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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the July 2001 Board of Regents' Meeting

- The Montana Broadcasters' Association awarded KUFM News Director Sally Mauk, its annual Non-Commercial Radio Program of the Year award. In addition, Backroads of Montana received the prize for Non-Commercial Television Program of the Year.
- Dr. Nancy Fitch, Director of the Curry Health Center (CHC) for the past 11 years, has resigned to take a position with USAID doing developmental work in Armenia.
- Four UM individuals have received Fulbright Scholarships: School of Forestry Associate Professor Steve Siebert received a Fulbright Scholarship spring semester to study forest ecology in the Mediterranean; Professor Fred Allendorf, Division of Biological Sciences, currently does research in New Zealand; Division of Biological Sciences Associate Professor Ray Calloway will work in Botswana in the next academic year; and Linguistics student lan Clayton will conduct research in the Netherlands. In addition, Division of Biological Sciences Associate Professor Douglas Emlen received an NSF CAREER grant.
- UM's Media Arts program received a \$50,000 planning grant and a pledge of \$1,000,000 from UM alumnus Palmer West. The generous gift will enhance the Media Arts facility.
- The Montana Repertory Theatre received a national Endowment for the Arts award of \$10,000 for its educational program to communities. This past spring the program focused on the poetry of Emily Dickenson and took *The Belle of Amherst* to 30 Montana communities.
- Karen Hatcher, Library Dean Emeritus, has secured the Mansfield Library's second consecutive grant from the Montaniana Regrant Program of the Montana State Library. Hatcher's proposal concerns digitization of her <u>Montana Authors, A Bio-Bibliography</u>. The total value of the grant, which includes a matching element, is \$7,500.
- Julie Sullivan of Butte, UM class of 1985, won a Pulitzer Prize as part of *The Oregonian* team that exposed serious flaws in the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. The Portland daily won the Pulitzer for public service reporting. Julie is UM's seventh Pulitzer Prize-winning alumnus.
- In overall scoring for the 2000-01 academic year, UM's School of Journalism finished sixth in the national Hearst Awards
 competition. Students in all sequences competed with their counterparts at 108 other accredited schools. UM photojournalism
 students finished second nationally.
- The University of Montana Student Documentary Unit was awarded a regional Emmy Award by the National Academic of Television-Arts & Sciences last month for "Anaconda: The Legacy" a story of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company's hold on life in Montana, including the State's press. In addition to the Emmy, the documentary won the National Mark of Excellence Award from the Society for Professional Journalists.