

CAMPUS REPORTS
Board of Regents Meeting
May 19-20, 2005
Billings, Montana

Montana State University-Bozeman
President Geoff Gamble

- **KELLY MATHESON**, a graduate student in the *Science/Natural History Filmmaking* program, received a prestigious Telly Award for her film, "Wings over the Wild: Lighthawk in Mesoamerica", a documentary about pilots who fly voluntary missions over threatened lands. Matheson's film was chosen from over 10,000 entries. Previous Telly award winners include ABC News, The History Channel and MSNBC.
- The **COLLEGE OF NURSING** set up the *Jurkovich-Wilson Family Memorial Endowment* with a \$500,000 gift from Robert A. Wilson in memory of his wife Yvonne Jurkovich who passed away in 2002. The endowment is the largest gift ever received by the college and will provide undergraduate scholarships and graduate student fellowships.
- **ANNE CHRISTIANSEN**, director of the *MSU Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)* program, earned the President's Award for Excellence in Service Learning at this year's MSU/Chamber of Commerce Awards for Excellence Banquet. Christiansen teaches a full load of accounting classes, in addition to training, advising, and overseeing the VITA program. This year 54 students participated in VITA, helping prepare tax returns for more than 250 low-income individuals.
- **BRIDGID CROWLEY**, a junior from Helena majoring in biochemistry, earned MSU's 44th Barry M. Goldwater scholarship. Crowley has worked in the laboratory of *Dr. Trevor Douglas* since her freshman year and is particularly focused on studying potential means of carrying cancer drugs to specific tumors. MSU is ranked among the top dozen in the nation in total Goldwater awards – behind Harvard and Princeton, but ahead of prestigious universities such as Brown, Yale and MIT.
- **MICHAEL RUNNING WOLF**, a computer science graduate student from Birney and vice-president of *MSU's American Indian Council*, is Montana's sole recipient of a coveted Gates Millenium Scholarship which provides a full ride through the doctorate level.
- The **BIG SKY INSTITUTE** has secured a \$1.8 million NSF GK12 Grant to link MSU research with small schools in Belgrade, Bozeman, Gallatin Gateway, Manhattan and Pray. Seven graduate students and 7 undergraduate students will work with the schools to incorporate current research into their classrooms. The three-year program will provide a model for science education in rural schools.
- The **ALDERSON PROGRAM IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP**, for the second year in a row, was selected by Entrepreneur Magazine as one of the country's top 10 programs that offer a minor or entrepreneurial emphasis.
- **JACK HORNER**, curator of paleontology at the *MSU Museum of the Rockies*, is part of a team who recently found soft tissues preserved within the thigh bones of a dinosaur fossil. The research was presented in a paper published in the March 25 issue of Science magazine. Horner said, "I see this as a really important discovery that will change our methods of collecting and study. We can truly begin asking bio-molecular questions." News of the find was reported around the world.
- **FRANKE WILMER**, head of the department of *Political Science* was appointed as chairman of the Montana Human Rights Council.
- **ED SCHMIDT**, an assistant professor of *Veterinary Molecular Biology*, received a \$1.74 million National Institute of Health grant to study the molecular communication between mouse fetuses and their mothers. The grant will help expand work that he has done over the past several years with a grant from the March of Dimes. Schmidt will work with three undergraduate and three graduate students, as well as other research professionals.

Montana Tech of The University of Montana
Chancellor W. Franklin Gilmore

- Vickie Petritz, COT accounting and human resource instructor, was recognized by the Society of Human Resource Management with the Professional Excellence award. Vickie was recognized for her efforts in furthering and advancing the human resources profession in the community.
- An alumni and friends' reception was held in Calgary on April 13 at the Petroleum Club. It was sponsored by J.G. Williams (Geological Engineering, Class of 1962). Attending from Tech were Chancellor Frank Gilmore, Vice Chancellor William Kirschke, Petroleum Department Head, John Evans, and Assistant Director of Development Pat Naughton. Twenty-five alumni and friends attended.

- Professor Willis Weight, Geological Engineering, gave the keynote presentation at the Irrigation Association and NRCS Engineers' meeting in Missoula in February and presented at the 67th ASEE Pacific Northwest Section meeting on April 8.
- Assistant Professor Mary North-Abbott, Petroleum Engineering, coauthored a paper with MSE-TA, that was presented at the 2005 Spring Simulation Multiconference in San Diego in April.
- Tech's Environmental Design Team won the prestigious Intel Corporation's Innovation award at the WERC Competition in Las Cruces, New Mexico for Most Innovative Technology and Reducing Waste for Task 2 and 2nd Place for Task 2 "Use of Calcium Hypochlorite as a Sanitizer for Seeds Used for Sprouting."
- Tech's Mining Men's Team took 2nd Place Overall and 2nd place in Hand Steel and the Women's Team took 2nd Place Overall and 1st Place in Mucking, at the Mining Competition in Reno, NV.
- Associate Professor David Hobbs, Chemistry, and the College of Mathematics and Sciences hosted a virtual conference in April in the college's Access Grid Node site. The conference was sponsored by the NSF and titled "Children and Rural Education (CARE)."
- John Amtmann's articles "A Judo Lesson from Rodeo's Bull Poker" and "Judo and Flexibility" appeared in the Fall and Winter issues of the British Judo Association's magazine. His article "Time for Damage Control: Thanks Jose!" will appear in the May/June issue of *Scholastic Coach and Athletic Director Magazine*.
- The Undergraduate Research Fair was held in late April and is the conclusion of yearlong research projects by 55 undergraduate students and funded by NSF-EPSCoR with Vice Chancellor Joe Figueira, and Metallurgical Engineering Dept. Head Courtney Young as PIs.
- The Environmental Engineers of Montana Tech students attended the Pacific Northwest Session of the Air & Waste Water Association conference in Washington and won first place. The problem this year was to identify and address the design criteria for building a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The students were also able to attend technical sessions concerning topical real-world environmental problems and solutions.
- Professor Pat Munday, Professional & Technical Communication, joins colleagues Jack Horner (MSU-Bozeman) and Harry Fritz (UM-Missoula) in a three-part public lecture series "Bringing the U to You." Dr. Munday's lecture is titled "Big Hole River History."
- Professor Munday recently delivered a paper to the Clark Fork Symposium 2005, titled "Restoration of German Gulch Creek and a Vision for Fisheries Restoration in the Silver Bow Creek Watershed." In February, he organized a meeting of fisheries biologists and restoration scientists from various state and federal agencies as well as private consultants as a first step in developing a Silver Bow Creek fisheries plan. Along with Montana Tech alumni and a fellow George Grant Trout Unlimited board member Josh Vincent, Dr. Munday has also submitted a \$1.1 million proposal to the Montana Natural Resource Damage Program for a holistic restoration project in the German Gulch watershed.

**The University of Montana-Western
Chancellor Richard Storey**

Accomplishments

- Dr. Diana Francis had her essay *Glissade* published in the February 2005 The Writers Post journal. Also, her essay *Tips for Keeping Track of Characters in Your Novel* was published in The Broadsheet:
- <http://www.broaduniverse.org/broadsheet/0502df.html>. Dr. Francis has also taken on the role of assistant editor for The Broadsheet. She presented a paper at the national Popular/American Culture Associations conference in San Diego in March, and her essay *The Colonial Feminine in Pat Murphy's His Vegetable Wife*, will be published in Phoebe: Journal of Gender and Cultural Critiques, Fall 2005. Also, she was invited and gave the Keynote address at Practical Criticism Midwest in February.
- Professor Craig Zaspel's article, *High Frequency Modes in Vortex-State Nanomagnets* has been published in the 21 January 2005 issue of Physical Review Letters, and it has also been selected to appear in the 7 Feb issue of the Virtual Journal of Nanoscale Science and Technology. The coauthor is Boris Ivanov from the Institute of Magnetism, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Dr. Ivanov will also be visiting Western this summer. During the past few years, experimental groups have been studying the response of nanomagnets to microwaves, and they have observed complicated and unexpected spectra. This article, which is a result of collaborative work during the past two years, gives a complete explanation of the microwave spectrum, and predicts new effects that experimenters are currently trying to detect.
- Professor Alan Weltzien has had his essay, *Camano Wood*, accepted for publication in New Writing, a fairly new British journal. His essay, which is the seventh chapter of his memoir manuscript, will appear in the Fall 2005 issue.

- The International Reading Association (IRA) will publish the second edition of *Reading Assessment: Principles and Practices for Elementary Teachers* in April, 2005. Dr. Rita Moore's article, *Nathan, A Case Study in Reader Response and Retrospective Miscue Analysis* printed in a recent edition of *Reading Teacher*, an international journal of IRA, will be included in that text.
- Dr. Michael Francisoni's article *What a Marxist Professor Should Teach* has been accepted to be published in the spring *From the Left*, the *Journal of Society of Marxist Anthropology*.
- Dr. Jennifer Gilliard has had the following papers accepted for publication:
 - *Husbands and Wives in Dual-Earner Marriages: Decision-Making, Gender-Role Ideology, Equity, and Division of Household Labor* by Sharon Jeffcoat Bartley, Priscilla W. Blanton, Jennifer L. Gilliard. Accepted by *The Journal of Marriage and Family Review*.
 - *University meets the needs of early childhood practitioners in rural Montana* by Julie Bullard and Jennifer L. Gilliard. Accepted for publication in *The Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences*.
 - *Reflections on a post September 11 student-led project: Teaching strategies that foster tolerance and emotional coping* by Jennifer L. Gilliard. Accepted by *The Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*.
 - *An Investigation of Japanese and American Early Care and Education* by Mariko Nagayama and Jennifer L. Gilliard. Accepted by *Early Childhood Education Journal*. (Mariko Nagayama graduated with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education in December 2004; this paper was presented at NCUR 2004).
- Dr. Gilliard will co-present the following papers this semester:
 - *Mediating a healthy work-life balance: The Role of the Human Resource Development Professional* by Sharon J. Bartly, Priscilla W. Blanton & Jennifer L. Gilliard. Paper will be presented at *The Academy for Human Resource Development National Conference* in Estes Park, Colorado, Feb 24-27, 2005.
 - *An Investigation of Early Literacy Practice in Preschool Through Third Grade Classrooms* by Amanda Long, Michelle Nadeau & Jennifer L. Gilliard. Paper will be presented at *The National Conference for Undergraduate Research*, 2005, April 21-24. Please note that Amanda Long and Michelle Nadeau are currently elementary & early childhood education students at Western.
- Dr. Nili Luo's students in ED 246 Early Childhood Professionalism class have written an Early Childhood Education mini-grant for Curious Minds as a group project. Curious Minds received the award of \$1,500. The grant will be used for science equipment for Curious Minds.
- Megan Janke, a science student working under Dr. Mike Morrow, has found out that she has received a \$1000 fellowship from the American Society for Microbiology that is intended to support her travel to the ASM meeting in Orlando in June of 2006 to present her research findings from this coming summer. It was a very competitive fellowship and Megan got all of the money that she asked for.
- Dr. Andrea Easter-Pilcher reports that Environmental Sciences student Jesse Hankins has been accepted into the wildlife biology graduate program at South Dakota State University with a full stipend. He was also offered a graduate research project to study elk at The University of Montana-Missoula by Dan Pletscher, former advisor of Dr. Easter-Pilcher.
- Willow Murolo from the History, Philosophy and Social Sciences Department and Ben Snipes from the Business and Technology Department have both received news recently that they have been accepted into The University of Montana-Missoula law school.
- Dr. John Xanthopoulos, coach of Western's Equestrian team, has been informed that Western has been awarded the IHSA Regional Presidential Citation for hosting one of the "finest" and "well run" regional horse shows in region 3 of zone 8. This award is a testament to the members of UMW equestrian team, all the volunteers, the horse donors, Dr. Carlos Diaz, Maria Freeman, Dr. Linda Reiten, Martha Storey and many others for a job very well done.

Experience One Implementation Progress

Registration began on April 4 for fall 2005 as well as for May Interim and Summer School. Fall 2005 marks the first semester that all upper and lower division on-campus courses will be offered under the Experience One block-scheduling format. Faculty have been providing extra advising sessions especially designed to ease the transition of students from traditional scheduling to Experience One. These sessions have been going very well and no student will be delayed in his or her graduation due to the campus implementation of Experience One.

Dawson Community College President Terry Hetrick

- Significant progress is being made on the construction of the adjoining Physical Education and Performing Arts Centers. To date, a substantial portion of the structural steel for the Physical Education Center has been erected.

Next week, the steel for the Performing Arts Center will arrive on campus. Currently, the projected completion date for the Physical Education Center is mid-October and December for the Performing Arts Center. Faculty, staff, and students as well as community members will start enjoying these new facilities in January 2006. Attached are photographs showing the construction progress at the time of this report. In terms of the Library/Learning Center, faculty and staff have met with the architect to help finalize the architectural drawings of this facility. The College will bid this third component of the DCC Facilities Expansion Project in January or February, 2006 with a projected completion date of September of that year.

- The Dawson Community College Collegiate FFA recently participated in the 75th Montana State FFA Convention held this year in Bozeman, Montana on April 7-9, 2005. Advisor and instructor **Leanne Hoagland** with recruiter **Tina Nistler** escorted four DCC students to the annual event. **David Norton, Jennifer Baird, Krista Donsbach** and **Andrew Conklin** assisted in the many contests and events at the convention. They were able to help set up and judge numerous events. The DCC chapter also set up a booth at the trade show and shared their experiences and life at DCC with prospective students.
- On Friday, April 22, 2005, the DCC Law Enforcement Club, under the direction of **Holly Dershem-Bruce**, will assist with the spring fund-raising banquet of Ducks Unlimited in its effort to raise funds for wildlife conservation. This is a good example of how DCC faculty, staff, and students get involved with community/regional organizations for the betterment of eastern Montana.
- On Friday, April 22nd and Saturday, April 23rd, the DCC Early Childhood Education ECHO Program and other various community agencies hosted the 6th Annual "Shaping the Future Conference." Over 160 individuals registered for the Friday sessions with approximately 50 for the Saturday sessions. Conference speakers included **Tom Flick** (Teaching on the Winning Edge), **Rebecca Johns** (Teaching Social Skills through Early Childhood Literature), and **Patty Walker** and **Helen Murphy** (Non-Violent Crisis Intervention). Attendees who participated both days were given the opportunity to earn one undergraduate credit from DCC or one graduate credit from Montana State University-Billings.
- Over the past several months, three DCC students, **Torrie Eiker, Danielle Nagel,** and **C.J. Schock**, with the assistance of their web-page design course instructor, **Marcia Holas**, created the Miss Montana webpage. In June, Glendive will host the pageant. The Miss Montana webpage address is www.missmontana.org.







The University of Montana-Missoula
President G. M. Dennison

- Four University of Montana students earned Morris K. Udall scholarships this year, making The University of Montana the recipient of more Udall scholarships than any other institution. The students, **Zachary Benson**, **Marcia St. Goddard**, **John Powell**, and **Jeffrey Ross**, earned the \$5,000 scholarships for demonstrating outstanding potential and a commitment to pursuing careers related to the environment.
- The Student Assistance Foundation has announced it will give \$156,853 to The University of Montana through its Ace\$\$ Grant Program during the 2005-2006 academic year. The funds will assist students needing financial support in order to continue their education.
- The University of Montana received a four-year grant of \$388,120 from the U.S. Department of Education's TRIO Program. The funds will support programs targeted to assist low-income, first-generation college students, as well as students with disabilities.
- Geology **Professor George Stanley** received a three-year appointment as a research associate for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C.
- University of Montana students **Paul Lachapelle** and **Jesse Luther** earned recognition as fall 2004 Outstanding Student Leaders. The two will receive in-state tuition waivers funded by The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and by Coca-Cola.
- The Princeton Review named The University of Montana a "college with a conscience" and will feature the University in its upcoming publication, "Colleges With a Conscience: 81 Great Schools With Outstanding Community Involvement," available in bookstores 21 June.
- For the first time, The University of Montana's spring enrollment topped 13,000 students, with the largest increases at The College of Technology and the Department of Education.
- Mansfield Library archive technician **Teresa Hamann** recently discovered a Native American ledger book containing 18 rare sketches estimated at 100 years old. Photos of the drawings, available through the Library's website, will serve as a special exhibit on ledger art for the fall of 2005.
- University of Montana alumna and Missoula teacher **Barbara O'Keefe** received the 2005 Maryfrances Shreeve Award, given by The School of Education for excellence in Montana teaching.

- **Lee Tortorelli**, a University of Montana journalism student, placed sixth in the picture story/series category in the prestigious Hearst Journalism Awards Program. The University of Montana placed 10th overall out of more than 100 accredited schools of journalism that participate in the competition.
- University of Montana Law School's International Moot Court team performed well in the 46th annual Philip C. Jesse International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington D.C. The team, consisting of **Stephanie Happold, Mat Lowy, Ryan McCarty, Jacey Messer, and Eli Parker**, competed against 102 other law schools from 90 countries. Jacey Messer placed 13th out of 326 oralists, and the team had the highest ranked memorial of any U.S. team.
- Recently, several University programs received new accreditation status: Food Service Management through 2009; School of Forestry, Recreation Management, and Forest Resources Management programs through 2009; School of Fine Arts, Art program through 2009; and School of Education, Educational Leadership and Counseling and Education programs through 2009.

Montana State University-Billings Chancellor Ronald P. Sexton, Ph. D.

- Montana State University-Billings has been awarded a \$14,000 grant by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Washington. This award will be used by MSU-Billings Assistant Professor Dr. James Barron, Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, to conduct research during the next two summers in partnership with the Science Department at Billings Senior High School.
- Dr. Patricia Vettel-Becker traces the portrayal of the American male in her new book, *Shooting from the Hip: Photography, Masculinity, and Postwar America*, published by the University of Minnesota Press. Dr. Vettel-Becker reveals how photography helped to reconstruct and redefine the American idea of masculinity after the traumas of World War II.
- Professor J.D. Vezey, College of Technology and Dr. Norton Moses, College of Arts and Sciences, will be honored with Faculty Emeritus status at the 78th Graduation of Montana State University-Billings.
- Governor Brian Schweitzer visited the College of Technology (COT) Monday, February 21, 2005. Mr. John Cech, Dean of the COT stated that the Governor was particularly interested in learning more about the COT's popular Process Plant Technology Program and the COT's plans to develop a Power Plant Training Program. Governor Schweitzer was pleased about the two-year educational opportunities that are developing in Montana.
- Secretary Mike Leavitt of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will be participating in the College of Allied Health Professions convocation exercises at the invitation of Dr. Carl Hanson, Interim Dean.
- The historic Northern Hotel in Billings presented the MSU-Billings College of Business with a \$2000 scholarship for students coming to college from the Hi-Line of northern Montana. This scholarship will be awarded to a student from a high school on the Hi-Line with less than 25 students in the graduating senior class.
- Dr. Ernie Randolfi, College of Allied Health Professions, attended the National Certification Commission meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting was hosted by NAADAC, the association for addictions professionals.
- MSU-Billings students Matt Brubaker, Kelly Gatzemeier, Kirstin Dillard, and Anjel Hoff in the Integrated Marketing Communications class, under the direction of Professor A.J. Otjen, at the College of Business, were awarded a Montana Advertising Federation Addy Award for a radio campaign they produced. The Addy Award is Montana's most prestigious award for outstanding advertising and historically is won by seasoned professionals in the advertising, production and media industry. This is the first year the Addy Award judges accepted student entries.
- Dr. Sheila McGinnis, College of Allied Health Professions, presented, *Rural Healthcare: Crossroads or Crisis?* during a free community lecture sponsored by the MSU-Billings Library. She discussed some of the challenges and changes in delivering rural healthcare and presented some findings from our current study conducted by MSU-Billings faculty.
- Professor Catherine Feher-Elston, College of Arts and Sciences, author, historian, archaeologist and musher read from her books *Wolfsong: A Natural and Fabulous History of Wolves*; and her award-winning *Ravensong: A Natural and Fabulous History of Ravens* while presenting a show about Montana wolves on March 19, 2005, at the Billings Barnes & Noble Book Store.
- The third annual Spring Fever Conference held at the College of Technology on March, 2005, was a huge success with over 320 people attending a wide variety of topics such as Pesticide Control, Topographical Mapping, Home and Gardens, Landscaping, and Culinary. This conference is a joint effort between the MSU-Billings College of Technology and the MSU Extension Service.

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- MSU-Great Falls held its Commencement Ceremony on May 6 with 151 students receiving their 176 diplomas for completed degrees or certificates. Governor Brian Schweitzer addressed the audience as this year's commencement speaker in the ceremony at the Mansfield Theatre of the Great Falls Civic Center.
 - The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society inducted 54 new members at their spring Induction Ceremony for the Beta Eta Omicron Chapter on April 8th, with six students taking the oath of office for the 2005 – 2006 academic year.
 - The 2nd Annual Health Fair at Lincoln Elementary School was held in April with approximately 80 science students from the College conducting a wide variety of hands-on activities related to health and the human body for over 300 grade school students.
 - The Dental Hygiene Program received word from the Commission on Dental Accreditation that following a review of the November progress report the program's accreditation status has been changed to "approval without reporting requirements" until 2011, when the next site visit is scheduled. The Dental Assistant Class of 2004 achieved a 100% pass rate on their National Certification Exam.
 - The first stage appearance of the newly formed Thesperadoes theatre group included *Sure Thing* and *A Night in the Theater* in April in performances at the UGF Theater.
 - MSU, MSU-Northern, and COT Healthcare Programs partnered with Benefits Healthcare to offer the annual Health Fair on campus in March. Over 175 community health exhibitors and providers highlighted the newest health resources, services and technology. Free dental screenings for children aged 6 – 17 were provided by the COT Dental Clinic, along with many other free medical tests and screenings for all ages, information on senior services, Home Care, Foster Grandparents, and Retired Senior Volunteer Persons, drug abuse, diet assistance, and indoor air quality.
 - The 2nd Annual HOSA Bowl was held in February to serve as a fundraiser for the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) club to support their activities, including leadership training and professional development. Staff, faculty and students formed teams to compete in the event. Over Spring Break MSU-Great Falls hosted the HOSA State Conference. The chapter was honored with a Governor's Citation and is now eligible to attend the National Conference in Nashville TN in June.
 - The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities visited the College of Technology in April for our decennial evaluation visit. The College had been engaged for the past year in an extensive self-study evaluation to prepare for the accreditation process.
 - Elementary Education Student Dawn Michelle Fenton will be representing the College in the Miss Montana Scholarship Program in Glendive in June. Ms. Fenton is an outstanding student who has been elected secretary of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter on campus.
 - Adjunct Faculty Meredith Connie was recently recognized in an article published in the March 2005 issue of the Great Falls River Edge magazine. Meredith studied classical guitar at the Australia Conservatorium of Music and the University of Sydney, where she performed with new music ensembles, theatre productions, popular music venues, and composition. She came to the United States in 1999 to study for her master's degree in Classical Guitar Conservatory of Music. She teaches private guitar and is a music lecturer on campus.
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Flathead Valley Community College President Jane Karas

- **Ninety-eight percent** of Flathead Valley Community College's 2003-2004 graduating class seeking employment **found jobs** according to the college's annual graduate survey. This makes for the sixth consecutive year that over 95 percent of job-seeking graduates successfully secured employment. According to the survey, **52 percent of FVCC graduates** planned to **continue their education**. Of those students, **87 percent attend Montana colleges**. The survey also states that **97 percent of the graduates are employed in Montana**. Of those graduates, 95 percent are employed in Flathead, Lake and Lincoln Counties.
- Flathead Valley Community College's **Logger Sports Team placed first** in the **Annual Stumpjumper Days** competition April 16. Seventy five competitors from 6 different colleges and universities attended the event. The team finished up the year by performing demonstrations at the Family Forestry Expo held in Columbia Falls May 7 and 8.
- Flathead Valley Community College held a "**Festival of Cultures**" on campus March 16. The event consisted of music, foods and clothing from various cultures around the world including Nepal, Peru, India and Guatemala.
- FVCC President Jane Karas hosted an inaugural coffee and conversation meeting for **FVCC Ambassadors & Alumni Association**, friends and volunteers who support higher education in our community, April 26 at the Bibler Home and Gardens in Kalispell.

- The Flathead Valley Community College Foundation hosted tours of the Bibler Home and Gardens May 7 and 8. Proceeds will benefit student scholarships and programs at FVCC.
- Flathead Valley Community College celebrated **National TRIO Day** April 14. The college presented two Academic Reinforcement Center (ARC) Awards—one to financial aid staff member Judy Sheaffer and the other to Brenda Hanson, FVCC Transfer Advisor who received the “Friend of TRIO Award.”
- Flathead Valley Community College hosted the **Montana University System Writing Assessment Program** April 18 and 19. FVCC was one of seven scoring locations across the state of Montana involved in the program. This is the first time the college has hosted the program which involves more than 260 high school, pre-service and college instructors and professors and approximately 7,000 high school juniors in 105 schools from across the state of Montana.
- The Flathead Valley Community College Foundation recognized its board members April 14 by presenting them with special volunteer pins in observance of **National Volunteer Week**, April 17-23. The week is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation.
- The Big Sky Astronomy Club, in conjunction with Flathead Valley Community College, celebrated **Astronomy Day 2005** April 16. Numerous astronomy-related activities and displays occurred throughout the day including sun viewing through telescopes and presentations focusing on our universe and Robonaut: NASA’s Humanoid Robot.
- Flathead Valley Community College presented a case study to current and potential allied health students April 27. Sponsored by the FVCC Scrub Club, the event entitled, “**Continuity of Care Depends on Teamwork**,” involved four speakers: Jim Neal, FVCC Paramedicine Instructor and Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Paramedic; Derek Starker, Registered Nurse at Kalispell Regional Medical Center’s Emergency Room; Robert Hollis, MD, a Board Certified Neurosurgeon who has been practicing at Kalispell Regional Medical Center since 1999; and Deanna Walker, FVCC student in the Surgical Technology and Medical Coding programs and president of the FVCC Scrub Club, who addressed their roles in the case study.
- Flathead Valley Community College inducted its newest members into **Phi Theta Kappa** of the Alpha Iota Pi Chapter March 29. **Fifty-two students** who obtained at least 12 credit hours from FVCC while receiving a minimum grade point average of 3.5 **were inducted** into the international honor society of two-year colleges.
- Flathead Valley Community Theatre presented an Americanized version of Russian writer Anton Chekhov’s play “**The Sea Gull**” in April. Written by director David Ackroyd, the play is Ackroyd’s own adaptation of the Russian play set in Montana in 1910 on the shores of a beautiful lake in an area similar to the Flathead Valley.

Miles Community College President Darrel L. Hammon

- **Dr. Mike Dunlop** recently joined Miles Community College staff and faculty as the Director of Student Services. Dr. Dunlop comes to from Boston via New Mexico where he worked with student services and financial aid in the New Mexico University and community college system.
- **Philip Reierson**, Miles Community College student, gave the Rosebud National Honor Society induction speech
- **House Speaker Gary Matthews** will be this year’s commencement speaker. Speaker Matthews is a Miles Community College alumnus.
- **Donna Faber’s Photography I and II classes** will be exhibiting their year-end collections in as Library Wall Art: prior to the end of semester. The 65th Anniversary pictorial history exhibit is now permanently displayed in the Student Union Building.
- **Dwight Gunnare**, Miles Community College Golf Coach, was named Mon-Dak Golf Coach of the Year.
- The following students were awarded Mon-Dak honors: **Golf—Mon-Dak Champions 2004 1st Team All Conference:** Mark Slade **MVP**, Mitch Wilbert, Trent Normandy, Chad Fowler. **Women’s Basketball, 2nd Team All Conference:** Mirna Araujo; **Honorable Mention:** Jill Dana. **Men’s Basketball, 2nd Team All Conference:** Charles Webb; **Honorable Mention:** Nick Garrett.
- Miles Community College will add collegiate volleyball to our athletic program, beginning fall 2005. We have named **Laurie Kelly**, current Roundup High School volleyball coach, as Head Coach. Coach Kelly has been extremely successful during the past 25 years as a high school volleyball coach, guiding her team to five state volleyball championships and was recognized as Montana Volleyball Coach of the Year five times from 1998-2003. Kelly was also named a 2003 finalist for the National High School Coach of the Year.
- The Miles Community College Athletics Department hired a new golf coach, **Lindsay Woolley**. Coach Woolley is a 2004 University of Montana graduate and was a three-year letter winner and Academic All-Conference in basketball and golf at Montana Tech. Coach Woolley will also serve as assistant basketball coach for both the men’s and women’s basketball programs.

- The **Judson H. Flower Jr. Library** at Miles Community College was the host site for the Spring Sagebrush Federation meeting on March 19, 2005. High school and community libraries from Montana met and attend seminars focused on Internet policies for adults and children, unattended children and phone use policies, meeting rooms and bulletin boards, interlibrary loan policies, and ethical use policies
- **Heather Gergen**, 2003 Nursing graduate, recently was selected as Mrs. Miles City and will be competing in Billings in July for Mrs. Montana.
- Miles Community College held its annual **Community Appreciation Night** with dinner, classes, and campus tours on April 26. Free classes included: Websites for Authority, Grant Writing Boot Camp, Saludos, Amigos! (Basic Spanish), Understanding Poetry, You Can Teach Your Old Dog a New , Prehistoric Montana, Intro to Microsoft Office Suite, Writing Resumes and Cover Letters, Writing Press Releases, You've Got a Steak in Tenderness.

Montana State University-Northern Chancellor Alex Capdeville

- **Commencement** - Saturday, May 7, 2004 MSU-Northern held its 75th Anniversary Commencement ceremonies. Dr. Roger Barber, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, presented the commencement address. There were a total of 383 graduates earning 441 degrees.
- **Founders Day** - Founders' Day at Montana State University-Northern is a special graduation week tradition that honors and recognizes individuals who promote the ideals of service and excellence. Founders' Day is a time when alumni, friends, faculty and students rekindle the spirit of campus life and pause to reflect upon the people, places and events that have helped create an environment for lifetime learning and participation. This year the MSU-Northern Founders' Excellence Awards were presented to Wilbur Hensler, Lou Lucke, and Roger Barber who have contributed to the growth and development of the campus and who have received outstanding recognition within their own professional fields.
- **50-year Reunion** - Montana State University-Northern welcomed the Northern Montana College Class of 1955 back to campus on May 6th & 7th, 2005, to celebrate their 50th reunion. On Saturday, eleven "Golden Grads" marched in the processional leading the new graduates in graduation exercises. At the conclusion of Commencement, they joined the Class of 2005 and their families and friends and the faculty, staff and administration at the Student Union Building Ballroom for the graduation brunch.
- **Student Excellence** - Eleven Montana State University-Northern students were recently named student excellence award winners for the 2004-2005 school year. The student excellence award is the highest honor a student at Montana State University-Northern can receive. Those students honored were: Jamie Bawden, Cody Blanchard, Kyle Fisher, Brian Frey, BreAnna Garner, Ramey Growing Thunder, Julie Monson, Mishel Stovall, Reid Stovall, Peggy Unterseher, and Amber VandenBos.
- **MSU-Northern receives grant from Student Assistance Foundation** – Student Assistance Foundation, a nonprofit corporation based in Helena, announced today the MSU-Northern will be awarded \$17,457.24 through the foundation's Acce\$\$ Grant program. Since 1999, the foundation has awarded over \$74,000 to MSU-Northern, and nearly \$2.2 Million statewide through the Acce\$\$ Grant program.