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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA ALUMNI PHONATHON NETS \$5,000

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana phonathon to UM alumni in the Spokane area March 28 raised \$5,000, according to Betty Cuthbert and Cecil Innis, co-chairmen of the event.

Money raised by the phonathon, which was conducted by the UM Foundation and the UM Alumni Association, goes to the University's annual Excellence Fund. The goal for the nationwide fund drive is \$200,000. The fund provides money for special university needs.

Calling took place at the Murphey Favre offices in the Seafirst Financial Center in downtown Spokane. Pledges were received from 91 alumni; the average pledge was \$42.

Bill Papesh raised a record \$830 in two hours of calling. Other local volunteers were Mike Armstrong, Dick Baker, Mary Beth Baker, Arva Coffey, Gene Doty, Margaret Fanning, David Lafferty, Steve Matsko, Betty Ann McElwain, Karen Menke, Norm (Mike) Mikalson, Dorothy Powers, Elizabeth Schruth and Gordon Spunich.

A total of \$25,474 was raised in Montana phonathons held in Missoula, Helena, Great Falls and Billings earlier this year. A final phonathon conducted by UM students is being planned on campus April 24 through May 5 to reach other out-of-state alumni.

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