

First Monday



*From the desk of: Marilyn Miller, President and CEO
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Welcome to Brenda Halpain ('82), of Chandler, Arizona, the newest member of the National Campaign Leadership Council (NCLC). Brenda is using her accounting degree as controller at Test Advantage in Tempe, and had especially positive comments about professors Joanne Sheridan and Dawn Chesarek. Brenda and her husband Sean have two teenage sons.

Marilyn ('66) and Don Floberg of Billings have pledged \$130,000, in a combination current and deferred gift arrangement, to establish the ***Marilyn and Don Floberg College of Business Faculty Excellence Endowment*** to recruit and retain quality business faculty. The College of Business competes with other universities as well as the private business sector for top prospective faculty. The Floberg Endowment will provide a flexible tool to help the College of Business attract and retain top-notch faculty who provide rich, cutting-edge academic programs. Marilyn Floberg is a member of the MSU-Billings Foundation Board of Trustees and the NCLC, and is a previous Outstanding Alumni Award recipient. Thank you, Marilyn and Don!

We have two recent staff additions:

- **Dick Buckley**, Development Officer, comes to the MSU-Billings Foundation with more than twelve years' experience in development and planned giving. Dick is quickly proving his value as an integral part of the major gifts team.
- **Jill Hirschi**, Executive Assistant, is well qualified to serve as my right-hand associate, and is rapidly making herself indispensable. She and her husband and young daughter recently moved to Billings from Helena.

Thanks to Frank Cross and Reporter Office Products for their wonderful contribution of \$10,000 worth of furniture for our Foundation offices. Due to Reporter's generosity, we're sporting an updated look in our reception area and conference room, and Dick Buckley now has a desk!

Alumni Afar.

- Campaign Director Kathie Riggs recently met with **Lorna Veraldi ('70)** in Florida. Lorna is associate professor of journalism and broadcasting at Florida International University in North Miami Beach.
- **Darrell Coulter ('63)** and I had a nice visit in Phoenix in February. Darrell, a former Yellowjacket basketball player, is Executive Vice President/Real Estate Manager for National Bank of Arizona.
- Development Officer Dick Buckley took a swing through Wyoming and met with five alumni.
 - **Dwayne ('69) and Melanie ('71) Jacobs** in Sheridan. Dwayne is an Internal Revenue Service agent and Melanie is a homemaker.
 - **Dan Sanderson ('97)** is a contractor and homebuilder in Sheridan.
 - **Phil Gierke ('72)**, an insurance agent, lives in Casper.
 - **Kim Heath ('92)** owns Mailboxes, Etc. in Cody.

MSU-Billings won the Pacific Northwest College Bowl Championship in Seattle February 22nd, competing against teams from Boise State University, Centralia College, Idaho State University, Linfield College, Portland Community College, University of Alaska at Fairbanks, University of Idaho, University of Washington, and Washington State University. The MSU-Billings team averaged 203 points per round and held their opponents to an average of 105 points. Winning the Northwest regional championship qualifies the MSU-Billings team for the 2003 National College Bowl in Philadelphia in April.

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