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UM EXCELLENCE FUND DRIVE
IN MISSOULA NEARS GOAL

Thomas C. Davis, chairman of the annual University of Montana Excellence Fund Drive, has announced that this year's fund drive in Missoula has reached 97 percent of its \$60,000 goal with pledges of \$58,875.

The pledges have come from 233 donors, which, Davis said, is more than double the number of last year's contributors. "The increased participation is from a better understanding of University objectives and the importance of increased University enrollment to the local economy," Davis explained.

Campaign workers will continue to call prospective donors through Feb. 2.

"Success of the drive is assured if prospective donors respond as favorably as those who have already given," Davis added. "And a successful Missoula drive will set the tone for a statewide campaign which is scheduled to follow in Billings, Great Falls and Helena."

The national UM Excellence Fund Drive objective is \$200,000.

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