

First Monday



From the desk of: Marilyn Miller, President and CEO
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Happy New Year! Calendar year 2002 at the Foundation closed with an outpouring of generosity in support of MSU-Billings' students and programs. **During December, many dozens of donors made gifts and pledges, totaling \$776,000 for the month.** Each gift is important and deeply appreciated. Special thanks for the following noteworthy commitments during the past month:

- **Bernie ('84) and Lynn ('80) Harrington pledged \$50,000** over five years to create an endowed scholarship fund (10% of the Harrington's gift will help with current programs through the Annual Drive for Excellence). Bernie and Lynn have been longtime supporters of their alma mater, and Bernie has served as president of both the Alumni Board and the Foundation Board. Having served on the Campaign Planning Committee, Bernie is currently a member of the National Campaign Leadership Council (NCLC) for the *People, Pride & Promise* Campaign, and a Foundation trustee. Bernie is the owner of EZ Money Check Cashing, Inc.
- **Tom and Joan Scott have committed \$250,000** to be paid over five years, with 10% directed to the Annual Drive for Excellence for immediate needs. The remaining \$225,000 will be placed in an endowment fund, the precise nature of which is currently under consideration by the Scotts. Tom Scott, CEO of First Interstate BancSystem of Montana, Inc., served on the Campaign Planning Committee and is a member of the *People, Pride & Promise* NCLC. First Interstate BancSystem employs a significant number of Montana State University-Billings graduates, and Tom reports them to be well-prepared, valuable employees.
- **Curt Kochner and his wife, the Reverend Susan Thomas, pledged \$26,000** to the *People, Pride & Promise* Campaign to benefit the Betty Dunn Endowed Scholarship, Traditional Student Scholarships, and the William R. Lowe Child Care and Enrichment Center Endowment, in addition to allowing 10% of their gift to be used for annual needs. Curt is

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at MSU-Billings, and Susan is chaplain at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

- **Monica Lindeen ('92) has committed \$20,000**, with 10% earmarked for immediate needs and the remainder directed to the Foundation's General Endowment Fund. A Montana legislative representative serving House District 7, Monica is a member of the Board of Trustees of the MSU-Billings Foundation and has been actively involved with the Annual Drive for Excellence and the Committee on Trustees.
- **The Foundation will be receiving just over \$122,000 from the estate of Uta Mae Knudson Satre**, a longtime Billings resident and former Yellowstone county employee. During her lifetime, Uta Mae established a living trust, and her Last Will and Testament directed remaining assets into the trust. Disposition of the Uta Mae Knudson Satre trust included a 6% distribution to the MSU-Billings Foundation for student scholarships.

Many thanks to the above donors and to all who financially support the University. Since the beginning of our fiscal year, July 1, 2002, the Foundation has received \$2,456,000 in gifts and pledges—a six-month record.

The 2002/2003 Annual Drive for Excellence has reached its goal! Director of Annual Giving Jill Krueger reports that over \$260,000 has been committed by alumni, community members, and campus faculty & staff. A heartfelt **thank you to Bill Brown**, Annual Drive Chair for the second consecutive year. Bill has done a tremendous job of providing leadership and guidance to the 150-person volunteer corps that makes the Drive successful. A great team effort! Jill will begin the alumni Phonathon in mid-January, with an additional goal of \$67,000.

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