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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Royce C. Engstrom, President

RE: Campus Report for the November 2010 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Retired President **George M. Dennison** received Second Nature's first annual Climate Leadership Award for Outstanding Individual Climate Leadership at the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment Summit in Denver in October.
- UM student **Michael Church** will study geography in Tajikistan during the 2010-11 academic year through a Fulbright U.S. Student scholarship. He joins three other UM students—**Henry Bundy**, **Ellen Cheng**, and **Shane McMillan**—studying abroad this year on Fulbright scholarships.
- Regents' Professor **Jakki Mohr** will spend two weeks in November in Uruguay as a Fulbright Specialist working with ORT University in Montevideo, where Mohr will help develop and launch a new executive Master of Management of Technology program. Mohr will teach a graduate course on technology marketing, give lectures, lead seminars and workshops for top managers of local information technology companies, and develop and assess academic curricula and educational materials.
- College of Forestry and Conservation Professors **Jill Belsky** and **Steve Siebert** received grants under the Fulbright Senior Specialist Program to work in Bhutan this semester. Belsky teaches environmental social science in the Department of Society and Conservation and directs the University's Bolle Center for People and Forests. Siebert teaches tropical forestry in the Department of Forest Management and coordinates the International Conservation and Development master's option in resource conservation.
- Master of Accountancy student **Michele Keener** received the John L. Carey Scholarship from the American Institute of CPAs. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to students from liberal arts and other non-business programs who are pursuing degrees in accounting and, ultimately, CPA licensure.
- Graduate School Associate Dean **Sandy Ross** received the Sloan Mentor of the Year award from the Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, a partnership of regional, federal, and foundation programs focusing on minority graduate education and faculty diversity.
- Psychology Research Professors **Ann Cook** and **Helena Hoas** received a nearly \$750,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health. Cook and Hoas will explore the approaches used by physicians, research coordinators, nurses, and administrators conducting research in states with large rural populations.
- UM honeybee researchers, including Biology Research Professor **Jerry Bromenshenk**, and their partners have discovered a pathogen combination that may cause Colony Collapse Disorder, a mysterious malady depopulating beehives around the globe. The team shared its research in PLoS ONE, an open-access journal for the communication of all peer-reviewed scientific and medical research.
- Radio-television students will produce daily news updates to air on MontanaPBS stations, giving students a chance to work with a professional broadcast outlet. Seniors in broadcast news will write and anchor the news segments, while students in broadcast production will perform the technical duties. Graduate student **Gillette Vaira** supervises the productions.

- UM's fly fishing team, comprised of staff member **Tony Tomsu** and student **Jesse Filingo**, placed third at the inaugural World Varsities Trout Fly Fishing Championship on Lough Corrib in Ireland in August. Thirty-six entrants competed in the event, including teams from Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Finland, and the United States.
- The UM chapter of Mortar Board received two national awards—the Silver Torch Award and a Project Excellence Award—at the 2010 Mortar Board National Conference. Seventy-seven chapters that met chapter management standards while embodying the board's ideals of scholarship, leadership and service received the Silver Torch Award. The UM chapter received the Project Excellence Award for the President's Senior Recognition Awards Ceremony, which honored about 140 UM seniors the day before Commencement.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce awarded Montana Public Radio three federal grants to expand coverage to Libby and Polson and improve service in the north Flathead area. The station also received funds to upgrade its satellite distribution equipment and main recording studio in Missoula.

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