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Griz basketball player arrested on DUI charges

Chavez suspended indefinitely from team

Chris Rodkey
Montana Kaimin

UM freshman Mike Chavez, a Grizzly basketball player and stand-out high school hoops star, was arrested early Tuesday morning and held in Missoula County Detention Center on DUI charges as well as other vio-

lations.

He was released Tuesday evening after posting \$775 bail.

Chavez was arrested at about 2 a.m. near the intersection of South Avenue and Bancroft Street, according to Missoula police records. He was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of alcohol under the age of 21, failing to stop at a stop sign and yield the right of way, having no proof of insurance, and careless driv-

ing in light of the snowy road conditions.

Chavez also had an outstanding warrant from a citation on Sept. 14 for an open container violation. Chavez had failed to appear in court for the charge.

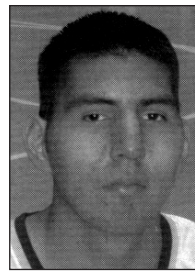
Both a spokesman at the Missoula County Detention Center and the clerk of Municipal Court said Tuesday that Chavez was still too intoxicated to be arraigned at 10 a.m. that morning. He will be

arraigned Wednesday.

Chavez has been suspended indefinitely from the UM basketball team, head coach Pat Kennedy said in a statement issued Tuesday afternoon.

Kennedy expressed regret for the situation.

"This is a very unfortunate



Mike Chavez

situation, but obviously behavior of this nature will not be tolerated," Kennedy said. "Our student-athletes have an obligation in representing the University, the program, their families and above all, themselves."

Kennedy would not comment beyond the statements made in the news release.

Chavez was one of UM's most heralded recruits last year after he reached stardom

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Funding subcommittee visits UM to assess needs

Legislators lend an ear to UM's needs

Natalie Storey
Montana Kaimin

The Montana State Legislature's appropriations subcommittee on education braved slick Montana roads Tuesday to pay a visit to the University of Montana before executive action is taken on the University's budget next week.

At 10 a.m., four members of the subcommittee arrived at UM and heard presentations from Karen Hill, chairwoman of the faculty senate, Beverly Brooks, vice president of the staff senate, and Jon Swan, president of ASUM.

Hill stressed the importance of faculty and emphasized the amount of time they commit to students and the community that often goes unnoticed.

"What really is a large part of the University is faculty, and faculty really are people, too, which might be a surprise to some students," she said. "There is a lot of time spent listening to hopes and dreams. Nobody sees that time. Time is given freely by faculty. What you see is just the tip of the iceberg."

Brooks talked about the progress of staff development and staff programs.

"I think we've come a long way," she said. "The University is very committed to staff development, and staff members are also willing to step up to the plate."

Swan talked at length about ASUM and its various programs. He also said students were

intensely involved in their education at UM.

"I kind of view it like breakfast, like a ham and eggs breakfast," Swan said, in regard to student involvement at UM. "The chicken is involved, but the ham is pretty much committed. Students are also committed."

Members of the committee said their visit to UM was an enjoyable outing.

"It is always great to get out and interface with faculty, staff and students," said Rosie Buzzas, D-Missoula. "Sometimes while we are in committee it is all on paper, but here it is nice to actually see faces and people."

Chairman Don Hedges was also having a "pleasant" visit.

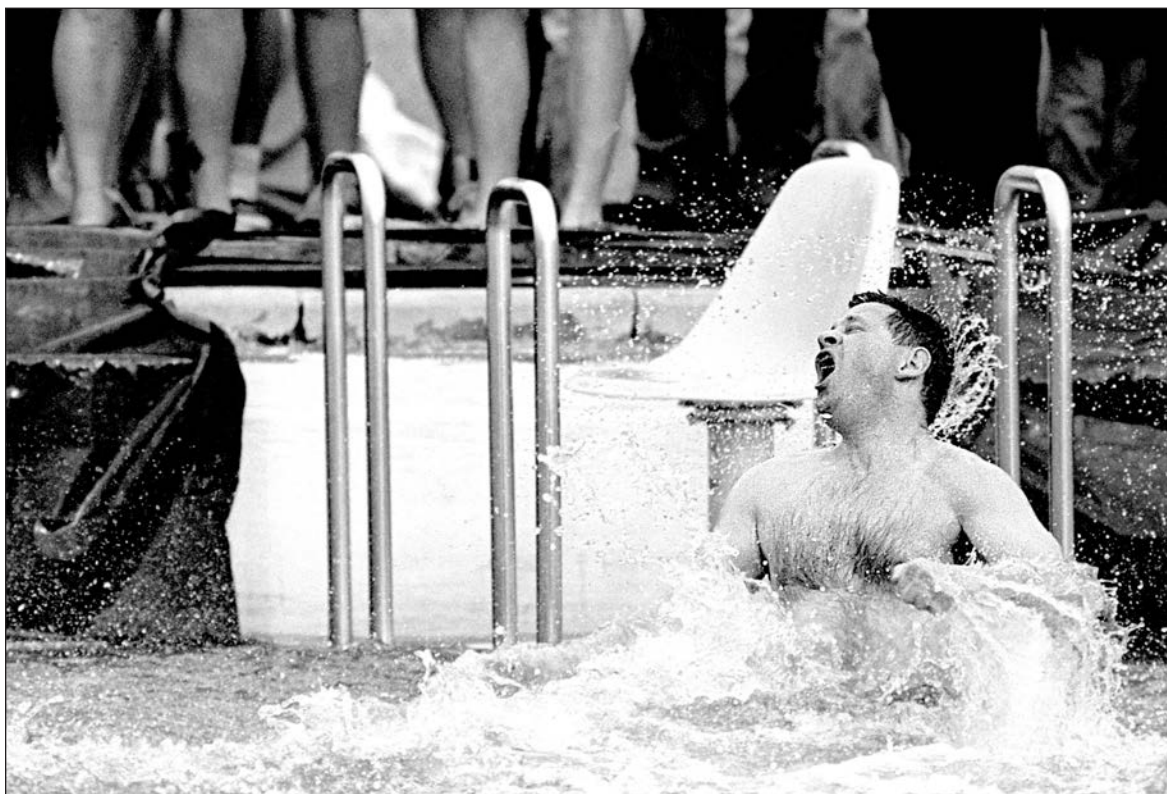
"I enjoy meeting the future," he said. "I was pleased to hear about the amount of student involvement with issues here."

The committee also heard presentations on student support services at UM and research and economic development at UM. They took a bus tour of campus and visited the Skaggs Building to hear from the pharmacy and chemistry departments. They also visited MonTech, the University of Montana's small business incubator.

On Wednesday, UM administrators will travel to Helena to give a presentation on UM's budget needs to the committee.

MontPIRG and ASUM are planning on having members attend the presentation. They are providing free transportation for students who want to attend the presentation and will leave at 5:30 Wednesday morning. UM's presentation begins at 8 a.m. Following the presentation by UM administrators, there will be time for students and others to comment.

Brrr ...



Matt Hayes/Montana Kaimin

Frigid waters of 38 degrees shock the body of Deputy Sheriff Brad Giffin on Saturday afternoon after jumping into the Spartan Pool in Missoula at the fourth annual Super Grizzly Dip. Eighty-five jumpers raised \$22,000 in pledges during the largest fund raiser for the Special Olympics in Missoula, said Roger Miller, senior program director for the YMCA. For the third year in a row, Special Olympic athlete Tawney Gray was the top money raiser, jumping for \$2,275. The money goes toward meals, lodging, transportation, equipment and registration fees for Special Olympic participants at the local, state, regional and world level of competition.

ASUM pursues same-sex benefits

Student government hopes to convince state to provide more health care

Jeff Windmueller
Montana Kaimin

ASUM members hope to surge toward social change Wednesday with a resolution that would push for same-sex health benefits and present several other resolutions, including one to remember a former professor.

A proposed resolution urges the Montana Associated Students — the student governing body over all Montana universities — to take

a stance on same-sex health benefits in their March 19, 2003 meeting. The resolution is authored by Sen. Ali Tabibnejad and sponsored by five other members, including ASUM President Jon Swan and Vice President Christie Schilke.

ASUM passed a resolution in December in support of same-sex health benefits for University of Montana employees, but to gain Board of Regents' approval the senate first needs MAS approval, Swan said.

Another resolution concerns the safety of off-campus renters in light of recent regulatory problems.

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OPINION

Editorial

Support tobacco taxes to save budget, lives

With the more than \$200 million budget deficit looming over the state legislature this term, legislators are scrambling to try to find ways to make up some revenue in order to save human service programs that will otherwise have to be cut.

Three such plans to increase the revenue by raising taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products have been gaining momentum in Montana's House of Representatives.

House Bill 204, which was sponsored by Rep. Bob Lawson, R-Whitefish, and requested by Democratic State Auditor John Morrison, has been the most talked about of the three bills. The bill would raise the current state tax rate of 18 cents a pack to \$1.68 per pack and would double the current tax rate on other tobacco products, raising the rate to about 25 percent. It would create about \$70 million per year in revenue with the money going toward public health programs already in existence, school district health insurance, cheaper prescription drugs for the elderly and into the Children's Health Insurance Program to attract matching funds from the federal government.

The two other bills, one of them sponsored by former UM professor Ron Erickson, D-Missoula, would each raise the state tax rate of 18 cents a pack to \$1 per pack and raise nearly \$50 million per year in revenue.

Montana is in such dire need of help that in all likelihood one of these bills will pass, and it's about time.

Montana smokers, who make up about one fifth of the state's population, have been enjoying an average cost per pack of \$3.21, which is 64 cents cheaper than the average pack costs nation-wide, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

In this time of need for revenue, it isn't too much to ask that Montanans should at least be paying the national average.

Yet tobacco related diseases cost Montanans \$500 million every year, said Dr. Richard Sargent of Helena.

It's time for smokers to foot more of the bill for killing themselves.

According to the CDC, each pack of cigarettes in Montana actually costs \$6.86 in health care costs.

Sargent also told the House that for every 10 percent increase in tobacco costs, consumption drops by 4 percent and adolescent smoking falls by 6.5 percent.

If smokers will not quit for their health, maybe they will for their wallets, or better yet maybe they won't be able to afford to ever start.

One argument that the tobacco lobby has put out against the bills is that it is not fair for the majority, the non-smokers, to rely on the minority of smokers to foot the bill. Yet it is the non-smokers in reality who have had to pay for the health costs of people who spend money to knowingly hurt themselves. Hopefully now they will have to pay more to do it.

—Luke Johnson

Cerf's Up

A bouquet of fresh bullets for St. Valentine's Day

Column by



Nathaniel M. Cerf

Whether you are a love-sick fool or a cold-hearted mafioso, it is important to remember to be simple, direct and assertive when communicating with other people — especially on St. Valentine's Day.

On a day traditionally set aside for lovers, it's crucial to avoid sending mixed messages.

Some people prefer sending messages via little candy hearts or in a smattering of Hallmark holiday hoopla; others prefer .45 caliber bullets and Tommy guns.

What type of sick, sadistic Valentine's message is that?!

Well, this Feb. 14 marks the 74th anniversary of Chicago's infamous St. Valentine's Day massacre.

Never one to mince words, south-side gangster Al Capone was growing weary of his bootlegging competition from north-side rival George "Bugs" Moran and his gang in early 1929.

Prohibition was at its peak, and uninhibited downtown "hospitality" was at its zenith in Chicago. Louis Armstrong and the hottest jazz bands in the world played the clubs and speakeasies of the Windy City. And anybody who was anybody was getting blotto on bathtub gin.

It was no secret that Capone was the number one 'legger. He was a favorite of the press and the working class. He gave money to the poor, ran soup kitchens and sold booze to the masses.

Yet, as his business continued to grow, Capone wanted to take over the entire city's illegal liquor industry. And since the other bootleggers in town didn't want to give up control to Capone, Capone determined it was time to use more persuasive means.

He once said, "You can get much farther with a kind word and a gun than a kind word alone."

So, Capone devised a plan to take out Bugs and his gang. Making sure to be out of town, in Florida, for his alibi, Capone had two of his hitmen dress as cops to neutralize Moran's men at one of Moran's fronts and sent in two more

heavies wearing plain clothes to help out.

On Feb. 14, 1929, the two hitmen dressed as police officers entered the S.M.C. Cartage Co. Garage at 2122 Clark St. and found seven of Moran's men in a meeting, playing cards. (Lucky for him, Moran was running late.) The would-be cops acted like it was a routine sting. They asked their captives to stand up against a brick wall and took away the prisoners' firearms. Witnesses said they saw two men in street clothes enter the garage shortly after the two "policemen" arrived.

Heavily armed, Capone's men opened fire on the seven unsuspecting hoods — thus delivering a red-hot lead valentine to Moran. Witnesses say that after the gunfire stopped, the two men dressed as cops led the plainclothesmen out of the garage and down the street like they were

under arrest. No one got a good look at the men since they thought the situation was under control and to this day, no one is certain who the actual triggermen were. It wasn't until the real police arrived and insist-

ed that none of their patrolmen were in the area at the time of the shooting did people start putting the pieces together.

The massacre touched off a gangland war that Capone eventually won. However, this cold-blooded assassination and its bloody aftermath turned the tide against Capone's popularity. With each murder committed by the south-siders, public opinion waned and eventually turned into hatred for Capone. By October 1931, federal treasury agent Eliot Ness and his squad of "untouchables" had arrested Capone and had him convicted for income tax evasion.

Today, 2122 Clark St. is a small empty lot covered in grass, resting between two buildings that house storefronts and office space. The wall Moran's men were killed against was saved and sold to a Canadian businessman, George Patey, who used the wall to decorate the men's room of his retro-'20s nightclub, which has since gone out of business.

The wall is up for sale and will certainly be the most unique item you ever give your sweetie on St. Valentine's Day, should you decide to purchase it. Then again, what kind of message would you be sending by giving your honey a bullet-pocked wall?

— Nathaniel Cerf knows that if he were to have a girlfriend give him that wall, the message couldn't be more obvious. She loves him. She really, really loves him. Have a Happy Massacre Day!

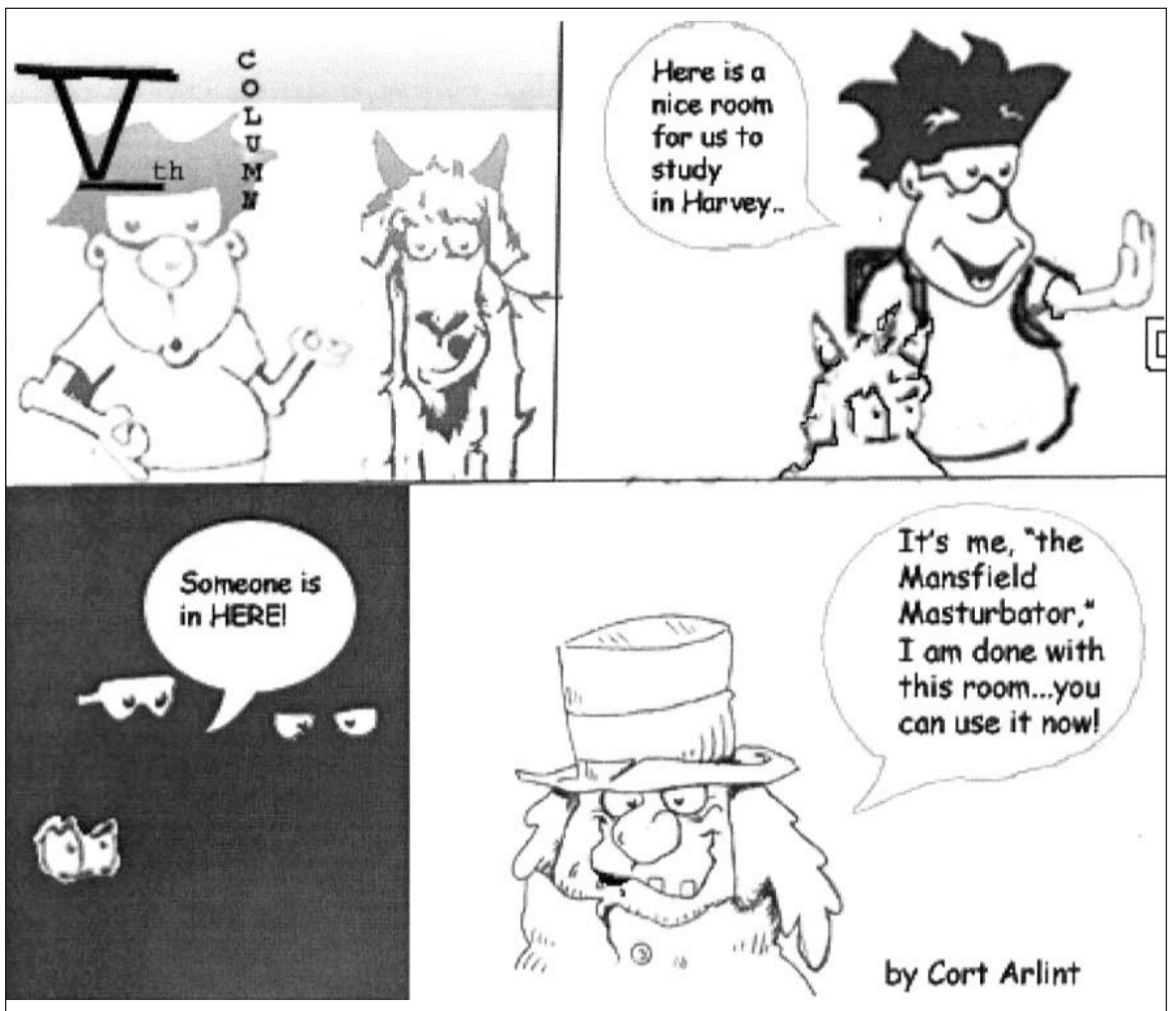

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NEWS

Something lost in translation during writing assessment

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories that will look at UM's upper division writing proficiency assessment.

Alisha Wyman
for the Kaimin

When a friend mentioned that a girl she knew had a six pack, Jennifer Erickson thought of she was talking about pop, not strong stomach muscles.

When someone else said "go break a leg," she took it literally.

Colloquialism in English, which native speakers take for granted, is a challenge for non-native speakers like Erickson, who is from Germany.

So how can they be expected to write at the level of those who learn the subtleties of the language subconsciously? Erickson questions whether UM's upper-division writing exam is fair to students whose second language is English.

"So much of American language is idiom," said Erickson, who plans to take the test within the next two semesters. And it's being used in writing more and more, she said.

Context is not the only challenge that English as a Second

Language students face in taking and passing the assessment, a three-hour writing exam.

Flora Lee, from Hong Kong, has failed the test twice and fears it will delay her graduation.

"It's a lot of pressure," Lee said, especially since even native speakers think the test is difficult.

Like the countries they come from, opinions of ESL students about the assessment differ.

"If you decided to go to school in another country, you should expect to be tested at the level of other students," said Diego Bejarano, a student from Colombia.

Nancy Mattina, interim director of the University of Montana Writing Center, said international students come here expecting everything to be more difficult. That is the nature of studying at a university in a foreign country. Despite this, they come with strong academic skills and do more to try to succeed, she said.

Anita Moryc, a Polish graduate student in anthropology said, "You get the same degree (as American students), so you have the same knowledge. I would hate to be treated differently than my American friends."

Moryc graduated from UM and works at the Writing Center

as a tutor.

She said ESL students often have difficulty with their word choice.

"It's hard to grasp the slight differences between words," she said.

A thesaurus doesn't always help, because it doesn't explain the differences. Organizing an essay is another problem, she said, but one that American students struggle with as well.

While many native-speaking students fail the exam, international students are still expected to pass it, Erickson said. In 2002, about 43 percent of students who took the test failed. Many came to the United States to study subjects besides English, she said.

"What about some Japanese student whose major is (Health and Human Performance)?" asked Ashild Fjeldheim, a senior from Norway. After four years of working hard, these students may not graduate because of the test, she said.

In Norway, assessment begins before students get to a university. They are required to pass two prerequisite classes before they are even considered, Fjeldheim said.

Atsuka Bando, an anthropology major from Japan, finds she doesn't have much opportunity to write.

"If you don't write, you don't improve," she said.

The assessment should be slightly altered for international students, said Bando, a senior who took the test for the first time on Dec. 5. If they were given the questions before the test, non-native speakers might have a better chance of passing.

"Lots of us don't have a very big vocabulary," Lee said, adding, if ESL students were allowed to bring a dictionary, they could check their grammar and word choice.

"I think they should let everyone take dictionaries," said Andre Costa, a business major who transferred to UM from Brazil. "It's supposed to be close as possible to real life. In real life, you can go to your shelf and get a dictionary."

Mattina questions the benefit of such a tool: "I doubt that a dictionary will be the difference in passing or failing an exam."

A different mother tongue should not translate into lowered standards for ESL students, Moryc said. They have the options of visiting the Writing Center and going to the writing workshops.

There are numerous ways an international student can seek help with the exam, Mattina said. The text is available two weeks in advance, so they can ask faculty

members, a friend or a Writing Center tutor to clarify any misunderstandings.

Many ESL students do spend extra time polishing their writing skills, said Tim Stratton, associate professor of pharmacy administration. He has taught several foreign students in his department.

"It's really gratifying to see them work really hard on their writing," he said.

"You might be surprised at how well some ESL students do (on the assessment)," Mattina said. From the small sample of statistics she has collected, Mattina noted that international students did just as well or better than their American counterparts.

The graders of the exam can spot a non-native speaker by grammar mistakes and misuse of idioms that native speakers would know, Mattina said.

They send the tests back to the University so professors can evaluate them with that in mind.

Many students are still left frustrated, Erickson said. Many she has talked to are embarrassed about failing the test again and again.

"I don't feel like my English is horrible," said Fjeldheim, "but I'm sure struggling to pass this test."

UC board proposes \$2 fee increase to ASUM to pay off debts

Jeff Windmueller
Montana Kaimin

University of Montana students may see a small increase on their bills next semester to help pay for the University Center renovations if ASUM passes a number of resolutions presented by the UC board on Wednesday.

To help pay back the bonds sold for the recent renovations the board has asked that ASUM approve a plan to increase the renovation fee \$2 each semester for the next four semesters.

"We need to fix the fees now so

that there isn't a huge fee increase in the future," said Joel Zarr, UC director.

The UC budget is broken into two fees. The first, an operational fee is meant to work on yearly maintenance including major repairs, cleaning rooms and repairing specific items like the 30-year-old pool tables in the Game Room.

"They're so old we can't even staple new felt into the sides anymore," Zarr said.

The second, a renovation fee, is used to pay back bonds sold to construct the UC and its two major renovations. Due to the most recent

renovation, the fee was not enough to cover the \$740,000 a year bond payments and was bleeding money from the operational fee. As a result, nearly \$475,000 worth of maintenance is missing.

Additionally, students taking a minimum of seven credits but no more than nine credits pay for only the operational fee while those taking 10 credits or more must also pay for the renovation fee.

This is a difference the UC board hopes to even out at seven credits with a second resolution.

The UC board's last resolution is a set of strategic guidelines to

help future board members deal with the yearly budget concerns.

"The UC board has been somewhat disorganized before," said Berv Naasz, UC board chair. "(The guidelines) give something to focus on to the board each year for its fiscal responsibility."

Included in the guidelines is a way of deciding whether the renovation fee should be increased by looking at the inflationary prices for utilities, pay plans, and insurance for the UC and determining if fees should rise equally. While it would give the UC board an idea of how much it needs to pay, it

does not mean that the renovation or operation fee will increase each year automatically, Naasz said.

It is more or less a guide for determining a budget decision, Naasz said.

In an attempt to help ASUM understand the somewhat complicated packet of strategic guidelines, Zarr and Naasz have held three separate forums, or "fireside chats," in which members can ask them questions about the plan.

"With the strategic guidelines we can get the ball rolling for the UC to get back on its financially stable legs," Naasz said.

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NEWS

Frosty freeze



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As the day heats up, snow that fell Monday night melts and falls off trees near the Science Complex Tuesday. This January was one of the warmest Montana has had in recent years.

Debate team seeks members, support

Will Cleveland
Montana Kaimin

Tuesday in the UC, the University of Montana Forensics Team held an exposition debate to recruit new team members and raise awareness about the squad.

Team President Jen Kirby and the other members of the Forensics Team said they hope to spread the word about debate competitions.

"We are here to foster interest," Kirby said. "So people can see exactly what we do. Everyone has to be so much more up to date on their issues, because they have only 15 minutes to prepare and I don't think that most people realize that."

The exposition followed a successful debate meet at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City where the team garnered several awards.

Overall, six members from the team earned awards at the invitational that featured teams from all over the Northwest, including Brigham Young University and Western Washington University. The meet took place the weekend before school started.

The Forensics Team competes in a form of debate known as parliamentary debate in which two teams of two square off against each other. One side supports the view of the government, while the other side represents the opposition.

The team of Rob Killian and Stephen Sandford placed first in the novice division of parliamentary debate. Sandford is a Hellgate High School senior who takes one class at UM because he enjoys the debate format.

Kirby and her debate partner Blake Zollar finished second in the open division. Kirby also

took third place in a programmed oral competition in which she commented on Mark Twain's "The War Prayer." Zollar placed fifth in the extemporaneous speaking competition about current events.

Additionally, the novice team of Lacy Chaffin and Ryan Staynes placed third.

A few dozen people showed up for Tuesday's debate.

"We are trying to recruit more people, we're trying to get more money to fund trips, because as it is, we only go to four or five each semester," Sandford said.

On Saturday, the debate team will travel to Bellingham, Wash., to take part in the William O. Douglas Invitational tournament at Western Washington University.

For more information about the Forensics Team please contact coach Jay Lininger at 243-4293.

Lecturer discusses job hunting in Japan

Editor's note: The following lecture was presented in Japanese and translated into English by the reporter.

Yoshiaki Nohara
for the Kaimin

Knock on the door three times gently, open it, say "Excuse me" while bowing lightly, enter the room and close the door quietly behind your back — don't show your back; it's impolite.

The series of motions may seem petty or small, but that was among many useful tips 23 students learned Tuesday evening on campus from a workshop, "Job Hunting in Japan."

"When you are nervous, you may forget (a series of motions). So I recommend you practice it at home," said Chisato Okazaki, a recent graduate from the School of Business at the University of Montana.

Okazaki gave an hour-long presentation in the Gallagher Building to share her job-hunting experience with others who are thinking about getting a job in Japan. She has been hired by a Japanese electric cooperation and will start working in Japan in April. Okazaki says she decided to hold this workshop because job hunting in Japan takes special steps and skills.

"When I did a job hunting, I had no information," she said, adding that the University doesn't provide as much career information for foreign students as some universities do.

The workshop included practical information: interview and resume tips, how to narrow down a list of companies and follow up on interviews and appli-

cations. Okazaki experienced about 30 interviews before she landed the job. She said small things — sitting straight and not crossing legs — make a difference in an interview.

Daisuke Mayuzumi, a senior from Japan studying biology, said what he learned from the workshop reflected Japan's detail-oriented culture. The workshop taught him "the best strategy" of how to find a job in Japan, said Mayuzumi, who plans to work there after finishing his graduate work.

But not all participants found the workshop that was conducted in Japanese useful.

"I can't say it was very productive for me," said David Bittinger, a freshman majoring in international business who studies Japanese as a minor. "It just showed me how much I still have to go for my studies."

It is never too early for those who plan to work in Japan to start job hunting, Okazaki said, adding that now is a hard time for job seekers.

"I just want to say it's not easy to get a job (in Japan)," she said.

Japan has suffered from a bad economy for more than a decade. Unemployment in 2002 was the worst ever at 5.4 percent — up from 5 percent in 2001 — since the government started keeping such records in 1950s. The unemployment rate for men was 5.5 percent and 5.1 percent for women according to the public management ministry in Japan.

But Mayuzumi said it is possible for students to take advantage of the hard situation.

"If a student can get a job in this hard time, they should have confidence," he said.

NEWS

Pearl Jam will begin second leg of tour in Missoula this May

Ramey Corn
Montana Kaimin

Get ready to rock, because Pearl Jam is officially coming to Missoula. On May 28 the band will once again rock Missoula and, if history repeats itself, the band will play an incredible show.

"The size man, 22,000 people, I'd never been to a concert that size," Eric Taber said of the 1998 Missoula show. Taber has attended all three Pearl Jam concerts here.

"It was a sweet show," he said. "They were just jamming out."

Pearl Jam will kick off the second leg of the band's North American Riot Act Tour in the Adams Center at the University of Montana. Tickets will go on sale at the UC Box Office on March 8 at 9 a.m. for \$37. There will be 7,500 tickets available.

But, for dedicated fans, tickets will be available for an early purchase on March 7 under a "take-a-number system," said Andy Eastman, marketing coordinator for UM Productions.

"The number system would provide die-hard fans who would normally camp outside, and possibly drink, get rowdy, maybe pee on the lawns, litter the campus, a place to come inside and get out of the cold," Eastman said.

The number system would work by giving students tickets with numbers on them as they come through the UC door. Once the tickets go on sale Saturday morning, the student with ticket number one would line up, and the rest would fall into place, he said. However, the time on Friday

that students can get their number has not been announced.

The plans are only preliminary, but UM Productions hopes to have an all-night party, Eastman said. The theater, along with the bistro, game room and ballroom will all be open. The ballroom will feature an open mike where bands can play or people can sing karaoke, Eastman said. A possible pancake breakfast may be cooked at 6 a.m. However, there will be no alcohol during any of these events.

The band requested to play in the Adams Center instead of the Washington Grizzly-Stadium because of an incident that happened at a 2000 concert at the Roskilde Festival in Denmark, Eastman said. Nine fans died at that overcrowded concert. Now, the band requests to play in areas that have seats, Eastman said.

"We're overly thrilled to have them come, and we think it will be a huge success," Eastman said.

Tickets are also available at any TIC-IT-EZ outlet.

Library links up with Science Direct, 1,700 journals online

Ramey Corn
Montana Kaimin

In order to keep up with current demands of students at the University of Montana, a new electronic journal program will allow students, faculty and staff to access more than 1,700 electronic journals.

"The library is sensitive to the changing nature of education,"

Mansfield Library Dean Frank D'Andraia said. "It's strategic to making the library remain contemporary to students and scholars."

Science Direct is an online publication of scientific journals. It gives access to full text of more than 1,700 journals that date back to 1997. With the addition of Science Direct to the library, there are nearly 8,000 e-journals now available, D'Andraia said.

Science Direct costs \$375,000 annually, D'Andraia said. The money to buy the package came from a partnership between the library, the School of Forestry, the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health, the College of Arts and Sciences, the provost and the vice president for research and development.

D'Andraia said that the use of traditional and electronic reserves at the Mansfield Library went up 80 percent from 47,478 uses to 241,622, over the past 10 years.

An electronic scientific journal allows access to an exact replication of a printed scientific journal. Everything that is in the table of

contents will be digitized, said Barry Brown, associate professor and science librarian and Access Services coordinator.

"Science Direct is equivalent to a paper journal online," Brown said.

A good example of what this means to students is that they will now have access to 1,700 scientific journals, like "Brain Research," which would each cost the library \$20,000 for a yearly subscription. The reason the cost for one journal is so high, running between \$15,000 and \$20,000 a year, is that companies charge universities more because they take into account that if a university is buying the journals, then individuals won't since they can access them at the university, Brown said.

"With electronic journal packages like Science Direct, it really raises the level at the library to that of a large resource library," Brown said.

Students, especially seniors and graduate students, will benefit from the program, D'Andraia said. Now students can have 24-

hour access to the site, even when the library is closed, he said. This will be helpful to the many students who are working on projects at 2 a.m., D'Andraia said.

The University is also trying to increase the number of doctorate degrees that come out of UM, and adding this resource will be beneficial to those students trying to complete their degrees, he said. Science Direct will enhance the ability to bring in more grants, which will also increase support for those completing their graduate degrees, he said.

The University of Montana-Western at Dillon and the College of Technology will also benefit from the purchase, D'Andraia said.

"We were able to offer an option for affiliated campuses to have access to Science Direct for a more economical price," he said.

The program can be found under the Mansfield Library's home page. It can be accessed by anyone on campus, or to people outside campus by accessing the library's Web site, Berry said. The site is www.lib.umt.edu.

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NEWS

Bruised bicyclist, brash brawlers, belligerent bunch

Jared Ritz
Montana Kaimin

Thursday, Jan. 30, 3:58 p.m.

A Jesse Hall resident told Public Safety she received a letter that contained a powdery substance, said Capt. Jim Lemcke, assistant director of Public Safety. The letter was from a family that she didn't know and she was unsure how the family got her address. An officer reported to her room, but the "powder" was just paper.

"There was nothing big," Lemcke said. "There was no real white powder."

Friday, Jan. 31, 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety was called to La Peak in the Lommasson

Center after it was reported that a wooden table was stolen, Lemcke said. The coffee table, valued at around \$150, was thought to have been taken between 7 a.m. and noon.



Police Blotter

Lemcke said this is the first time he remembers this happening since the shop opened two years ago.

"They get moved around campus a lot, but not stolen," he said. "It's a pain."

Saturday, Feb. 1, 3:44 a.m.

Two officers responded to a call about a bicyclist who wrecked at the corner of Elrod and Duniway Halls. The bicyclist was transported to St.

Patrick Hospital, Director of Public Safety Ken Willett said.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 3:48 a.m.

Public Safety received a call about a male and female assault in the Jesse Hall quick-stop parking spaces. The caller said the woman had cuts on her face. One officer responded, and it appeared the fight had not been physical and no one was injured, Willett said.

"It was two very loud, obnoxious, intoxicated individuals," Willett said.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 9:31 p.m.

An officer responded to a trash can fire in the Lommasson Center parking lot. The officer stopped the fire, which was still contained within the can, with his car's

fire extinguisher.

Just 30 minutes later, the fire reignited. The same officer responded, but found that the fire extinguisher was empty from the first time.

"He about blew his wad from the first one," Willett said.

The officer put the fire out with the help of students by dousing it with snowballs, Willett said.

Sunday, Feb. 2, 12:06 a.m.

Public safety responded to a call at Jesse Hall that a group at the east entrance was being unresponsive to a resident adviser's request to see their IDs, Willett said. One individual in particular was troublesome.

"He was suspicious and drawing some attention to him-

self, and an officer had to be called out," Willett said.

An 18-year-old man was arrested for obstruction of a police officer, minor in possession and having a false drivers license. It is unknown whether the man was a UM student.

Monday, Feb. 3, 11:46 p.m.

A Griz card was confiscated by the Campus Recreation staff in one of their common "stings," Lemcke said.

He said the Rec Center randomly checks Griz cards to make sure they're not being used by anyone other than the student the card was issued to. These checks bring in quite a few confiscated cards to his office.

"The Griz card sits on my desk until the owner of the card comes looking for it," Lemcke said.

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NEWS

Montana Reservists prepare for 'Enduring Freedom'

Katherine Sather
Montana Kaimin

The United States is mobilizing Army Reservists nationwide to prepare for a possible confrontation with Iraq.

Missoula is no exception.

Twelve Soldiers from the Army Reserve's 379th Engineering Battalion in Missoula were deployed last month, and three units are on alert for possible mobilization. The names of the deployed soldiers, as well as the units on alert cannot be released, said Lt. Col. Eric Kettenring, enrollment officer for the battalion.

But, for UM student and soldier Tom Roethel, the mobilization reminds him of his deployment to the Middle East last year. The possibility of being sent again also weighs on his mind.

"There's always a chance we can get called up again if anything goes on in Saddam's area," Roethel said.

About 50 UM students are enrolled in the Army Reserves and National Guard, Kettenring said. Last month 12 of his soldiers volunteered to be shipped out to various locations, possibly Iraq, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. They won't be informed of their destination until they arrive, he said.

Kettenring said they would not be involved in combat.

"The volunteers are in combat support; they're heavy equipment operators and surveyors, and they build things," he said.

Roethel, a UM junior, was deployed with the 279th Engineering Unit to Southwest Asia last year. He took the spring semester off from school and left Jan. 18 for the mission. Nine members of the unit were UM students. During his seven-month deployment, Roethel traveled to Afghanistan. He constructed tents in the town of Bagram, where, despite the heat, land mines and rubble, he found a reminder of his home.

"The mountains were really beautiful; they made me think of Montana," he said.

This week, three reserve units are on alert for potential deployment, said Kettenring. The units include some UM students. A typical mission is six months, he said, but it can be longer.

Staff from the financial aid office said the University works with students to make sure they aren't penalized for their military service.

"The registrar and I work together to make sure the student isn't harmed," said Director Mick Hanson. "Financial aid will be handled in the manner that will be best for the student."



Photo Courtesy of Tom Roethel
During his deployment to the Middle East, Tom Roethel spent some time with Afghan citizens near the town of Bagram.

While his soldiers are well trained to be deployed, Kettenring said they are nervous about the prospect of going to the Middle East.

"There's always a bit of anxiety and tension when called," he said. "My opinion is that someone in our nation has to be willing to go."

Kettenring said the possibility of a draft is slim.

No local units of the National Guard have been

deployed, said Maj. Scott Smith, who is in charge of public affairs for the Guard. The only Montana unit that has been mobilized is the 443rd Petroleum, Oil, and Lubrication Supply Company based out of Billings, Havre, and Chinook. The unit was deployed last week to the Gore Hill International Guard in Great Falls where they'll assist with security for a minimum of a year, Smith said.

He said the president has the authority to mobilize up to 200,000 National Guardsmen and Army Reservists.

Last year the war on terror claimed the life of one former UM student. Pfc. Kristofor Stonesifer, who was enrolled in UM's ROTC program until May of 2000, was killed in Pakistan last fall. He served as an Army Ranger in Pakistan where he died in a helicopter crash.

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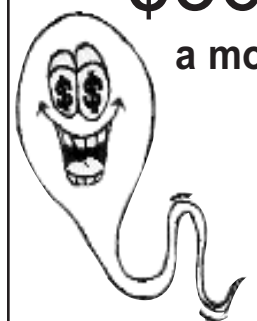


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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



STORY by: Ira Sather-Olson
PHOTOS by: Jeremy Lurgio

Photographers explore new positions

Most pictures might not be worth a thousand words, but they can always tell a story.

Local photographers Jeremy Lurgio and Chad Harder are presenting their works this month in an exhibit titled "View From a Different Angle" at the Rocky Mountain School of Photography.

Lurgio said the photo exhibit shows a wide array of his photographs; most of the photographs were taken within the last four years. Lurgio also said the exhibit is based on the work of photojournalists, covering a variety of perspectives they encounter. He said his photographs encompass many images, from a boot camp for criminals to a sunset reflected in a puddle on the beach.

"I think that what inspires me most is that it requires you to be curious and explore the world," Lurgio said about his inspiration to

take photographs. "You have to put yourself in certain positions that normal people wouldn't do to take pictures. It forces you to engage in life on a deeper level. On top of that, I'm a visual artist. I'm happier when I'm taking pictures."

Lurgio said an example of a certain position he's put himself in is when he worked on a thesis story. He said the story was on a homeless tent village located in Seattle. In order to do the story he slept in a tent in the village on and off for a week. Lurgio felt cold, tired and miserable after three days in the tent, he said. Reflecting on the experience, Lurgio said he realized how hard it was for people to live in such conditions for weeks, months and even years.

Lurgio became interested in photography in high school and has been fond of it ever since, he said. He received his M.A. in photojournalism from UM toward the end of 2001. He is currently the photo editor for the Ravalli Republic newspaper. In 1997, Lurgio joined the Salt School for Documentary Field Studies in Portland, Maine. Lurgio said the school was an intensive four-month program on documentary photography. He said his experience at the school made him fall in love with documentary photography.

For his current job at the Ravalli Republic, Lurgio oversees all photographic aspects of the paper. He said that he also shoots the majority of photo assignments. He also recently won first place in feature photography from the Atlanta Photojournalism Seminar, he said. As far as free-lance work, Lurgio said he is working on three different photo stories which will include writing as well as photography. Lurgio said he hasn't gotten

the go-ahead on two of the three stories. As for the one story, Lurgio said he hasn't been approved for the written aspect of it yet.

"It'll be interesting to look at," Lurgio said of the exhibit. "You're gonna see a rich variety of pictures."

Harder could not be reached for comment.

"View From a Different Angle" will be showing all this month at the Rocky Mountain School of Photography at 210 N. Higgins Ave.

A gallery opening for the exhibit is planned for this Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Lurgio and Harder will deliver a short lecture on their photographs on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Lurgio said the time for that may change, so be sure to check with the gallery beforehand.

Eye Spy Movie Review

'Bowling for Columbine' pulls trigger on debate

Erin Strickland
Montana Kaimin

As far as bowling movies go, Michael Moore's "Bowling for Columbine" sucks. Outside of the vintage 50s black-and-white footage during the opening credits that depict the sport in all of its retro-groovy glory, there isn't much actual bowling in it.

But, as far as a movie that illuminates the intensity and absurdity of the American obsession with guns, "Bowling for Columbine" hits its mark in a grossly disturbing way.

I left the Wilma disturbed—mostly with my own ignorance. The connections that Moore makes in his documentary are sweeping, and, although often oversimplified, remain compelling.

Moore, a large, sloppy-looking fellow in a T-shirt

and jeans with shaggy hair and a scruffy beard, wrote, directed, produced and narrated the entire two-hour documentary.

Don't expect it to be an objective, non-biased approach at social issues in America. He makes no attempt at making a balanced argument.

That said, "Columbine" asks questions that desperately need to be asked of our politicians, our neighbors, and our children before another 11,000 people die in this country from gunshots.

The statistics Moore uses to illustrate his point are one of the most striking parts of the film.

Compared to almost every other first-world country, America shoots off the charts when it comes to numbers of deaths each year from firearms. While Germany has 381 a year, Canada 165, and Japan a mere 39, America wins by a

long shot with 11,127.

The question that Moore asks is simple enough. Why?

Too bad he never answers it.

This movie becomes an exploration of the American psyche ... the culture of fear, paranoia, and aggression that we, as Americans, are submerged in although we don't even know it.

"The whole thing was shocking," said Angela Garlington, a senior psychology student at UM. "The irony of it all is filthy and depressing."

The parallels Moore makes throughout the film give you plenty to question. Take April 20, 1999: the day that Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold walked into Columbine High School and killed 13 of their classmates. On the same day, NATO forces dropped 22 bombs on the city of Kosovo during the most intensive bombing campaign of the Bosnian conflict.

It makes one wonder where American teenagers learn conflict resolution skills.

Throughout the film, Moore breaks up his documentary footage with segments that he doesn't necessarily expand upon, but leaves simply as food for thought.

One entire segment shows real shootings, not made for TV death and destruction, but actual accidental and intentional shootings. It's shock value set to the Beatle's tune, "Happiness is a Warm Gun."

Another segment flashes images with sentence-long explanations across the bottom of the screen that present America's involvement in some of the bloodiest conflicts throughout history and around the globe: Iran, Nicaragua, China, Nicaragua, Panama. Whatever pride I once had in my country disintegrated in a matter of minutes.

Moore attacks the question from numerous seemingly unrelated angles that somehow end up tying together. He confronts Charlton Heston, Marilyn Manson and even Dick Clark looking for an answer that is too complex to blame any one person for. He asks why Canadians don't lock their doors, yet Americans sleep with loaded firearms under their pillows.

"Bowling for Columbine" is a worthwhile journey into one of the scariest arenas of American life. Regardless of whether it is fair, or whether the assumptions Moore makes are true, it sparks an overdue debate.

Watch this film.

You don't have to like it, but ask yourself who you are afraid of.

'Bowling for Columbine' runs nightly at 9 p.m. at the Wilma Theatre. For more information call 728-2521.

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Horoscopes

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Taurus (April 21-May 21)

**** Press the X button for a wicked speed burst that will no doubt leave your opponent in the dust and desperate for answers.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)

***** Spend some time with a loved one tonight. When you've finished though, get the hell out of there and go out with your friends.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

**** Personal hygiene is important. But not as important as watching Episode II for the 109th time. Get to it and don't forget to mark another roman numeral on the sheet.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) ***

Love is in the air. Go out and get yourself some. Unless you are a pedophile.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)

**** I don't know what you think this is, but I'm not about to give you advice or look into your future. I couldn't even if I wanted to.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Never play with fire and if you see any one else with a lighter, take it away from them and throw it in the garbage.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You're in a tight spot, because all that violent music is starting to get to you, but you have a need for beats that just plain kick.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****

Don't forget to ask Mom if it's OK before you grab a sweet treat. You don't want to spoil your appetite.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *****

It smells like bacon in this mother fucker. Do I look like a sucka to you, rookie?

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You're too old to go to the prom yourself, but you're never too old to show up and drool over the young-uns as they walk in and out.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Victor Wooten performing a solo for several funk hungry fans at the Wilma Theater, Tuesday night. Wooten and his soulful band who resonate a pure funk original sound, played covers from James Brown, Jimi Hendrix, and Black Sabbath. An energetic crowd danced all night as Wooten played a surprising three hour show.

Garrett Cheen/
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Uncle Luke Presents

8 'random thoughts' about why concerts suck

Column by



Luke Johnson

I've been to a few concerts recently, and I've got a few random thoughts about concerts (eight to be exact) that I'd like to get off of my chest. There's just so much to hate about concerts these days.

Random Thought — First of all, nobody paid \$50 to hear Jerry Foglas, assistant manager at Red Roof Inn, sing along to the number at the top of his out-of-tune lungs. It's like every concert you go to is a lame ass battle to see who can karaoke along to the song at the loudest decibel level possible. I'd like to invite everyone to keep it to themselves, shut up and enjoy the show. I guess the only way that you can prove that you're a bigger fan than the next schmoe is by memorizing each verse and yelling it back at the singer who's actually getting paid to do it.

Random Thought — Much to my surprise, Montana has somehow been getting some good acts here and I'm not talking about weak country "stars" like Joe Diffy. We're talking Snoop, Wallflowers, Weezer, Tool, Incubus and actually many more; the past year or so has been good on the Treasure State. That's without even mentioning the upcoming Pearl Jam show right here in Missoula. It's going to be a hard ticket to come by, since they'll be inside the Adams Center. If you're not a card-carrying member of the Pearl Jam fan club, you'll have an easier time finding bin Laden and going out for ice cream with him than you will of getting a ticket.

It's going to be a scalper's wet dream. But to those of you who are going to camp out and buy up 10 tickets and then

charge your neighbors 20 times the already fairly high price, you deserve to die. What is it about a concert or athletic event that makes you think that your lame ass deserves a cut of it?

Random Thought — There are also rumors that Eminem may be dropping by Billings to dust off a few of his classic numbers. Just to clarify, we're talking about easily the biggest star out there right now, theoretically stepping foot within our more-cattle-than-people state. I don't even want to write another joke about the possibility of this show coming. It's too early in the game yet and I don't want to jinx it.

Random Thought — I know that the concert that we're all the most excited about would have to be the upcoming Cher show in Billings with some crappy comedian serving as the opening act. Tickets are only \$60 for the "bad" seats and are over \$80 for the "good" seats. I put bad and good in quotes because how could a seat closer to those clowns be considered better? I could think of a billion better things to do with \$80, up to and including soaking the money in lighter fluid, taping it to my genitals and lighting a match.

Actually, I do wish that I could go to the show. Why, if money was no object I would be in the front row with a garbage bag full of C batteries to chuck at the "talent." I'd have the comedian so bloody in five minutes that Cher wouldn't dream of coming out. If she did get the courage to take the stage, she would need \$10 million more in plastic surgery to fix the damages.

Random Thought — If there's one thing that I don't get about concerts is that they start to smell funny and get smoky for some reason. I wonder why.

It's like on the outside of a concert hall or arena all drug laws stand, but once inside every single drug under the sun is good and legal. Now I myself elect not to smoke pot and if you don't believe me you can

ask my pot-smoking friends who have given up trying to get me to join in. Although I guess you probably don't know them and they probably wouldn't appreciate me putting their names and contact info in here, so I won't. I guess you'll just have to take my word for it. In any case, I'm left to assume that there must be some sort of special zoning at all concert venues for drugs, because people light up like it's going out of style. I bet you could walk right past a cop at a concert with a 5-foot bong, two suitcases full of coke and a traveling meth lab and just get a wink, a smile and a "have a nice time." It doesn't matter whether it's Cyprus Hill or Sesame Street on Ice, there will be people smoking up at every show. It's just part of the lovely concert ambience that you'll have to get used to.

Random Thought — Unless you're pregnant or recovering from surgery, you DO NOT want to go to a show and sit in the upper deck. It feels like you're miles away from all the action on the floor when you're sitting up-top, particularly if your ticket was the same price as the one on the floor was. Then again, it is, for the most part, a grass-is-always-greener situation.

The situation at ground zero is almost always mob rule. Everyone down low is sweaty, smelly, dehydrated, under the influence of either drugs or alcohol and desperately trying to push toward the front, despite the fact that no room exists to do so. I'd estimate over half of the people on the floor secretly wish that they were up in the seats.

Random Thought — The floor is no place for a lady. Everyone must be prepared to enjoy elbows to the face and kidneys, and even more so, one must be ready to return the favor. It's like the food chain down there; it's the absolute worst that humanity has to offer. You might take a pounding from the 6-foot-8, 400-pound stud on your left, but you're sure as hell going to give

it to the bean pole on your right.

What else would you expect to happen when you throw a few thousand strangers into a space that can comfortably fit a few hundred? Shows can and do get out of hand, whether it's Backstreet Boys or Slipknot. I don't know about you, but I'm not going to get in the way of a middle-school girl trying to get to Nick Carter. I'd rather take my chances at Slipknot.

Random Thought — It's really no wonder then that rock stars are so damned arrogant. They travel around from city-to-city, all over the globe, where people by the thousands wait for hours in line to get tickets AND wait more hours to get in to the show AND put up with being packed in like sardines AND get dehydrated and beaten to a pulp just to get a glimpse of them and watch them stand around and sing their crappy songs for an hour. Don't forget that the bastards get paid thousands each night—NOT TO MENTION that they have their choice of groupies, AS WELL AS their boat loads of free crap and courtesy cars awaiting their every stop to keep them company.

In closing, even though concerts are humanity at its worst, they can also embody elements of humanity at its best. Like, "good guys" will take it upon themselves to protect and look after the weak around them. Or friends will desperately try not to get split up and stick together. Or the band will strike up a familiar song that everyone loves and the lighters will flicker on and everyone will stop elbowing and sing together at the top of their lungs. And it doesn't matter that you paid 80 bucks for the ticket. Or that you're hearing more of the Red Roof Inn's Jerry Foglas than Eddie Vedder. Or that you'll need to visit the ER for your bruises and to get an IV for your dehydration. You and thousands of strangers have just experienced a moment and it was worth it. That's why we keep paying.

SPORTS

Around the Sky: UM's Tyler makes player of the week

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WOMEN

University of Montana sophomore center Hollie Tyler was named Big Sky Conference player of the week after posting 20 points and nine rebounds against Northern Arizona University and 16 points and 11 boards against the Hornets of Sacramento State.

This is the second time this season Tyler has received the honor.

Montana, 3-2 in the conference, ended its five-game losing streak with a 69-47 win over NAU. This was Montana's largest score differential against NAU since a 76-37 win in the 1993-94 season.

While happy about the recent wins for the Lady Griz, head coach Robin Selvig is also excited about the prospects of a more competitive Big Sky Conference.

"We're going to have a chance to win the league, which is extremely competitive," Selvig said. "Eastern Washington has established themselves as a team that has a chance to win it based on their non-conference play. I don't think that in 25 years the Big Sky has had this many non-conference wins."

Montana State remains the only undefeated team in Big Sky Conference action with a 5-0 record.

The last time Montana State opened the season with a 5-0 mark in Big Sky play was during the 1992-93 season — the same year the Bobcats won the conference title.

In the Bobcats' two road wins last week, the team shot 50 percent from the field.

Senior forward Isabel Stubbs continues to lead MSU in scoring, averaging 16 points and 7.7 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Kati Burrows leads the league in field goal percentage, shooting more than 52 percent from the floor.

Weber State is also on a five-game winning streak, but the Wildcats sit one game behind MSU with its lone conference loss coming on Jan. 16 at Montana State, 48-44.

While Weber State and MSU continue to trounce the Big Sky competition, Eastern Washington continues to improve. Its 64-60 win over Idaho State was its 12th, the most wins it's had since 1995.

Eastern Washington head coach Wendy Schuller is impressed by the level of play halfway through the Big Sky schedule.

"There's not any particular team doing worse or better than I thought," Schuller said. "The Big Sky level of play in women's basketball has stepped up tremendously. Hopefully we can get to the level of having two teams in NCAA tournament because we've had success outside of the conference."

Senior guard Michelle Demetruk led the Eastern Eagles to a 1-1 week, averaging 16.5 points, four assists and three rebounds per game.

For the first time in three years, Northern Arizona was swept at home in a Big Sky weekend, with losses to Montana and MSU.

Senior guard Jen Snitker scored 31 points against Montana State. Twenty-five of those points came in the first half. This marks Snitker's second 30-

point game of the year and makes her the third player in MSU history to record two 30-point games in a career, and just the second to post two 30-point games in one season.

With a loss to Weber State and a win over Idaho State last weekend, Portland State is now 3-2 in conference play.

Junior forward Sarah Hedgepeth has continued her strong play for the Vikings by tallying 29 points and 23 rebounds in two games.

The Idaho State Bengals are on a three-game losing streak and are ranked 15th in the nation in fouls committed per game with a 14.6 average.

Senior center Ashley Toner posted her second double-double of the season against Eastern Washington with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

ISU head coach Jon Newlee has recognized the quality of play around the Big Sky as well.

"Montana, Montana State and Weber State aren't surprising me at all. I knew they

were going to be good," Newlee said. "I think the No. 1 surprise in the conference is Eastern Washington. Their record and what they've done show that they've really improved themselves this year. The word around the league was that Northern Arizona was going to be down with the loss of a couple of players ... but by their scores and film, they're not down at all."

Sacramento State continues to struggle and is 0-6 in conference action.

The Hornets have lost 30 straight conference games. Last week, Sac State shot just 25.8 percent from the field.

MEN

Montana comes into Thursday's game against Portland State with a 3-4 conference record after splitting two home games with Northern Arizona and Sacramento State.

Last Thursday the Grizzlies made a valiant comeback in the final minutes of the game, only to fall short in overtime 97-93 to the Lumberjacks. Montana overcame a 17-point second-half deficit to push the game into extra minutes.

The Griz followed that heartbreaking loss with a convincing 66-59 victory over Sac State on "Monte Day."

Montana is 9-13 overall, but its 3-4 conference record makes Montana and Montana State tied for fourth place. The Grizzlies trail Weber State, Eastern Washington and Idaho State.

Only the top six teams in the conference advance to the playoffs. With every team fairly close and no conference records worse than 2-5, head coach Pat Kennedy and his players under-

stand how important every game is.

Kennedy said Montana knows it can't underestimate Portland State University, despite the Vikings' 4-16 record.

PSU, 2-5 in the conference, is coming off a close 58-57 loss to Idaho State.

The Vikings are led by Jeb Ivey, Seth Scott and Kevin Briggs.

PSU coach Heath Schroyer said Ivey "is the heart and soul of this program. He's a throwback guy. He goes to work and gets better every day. He keeps the troops together and he's been a joy."

Montana State split its two home games against Northern Arizona and Sacramento State.

The Bobcats lost to Sacramento State 72-66, but rebounded with an 80-66 win against Northern Arizona.

Pete Conway continues to pace the Bobcats, averaging 14.1 points per game.

Reigning Big Sky Conference MVP Jason Erickson is averaging 11.2 points per game.

The key to Montana State's current fourth-place position, shared with Montana, is defense. The Bobcats lead the conference in scoring defense, allowing only 64 points per game.

MSU plays on the road against Eastern Washington on Thursday.

The last time these two teams met, Bobcats coach Mick Durham said, "Our bright spot against Eastern Washington was our freshmen — Frank Brown and Shea Washington."

Eastern Washington has lost two straight devastating games to drop them to second place in the Big Sky.

EWU is 5-2 in conference play and 13-8 overall, but it needs a win to boost its confidence. The Eagles will get that chance on Thursday when they take on Montana State in Cheney. An Eagle loss will give Idaho State a chance to tie them for second place. In that case, Idaho State would have the tie-breaker advantage since the Bengals beat the Eagles last week.

EWU is led by Chris Hester, Alvin Snow and Brendon Merritt. All three of them are averaging in double figures.

Idaho State is coming off a huge week.

The Bengals defeated Eastern Washington 88-86 in double overtime and then beat

Portland State 58-57.

Guard Marquis Poole won Big Sky Player of the Week. He scored 18 points against EWU and hit the game-winning free throw against PSU with five seconds remaining. Poole is second in the conference in assists, but first when counting only conference games.

Idaho State, 11-8 overall and 4-2 in the conference, is led by three scorers in double figures: Scott Henry, Jeremy Brown and Marquis Poole. Henry also averages 8.1 rebounds per game.

Idaho State coach Doug Oliver said Henry "has given us a consistent player on the floor. He brings us maturity. He plays and makes things happen."

ISU is third in the conference rankings. The Bengals face Weber State Wednesday at home.

Weber State is the hottest team in the Big Sky.

Led by dynamic scorer Jermaine Boyette, who averages 20.2 points per game, Weber State is 16-5 overall and 6-0 in the conference.

The Wildcats are undefeated at home and have proven to be the team to beat in the Big Sky.

Northern Arizona travels to Sacramento State on Saturday after a two-game Montana road trip.

NAU slipped past Montana, but was unable to beat Montana State.

The Lumberjacks have three main scorers, including post standout Ryan McDade. McDade is averaging 17.3 points per game and 8.3 rebounds per game.

Northern Arizona has the ability to put points on the board, especially when freshman star Kelly Golob and Aaron Bond start scoring. Bond had a 37-point performance earlier this season and had 20 points in only 22 minutes against Montana last week.

NAU coach Mike Adras said Golob "is so mentally tough. He does everything we ask him, he just needs to experience the Big Sky. He has a tremendous will to get the job done."

Sacramento State has also been on a two-game Montana road trip, but now gets to go home and face Northern Arizona.

Sac State is 2-5 in the conference and would like a win to stay in the playoff picture. In the first contest between these two teams, Sac State won 85-81 in double overtime.

Derek Lambeth, Sac State's leading scorer at 11.8, was held to only three points against Montana.

Lambeth may need to have a more productive night if the Hornets are going to get a win on Saturday.



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UM puts 35 on Big Sky All-Academic Teams

The Big Sky Conference recently announced the members of the 2002 fall All-Academic Teams and once again student-athletes from the University of Montana were well represented.

To qualify for the team, a student-athlete must have participated in at least half of the team's events, maintained a 3.2 grade-point average, and have at least one semester completed at their institution.

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Title IX still doing its job

Column by
Marina Mackrow

Thirty-one years ago, female high school athletes got to compete on varsity sports teams for the first time. And I wonder why my mom can't throw or catch.

Chances are your own mother never got the chance to feel the adrenaline rush of winning that big game on her home field, or to build and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with playing on a team. Had it not been for Title IX, neither would I.

Think back to the last time you really sat back at a Lady Griz basketball game and said, "Thanks Congress. Thanks for allowing these incredible woman athletes to be able to entertain me with their talent."

Um, probably never. And neither have I.

Never did I take the time to fully comprehend and appreciate the opportunity I was given in high school. I only worried about whether we would make it to the state tournament. I never once thought twice about the law that allowed me to play.

I never thought about it until now, when Title IX came back into the news.

The Bush administration created an advisory commission to look at Title IX and open up discussions about whether the law needs to be reformed. Opponents, mostly male athletes whose non-revenue college teams were cut to

support more women's teams, jumped on the chance to voice their opinions and call for reform.

Title IX is not just about numbers, ratios and percentages. It's more. It's about equality and recognition. Equality in the world of sports and recognition as world-class athletics.

After all, female athletes accomplish great feats, some even greater than their male counterparts'.

Take for example the University of Connecticut women's basketball team. On Jan. 18, the Huskies won their 55th straight game — breaking Louisiana Tech's NCAA Division I record of 54 consecutive victories. Honestly, how many of you knew that?

On Jan. 14, the head coach of the University of Tennessee women's basketball coach, Pat Summitt, became the first women's coach to win 800 games. Honestly, how many of you knew that?

Until female athletes are treated as athletes and gain the recognition they deserve, there is no need to take Title IX back to the drawing board.

Opponents declare reverse discrimination, but the male athletes who claim this are just getting a little dose of the discrimination felt by women for decades.

Title IX has been around for 31 years. Our parents are 15 to 20 years older than this policy. They remember a time without it. Our siblings may be only a few years away from 31. For only 31 years, female athletes have been given the

chance to compete. For only 31 years, female athletes have been trying to gain recognition as athletes. And in those 31 years, female athletes still have not come as far as they deserve.

Before 1970, women had little option when it came to sports. It was either try to play with the boys and put up with their taunts or play on a basketball team that did not allow full-five action, let alone full contact or running. Really, they existed — my grandma used to play on one.

Now, a policy younger than our parents is changing that and beginning to level out the playing field. It is giving women the chance to do great things. This policy gives them the chance to be heroes in the eyes of little girls everywhere.

At the first sign of discomfort and a microscopic form of discrimination — if you can even call it that — the male athletes are complaining. And just like that, the policy is going into review. Come on, it took women decades to win the right to vote.

How can it go into review when the people in this administration are old enough to remember a time without it?

How can they consider making changes when the U.S. president has daughters of his own?

When there is no one alive in the administration who remembers a time when girls were not allowed to play sports, maybe then, just maybe, Title IX can be looked at. Until then, Title IX needs to be left alone.

Detroit Lions hire Mariucci as coach

DETROIT (AP) — Steve Mariucci successfully helped the San Francisco 49ers through a rebuilding process. The Lions are hoping he can do it again in Detroit.

Mariucci was hired as coach on Tuesday, taking over one of the league's worst teams less than three weeks after he was fired by the 49ers.

"He has tremendous experience in this league and brings unique qualities to our team," said Matt Millen, the Lions' chief executive.

"Specifically, his ability to guide the 49ers through significant roster adjustments is very impressive.

"His offensive system is one that we already have in place, which certainly is a plus for our football team in general and some of our young offensive players in particular."

Terms were not disclosed, but ESPN.com reported Mariucci will earn \$25 million over five years, which would make him one of the NFL's highest-paid coaches.

Fired by the 49ers after six seasons, Mariucci becomes the Lions' fourth coach in four seasons. He replaces Marty Mornhinweg, who was fired

last week after the Lions went 3-13. In two seasons, Mornhinweg was 5-27 — the worst two-year mark in team history.

Mariucci was 60-43 with the 49ers, and coached them to the playoffs four times. San Francisco was eliminated in the second round this season, losing to Tampa Bay 31-6.

Mariucci clashed with 49ers owner John York, who dismissed him three days after the loss to the Buccaneers. Mariucci's post-season record was 3-4; the Lions have just one playoff victory since winning the NFL title in 1957.

Mariucci presided over a remarkably brief rebuilding period in San Francisco, but it wasn't enough to save his job, even with a year left on his contract.

Lions defensive end Robert Porcher said he has talked to some 49ers, who gave Detroit's new coach good marks.

"They all speak very highly of him," Porcher said. "The guy's a winner. Six years there, two titles, conference championships, four playoff appearances. That gets it done for me and it should get it done for everyone else."

"Now he comes into a situ-

ation where he's wanted, where the city is going to embrace him, where management wants him.

"I can't even begin to tell you how much pressure that takes off of you when you're somewhere and you know you're wanted."

Mariucci, born and raised in the Upper Peninsula town of Iron Mountain, was scheduled to be formally introduced at a news conference Wednesday.

He will be about 90 miles away from best friend, Tom Izzo, Michigan State's basketball coach. Mariucci and Izzo grew up together, attended Northern Michigan and talk almost daily.

"It's going to be great, really it is," Izzo said while traveling to see a recruit Tuesday night. "I'm pumped up for him, and I'm pumped up for the Lions and all their fans."

Mariucci had been Detroit's leading candidate since the Lions fired Mornhinweg. Mariucci was the only coach to have an in-person interview.

Millen never publicly mentioned any other candidate, but said the Lions would do their best to comply with the NFL's policy of interviewing at least one minority candidate.

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Chavez

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while playing high school basketball in Heart Butte and Browning. He had a four-year varsity record of 91-7 and led his teams to four straight state championships.

Chavez has played in 20 games for the Grizzlies and started in six. He averaged 4.2 points and 3.6 rebounds a game.

Former head coach Don Holst, who recruited and signed Chavez, said he was shocked to hear the news about Chavez's arrest.

Holst said he hasn't spoken with Chavez much since last spring, when Holst was fired from his position after leading the Grizzlies to the

NCAA tournament. He said he had high hopes that this incident would not be the end of Chavez's career.

"This isn't the end of the world; it's a lesson and it's a lesson that could be well learned," Holst said. "He should face up — he's not the first guy it's happened to and he won't be the last."

In his release, Kennedy also expressed concern for Chavez:

"I am concerned about Mike as a human being, and want him to get whatever help and support I can. I will continue to support Mike in working through his difficulties. I believe that he still has an outstanding opportunity to have a positive future here at the University of Montana."

ASUM

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Judy Spannagel, director of the ASUM Off Campus Renter Center, deals with many of the complaints from renters who realized certain safety regulations for housing were not being enforced.

The ASUM resolution urges the city government to develop an automatic program for the inspection and certification of rental housing, possibly preventing major accidents.

All houses are required to abide by certain regulations, even if they do not rent out rooms.

Among the major concerns is houses that do not have easy-exit windows in each room. Another safety requirement often missing from rental homes is a working fire alarm, said Sen. Alex Rosenleaf, ASUM's housing board chairman.

"Students like all people deserve to be safe in their dwellings," Rosenleaf said.

Since the city has a limited amount of money and there is no charge for a rental inspection, authorities have a tendency to bury the requests to inspect rentals under those for commercial buildings, Rosenleaf said.

Commercial inspections generate revenue for the city through inspection request charges.

In memory of Marina Kanevskaya, the Russian professor who died in a hit-and-run accident near the Adams Center parking lot, Rosenleaf wants to pass a resolution that will extend ASUM's deepest sympathies to her family.

The senator said that he would try as much as possible to contact family members, send letters from those who felt Kanevskaya's impact, and show support for the family.

"I'm good friends with a number of people that were very closely impacted by what happened," Rosenleaf said. "Something needs to be said by (ASUM)."

Alumni focus on plague's affect

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To many, the plague that wreaked havoc in 14th century Europe may exist only in history books, but Executive Director of the Institute of Medicine and Humanities Herbert Swick says the disease still persists.

"There are 1,000 to 3,000 new cases diagnosed every year," Swick said, "Infections are still with us."

The plague is the theme for the fifth annual Community Lecture Series sponsored by the University of Montana Alumni Association. Every Tuesday for six weeks, UM professors will reflect on the impacts the plague has had on culture, art and literature.

Besides working at St. Patrick Hospital, Swick teaches a course about the plague at the Davis Honors College from which the lecture series is based.

"The plague may seem like a rather bizarre topic," he said, "but it's not principally a medical story. There are other important dimensions which convey the lasting impact of diseases."

This bacterial disease killed about 40 percent of the European population in the 14th century. There are three types of plague, the most common being bubonic. It is named for the large inflammation in the lymph nodes in the neck and groin, which are known as buboes.

The bubonic plague inspired the popular children's nursery rhyme "Ring around the Rosy." The buboes sores have red, rosy centers circled by a characteristic ring. The "pocket full of poses" refers to the herbs priests and doctors carried to ward off infection, Swick said. The last two lines of the nursery rhyme refer to the millions of victims of the plague.

"Parents would abandon their own children to die a painful death," Swick said. The mysteri-



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin
Speaker Herbert Swick illustrates the children's nursery rhyme "Ring Around the Rosy" with a picture of a buboe caused by the bubonic plague. Swick spoke during the UM Alumni Association's Community Lecture Series on Tuesday night.

ous disease led many people to speculate about its cause of cures for centuries. Some believed it was an unjust act of God, while others thought it was due to vapor caused by the planet's alignment. Most people were terrified of its swiftly spread contagions and left afflicted family members to die lonely deaths, he said.

Travelers with questionable health were restricted from entering cities. They were held for 40 days before gaining entrance. The term quarantine, meaning to isolate something suspected of containing a contagious disease, is derived from the Latin word quaranta meaning 40 days.

The plague shaped modern culture in numerous ways. For the first time, art reflected the destruction of death by plague. There were great advances in human anatomy. For the first time, the church agreed to human dissections in hope of finding the cause and cure of the disease. European schools experienced abrupt changes. About one-third of university professors died during the first epidemic in the 14th century, Swick said. The student population at Oxford dropped from 30,000 to 6,000.

Teachers who conducted class in Latin and French died. Their replacements only spoke English, hence changing the continent's primary language.

The affects of the plague are still apparent today. Although Swick said most cases are primarily found in Africa and Asia, it still breathes room for concern.

The deadly bacteria has been found in Montana. Although rats most often carry the flea that contains the plague bacteria, that list is growing. Now elk, rabbits, and domestic cats are also carriers. In Montana, 100 percent of coyotes tested contain antibodies of the plague, Swick said.

Although the plague is still around us, it is not an immediate threat. Swick's main goal is to inform people about the impacts of plague on culture.

Pat Robins, a double major in Spanish and Radio/TV, saw the lecture as a good opportunity for academically enthused people to learn about a topic that is not often discussed.

"Our age bracket doesn't know much about this," he said. "It's a nice way to know about something without it being cut and dry in the classroom."

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