

First Monday

From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO
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The MSU-Billings campus sits quietly: trimmed, polished, and prepared for Fall Semester 2005. As always, there is an electric current of anticipation running just under the surface when we're awaiting the explosion of activity that accompanies the arrival of students and the beginning of classes. Classes start Wednesday, September 7.

The \$21 million People, Pride & Promise Campaign total continues to grow as a result of generous pledges from individuals, businesses, and granting entities. Under the leadership of Campaign Chairman Bruce Parker, the campaign has received **\$18.2 million** in gifts and pledges to date.

One of the many campaign projects worthy of your support is the Honors Program. Just a few years old, the MSU-Billings Honors Program sets high standards of academic achievement and functions as the inspirational heart of the University. Through an intensive and stimulating curriculum, Honors students are able to practice intellectual investigation and independent thinking while exploring our literary, scientific, social, artistic, and philosophical legacies. To learn more about helping the Honors Program, contact Campaign Director Kathie Riggs at 406-657-2244.

Don't Miss "Reading the Bones of the Medici," the first presentation of the 2005-2006 Distinguished Lecture Series. Gino Fornaciari, M.D., Professore Straordinario at the Universita di Pisa, Italy, heads the distinguished forensic team that has been allowed access to the remains of the Medici family. This study of the Medici remains will be the first to use the modern scientific techniques of infrared spectroscopy, electron microscopy, DNA analysis, CAT, MRI, and others. Dr. Fornaciari says his team will learn much about the Medici family's lifestyle and will attempt to answer intriguing questions such as: "Were Francesco I and Bianca Capello murdered?" Dr. Fornaciari will begin his lecture at **10:40 am on Tuesday, September 13, in the MSU-Billings Library Room 148**. The lecture series is organized by William Plank, Ph.D., professor of Modern Languages and Literatures.

The Haynes Foundation granted \$104,000 to fund scholarships for the 2005/2006 academic year. Haynes Scholarships benefit residents of the state of Montana who are enrolled in an undergraduate program and maintain a 3.4 GPA. This grant will fund 52 scholarships of \$2,000 each to help students cover the costs of tuition.

George & Patty Selover pledged \$7,500 to the People, Pride & Promise campaign. George and Patty's gift will benefit the Annual Drive for Excellence and other areas of greatest need.

Richard Osterman has made a donation of \$1,000 to the Jane Ferguson Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of Jane Ferguson. A Red Lodge resident and advocate of community service, Jane Worth Ferguson took solace and inspiration from nature. She passed away on May 25, 2005 in a canoeing accident in northern Ontario.

The MSU-Billings Career Services & Cooperative Education office will be moving to a new location in the Library building this fall. **CTA Architects Engineers** has donated architectural programming, space and layout planning for the new space and **KPMG, LLC** has provided in-kind donations of office furniture.

A donation of office furniture was received by the College of Business from **First Interstate Bank-West Billings Office**.

Joe & Christa McClure pledged \$6,250 to the College of Technology Faculty Excellence Fund and an unrestricted fund which will benefit the Annual Drive for Excellence. Joe is a trustee on the Foundation Board and a member of the COT Advisory Board.

MSU-Billings “Rumble At Red Lodge” Golf Tournament Raised \$4,500 in Scholarships for Carbon County Students: The second annual Montana State University-Billings “Rumble at Red Lodge” Golf Tournament netted \$4,500 that will go to the MSU-Billings Carbon County Recognition Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to two Carbon County students per year who attend MSU-Billings.

MSU-Billings Alumni & Friends Unveil Bust of Longtime Coach Robert E. (Bob) Lee: A large group of Montana State University-Billings alumni and friends honored former beloved football and tennis coach, the late Robert E. (Bob) Lee, on Friday, August 5, at 2:00 p.m., in a public ceremony in the foyer of MSU-Billings’ Alterowitz Gymnasium. Alicia Lee and sons Kelbi, Renzi, and Cag Lee unveiled the bust of Coach Robert E. Lee.

Bob Lee was the football coach of then Eastern Montana College from 1964-71, winning four conference championships; he also served as the tennis coach during those years, until 1982, when the program was suspended, resuming as coach when the tennis program returned in 1990 and continuing as coach through 1994, when he retired and subsequently was inducted into the MSU-Billings Athletic Hall of Fame. Coach Lee died in 1998.

Former EMC football player Bart Templeman, '67, spearheaded the effort to commission the bust, sculpted by Billings artist T.J. Starr, and he was joined at the ceremony by 32 other alumni. Besides Templeman, other alumni involved in commission of the bust of Coach Bob Lee are: **Gene Brosovich, G.D. Christman, Michael J. DiFronzo, James C. Michel and Charles N. Robbins**, Billings, MT.; **James A. Polich**, Bozeman, MT.; **Richard C. Lecoure and J. Raymond Ueland**, Butte, MT.; **Randall D. Schermerhorn**, Eureka, MT.; **John T. Kowalski**, Helena, MT.; **Richard Schardt**, Laurel, MT.; **John C. Polich**, Miles City, MT.; **Richard L. MacCatherine**, Roundup, MT.; **J. Perry Wolfe**, Scobey, MT.; **Jay D. Denton**, Eloy, AZ.; **Frank P. Gallagher**, Phoenix, AZ.; **Richard M. Harkins**, Surprise, AZ.; **Thomas H. Irwin**, Fair Oaks, CA.; **Robert D. Loughrie**, Glendale, CA.; **John M. Strange**, Santa Cruz, CA.; **Stanley R. Hajenga**, Aspen, CO.; **Gordon D. Myron**, Denver, CO.; **Michael R. Dawson**, Vail, CO.; **Gordon A. Wolf**, Boise, ID; **Barton D. Templeman**, Coeur D'Alene, ID; **John Astorquia**, Dalton Gardens, ID.; **Douglas J. Linehan**, Beverly, MA.; **Dr. Michael J. Roy**, Skandia, MI.; **William F. Morgan**, Westland, MI.; **Joseph C. Alia**, Saddle Brook, N.J.; **Ronald L. Bayduke**, Akron, OH; **Gilbert G. Brehan**, Cypress, TX; and **Larry E. Hanft**, Dayton, WY.

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