

## University of Montana Western

### May 2011 campus report to the Montana Board of Regents (from Provost Ulrich and our website).

Professor Gary Lundy has received news from Voices Israel that they have accepted his poems “wonderful contemplative nothing/ to be pulled together” and “curious women” for inclusion in their upcoming edition.

Student Rebecca Davis had two poems, "Hay Fire" and "Palms" accepted for publication in ScissorTale Review, winter 2011 issue. Student Katie Redfield also had two poems, "small cloud" and "litany" accepted for the same issue of ScissorTale Review.

English faculty member Rebecca Knotts had a long poem of hers, "We Speak of Sacred Things," published as a chapbook as part of the dusie kollektiv #5: winter 2011 series by Dusie Press, Switzerland.

The fall 2010 issue of The Montana Professor contained an article “The Female Professor on Film” by Dr. Bethany Blankenship. A highly favorable book review of “The Norman McClean Reader: Essays, Letters, and Other Writings By The Author of “A River Runs Through It” edited by Professor O. Alan Welzien, can also be found in the issue. The book review was written by Keith Edgerton.

Professors Sheila Roberts and Craig Zaspel gave an invited talk January 27th at the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, entitled, "Looking for climate trends in a century of weather data for Southwest Montana." The work presented is an extension of a research project begun with the "Weather and Climate" class that Roberts and Zaspel revised this year with funding from the NASA Space Grant Consortium. The revision replaced a lecture-based "Meteorology" class with a new experiential class.

Professors Steve Mock and Rob Thomas recently returned from Nepal where they did some volunteer work at the Khumbu Climbing School in the shadow of Mount Everest. The mission of the school is: *To increase the safety margin of Nepali climbers and high altitude workers by encouraging responsible climbing practices in a supportive and community-based program.* Dr. Mock helped to organize the instructors and teach climbing techniques to native guides while Dr. Thomas provided instruction in the geology of the region. Professor Mock also taught at the school in 2008.

Montana Board of Regents member and Montana Western alumna Angela McLean will address the 114th graduating class at Montana Western on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Regent McLean, who earned a broadfield social sciences degree from Western Montana College (now the University of Montana Western) in 1994, was also honored with her alma mater’s 2009 Distinguished Service Award. She graduated from high school in Twin Bridges, Mont. in 1989. After earning her undergraduate degree from Western Montana College, McLean earned a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from The University of Montana in 2000. Regent McLean taught at the middle and high school levels in Arlee and Anaconda, Mont. and currently teaches classes in the Anaconda Senior High School and in the Montana Tech of The University of Montana Jump Start program. In October 2007, she was named Montana’s Milken Educator.

Junior business major, dean’s list student and point guard Brandon Brown was selected as the Frontier Conference Player of the Year and first team NAIA All-American. He led the men’s basketball team to the NAIA national tournament for the second year in a row. Coach Steve Keller said, “His work ethic is second to none.” “He’s very athletic, very smart, he has goals and he works hard to achieve them.”