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SUCCESSFUL UM MUSIC GRADUATES TO ENTERTAIN AT ALUMNI NIGHT JUNE 8

MISSOULA--

University of Montana alumni and the public will have an opportunity to hear a variety of top-notch entertainment ranging from opera to blue grass when the UM Alumni Association presents Alumni Night June 8 during commencement weekend.

The evening, which will feature dinner, entertainment and dancing, is dedicated to John L. Lester, professor emeritus in the UM music department, and to the university's 22 Rhodes Scholars, seven of whom will be in attendance.

The program will include such well known performers as Lester's daughter, Joanna, of New York, who has played principal roles in opera houses in the United States and Europe, and Pam South, a soprano with the San Francisco Opera. Miss Lester is a former Miss Montana and the only state contestant to be a top-10 finalist in the Miss America pageant.

All the entertainers are UM graduates who either are or have been professionals in the music industry. Many will be remembered locally and statewide for their past performances as undergraduate students and members of the Jubileers, a 14-member group that was known as "Montana's finest voices."

Professor Lester taught many of the returning entertainers and, since his retirement in 1972, has distinguished himself worldwide as a consultant for opera singers.

Other entertainers slated to appear are Tim Campbell, Missoula, a tenor; Greg Devlin, Missoula, formerly keyboard player and singer with the Devlin-Lenz Connection; Rob Quist, East Glacier, a blue grass musician; Nancy Senechal, Missoula, a singer who has performed in musical theater in the United States and abroad; Mark Staples,

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Conrad, a pop and folk singer who is also a songwriter; and Jenanne Solberg Willis, Billings, a pianist.

Achalasias, also known as the "Doctors' Dixieland Band," will provide music for dancing after the program.

The evening will begin with a no-host cocktail hour at 6 p.m. on the south patio of the University Center. John Ellis, university carillonneur, will play special arrangements on the carillon.

The dinner will be held at 7 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. The cost for the evening is \$20 per person and reservations may be made by calling the Alumni Center, 243-5211, by June 1.

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