



First Monday



*From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO
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People, Pride & Promise: The Campaign for Excellence at Montana State University-Billings is in its fifth year and will conclude December 31, 2006. This \$21 million effort, the first comprehensive campaign in the history of the university, has engaged thousands of volunteers and donors in support of MSU-Billings. Guided by campaign chair Bruce Parker, the National Campaign Leadership Council has reached out to alumni and friends locally and nationwide, who have, in turn, responded with generous gifts and pledges to fund scholarships, capital projects, and programs. With your continued help, we anticipate a successful conclusion to the campaign at the end of the year.

One of the many campaign initiatives worthy of your support is funding for the College of Allied Health Professions, the newest college at the university. Established to respond to the needs of Billings' 10,000-person medical community, the CAHP, with Dr. David Garloff at the helm as dean, offers a variety of degree programs in health administration, health and human performance, and rehabilitation and human services.

Thanks to these February donors:

- **Pierce Flooring & Design Center** committed \$15,000 to support the flooring installation program at the College of Technology. Pierce has been actively involved in helping COT faculty design this new program, which will produce well-prepared, certified installers ready to enter the flooring trade.
- **Mike & Cheryl Tehle** pledged \$10,000 to establish the Mike & Cheryl Tehle Scholarship Endowment Fund. This scholarship will help attract and retain students in the College of Technology construction trades program, especially those in plumbing or HVAC.
- **Mike & Judi Hickey** sent an additional \$5,000 to benefit the College of Business Endowment and an unrestricted fund for immediate needs.
- **GM Petroleum/Conomart Superstores** donated \$3,000 to benefit the athletics department and the new men's baseball program.

- **The Homer A. & Mildred S. Scott Foundation** has again contributed \$2,000 to the Homer A. & Mildred S. Scott Foundation scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to Montana or Wyoming students who are majoring in business, banking, or accounting.

Thanks to all alumni who are giving generously through the 2006 alumni phonathon, which is currently in progress.

Profs in the history department have been busy. Each of the five full-time professors in the department has been published once or more during the past year-and-a-half.

- Department chair **Dr. Matt Redinger's** book, *American Catholics and the Mexican Revolution 1924-1936*, examines U.S.-Mexican relations during a time when the Catholic Church was under attack.
- **Dr. Benjamin Marschke's** *Absolutely Pietist: Patronage, Factionalism, and State-Building in the Early Eighteenth-Century Prussian Army Chaplaincy* focuses on the military chaplaincy in Russia during the first half of the 18th century.
- **Dr. Catherine Feher-Elston** specializes in Native American studies. Her works include *Children of Sacred Ground*, *Ravensong*, *Wolfsong*, and a Navajo cookbook.
- **Dr. Keith Edgerton's** book, *Montana Justice*, examines the historical relevance of Montana's prisons.
- **Dr. Thomas Rust** has authored several book reviews and an article on the military history of the West. In addition, Rust is responsible for spearheading and organizing MSU-Billings' WWII Veterans Project. For this project, Rust's students interviewed WWII veterans and compiled the data to create a permanent, special collection in the MSU-Billings library.

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