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Students collect needed winter clothing for homeless



(From left) UM students Erin McConnaha, Shane Bell, and Kaitlin Fowler check for donations to their coat and blanket drive in the Lommasson Center on Tuesday. Bell, a member of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, organized the drive to benefit the Poverello Center and the Missoula Homeless Shelter.

Justyn Field Montana Kaimin

Nearly a dozen University of Montana students have banded together to collect coats and blankets to help Missoula residents battle the cold.

The students named their group "One Person Matters." They are holding a drive to collect blankets, coats and other winter gear to donate to local charity organizations, including the Poverello Center, YWCA, Missoula Youth Homes and Joseph Residence Center. The drive, which started Feb. 1, will run until Feb. 12.

Group founder Shane Bell said although the drive's purpose is to collect clean blankets and coats, volunteers will accept other things like hats, scarves and children's clothing. Shelter managers are happy to keep any donations that are not immediately claimed for future use. So far, people have donated about 50 articles to the drive.

Bell, a photojournalism major, said he got the idea for the drive when he was working on a story about the Poverello Center this fall.

"There is a dire need here in Missoula," Bell said. "There is a great poverty here, even though we may not see it."

He said overcrowding at the Poverello Center has resulted in people sleeping on the cafeteria floor and that there is a constant

need for more blankets as the poor economy forces more people to seek services.

Volunteer Erin McConnaha said the group gathered about 12 bags of supplies to give the shelters simply by collecting donations from friends and family before the semester started, but more was needed.

She said seeing the faces of the people she's working for has been an inspiration and shivering outside reminds her why she's volunteering.

"These are normal people," McConnaha said. "They just don't have coats."

Bell said the group will fasten inspirational messages to the donations.

Though the group will accept donations after the deadline, Bell said he hopes more come in sooner so residents can benefit while the weather is still chilly.

On the UM campus, people can drop their donations off in the large, green donation boxes at the University Center, Mansfield Library, Lommasson Center and residence halls. Donation boxes were also distributed to the College of Technology and Sentinel and Hellgate high schools.

Those who want more information on the coat drive can contact Shane Bell at (406) 471-2230.

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Carmen George Montana Kaimin

As Valentine's Day approaches, a teddy bear drive is underway at the University of Montana for children who attend the Missoula YWCA's Circle of Peace group, a gathering of children who've been through painful experiences like witnessing domestic violence.

"Hopefully, they'll be happy about (the teddy bears) and feel good that someone was thinking about them," said Lauren Kooistra, president of the UM chapter of Alpha Phi sorority, the group organizing the drive.

Danielle deBouver, vice president of marketing for UM's Alpha Phi, said new or "slightly-loved" teddy bears can be dropped off at The Source in the University Center or at the Alpha Phi chapter house at 1107 Gerald Ave. The teddy bear drive started Monday and will continue until Feb. 16.

When I think of teddy bears, I think of hugs and smiling. -Danielle deBouver,

Lydia Missal-Bray, support groups coordinator for the YWCA, said Circle of Peace is similar to but separate from Living in Peace, a group that helps women heal and recover from intimate partner

violence. The children's group is

Alpha Phi VP of marketing

See YWCA, page 4

Sorority collecting bears Foresters' Ball ticket forger swindles for traumatized children students, makes a bundle over weekend

Mike Gerrity Montana Kaimin

Many students were turned away from the Foresters' Ball last weekend when it was discovered that some tickets were elaborate

Paula Trembath, publicist for the Foresters' Ball, said that as of Tuesday night, at least 102 fake tickets have been found. She said some students bought them in locations like the University Center or in line outside the ball over the weekend.

"Most kids are saying they bought them for around \$20," Trembath said.

She estimates that whoever is behind the forgeries made more

Jim Lemcke, director of the University of Montana Office of Public Safety, said the incidents are being investigated for fraud.

The ball sold out in record time

It's just too bad that so many students were ripped off. 77

-Paula Trembath, Foresters' Ball publicist

this year, with tickets for Saturday night selling out by 11 a.m. on Feb. 1, the first day they were available. Trembath said she and one other staffer of the ball were the only people who were handling the tickets before they went on sale.

"There's nobody that would have had access to any of those

= tickets until they went on sale," Trembath said.

> Trembath said the forgeries mimicked the precise color and size of the real tickets. Whoever forged them even went so far as to duplicate an embossed feature on each ticket. The only difference was an illustration of an ax in the center of the real tickets that was missing in the fakes.

> Most of the students with forgeries were turned away from Saturday night's ball. The fakes weren't spotted until they started to accumulate on Friday night, which Trembath said was particularly crowded.

> "It's no fault of any students who have bought them," Trembath said. "It's just too bad that so many students were ripped off."

> Dean Jim Burchfield of the School of Forestry was not available for comment.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL



Brenna Braaten, **Editor**

As long as my schedule allows me to watch it, I actually look forward to the Super Bowl every year. And while the game is fun, especially if it's close, I'm mostly excited about the

Let's face it: The ads make the Super Bowl what it is. Quality football games can be seen at other times, but there is only one game that prompts adver-

Super Bowl ads don't live up to hefty bill

tisers to shell out \$3 million for a 30-second spotlight on their products. And when else do people look forward to watching a commercial?

So, with all the hype that these commercials bring, I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one who was disappointed with the betweengame programming.

The commercials were lacking this year. It's bad when I'm struggling to remember what commercials I saw in the first half of the game as I'm watching the second half. That doesn't do much to help business.

No one is going to buy something if they remember the punch line of the commercial and not the product. And I couldn't even remem-

The problem stems from the fact that we, as a culture, are inundated with ads. According to the Consumer Reports Web site, the average American is exposed to 247 commercial messages a day. That's a lot, and some studies suggest greater numbers than that, some estimating roughly 3,000.

With that many advertisements, something has to be pretty spectacular for it to stick with people.

The Super Bowl ads didn't do it this year. There was nothing new or exciting. It's time that advertisers pay attention to the fact that their approach isn't working.

One problem I had was

the sexist nature of many of the commercials. I laugh when something is genuinely funny, even if it's a bit sexist — I'm generally a good sport. The Super Bowl caters to men, but a lot of women watch, too, and that has to be taken into account.

But the commercials on Sunday made many of my friends (the girls outnumbered the guys in my house 2:1) feel uncomfortable.

Take the two GoDaddy. com commercials, for example, that basically featured good-looking women stripping off their shirts before cutting to plug to "see more" online. There was a Bridgestone tire commercial in which a roadblock stops a driver and someone yells, "Your Bridgestone tires or your life." After apparently mishearing, the driver kicks out his wife and drives off.

I never felt degraded during other Super Bowls.

Also, there was a surprising lack of anything original. We saw many men, and occasionally women, without pants (or even less clothing) and some less-than-impressive animal gags.

The USA Today's Super Bowl Ad Meter revealed that Doritos earned the second-most popular spot with an ad that had been submitted to the company in a contest. So one of the best commercials came from the viewers, not the people who make ads for a living.

By Josh Potter

Perhaps it's time for a change in advertising. Consumers aren't receptive to what's out there; we just don't care to pay attention. That means companies are spending a lot of money on something that isn't working well.

Who knows what the next big thing in advertising will be? Maybe we'll all rely on augmented reality. Maybe we'll go the route of "Futurama" and have ads "beamed" directly into our heads and dreams. It could be anything.

For now, though, I'll just change the channel when the commercials come on.

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The red-headed stepchild

Outdoor sports cliques shelter shallow people

In a town as small as Missoula, the burden of being in a city full of active climbers, kayakers, bikers and skiers is that people inevitably define themselves by what they do. This means that unless you can attach the name of an adventure hobby to the end of your name, you're about as respected as Ted Kaczynski's roommate. Unless you can find a category of outdoor sport in which to cushion your insecurities, you might as well actually hike into the Rattlesnake and spend the rest of your days under a rock (sponsored by Patagonia, in association with North Face and Gore-Tex fabric).

But therein lies the dilemma: The outdoor sports

communities make their respective activities more exclusive than Olympic tryouts. It's difficult because pure talent isn't the only criterion. If you want to hang with the big boys, you have to own all the gear, know the lingo and show up to Charlie B's at least once sporting chalky fingers or a bike jersey.

There was once a time when I was pretty sure I was a climber. I foolishly thought that simply climbing and enjoying it was enough. Apparently, there is a strict dress code consisting of at least one puffy parka and an Outdoor Research visor (essentially a hat with most of it missing going for \$18 on REI.com). Without these accoutrements, there's no discernible way to know how hardcore an athlete re-

In fact, it seems the only way to know for sure that an enthusiast is for real is for him or her to tell you. And, trust me, they will ... over and over again. They'll tell you at the climbing gym, at the bar, in the car on the way to a trailhead and then on the way back from the trailhead. While you're talking to a girl in a bar, they will appear out of the ether and tell her. And she'll listen. The only time the conversation will shift from their own successes is when they take a break to bench press kayaks or talk about other people's sick,

gnarly adventures.

Still, there's hope for the uninformed and slightlyless-gnarly athlete in the sheer number of available choices when deciding what sport to tie your entire identity to. If you're interested in climbing, you can boulder, sport climb, trad climb, aid climb, ice climb or, if you're just too cool for school, mix the last three together and make it onto the cover of a magazine and into every climber's dream, male or female. From what I hear, there are similar choices in kayaking, depending on the type of boat-and-paddle system you use, although to me, they're all just plastic bananas that will inevitably end up on the shoulders of a shirtless man on the Higgins Street bridge.

You can mountain bike, road bike, or downhill mountain bike. You can telemark ski, alpine ski, or use the AT setup and look down on the other people.

Or, if you're like me, you can just remain the "gym rat" that you are and have fun when you have time. And if you're like me, you don't have that much time because you have other things to do — like indulging other hobbies, working and studying so you can get a better job.

Deep down though, I'm just jealous. I moved out here to have the type of high-country, high-risk adventures all these other

people enjoy. As I think everybody does, I want to feel the sense of community that comes along with being a climber, biker, skier, boater or hiker. The camaraderie that forms between the people who experience danger, fear and fun all at once is enviable, and it would be foolish to think these people shouldn't be proud of themselves.

The unfortunate side effect of this sort of sheltered outdoors culture is not only self-congratulation, but also the mistaken belief that this narrow-minded focus is a replacement for personality. For a town that prides itself so much on progressive thinking and acceptance, Missoula has subconsciously fostered a kind of nepotism that separates one population of hobbyists from the preoccupied elitists, giving the outdoors enthusiasts the type of power only a mafia family should have. This kind of thinking places value on a person for what he or she does, rather than on who he or she is and, frankly, if all you are is a climber, boater or whatever, then you are nobody.

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Correction:

The names of Mary McFadden and Caitlin Parker were interchanged in the caption under the Foresters' Ball photo in the Feb. 9 issue of the Kaimin.

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State budget cutting suggestions keep coming in

Associated Press

Montanans have offered more than 700 suggestions for making cuts to the state budget, from cutting or eliminating the state motor pool to consolidating school districts and counties.

The suggestions received so far under the Montana Accountability Partnership have been posted online at www.governor.mt.gov, Gov. Brian Schweitzer said Tuesday.

The contest, which runs through April 1, is seeking the best ideas for saving the state money in the face of decreasing revenues. The winner will receive a 1-ounce palladium coin valued at \$400 donated by Stillwater Mine.

"I encourage people to continue to submit their cost saving ideas

before the deadline," Schweitzer said. "Your ideas can be a part of making state government more efficient."

The more popular suggestions include reducing or eliminating the state motor pool, not allowing state employees to drive stateowned vehicles home, eliminating the need for a front license plate and not replacing the basic state license plate as often.

Several people suggested consolidating school districts to spend less on administration and to move to four-day school weeks.

"Little towns are very protective of their school and sports teams, but it's high time we addressed this issue," one person wrote. "We have towns playing six man football, which is somewhat of a Montana tradition, but if you only have enough kids in a high school for half a football team, that's a really good sign that bussing the students 20 miles would be much more beneficial for their education."

Some questioned why state employees got a paid day off to vote.

"The majority population of Montana finds the time in the day to go vote so I do not see why our state and federal employees cannot do the same," one person wrote.

Another suggested that state employees take an unpaid furlough on two of their vacation days. Others suggested that state employees work a four-day week when possible. At least one person suggested cuts in the layers of management.

Other ideas included making better use of the state mail service, not mailing two- or three-page documents in large manilla envelopes and sending pay information and other correspondence by email, if possible.

Some suggested money could be saved in public assistance payments by making sure people aren't cheating the system and requiring recipients to pass drug screenings.

Another suggested going after people who owe back taxes — a nephew in particular.

"I feel you should aggresively (sic) persue the ten million dollars plus of past due state income tax owed by DEADBEAT tax evaders

as listed on the mt.Gov web site, the person wrote. "You can start with my DEADBEAT nephew, (redacted). He has the money to pay the \$(redacted) he owes."

Some were just pithy.

"Substantial savings could be had by using global warming to heat all government offices," one person wrote.

And another offered that if they had the winning suggestion, they would not even collect the reward.

"If my idea has any merit of being considered, please also keep any award or coin for the general fund as every little bit counts in these tough times," the person

Federal land managers delay Nevada wild horse roundup

Associated Press

Federal land managers said Monday they'll delay a roundup of most of the nearly 600 wild horses in a range in eastern Nevada, at least until after the herd's spring foaling season.

Advocates fighting to stop mustang roundups in the West said they think their threat to file a lawsuit stopped the U.S. Bureau of Land Management from beginning a roundup next week of almost 500 wild horses in the Eagle Herd Management Area.

"We're pleased that the BLM

has postponed another ill-conceived, illegal and inhumane wild horse roundup," said William Spriggs, a Washington, D.C.-based lawyer for In Defense of Animals based in San Rafael, Calif.

Spriggs said by telephone that he's seeking a moratorium on roundups until Congress reviews whether the government should continue removing horses from the range.

But Chris Hanefeld, spokesman for the BLM office in Ely, wouldn't link Spriggs' threat to sue in Washington with the bureau decision in Nevada to postpone the Eagle herd area gather. It had been scheduled to begin Feb. 14.

"We're responding to the many comments we've received," Hanefeld said, citing some 9,000 public comments submitted after the BLM announced that it planned to collect more than 80 percent of the animals in the Eagle herd area.

"We determined it was prudent to defer it to wait until after foaling season," he said.

Spriggs maintains that the BLM roundups traumatize, injure and kill mustangs and violate a

1971 law enacted by Congress to protect the horses.

Bureau officials say the roundups are necessary to reduce an overpopulation of horses that harms native wildlife and the range, and threatens the herds with starvation.

Ruth Thompson, BLM wild horse and burro specialist in Ely, said officials believe the Eagle herd range from east of Panaca to the Utah state line can sustain about 100 to 210 wild horses.

The bureau last week finished rounding up more than 1,900 of about 2,500 horses from a larger Calico Mountains complex north of Reno. Officials are preparing animals for adoption or transfer to pastures in the Midwest.

Hanefeld said BLM officials are considering what to do about some 50 horses that have moved outside the Eagle and nearby Silver King herd management areas in eastern Nevada and are said to threaten the safety of motorists on U.S. 93 near Pioche.

He said no horse roundups would be conducted without public notice.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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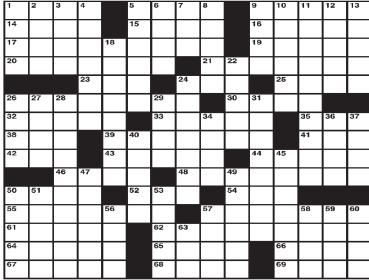
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By Don Gagliardo

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primarily provided as support for mothers who attend the women's group so it meets at the same time, Missal-Bray said. Circle of Peace offers different age-appropriate activities to help any child up to the age of 18. Usually 25 to 30 children attend every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the YWCA, she said.

This is the first year Alpha Phi has put on a teddy bear drive, de-Bouver said. In the past, the sorority has sold "candy grams" with carnations and chocolates as a fundraiser for the Alpha Phi Foundation around Valentine's Day. The sorority wanted to do something different and more local this year, she said.

"When I think of teddy bears, I think of hugs and smiling," said deBouver. "I hope it brings the same comfort to a kid who's gone through a tough time as it would any other kid on Valentine's Day."

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Ali Vandergon/Montana Kaimin

A small box sits next to the Source in the UC for donations going toward Alpha Phi's Teddy Bear Drive. All bear donations will be delivered next week to the children who attend the YWCA's Living in Peace Group.

ASUM to consider new senators and UM budget management

Jayme Fraser Montana Kaimin

The ASUM Senate is expected to approve five new student senators Wednesday evening who will then take their seats beside their 15 other peers.

"It's very exciting because it's a quarter of the senate," President Matt Fennell said.

Vice President Emily May said the five were selected from 26 applicants who were interviewed over the weekend in order to fill the positions before budgeting for student groups begins later this month. The seats have been vacant since winter break.

In other business, Fennell will review the Senate's stance on various budget-management strategies. Fennell said he will present the students' considerations to the Faculty Senate at its Thursday meeting.

"I think that students and

faculty have to stand together on this budget issue to make sure we have an open dialogue and one group doesn't get unfairly targeted by budget cuts," Fennell said.

Fennell's discussion with the Faculty Senate follows the Jan. 29 meeting of UM's Strategic Budget and Finance Committee, during which faculty, administration and students discussed a projected \$8 million budget shortfall over the next three years.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Bob Duringer will also update the Faculty Senate on the causes of the budget gap and possible strategies at the Thursday meeting.

Proposed management options include increasing annual tuition by 1 percent, changing the tuition scale, increasing faculty workload, consolidating or eliminating small classes, eliminating adjunct positions, reducing some

administrator salaries by 1 percent, managing vacancies, evaluating the functionality of research institutes, reducing some full-year contracts to 10 months, reducing travel and halting building construction.

In November, the ASUM Senate informally voted to support 18 of the 29 strategies proposed by the Strategic Budget and Planning Committee.

Student senators expressed the most concern over proposals that didn't adequately support faculty — possibly reducing the quality of education — and those isolating students from necessary financial

The senate generally favored options that reduced unnecessary expenses across the board and decreased some retiree benefits.

The ASUM Senate meets every Wednesday on the third floor of the UC.

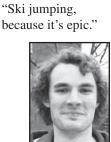
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What Olympic winter sport would you compete in if you could? Why?



Jake Hoskins, sophomore, English literature

"Bobsledding because of the cool uniforms."



Eric Speer, freshman, undecided



Dana Pierre, freshman,
Spanish/French

"Snowboarding, because the half-pipe looks fun." "Figure skating, because I've danced my whole life, and it looks like fun to be on skates."



Molly McClintoch, freshman, field ecology

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MEN'S BASKETBALL Montana at Portland State, Friday, 8 p.m.

Montana at Idaho State, Sunday, 2 p.m.

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Montana at Portland State, Friday, 3 p.m. Montana at Portland, Saturday, 10 a.m.

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Montana at Washington, Friday and Saturday Montana at Montana State, Friday

BRIEFING JOHNSON NAMED BIG SKY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

On Monday, senior guard Anthony Johnson garnered his second consecutive Big Sky Player of the Week after averaging 24 points, 3.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists in a pair of wins over Weber State and Idaho State in Missoula last weekend. Johnson scored 18 points to compliment his five assists and four rebounds in last Friday's 75-61 win over Weber State. He followed with a 30-point performance Saturday night in a 91-68 Griz win over Idaho State. This is his fourth league Player of the Week honor this season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

School	Big Sky	Overall
Weber State	9-1	15-8
Northern Colo.	8-3	19-5
Montana	8-4	17-7
Montana State	7-5	12-11
Portland State	5-5	10-13
Northern Ariz.	5-6	11-11
Idaho State	3-8	6-17
Sacramento State	3-9	9-16
Eastern Wash.	2-8	6-18

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

School	Big Sky	Overall
Eastern Wash.	7-2	14-8
Montana	7-3	12-10
Portland State	6-3	12-10
Sacramento State	6-4	10-12
Montana State	5-5	12-11
Idaho State	4-6	9-14
Northern Ariz.	3-6	5-17
Northern Colo.	3-6	11-12
Weber State	2-8	8-15



Troy Warzocha Montana Kaimin

This Sunday, moonshine runners may finally be able to stop rolling over in their graves.

As the NASCAR season gets underway in Daytona Beach, Fla., I can only hope that a crucial new rule change will make this season one of the most destructive in recent memory.

Beginning Sunday, NASCAR will permit bump drafting at the Talladega, Ala., and Daytona





Members of the Missoula Phoenix semi-pro football team work out at a local church community center on Tuesday night. The Phoenix will open their season against the Bitterroot Blaze on April 3.

Division drop helps local semi-pro football

Tyson Alger

Montana Kaimin

Occasionally, a step down is a step in the right direction.

That's the logic the Missoula Phoenix look to employ this spring as they kick off their 2010 season in the Rocky Mountain Football League.

A year ago, the Phoenix were gearing up for their third season of existence, but it was also their first in the RMFL's AAA division.

The Phoenix's inaugural season in the highest division of the league didn't go as planned; a combination of injuries, long road trips and lack of depth weighed the team down to a winless record.

A year later, the Phoenix are back on the practice field with new players and in a familiar division.

After the unsuccessful attempt in the AAA division, the Phoenix dropped back down to AA where they resided in their first talented.

two seasons of play — this past winter. The change in division brings the team back to a level at which they can be successful.

"We felt like we didn't have much depth last year in the AAA," said Phoenix co-owner John Velk. "The two leagues aren't that much different other than depth. If you're in the AAA and you don't have a solid second-string guy, if someone gets injured, you'll get punished."

The teams Phoenix played last year in AAA had a fair number of former college players from Weber State, Utah State and BYU, Velk

"It was hard because they had all of these ex-college guys. And then one of our guys gets hurt, and we have to put in someone who just played high school ball ... it can just ruin the whole game."

That's not to say the team isn't

In previous seasons the Phoenix have sported local talent, ranging from former high school players to ex-Griz players.

The move back to the AA division also has its perks for recruiting purposes.

In the AAA, a great portion of the Phoenix season was spent on the road. With long trips to Idaho and Utah, Velk said it was hard to recruit local players, including students from the university.

"We'd go and travel to Salt Lake City, play the game and then not get back home until 3 a.m. on Sunday. Kids couldn't get their homework done," Velk said.

In their new division, the majority of the teams the Phoenix play are within the state of Mon-

Because of this, Velk hopes that students who go to the university who still have an itch to play football will come try out Bitterroot Blaze.

"We probably got 15 guys from the university now, but we're really hoping, with the different schedule, more guys will come out," Velk said. "Really, we don't have anything more than two and a half hours for trips."

for the team.

The stripped-down travel for this season also benefits the Phoenix financially.

Velk said the team can use the money saved from travel to better many elements of the organization, from halftime shows to having a more visible brand in the community.

On the gridiron side of things, Velk said he is optimistic about the Phoenix's chances this season, even saying the team is "on the verge of a championship year."

The Phoenix will kick off the 2010 season April 3 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium against the

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Opinion: Fiery cages of death? Count me in!

tracks (the locations are significant because those are the two fastest tracks on the circuit). Bump drafting is a more aggressive style of driving that "can make racing more exciting." In other words, it gives fans more opportunities to witness limbs and pieces of metal careening through the air at a high rate of speed.

Just to clarify, I'm not a fan of NASCAR. The drivers are emotionless robots programmed to spew out sponsor-laden gibberish when conducting interviews. Trying to follow the point system is a crash course in calculus. And I just don't care to watch cars turn left for three hours unless there's some promise of carnage.

There's a reason demolition

derbies are still as popular as ever. I am most certainly a fan of car wrecks. I'll take fender-benders and spinouts, but what I really want is flipping, rolling, fiery explosions, and I commend NAS-CAR for at least attempting to make my dreams come true.

"Over the past 10 years, we've dramatically increased safety, and that mission continues. However, it's time for us to allow the drivers to drive. We don't want the rules and regulations to get in the way of great racing and fantastic finishes," said NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France in recent interviews regarding the change. "NASCAR is a contact sport. Our history is based on banging fend-

What France really means is that NASCAR is boring to the average person. Hardcore fans will watch because they care about drivers, statistics and differentials, but just like with politics, it's the people on the fence who ultimately will determine the success of a business. France deserves credit for realizing this (although it took a long time).

While more crashes in racing will be great, it's hard to argue that France is taking a proactive stance and looking out for the fans. In reality, France is looking out for his industry's wallet. NASCAR has seen a precipitous decline in attendance and television ratings since the height of its popularity in the mid- to late-'90s.

While it's easy for NASCAR officials to blame the lack of revenue on the economic downturn, the more subtle reason for their struggles is that the product has become stale. It's hard to justify shelling out a couple hundred dollars of non-expendable income to see an event that is as dull as a butter knife. Casual fans need a reason to attend what most consider a glorified "Sunday drive."

In the same way that casual hockey fans go to games to watch the fights, casual racing fans want to see the crashes — no matter how much they try to convince themselves otherwise. NASCAR has accepted that fact. It's time we accept it, as well.

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Killer addresses Kansas abortion doc's death on YouTube

Associated Press

The convicted killer of a Kansas abortion provider has little sympathy for the family of his victim, comparing them to the relatives of a hit man in a recording posted online.

In his first public comments since his trial for the murder of Dr. George Tiller, Scott Roeder also criticized those who sought to keep the issue of abortion out of the proceedings altogether, saying it was like asserting that the trial for abolitionist John Brown was not about slavery.

"My beliefs were that the lives of unborn children were being taken by abortion," Roeder said in the video posted on YouTube Monday. "How you can keep that out of the trial is beyond me, because that

was the one entire motive for the action that was taken."

His 10-minute conversation with abortion opponent Dave Leach is the first in a series recorded last week that will be posted online with Roeder's blessing, Leach told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Roeder, 51, was convicted Jan. 29 of first-degree murder for shooting Dr. George Tiller last May as the doctor served as an usher at his Wichita church. He also was convicted of two counts of aggravated assault for threatening two ushers who tried to stop him after the shooting. He will be sentenced March 9.

Roeder told Leach in the phone conversation that he would struggle to summon any sympathy for Tiller's widow and four adult chil-

"The fact that George Tiller was involved in the practice that he was, similar to that of a hit man, if you could have sympathy for a hit man's family that is the sympathy I would have," Roeder said. "But every day, George Tiller did not have any sympathy for his

Lee Thompson, attorney for the Tiller family, said he had not heard the recording and would not com-

The recording illustrates an undercurrent of anger among fringe anti-abortion activists against the slain doctor's family, with some saying Jeanne Tiller is as culpable as her husband for the abortions at his Wichita clinic.

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Roeder told the AP in November it would have been better for Jeanne Tiller to pray and try to convince her husband to stop performing abortions so he wouldn't

"She should have pleaded with her husband years ago to not engage in the practice he was engaged in," Roeder said at the time.

Hours after Roeder's conviction, anti-abortion activist Donald Spitz criticized Tiller's widow for showing up at the trial each day wearing expensive clothes which he said had been paid for with the blood of unborn children. The Chesapeake, Va., man — who runs the Army of God Web site supporting violence against abortion providers — said after Roeder's conviction that Jeanne Tiller "should have gotten him to stop, as his wife."

Leach said Roeder hoped the YouTube postings would allow him to clarify statements he made during the trial, and respond to charges leveled against him. On the stand, he said he was relieved after he shot Tiller.

"I wanted to expound on the fact that I was relieved the babies were, here in Wichita, no longer dying."

Roeder maintained he did not regret his actions.

"I didn't have any regrets except for maybe the fact that if the law had done what it was supposed to do, and stop Mr. Tiller, he would not have had to come to this conclusion," Roeder said. "The lives of the babies were still being taken, and there had to be action taken to save them."

YouTube did not immediately respond to an e-mail from the AP seeking comment. On the Web site, YouTube says its policy prohibits inappropriate content, such as material that incites others to commit violent acts. Users can flag content they feel is inappropriate and once

it is flagged, YouTube reviews the content and removes it from the system within minutes if it violates their guidelines.

Michael Kaye, director of Washburn University's Center for Excellence in Advocacy in Topeka, said Roeder's statement posted on YouTube would probably not damage him at sentencing.

"This is a country in which we believe in freedom of conscience. and we don't allow you to kill people because of that, but that is what he believes. There is no way to take that away from him," Kaye said. "He will probably say at sentencing that he believes it ... because he is entitled to speak before his sentencing."

Roeder and Leach have a relationship that dates back more than

Leach published in the January 1996 of his newsletter "Prayer & Action News" a reprint of the Army of God manual, which includes simple bomb recipes and other ways to vandalize clinics. Roeder was a subscriber to that newsletter.

That same year, Roeder was arrested in Topeka after being stopped by sheriff's deputies because his car lacked a valid license plate. Instead, it bore a tag declaring him a "sovereign" and immune from state law. In the trunk, deputies found materials that could be assembled into a bomb that prosecutors have said he intended to use on an abortion clinic. His conviction was overturned on appeal.

Roeder also made a video for one of Leach's local access cable shows in 1998 in which Roeder talked about some of his antigovernment Freemen beliefs about driver's licenses and bank drafts based on liens issued against judges, Leach said.

Leach plans to also post some excerpts from Roeder's 1998 video on YouTube.



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Researcher to address climate woes

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Earlier spring thaws, disappearing glaciers and increasing insect population are just a few of the harsh realities of global warming that veteran environmental researcher Will Steger will address at the Urey Lecture Hall on Feb. 11.

During his "Eyewitness to Climate Change" tour, Steger is stopping in Billings, Bozeman and Missoula to offer his firsthand account of how climate change is affecting both the Arctic and Montana. He will conclude by proposing ideas for slowing these trends.

Steger has dedicated more than four decades to researching climate change and raising awareness of associated environmental threats. After traveling thousands of miles over the north and south poles by kayak and dogsled, he came to the conclusion that there is a serious problem that needs to be addressed immediately.

"What I have witnessed in the Arctic over 45 years — and, more importantly, in the past 10 years — is alarming," Steger said in a press release from the Will Steger Foundation.

Steger said the polar regions are warming three to four times faster than the rest of the world due to the continuing loss of snow and ice. This is because snow and ice used to reflect the sunlight, but now, water and land are replacing ice and snow. These surfaces absorb the sun's rays, which leads to increased temperature.

Here in Montana, Steger said, the effects of global warming are evident in longer, more extreme drought seasons and forest fires. Another side effect has been the infestation of bark beetles, which have killed millions of trees.

"They've always been here," said Cory C. Cleveland, a University of Montana professor who studies climate change. "But because the winters are not cold enough to kill off the beetles, and it's dryer, the beetle kill is more prevalent."

Steger also stresses the impact of global warming on Montana's

"If you make your living in the outdoors, those weather changes affect your livelihood," Steger

With extreme droughts, Steger said, the crops won't grow and, from there, the state will be affected by loss of tax revenue.

Other losses of revenue come from the shortened ski season and rivers being designated as off-limits to fisherman during the summers, Cleveland said.

"If the rivers are not being fed by snow pack, then their temperatures go up. Trout being fished in warm water get stressed out, so

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Rich Chaffee cuts down diseased aspen trees in the plant beds surrounding the UC Monday afternoon. Close to twenty trees had insect infestation and needed to be

Trees come down between library and UC

Jessica Stugelmayer

Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana landscape is changing yet again, this time with the elimination of a group of trees between the Mansfield Library and the University Center.

But this removal is not to make way for something else.

"I'm usually the one saving trees, not cutting them down," said Kelly Chadwick, garden supervisor at the UC. In fact, Chadwick planted the trees herself after the last remodel of the garden about 15 years ago.

The trees are Swedish Aspen, members of the poplar family. Chad-

wick chose this species because the trees grow tall and narrow, giving the garden "dimension." She said aspens have medicinal qualities, which was also a factor in choosing them for the garden.

On the downside, aspens are susceptible to disease and insect infestation. Chadwick noticed severe damage on the aspens three years ago. She said an "aspen borer," a beetle that lays eggs under the bark of the tree, had infested the trees. The eggs then hatch, and the larvae feed on the inner layers of the tree while growing.

The life cycle of these bee-

tles takes several years, and the "round-headed borer" larvae penetrate deep into the center of the tree and cause extensive damage. Once the tree has been weakened, it is an insect and fungus free-for-all. Chadwick said the trees by the UC had developed a fungus and hornets began using existing holes in the trees as nests.

Aspen roots grow laterally in the soil, sending up vertical shoots that can eventually grow into fullsize trees. This interconnected network of trees can be a downfall for the species said Nathan Cole, a junior studying forestry at UM.

"Aspen patches are the same tree that comes up from root sprouts," said Cole. "With interconnected roots, when you get an infection in one, it spreads rapidly throughout the stand."

In all, almost 20 trees will be cut, said Chadwick. She will be in charge of taking down three more small aspen trees suffering from infestation. Chadwick said she tried to save the trees from being cut down and stressed that it was not an "arbitrary removal." But the tops of the trees were already

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Film takes unique look at Montana landscape

European filmmaker's documentary premieres this weekend

Justin Franz

Montana Kaimin

Rainer Komers isn't from Montana, but that didn't stop the German-born filmmaker from telling one of the most complex and interesting stories to come out of western Montana — one of industry, people and the

To tell this story, Komers traveled just east of Missoula to Milltown, home to one of the most extensive environmental cleanups in American history.

But Milltown is just one of the places featured in the 34-minute documentary titled "Milltown, Montana." The former sawmill town serves as a jumping-off point for a study of how industry has changed Montana, so the filmmaker also visited Butte, Libby and Ana-

Komers' film was selected from over 1,000 entries to be part of this week's Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, according to events director Mike Steinberg.

"Our job was to build the best program we can based on content," Steinberg said, adding that the film is one of almost two dozen that feature nature and the environment as their

Steinberg also said these nature films are just a few of the more than 100 films to be shown over the course of the 10-day festival.

Steinberg said "Milltown, Montana" was an obvious choice for the lineup because Komers has entered a film in the festival for the last few years. It was a few years ago, during one of those trips as a guest of the festival, that he fell in love with the landscape of Montana.

"He was so mesmerized by the landscape and presence of industry," Steinberg said. "It means a lot that he has come back."

Choosing western Montana as the setting for his newest film was easy, having made similar films about the effect of industry on land and people in Europe.

What is unusual about the film is that it fea-

tures no narration and almost no dialogue, a trademark of Komers' films.

The director has used that style since 1997 when he was making a feature-length documentary. After finishing production, he realized how much film was wasted on the cutting-room floor, mainly the 50 tapes with useless interview footage.

"After that, I got the feeling that I had to change something in my life and my work, to reduce the consumption of materials," Komers said in an e-mail.

Since then, he has produced a series of similar films that use a cinematic, rather than a narrative, method. That way, the images and sound tell their own story, said Komers, and in some ways, the combination creates its own

When producing his movies, Komers uses simple editing techniques and shows only what is there, not showing favoritism among subjects.

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"There are no hierarchies between objects, people and places," Komers said. "They are all treated equally and examined for their rhythm and gestures."

While some may view the documentary as unconventional, with the scenes only scratching the surface of an incredibly complex story, both Steinberg and Komers hope that audiences will go in with an open mind about what they are viewing.

"We're often spoon-fed information," Steinberg said. "This is a film that simply allows us to observe. It's not a film that will take you by the hand and tell you what to think."

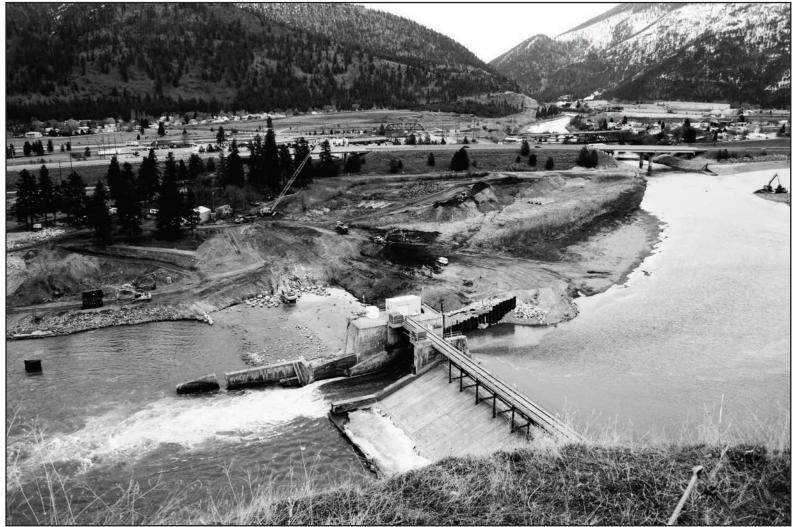
But Steinberg said he believes in the sensibilities of the local audience and thinks they will be able to see familiar scenes in a different light.

"I have high hopes that the audience will appreciate it," he said.

"Milltown, Montana" will play on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. at the Wilma Theater as part of the 2010 Big Sky Documentary Film Festival.

For more information on the festival, visit www.bigskyfilmfest. org.

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Justin Franz/Montana Kaimin

The new documentary, "Milltown, Montana," looks at the industrial scars of western Montana and how it has effected the landscape and people. One of those marks was the Milltown Dam on the Clark Fork River, which was torn down in 2008. In this March 2008 view, the dam was just days away from being torn down.

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they close the rivers," Cleveland

Steger said the solution to global warming is an economic one, requiring an legislation. He said we need less dependence on foreign fuels so we should invest in alternative energy sources.

"We're showing people there is a serious problem we need to address, and we have the technology to do it. But we have run out of time and need to do it now," Steger said.

Clean energy sources include geothermal, solar and wind — the type of power he thinks Montana should use.

Steger recently attended the Climate Change Summit in Co-

"Just because the investment in clean energy economy is bad does not thinking about climate mean climate change is no longer an issue."

> -Cory C. Cleveland, **UM** professor

penhagen, Denmark, and said the United States needs to lead the way toward adopting clean energy

legislation. He said the first step will be when Washington passes the clean energy-jobs legislation, which would stimulate the econo-

my with job creation, along with helping to stall global warming.

"It's great that we're change on campus," Cleveland said. "Just because the economy is bad does not mean climate change is no longer an issue."

In addition to his Feb. 11 lecture at 7 p.m., Steger will lead a lunch discussion about climate change solutions at noon that day in

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dead, posing a potential hazard for

"The garden setting is not ideal," Chadwick said. "I can't have damaged trees. I can't have dangerous trees, not by those sidewalks where there will be people."

The gardens will not remain bare. Chadwick is in the process of researching trees to replace the aspens, but it isn't easy.

A little known fact about the University is that it is the state's arboretum — a location intended to be a home for North American plants, especially species native to Montana. As a representative of the arboretum committee, Chadwick has decided to plant a North American

species in place of the Swedish Aspen, which originates in Europe.

Chadwick hopes to replant this year or next season, but there will be a period of time when the area is without trees. Because removal crews left tree roots in the ground, there will be a period during which containment will be the only objective, since the roots will continue to try to send up suckers.

Chadwick is not worried about other aspens around campus. She said there are only a few remaining, near the Botany Building. She advised people who plant aspens to expect to have problems with the trees because they are prone to disease and fungus. However, in larger areas, the trees do better because they "sucker" and replace themselves.

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