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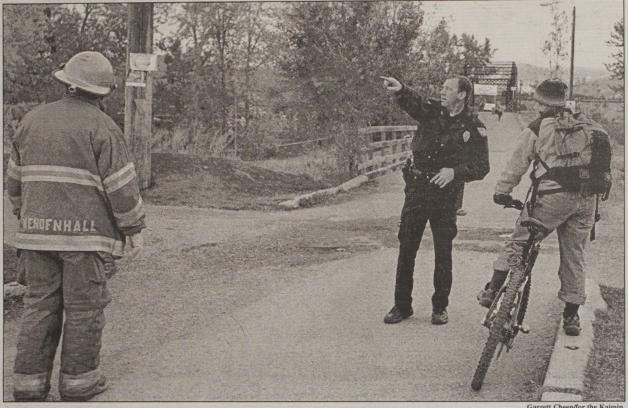
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ONTANA KAIM

Thursday

October 25, 2001



Garrett Cheen/Tor the Kaim Missoula Fire Department Capt. Gary Mendenhall looks on as a Missoula City Police officer points to the Madison Street Bridge as an alter nate route for Christina Michael to cross the Clark Fork River. The pedestrian bridge at Van Buren Street was closed for several hours Wednesday evening after a "suspicious suitcase" was discovered near the bridge.

Bomb hoax ties up traffic on footbridge

Ted Sullivan Montana Kaimin

A bomb scare near the pedestrian bridge north of campus Wednesday blocked foot and bike traffic for nearly four hours, and was finally determined to be a

A suspicious suitcase was found with a note reading "not good" written on it, and a draw-

ing of a skull and crossbones. Duct tape and wiring were also on the suitcase, said Lt. Greg Willoughby, of the Missoula Police Deptartment. It is unknown who left it.

Emergency response teams responded around 5:30 p.m. They included four city police units, one fire truck, one ambulance and the battalion chief suburban They immediately closed off an

area around the foot bridge about 200 yards long with yellow tape. Dog walkers, bikers and students were turned away and not allowed to cross the footbridge or access the Kim Williams trail. One fisherman had to leave the Clark Fork River.

About two hours later, the explosive ordinance disposal team, made up of two bomb experts and one medical technician, arrived at the scene to investigate the suitcase, Willoughby said.

The bomb team, wearing suits to protect them from explosions and hazardous chemicals, examined the suitcase for biological hazards and determined there was either a small bomb, or no bomb at all, Willoughby said.

See BOMB, page 8

Candidates open up on occupancy standard, other issues at forum

Candy Buster Montana Kaimin

At a forum Wednesday in the UC, Kandi Matthew-Jenkins was the only candidate to declare she supported a proposed occupancy standard ordinance that would make it illegal for more than three unrelated people to live together in some parts of Missoula.

ASUM sponsored the forum of City Council and mayoral candidates Wednesday that was designed to let students get to know the candidates before the Nov. 6 election. All but one of the City Council candidates attended the forum. Both of the mayoral candidates (as well as the official write-in candidate, Matthew Jenkins) were present. Mike Kurz, a candidate for Ward 4, was absent because he had a major fund-raiser to attend, said Tricia Patten, the organizer of the event.

The basis of Matthew-Jenkins argument for the occupancy standard is responsibility, she said. When people live in large groups, they need to work on the upkeep of their houses, so property values do not plunge, she said.

"This is not a constitutional issue," Matthew-Jenkins said.

People who live in neighborhoods together need to have mutual respect for each other, she said.

Mayor Mike Kadas and may oral candidate Jeffrey Jordan do not support the occupancy stan-

If students are given a better opportunity for higher paying jobs, economics will improve the substandard housing that spurred the proposed ordinance, Jordan said.

"I do not support the occupan-cy standard," he said. "There just isn't enough housing available.

Kadas thinks the standard as it is right now is unconstitutional

"I don't think it will work, and I don't think it will pass," Kadas said.

He does recognize a problem in ome neighborhoods, but he thinks it is largely a problem on an individual level, and could be solved with cooperation. The occupancy standard does not really "get at the core of the problem," Kadas said.

We really need to create more housing," he said. Then the prices will go down, and students will not have to live in large groups to be able to afford the cost of living, he said.

Jack Reidy, who is running unopposed in Ward 6, said the problems in neighborhoods are real, and there needs to be a solution. The occupancy standard is not necessarily the answer, but it should have a chance to go

through due process of law.
"Nothing's going to be forced on anybody that's unlawful," Reidy said.

Allison Handler, a candidate for Ward 2, is opposed to the

The occupancy standards are completely discriminatory against students," Handler said. "I find it interesting that we make it very difficult for our students to have a good quality of life."

Clayton Floyd, a Ward 6 candidate, said Missoula needs to provide higher paying jobs to improve the quality of life so students aren't forced to get loans

Anne Marie Kazmerczak, the other candidate for Ward 2, thinks Missoula needs to improve transportation and rental standards, create more after-hours clubs, and lengthen library hours to create a better quality of life for students.

"Let's cut Denninson's salary and have longer library hours,

Tracey Turek, a candidate for Ward 6, thinks the town needs to recognize students as an integral part of the community, not just
See CANDIDATE, page 8

ASUM push for rec center refund on hold

Carmody Sloan Montana Kaimin

After a heated debate at Wednesday night's ASUM meeting, the emergency resolution to refund students for the rec center fee they've been paying without using the building moved to committee to answer more questions about what will happen if it gets passed.

ASUM President Christopher Peterson, who wrote the resolution, wanted to see it voted on Wednesday because he said that the administration needs to be held responsible for breaking an agreement it made with the students during the spring 1999 semester, and it being responsible to the students is something long overdue.

Something should have been done much sooner," he said, "Students are looking for an answer and it is up to us to give them one, tonight."

The resolution should have been brought up sooner, Peterson said, because students have been concerned about it since the beginning of school.

"I felt this issue was time sensitive," he said, "The question I have been asked the most is When is the rec center going to be open?"

The vice president of administration and finance, Robert "Bob" Duringer, told the senators that it is important to look at the big picture, "before we do something silly.

The rec center will open this weekend, he said.

"As you will see, we're going to open this puppy Saturday morning at 9 o'clock." he said.

That doesn't mean it will be finished, though.

Duringer reminded the senate that they are paying for its construction and maintenance, not just to use it. The students are paying off the bond used to pay for the renovations, he said

"The way we calculated the \$65," he said, "was that over the course of the year it would pay the bond payment, electricity costs and the staff.'

The rebate students get will probably not be a check from the University unless they graduate at winter break. Peterson said that students would get a credit to their account if they came back next semester and would not have to pay the total \$81 fee. If students are not back for spring, they will get a check like everybody else gets a refund

Despite Duringer's defense of the fee, Peterson still brought the bill to the senate.

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OPINION

Editorial

Missoula music fans deserve the shows they get

In the last year, Missoula's reputation as a musical mecca of Montana has gone down the drain. Who's to blame? Us. Due to lack of attendance and poor ticket sales, many concerts are passing up the Garden City.

Concerts are now bypassing Missoula for other towns

like Bozeman, Spokane, Kalispell and anywhere else that has citizens who want to see quality music at an affordable price. There was once a time when Missoulians were forking over hard-earned dollars for big-name acts like Bob Dylan, Pearl Jam, Phish, BB King, Widespread Panic, Garth Brooks and ZZ Top. Now, due to a lack of interest at the ticket box office, we have no option but to drive out of town to see the music we

Why can't Missoula bring in the acts like we used to? You can't blame concert promoters like Vootie, UM productions and Bravo for trying. In many instances, booked concerts had to be canceled due to poor ticket sales. Just this summer, the vintage rock festival Rock n' Roll Daze had to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection because loans taken out on the festival weren't covered because of low attendance. The Caras Park Summer Series of concerts closed because people just didn't show up and neighbors complained about the noise. When they did go, some people felt that there was no need to pay, so they sat on the Higgins Street Bridge or sneaked in by pushing down the fence surrounding the event.

Just within the last year, concerts by big-name artists like Ani Difranco, The Jazz Mandolin Project, Leo Kottke, George Clinton and Bo Diddley have played concerts with below-average turnouts that in earlier years would have packed the house. Sooner or later, bringing in high-quality acts for local promoters will become too

The town of Missoula is rich with musical diversity.

Most nights, residents can venture into one of the many music venues in town and hear live music. A dollar is hard to come by these days in Montana, and all across the country. But we need to realize that there shouldn't be any complaining about the lack of big-name concerts, because its our own fault. No one can afford going to all the musical events they want to in town, but if we save a dollar here and a dollar there, tickets can be pur-chased in advance so that it assures the show won't be canceled. Buying these tickets helps support local promoters who are trying very hard to bring these shows to music fans in Missoula.

So the next time you find out your favorite band is coming to town, don't wait until the last minute to buy your ticket. Save a few bucks to buy a ticket and make sure we keep those good tunes coming to town.

-George C. Rogers

Around the Oval

Do you think it is important for students to vote in local elections? Why or why not? Do you plan on voting in the Nov. 6 elections?



Meagan Brock

freshman, music education

Yeah. Especially when it's really important like the one we've heard about where they want to change the standard of the housing ... Without people voting on that, they could change the entire way the school is run. Yeah, I do.



•Hollie Gutman

sophomore, general studies

Yeah, I do. I think because you have the right to vote you should exercise it as much as possible. I do.



Brian Hafar

freshman, chemistry

Yeah. It's their future they're pretty much looking at. Yeah.



·Sid Raisoni

senior, computer science

I think so. Absolutely. Students' opinions matter for sure, and it should be taken into consideration. Students are part of the community. Yeah, I didn't know it was on Nov. 6, but I probably will.

Correction

The UM Jesters' club rugby team beat Central Washington 17-12 last Sunday, not Western Washington. The Kaimin regrets the error.

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This week in UM history

1939

The Grizzly football team got back from a trip to Los Angeles, Calif., to welcome its new mascot, a black bear cub named "Fatty" to the squad. Fatty was captured after Fessy ran away. Fatty was caught by a law student's father after he wandered from his mother near Butte. He was later renamed Fessy jr., and was pictured on the front page of the Kaimin in "his tree" while caretaker John Piere tried to coax him down. We thought Monty was

1960

Cosmopolitan Club president, senior Arashmidos Monjazed, from Iran, chastised Americans and American students for not being abreast of foreign relations issues

"Many Americans think Tehran and other cities and countries consist of only five camels three World War II U.S. Army Jeeps and a mosque, and a few thousand people and that's all," he told the Kaimin. Have we come any further?

1963

The Kaimin featured a weekly column called "Rings and Pins" which reported, by fraternity house, which brother had "pinned" or became engaged to local women. Pinning was the popular practice of giving a girl your frat pin as a "promise" of sorts for marriage. The Kaimin reported that this week, Kappa Alpha Omega pinned the most girls

Audience poses panel 'tip of tongue' question to pulp mill officials

Chris Lawrence Montana Kaimin

After two hours of discussion at an environmental panel about Smurfit-Stone Container, the pulp mill near Missoula, one listener asked the mill's engineer a question that seemed to be on a lot of people's minds.

"Do you ever do anything to reduce emissions other than when the (Environmental Protection Agency) or govern-ment tells you to?" asked Jim Bowen, a Missoula community member.

Bowen was among 50 people who gathered for the panel in the Urey Lecture Hall on Wednesday night to hash out issues surrounding the mill, which is targeted as the largest industrial air polluters in Montana.

The panel, sponsored by various local environmental groups, included diverse opinions from environmental advocates, a UM chemistry professor and the mill's environmental engineer.

After a lengthy response from two panelists, Bowen

asked the question again.
"It's a simple question," he "I just want a yes or no."

"Yes," said Leif Griffin, the engineer for the mill. He cited an example of scrubbers that the mill installed on burners over the years, which have

helped reduce harmful emissions

"One thing I want you to take away from this panel is the mill is constantly trying to reduce emissions," Griffin

The mill, which is the world's fourth largest producer of liner board — paper used for cardboard boxes - has caused controversy over the vears because of its pollution and consumption of large amounts of resources.

Environmental groups, like Missoula-based Wild Rockies Earth First!, think the biggest problem is the 30,000 pounds of plastic that Stone burns daily, said Julia Piaskowski, a member of the group.

But Wednesday's panel was-n't designed to be a "square-off" against the mill, Piaskowski said.

"The purpose of this panel is to educate the public," she said. "We are just trying to create some public dialogue."

While much of the panel centered on complicated emission data about the mill, the panelists agreed that such a high-output plant can have far-reaching effects.

Each year the mill emits an average of more than 3 million pounds of atmospheric toxins and 24,000 pounds of toxic surface water per year, according to a 1999 EPA Toxics Release Inventory. The mill

also uses 30 million gallons of water each day for operation, aid Darrel Geist, of Cold Mountain, Cold Rivers.

"Is this affecting our environment?" Geist asked. "Yes, it

The emissions, which contain chemicals like methyl and chlorine, are also harmful to - they're carcino genic. They can cause birth defects and irritate the eye and nose, Geist said.

The mill has dramatically improved its practices over the years by cutting down on pollution, and it is the largest recycler of pulp fibers in the United States at 7 million tons a year, Griffin said.

Garon Smith, a UM chemistry professor who has spent the last seven years studying Missoula's airshed, agreed that the mill has made improvements and urged for compromise.

"I hope the environmental groups will help work with (the mill) instead of applying heat," Smith said.

While many found the panel a positive, at least one UM student was fed up with it.

"In the end, the only alter-native is to get rid of the mill," said Bob Woods, a senior in wildlife biology.

For another panelist, the issue comes down to needs.

"The reality is that we all use cardboard and we all use paper," said Bryony Schwan, of Women's Voices for the Earth. "If we don't have a pulp mill here, where will it be?"

'Stop Stone Container' rally to be held on Friday

While some environmental groups were willing to sit down and chat with members of Smurfit-Stone Container on Wednesday, a few will be taking action against the mill Friday.

Wild Rockies Earth First! and the Environmental Action Community, a UM group, will forge a "Stop Stone Container" rally outside of the paper mill at 2:30 p.m., complete with marching and picketing.

The purpose of the rally is to confront Stone Container about the air pollution their incinerator generates, which burns over 30,000 pounds of plastic per day, releasing dioxins, a group of carcinogenic toxins, according to a press release

"We aren't trying to start an ecological war with Stone," said Julia Piaskowski, a member of EarthFirst!. "But we are advocates and this is what we believe in.

Regarding Wednesday's panel discussion, which included views from all sides of the issue, Piaskowski said she felt it was balanced.

But now they're ready to "put some pressure on Stone," she said

Holding an event to educate the public and then following with direct action is a common approach for many environmental groups, but most series of events have longer than two days between them, Piaskowski

Word of the rally leaked to the mill on Wednesday, and Piaskowski said she received about 30 calls from employees, some informing her about an error on the rally brochure. Others were nasty, including one caller, who said she and other environmentalists in her group are "terrorists."

Lori Jacobson, a personnel supervisor at Stone, said in a telephone interview on Wednesday, the panel is a positive, but she has mixed feelings

about the rally.

"It was nice that they invited us to UM," Jacobson said. If they hold the rally, "I guess that's what freedom of speech is all about.

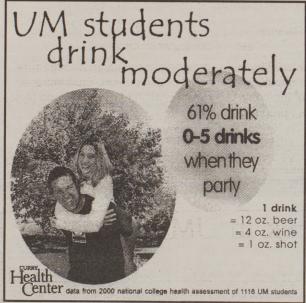
The groups won't trespass on Stone property for the rally on Friday, but they will probably use a county road that runs through the mill, Jacobson said.

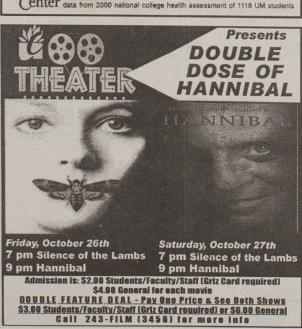
Stone employees are proud of the work they do, even though environmental groups seem to focus on the negative and overlook the positive things the mill does, Jacobson said.

"We recycle enough boxes each year to fill the Washington-Grizzly Stadium," Jacobson said. "And I'm talking flattened

In response to the calls that some Stone employees made to Piaskowski, Jacobson said, "I guess that's another part of freedom of speech."

- Chris Lawrence











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OUTDOORS

Hunters, draw your weapons, it's big-game season

Bryan O'Connor Montana Kaimin

The wild-game populations in western Montana are rising, the thermometers are dropping and hunters are hitting the woods as big-game season opened this week.

Bill Thomas, information officer for the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks in Missoula, said the herds appear to be rebounding from the brutal winter of 1996-1997. The general big-game rifle season opened last Sunday.

"The white-tailed deer population has been expanding rapidly," Thomas said. "The mule deer population is increasing, but at a slower rate."

Thomas also said the elk herd sizes are increasing or stable in most parts of the

Because of the high numbers of white-tailed deer, the FWP allowed more liberal harvests in some areas, Thomas said. Hunters in the northwestern part of the state are allowed to take white-tailed deer of either sex for the first eight days of the season, for the first time since 1997.

"We are seeing a direct response from hunters," Thomas said.

But, Thomas added that numbers from opening day do not necessarily reflect how the whole season will be.

In Region 2, the west-central part of the state, Thomas said either sex of white-tailed deer can be harvested in most of the Blackfoot drainage for the first eight days of the season.

On opening day at the Bonner game-check station, just a few miles west of Missoula, there was an 86 percent increase in the number of white-tailed deer harvested compared to last year's opening



George C. Rogers/Montana Kaimin

UM student Sean Wilkins, left, confers with his friend Trent Cotton about a used rifle for sale Wednesday at Sportsman's Surplus.

day, Thomas said.

The data is comparable because the game-check station is in the same place as last year, and open during the same hours, Thomas said. He also said there was a 13.5 percent increase in the number of hunters passing through the Bonner station on opening day.

"If we offer it, they will come," Thomas said.

Bass Sutton, manager of the gun counter at Sportsman's Surplus, said sales are up from last year, when the fires discouraged some hunters from taking to the field. "We're starting to see cooler weather," Sutton said. "That has a lot to do with it too."

Thomas said that game herds will usually increase after a significant fire season. This is due to brush and grasses taking root in areas formerly covered with trees. But, he said, it is too early to assess the effect of last year's fires on wild game.

The FWP manages
Montana's wild-game populations by using data from the
game-check stations and telephone surveys. Thomas said
about 80,000 hunters were con-

tacted last year to see where and what kind of animals they harvested.

From the data, the FWP decides what regulations to impose in all the different hunting areas, Thomas said. Because of the sharp increase in white-tailed deer numbers, the FWP placed more liberal regulations in some areas this year, he said.

One UM student took to the field attempting to harvest some of Montana's elusive wild game. Ty Moos, a junior studying wildlife biology, was lucky enough to draw a special bull

elk tag in the Elkhorn Mountains near Helena.

The Helena native said about 2,000 people applied for permits in the area, but only 70 tags were given out. Moos said he saw a lot of game on Saturday, but was not as lucky in his quest for a large bull.

"They disappeared opening day," Moos said.

The general season for big game ends Nov. 25, and hunters are advised to abide by all regulations. For more information contact the FWP at 542,5500

Elk hunter attacked by grizzly bear

MOOSE, Wyo. (AP) — An elk hunter was in stable condition after a grizzly bear mauled him in Grand Teton National Park.

Conrad James Smith, 40, of Champlin, Minn., was attacked Tuesday on a hill near Moran Junction, according to park officials.

Smith and another man had been hunting near Emma Matilda Lake in the eastern side of the park. They found no elk there, so they moved to a hill near Moran Junction.

While they waited about 200 yards apart, Smith saw

a young bear run away from him. Then an adult bear charged him through the trees.

The bear knocked Smith down before he could draw a canister of pepper spray from his belt. He curled up on the ground with his hands on the back of his neck.

Smith's most serious injuries were bites to his head, but he also had puncture wounds, cuts and bruises over much of his body.

The injuries would have been worse, officials said, except a backpack and heavy winter clothes provided some protection.

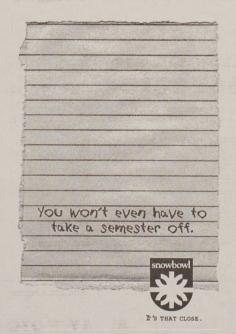
The attack ended when the bear ran away. Smith's hunting partner drove him to St. John's Medical Center in Jackson. From there he was flown to Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Park spokeswoman Joan Anzelmo said Smith had hunted in the park before and was familiar with the area.

"Even with all that knowledge and preparation, unfortunately he surprised a sow and a cub inadvertently," she said.

Hunting is not allowed in most national parks but is allowed in Grand Teton under a legislative exception.

It was the second bear attack in the park this year. In March, a park employee was attacked while cross-country skiing at night.



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OUTDOORS

Jonesin' for a little white powder

Column by



The air is growing colder, the leaves are change ing and

snow is startin' to fall. It's

Missoula at its most scenic. I can't stand it. These in-between weeks of

fall are undeniably my least favorite time to be in Missoula

Sure, the scenery is beautiful, the weather is pleasant and winter is just around the corner, but I swear if I have to wait much longer for the snow to start falling, I'm going to lose it. I'm an addict and jonesin' bad.

Snowboarding is an addiction that begins like many others: Curiosity leads to experimentation. Experimentation breeds habit. And before you know it, you're pawning off your 11-year-old brother's baseball card collection for just one more fix.

It happens every year. Summer winds down, fall moves in and then winter begins flirting with me. Jack Frost is teasing me, just as he does every year.

The first storms of winter roll over the mountains, leaving the faintest traces of snow and before I know it I'm caught in the grips of an evil addiction

It's one that plagues my every waking hour. During my classes I squirm in my seat, staring out the window at the surrounding moun-

night watching the rain fall, wishing that damn thermometer would drop just a few degrees. I buy snowboard magazine after snowboard magazine and only set them down and turn on one of the dozen-or-so snowboard videos I own. I put on my goggles, boots and gloves, stand on my snowboard in my living room and wait ever so patiently.

I know it's pathetic, but I can't seem to help myself. I'm a slave to the addiction. I can't get enough and I can't wait any longer.
Two weeks ago the snow

started falling. I couldn't take it any more, I had to find a fix.

In a desperate attempt to feed the insatiable beast within, my friend Maggie and I set out to find some white gold. It was Oct. 13 and my friends were convinced I wouldn't find any snow, but with a few storms leaving the local peaks dusted, we set out to prove them wrong.

I knew there wouldn't be much snow but hoped there'd be enough to at least do an ollie on. Some may call it foolish, but as I said, I'm an addict.

After being turned away at Snowbowl by a cranky old man, we decided Lolo would be our next best bet.

There were only 5 inches of snow on the side of the road, definitely not enough to snow-board on, but it was a start.

I made a quick right off U.S. Highway 12 onto a Forest Service road and there it was in all its untouched splendor, a good 10 inches of snow. It was a sight for sore

eyes.

We drove about two miles up the road before we finally

decided the 12 inches that covered the road was about as good as it was going to get.

The sound of the sno under my boots and the cold mountain air on my face did the trick. Months of angst-ridden anticipation were instantly placated. I was in hog heaven and only standing in 12 inches of snow.

We figured we weren't going to find enough snow to make any turns in, so we decided to start building something to just goof around on.

About an hour and a half later we had a 4-foot drop in a little speed roller and a 3-foot jump. It sure as hell wasn't anything to be proud of, but it was Oct. 13 and good enough for Mags and me.

We spent about three hours messing around on our make-shift snowboard park. We barely had enough speed to make it to the jump, but I got to do an ollie and a couple of tailgrabs, and that's good enough for me.

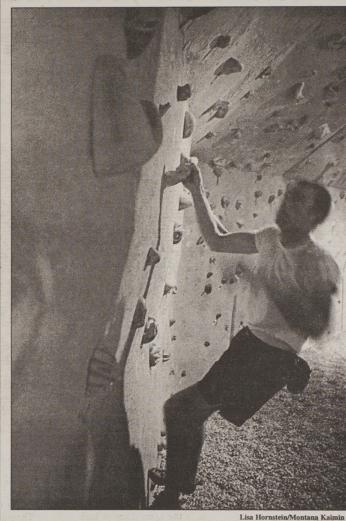
Around 4 p.m. it started snowing and Maggie and I decided it was time to head back to Missoula.

While sitting at my computer today I stumbled across a weather report from the national weather service. It predicted a particularly harsh winter, with extended periods of cold and substantial amounts of snow. I was as giddy as a school boy.

Winter is on its way and while my addiction may have subsided for now, it's sure to only get worse as the snow continues to fall.

My head's beginning to sweat, my hands are shaking and all I see is white.

Hanging out in the Garden



Senior John Redwine swings out for a hand hold while bouldering in the cave at the Missoula Rock Garden located at the Missoula Athletic Club. Redwine has been climbing for six years and comes to the MAC at least three times a week.

Annual premiere gives peek at season's newest 'jib flicks'

Chris Lawrence Montana Kaimin

The 2001 Snowboard Video Premiere set for Thursday evening in the Crystal Theatre will showcase "all the pros shredding hard and looking good," said Chris Bacon, manager of the Board of Missoula.

Featuring films like "Opti Grab," "Stand and Deliver" and "Still Struggling," the premiere, which Board of Missoula puts on every year, is sure to get riders psyched for winter, Bacon said.

The films include some of the latest jib-

bing, big mountain riding, free riding and free styling, Bacon said.

There will be specials on beer and pizza from Big Sky Brewing and the Bridge Restaurant, which are sponsoring the show along with the Board.

And of course, there will be tons of free stuff.

"Pretty much everyone walks away with something," Bacon said.

Raffle items include snowboards, goggles, hats, sunglasses — "pretty much anything you can think of," Bacon said.

A special raffle will also be held to raise

funds to build a public skate park.
"Opti Grab" and "Stand and Deliver" start at 6:15 p.m., and "Still Struggling" and the rider's choice start at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 per show, or \$10 for the whole thing and can be purchased at the Board of Missoula.

Votes are being taken for the rider's choice video. which will be selected from five of the latest snowboarding films. Voting will be open until a few hours before the showing. Participants can vote at the shop, or on BOM Web site at boardofmissoula.com.

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Recreation center to open Saturday, campus rec director says

Montana Kaimin

Two months of waiting for the \$10 million campus recreation center will come to an end on Saturday, said Keith Glaes, director of campus recreation.

"On Saturday at 9 a.m., we anticipate a significant amount of the facility being ready for use," Glaes said.

The only obstacles in the way of the grand opening are a final inspection by the fire marshall and a state inspection of the elevator,

Glaes didn't foresee any problems with the inspections

Nate Nunnally, Missoula assistant fire marshall, said he plans to inspect the facility Thursday.

A fire inspector looked at the facility last week. but minor adjustments to the fire system had to be made before the facility could be certified, said Nunnally.

"It had something to do with the zones of the smoke detectors," Nunnally said.

The project began in June 2000 after students voted to increase the student activity fee from \$16 to \$81 to fund the construction, and was later approved by the state Board of Regents in a 4-3

The facility was originally slated to be done by the end of August, but various delays repeatedly pushed the opening date back.

Nunnally said he thought the fire inspection would most likely go smoothly.

"It's pretty straight forward," said Nunnally. Basically I'm going to be looking for devices that don't work right out of the box. The bottom line is we want

people to be safe in a build-

ing,"
Once the devices check out, Nunnally said that the facility should be ready for occupancy.

"That will satisfy me," Nunnally said.

The only other inspection that must take place is that of the elevator.

Steve Miller, project manager for Quality Construction, said the elevator was going to be inspected by the state on Monday.

'We expect they will waive (certification) for a couple of days before they can come in," Miller said

Miller noted that there was only one inspector in Montana, so to get a new elevator certified, appointments had to be scheduled while the inspector was in this part of the state already.

Nunnally is familiar with this problem as well.

"It's insane," said Nunnally. "Scheduling him is always a trick."

Pending these formalities, the facility will open on Saturday, Glaes said.

"We're sorry it's taken so long," Glaes said. "It's really a nice building, there's really a lot for the students to use

Workshop deals with dealing with violence

Bryan O'Connor

There is no right answer to the difficult question of what to do when confronted with an abusive situation, but knowing the risks and listening to others is a good start, said a woman who deals with domestic violence cases on a daily

UM's Women's Center held a bystander workshop Wednesday night in the UC ballroom to give members of the community a chance to learn about halting domestic abuse. Jen Gibson, from Crime Victims Advocates. led the workshop.

"Every situation is different," Gibson said. "Using your creativity to handle all types of abusive situations is the key."

About 10 people attended the workshop, and were hesitant to share, at first. Gibson led an exercise where she asked members of the group questions. To answer yes, people had to stand up, to answer no, people had to remain sitting and applaud.

Gibson asked, "Have you ever hit someone?" Everyone sheepishly stood up. Gibson continued asking difficult questions, and the members of the group learned more about each other while building trust in one anoth-

After the activity, the group opened up and began to share stories about themselves, friends or family in abusive situations.

Gibson said she has worked with a few battered women who ended up being murdered by their abusive spouses. Other members of the workshop related personal stories, some with happy endings, and others more grim.

Jane (whose name was changed in this article due to the sensitive matter of the workshop) said her grandmother beats her grandfather, but most of her family refuses to believe it. She said she is frustrated that her grandfather makes excuses for his injuries, and the family ignores the problem.

'He always says he just fell down, or tripped," Jane said. "No one believes that

this tiny little lady could ever hurt him.

Gibson led a brainstorming activity where members offered their ideas on how to handle such violent situations. Out of the two dozen suggestions, not one involved violent action.

Gibson said she has done the same activity in many settings, sometimes with law enforcement officers, judges or just a melting pot of people. Every time there are different answers, something she attributes to the varying relationships people and abusers have

Gibson said that training people to see the signs of abuse, and to deal effectively with the abuser is a case-bycase struggle. The tricky part about teaching others how to stop abusive situations is making sure that those intervening understand the risks involved, Gibson said.

When a person takes on the responsibility of helping a person to get out of an abusive relationship, they must realize they are putting themselves in harm's way, Gibson said.

Elk Foundation layoffs may touch UM students

Chris Lawrence

The 33 job layoffs at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation announced by the group's president on Tuesday may affect some UM students.

At least a handful of students from UM are employed at the foundation with internships, work study or parttime jobs, said David Dittloff, media relations manager for the foundation.

On Monday, the foundation will announce which employees will be laid off, though it isn't clear who will be affected yet, Dittloff said.

"Unfortunately we don't know whose positions will be cut," Dittloff said. "And that goes for the whole organization, including me."

Students with work study or internships, most of whom are paid, won't be cut because they have contracts that run through the end of the semester. Dittloff said.

About 12 UM students work at the foundation, though the numbers may not be exact, Dittloff said. The foundation's human resource department could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The layoffs are happening because it's time to refocus the group's mission, and to get a grip on the 2,500 acres of wildlife habitat that is lost to development each day, wrote the foundation's president Rich Lane, in a memo.
"The (foundation) is feeling

the impacts of changes in the national economy, which have affected the level of charitable giving that supports the (group) as a non-profit organization," Lane said.

The layoffs are regrettable, but necessary for the foundation to achieve the goals it was founded on, Lane said.

"This hurts, because we have a staff of top-notch, professional individuals who are very dedicated to our mission," Lane said.

It is not clear how the lay-

offs will affect internships and work study in the future at the foundation, though more will be known on Monday," Dittloff said.

'Treat or Eat' food drive seeks volunteers

Liam Gallagher

Volunteer Action Services is looking for a few good ghouls to help collect canned foods as part of its annual "Trick or Eat" event this Halloween.

The event is organized every year by VAS to gather food for the Missoula Food Bank. In past years, the event has brought in more than 7,000 pounds of food, which went to more than 500 Missoula families.

"It really helps out the food bank," Afton Russell, VAS volunteer community project coordinator. "This is a good portion of their stock for the next month."

"Trick or eaters" are encouraged to meet at the Davidson Honors college at 6 p.m. on Wednesday From there they will be given maps and specific areas of the University area to

canvas. Russell encourages those who plan on helping out to bring big and sturdy bags, like back-packs and duffel bags. She said there will be locations throughout the neighborhood where food can be dropped off during the twohour food drive. In addition to local grade

school students, there are a few organizations from UM participating in the event, including Beta Phi, the Honors Student Association and a couple campus ministry groups Russell is optimistic about volunteer turnout.

UM Senior Joe Broach par ticipated in "Trick or Eat" for the last three Halloweens and has always had a lot of suc-

"We got a ton of stuff," Broach said. "It was as much as any of us could carry While canvasing for food,

Broach said he has gotten some strange looks from people not expecting to see a 20year-old standing on their front steps trick or treating.

"They came around once they knew what we were doing," Broach said. "A lot of times they'd give you candy so that was a bonus.

Broach dressed as "Liberal Arts Man" — a semi-super hero, fighting for under funding in the humanities - last year, and although he isn't going to be able to participate this year, he feels the fundraiser is vital for the Missoula Food Bank and those who depend on their service.

"First of all it's just a lot of fun," Broach said. "And it's a great time of the year to get the food bank stocked up again.

For more information contact Volunteer Action Services at 243-4442

Taliban fires missiles at U.S. jets

KORAK DANA, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban gunners fired missiles Wednesday at U.S. jets pounding the front line north of Kabul, the heaviest onslaught in four days of attacks there. Opposition commanders said they were bringing up fresh troops for a possible assault on the capi-

An American airstrike in Kabul, meanwhile, reportedly killed 22 Pakistani militants linked to Osama bin Laden, prime suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States. It was the highest reported death toll suffered by bin Laden's allies since the air assault began

In neighboring Pakistan, border guards reported five powerful explosions Wednesday near a region in Afghanistan's Paktia province

where bin Laden is thought to run a tunnel complex. The concussions near the Gor Way Tangi area were so powerful that Pakistani officials said they believed 5,000pound bombs were being used to collapse mountainsides and close tunnel entrances

So far, U.S. strikes north of the capital have not brought an opposition advance. The northern alliance is also fighting to dislodge the Taliban from Mazar-e-Sharif, a key north-

The opposition claimed to have killed 35 Taliban fighters and captured 140 others - including Arabs and Chechens — in a battle Wednesday near the town of Kashendeh, about 60 miles south of Mazar-e-Sharif. The report could not be independently confirmed.

KAIMIN SPORTS

Net News

Griz women head down home stretch of respective seasons

Montana Kaimin

Two wins this past weekend

Team

Weber St.

Idaho St

Sac. St

N. Arizona

E. Washington

Portland St. 0-3-0

SOCCER

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

4-0-0

3-1-0

0-2-1

Conference Overall

7-7-1

8-4-2

5-7-1

4-8-2

0-13-2

resulted in two wards for two Grizzlies.

Erin Smith's two game-winning goals this weekend not only resurrected the Grizzlies offense, they also earned her the Big Sky Offensive play-

er of the week. Smith scored goals in the first half against Sacramento State last Friday and against Gonzaga Sunday as UM went 2-0 last weekend.

With so much attention being focused on jump starting an anemic offense, the Griz remained solid on defense last week, posting two shutouts.

Leading the way was the Big Sky Defensive Player of the Week Kerri Houck

Houck kept the back line tight, as the Griz defense allowed only 13 shots in defeating the

Hornets 4-0 and the Bulldogs 3-0. The senior defender also got

into the act offensively with an assist against Sacramento State.

It has taken longer than many thought, but a personal milestone can be reached and a conference record could fall this Friday when UM hosts Portland

With a win Friday, head coach Betsy Duerksen will reach the 100-

win plateau as a Grizzly coach In her eighth season at the helm of the Griz, Duerksen has a record of 99-46-4. Overall, Duerksen is 143-66-6.

With her two goals last Friday against Sac St., Heather Olson tied the Big Sky Conference career goals mark with 33. The senior striker is currently tied with former Northern Arizona Lumberjack Raegin Eyre. Olson is currently sitting third on the Grizzly career goal list, two behind Karen Hardy. The Montana record is 43 held by Courtney Mathieson.

Sunday's win against Gonzaga was the first road win of the season for Montana. The Griz had gone winless in four previous trips away from Missoula before their 2.2 ssoula before their 3-0 shutout of the Bulldogs. The friendly confines of South Campus Stadium have been much more rewarding this season, as the Griz have gone 4-2-0 at home.

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Weber St.

Montana St

Idaho St.

Portland St.

As teams head down the home stretch of the Big Sky Conference eason, Weber State (4-0) and Idaho State (3-0-1) control their own destiny. Weber has a conference match at home against

Sacramento State while Idaho State travels to Sac State this weekend. If both teams beat the Hornets, then the conference championship will be decided at Pocatello, Idaho, when Idaho State hosts Weber State on the final day of regular season play.

-Volleyball-

VOLLEYBALL

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

6-3

6-3

2-7

Conference Overall

14-5

13-3

12-4

10-9

14-4

7-13

It is a jumbled mess at the top of the Big Sky Conference Sacramento State has a twogame léad for first, but after the Hornets, three teams are tied for second. Eastern Washington, Northern Arizona and Weber State are all 6-3 in the Big Sky, with Montana State at 5-4. All five teams will battle one another

during the last part of the conference season, and chances are the league championship will not be decided until the final kill has hit the floor Nov. 10

Montana will hit the road for the last time this weekend, traveling to Idaho State and Weber State. The

road has been unkind to the Griz this season, as UM has lost all seven of its road matches

Sacramento State Hornets' outside hitter Jayme Wright was named the Big Sky player of the week, as she led Sac State to a pair of 3-0 home wins.



Forward Erin Smith handles the ball during soccer practice Wednesday afternoon at South Campus Field.

Wright had 19 kills and 13 digs in last Friday's first-place showdown with Weber State. Wright followed that performance with a 15-kill, 15-dig performance against Idaho State. She has notched eight double doubles and leads the Hornets in digs (3.44) and is second on the team in kills (2.91).

is a bet against all the odds Online sports gaming



Ian Costello

a new disease hitting college campuses across the country.

There is

Because it is not a weapon of bioterrorism, such as anthrax, I almost feel out of the loop because I haven't caught it.

For years, universities across the country have been gambling on sports and dealing with the devastation that can result with such an activity.

But these concerns have historically focused on illegal opera-

tions - on-campus bookies run ning number games that often included on-campus teams.

In a series of articles on the subject and the dangers of on-campus gambling, Sports Illustrated detailed how the underground industry operated and allowed the exchange of hundreds of thousands of dollars and contributed to alleged point-shaving incidents in several contests.

That disease has certain inherent dangers, like bankruptcy, ineligibility and even physical harm to the participants. Those cases have been documented by Sports Illustrated and other organizations to the point that that particular danger has been

Yet, like everything else in this world, it seems, the Internet couldn't leave something well enough alone

Online gambling is in effect protecting college students who had dreamed of running numbers for thousands of dollars in dark dorm rooms and over secret phone calls. Online sports gambling has just made things worse for those who needed protection the most — the ones doing the gambling.

Instead of knowing somebody whose brother has a friend that knows the man running numbers out of his Jesse Hall room, all students need now to gamble on sporting events is Internet access and a credit card.

I wonder if I am missing the

boat by not joining in.
As the World Series gets ready for the first pitch, football season hits full swing (college and pro) and the NCAA and NBA are just weeks away from launching their hoops season, there might not be a better time to get involved in gambling on

At least that's what companies like SportsInteraction.com would like you to believe.

I. however, sit on the outside looking in.

Even though I wouldn't have bet that way, I did pick a team from Canada to beat Eastern Washington on the football field two weeks ago. At one point in

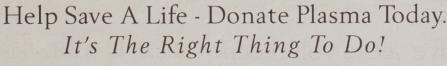
time I actually predicted the Minnesota Vikings and Indianapolis Colts would meet in the Super Bowl. I thought a World Series meeting between the Astros and the A's was a pretty good guess. So you see, if I was betting on these things, I would be down, and down badly. And most experts will tell you, onc you get down in sports gambling, you never really get back up.

My dad used to tell me never bet more than I could afford to lose. I am not smart enough to bet against organiza tions that are in existence to take my money. I even shy away from the run-of-the-mill, \$5 bets around the office on a daily basis.

Most in college can't afford to lose much money because they don't have it. And if they don't bet what they can't afford to lose, online gamblers should take a serious look at what they plan to pay the piper when he comes to collect.

Maybe I am missing the boat here, but a certain amount of dignity is on the line here, and I am not going to gamble with mine.

Keep in mind, Vegas wasn't built on the backs of winners. Online gambling organizations only wait, wanting their customers to do what they know they will all do eventually any-



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NEWS

Bomb

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After inspecting the suitcase, three hours after the initial call, the team detonated their own bomb placed near the suitcase, Willoughby said. It was made of an explosive charge inside a container of bleach, he said.

"It's something like an M-80 inside a two-liter bottle of water," Willoughby said, and it's designed to open the suitcase to determine if there is a bomb inside it.

But the team found a second package inside the suitcase, and they had to repeat the process to see if there was a bomb inside of it, Willoughby said.

Meanwhile, Chris Rubich, who lives in Pantzer Hall, wanted to bike across the bridge to buy milk and pop at Albertsons, he said, but his trip came to a halt when he reached the yellow tape reading: Police line do not cross.
"It's a long way around," said

Rubich, who had to cross the Madison Street Bridge instead.

At 8:50 p.m, the bomb team

detonated a second explosion to open the second package, Willoughby said, and nearly four hours later the area was secure.

Some Missoula firemen were on the scene the entire time, even missing dinner, said Nate Nunnally, of the Missoula Fire Department.

Nunnally ordered six pizzas and everyone ate off the back of

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Senator Stacie Phillips moved to send the bill to committee, soon after Peterson suspended house rules to bring it up.

The motion got denied, and a heated debate ensued between senators. Some wanted more time to talk about the resolu-

I think it would be a benefit to all of us," Phillips said, "if we take a week to go over this."

Other senators wanted to push it through the meeting and take a stand.

"This is a ripe resolution, Senator Harley Lysons said. "We need to talk about it now."

Peterson said the importance of this resolution was in the point behind it.

"Once we roll over and say OK, let the administration do this to us' they will think they can do it again," he said, "It might not be practical for them to give us our money back, but are making a stand."

If the resolution passes next veek at the senate meeting, Peterson intends to take it to the administration and Duringer to try to reach an agreement. Peterson said that while it is unlikely that students will see a rebate, he and the business manager, Jon Swan, sit on the Strategic Planning and Budget committee, where they intend to bring it up there as well.

We've been working to try to get more control over our fees," Swan said, "and we're going to send a message that we aren't going to stand for this B.S. of them charging us a fee for some thing we can't use."
In 1999, when students

administration pushed for them

the red suburban. After standing in the cold for four hours, at 9 p.m., the bomb scare was determined to be a

to vote on it, said Peterson, and the administration took it to the state Board of Regents. The regents only passed it by one vote because they were concerned that the students who voted on it would not have to pay

"It was really tight at the state Board of Regents meeting (in July 1999)," Swan said, "because they didn't want it decided by current students for future students."

The final agreement was that the fee would not be assessed until the building was finished, so that the students who were paying for it were the ones using it, Peterson said. Until Saturday Oct. 27, at 9 a.m., the students who paid the fee this semester will not have access to the building. That is exactly what the regents were afraid of happen-

ing, Peterson said.
"It's like buying a car and not being allowed to drive it," he said.



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimi Tracey Turck (right), a candidate of Ward 6 for Missoula City Council, answers student questions in the UC Wednesday afternoon. City Council and mayoral candidates answered questions prepared by ASUM members, the audience and each other in a forum spon-sored by ASUM.

Candidates

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its own entity.

"What we need to remember is that students aren't a separate part of our community, but part of our community," Turek said.

Myrt Charney, a candidate of Ward 4, thinks the more communication between the City Council and student groups like ASUM, the better.

Most of the candidates suported the safe removal of the Milltown Dam. But Matthew-Jenkins and Floyd both support getting more information before the dam is removed so a bigger problem does not occur, they said.

Transportation was another issue that was discussed at the forum. Kazmerczak and Lou Ann Crowely, who is running unopposed in Ward 3, both stressed that the bike lanes need to be plowed during the winter to encourage bikers

"In the winter, bike lanes don't get plowed, they become snow banks," Kazmerczak said.

Cass Chinske, a candidate for Ward 1, and Floyd both think a commuter railway system is a way to solve the problem of people driving from Lolo and the Bitterroot to get to work in the morning.

"A rail system from the Bitterroot would do a lot to cut down on the traffic congestion we experience daily in Missoula," Floyd said.

"We need a commuter railroad," Chinske said.

He also said Missoula needs safer forms of alternative transportation.

"We need actual bikeways. Not just painted lines. We need to make a pedestrian-friendly community," Chinske said.

Engen and Crowley said people should use park-and-rides to help the transportation problem, and that they should be available in areas including the outskirts of town for commuters.

"I support more park-and-rides," Crowley said.

Kazmerczak wants the bus system to service Lolo and other places outside of the city limits

"I think that we have a good bus system, but it needs to be expanded." she said.

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