

First Monday



From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO
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Correction. In the November issue of *First Monday*, I reported that the **Marjorie and Spencer Lauson Endowed Scholarship Fund** for students studying Early Childhood Education had recently been established. In that report, I erroneously stated that Marjorie had helped establish the Master's degree program in Early Childhood Education at Eastern Montana College. Although Marjorie worked hard to promote both the graduate and undergraduate programs, they were in place before her tenure. The Master's program was established through the efforts of Marjorie's predecessor, Emma Melton, under the supervision of Dr. Robert Waterman, Dean of Education at the time. Marjorie was one of the first to earn the Master's degree under Emma Melton's supervision.

New Campaign Gifts.

Many thanks to the following donors for their gifts and pledges to the *People, Pride & Promise* Campaign:

- **Steve Scanlin ('69)** named the MSU-Billings Foundation beneficiary of a retirement policy with a current value of \$48,264 and a long-term value of \$96,529. Steve, an attorney in Boise, Idaho, is a member of the National Campaign Leadership Council.
- **Laura Odegaard ('79)** has contributed a paid-up life insurance policy worth \$23,866. Laura, a realtor with Prudential Floberg in Billings, is a member of the MSU-Billings Foundation Board of Trustees.
- **Ruth Kronmiller** of Billings contributed an additional \$5,000 to the Ruth Hveem Kronmiller Endowed Scholarship Fund, which she established last year with a \$10,000 gift.
- **John ('74) and Gwyn Nordwick** of Bozeman pledged \$5,000 to benefit the College of Business and the annual unrestricted fund. John recently helped host an alumni event in Bozeman, where he is President/CEO of Bozeman Deaconess Health System.
- Last month I reported a \$15,000 campaign pledge from **Nancy ('77) and Alan Nicholson** of Helena, Montana. I'm delighted to tell you that Nancy and Alan have decided to **increase** their pledge to \$25,000 to benefit a scholarship fund for single parents attending MSU-Billings!

While in Boston over the Thanksgiving holiday, I had enjoyable meetings with two alumni and a friend of the University whose mother is an alumna.

- **Doug Linehan ('68)** is a recently retired Massachusetts Institute of Technology baseball coach. Doug and his wife Geri live in Beverley, Massachusetts and enjoy their two grown children and two grandsons. Doug was an important part of the very successful EMC football program that won three conference championships during his four years here. He is a member of the Yellowjacket Hall of Fame.
- **Tanya Ronga ('70)** lives in West Yarmouth, Massachusetts on beautiful Cape Cod. Tanya graduated with a degree in Physical Education and later earned a Master's degree from Central Michigan University. Currently, she serves as a manufacturers' representative for several lines of fine jewelry. An all-around athlete, Tanya participated in nearly every sport available to women at EMC.
- **Scott Stratford** provides an annual \$1,000 scholarship for a freshman education major attending MSU-Billings. Scott gives the **Mary Maxon Stratford Scholarship** each year in honor of his mother, a 1938 graduate of Eastern Montana Normal School. Scott, an alumnus of Stanford University, now lives in Belmont, Massachusetts with his wife Holly and their two children. He is a consultant for a web-based textbook publisher.

Kathie Riggs, Campaign Director, was in Las Vegas, Nevada November 20-23 and enjoyed visiting with the following MSU-Billings alumni:

- **George ('60) and Ruth Pfaff.** Before retiring, George taught 8th grade English in the same classroom for 25 years in Thermopolis, Wyoming. Ruth worked in the MSU-Billings Plant and Purchasing Office from 1956-1959. The Pfaffs have three grown children who live in Wyoming.
- **Ranae Anderson ('88)** earned her degree in Music Education. She now teaches English Language Learning in the Clark County School District. Ranae has a son residing in Utah, a daughter living in Las Vegas, and three grandchildren.
- **Harvey ('65 & '72) Munford** has been in education for 36 years. The past 26 years he has taught U.S. Government and History at Bonanza High School in Las Vegas. He also teaches U.S. History and Political Science at Community College of Southern Nevada. While at MSU-Billings Harvey had a distinguished basketball career and was inducted into the MSU-Billings Yellowjacket Hall of Fame in 1994.

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