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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: G. M. Dennison, President 
RE: Campus Report for the November 2009 Board of Regents' Meeting

- The University of Montana set a new record for Fall Semester enrollment—14,921, some 714 more than a year ago and the largest one-year jump in two decades. UM also set a new record for full-time equivalent students at 12,757, which is 461 better than a year ago
- **The University of Montana** will host a regional Education Summit on 12 November 2009. Dr. **Craig Barrett**, retired CEO/chairman of the board at Intel and honorary doctorate recipient, and **Rudy Crew**, president of Global Partnership Schools, will be the keynote speakers.
- President Dennison is hosting a series of web videos titled “YouChat” on YouTube. The videos are aimed at UM’s student body and give President Dennison an opportunity to address students directly about issues and decisions made at the administrative level on current topics that are relevant to their college experience.
- UM hosted outreach events in four high schools and two tribal colleges on the Rocky Boy’s and Fort Belknap Indian reservations, including an evening reception attended by numerous UM alumni.
- **Edwin Johnson** has accepted the position of Registrar. Johnson, a Philipsburg native and former administrator at MT Tech and Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO, has served as interim registrar at UM since last Spring.
- The Irish Voice newspaper named UM faculty members **Katie Kane**, director of Irish Studies Program and **Traolach O’Riordain**, adjunct assistant professor raised in County Cork, Ireland, as well as UM Executive Vice President **Jim Foley**, to its inaugural Irish Education 100 list, which honors the nation’s top 100 education professionals of Irish descent.
- The University of Montana Mortar Board chapter earned national recognition for excellence at the honor society’s annual conference this year. UM’s Penetralia Chapter received the Silver Torch Award, presented for timeliness and dedication while exemplifying the society’s ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.
- Legal Counsel and School of Law faculty member **David Aronofsky** used his second Fulbright Senior Specialist award to teach a graduate law seminar in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Several College of Forestry and Conservation faculty members received honors at the annual conference of The Wildlife Society. Boone and Crockett Professor of Wildlife Conservation Emeritus **Jack Ward Thomas** gave the plenary presentation at the conference. Wildlife Biology Director **Dan Pletscher** received Honorary Membership in The Wildlife Society, in recognition of continuous outstanding service to the society. Associate Provost **Perry Brown** received the society’s Wildlife Publication Award for editorship for the book “Wildlife and Society: The Science of Human Dimensions.”
- Director of TRIO Student Support Services **Ray Carlisle** received the 2009 Walter O. Mason Award from the Council for Opportunity in Education. The prestigious award is the highest national honor the council gives for distinguished service and leadership.
- The University of Montana/Salish Kootenai College Endorsement Partnership Project received a four-year, \$1,098,268 federal grant from the Office of Indian Education. The project addresses shortages of Native American special education teachers and principals in Montana.

- The School of Law landed at No. 6 on a list of best value law schools in the nation compiled by The National Jurist. The UM law school has a bar-passage rate of 95 percent and a 95.7 percent employment rate after graduation.
- The Office of Student Services in the Skaggs School of Pharmacy at The University of Montana received a \$1.2 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to expand and establish programs for American Indian pharmacy students.
- The University reintroduced the Provost's Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series this Fall. Regents Professor **Jakki Mohr** presented the first lecture, entitled "A World Without Marketing: Blessing or Curse?" **Garon Smith**, recipient of the 2008 CASE Montana Professor of the Year Award, spoke on "The Chemistry of Snowflakes, Color, and Other Fun Stuff." In November, **L. Scott Mills**, recognized as a 2009 John Simons Guggenheim Fellow, will speak on "Wildlife Biology in a Changing World."

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