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Bowl boosters group receives donation from Montana State University's Johnstone

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MISSOULA, Mont.—It may seem a bit unusual, but the acting president of Montana State University, Bozeman, has sent a financial contribution to the $12,000 Camellia Bowl Boosters Fund at the University of Montana.

Actually, the donation by William A. Johnstone to the fund-raising campaign may not be so unusual after all. He is a UM alumnus.

The acting UM leader received his Master of Arts degree in education on the Missoula campus in 1951.

In sending the contribution to the bowl drive, Johnstone said, "I am pulling for the University of Montana in Saturday’s Camellia Bowl game with North Dakota State University. As representatives of this state, we’re all hoping the Grizzlies beat the Bison by a big score."

Saturday’s gridiron clash between the University of Montana Grizzlies and the North Dakota State University Bison in Sacramento, Calif., won’t be the first time the State of Montana has been represented in the bowl.

In 1964, the MSU Bobcats defeated Sacramento State 28-7 and two years later the Cats lost to San Diego State by the same score in Camellia Bowl competition.

Earl Morgenroth, Missoula, said earlier this week that more than $11,000 has been donated so far in efforts to raise $12,000 to fly the UM football team and band, Grizzly cheerleaders and two student body representatives to Saturday’s Camellia Bowl.

Donations still are being accepted to the Camellia Bowl Boosters Fund. Contributions may be sent to the University in Missoula or interested fans may call 243-2311, to make donations by phone. The fund drive is sponsored by the UM Century Club.

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