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## One small step for Seattle, one big step for common sense

Monday found the left-friendly city of Seattle joining the gay marriage war currently being waged across the country. While Washington's laws surrounding marriage state that such unions are reserved for a woman and a man, Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels has drafted an order to recognize same-sex unions performed in other states and to allow for same-sex partners to receive equal insurance and benefits in any Seattle workplace.

Though marriage laws are decided by county in Washington, Nickels has asserted his power to support this movement, in spite of conservative family groups in Washington calling his decision 'anarchy.'

It's important to see states and cities willing to do whatever their powers allow to show solidarity with legalization of gay marriage. With support up and down the western seaboard, from San Francisco to Portland and now to Seattle, the voice of marital equality is growing louder, clearer and more prevalent.

On Monday, the same day as Seattle's executive order was issued, Ashbury Park, N.J. began to issue gay marriage licenses. While cities like Ashbury Park may be sued for violating legal wording that dictates marriage to be a privilege of heterosexual couples, Nickels' recognition of out-of-state gay marriages has found a loophole.

Though national focus seems to favor San Francisco, where over 3,600 same-sex marriages have been performed, cities like Seattle should be commended as well. Cities, states and counties can show support for gay marriage in a more moderate way by falling in step with Seattle's example.

Once same-sex marriages are recognized in distribution of equal benefits, the plausibility of allowing two men or two women to marry cannot help but follow. If voters see a willingness in governmental bodies to support same-sex unions and eventually allow for their legalization, common sense will replace the knee-jerk "sacred union" defense, handed down for as many generations as biblical justification for sexism, racism and persecution of different spiritual beliefs.

With an issue as feverishly debated as gay marriage, there are two ways to make a stand in favor of legalization. There is the grand stand, a sudden, quick-to-be-contested way for cities or counties to issue licenses to gay couples. And then there is the more immediately realistic stand, which Seattle has taken. One cannot exist without the other. Seattle's executive order depends on the temporary legality of same-sex marriages like the ones performed in San Francisco.

The support for these unions is what matters, not how great or small the gesture. The civil rights movement took its momentum from large-scale demonstrative marches as well as from the individuals, towns, cities, counties and states that eventually embraced that movement. The campaign to legalize gay marriage can only benefit from acts of support, no matter how great or small.

— Scott Bennett, design editor

## Versus

# A guide to campaign misinformation

Column by



David Nolt

So it begins. Incumbent George W. Bush is out of the gates and running the most expensive presidential election campaign in the history of U.S. campaigning. Sen. John Kerry fights back. Where this roller-coaster ride we call the democratic process will take us is anyone's guess, but I'm willing to bet that the only thing that will match the dollars spent will be the amount of dung hurled.

It's important for voters to find a safe place to observe; somewhere where you can discern the dung from the truth. While we may not be able to escape all of it (apathy excluded, and don't even think about it fools,) there are several measures we can take to limit the amount of stink we have to endure. Either way, the only out is through.

First of all, be realistic. Politics are politics, and despite how much we may hate it, they are a necessary part of our democratic society. People all over this world are dying to have what we have. Quit whining. Next, read much and read widely. Set up a barricade of knowledge that no dung-hurling can penetrate.

For example: You know that President Bush barred the media from covering our fallen soldiers when they are returned home in flag-draped caskets. You know he said that he had "no ambition whatsoever to use this (9-11) as a political issue." OK. Now you see one of Bush's commercials for his re-election campaign in which firefighters carry a flag-draped body pulled from Ground Zero. Your barricade is up, your radar bleeps: insensitive, brazen hypocrisy. Let's move on.

Example #2: President Bush, after patiently waiting for months as the mean old Democrats took pot-shot after pot-shot at him, sees Kerry emerge as a front-runner and goes for the gullet, accusing Kerry's campaign of being largely funded by special interests. Then you remember whom and what Mr. Bush represents, and that he's accepted more money from special interests than any other president in U.S. history. The pot calls the kettle black. Well done, young Democrat. Don't stop now.

Know whom is bankrolling whom. Public Citizen, a D.C.-based non-profit representing consumer interests, just released a great report detailing Bush and Kerry's campaign contributors, and what they have to gain from it. You can find the report at [www.whitehouseforsale.org](http://www.whitehouseforsale.org). The finance/investment and

insurance sectors were Bush's biggest bundlers this year. Kerry's were lawyers, lobbyists and the finance/investment sector. Curiously absent from Bush's donor list this year is Enron, who dished out a cool \$1,258,965 to Bush/Cheney in 2000. I wonder if it paid off?

The economy: over 2 million jobs poorer since 2000. Bush gave millions of dollars in tax cuts to America's wealthiest, and he has continually under-funded programs to empower the poor. Sweet. Let's go to Mars.

National security and terrorism are certainly at the top of most Americans' list of concerns. There seem to be two schools of thought on how to protect America and defeat terrorism. There is the Bush/Cheney doctrine: The American empire, in our nobility and benevolence, has the right to assert itself around the world, with or without the rest of the world (preferably without, as diplomacy is a pain in the neo-con ass). This school of thought launches a pre-emptive war. This school of thought isn't afraid to mislead the people into supporting such a war. This school of thought, I would argue, operates out of fear and selfishness. This school has trouble admitting its mistakes.

Then there is the school of thought that understands that terrorism is not a black and white issue, and arrogance and "moral clarity," cannot reduce matters of the

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world's common future to "us or them," and "good and evil." This school of thought understands the complexity of volatile issues like terrorism, and knows that a "war on terrorism" is futile if we don't take a hard look at why we have so many enemies, and attempt to use teamwork, yes teamwork, to reshape our common future. I would argue that Kerry belongs to this school. While I wish he would just admit that he made a damn mistake in giving Bush power

to wage his dirty little war, and subsequently voting for that war, I do believe he realizes the folly and is ready to move us in another direction.

So what have you learned, students? Knowledge is power, and it can help you from getting dung flung in your face. You can practice by analyzing my column. First, you know that I'm as liberal as a Diamond Jim Casino, so you read with skepticism and realize that I, in my raging liberalism, may have presented things in a slightly one-sided fashion (but not that bad, really). Second, you know that I like the word dung. Know that I use it for your protection, dear Democrats. It's hit the fan. Go forth and be brave, but be wary of the dung.

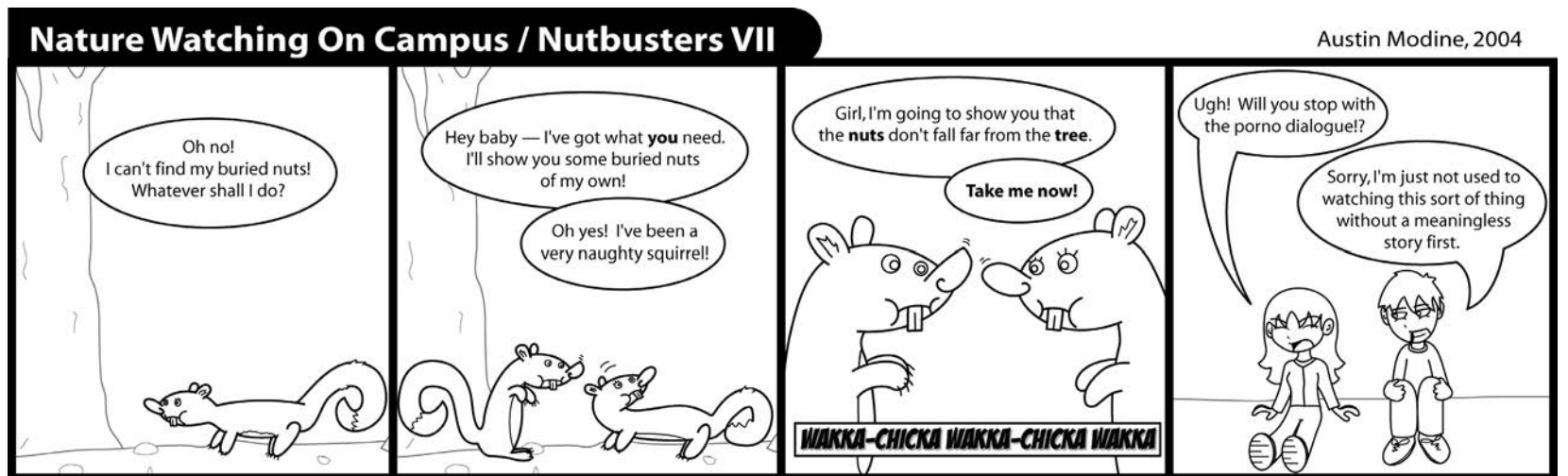
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**Big Landscape Lecture**  
**Gallagher Building 122**  
— 7 p.m.

Lecture - Wilderness Lecture Series: "Large Landscape Conservation and the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative," Harvey Locke, board member, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative **Yukon Conservation Initiative, HOOOOOOOOOO!!!**

**European Lecture**  
**UC Theater — 7 p.m.-9 p.m.**

Lecture - Community Lecture Series: "The European Union, Part 2: Current and Future Challenges," Richard Erb, research professor, economics. This time, he's out for revenge!!

**Do You Want More Money?**  
**UC 326 — noon-1 p.m.**

Presentation - "Work/Volunteer Abroad." Part of International Week. But people, let's make every week a part of International Week. (This message brought to you by the Bureau for a Better International Week and from readers like you.)

### Moving Picture Show

**Urey Lecture Hall — 6:30 p.m.**  
Movie - "The Message," from Lebanon and Libya. We're not sure if the "from Lebanon and Libya" is a part of the title or the description...but that's how it was written. Part of International Week. Presented by Muslim Student Association.

### Wednesday, March 10

**ASUM M33TING!**  
**University Center**  
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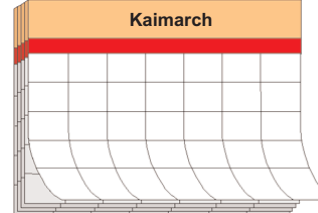
Meeting - ASUM Senate meeting. LOL OMG!!!11 m33t me @ teh senat m33ting U QT!!!!1 OMG! GTG BRB! <3 <3

### Faces Of America

**UC Theater — 7 p.m.**  
Play - Multicultural Film Series: "Faces of America." Not your face of course — oh, but you already knew that you are far too ugly to be in a film...Didn't you? Oh, how embarrassing for you! Tickets are \$3 with Griz Card and \$5 without. Presented by UC Multicultural Alliance.

**The Notorious E.G.G.**  
**Food Zoo — 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

Menu - Omelet bar lunch. \$3.25 student meal plan, \$4.25 staff/faculty, \$7.50 general public. We're the Kaimin and we're here to say / We're loving the eggs in a major way. (See calendar entry one for explanation of coolness.)



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# UM graduates make T-shirts Montana-style

**Matt Pritchard**  
For the Kaimin

A year ago, Lindsay Henderson was trying to find a way to stay in Missoula and make some money when she came up with an idea that has recently come to fruition.

**Alums find niche for women's shirts**

"I was driving back from Sun Valley, and it was like a coconut hit me in the head," Henderson remembers.

That coconut was Sveltees, a business that designs shirts aimed at younger women. The name Sveltees was Henderson's idea, and is based on the word svelte, which means slender and graceful.

Henderson, who graduated in December 2002 with a degree in journalism, pitched the idea to her friend and neighbor, Kerri O'Toole, who graduated a few years ago with a degree in business. O'Toole liked the idea, and after several months of talking about it, they decided to go forward with the project.

They began working on designs for their shirts and fleshing out their business plans last September. They hunted for a place to buy the blank T-shirts and decided on Classic Girls, a sweat-shop-free business in California. After getting the T-shirts and making their first designs, they went to The Shirt Shop in Missoula and had their shirts printed.

In November, the girls unveiled their shirts to some friends at Sean Kelly's.

They sold a couple thousand dollars worth and soon realized they might be on to something, Henderson said.

Now they have their shirts in one store in Hamilton and four stores in Missoula: Elements Board Shop, Rockin' Rudy's, Bhavana Skin Salon and the UC Bookstore. They plan to market their



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**Keely Alexander browses through shirts made by Sveltees, a company started by former University of Montana students Lindsay Henderson and Kerri O'Toole, at The Bookstore in the UC on Wednesday. Alexander decided to buy an "Everybody loves a Montana girl" T-shirt made by Sveltees.**

shirts in more stores across Montana, and, if that goes well, stores all over the United States.

Henderson and O'Toole have 15 designs they currently produce, and their best-seller says, "Everybody loves a Montana girl."

"We just sit on our porches and giggle and think of certain ideas," Henderson said.

When they first started, they had a friend draw out the design in freehand. Now, they are trying to use computers more to create designs and cut costs, O'Toole said.

They are happy with their business so far, considering they only started selling shirts in November, O'Toole said.

However, their business has run into some problems.

"It's like a roller-coaster ride," Henderson said.

They'll sell a bunch of shirts one week, and then they'll go a couple of weeks without a sale, she explained.

They also had some difficulties getting their shirts into certain stores, O'Toole said. They like to sell them in upscale boutiques, because it presents an image they want to associate with their shirts. However, some places in Missoula said they couldn't carry the shirts, because they have exclusive deals with other companies.

Another issue is pricing. They want to keep the cost of the shirts as low as possible, but they also want to make as much as the shop does on sales, O'Toole said.

Jerry Furniss, a business professor at UM, said 62 percent of all businesses

eventually fail, because they either don't have the money to keep the business going or they lack the necessary management skills. Legally, it is relatively easy to start a business, he said. The difficult part is keeping a business going.

Henderson and O'Toole run their business out of their home, so they assume a relatively low cost to create their shirts, O'Toole said. She also attended the UM business school and says that it has helped her with some of the planning. But the classroom and the real world are two different places, she added.

Henderson and O'Toole said their business has been time-consuming, hard work. They don't plan on doing this for the rest of their lives, but as for right now, they're having fun, Henderson said.

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# COT students manage bookstore for credit

**Fred Miller**  
Montana Kaimin

Business students at the University of Montana's College of Technology can now put their studies to use by learning the ins and outs of running the COT Bookstore.

The bookstore became a management project for the COT's 83 business students at the beginning of this semester. The idea was to allow them to practice their skills outside a classroom setting, said Brian Larson, director of the COT's business management program.

"Basically what we're doing is making the bookstore a lab just like any other lab," Larson said.

Now, instead of store operations being exclusively controlled by COT staff, six business management students sit on the board of directors to help the bookstore's manager and the college dean and administrators make decisions.

Nichol Poole, a student and chairwoman of the board of directors, said she welcomes the real-world experience the store provides.

"We couldn't ask for a better location for a business," she said.

Since the semester started, the students have assisted in making changes as well as planning for future operations. One of their first acts was to expand the store by knocking out a wall and adding more shelf space.

They've added a copy center to the store and constructed a billboard, located on the street outside the school, to advertise.

One of their goals is to "increase awareness" of the store among non-COT students and community members, Larson said.

One of their biggest plans is to offer a new line of UM Grizzly apparel, Larson said. For a business to remain relevant and profitable, it has to offer products or prices customers can't find elsewhere, he said. Griz-wear currently at the store can be found throughout Missoula, and he foresees a day when online book publishers will give brick-and-mortar stores like the COT a run for their money. His is a message that hasn't been lost on his students.

Allowing operations to grow



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**Angie Tellock, a student at the College of Technology, checks the inventory in the bookstore on Monday. The COT offers a business management class where students learn inventory and merchandising skills and apply them at the bookstore.**

and evolve is "part of looking ahead and looking at how your industry or business will change and being ready for it when it happens," Poole said.

Students have already benefited from being able to see how real-life management principles can vary from what is taught in the classroom, said board member Vickie Rectenwald. It's important to have a flexible management approach, she said.

"I think we all had a lot of preconceived notions" going into the semester, she said.

The experience has taught the students to be flexible and to keep in mind the importance of good communication in coordinating a business's management and employees, the students said. Helping to run the store will also give them a leg up when they leave school and look for jobs in management, said board member Riley Ramsey.

"It's way easier to learn things when you can actually do it," he said.

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A C.S. Porter Middle School student helps disassemble the green house at Fort Missoula on Saturday as part of the Flagship program, a Missoula County Public Schools organization that engages students in educational and volunteer activities.

## UM, Flagship partner in greenhouse project

Fred Miller  
Montana Kaimin

Saturday afternoon was a cold one, but if you'd have seen the excited children renovating the greenhouse at Fort Missoula, you might have thought it was growing season already.

While temperatures dipped into the 30s and the wind nipped bitterly, the greenhouse — exposed to the elements on both ends — hustled and bustled with about 10 C.S. Porter Middle School students and 20 adult volunteers. They spread gravel on the inside and padded through fresh snow outside to tear down old wooden structures and make way for new ones.

Eighth-grader Jeni Fleming-Lovely buzzed back and forth from the door of the greenhouse to the burn pile, carrying stacks of waste wood. She was having fun, she said, and the temperature didn't bother her.

"I'm kind of used to it," she said. "I go up snowboarding."

The group had come to ready the greenhouse for a spring project to study prairie plants native to the Missoula area. They are part of the Flagship program, a Missoula County Public Schools nonprofit organization that involves children in educational and volunteer activities. The program is funded through a variety of grants and donations, said Lisa Beczkiewicz, a Flagship youth coordinator at C.S. Porter. Many UM students work as volunteers for the program.

"We're trying to turn youth on to native plants and reshaping the community," Beczkiewicz said.

Many of the adults who helped out were also interested in becoming a bigger part of their community, said Justine Morris, who works for the Missoula Chamber of Commerce. Several were local business people, who had taken a class through the Chamber that encourages volunteering in Missoula.

"It's nice to know you're going to do something that's going to be here for quite a while and benefit

the kids," Morris said.

C.S. Porter guidance counselor Gene Oliver joined the effort by pushing wheelbarrows of gravel around inside the greenhouse. He's a Flagship veteran, he said, having helped out in the past with gardening programs. He said Flagship encourages children to discover their potential.

It teaches them "how to work with others — learn about themselves and what they can do," Oliver said. It also will teach them much about plants and natural history, he said.

The group will spend the next two Saturdays at the greenhouse, which is owned by the University of Montana and was formerly used by the UM Program in Ecological Agriculture and Society. For now, Flagship is focused on putting up new end walls, building work benches and getting the greenhouse ready for spring.

After spring break, the students will return to begin growing native plants, grasses and trees, said Marilyn Marler, a program coordinator with UM's Department of Biological Sciences. Marler is also the noxious weed specialist for the Missoula open-space program. She will share her expertise by teaching students how to eliminate weeds from a prairie environment and reintroduce the native species of plants, she said. The Flagship children will plant and grow clump grasses like June Grass, yarro and Blue Bunch Wheatgrass — Montana's state grass.

"What we're really trying to do is get, like, a 'land ethic' growing in (the children,)" she said.

The Flagship program coordinates 26 activities for kids in elementary, middle and high school, including break dancing, rock climbing and taekwondo, Beczkiewicz said.

To become involved with Flagship, contact Lisa Beczkiewicz at (406)728-2400 or e-mail Marilyn Marler at marilyn.marler@mso.umt.edu.

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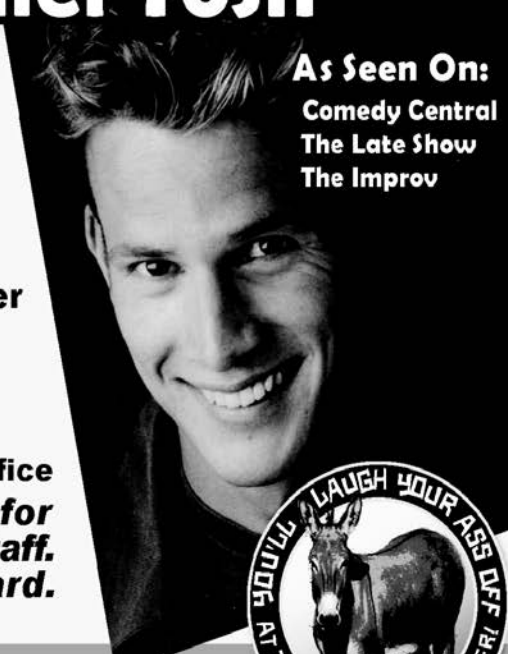
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# Group aims to support student veterans at UM

**Curtis Wackerle**  
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In college, debate with superiors is encouraged. In the military, debating with superiors can yield a court marshal and possibly the disgrace of a dishonorable discharge.

Helping to smooth over the change from military to civilian life is the focus of the University of Montana Student Veterans Association. Founded in December, the association exists to help people make the transition between the highly structured world of the military to the comparatively relaxed world of academia.

"The military makes it simple. There are not as many options," said the association's commanding officer, Sam Chartier. "College is a different kind of challenge."

Many veterans feel isolated upon returning to civilian society, and one of the association's goals is to provide support for them, said Sgt. at Arms Brad Engebretson, a senior in psychology.

"When you get out, something is missing in your life," Engebretson said. "That something is camaraderie."

Engebretson said veterans tend to gravitate toward each other because their military experience is a common bond.

On campus, traditional students often misunderstand what it means to be in the military, Chartier said.

"Soldiers don't make policy," he said. "It is inaccurate to take the person as a symbol for what the military does."

When Chartier was a student at City College of San Francisco, he would often not disclose to his peers that he was in the military in order to avoid arguments.

Here at UM, the climate is not quite as hostile, he said.

Service is also a crucial element to the Student Veterans Association. Upcoming projects include a blood drive, volunteering at the Special Olympics and a trip to Columbia Falls to bring clothing to residents of the Veterans Home there.

"The military instills a sense of honor and duty," Engebretson said. "There is still a sense of duty."

Many veterans are older than traditional students. Some in the association served in Vietnam.

Tim Ruff, one of those Vietnam veterans, is now a student at UM studying geology. In the Vietnam era, the association did not make counseling immediately available to veterans coming back from the war, Ruff recalled.

For many, the horrors of war caused post-traumatic stress syndrome. The transition back to American society was difficult, Ruff said.

Ruff remembers when he returned to America after serving in Vietnam.

"The first thing I did when I got off the plane in San Francisco was I went and bought a pistol," Ruff said. "I've been armed ever since."

More than 30 years later, Ruff said he is still making the transition.

The Student Veterans Association will be there to assist all the servicemen and service-women who will soon return from Iraq, and to help them navigate the bureaucracy of the VA to get the most of their veteran's benefits, Engebretson said.

Specifically, Student Veterans Association members can direct others to counselors within the VA that have the best reputations.

"We know guys that are good and guys that aren't good," Engebretson said.

The association will have equal components of service and socializing and will give veterans a chance to form bonds with others who might be missing the close friendships that are built while serving in the military, Engebretson said.

"The people you serve with become your brothers," he said.

For more information on the Student Veterans Association, go to [www.umt.edu/umsva](http://www.umt.edu/umsva).

# UM's NCAA status secure

**Kristen Cates**  
Montana Kaimin

University of Montana President George Dennison said he and the athletics department didn't notify the NCAA of the department's debt during the recertification process.

However, UM is not in danger of losing its NCAA certification since the new information surfaced, he said.

"This is an issue that will be resolved at the end of the year," Dennison said. "The institution discovers it and does something about it."

UM athletics has received attention, since a \$1 million debt stemming from the Adams Center renovation was discovered, a situation that led to the resignation of former Athletic Director Wayne Hogan.

Keith Gill, director of membership services for the NCAA, would not comment on whether the NCAA

knew of the debt because he said everything related to the study is confidential.

"I think that the certification (committee) is always looking for people to be fiscally responsible," Gill said.

Much of the study was conducted in 2002 and 2003, according to documents. The athletic department received a letter confirming the recertification on Feb. 17 — the same day administrators said they learned of the nearly \$1 million debt.

Gill said the certification is a necessary process, so that schools' operating programs are in line with Division I operating principles set by the NCAA.

If a school is not certified, it is placed on restricted membership and can lose opportunities to compete in championship tournaments and lose NCAA funding, Gill explained.

However, there would have to be a lot of other factors, Gill said.

He said he has seen schools in the past who have run deficits and remained members of the NCAA.

"I'm not sure it's fair to say, 'Hey, something's wrong — this school has been running a deficit,'" Gill said.

Other factors go into determining a school's status, Gill said. And several operating principles have to be violated before a school is denied membership.

"If it happens to impact their program, that's a whole different situation," Gill said.

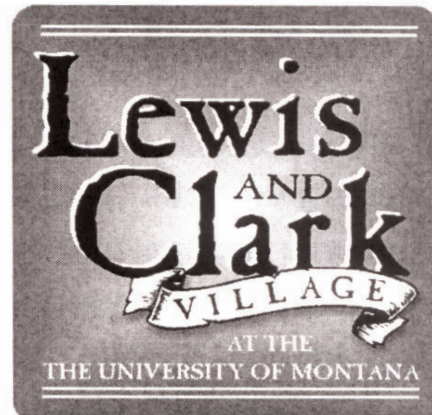
"We wouldn't make any judgment, until their (UM's) next certification comes up."

The next certification review will be within the next 10 years, Gill said.

Dennison said he doesn't think the current deficit will hinder UM's relationship with the NCAA.

"If there's an ongoing problem, we'll report it," he said.

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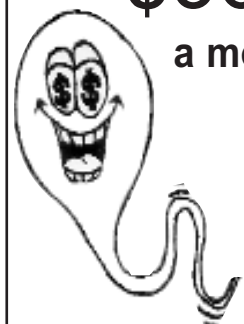
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# Arizona official testifies that Qwest pressured sales

Jon Sarche  
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) - A former Arizona education official testified Monday that Qwest officials pressured him to buy equipment earlier than he considered necessary, cutting to the essence of the government's fraud case against four former Qwest executives.

The Arizona School Facilities Board had a \$100 million contract with Qwest Communications International Inc. to link state schools to the Internet. The 2001 deal called for the board to pay Qwest on a school-by-school basis, after all the equipment was installed.

"There was a veiled threat that if we didn't do something to take

possession, we couldn't get it because it wouldn't be there," said Philip Geiger, the board's former chairman.

Prosecutors claim defendants Grant Graham, Thomas Hall, John Walker and Bryan Treadway improperly booked nearly \$34 million in revenue to meet second quarter financial forecasts. The four have pleaded innocent to charges including securities and wire fraud.

The case is the first stemming from investigations that prompted chief executive Joseph Nacchio to quit under pressure in 2002 and ultimately led Qwest to erase \$2.5 billion in revenue from its books.

Prosecutors say the defendants ordered large amounts of equipment they knew was unsuitable for the project. They are also

accused of lying to auditors and regulators by claiming Geiger approved a large order of equipment.

Testifying for prosecutors, Geiger did not single out any of the defendants as applying pressure. But he described frantic, last-minute dealings with former Qwest executive Ron Carrington, who testified last week that he himself was pushed repeatedly to get Geiger to sign false letters so Qwest could book revenue from the sale.

Geiger testified that Qwest officials were so anxious to complete the sale of the equipment that he accepted phone calls and even held a meeting on June 29 — the day before the end of the second quarter and the day before his daughter's wedding.

He said Carrington needed some documents signed that day, so he agreed to a meeting at an airport where he was picking up relatives for the wedding. Geiger said he signed the documents at 8:45 p.m. at the counter of a rental-car company.

The documents spelled out a schedule for payments for the equipment, but he said Qwest never demanded payment.

Geiger said he agreed to buy the equipment earlier than it was needed only after receiving assurances that Arizona would not incur additional costs.

Last week, Carrington said the letters signed by Geiger were inaccurate but he didn't think any crimes had been committed.

Carrington, who was given immunity for his testimony, also

said Hall was aware of the transaction and suggested that Graham and Treadway were familiar with details via e-mail. However, he said Walker thought the deal was bad business and that accountants and lawyers were involved in drafting the letters.

Geiger also described the early days of the deal and recalled that Nacchio attended a meeting with Arizona's governor in March 2001 to discuss the project.

"Everybody seemed very excited and pleased with the effort and plans we had for the schools," Geiger said.

He said things fell apart later that month after Qwest officials began pressuring him to help them book the sale.

# Montana cashes in on homeland security funds

BILLINGS (AP) - Montana has received about \$42 million in federal homeland security money over the past four years, and Yellowstone County's share of that leaves officials here astonished.

"This kind of equipment funding — never before in the 28 years I've been here have I seen anything like this," said Jim Kraft, emergency services director for the county, which encompasses Montana's largest city.

The Billings Police Department is awaiting delivery of more than \$400,000 worth of equipment, including a bomb robot and trailer and a fiber-optic camera. The fire department will soon have a new hazardous-materials trailer stuffed with emergency gear, including decontamination equip-

ment, various kinds of monitors and special suits to protect workers.

Fire Chief Marv Jochems said the federal government traditionally has provided some money for emergency-response needs, but the focus on fighting terrorism has "just expanded that to an unbelievable amount of money."

"All of a sudden there are opportunities at every turn," he said.

In the event of a security emergency, Yellowstone County's responsibility would not end at the county line but would extend across a vast area of eastern Montana.

The cash flow accelerated soon after the World Trade Center attacks in 2001 and has been reinforced by the Department of

Homeland Security, the federal agency created in the wake of those attacks.

This month, money from the department will cover the cost of a one-and-a-half-day disaster drill that may be Yellowstone County's largest ever. The drill will start March 21 with a simulated gas leak at the Rimrock Mall and continue the next day with other simulated incidents, including a bomb explosion at an oil refinery.

Kraft said that over the past few years the federal government provided \$90,000 to assess the Billings water plant's vulnerability to terrorism; \$360,000 for the City-County Health Department to train people and develop plans for responding to bioterrorism; and \$100,000 to help create a

corps of medical volunteers, such as retired doctors and nurses, able to go to work in an emergency.

Eligible agencies in the county have until this spring to request more than \$900,000 in new funding that will be available from the federal Office of Domestic Preparedness.

Department of Homeland Security money sent to Montana goes to the state Disaster and Emergency Services Division, then is channeled through Local Emergency Planning Committees in each county and on each Indian reservation.

Montana's homeland security funding for the current fiscal year rose to \$20.8 million, up from \$17.4 million in fiscal 2003.

Not all of the money relates directly to security or terrorism. Some is for traditional disaster and emergency projects and purchases, such as the use of \$178,000 for flood-prevention

efforts in Billings' west end last year.

But bracing for terrorism consumes vast sums of the money, and the outlays take many forms.

Last fall, the St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation received a two-year, \$1.9 million grant to strengthen bioterrorism training and education for medical workers in Montana and northern Wyoming.

Officials here welcome the money but have concerns, as well.

Although the new hazard-materials equipment would be useful in an emergency, "really, the need for most jurisdictions is people," Jochems said. "It takes a lot of people to respond to one of these things."

Expensive equipment won't do much good if the city does not have the personnel to use it, said Billings City Administrator Kristoff Bauer.

# High winds sweep through Glacier Park

GREAT FALLS (AP) - Wind gusts reached a high of 109 mph at Logan Pass in Glacier National Park Sunday as a low pressure system over Canada collided with high surface pressure along the Rocky Mountains, forecasters said.

Cut Bank and Browning had wind gusts of 57 mph, the National Weather Service said.

A gust of 56 mph was recorded in Great Falls, with sustained winds at 41 mph. "We've certainly had windier days, but this one is of longer duration," said mete-

orologist Don Emanuel.

"The last couple of days the wind has been constant," he said.

A high-wind warning issued Sunday for Cascade, Lewis and Clark, Judith Basin, Fergus, Teton, Chouteau, Hill, Glacier, Tool, Liberty and Blaine counties was canceled about 9:30 p.m.

Some short power outages were reported in Browning and scattered areas of Cascade County, mostly from broken tree branches, officials said.

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# Factions spar as 'New Iraq' signs interim constitution

**Hamza Hendawi**  
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - For an hour anyway, Iraqi leaders put aside their disagreements during the signing of a landmark interim constitution Monday, heaping praise on the U.S.-backed document amid patriotic songs and Quranic verses urging unity. But sectarian differences resurfaced as soon as the event ended.

The Shiites' most influential cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, issued a religious edict saying he had reservations about the interim constitution and that it will gain legitimacy only when adopted by an elected assembly.

His supporters on Iraq's Governing Council pledged to try to amend parts of the charter, saying they effectively give minority Kurds and Sunni Muslims a veto over a permanent constitution due to be drafted and put to a referendum next year.

"This law places obstacles in the path of reaching a permanent constitution for the country that maintains its unity, the rights of its sons of all sects and ethnic backgrounds," al-Sistani said.

President Bush praised the 22-page document, saying in a statement that its adoption was a "historic milestone in the Iraqi peo-

ple's long journey from tyranny and violence to liberty and peace."

Still, al-Sistani's edict and the Shiite Muslim council members' comments somewhat devalued the historic significance of the signing of a charter that promises to compensate Iraqis for years of oppression under Saddam Hussein, safeguard the freedoms and human rights of their ethnic and religious groups and lay down the foundations for a genuine democracy.

Senior Shiite clerics like al-Sistani are exploiting the void left by Saddam's departure to exercise enormous influence on the U.S.-backed political process in a political arena once dominated by Sunnis but now controlled by a Shiite majority and a large Kurdish community.

Monday's ceremony, held in the marble-and-glass Convention Center, a huge building inside the "Green Zone" complex housing the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition, kicked off with a recital of carefully chosen Quranic verses that urged Muslims to set aside their differences.

Later, children dressed in Arab, Assyrian and Kurdish costumes performed patriotic songs.

"The executioner is gone, festivities will begin, we will wear colorful clothes now that sadness

is behind us," went one song that alluded to Saddam's rule. The performance drew warm applause from the roughly 200 guests, including L. Paul Bremer, chief U.S. administrator in Iraq.

Of the council's 25 members, 21 were present. Those absent were represented by deputies. Led by current council president Mohammed Bahr al-Ulloum, the members were called forward one at a time to sign the document, which sat on an antique wooden desk used by Iraq's first monarch, King Faisal I.

They used gold-and-blue fountain pens to sign the document and kept them as memorabilia. The 25 later posed for photographers standing in three rows on a podium. Sharing a laugh, many raised their hands in a gesture of unity and triumph. On the wall behind them hung a giant Iraq map with the words "We all participate in the new Iraq" inscribed in the middle.

Bahr al-Ulloum, an elderly Shiite cleric, described the signing of the charter as a "historic moment, decisive in the history of Iraq." His voice choking with emotion, he added: "Today, we stand on a historic day to lay the solid foundations of a new, free and democratic Iraq that safeguards the dignity of man."

Most of the council's 13 Shiite

members refused to sign the document Friday, citing al-Sistani's opposition of their last-minute decision. During weekend talks, al-Sistani signaled to the Shiites that they could sign despite his reservations.

Bahr al-Ulloum's fellow Shiites on the U.S.-appointed council said that, for the sake of national unity and to keep the political process moving forward, they would sign the document despite their reservations. They said they intended to resume negotiations over those clauses and amend them in an annex likely to be agreed in April or May.

The annex will decide the shape of the Iraqi government that will take over from U.S.-led occupation authorities June 30. Iraq's permanent constitution will be drafted by a legislature elected by Jan. 31, 2005, and the Shiite politicians said the clause in question, if left unchanged, will encroach on the powers of the elected body.

"We say here our decision to sign the document is pegged to reservations," Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a senior Shiite council member told reporters. "In reality, we had a choice between delaying the constitution or dealing with our reservations, particularly on two clauses, in an annex."

The more important of the two

clauses in dispute, according to al-Jaafari, would give Kurds and Sunni Arabs a de facto veto over a permanent constitution. It stipulates that if two-thirds of voters in any three of Iraq's 18 provinces reject it, then the document cannot be adopted, parliament is dissolved and a general election is held.

Kurds make up the overwhelming majority of three northern provinces where they have enjoyed self-rule since 1991.

Kurds and Sunnis — who combine for 30 to 40 percent of Iraq's 25 million people compared to the Shiites' 60 percent — saw the clause as a safeguard against the domination of the Shiite majority. Shiite politicians countered that leaving the clause unchanged gives a minority of as little as 10 percent of the population the power to block the will of the remaining 90 percent.

Coalition officials defended the disputed clause as protecting minority rights.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a senior coalition official in Baghdad told reporters that the council members "made compromises and not all of them is happy and I am sure every single one of the 25, if he wanted to, could have found something to say about some article they didn't actually agree on."

## Martha Stewart's stock, future uncertain

**Erin McClam**  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Martha Stewart met with a probation officer and thanked viewers and readers for their support on Monday as the board of her namesake empire met to discuss her fate.

Stewart briefly addressed a horde of camera crews outside a Manhattan courthouse where she spent about an hour with probation officials who will make a sentencing recommendation for lying about a well-timed stock sale.

"I want to thank my readers, my viewers and the Internet users," Stewart said as she stepped into a sport utility vehicle. "I just want to thank everyone for their support."

The courthouse appearance came as stock in Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia continued to slide and the board gathered to discuss her future, according to a source close to the company who spoke on condition of anonymity. Company officials declined to comment; it was unclear late Monday whether the board took any action.

Shares of Stewart's namesake company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., fell 96 cents to

close at \$9.90 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange — adding to a nearly 23 percent tumble on Friday after the verdicts.

Also Monday, Stewart's syndicated television show, "Martha Stewart Living," was taken off the air on Viacom-owned CBS and UPN stations. She also stepped down from the board of cosmetics giant Revlon Inc., Revlon spokeswoman Catherine Fisher confirmed. Stewart had served on Revlon's board since 1996.

Stewart, wearing a black overcoat and carrying a Martha Stewart Living umbrella, was accompanied by her lawyer, Robert Morvillo, and another member of her defense team.

The meeting with probation officials is the first step toward Stewart's sentencing in June. Most legal experts expect that to be 10 to 16 months.

Stewart, 62, and former stockbroker Peter Bacanovic, 41, were found guilty of lying to investigators about why Stewart sold her shares of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, the day before a disappointing government report on its cancer drug Erbitux.

Bacanovic also met briefly with probation officials Monday, but did not address reporters.

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Lady Griz seniors Julie Deming, left, and Brooklynn Lorenzen make faces for the arena camera towards the end of the team's 85-50 win over Portland State Saturday night at Dahlberg Arena.

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## Senior sensations have their night

Jeff Windmueller  
Montana Kaimin

It wasn't much of a surprise Saturday night when the two active seniors on the Lady Griz basketball team had one of their best performances against Portland State.

It was "Senior Night" after all, and Brooklynn Lorenzen and Julie Deming's playing styles have complemented each other for years.

"We've played together for a long time," Deming said. "We have a unique relationship ... we can read each other's minds."

The Lady Griz had little trouble defeating Portland State 85-50 in their last game of their regular season, and the two seniors seemed to be using telekinetic powers all night, even pairing for Lorenzen's assist that

### Deming, Lorenzen get standing ovations

gave her the Lady Griz's single-season assist record.

With 18:23 left in the game, Deming stole the ball from a PSU player, passed it to Lorenzen, and within five seconds caught it again to release a jump shot from the left corner of the court. The shot extended the Lady Griz's lead to 56-24, and within a few seconds, more than 5,000 fans stood clapping in Dahlberg Arena to congratulate Lorenzen for setting the Lady Griz record.

"Nothing can beat this high," Lorenzen said after the game.

The 5-foot-5 point guard eventually passed up the league record of 218 set by Netra McGrew of Idaho State, and ended the regular season with 222.

"Her getting the assist record means she's making the right passes," Deming said. "She knows the court. It complements everybody on the team."

Lorenzen assisted on four of Deming's field goals, and shot a perfect 5-of-5 from the court. She finished the night with 14 points, along with 11 assists and two steals with only two turnovers.

Meanwhile, Deming led the team with 19 points, five assists and three steals.

Two other Lady Griz finished with double digits on Saturday. Junior forward Juliann Keller and junior center Hollie Tyler both completed 11 points and 6 rebounds in the game.

During opening ceremonies senior Jill Henkel was also acknowledged for Senior Night, but the Lady Griz forward will return next year after redshirting this season because of injury.

For Robin Selvig, Lady Griz head coach, the win emphasized how well his senior players have taken command.

"Brooklyn has had a phenomenal year ... I couldn't have expected anything more," Selvig said. "Julie's playing the best basketball of her life."

"They've become much, much better leaders," he added. "They're both very coachable, both very competitive."

With 3:47 left in the game, Lorenzen and Deming were substituted off the court to another standing ovation. Although they sat for the rest of the game, the two were still being watched as they fought for space on the giant TV screen known as Griz

Vision.

"You can tell from the camera thing that we like to have fun," Lorenzen said.

For others on the team, Senior Night was an opportunity to celebrate teammates they have come to look up to.

"It's a little emotional," said Tyler with tears in her eyes. "We're going to miss them a lot. They're not replaceable, not at all."

The win over PSU (6-22, 3-11 BSC) was the 15th in a row for the Lady Griz, and they finished their season with a perfect 14-0 Big Sky Conference record, 25-4 overall. For Selvig, the win was the 600th of his career, just another stepping stone after 26 years.

After the game ended, the athletics department celebrated with an informal presentation, handing the coach a golden basketball for his winning mark.

"He deserves it more than any other coach," Lorenzen said. "The man get very little sleep — I know he worries not just about basketball but also the girls off the court."

For Deming, the presentation concluded a whirl of events surrounding a near-perfect season including her own 1,000-point mark in the last game against Eastern Washington and Brooklynn's assist records.

"It's been kind of like a fairy tale," she said.

But with the Big Sky playoffs creeping up, both are ready for an extended postseason.

"After the game I was so excited and happy, I was on cloud nine," Lorenzen said. "But you can only live in the moment so long before you have to look on."

And the Lady Griz are looking forward to at least one more tough game in the quarterfinals on Thursday. They have a first-round bye, but will play the lowest remaining seed at 8 p.m. in the Adams Center.

Whether the season ends there, Deming and Lorenzen are not ready to stop hanging out with each other. Their relationship began four years ago when Lorenzen came to UM a year after Deming, and since then they have remained pretty much inseparable.

"I'm glad I had to redshirt last year," Deming said. "It means that I will be able to graduate with (Lorenzen)."

The two will meet up again in July when they return to their home state of Oregon for Lorenzen's wedding. Deming will be her bridesmaid.

As for the rest of the team, "Words can't explain how much I love each and everyone of them," Lorenzen said. "That's why I don't want to end the season, I just want to keep playing with them."

## Selvig celebrates 600th win

Jeff Windmueller  
Montana Kaimin

Sometimes being humble might seem a little silly, especially after winning 600 regular-season games. But the Lady Griz's head coach, Robin Selvig, swears that the golden basketball trophy presented to him after Saturday night's win wasn't for him.

"I'm not trying to be sillily humble — if there even is a word 'sillily,'" Selvig said.

"It isn't to myself — that's a no-brainer," he said. "This is a team game ... I love sharing 600 wins with all my players."

When Selvig refers to players, he means all of those who have played for him, from his first season 26 years ago to the crop of new girls this year.

For those who have played on his team, however, the unbreakable link in a chain of wins has always been their coach.

"I think it's something that's obviously a huge credit to Rob," said assistant coach Shannon Cate-Schweyen, Lady Griz's only First Team All-American player. "I think any Lady Griz that's played feels happy to have been a part of the 600 wins."

But in the end, Cate-Schweyen said, "he is really, truly, solely responsible for those wins and losses."

When the team does well or fails to perform, everyone looks to the coach to see if he is doing his job correctly, she said.

Selvig's latest win improved his record to 600-172, making him the sixth-fastest men's or women's basketball coach to reach the 600-win mark in NCAA Division I history. The only five coaches to reach this point faster are Adolph Rupp of Kentucky, Jerry Tarkanian of UNLV, Pat Summitt of Tennessee, Jody Conradt of Texas and John Wooden of UCLA.

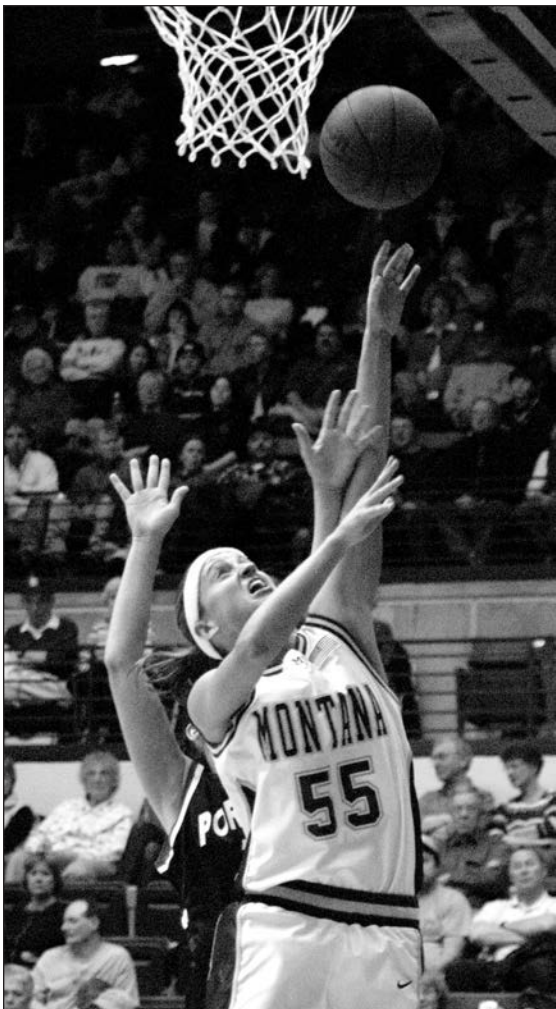
"To see (Selvig's) name among the elite of the elites ... is awesome," said Marie Porter, interim athletic director for UM. "People that don't know Robin will say, 'Wow, this guy in Montana is a really good coach.'"

Lady Griz senior forward Julie Deming was a freshman when Selvig reached 500 wins just five years ago. She said when he received the award, it obviously hit a soft spot in a man well-known for screaming on the court, but it won't slow him down at all.

"He's a workaholic," she said. "He'll probably end up getting 900 wins."

Although some Oscar winners joke about replacing their hood ornaments with their awards, Selvig said he simply put his trophy on an office shelf and is looking forward to the next game this week.

"(Saturday) was a real nice evening," he said. "Now we can go on to winning the (Big Sky Conference) tournament."



Senior forward Julie Deming, who shot 8-for-10 from the field, goes up for a basket against a Portland State defender Saturday night.

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Lady Griz head coach Robin Selvig holds the trophy he was awarded after his 600th career win Saturday night in Dahlberg Arena.

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# Men's b-ball bows out of tournament with loss to Idaho

Danny Davis  
Montana Kaimin

Montana may have won the season series, but Idaho State got the last laugh, ending the Griz's basketball season Saturday in Pocatello.

**Despite loss, Griz finished season strong after rough start**

Behind a strong showing during the second half of play, the Bengals ousted the Grizzlies 74-73 in the opening round of the Big Sky Conference tournament. The Bengal victory advanced them to the second round of the conference tournament and ended the season for the Griz.

Idaho State started off the game with a quick 6-2 lead, but Montana managed to recover and control the majority of the first half, resulting in a 35-28 lead at the half-time intermission.

Montana started the second half strong and increased its half-time lead to eight points, 40-32. Idaho State then caught fire and went on a 21-4 run that gave them a 53-44 lead halfway through the second half. Montana, however, refused to die and stormed back to get within one point, 55-54. An undaunted Idaho State team, however, proceeded to go on another run — this time an 11-2 spurt — to give the Bengals a 66-56 lead with 5:55 to go in the second half.

"We knew they were going to have a run; it was inevitable," UM

head coach Pat Kennedy said. "They made a lot of consecutive shots. And we made defensive adjustments, and they responded to them."

Montana, however, hung on and UM sophomore Kevin Criswell scored five of his 11 points late in the game to bring the Griz within one point at 74-73 with less than a minute to go, setting up for a dramatic finish.

Montana managed to force Idaho State's star point guard, Marquis Poole, to turn the ball over with 29.1 seconds remaining and Montana called a time-out to set up for the last shot. As time expired, UM freshman guard Brian Lynch drove the lane, but good defense by Idaho State prevented Lynch from getting the ball to Criswell or junior guard Roy Booker, who led the Griz with 17 points.

"Initially, that's the way it was designed. But if they become broken plays, you've got to make the best of it," Kennedy said.

Despite the collapsed play, Lynch managed to kick the ball out to senior Ryan Pederson for a last-second, three-point attempt. Pederson got the shot off in time, but it rimmed out and the rebound fell into the hands of Idaho State's Nate Rede with 0.7 seconds left, sealing the victory for Idaho State (13-17).

"It was right in front of our bench," Kennedy said about Pederson's last-second heave. "Obviously, he's (Pederson's) just such a terrific individual. Last

game, last shot of his career — that's a tough one."

Pederson's season-ending miss was ironically similar to the two free throw misses at the end of regulation by junior Kamaar Davis in an 80-78 overtime loss to Northern Arizona last Saturday. Had Montana emerged from that game victorious, it would have received the second seed in the tournament and a first-round bye. Instead, they dropped to the sixth seed and were forced to play on the road in Pocatello, Idaho.

The end result of the tournament game was the polar opposite of the regular-season result. Montana beat Idaho State in their two meetings, including an 88-85 Valentine's Day victory in Pocatello that saw a 13-point, second-half comeback and a last-second, game-winning shot by Criswell.

Saturday, Montana was without the services of senior point guard Derrick Mansell, who injured his ankle in a game against Northern Arizona last week.

While Lynch had an admirable offensive performance with four assists and a career-high eight points, Mansell's missing defensive presence was felt as ISU's Jeff Gardiner, the man who, according to Kennedy, a healthy Mansell would have been guarding, scored 13 points to go along with his eight assists and zero turnovers.

"They were without Mansell, and he is a real leader, so we knew that we wanted to get out on them

defensively and make their other perimeter players handle the ball," Gardiner said in his post-game interview with ISU's official athletics department Website, [www.isubengals.com](http://www.isubengals.com).

To combat Mansell's loss, Pederson started the game sophomore Corey Easley's place. Kennedy explained that the move was made so Montana could have another effective ball handler in the line-up if Idaho State chose to constantly pressure Lynch.

Montana also lost another starter when Davis fouled out late in the game. Davis, Montana's leading scorer averaging 14.1 points per game, left the game with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

In addition to Booker, Davis and Criswell, Montana was led by seniors Victor Venters and Steve Horne, who came off the bench to score 11 and eight points respectively.

Meanwhile, Scott Henry and Poole led Idaho State. The duo, who both made the all-conference team, accounted for a combined 43 points, with Henry scoring 24 points (in addition to his 10 rebounds) and Poole adding 19.

Montana finished its 2003-2004 campaign with a 10-18 record. While its winning percentage fails to stand out to the untrained eye, those numbers do not tell the whole story. After a terrible 5-16 start, Montana made some offensive changes and proceeded to pull back into the conference tournament pic-

ture via a five-game winning streak, their longest winning streak since the 1999-2000 season. Montana also managed to drub in-state rival Montana State 67-58 in front of 5,456 Dahlberg arena patrons.

Not only did UM's switch to the three-guard offense play a key role in its late-season success, but it also gave some of the younger players on the UM roster the opportunity to log some quality minutes and showcase their talents.

"I thought that when we went to the three-guard offense and committed to the younger guys, they showed a great future," Kennedy claimed.

"I think a foundation has been laid and set."

Kennedy also said that he took responsibility for overscheduling the Griz with a plethora of non-conference games early in the season, and that he and his staff were going to work hard to see that this problem wouldn't happen again.

So as the final buzzer rang at the Reed Gym in Pocatello, the Griz's season and the careers of Mansell, Pederson, Horne, Venters and Brent Cummings ended.

While Montana will lose five seniors, its future looks bright. The team's two leading scorers, Davis and Criswell, as well as Booker and Lynch, are set to return next season. Easley and freshman Matt Dlouhy are also expected back next year, and both made considerable contributions on the court this season.

# Women's rugby team sweeps Idaho tournament

Peter Coyle  
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana women's rugby team, the Betterside, started its season strong last weekend, sweeping a four-game tournament in Lewiston, Idaho.

The Missoula team, which went 8-1 last season, played four games against teams from the University of Idaho, Whitman College, Lewiston, and Spokane on Saturday. The team not only won the "golden gnome" trophy — a painted lawn-gnome for winning the tournament — it also pulled out a tough win against its main rival, the University of Idaho.

"We always have to work hard against them. They are our main competition in the area," team spokesperson Racheal Sherman said.

Sarah Stands, a Betterside player, said that although the two teams often go back and forth, UM has been winning the last few years — even if it is by just a few points.

"I don't know why we do so well," said team captain Angie Concepcion. "We're really well-organized and recruit a lot, and we've got a lot of girls with a lot of athletic talent." she said. "We'll usually win."

Co-captain Annie Mattison, a fifth-year art student, played soccer her freshman year for the Grizzlies before quitting to explore some other sports options.

"I had some friends back home that played on a nationally-ranked rugby team, and I always thought I'd enjoy it," Mattison said. Mattison plays scrum-half, which is somewhat like a quarterback. It is her job to get the ball from the scrum to the backs who run it.

A scrum is when the players from both sides lock arms and huddle over the ball in a circle. The players then push against one another to try to position themselves over the ball, so the scrum-half can pick it up. It is then that they can toss it to the backs for a run.

With her soccer experience, Mattison picked up on the sport fairly easily. But she said lack of sports experience shouldn't stop anyone who is interested in rugby from playing.

Emily Parsons, a fifth-year student applying to the pharmacy program, was influenced by her older brother and started playing rugby.

"Rugby keeps me in school; you can't have one without the other," she said. "The game is great. The girls are great — I've never met a better group of people."

"Anyone who wants to play is more than welcome," Mattison said. Betterside is always looking for more people to play.

"A big Irish woman told me I needed to play," Sarah Stands said. Over Christmas several years ago while living in Ireland, the Livingston native and junior in fine arts got into a less-than-sober wrestling match with a member of the National Gallway team. The woman then told her that she needed to play rugby.

"I always thought I was too small to play," she said. Sarah is now in her third season of rugby.

Because Betterside is the only woman's rugby club team in Montana, the team travels a lot.

"We have a really busy schedule. It's awesome," Sherman said.

This year's schedule includes several trips to Canada and only one home game on April 10, before Missoula hosts the famous Maggot Fest May 1-2.

Betterside practices at Dornblaser Field every Monday and Friday at 5 p.m. and is headed to Spokane this weekend.

To many, Rugby may seem like a mutant form of football, but the game is much more complex and quicker paced. There are 15 players on the field, and the game stops only when a point is scored, the ball goes out of bounds or a penalty occurs. Otherwise, the players are continually moving and substitutions are only allowed for injuries.

If a player is tackled and actually brought to the ground, he must release the ball. Players from either team then try to gain possession of it to attempt another run.

There are four ways to score in rugby. A "try," worth five points, is when a player grounds the ball in the goal area at the end of the field. After a try, the ball can be kicked over the goal posts for an extra two points. Players can also score if they perform a dropkick during play or after a penalty, both worth three points.

The ball cannot be passed forward, but it can be kicked forward any time during play. Much like a punt in football, the other team then gets to set up



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**Sarah Stands, a player for UM's women's rugby team, prepares to catch a ball during practice at Dornblaser Field on Monday. The Betterside, won its first four games in Idaho last weekend.**

and begin its rush toward the goal line.

Rugby players do not wear any pads, except for the occasional soft helmet to keep their ears attached. Often, their ears receive a beating from opponents' skulls or get stepped on by cleats during a pileup.

According to the players, major injuries are rare, while bumps and bruises are worn like a badge of honor. Parson's legs were splotted black and blue from the weekend tournament.

"You feel like you've accomplished something at the end of a rugby game. You give it everything you've got," she said.

# UM Tennis loses on road

The University of Montana women's tennis team lost to 40th-ranked UNLV on Saturday and 75th-ranked UC Riverside Highlanders on Sunday in duals at the Fertitta Tennis Complex in Las Vegas.

Montana lost 7-0 to both teams and failed to win a single set, losing to both teams in six straight sets.

UM will take two weeks off before returning to play Montana State and Lewis & Clark State for home duals on March 26 and March 28.

Scores from UC Riverside matches only:

## Singles

- 1 - Michelle Beyonneau (UCR) def. Annabelle Janairo (UM); 6-3, 6-2
- 2 - Casey Cross (UCR) def. Lindsey Torgerson, UM; 7-5, 6-1
- 3 - Kelley Takeshita (UCR) def. Micheala Zima (UM); 6-1, 6-0
- 4 - Kim Tran (UCR) def. Malena Rosen (UM); 6-2, 6-1

5 - Carolyn Mitchell (UCR) def. Colby Fannin (UM); 6-4, 6-3

6 - Catrisah Cabanilla (UCR) def. Bonny Bower (UM); 6-1, 6-3

## Doubles

1 - Beyonneau/Cross (UCR) def. Zima/Janero (UM); 8-5

2 - Mitchell/Takeshita (UCR) def. Bower/Fannin (UM); 8-4

3 - Tran/Cabanilla (UCR) def. Torgerson/Rosen (UM); 8-2

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