock will be guests of honor. Both will speak to the importance of the relationship between Ireland and Montana. Ó Riordáin said Ambassador Anderson’s presence at the conference is highly symbolic and indicative of how Montana is viewed in Ireland.

During her visit to Montana in 2006, former Irish President Mary McAleese spoke of the enormous contribution Montana has made to Ireland and to the special place this state has the hearts of all Irish people. Ambassador Anderson’s first official visit to Montana was deliberately scheduled to coincide with the conference as a reminder of
the high regard in which the Irish government and people hold their friends in Montana. The evening will conclude with presentations and a celebration of Irish music and dance.

For more information on times, prices or how to get involved, call Ó Riordáin at 406-243-6359 or email traolach.oriordain@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana recently was named to the Princeton Review’s 2017 list of top four-year colleges and universities in North America.

“The Best 381 Colleges: 2017 Edition” was released in August. The rankings in the 2017 edition are based on surveys of 143,000 students at the 381 colleges that appear in the book during the previous three school years. The survey asks students 84 questions about their school’s academics, administration, student body and themselves. The ranking methodology uses a five-point Likert scale to convert qualitative student assessments into quantitative data for school-to-school comparisons.

In addition to making “The Best 381 Colleges” list, UM also was listed among Princeton Review’s “Best Western” colleges and “Green Colleges.”

Annually published since 1992, the annual Princeton Review ranking includes detailed profiles of each school and ratings in a variety of areas, such as academics, campus life and tuition and aid.
To read more about how UM ranked this year, visit http://www.princetonreview.com/schools/1023574/college/university-montana.

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UM Blewett School of Law to Host National Symposium on Campus Sexual Assault

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MIS SOUL A – The Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana will address one of the nation’s pressing problems when the Montana Law Review hosts the 2016 Browning Symposium on Friday, Sept. 30. The topic for this year’s event is “Sexual Assault: Conflicts Between Campus and Courts.”

Law Dean Paul Kirgis praised the law review, a student-run organization, for addressing the topic.

“This is what great academic institutions and law schools do: take on timely and challenging matters of importance,” he said.

Campus sexual assault remains an issue of national importance. Greater recognition of the scope of the problem has led to heightened media coverage of individual incidents and to academic institutions reformulating their campus sexual assault policies. Debates rage about the appropriate role of universities in sexual assault
investigations, the punishment of offenders and how campus sexual assaults should be handled by the criminal justice system. These issues are particularly important for the UM community, with Jon Krakauer’s book “Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town” casting a national spotlight on campus.

UM President Royce Engstrom said he welcomes the symposium as an opportunity for the University to show its leadership in responding to this critical issue.

“I am proud of our work to combat sexual assault at UM,” Engstrom said, “but recent news reminds us that these issues persist at colleges and universities across the country. If UM can help lead this important national dialogue, we should and we will.”

Speakers include Montana U.S. Attorney Mike Cotter and Montana Attorney General Tim Fox, who will deliver the conference keynote. Also attending will be a slate of national experts including: Deborah Blake, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Erin Buzuvis, Western New England University School of Law; Kevin Cole, University of San Diego School of Law; Andi Curcio, Georgia State University College of Law; Joanna Grossman, Hofstra Law School; Kari Hong, Boston College Law School; Susan Kruth, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education; Diane Rosenfeld, Harvard Law School; and Nadine Strossen, New York Law School.

Panelists will discuss topics including the interpretation of federal Title IX laws in addressing campus sexual assault, the application of criminal laws to campus sexual assault, and the due process rights of victims and suspects in campus sexual assault investigations.

“The legal issues surrounding campus sexual assault are often very complex,” Dean Kirgis said. “The goal of the Browning Symposium is to present those issues in a balanced and deliberate way through the sharing of ideas and information. Attendees will certainly hear a variety of perspectives and it’s my hope that they will leave this conference inspired to make a difference on this important issue.”

The symposium is open to the general public free of cost. Attorneys interested in continuing legal education credit can register for 6.75 CLE, including one ethics credit, at a rate of $125. Lunch will be provided and the day will conclude with a reception.

The Montana Law Review will publish a symposium edition that will include scholarly works on the topic in the months following.


UM’s Montana Law Review is a student-edited journal comprised of second- and third-year students that was established in 1940, making it one of the oldest law reviews west of the Mississippi. The editorial board, made up of third-year students who have served as staff members during their second year, is primarily responsible for editing, organizing and publishing the review. The Montana Law Review is published bi-annually, with online content published throughout the year.

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MISSOULA – Montana Public Radio news reporter Nicky Ouellet has been selected for National Public Radio’s Next Generation Radio training. Ouellet, MTPR’s Flathead reporter, will spend Sept. 19-23 in St. Paul, Minnesota, at Minnesota Public Radio for a one-week workshop for early career professionals. She is one of six reporters from around the country to be selected out of 110 applicants.

“I’m excited to explore new methods of storytelling and incorporate them in my coverage for MTPR,” Ouellet said. “We’re a small station in a big state; it’s a challenge to stay on top of emerging technology and fast-changing media platforms.”

Ouellet’s training will focus on social media reporting and sound editing. She will be paired with public radio’s Marketplace sustainability reporter Scott Tong to work on a story about a man who uses patient narratives to study the science of sleep.
“Working for a week under the guidance of experienced media pros is invaluable, and I’m excited to bring that knowledge home,” Ouellet said.

Recently, two of Ouellet’s stories, one on mushroom harvesting on national forests and one on Glacier National Park’s “bark ranger,” have aired nationally on NPR News Morning Edition. They are available online at:

- [http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2016/08/31/490940744/banned-from-national-forest-for-profit-mushroom-pickers-go-underground](http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2016/08/31/490940744/banned-from-national-forest-for-profit-mushroom-pickers-go-underground) and

Next Generation Radio is co-sponsored by NPR and several journalism and media organizations. The projects are designed to give journalists who are interested in radio an opportunity to receive training in recording techniques, writing, voice and on-air presentation and audio production. The other journalists selected include:

- Leah Donnella, news assistant, NPR’s “Codeswitch,” Washington, D.C.
- Wesley Early, web editor/producer, Alaska Public Media, Anchorage, Alaska.
- Elma Yedda Gonzalez, assistant news producer and Gloria Penner Fellow, KPBS, San Diego.
- Cai Thomas, documentary filmmaker/fellow with American RadioWorks, Boston.

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MISSOULA – The Creative Writing Program at the University of Montana is accepting submissions for the 2017 Merriam-Frontier Award.

The annual writing competition is open to all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at UM during fall semester 2016. The award was established by H.G. Merriam, UM professor of English and creative writing from 1919 to 1954, and consists of a $500 prize and publication of the winning entry as a chapbook.

Submissions are limited to one per student and must include a cover page with the title of the manuscript, student’s name, email, phone number and address. All entries must be delivered to Liberal Arts Building Room 133 by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18.

The manuscripts will be judged by a committee of local writers. A winner will be announced Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, and will be invited to give a public reading.

- Poetry: 20 to 25 poems
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- Fiction: one or more stories (40 to 60 double-spaced pages)
- Creative nonfiction: one or more essays (40 to 60 double-spaced pages)

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

More information is available online at [http://www.hs.umt.edu/creativewriting/](http://www.hs.umt.edu/creativewriting/).

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MISSOULA – For many years the University of Montana Wildlife Biology Program has been heralded for its excellence. Now, that reputation has migrated across the continent.

The wildly successful program just earned the top spot in a national analysis of places to study wildlife. UM’s Wildlife Biology Program – which offers students unrivaled access to hands-on, outdoor learning opportunities – is the No. 1 program in the U.S. and Canada, according to Academic Analytics.

The ranking is based on faculty productivity. UM faculty members were compared to their peers in top programs in two countries based on publications, citations, research grants and notable awards.

“Our faculty members excel as scientists and educators,” said Chad Bishop, UM Wildlife Biology Program director. “Our people are more productive scientists overall than others at peer institutions, even when some of those peer institutions are generating more grant dollars for research. That speaks volumes to me about the quality of work being performed by our faculty.”
The Wildlife Biology Program is an interdisciplinary group of faculty from the College of Forestry and Conservation, the Division of Biological Sciences within the College of Humanities and Sciences, and the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. The program also has been recognized as one of three Programs of National Distinction at UM.

“I’ve talked to a number of people who have been on this campus for years,” Bishop said, “and they believe this may be the first time a UM program has been ranked No. 1 by such a distinguished organization.”

UM President Royce Engstrom welcomed the announcement, saying, “I congratulate the faculty in the Wildlife Biology Program for their hard work, which has resulted in the distinction as a top program by Academic Analytics.

“This recognition is well-earned for their productivity in research, and I’m also excited about how that translates for our students in the classroom,” Engstrom said. “The opportunity to participate in research and learn about emerging discoveries truly distinguishes the Wildlife Biology Program at the University of Montana as one of the marquee programs in the nation.”

Academic Analytics is a provider of high-quality, custom business intelligence data and solutions for research universities in the United States and the United Kingdom. The Academic Analytics Database includes information on more than 270,000 faculty members associated with more than 9,000 doctorate programs and 10,000 departments at more than 385 universities in the United States and abroad. These data are structured so that they can be used to enable comparisons at a discipline-by-discipline level, as well as overall university performance.

For more information on the program, visit http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wbio/ . For more information on the ranking, call Bishop at 406-243-4374 or email chad.bishop@umontana.edu.

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Contact: Chad Bishop, director, UM Wildlife Biology Program, 406-243-4374, chad.bishop@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Two University of Montana instructors will give a lecture titled “Conservation and Tourism in Dong Nai Biosphere Reserve, Vietnam” at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, in Room 204 of UM’s James E.Todd Building.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will explore the growth of responsible nature tourism in Vietnam and offer a preview of an upcoming short course that will take participants to the country in January to explore these issues on the ground.

During the lecture, UM instructors Carla Abrams and Marilyn Marler will share their experiences traveling to the region and explore Vietnam’s pressing conservation issues. They also will discuss the upcoming short course to Vietnam. Offered through UM’s School of Extended and Lifelong Learning, the course – also titled “Conservation and Tourism in Dong Nai Biosphere Reserve, Vietnam” – will take participants to Vietnam from Jan. 4 to 20, 2017, where they will learn about pressing conservation issues, American war history and current Vietnamese lifestyles.

“This is an intellectually challenging, authentic look at Vietnam’s conservation crisis,” Marler said. “We will learn from the local scientists and other professionals who are devoting themselves to saving habitats and wildlife in the face of...
seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Participants in the class will explore these topics on a level not available to casual tourists.

Learn more about the SELL course at http://www.umt.edu/sell/extended/vietnam/.

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Contact: Marilyn Marler, UM natural areas specialist and instructor, 406-544-7189, marilyn.marler@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Following a record-breaking year of serving 55,000 Montanans, the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area is relocating to a larger space in the heart of Missoula’s historic Westside neighborhood.

The new museum, located a stone’s throw from downtown Missoula, will retain the current museum’s most popular exhibits, while adding floor space for new attractions, such as an enclosed net for flying drones and a tech- and craft-rich makerspace. Themed nooks will provide cozy spaces for small-group and family learning, and role-model signage featuring UM researchers will be woven throughout the museum.

SpectrUM will close its current museum in downtown Missoula at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, after a celebratory ice cream social from 3 to 6 p.m. that features Big Dipper ice cream and special animal guests from Animal Wonders. The museum will reopen in the Westside this winter.

SpectrUM Director Holly Truitt said spectrUM already has expanded by adding pop-up museums in locations such as the Missoula Public Library, Missoula International Airport and rural and tribal communities.
“With this growth, along with a number of new federal and private foundation grants, we concluded that the logical next step was to expand to this larger, custom-built space, where we will be even better positioned to make a positive impact in the lives of children in our community,” Truitt said.

Dedicated to inspiring Montana’s next generation about higher education and STEM, UM’s spectrUM Discovery Area shares hands-on learning through in-museum public hours, statewide mobile programming, clubs, camps and field trips. Its innovative, community-based approach to STEM engagement has garnered awards from the Simons Foundation, the Coalition for the Public Understanding of Science and through the Noyce Foundation’s Bright Lights awards competition. Its Science for All Fund serves over 6,400 each year, helping ensure all Montana children can access STEM enrichment and role-model engagement.

Through Sept. 16, the public can visit spectrUM at its current location at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission costs $3.50 per person.

For more information call Truitt at 406-243-4872, email holly.truitt@umontana.edu or visit spectrUM’s page at http://spectrum.umt.edu/default.php.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana students and employees will get a taste of Montana’s food cycle with menu items provided by local farmers, ranchers and food producers at the Kyra Jean Williams Farm to College Fall Feastival from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, on the UM Oval.

This annual harvest feast provides a glimpse into UM’s Farm to College Program, as well as a holistic view of Montana’s agricultural food cycle. UM Dining also will celebrate reaching the $1 million mark in local food purchases for the first time since the Farm to College Program’s inception in 2003.

“Our goal is to celebrate the success of the UM Farm to College Program and to raise public and student awareness about the time and effort required to produce the foods we eat each day,” said Mark LoParco, director of UM Dining.

To sustainably complete the food cycle, all pre- and post-consumer waste generated by the event, including food, plates and napkins, will be pulped and processed into soil-enhancing material within 48 hours. The soil-ready material provides the starting point for the next growing cycle.
Two years ago, UM Dining renamed the Farm to College Fall Feastival to honor the memory of Kyra Jean Williams, who passed away in an auto accident in August 2013. Williams began working with UM Dining in 2008 as an AmeriCorps Vista volunteer after graduating from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. As the UM Farm to College Program’s coordinator, she planned and implemented the first Fall Feastival, which was so successful that it became an annual celebration.

UM Dining is a national pioneer in advocating the benefits of buying and eating local, sustainable foods. The UM Farm to College Program will celebrate its 12th anniversary this spring.

For more information and event pricing for the Fall Feastival, visit http://www.umt.edu/dining.

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UM Offers New Name, Expanded Focus for Restoration Degree

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana now offers one of the first degrees in the United States to combine elements of ecosystem science and restoration for students enrolled in the fall 2016 semester.

The growing ecosystem science and restoration bachelor’s degree program, formerly called ecological restoration, combines a study of organisms and their environment with the skills needed to restore degraded ecosystems and landscapes. This semester Ben Colman and Phil Higuera join eight other UM College of Forestry and Conservation faculty members who teach courses and conduct research in aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem science and restoration.

“Our students learn about everything from genes to ecosystems across the globe,” said Undergraduate Program Director Lisa Eby. “By gaining an understanding of how organisms and environments interact, those students will have the skills needed to begin revitalizing degraded ecosystems once they’re out working in the real world.”

The program emphasizes a hands-on approach that includes a three-semester capstone experience. Through an internship, practicum or senior research project, students work with research scientists, local biologists and
restoration practitioners to learn real-world skills. Those include the design, implementation or assessment of scientific research or local restoration projects.

For more information about the program, visit http://www.cfc.umt.edu/undergrad/restoration/default.php.

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MISSOULA – The Moscow Ballet will perform its celebrated “Great Russian Nutcracker” at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the University of Montana’s George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

Direct from Russia, the classic “Great Russian Nutcracker” will kick off the holiday season and entertain the whole family.

Audiences will experience the exceptional dancing of a company of almost 40 dancers, a 60-foot growing Christmas tree, new and spectacular handmade costumes by resident designer Arthur Oliver, and stunning sets hand-painted in Russia and designed by multi-Academy Award nominee Carl Sprague.

The Moscow Ballet consistently garners critical acclaim for performances in more than 100 cities, from New York to Los Angeles and Miami to Calgary. The production is known for its dedication to world peace: naming Act II the “Land of Peace and Harmony;” featuring a rose-shooting cannon and revealing a stunning two-person “Dove of Peace” with a 20-foot wingspan.
Tickets are on sale now and range in cost from $24 for regular seating to $176 for platinum seats. Groups of 10 or more are eligible for a discount, as are seniors and members of the military. Tickets can be purchased online at http://www.umt.edu/griztix/, by calling the GrizTix box office at 406-243-4051 or on the Moscow Ballet website at http://www.nutcracker.com/buy-tickets.

This year marks the Moscow Ballet company’s 24th consecutive year touring North America. In addition to the popular “Great Russian Nutcracker,” the company’s repertory includes classic ballets “Swan Lake,” “Sleeping Beauty,” “Romeo and Juliet,” “Cinderella” and more. The company features award-winning and rising star dancers, from Lilia Sabitova in 1994 to Alisa Voronova in 2014.

The company performs engagements annually across Canada and in most of the United States’ largest cities, consistently receiving critical acclaim. In addition to public performances, Moscow Ballet dedicates resources to community engagement programs.

For more information on the Missoula performance, call UM Dennison Theatre Director Tom Webster at 406-243-2853 or email thomas.webster@umontana.edu.

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UM Welcomes New Wildlife Biology Chair

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MISSOULA – Jedediah Brodie, an ecologist and conservation biologist, will join the University of Montana Wildlife Biology Program as the next John J. Craighead Chair of Wildlife Biology.

Brodie will join the College of Humanities and Sciences faculty this fall. He was previously an assistant professor of conservation ecology at the University of British Columbia.

“We are elated to have Jedediah join our wildlife biology faculty,” Bishop said. “He is an extremely productive researcher who has made notable contributions to wildlife conservation in North America and globally. Jed was selected from an extremely competitive field of candidates, which speaks to the value of these high-profile endowed chairs for attracting top ecologists to
The endowed chair position was established to honor the accomplishments of John J. Craighead, who pioneered many areas of wildlife biology research. Craighead worked with grizzly bears in Yellowstone National Park and led the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit during his 25 years at UM.

“The Craigheads left an indelible legacy in wildlife biology,” Brodie said. “I'm honored to join the amazing faculty in the Wildlife Biology Program and excited to work with my new colleagues to push the boundaries of ecology and conservation worldwide.”

Brodie received a Ph.D. in biology from UM in 2007. He was a David H. Smith Postdoctoral Fellow with the Wildlife Conservation Society from 2007 to 2009 and a Fulbright Research Fellow to Malaysia from 2011 to 2012.

He studies mammal population ecology, landscape connectivity and species interactions. Much of his research takes place in Southeast Asia – mostly in Borneo – where he studies the metacommunity of mammals living in increasingly altered habitats, as well as the ecological importance of species interactions involving mammals.

He is a lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Asia-Pacific Assessment, a member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission, scientific adviser to the International Conservation Fund of Canada, and a research associate with the Denver Zoological Foundation.

UM’s Wildlife Biology Program is world-renowned for the quality of its research and undergraduate and graduate programs. The program is administered by the College of Forestry and Conservation, the Division of Biological Sciences and the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and is the only UM program with two endowed positions, the Boone and Crockett Professor and the John J. Craighead Chair.
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UM to Host Fall Volunteer Fair Sept. 13

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MISSOULA – On Tuesday, Sept. 13, approximately 30 community agencies will gather at the University of Montana to inform students and community members about the volunteer opportunities that are available in the Missoula area.

The Fall Volunteer Fair, which is hosted by UM’s Academic Enrichment Civic Engagement office and the Associated Students of UM student group Volunteers in Action, will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center Atrium.

During the fair, attendees can learn about meaningful service opportunities, while agencies will raise awareness and recruit new student volunteers.

Every year, at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, Academic Enrichment Civic Engagement coordinates a volunteer fair to connect interested students, UM faculty and staff, and other members of the community with volunteer opportunities in the Missoula area. The fair helps nonprofit agencies promote their activities and recruit new members to meet community needs.

For more information visit http://www.umt.edu/civic-engagement/.
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MISSOULA – A University of Montana professor is the 2016 recipient of the Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award, bestowed by Campus Compact, a national network of colleges and universities dedicated to advancing the public purposes of higher education by deepening their ability to improve community life and educate students for civic and social responsibility.

Robin Saha, UM associate professor of environmental studies, was selected for his exemplary leadership in student civic learning and conducting community-based research, fostering reciprocal partnerships, building institutional commitments to engagement and enhancing higher
education’s contribution.

The award is named in honor of Thomas Ehrlich, former chair of the Campus Compact board of directors and president emeritus of Indiana University, and is sponsored by the KPMG Foundation.

“Campus Compact’s programs and thought leadership continue to advance progress in pursuit of higher education’s public purposes,” said Bernard Milano, KPMG Foundation president. “We applaud their work and the work of their member campuses, the best of which is exemplified by the 2016 Ehrlich Award winner, Dr. Saha.”

Saha’s deeply engaged scholarship intersects environmental justice and health policy, emphasizing advocacy for marginalized communities. His nationally recognized work shed light on the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, and has been cited in Fortune Magazine, the Boston Globe and Huffington Post. He also has been recognized for his local, community-based participatory research involving the empowerment of disenfranchised communities to take active roles in data collection and advocacy to achieve significant environmental management improvements.

In addition to being a leading scholar in the environmental justice movement, Saha has spent his career integrating partnerships into his teaching, research and community activism. He consistently engages his students in real-world environmental problems and connects them with affected communities.

“In my experience, civic engagement makes all types of academic endeavors – whether in teaching and learning or carrying out research – relevant and meaningful to all involved,” Saha said. “I especially enjoy enhancing the capacity and commitment of students, our future leaders, and community and university partners to work collaboratively to effect positive and lasting change.”

Beyond his work in the classroom, Saha also advocates for the importance of community-engaged scholarship within the Montana University System. He strives to create opportunities for both faculty and students to promote community engagement, including being a founding member of UM’s Service Learning Advisory Board, as well as being involved in the creation of UM’s climate change studies minor, which is known for its engaged curriculum.

“Robin is an incredibly insightful and community-engaged professor,” said Andrea Vernon, Montana Campus Compact executive director and UM academic enrichment and civic engagement director. “His research and teaching and the work of his students have had profound impacts on the health and well-being of people in the most rural and underserved areas of Montana.”

Vernon said Saha also contributes to the leadership and development of community engaged scholarship throughout the state and beyond by inspiring and supporting colleagues to do this work.

“Professor Saha demonstrates every day that there need be no distinction among teaching, research and service to the public,” said Andrew Seligsohn, Campus Compact president. “His scholarly practice engages students and community members in knowledge creation and action to challenge environmental injustice and produce a more equitable society. We can all learn from Professor Saha’s career.”

Four finalists also have been acknowledged for their achievements. They are:

- David Berele, associate professor of horticulture, University of Georgia.
- Christopher Janson, associate professor, interim chair of Leadership, School Counseling and Sports
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Management, University of North Florida.
- Ellen Percy Kraly, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies, Colgate University.
- Susan Neeham, professor of anthropology, California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Saha and the four finalists will have the opportunity to speak on their work as part of a special panel during Campus Compact’s Western Region Continuums of Service Conference in April in Denver. More information is online at http://www.wacampuscompact.org/cosFuture.php.

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MISSOULA – Research is rocking at the University of Montana, where for the second year in a row the University set a new record for external funding.

UM brought in $87 million in funding during the past fiscal year to support homegrown Montana research, entrepreneurship and statewide outreach, exceeding the last year’s record total of $83 million.

With these funds, UM researchers and scholars are designing new molecules with applications for drug development and environmental remediation. They are creating professional trainings to improve mental health among children living in rural communities. Among many other activities, they also are tracking elk to better understand their migratory patterns and pursuing an array of other newly funded research efforts that promise to create local economic opportunity while addressing questions and challenges of global significance.

Scott Whittenburg, UM vice president of research and creative scholarship, said University faculty members and staff reached the new record through 684 submitted proposals, which was almost 10 percent more than the previous year.

“We have a growing reputation as a research university, with nationally and internationally renowned scientists,”
Whittenburg said, "Our students get to work in amazing labs and learn from great researchers, who also regularly inspire budding Montana scientists through dynamic K-12 outreach programs. At the same time, this activity spurs entrepreneurship and attracts new companies to power our economy.

“We couldn’t be more excited about our current trajectory in funded research.”

Whittenburg said UM faculty members are the foundation for UM’s growing research efforts. He noted that the University has added a number of new outstanding faculty researchers, including Josh Millspaugh, the Boone and Crockett Professor of Wildlife Conservation; Jedediah Brodie, the John Craighead Endowed Chair; L. Scott Mills, who is internationally recognized in wildlife biology; and Matt Church, an oceanographer at the Flathead Lake Biological Station who also has an international reputation.

The economic impacts are on an upshot as well. Traditionally, the University’s research enterprise primarily engaged with the business community through “technology transfer,” otherwise known as the commercialization of research derived inventions. Although those efforts are still strong at UM, in recent years a vision was cast to add additional programs to build out the University’s suite of services available to entrepreneurs and business owners both on and off campus.

Today those services include the Small Business Development Center, the Procurement and Technical Assistance Program, the Montana World Trade Center, the Montana Code School, Blackstone LaunchPad and the UM business incubator MonTEC.

“The University of Montana's fingerprint on the business community of Montana has expanded exponentially in the past three to four years,” said Joe Fanguy, CEO of MonTEC. “Last year alone the collective suite of services, which is being rebranded Accelerate MT, engaged over 700 businesses and entrepreneurs across the state. Our impacts range from connecting high growth biotech ventures with investment capital to helping a guy with a gravel truck secure work from the Forest Service.”

Fanguy said that due to UM’s involvement and promotion of its growing entrepreneurial ecosystem, there has been a recent surge in investment capital in Montana, as evidenced by the launch of Next Frontier Capital in 2015. NFC recently announced a $21 million Montana-based venture fund, which included investment from the UM Foundation, and is focused on Montana-based technology and health care companies. The investment dollars already are finding their way in to the local economy to create high-wage jobs, as two of NFC’s early investments were in Missoula-based Submittable and Clearas.

“It is exciting to think about the future,” Fanguy said. “The opportunity to leverage Big Sky thinking and doing can change the economic landscape for generations to come.”

During the same year, Whittenburg’s office created the Broader Impacts Group. BIG harnesses the University’s research and creative scholarship to educate and inspire the state – especially its next generation – through nationally award-winning efforts like the spectrUM Discovery Area, We Are Montana in the Classroom, the Space Program Outreach Team, BOREALIS and innovateUM. It also is home to the newly formed Autonomous Aerial Systems Office, which guides researchers, students and the greater community in the use of unmanned autonomous systems like drones.

BIG Director Holly Truitt said, “By bringing a number of our public engagement programs under one roof, we’re
finding we can create measurable collective impact for Montana communities and K-12 learners, particularly toward our shared purpose of closing long-standing opportunity and achievement gaps.”

In its inaugural year, BIG served more than 70,000 Montanans and received just over $2.4 million in new funds.

“As you can see, there is a positive momentum in research and the impact our research enterprise has on the community and state,” Whittenburg said. “With the research-active faculty and students at UM and the solid support of the staff, we expect even stronger numbers next year.”

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UM’s CoMotion Dance Project to Perform Climate Science Piece for Middle Schoolers

September 06, 2016

MISSOULA – Area sixth-graders will experience a special treat on Thursday, Sept.15, when the University of Montana’s CoMotion Dance Project performs two interactive dance performances, which will take place in the Montana Theatre in UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

The first show is from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., and the second is from 12:40 to 1:40 p.m. The public is invited, and organizers say there are more seats available at the later show.

The CoMotion Dance Project was commissioned by the Glacier National Park Conservancy to create “Changing Balance/Balancing Change,” a new, interactive performance that examines climate science and current and predicted changes impacting our planet. Using visible changes in Glacier as a fulcrum, the piece communicates basic understandings about climate change in the Northern Rockies and provides a framework for dialogue. It
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premiered in Glacier in July.

Next Thursday’s show is the first Missoula performance and is geared toward middle school students. Sponsored by SPARK! Arts Ignites Learning and Missoula County Public Schools, the hourlong performance integrates arts and science with live interactions with the audience.

“Changing Balance/Balancing Change” weaves artistic dance, original music, choreographed narration, video projection and audience interaction into an immersive arts experience designed to engage audiences with the ideas and emotions at the heart of climate change. Developed for audiences of all ages, the piece includes content such as rate of temperature change, greenhouse gases and positive action humans can take in response to the realities facing our planet.

The active-audience approach provides innovative methods of engaging audiences and emphasizes the value and role of attention, patience and creativity as we, and our world, move into the shifting balance of our dynamic climate.

Performed by professional dancers Jordan Dehline, Ashley Griffith and Kaitlin Kinsley, and UM dance students Logan Prichard and Charlie Wiseman, “Changing Balance/Balancing Change” was written and produced by UM dance Professor Karen Kaufmann and Steve Kalling, with guest choreographers Nicole Bradley Browning, Heidi Eggert and Joy French. Western Montana musicians composed and recorded the soundtrack, which is narrated by Jack Gladstone, Jeff Medley, Teresa Waldorf, Rosie Ayers and Lily Gladstone.

“Changing Balance/Balancing Change” is made possible by the following sponsors: SPARK! Arts Ignites Learning, Missoula County Public Schools, Glacier National Park Conservancy, Glacier National Park, the Montana Cultural Trust, UM, the Cadeau Foundation, U.S. Forest Service-Rocky Mountain Research Station and the CoMotion Dance Project.

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MISSOULA – Local organizations and businesses hoping to enter a float in this year’s University of Montana Homecoming parade are encouraged to submit their applications in time to meet the early bird deadline of Friday, Sept. 9.

Applications are available online at http://www.grizalum.org/ or by calling 406-243-5211 or toll-free at 1-877-862-5867. Applications also may be picked up in person at the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, located at 825 E. Front St., or at the Office of Alumni Relations and Alumni Association, Brantly Hall 115, University of Montana.

Applications submitted by Sept. 9 will be eligible for the $30 early bird fee. Applications received after Sept. 9 will require a $35 registration fee, and the final deadline to submit entries is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16.

The 2016 Homecoming Parade will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, in downtown Missoula. This year’s Homecoming theme is “Under the Big Sky.”

For more information call the UM Office of Alumni Relations at 406-243-5211 or email alumni@umontana.edu.
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UM Creative Writing Program to Host Writers’ Fall Opus

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MISSOULA – Guests can enjoy live and silent auctions, hors d’oeuvres, fine beverages and more at the University of Montana Creative Writing Program Writers’ Fall Opus Friday, Sept. 16.

This eighth annual fundraising event, hosted and sponsored by The Rhino owner and creative writing alum Kevin Head, runs from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the Florence Building Governor’s Room, located at 111 N. Higgins Ave.

Proceeds from the event fund student scholarships, the Fishtrap/Oval undergraduate fellowship, campus journals and literary events.

“Beyond the financial support, the Writers’ Fall Opus presents a delightful evening of fun and fellowship and affords our program an opportunity to highlight the consistently impressive accomplishments of our students,” said Robert Stubblefield, who teaches creative writing at UM and helps organize the event.

Eden Atwood will serve as auctioneer for items such as a private tasting party, a hand-crafted Amish sewing chest and hand-sewn quilt, and an in-home six course meal accompanied by fine wines. More items can be viewed on
the UM Creative Writing Program website at [http://hs.umt.edu/creativewriting/](http://hs.umt.edu/creativewriting/).

Tickets cost $45 per person and $80 per couple and are available at the door. Attendees must be 21 or older.

For more information call Karin Schalm, UM Creative Writing Program coordinator at 406-243-5267 or email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Welcomes First Native American Creative Writing Director

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Creative Writing Program will celebrate Bitterroot Salish tribal member, author and Professor Debra Magpie Earling as the first Native American director since its founding in 1920, on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

The Honoring Ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. at the Payne Family Native American Center with prayers, drumming and a gift-giving ceremony. The event also will feature presentations by Bill Kittredge, a previous creative writing director, and Sherwin Bitsui, a visiting professor in poetry.

Earling, who teaches fiction at UM, has earned a Guggenheim Fellowship, and her novel “Perma Red” won the Western Writers Association Spur Award, WWA’s Medicine Pipe Bearer Award for Best First Novel, a WILLA Literary Award and the American Book Award. She is the great-granddaughter of Paul Charlo, the last federally recognized chief of the Bitterroot Salish.

“Missoula is a storied community and the stories of the long-ago Salish who occupied this particular place remain here,” Earling said. “This is Indian country and Bitterroot Salish traditional land. I am honored to be the first Native
American director of one of the oldest writing programs in the country and privileged to welcome a new generation of storytellers."

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MISSOULA – This fall, the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at the University of Montana will present another special exhibit that underscores the power of language. “Present Tense: Prints from the Jordan D. Schnitzer Collection” will be on display at the MMAC from Thursday, Sept. 29, to Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017. The exhibition contains a selection of prints by contemporary artists that incorporate text or language.

In the past several decades, visual
artists have explored language, text, words and even single letters to address serious social and political issues such as gender, violence, pollution and racism.

But they also have used language to intrigue us, to make us curious or to make us smile. The use of text in art often compels the viewer to slow down and carefully consider the words, not only their superficial meaning but also their deeper meaning as symbols of larger ideas.

“Present Tense” includes works by famous contemporary artists such as Jasper Johns and Andy Warhol, who used language to challenge its typical narrative function. In Lalla Essaydi’s large-scale photograph, “Les Femmes du Maroc No. 35,” the artist’s calligraphy covers every surface in the room, including the subject’s face, hands and feet. Through this forceful and explicit reinterpretation of 19th-century European portraiture, Essaydi inverts the historical tradition of outsiders — particularly white, male Europeans — defining the meaning of Arabic women’s bodies.

Other artists such as Jenny Holzer or Robert Cottingham have used letters, words or short phrases to make viewers think about shape and symbolic meaning in different ways.


MMAC Curator and Exhibitions Coordinator Jeremy Canwell selected works for the show from the collection of Jordan D. Schnitzer, whose holdings exceed 9,000 works of art and represent many of today’s most important contemporary artists. MMAC’s “Present Tense” builds on Schnitzer’s
generous lending program, which has facilitated over 100 exhibitions through loans to more than 75 qualified institutions.

The exhibition will open to the public with a reception from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, in UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The opening reception will begin with a presentation by Portland, Oregon-based art collector and art lender Jordan D. Schnitzer in the Masquer Theatre, followed by a printmaking workshop led by UM Professor Elizabeth Dove from 6 to 7 p.m. in the PAR/TV lobby. Food and beverages will be served.

Additional programming in conjunction with the exhibition will include a panel discussion from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and a lecture by Canwell at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, both held in the PAR/TV Masquer Theatre. All events are free and open to the public.

MMAC docents are looking forward to sharing this exhibit with the public. Special public docent tours will be offered at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, and Thursday, Dec. 8. The special tours require no reservations or advanced notice. Private docent tours for a group can be arranged by calling 406-243-2019.

MMAC’s gallery hours are from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The museum is closed Sundays, Mondays and UM holidays. The museum is open to the public with a suggested $5 donation. For more information call 406-243-2019 or visit
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UM Professor Wins National Award for Book on Coal Industry Rhetoric

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MISSOULA – A new book investigating the rhetoric of the coal industry, co-written by University of Montana communication studies Professor Steve Schwarze, has garnered a national award for research in environmental communication.

"Under Pressure: Coal Industry Rhetoric and Neoliberalism" received the Christine L. Oravec Research Award from the Environmental Communication Division of the National Communication Association. The award is given annually to the top book published in the division during the preceding two years.

"Coal is clearly an industry under pressure on multiple fronts," Schwarze said. "In the U.S., production has fallen to historic lows, and several of the largest coal companies have declared bankruptcy. Public concern about climate change, rapidly shifting domestic and global markets, and the specter of federal regulation all pose threats to the industry."

In the book, Schwarze and his colleagues examine how the coal industry and its allies have responded to this pressure by identifying five rhetorical strategies the industry uses in its public advocacy: industrial apocalyptic,
corporate ventriloquism, technological shell game, hypocrite’s trap and energy utopia.

Their research analyzes how each strategy encourages audiences to identify their interests with those of the coal industry, oppose government regulation and dismiss environmental concerns. In doing so, these strategies appeal to and reinforce neoliberalism, a political ideology that privileges market rationality, individual freedom and personal responsibility.

“Many scholars have focused on industry efforts to cast doubt on climate science,” Schwarze said. “Our book takes a different approach. Looking forward, it may give readers insight into how the coal industry will address the Clean Power Plan. It also has broader relevance for understanding the strategies that other powerful industries may use to manage significant threats to their existence.”

“Under Pressure: Coal Industry Rhetoric and Neoliberalism” was published earlier this year by Palgrave Macmillan in its series on media and environmental communication. Schwarze and co-authors Jen Schneider of Boise State University, Peter K. Bsumek of James Madison University and Jennifer Peeples of Utah State University will accept the award in November at the National Communication Association’s annual convention in Philadelphia.

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UM Fans Encouraged to Showcase College Colors on Sept. 2, Every Friday

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MISSOULA – The college football season is fast approaching, the sounds and smells of tailgates will soon fill cities nationwide, and fans already are picking out which attire they’ll don to show their true colors all season long.

On Friday, Sept. 2, the University of Montana will participate in the 12th annual College Colors Day celebration. Griz fans are encouraged to join college football fanatics across the social media landscape by showing their camaraderie and support for UM on Sept. 2.

“We have some of the most dedicated and spirited fans anywhere,” said Erika Palmer, UM trademarks and licensing director. “So we want to encourage all students, alumni, staff and fans to show the nation their Griz spirit!”

Last year’s celebration saw the biggest College Colors Day ever with thousands showcasing their fandom for their alma mater and favorite schools, and expectations for this year’s celebration are even bigger.

In conjunction with the College Colors Day celebration, UM will launch its Get Your Griz On campaign. UM encourages its fans to show their school spirit and support by wearing UM licensed gear every Friday.
“We are launching the school year with a fun, new Get Your Griz On social media campaign,” Palmer said. “We encourage our fans wear Griz gear on Fridays and then share photos of themselves, friends, their children or co-workers on social media channels with the hashtag #GetYourGrizOn. Each week we will select participants who use the hashtag to win licensed Griz products.”

UM will kick off its Get Your Griz On campaign during its annual Welcome Feast celebration. This year’s event will be held from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, on the UM Oval. On Saturday, Sept. 3, the Montana Grizzlies will play their season opener against St. Francis. The game theme will be Get Your Griz On where fans are encouraged to wear their favorite licensed product.

More information on connecting to UM’s social media channels can be accessed online at http://www.umt.edu/.

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Mansfield Center Launches Fall 2016 Lecture Series

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MISSOULA – The Mansfield Center at the University of Montana has announced its Fall 2016 Brown Bag Lecture Series for the community. The lectures reflect the center’s mission to promote an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics. Lectures include perspectives on climate change, Asian politics and international opportunities for students.

All sessions will be held from noon to 12:50 p.m. The lectures are free and open to the public. The schedule follows:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 13:** **University Center 326-327:** “Crossing Borders: A Global Perspective on Climate Change and Collaboration” with Asian Fellows from the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative on Environmental Issues. Moderated by UM Environmental Studies graduate and adjunct faculty member Peter McDonough. A special offering of the U.S. Department of State.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 28:** **University Center 332-333:** “JET to Japan! – Working in Japan with the Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) Program” with Chelsea Robinson, JET program coordinator for the consulate-general of Japan in Seattle.
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- **Thursday, Oct. 13: University Center 333**: "Climate and Culture Deep in the Mekong Delta" with Nicky Phear, program director, UM Climate Change Studies Program.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 26: Liberal Arts 103B**: "Cross-Cultural Comparisons of NGO Best Practices – Southeast Asia to Montana" with Asian Fellows from the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Professional Fellows Program. A special offering of the U.S. Department of State.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 15: University Center 330-331**: “China’s Water Crisis” with Owen Sirrs, adjunct professor of culture and regional studies with the Mansfield Defense Critical Language and Culture Program.

For more information and extended session descriptions, visit [http://umt.edu/mansfield/events/brownbaglectures](http://umt.edu/mansfield/events/brownbaglectures) or call 406-243-2988.

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