

First Monday



*From the desk of: Marilyn Miller, President and CEO
Monday, August 4, 2003, 8:00 a.m.*

Sincere thanks to Vicki ('03) and Pat Davison for their \$100,000 pledge! Pat, who is co-chair of the People, Pride and Promise Campaign, is a management consultant in Billings. Vicki, a 2003 graduate of MSU-Billings, will be returning to campus this fall to begin work toward a Masters in Public Relations. Pat and Vicki have three children. The Davisons have directed 10% of their gift to the Annual Drive to support immediate needs, and the remainder will be placed in an endowment fund for the perpetual support of Montana State University-Billings.

Welcome to Dan Rust ('77), the newest member of the National Campaign Leadership Council (NCLC). Dan is using his MSU-Billings business degree as agent and owner of a State Farm Insurance office in Bozeman, Montana, where he lives with his wife Bertie and daughter Staci. While a student here, Dan lettered in tennis. His other daughter, Breeanne ('02), who now lives and works in Fort Collins, Colorado, was also on the MSU-Billings tennis team. Dan will be working with other alumni in Bozeman to organize an alumni leadership dinner there.

Dr. Joe Michels, Dean of the College of Business, and Dick Buckley, MSU-Billings Foundation Development Officer, took a swing through northern Wyoming in early July and enjoyed visits with the following individuals.

- **Dr. Harold "Shorty" and Gloria Alterowitz** in Cody. Yes, that's our beloved Shorty, Athletics Director Emeritus for whom Alterowitz Gymnasium is named, still as vibrant as ever.
- **Bill Thieleman**, President of SSI (Successful Systems Innovators, Inc.) of Delray Beach, Florida, who lives in Cody and has a growing interest in Billings and MSU-Billings.
- **Lynn (Nerlin) Whitmer ('63 & '83)**, an active community volunteer in Cody where she lives with her husband Duane.
- **Sharon (Ungefug) Earhart ('68)**, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Powell where she lives with her husband Larry.

- **Carolyn White** ('86), Associate Professor of Office Technology at Northwest College and Chair of the department of Business Office Technology, who lives in Powell with her husband Wally.
- **Dr. Jim Staab** ('77 & '82) **and Teresa (Stroppel) Staab** ('78 & '91), in Powell. Jim is Park County School District Director of Student Services, and Teresa works as Big Horn School District Educational Diagnostician. Their son, Eric, is a member of the golf team at MSU-Billings.
- **Mary Vande Veegaete** ('89), is chief accountant at JAS Property Management in Powell. When she was a student here, Mary commuted from Powell to Billings to attend classes. That's determination!
- **Karen S. Elton** ('95), is a CPA with her own accounting firm in Powell, after working with the James Sekman firm after graduation.
- **Jim Milburn** ('64), taught school in Cody and later worked for the University of Wyoming as Academic Coordinator. Having retired from the educational field, Jim is now mayor of Powell. (Jim treated Dick Buckley and Joe Michels to a spin in his red and black 1931 Model A Ford.)

On July 25th, Campaign Co-Chair Bruce Parker and Dick Buckley met for lunch with a group of four energized MSU-Billings alumni in Bozeman, including **Dan Rust**, our newest NCLC member, whom I've briefly profiled above. Other alumni lunching were:

- **Connie (Teeple) Vander Jagt** ('55), who owns Van's IGA with her husband Paul.
- **John Nordwick** ('74), CEO of Bozeman Deaconess Hospital Foundation.
- **Tom Stump** ('79), a CPA, is currently Director of Auxiliary Services at MSU-Bozeman.

All will be helping coordinate an MSU-Billings Alumni Leadership Event in Bozeman.

Prefer e-mail? If you would prefer to receive *First Monday* electronically, please contact Campaign Associate Joy Hayworth (jhayworth@msubillings.edu).

First Monday is provided to the supporters of the Montana State University-Billings Foundation to advance the cause of philanthropy.

Montana State University-Billings Foundation ▲ 1500 University Drive ▲ Billings, MT 59101
Phone: 406-657-2244 ▲ Fax: 406-657-1600 ▲ E-mail: foundation@msubillings.edu