

# First Monday



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*From the desk of: Marilyn Miller, President and CEO  
Monday, April 7, 2003, 8:00 a.m.*

**The Charles M. Bair Family Trust awarded \$30,776** to the MSU-Billings Foundation to purchase two grand pianos for the music program on campus. Many MSU-Billings piano students are teacher candidates who will share the joy of music with countless children during their careers. Others will become professional musicians, and some will use their musical ability to enrich the lives of family, friends, fellow parishioners, or community groups. This is the first time the Foundation has received funding from the Charles M. Bair Family Trust, and we are grateful to the Bair Trust for providing these wonderful new pianos for our students.

**The creation of a College of Allied Health Professions at MSU-Billings** was unanimously approved by the Montana University System Board of Regents during their March 2003 meeting in Helena. The University recognizes the broad definition of allied health professions that includes behavioral scientists, therapeutic science practitioners, laboratory technicians, and medical support staff. There are approximately 30,000 individuals employed in the health care industry in Montana, with about 10,000 of those working in Yellowstone County. MSU-Billings is uniquely situated to serve the needs of the highest concentration of health care providers in Montana. In addition to traditional classroom instruction, the College of Allied Health Professions will deliver academic programming to communities and individuals beyond Billings through MSU-Billings Online University.

**Roland and Terrie Iverson have pledged \$10,000** to the People, Pride, & Promise Campaign. Their gift will benefit the Chancellor's Excellence Awards Endowment, which provides scholarships of \$2,500 per year for four years to students demonstrating excellence in academics, leadership, and service. Terrie Iverson is Administrative Vice Chancellor at MSU-Billings, and her husband Roland is a lender with Mann Mortgage in Billings. Thank you, Roland and Terrie!

**MSU-Billings English Professor Sue Hart** received the Montana Historical Society Trustee's Award for Educational Excellence for her commitment, expertise, and inspiration in the fields of Montana literature and history. Among Professor Hart's many accomplishments are developing courses on Montana frontier women, Montana authors, and the portrayal of Montana in motion pictures.

**The Muryl and Lu Myhre Foundation** has awarded a second \$5,000 grant to the MSU-Billings Foundation for the benefit of the Lowe Child Care and Enrichment Center. This year's award will be used to help fund Center staff certification and the pursuit of national accreditation for the Center. The Myhre Foundation's grants help make it possible for Montana State University-Billings students with children to reach their educational goals.

**The College of Education and Human Services** recently accepted the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Best Practices in Teacher Education in Support of Accreditation Award. AACTE particularly praised the College for working closely with school district personnel, faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, and teacher candidates. **Only one college or university in the nation receives this award each year.**

**The Connections Program at MSU-Billings** provides scholarships to high school juniors and seniors who want a head start on college coursework. This opportunity has been used to great advantage by students in the Billings area, and with the entire general education core now online, students across the state can access the University as early as their junior year in high school.

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