

The School of

Journalism

at The University of Montana

WHAT'S NEWS

Calendar of Events:

- February 15: UM Days, 2:00 DAH 210
- February 18: NO CLASSES
- March 7: UM Days, 2:00 DAH 210
- March 21: UM Days, 2:00 DAH 210
- March 24-28: SPRING BREAK
- April 4: UM Days, 2:00 DAH 210
- April 7: UM Days, 2:00 DAH 210
- April 10: Dean Stone Lecture, 7pm Urey Underground Lecture Hall
- April 11: Dean Stone Banquet, 6pm Holiday Inn Parkside

Faculty News:

Professor **Carol Van Valkenburg** is in San Francisco Feb. 10-13 as part of a site visit team assessing the journalism department at San Francisco State University for the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. Other team members include Nicholas Lemann, dean of the graduate school of journalism at Columbia University, and David Boardman, editor of the Seattle Times. Trevor Brown, former dean of journalism at Indiana University will head the team.

Student News:

The Footbridge Forum launches another season of live radio programs on February 20th. The student-produced program invites citizens of UM and the greater Missoula community to gather around the microphones to deliberate on a topic of importance to them. This semester panelists will explore "In Case of Emergency: How Safe Are You on Campus?" The live programs air on KBGA College Radio 89.9 from 7-8pm. Listeners are invited to participate through live phone calls, emails or the program's web site. The series is in its fifth year and was named the national student radio program of the year by the Broadcast Education Association in 2006.

The 2008 Radio-Television Department student documentary unit will explore the social impacts of "Women Behind Bars" in Montana. Student reporters will travel to the women's prison in Billings, the new methamphetamine treatment center in Boulder and the pre-release center in Missoula to document women's struggle to turn their lives around. Reporters will also explore the impact on the women's families, children and the citizens of Montana. Students in the course led by adjunct professor **Gita Saedi** and Assistant Professor **Denise Dowling** will produce an hour-long television program to air on MontanaPBS in the spring. The film will also be premiered the evening before graduation at a reception for students, their families and the public in the University Center Theater.

Alumni News:

RTV alum **Matt Mosley** is working as a news photographer in Washington D.C. for the Japanese television network NHK. He's traveling a lot covering the presidential campaign and has a blog. You can see it at <http://voicetrak.blogspot.com/>.