

# First Monday



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*From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO  
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## **Alumni Campaign Gifts.**

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

- **J. Scott ('82) and Elizabeth Tidyman** have pledged \$10,000 over five years, with 30% reserved for immediate annual needs and the remainder divided between capital improvements at the College of Technology and annual scholarships. Scott is Senior Database Developer for Expedia, Inc. He and Liz live in Bellevue, Washington, with their son, Carson. Scott and Liz helped host the Alumni Leadership dinner in the Seattle area in June 2003.
- **Candice Benton ('98) and James Cochran** will contribute \$2,500 over the next five years. They have divided their gift between the annual unrestricted fund, the Library, and the Foundation operating endowment. Many of you will remember Candice as our former Director of Annual Giving here at the Foundation. She now lives in Bothell, Washington, and is a recruiter with Volt, a firm that engages contract employees for Microsoft. Her fiancé, James, is a Software Design Engineer with Microsoft. They will be married this month.

**MSU-Billings Summer 2003 Enrollment Up.** Both the total number of students and the per-student credit load were higher than in summer 2002. Total head count on both campuses increased an average of 8% from a year ago. The MSU-Billings College of Technology showed the most dramatic upsurge in the number of students attending summer session, with a 17% increase, while the senior campus head count was up 7%. Full-time equivalent enrollment, which reflects the number of credits each student carries, was up by a combined average of both campuses of 11%. This summer, 1,702 students enrolled for classes, compared with 1,575 students a year ago. Fall enrollment projections indicate that more than 4,500 students will be attending Montana State University-Billings fall semester 2003.

**I enjoyed pleasant visits with the following alumni in the Seattle area in August:**

- **Sheila Colbrese ('72)**, teaches English and journalism at Lake Washington Senior High School and lives in Redmond, Washington with her husband, **Michael Colbrese ('71)**, who is executive director of Interscholastic Athletics for the state of Washington.
- **Deborah Kuykendall ('88 & '98)**, is Vice President, Corporate Trust Services, for US Bank in Seattle and lives in Auburn, Washington.
- **Sherrie Pantle ('85)**, works with Debbie Kuykendall, and is also a Vice President in Corporate Trust Services for US Bank in Seattle.

**Mike Hermanson, Director of the Montana Center on Disabilities** at MSU-Billings, recently received the Public Service Award given by the Montana Council for Exceptional Children at their 2003 annual conference in Missoula. The award is presented to an individual who has been a significant force in contributing to the provision of services for people with disabilities and whose activities have made a major statewide contribution to disabled individuals.

**MSU-Billings College of Business professors Abbas Heiat and Nafisseh Heiat** were named 2003-2004 Directors of Information Systems for the Western Decision Sciences Institute while recently attending the Institute's annual conference in Kauai, Hawaii.

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