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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Dr. Ronald P. Sexton
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RE: Campus Report for the March, 2002, Board of Regents' Meeting

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- Spring Semester 2002 student headcount increased to 4,239 compared to 4,122 for spring semester 2001. FTE also increased from 3,369.8 for FY 2001 to 3,489.50 for 2002.
 - A Career Fitness Fair, attended by more than 600 students, a 33% increase over 2001, included a noon networking session with faculty members and employers.
 - Men's and Women's Basketball Teams qualified for NCAA Regional Tournament in California.
 - Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of the MSU-B College of Technology ACT Center on February 28 had strong local and statewide participation. The ACT Center is a new community and statewide resource with potential to positively impact the community's efforts to create new jobs and enhance workforce skills.
 - International Business Conference scheduled for April 2 and 3 will bring together some of the nation's experts and regional business leaders on the topic of exports and international trade.
 - Stephanie Morrison, a graduating senior in mathematics has been accepted with funding to the engineering doctoral program at Notre Dame and to the mathematics doctoral program at Oregon State.
 - College of Business Student Christian "Keene" Bends, a marketing senior from Lame Deer, MT., received a scholarship to attend the DMEF Advanced Direct and Interactive Marketing Collegiate Institute for College Seniors in Southfield, Michigan. Tyler Garrett, a marketing junior from Cheyenne, WY, received a scholarship to attend the DMEF Institute for College Juniors to be held in Chicago Illinois.
 - Montana Business Incubator, a nonprofit corporation funded by NASA, operating under a memorandum of understanding between MSU-Billings and the Big Sky Economic Development Authority, offers Technology Research Services to individuals and businesses.
 - NEH Lecture Series titled "We are Still Here. Humanists Consider Coping Strategies of Native Americans through Religion, Art, and Story, included 3 presentations: "Peruvian and Chilean Peasant Art as Resistance," "Fat Lovers: Indian Views of Europeans," and a final lecture scheduled for April 25.
 - Successful search for a Dean of the College of Technology was concluded with the hiring of Mr. John Cech, current Dean of Outreach for Rocky Mountain College.
 - Joseph Massman, an MSU-B senior voice major pursuing a BSED in Music Education was the winner of the Upper Division Competition for Men at the Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing competition.
 - Jacquelyn Weitz, a high school student taking courses in the MSU-B Department of Music through the High school Connections program, and a student of Dorothy Cromley, Music Department faculty, won the high school division of the Music Teachers National Association NW Division piano competition at Seattle Pacific University in January. She will be one of only 7 high school students nationwide in National Competition in Cincinnati.
 - College of Education and Human Services sponsored the first and very successful Annual Educational Showcase that brought returning alumni and current and prospective students to the College.
 - Mike Hermanson, Director, Montana Center on Disabilities, presented a paper on Paraeducators as Community Links at the 2002 Office of Special Education Programs Joint Personnel Conference in Arlington, Virginia.
 - College of Education and Human Services hosted the Billings Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Billings participants, introducing educational opportunities in Billings with a focus on University services and opportunities.
 - MSU-B Student Opportunity Services, Upward Bound, MSU-Northern Veterans Upward Bound, and Rocky Mountain College TRIO personnel collaborated to host a National TRIO day celebration.
 - ASMSU-B students represented MSU-B at the Region 14 Association of College Unions International Regional Recreation and College Bowl Tournament held at Oregon State University.
 - Multicultural Student Services designed and coordinated the University's largest Martin Luther King day celebration to date. Senator Max Baucus was keynote speaker.
 - MSU-Billings sponsored the State Hearing Competition for We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution at Carroll College in Helena. Participating in the competition were 175 Montana high schools students. Polson High School, winners of the competition, will represent Montana at the Nationals in May.
 - Funding in excess of \$50,000 was awarded for 3 projects from the STARS school consortium in Riverton, WY. Projects will support online instruction, courses in technology for educators, and a multicultural conference.
 - The Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Health Care has agreed to support a Health Workforce Feasibility Study to be conducted in conjunction with MSU-Billings' Health Administration Program.