

INFORMATION ITEM:

Native American Center Basement Planning; The University of Montana-Missoula

The University of Montana has started the initial planning with A&E Architects for the completion of the basement of the Native American Center. This space will be named in honor of Elouise Cobell. Cobell was a great granddaughter of Mountain Chief, became well-known throughout the United States after she filed a historic lawsuit in 1996 with four other Native Americans, alleging that the federal government had mismanaged the trust funds of more than 500,000 Native Americans.

Planning is the first and most critical element in defining a project's criteria. Planning establishes programming requirements and identifies design problems and possible solutions. After a preliminary design is developed, and project costs are estimated, UM will submit a Board of Regents Item for the authorization.
