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BUCKLEW TO GIVE PLAQUES TO BERTSCHE AND DAVIDSON AT PUBLIC RECEPTION

MISSOULA--

The public is invited to meet University of Montana President Neil S. Bucklew at a reception in Great Falls Wednesday, ^{Jan.} ~~Feb.~~ 27, hosted by the UM Alumni Association. Bucklew assumed UM presidency in August.

The reception will be from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Mansfield Room of the Sheraton Great Falls, 400 10th Ave. S.

At 5 p.m. Bucklew will present plaques on behalf of the Montana board of regents to William Bertsche and Ian B. Davidson in recognition of the work done by the two Great Falls men during the past year with the Friends of Higher Education.

The Friends of Higher Education was organized by Russ Hart of Billings prior to the election of the 47th annual 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.

Bertsche and Davidson will each receive a plaque, and they will 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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