



# First Monday



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*From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO*  
*Monday, June 6, 2005, 8:00 a.m*

**Wine & Food Festival 2005 Nets \$290,000.** From the Guest Chef Dinner on Monday, May 9, through seven cooking schools, two winemaster dinners and two restaurant events, to the parties under the “big tent” on Friday and Saturday nights, participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves and generated an all-time record profit. Bidding for fine wines, fabulous trips, and exquisite jewelry was lively. The scholarship lot in the live auction Saturday, May 14, during which contributors raised their bid cards to donate scholarship funds, generated \$117,500 by itself.

- The two top donors in the scholarship lot were Nicki Larson and John Decker, at \$10,000 each.
- Those “bidding” \$5,000 for scholarships included Julie Coleman, Cheri Cox, Joseph Dillard, Sam McDonald, Jim Scott, Ron Sexton and Roxie Warne.
- \$2,500 scholarship donations came from Curt Kochner, Denny Menholt, Kathy Pierce, Mike Ross, Mike Ryan, Mike Schaer and Kathy Schruth.
- \$1,000 scholarship lot donors were Mike Barber, Jim Bos, Bill Brown, Rick Burt, Steve Corning, Tracy Dangerfield, Shari Dayton, Marilyn Floberg, Jim Haar, Roland Iverson, Terrie Iverson, Mike Matz, Judy McDonald, Marilynn Miller, Chris Montague, Greg Olson, Pat Petersen, Dave Worstel and Cheryl Tehle.
- Many others donated \$500, \$250, or \$100 during the scholarship lot.

Certainly, the success of the festival would not have been possible without our \$10,000 Partners: Briggs Distributing Company, Wells Fargo Bank/Wells Fargo Private Client Services, Computers Unlimited, Billings Gazette Communications, and Sodexo, or our \$5,000 Sponsors: Albertson’s, Fortin Enterprises, and Underinner Motors. Also, many thanks to our 300 enthusiastic volunteers, to Foundation Special Events Director Jeanne Moller, and to all supporters and participants for making the 2005 festival the best ever!

## **Other Recent Gifts.**

- Cliff Dodge has committed \$15,000 to establish the Cliff Dodge Scholarship Fund for College of Business students.
- Nate Tracy & Jeannie McIsaac-Tracy pledged \$10,000 to establish a scholarship fund.
- Melanie Schwarz pledged \$10,000 to the College of Business Faculty Excellence Endowment.
- Dr. Rachel Schaffer and Dr. Deborah Schaffer contributed \$10,000 to establish the Schaffer Family Endowed Scholarship to benefit a junior or senior majoring in English with an emphasis in linguistics or language.
- Patrick O’Leary pledged \$2,500 to the College of Business Faculty Excellence Endowment.

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An Alumni Leadership Reception was held Wednesday, May 25 in Minneapolis. Dr. Ron Sexton, Chancellor of MSU-Billings; Bernie Harrington, Cultivation Events Chair; and Foundation staff Dick Buckley and Joy Hayworth greeted the following attendees.

- **Kent Frette DDS ('73)** hosted the event at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. Kent spent 12 years in education, two of which were spent teaching science at EMC. He now lives in Owatonna, MN with his wife Robin and has his own dental practice.
- **Chato Hazelbaker ('96)** co-hosted the event. Chato, who is currently the Marketing Director for Crown College in Saint Bonifacius, MN, attended the event with his wife, Shari.
- **Mitch Marks ('84)** said he always enjoyed the smaller class sizes and the more personal atmosphere of MSU-Billings. Mitch is a Computer & Information Systems Technician for US Bank in Minneapolis.
- **Lew Price ('87)** and many members of his family attended EMC. Lew works for Target as a consultant, and he and his wife Betty live in Burnsville, MN.

**The MSU-Billings College Bowl Team, Regional Champions**, won five games at the College Bowl National Championship in a competition among 15 Regional Championship College Bowl teams that spanned the United States. The 14 other teams were: Stanford University, Northwestern University, University of Illinois-Urbana, Michigan State, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, University of Rochester, Williams College, Valdosta State University, Harding University, Wofford College, University of Pittsburgh, SUNY-Stony Brook, University of New Mexico and University of Georgia.

This was the best showing the MSU-Billings College Bowl team has had at the national competition in the seven-year history of the team. MSU-Billings began playing the campus-wide event in 1998 and attended the regional competition in 1999. They were Regional Champions in 2003, 2004 and 2005, earning a berth at the National Championship all three years.

College Bowl is a question-and-answer game of general knowledge and quick recall. It spotlights the fastest minds on campus as they excel on the playing field of knowledge.

College Bowl is organized on three tournament levels. Each campus plays a campus tournament. The best players from each college or university then play in the regional championship. The 15 Regional Champions square off in the National Championship. College Bowl was created in 1953 and was on national radio from 1953-57. From 1959 to 1970, it was a weekly national television series. College Bowl became an official intercollegiate competition in 1977.

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