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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: G. M. Dennison, President 
RE: Campus Report for the May 2010 Board of Regents' Meeting

- A team from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities visited the UM campus for its 10-year accreditation assessment in April. The University received seven commendations and seven recommendations. Commendations included the supportive campus environment, the effective Information Technology system, growth in research, and the Davidson Honors College. Recommendations included continued work in connecting planning to budgeting, in assessment, in academic student advising, and in assuring that all graduate students get an effective orientation experience. Provost Emeritus **Paul Reichardt** from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, chair of the visiting team, praised the campus for its hospitality and openness both before and during the visit. The Team will send a draft report to **President Dennison** for review before sending the final report to the NWCCU. In July, the President will attend the NWCCU meeting to hear the final decision of the Commission.
- President **George M. Dennison** received the 2010 Miles Community College Distinguished Alumni Award, presented at the Miles Community College Commencement Ceremonies, for which he was Commencement speaker.
- The University hosted the George M. Dennison Symposium on the Future of Higher Education on 10 May. Keynote lecturers included **President Dennison**; **E. Gordon Gee**, President, The Ohio State University; and **C. Peter Magrath**, Senior Presidential Advisor for The College Board and President Emeritus, NASULGC. Commissioner **Sheila Stearns**, Montana State University President **Waded Cruzado**, and Regents' Professors **Albert Borgmann** and **Paul Lauren** also participated in the discussion moderated by Provost **Royce Engstrom**.
- The University of Montana presented four honorary doctorate degrees during 2010 Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, 15 May. **Robert S. Bennett**, one of the nation's most prominent attorneys and a generous and dedicated friend of UM, received an Honorary Doctor of Law; **Stewart M. Brandborg**, a towering figure in the American conservation movement, received an Honorary Doctor of Science; **John Hollenback**, a lifelong Montanan who has worked tirelessly to steward state lands, received an Honorary Doctor of Science; and **Matt McCann**, a former state representative and champion of higher education, received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.
- More than 2,500 undergraduate students and their faculty mentors from around the country gathered on The University of Montana campus in April for the 24th National Conference on Undergraduate Research.
- **Lindsey Aull**, a sophomore in Environmental Studies, and **Emily Schembra**, a junior in Environmental Studies and Political Science, have won \$5,000 Udall Scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year.
- **Roman Stubbs**, sports editor of the *Kaimin*, won first place in the Hearst Journalism Awards personality profile writing competition. Stubbs, a junior from **Great Falls** majoring in Print Journalism, received a \$2,000 prize and will compete in the national championship in New York City in June.
- The University of Montana set a new record of 14,622 enrolled for Spring Semester 2010, 797 students more than the previous record set last spring.

- The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education affirmed the accreditation status of the **Skaggs School of Pharmacy** in College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences during its January meeting.
- **Aimee Ault**, a faculty member in the Culinary Arts Program at the College of Technology, received ProChef Level II Certification at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., as well as certification as a Chef de Cuisine in the American Culinary Foundation—dual certifications that only a few chefs in the Pacific Northwest have attained
- “The University of Montana: Growing Montana’s Economy,” a report produced by UM’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research finds that The University of Montana in Missoula contributes 9,700 additional jobs to the State, \$1 billion in additional after-tax income and more than \$200 million in additional state tax revenues.
- The National Student Employment Association has awarded senior History major **Ryan Stevens** the National Student Employee of the Year award. A University Dining Services employee, Stevens also earned UM Student Employee of the Year honors.
- The University of Montana **Dance Program** will represent the Northwest region of the American College Dance Festival Association at a national festival to be held 27-29 May at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.
- The Corporation for National and Community Service honored The University of Montana with a place on the 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.
- The **Skaggs School of Pharmacy** ranks seventh nationally for earning grants and contracts from the National Institutes of Health. According to figures from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the UM school raked in \$11.2 million in NIH funds in 2009, earning a top-10 ranking among 112 pharmacy schools and colleges across the nation.
- **Bob Shook**, Associate Professor at the College of Technology, received the Dalton E. Memorial Section Certified Welding Inspector of the Year Award from the American Welding Society. Shook directs COT’s Welding Technology program.
- **Nate Rott**, a December 2009 graduate, won first place in the in-depth writing competition of the 50th annual William Randolph Hearst Foundation’s Journalism Awards Program. Rott won \$2,000 for his story “Beyond Reach,” which he wrote for the Native News Honors Project. The UM School of Journalism will receive a matching grant.
- The University of Montana is one of 15 institutions receiving grants from the Sunshine Lady Foundation’s Learning by Giving Program, which will allow students to allocate \$10,000 to area philanthropic organizations.
- Four UM students received \$4,500 NextGeneration Scholarships from the American Humanics Students Association that will allow them to serve 300-hour internships with area nonprofit organizations. The scholarship recipients are Communications Studies senior **Sarah Hinkle**, Communications Studies senior **Kyle O’Neill**, Management and Accounting senior **Whitney Wilson**, and Intercultural Youth and Family Development Master’s Candidate **Daniel Wirth**.
- One of more than 10,000 treasures from the Montana Museum of Art & Culture’s Permanent Collection traveled to the Complesso Del Vittoriano in Rome as part of an exhibition titled “Impressionism and the Ecology of Landscape.” The painting “Après du Bois” by Virgilio Narcisso Díaz de la Peña (French 1807-1876) will be on display in Rome through June 29.
- UM’s official YouTube channel recently received YouTube EDU status, making it one of only a handful of universities in the Pacific Northwest with a presence on the site’s directory.