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RECEPTION TO FEATURE ART EXHIBITION, PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO HAL STEARNS

MISSOULA--

Alumni and other friends of the University of Montana are invited to a reception in Helena Friday, Jan. 22, hosted by UM President Neil S. Bucklew, the UM Alumni Association and the UM School of Fine Arts.

The gathering is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. in the conference room in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, 33 South Last Chance Gulch.

The reception will feature an exhibition of work by members of the UM art faculty. The artists will be present.

Bucklew will open the program at 6 p.m. with a presentation on behalf of the Montana board of regents of a plaque to Hal Stearns in recognition of his service during the past year with the Friends of Higher Education. Now a freelance writer in Helena, Stearns was for many years the publisher of the Harlowton Times and Ryegate Clarion.

The Friends of Higher Education was organized by Russ Hart of Billings prior to the election of the 47th Montana Legislature. Members of the organization, often referred to as the Hart Group, were drawn from diverse occupations, locations and political persuasions. The organization's mission was to inform legislators, the press and the public of the necessity for continuing adequate funding of the Montana University System.

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Stearns will receive a plaque and share with the other members of the organization the regents' resolution, which reads in part: "The Board of Regents of Higher Education recognizes with deep appreciation and gratitude the efforts of the Friends of Higher Education. This type of spontaneous support like the overwhelming passage of the six-mill levy is a source of great satisfaction to all those in the Montana University System."

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