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- 2 p.m. Violin Master Class, Adam LaMotte, open to the public
- Courtesy of UM Events Calendar

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Rising cost of hops takes toll on local breweries



Alisia Muhlestein / Montana Kaimin

Bayern Brewing owner Jürgen Knöller stands in front of a tower of hops Thursday afternoon. Those who love Bayern's beer have no reason to be concerned, "We have enough to last us for about a year and a half," said Knöller of the recent hops shortage.

Jeff Osteen

MONTANA KAIMIN

Missoula beer drinkers can expect to keep shelling out their dollars for their favorite beer while local breweries scramble to stay afloat amid the hops crisis.

Excessive rains and bad weather in Europe, coupled with a drought in Australia have helped create a worldwide shortage of hops and barley. Paul Roys, head brewer at Kettlehouse Brewery, said that North America is limited to only about 25,000 acres of hops, produced mostly in Washington.

"Worldwide, there's huge shortages," said Roys.

Last spring, the price of hops jumped six-fold.

"They went from \$4 a pound to about \$24 a pound in a matter of two months," said Roys.

Double Haul IPA, brewed and canned at Kettlehouse, is one of the hoppiest beers they produce and it takes about ten pounds of hops per batch, Roys said. "So you're looking at about a \$200 increase per batch," he said.

Jürgen Knöller, president of Bayern Brewing, Inc., said that he recently paid \$70,000 for two pallets of hops, the same amount that cost him \$15,000 before.

In stores, Bayern prices have gone up an additional \$1 to \$2 per six-pack, he said.

The rising costs of ingredients have even forced some recipe changes.

On the Kettlehouse Web site, owner Tim O'Leary wrote patrons should expect that their beers will have to be reformulated at best, and some brews might not be available at all.

"To try and make the same product, you have to make a lot of changes to your recipe or to your water to get back to where you were," Roys said.

He said by adjusting pH levels and calcium levels in the water, they are able to create a different body in the beer as well as bring out different hop characteristics.

Contracts between brewers and hops manufacturers are typically used to help protect brewers as well as farmers keep steady production.

Knöller said that last year the major breweries in the world had contracted to buy about 130 percent of the world harvest of hops.

"If the farmers would have honored their contracts, all of us brewers in America except Anheuser-Busch, Miller, and Coors would have been out of business, period," Knöller said.

Knöller said that he has been dealing with the same hops supplier for 20 years and that the longevity of their business relationship has helped keep Bayern in business.

"If you are the brand new brewer, the new kid on the block, you'd get skunked," he said.

Roys said it takes three to 10 years and a huge initial investment to begin producing hops. He said that he expects the hops market to eventually level back out, but not for a few years.

"Barley might be a different story," Roys said. "I don't know

if we'll see much increase in supply. Plus the climate has such a big effect on that. That's out of everybody's control."

Roys said that while hops have seen a tremendous increase in price over the last few years, the price of barley has only risen by about 80 percent.

"Germany only got about half the barley they needed for the year, so they've resorted to using lesser quality barley to produce beer," Roys said.

He said that American farmers are getting subsidized by the government to grow corn instead of

barley, in order to produce ethanol. This has led to an underproduction of barley that farmers may be more reluctant to correct.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 provided subsidies to

increase ethanol production, setting goals of 4 billion gallons of ethanol produced per year by 2006, 7.5 billion gallons per year by 2012, and in his 2007 State of the Union speech, President Bush set a new target of 35 billion gallons per year by 2017.

Since they grow in similar climates, corn can be produced on farms that used to grow barley and, as ethanol production demands increase, corn becomes the more attractive option.

Knöller said that in the next couple of years, hops prices should level out and the hops crisis should be over.

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Potential hire says 'no,' cites bigotry

Mark Page

MONTANA KAIMIN

Maha Nassar was offered a job as the new Middle Eastern history professor but, to the disappointment of history department chairman Richard Drake, she turned the job down in mid-January, citing prejudice against her Muslim faith in the Missoula community as her reason.

"There are always multiple factors at play when making such a major decision," Nassar wrote in an e-mail to the Kaimin. "But the strong anti-Muslim sentiment expressed by some members of the Missoula community made the thought of living alone as a Muslim in Missoula untenable."

"I was also disappointed that the administration did not speak out publicly against these anti-Muslim sentiments."

After UM offered Nassar a job, her husband, Scott Lucas, who teaches at the University of Arizona, also needed a job if they were to move to Missoula. He holds a doctorate from the University of Chicago in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. The University tried to create a position for him in the liberal studies department under an occasionally used practice called "spousal accommodation."

The history department's attempt to get UM to create a job for Lucas, 34, under spousal accommodation sparked a controversy that ultimately led to the couple's decision not to make the move to Missoula.

After an article concerning the hiring appeared in the Missoulian, Drake said he received three phone calls from people saying "essentially that we shouldn't bring Muslims here."

"The bigotry against Muslim people is palpable in the university world based on the experience I've seen here," Drake said. "And that bigotry needs to be exposed and opposed."

The University of Montana paid for Lucas to fly to Missoula

and give two presentations and interview for the position on Jan. 3.

Several faculty members expressed concerns that the University's interview schedule for Lucas over winter break did not allow a full vetting of him in front of faculty and students, few of whom were on campus. No faculty members expressed any reservations in public about Lucas' Muslim faith, but Lucas said it did, indeed, become an issue.

Provost Royce Engstrom said he decided not to create the new position because of the lack of faculty enthusiasm expressed over the proposal to do so for Lucas, either in liberal studies or history.

"We have a pretty specific process or policy in place for dealing with this," Engstrom said. "Their internal discussions led to the decision that this wasn't a person that would enhance their program."

Engstrom said he does not think "in a general sense" that Missoula has a problem with prejudice against Muslims.

Lucas, however, said that

See HIRING, page 5

Law School construction leads to greener UM

Stefanie Klits

MONTANA KAIMIN

The debris and concrete removed for the new School of Law addition is being recycled. And, it's just one small step toward creating a new set of greener construction standards for the University of Montana.

"Each project we try to get more conscientious so now we're recycling materials or using recycled materials," said Mike Panisko, project construction manager at UM's Facilities Services.

UM Facilities Services is designing a new set of standards for campus buildings. The new standards will follow Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design building certification practices developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. The LEED certification system rates various areas of energy efficiency on a point system, said Kevin Krebsbach, associate director of planning and construction for Facilities Services.

But acquiring a LEED stamp of approval is costly. Certifying the UM Education Building could run as much as \$100,000, said Laura Howe, assistant director of utilities and engineering. That's why Facilities Services is proposing another option, Griz Green, to the President's Office, Krebsbach said. Griz Green would include a series of standards equivalent to the LEED certification.

The discarded concrete from the law school was hauled to L.S. Jensen Construction to be crushed and recycled, Panisko said, and trees from the front of the building in the area between the Adams Center and PAR/TV were hauled to EKO Compost.

Other projects on campus are sending waste to the recycling bin too, Krebsbach said, including cardboard and scrap wood from the construction of the Lewis and Clark Villages.

But what makes the law school project different is that there is such a conscious effort to recycle

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BIG UPS & Backhands

by Bill Oram

Welcome to Big Ups and Backhands, where every day, not just this Tuesday, is Super Fat.

Apparently a prep football standout in Nevada, without any offers to play collegiately, fabricated an entire recruiting process, down to signing a letter of intent to play at Cal-Berkeley (which, incidentally, had no interest in him). **Big Ups** to the kid for being proactive, but seriously, did it not occur to him that people might catch on to the whole scheme when Cal didn't have a jersey for him?

A zoo in Wichita, Kan., gets **Backhands** after overseeing the virgin birth of a pair of Komodo dragons, the first to be biologically produced in North America. This is cool (go science!) but BU&Bh is firmly opposed to any dragons being produced where there are not an equal or greater number of dragon-slaying knights there to combat them.

Big Ups to a Belgian appeals court, which on Thursday reversed the conviction of seven Turks convicted of being terrorists. We don't know enough about the case to take a strong position, but we appreciate that the court did. Their swift and decisive action proves that not every Belgian waffles.

Backhands to democracy potentially being in jeopardy... again. Rumors circulated the Internet this week that someone has copied the key that will open all Diebold voting machines. It would serve Ron Paul to get his hands on that key if he wants to win anywhere other than Missoula.

Staying in the political vein, **Big Ups** to Republican Mitt Romney for recognizing the futility of advancing his presidential bid and bowing out gracefully. We would advise Ms. Clinton to do the same (yes, we know she's leading the Dems).

James Kruger, of Lafayette, Tenn., gets **Big Ups** for being prepared for disaster. While watching election returns Tuesday, he learned that a tornado was heading straight for his town. He responded by downing a big gulp of whisky just before a twister hit his house.

It's a good thing this year's Super Bowl was so exciting, because the main attraction fell flat. The commercials (what else?) get **Backhands**. Aside from the split-second of a grasshopper screaming, and the three seconds you genuinely thought Richard Simmons would get flattened by a careening vehicle (thanks Bridgestone tires!), they all sucked.

If you have yet to be personally offended by the Montana Kaimin, please e-mail us at bigupsandbackhands@gmail.com and we will do our best to include you next week.



Q1: What's the best or worst thing you've ever done for Valentine's Day?

Q2: What would you do for love on Valentine's Day?



•Arthur Skov
freshman, undeclared

Q1: I forgot to get something for my girlfriend.

Q2: Not forget.



•Brandi Graff
senior, marketing

Q1: I don't believe in Valentine's Day.

Q2: I already have it.



•Jasmine Allen
freshman, undeclared

Q1: Going out to a nice dinner with my boyfriend.

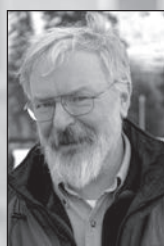
Q2: Well, I'm single, so maybe I'll find someone nice.



•Darcy Klessens
freshman, geology

Q1: In third grade, my friend Timmy chased me up a hill at recess, and then he tried to kiss me at our class Valentine's Day party.

Q2: I'd put an ad in the Kaimin.



•Mike Kupilik
professor, economics

Q1: I've gone out to dinner with my wife, and that's always nice.

Q2: I'd climb the highest mountain.



•Bynum Boley
grad student, tourism in forestry department

Q1: The upcoming one with my wife will be the best. It's our first year together.

Q2: Anything that would make her happy.

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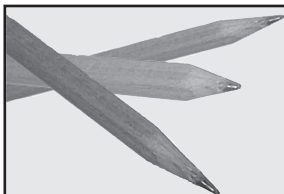
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Baseball bats, bloody boots, boozy bums

Mike Gerrity
MONTANA KAIMIN

Jan. 31, 3:39 p.m.

A collision took place between a bike-riding student and a bus on the corner of 6th Street and Maurice Avenue. Though the collision occurred at a slow speed of impact, the student had her leg looked at for possible injuries. There is a dispute between the bicyclist and the driver as to who ran into whom. Director of Public Safety, Jim Lemcke, said that officers are looking for witnesses to resolve the matter. "Anybody who saw that accident, we would like to talk to them," Lemcke said.

Feb. 1, 8:37 p.m.

Two males were staking out the University Center Game Room for another patron, one of them brandishing a baseball bat. "If you got two guys looking for you and one's got a bat, I think you're looking at the start of a bad day," Lemcke said. An officer talked to the two gentlemen and defused the situation, after which the two left.

Feb. 1, 11:17 p.m.

A woman was found lying on a couch in the UC, heavily intoxicated. After officers questioned her she got up and tried to run out the doors. The responding officers then gave her a ride home.

Feb. 2, 12:18 a.m.

Two Miller Hall residents were caught chasing two girls in one of the steam tunnels currently under construction. Officers said the two females were uncooperative. "I don't think the females wanted to report them because they weren't

Feb. 6, 4:00 p.m.

Three juveniles, about 10 to 11 years old, were throwing snowballs at cars and people while taking cover behind a dumpster and a green car. After police were called to investigate, the youths fled. "They're like a flock of quail," Lemcke said. "You drive a police car around and they scatter quick."



supposed to be there either," Lemcke said. The students were referred to Residence Life for a student conduct code violation.

Feb. 2, 5:12 a.m.

Several males were yet again found in the steam tunnels west of the Fine Arts building. Their names were documented for the Dean of Students.

Feb. 2, 9:49 a.m.

It was reported that two rock pulverizers were stolen from the Department of Geosciences during construction sometime in September last year. Their combined value is around \$5,000. "Is that some big recreation now? 'Let's go out and pulverize some rocks?'" Lemcke said.

Feb. 2, 10:51 p.m.

A woman at the Foresters' Ball was found furiously kicking in a door at the North Entrance to the Schreiber Gym. She eventually broke the glass window to the door. She was then cited for criminal mischief.

Feb. 3, 5:06 a.m.

A resident in the University Villages called about a male

pounding on her door very loudly. He was wearing brown boots that were apparently covered in blood. It was later determined the early morning guest meant no harm, and simply mistook the apartment for a friends'. "It turns out he was drunk and lost," Lemcke said. Officers transported the man off campus.

Feb. 3, 11:53 p.m.

A male at the Foresters' Ball approached another male, called the man a terrorist, and then punched him in the face, breaking the man's tooth. Lemcke said the victim might have been a man of Middle Eastern descent. The subject was cited for misdemeanor assault and ejected from the ball.

Feb. 4, 2:21 a.m.

A drunken male in Aber Hall was caught urinating on a resident assistant's door. Lemcke said that whiskey, beer and the Super Bowl were probably involved in the events leading up to the incident. "He claimed to have been sleepwalking," Lemcke said. The student was cited for a minor in possession and disorderly conduct.

Feb. 5, 12:30 a.m.

A transient was removed from the Mansfield Library after making threats to another one of the library's patrons, specifically threatening to "kick his ass," according to Lemcke. The man, who stands at 6 feet 5 inches tall and weighs 250 pounds, has lately made this sort of behavior a habit all over town. "This guy's been 86'd from plenty of Missoula businesses," Lemcke said. The man was charged with disorderly conduct and taken to St. Patrick's hospital for treatment.

Citations:

- Lindsey Campbell, 19, criminal mischief
- Caleb Wheeler, 20, misdemeanor assault
- Zachary Richter, 19, minor in possession of alcohol, disorderly conduct
- Randal Dye, 36, disorderly conduct

Election Festivities



Alisia Muhlestein / Montana Kaimin

Republicans Haruno Takemori and KC Stephens enjoy dinner at the Caucus Tuesday evening in the Double Tree hotel. Their candidate Ron Paul won the Missoula district, but front-runner John McCain dominated the national polls.

Closed caucus draws criticism

Leslie Brown
MONTANA KAIMIN

Around the state, Montana Republicans set aside Mardi Gras festivities and participated in their first Republican Caucus on Tuesday.

But some say changing Montana's Republican nomination process from an open primary to a closed caucus might not be the best way to go.

"I think it's a problem for a party moving from an open primary to a closed caucus," said University of Montana political science professor Christopher Muste. Only party officials and very dedicated party members have an opportunity to vote, he said.

In an open primary, one can find time during a set day to vote, Muste said. In contrast, in an open caucus, one has to show up to a specific place and at a specific time. In a closed caucus, like the type Montana Republicans opted for, there are more restrictions on who can vote, he said.

On Tuesday, only 1,630 of Montana's Republicans directly chose their presidential candidate. That's less than two percent of the more than 106,000 votes cast for George W. Bush in Montana's 2004 presidential primary.

Because of the selective process, Republicans may not be effectively represented, said James Lopach, chair of the UM political science department.

Lopach, who participated in a 1980s Democratic Caucus in Missoula County, said he prefers

primary elections. Primaries allow for more voters while caucuses give more voice to the Republican Party base, he said.

"What you give up in participation, you gain in purity," said Lopach.

According to the Montana Republicans' Web site, Tuesday's voters were comprised of elected officials, county party officials and precinct leaders who volunteer to represent their local electoral division, said Muste.

In Missoula, 96 of the 120 precinct chairs were filled.

"Having a caucus set up this way really gives an advantage to those with an energetic campaign," said Muste.

People can sign up to represent a precinct just to vote in the caucus, he said. While this increases participation in the caucus, it may not lead to long-term involvement in building party organization, Muste said.

Will Selph, chairman of the Montana College Republicans Federation, noticed there weren't just party insiders at the caucus.

"There were a lot of first-time people at the meeting," he said.

Selph said to effectively represent a precinct, one has to go out and find what people think. He said he personally sent eight e-mails to more than 1,000 members of College Republicans around the state to survey opinions.

Travis Wothe, a caucus participant, said he first started following Ron Paul's politics in April 2007. Paul's Missoula victory proved the value of individual involvement to Wothe.

"I'm really glad I got my vote in and joined the committee because it really made a difference in this county," he said.

College-age voters have increased their participation in the 2008 election cycle, according to The Center for Information and Research on Civil Learning and Engagement. In the Iowa caucus, voters under the age of 30 tripled from 2004 to 2008, the Center reported.

However, the Montana caucus may have increased cynicism in young Montana voters, said Lopach.

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discussion revolved around not just his credentials but also his religion.

In an e-mail, he pointed to a state representative, saying she "sent a string of inflammatory e-mails that branded me a Muslim extremist and insinuated that I was a terrorist due to my relationship with the Islamic Center of Tucson."

He also mentioned letters by two professors attached to the e-mail. He did not name the professors or legislator explicitly.

The professors he referred to are anthropology professor G.G. Weix and liberal studies professor Ruth Vanita. The legislator is Rep. Diane Sands of Missoula.

Lucas teaches in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Arizona and is a member of the Islamic Center of Tucson.

A 2002 Washington Post story said the Islamic Center of Tucson was the home to Wael Hamza Jelaidan, a former Islamic Center president who later traveled to Pakistan and joined an organization that became Al-Qaida. Hani Hanjour, one of the hijackers on American Airlines Flight 77 that struck the Pentagon, was a former member in 1991.

Information from that article

was included in e-mails Sands sent to nearly 100 people warning them of Lucas' connection with the center.

Lucas responds that he has never been involved with these men, so his affiliation should not cast a cloud of suspicion over him.

"I am proud to be a member of this law-abiding non-profit organization that serves the basic needs of several thousand members of our Muslim community," Lucas wrote in an e-mail. "Never mind the fact that I was in elementary school when the first of these men was in Tucson, and in high school when the second passed through to study English at the (University of Arizona)."

Michael Bonine, the head of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Arizona, the department in which Lucas is an assistant professor and Nassar is an adjunct professor, also defended the role of the mosque in the Tucson community.

The Islamic Center of Tucson "serves the needs of Muslim students and families," Bonine said. "In fact they have an imam [Muslim cleric] of the mosque and that person was instrumental in meetings we had after 9/11" that helped patch up relations between Muslims and the community.

Weix, one of the professors who sent e-mails about Lucas, said her concerns arose not out of his religious affiliations, but rather

about the way his potential hire was being pushed through.

"My concern was process; I felt it was being done too quickly," Weix said.

Weix said she and Vanita contacted Sands with their concerns. Vanita, who is on a leave of absence from UM, flew back from India, at her own expense of about \$2,000, to voice her concerns at Lucas' interview. Weix said she donated \$400 to Vanita's travels, and helped raise money from other sources.

Sands responded to their concerns by sending a mass e-mail to 97 individuals, state legislators and organizations expressing her concern about Lucas. It did not mention Nassar, who is also Muslim.

In the Dec. 31 e-mail, Sands cited the "EXTREME distress" of faculty members, "especially in women's studies, gay and lesbian faculty, etc."

"He (Lucas) is affiliated with the Islamic Center of Tucson that reputedly was the home of at least one of the 9/11 attackers," Sands wrote in the e-mail, "and he apparently espouses the most extreme of sharia (Islamic) law." She also expressed concern that any hiring should not be "rushed."

Sands refused comment for this article, saying only "It's not the legislature's business." She added, "I just wanted to alert people to what was going on."

Vanita, who returned to India after five days in Missoula, also contacted Casey Charles, a member of the Outfield Alliance, a group that defends the rights of gays and lesbians. He is also chairman of the English department.

Vanita brought to Charles' attention Lucas' critique of an Islamic scholar, Scott Kugle, who is both gay and a Muslim. According to Charles' account of what Vanita said about this, Lucas is one of very few Islamic Scholars who have opposed Kugle's work.

After hearing Vanita's concerns, Charles said he attended Lucas' presentation. He said his interest was for the treatment of homosexuals under Islam, and he felt a candidate teaching Islamic history should receive the added attention of his group, regardless of who they are.

"I think it's valid for a group like the Outfield Alliance to have an opportunity to have a full airing of the view of someone who is both a scholar of shariah law and a member of whatever mosque he was a member of," Charles said.

Charles said despite his concerns about Lucas, he acknowledged that Lucas has a right to academic freedom, just as the Outfield Alliance has the right to express the group's reservations.

Drake, the history department chair, along with Arizona's Bonine, both defend Lucas'

scholarly work and say he is in no way an extremist.

"I would say he's a moderate, I would say he has a very balanced view of Islam," Drake said. "He told us in his morning presentation that he wanted a progressive interpretation of Islam to gain ground and to be increasingly acceptable, but this interpretation would have to arise from within the religion rather than outside."

Drake, who said he was appalled by the response Lucas received, also interpreted some reactions in the community and university as anti-Muslim sentiments.

Drake also cautioned no individuals are being accused of bigotry per se, only that the hiring process revealed some "bigoted attitudes."

"The article in the Missoulian, the letters and e-mails being sent around, were highly unusual," he said. "These are not developments we see in most hires."

Regardless of whether Lucas and Nassar were hired, Drake said he regrets the impression they now have of the University of Montana. The history department has offered the faculty position to Alan Mikhail, a University of California at Berkeley historian.

"The most regrettable thing is the impression they have of our school," Drake said. "They left the institution with an extremely sour taste in their mouths."

Congress sends economic aid plan to Bush with tax rebates for many; Bush signals approval

Andrew Taylor
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Congress, facing the prospect of an election-year recession, passed an emergency plan Thursday that rushes rebates of \$600 to \$1,200 to most taxpayers and \$300 checks to disabled veterans, the elderly and other low-income people. President Bush indicated he would sign the measure.

House passage by a 380-34 vote came a few hours after Senate leaders ended a drawn-out stalemate over the bill. Still, by congressional standards, lawmakers approved the legislation with exceptional speed to jolt the weak economy. The plan, which adds \$168 billion to the deficit over two years, is intended to provide cash for people to spend and tax relief for businesses to make new investments — boosts for an economy battered by a housing downturn and credit crunch.

Rebate checks could begin arriving in May. They would be based on 2007 tax returns, which are due April 15.

The Senate's 81-16 vote capped more than a week of political maneuvering. The logjam broke when majority Democrats dropped their demand that rescue proposal offer jobless benefits, heating aid for the poor and tax breaks for the home building and energy industries.

GOP senators blocked those ideas, but agreed to add \$300 rebates for older people and disabled veterans to a \$161 billion measure the House passed last week.

Bush called the bill "robust,

broad-based, timely, and it will be effective." The compromise, he said in a statement after the Senate acted, was "an example of bipartisan cooperation at a time when the American people most expect it." The White House said Bush would sign the bill sometime next week.

The legislation would deliver rebates — \$600 for individuals, \$1,200 for couples — to most taxpayers, plus an additional \$300 per child. Individuals making up to \$75,000 a year and couples earning up to \$150,000 would get

the full rebate, with those making more than that or too little to owe taxes getting smaller checks.

People who paid no income taxes but earned at least \$3,000 — including through Social Security or veterans' disability benefits — would get a \$300 rebate.

"We believe the stimulus, the way it is targeted, will put money into the hands of those who will spend it immediately, injecting demand into the economy and therefore creating jobs," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., told colleagues.

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An excavator breaks through old foundations to make room for the new expansion on the University of Montana law school building. The debris that is being removed will be recycled as part of the University's plan to build more sustainable buildings on campus.

RECYCLE

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all the materials removed, Panisko said.

Making these new changes are all part of the Facilities Services' efforts to "chip away" at the LEED certification criteria and work these into their new standards, said Panisko, who also sits on UM's Sustainable Campus Committee.

"(Facilities Services) has pretty high design standards," Panisko said, but "our standards are raising as we're moving towards LEED (certification)."

Although recycling construction materials may be a fairly new thing for campus buildings, Panisko said, energy conservation and efficiency has always been a big goal.

Other law school renovations include geo-thermal cooling and lighting upgrades. With these

renovations, Panisko said, the Law School would be pretty close to LEED certification.

But Facilities Services is working toward "investing funding into the buildings and not the (LEED) paperwork," Krebsbach said.

The standards would be mostly applied to new campus construction, because older buildings are more complicated to green, Panisko said. And especially with limited funding, it may be some time before existing buildings are renovated.

The Griz Green proposal is still in its infancy. But Krebsbach said it's in the University's best interest to make campus buildings more sustainable for the long-term payback.

"We're 100-year owners of every new building," Howe said. "We're not just making short-term decisions."

Curry quiet, self-diagnosis, self-medication on rise

Alexander Tenenbaum
MONTANA KAIMIN

Signs littered the Curry Health Center waiting room Wednesday, hanging from the backs of chairs, the walls, the ceiling, even from posts that surround the waiting lines. Most of them were about exactly that. Waiting. Please wait.

This has been called the now generation, and "wait" is a four-letter word.

The UCLA School of Medicine reports that "most consumers are self-diagnosing and self-medicating," rather than seeking professional medical help, like that offered at Curry. Impatience may be driving young patients away.

Never filling up with more than four or five patients, the waiting room remained quiet. Those waiting wrote on clipboards, read magazines or just stared off.

Ariel Gilbertson, a sophomore in business, looked up from her magazine.

"I've been sick for more than a week now," she said. "I missed Monday and Wednesday, three classes each day. Coming here is worth not missing any more class."

She said she had put off coming to Curry to try to treat the sickness herself.

"Usually if I get a cold, I do Airborne, vitamin C and Echinacea, and the same for sore throats. If it's any kind of sickness, I just try to sleep it off."

Echinacea and other herbal remedies remain highly popular according to market reports.

The East-West Medical School Program at UCLA reported that most consumers buy herbs on their own, without the advice of a medical professional. According to the report, this form of self-medication follows from self-education, which is mostly based on the largest available

source of herbal information: advertisements.

Doctor Michael Kremkau, from the St. Patrick Hospital Emergency Room, said that self-medication with herbs can be extremely dangerous. Four years ago, he saw a 16-year-old girl die when her liver failed due to high doses of Kava, an herbal relaxant.

He said that Echinacea is relatively safe in small doses for people who aren't allergic to it. But he stressed small doses, quoting 16th century German toxicologist Paracelsus, who said, "All things are poison, and nothing is without poison, only the dose permits something not to be poisonous."

While not all herbs pose significant health threats, very few have been proven effective, Kremkau said.

"The reason that alternative or complimentary medicine is so popular is that the conditions that most people seek to treat usually get better on their own anyway, creating the illusion of a successful treatment," he said.

But Elaine Sheff, a clinical herbalist at Meadowsweet Herbs in Missoula, said that many of her first-time customers come looking for herbs recommended by their doctors.

"Usually it's that they've been working with Western medicine, and they haven't seen the results they were looking for," she said.

Sheff said that most of the time, people come in knowing what the problem is and what product they need.

"If not, we always recommend that they go see a doctor to find out exactly what's going on, and exactly what they need to treat it."

In the Curry waiting room, Katie Singer, a junior in marketing, sat and waited for the woman in scrubs to call her name.

"I took some NyQuil and tried sleeping it off," she said. "I used to

get strep (throat) a lot, so I think it might be that."

She said that the NyQuil didn't do much, but even in her condition, she was not inclined to go to Curry.

"I wasn't going to come here," Singer said. "But I called my mom, and she made me."

Kremkau said that in many cases, self-medicating with over-the-counter drugs in the correct doses can be the right thing to do.

"But when things aren't improving or getting worse, it is important to get help," he said.

Lew Bodman, a UM club baseball player and a junior in business, did just that. He was waiting for a Curry doctor to take a look at his swollen thumb, which hadn't gotten any better since he jammed it into a stair railing the night before.

He thought he might have dislocated it, and with a baseball tournament in Nevada at the end of the month, he figured it was best just to see a doctor and get it healed as quickly as possible.

Bodman said that in other circumstances, he would have waited longer before going to Curry.

"I usually use WebMD to check for signs and symptoms to see if it's worth coming into the Curry Health Center for," he said.

Kremkau said most information on Web sites like WebMD is spot on, but said that people can use the sites in one of two unhealthy ways.

"There's people who look at these sites and start to think they exhibit all sorts of serious symptoms, making them extremely paranoid. Other people can use these sites to explain away serious symptoms as nothing at all. In either case, the end results aren't good," Kremkau said.

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V-Day: A time to talk about sexuality

Melissa Weaver
MONTANA KAIMIN

The idea of a Valentine's Day show celebrating women's genitalia sounds erotic, but the goal of "The Vagina Monologues" is to turn people off domestic violence rather than turn people on.

"We're not shy. We're trying to raise awareness, especially since it's the show's 10th anniversary," said production director Rachel Wanderscheid. Wanderscheid is an outreach coordinator for the University of Montana Women's Center, the group hosting "The Vagina Monologues."

"Some people get squirmy," Wanderscheid said. "I tell girls to take their date. If he can't handle the show, he's not going to be a very good guy to date."

Maybe it's the scene where twenty women simultaneously vocalize an orgasm or the heart-wrenching story of rape's aftermath that makes some viewers uncomfortable.

Or it could be the humor, like that in a monologue entitled "My Angry Vagina," in which a woman rants about the injustices, like tampons, her vagina suffers.

"They are the stories of every woman," Wanderscheid said. "Not our stories specifically."

Every monologue relates to the vagina as a tool of female empowerment, she added.

Each year, "Vagina Monologues" creator Eve Ensler writes new monologues to highlight current women's issues. This year's "spotlight" speech, as it is called, focuses on women still suffering from the fallout of Hurricane Katrina.

Ensler, a playwright and feminist from New York, wrote the "Vagina Monologues," winner of the Obie Award, in 1996 as a celebration of female empowerment. This worldwide phenomenon, first performed by Ensler herself in a SoHo basement, has since been translated into 45 languages and



Ken Billington / Montana Kaimin

Senior Nicola Perez irons underwear for the "Panty Rock" Drag Show Jan. 28 on the third floor of the University Center. The proceeds from this Saturday's show will go towards the Vagina Monologues, which kicks off on Valentine's Day.

produced in over 119 countries.

Ensler wrote the original monologues after interviewing hundreds of women about their views on sex, relationships and violence against women.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a compilation of

“They are the stories of every woman ... not our stories specifically.”

—Rachel Wanderscheid, director, "The Vagina Monologues"

monologues read by “however many women a u d i t i o n ,” Wanderscheid said. The beauty of the show, she said, is that any woman who wants to participate in one of the 18 monologues will get a part, r e g a r d l e s s of acting

experience.

There will be 30 women, all UM students, participating in this year's production.

All proceeds from the show go to local women's programs to fight abuse and raise awareness for women's issues.

To fund the show's production, the Women's Center will host a "Panty Rock" drag show at Dauphine's Bakery and Café this Saturday night. After the show, flamboyant panties, like a pair that comes with a built in zipper

to hold condoms and lube, will be auctioned off. There will also be a silent auction and a date auction. There is a \$5 cover for the 18-and-up show.

Also, vagina-themed lollipops, or "pussy pops" will be sold in the UC all next week to raise money.

"The Vagina Monologues" will appear in the Montana Theatre on Feb. 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance at all GrizTix locations or \$11 at the door.

Documentary film puts America's reputation into perspective

Steve Miller
MONTANA KAIMIN

Sometimes, the unheard voices and opinions are the ones that need to be heeded the most. In America's case, these calls to attention come from the volatile, post Sept. 11 global community.

"The Listening Project," a Rikshaw Films documentary, promises precisely what its title suggests: it captures a number of varying attitudes concerning the actions and overall image of the U.S. from a global standpoint by, simply put, listening to what they

have to say.

Instead of a single investigative reporter at the helm, "The Listening Project" follows four distinctly different individuals from the U.S. as they travel the world and ask: "If you were going to take one message back to the American people, what would that be?"

The group of diverse listeners immersed in equally unique locations (14 countries in all) provides for an authentic and meaningful interaction — whether

it be the poet/spoken word artist Bao Phi in Mexico, or seventh-grade history teacher Carrie Lenox in Tanzania. Bob Roeglin, a field of corrections worker and Han Shan, youth grassroots organizer, also participate, traveling to the West Bank, Russia and India in order to gather as many different voices as possible.

One of the most intriguing elements of "The Listening Project" is the film's ability to capture the essence of each location, the physical environment as well as the opinion of the otherwise unheard majority.

For the most part, America's politicians, not its people, are seen in a very negative light and are

treated as entirely separate entities; America possesses the capacity to do great things, but fails to do so time and time again.

Although each location has its own thought-provoking perspective, none stands out more in my mind than that of Cape Town, South Africa. As Lenox interviews a group of young dancers, their frustration towards America is displayed in the most passionate form, as they believe that their own culture is being consumed by the U.S.

Another poignant moment occurs as Shan stands by and witnesses a conversation between an 18-year-old girl from Tel-Aviv and a Palestinian man recently held at gunpoint by the Israeli military because he would not openly deny

his right to live. The two truly understand each other, although a wall separates their peoples from regular interaction.

Despite the somewhat awkward and sudden transitions from one locale to the other, "The Listening Project" succeeds in combining the throng of voices into a much needed, but oftentimes neglected, global point-of-view.

Moreover, the film does this in such a way that steers clear being self-righteously preachy or in favor of any one political orientation.

Whether it's Vancouver, British Columbia or Arusha, Tanzania, "The Listening Project" allows the people of the world to speak their minds about America. Hopefully their viewpoints of our country will help us better understand who we are in the context of the rest of the planet.

Kaimin Arts Review

Kaimin Arts Movie Quote Quiz

Okay, we'll try this again and hope for a more enthusiastic campus response. We ARE giving away free stuff, after all. So guess the character and the movie, e-mail your guess to kaiminarts@gmail.com, and we'll print the winner in next Wednesday's issue. Until then, good luck:

"Lyndon Johnson is a politician, you know the ethics those guys have. It's like a notch below child molester."

Party it up, documentary style

For more information on the 2008 Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, including a complete event schedule, visit www.bigskyfilmfest.org. Stay tuned for more reviews coming up this Friday in Kaimin Arts.

"The Listening Project" will appear at the Wilma Theatre on Feb. 20 at 4:45 p.m. Single screening tickets will be \$6 at the box office.

Celebs gather, raise millions for world poor

John Heilprin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — Madonna, Chris Rock and dozens of other celebrities raised \$5.5 million at a star-studded benefit at the United Nations to help poor and sick children around the world.

The \$2,500-a-plate dinner and live auction hosted by Rock on Wednesday night was an unusual blend of charity and commercial promotion for the U.N. and made some of its officials, including Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, uneasy.

Gucci, which paid the costs, pegged the event to the Friday opening during New York's Fashion Week of its Manhattan flagship store on Fifth Avenue and put its logo and UNICEF's behind the walkway where celebrities were photographed.

The United Nations Children's Fund relies on \$1 billion in private sector donations for its \$3.5 billion global budget, but the U.N. had never before granted permission to a company to erect a 42,000-square-foot tent on the north lawn of the U.N. for such a lavish event with a commercial tie-in. Gucci gave paying guests its limited edition

"Gucci Loves NY" handbag, with a big red heart, costing more than \$600 each.

The red-carpet reception drew stars such as Drew Barrymore, Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher, Amy Adams, Brooke Shields, Salma Hayek, Djimon Hounsou, Dita Von Teese and UNICEF Ambassadors Tea Leoni and Lucy Liu, followed by a cocktail party with the likes of Donald Trump and media mogul Barry Diller.

Celebrities paid \$2,500 to \$10,000 each to dine on grappa-cured salmon, wild striped bass, tart of goat cheese, foraged mushrooms, truffled mashed potatoes and sticky toffee pudding with creme fraiche.

Madonna played videos of Malawi and introduced children from the southern African country. Rihanna, Timbaland and Alicia Keys played music afterward.

Ban, in an unusual move for a U.N. chief who has recently

sought the help of celebrities to focus attention on world problems, left New York for Chicago hours before the event got under way even though his appointment there wasn't until Thursday and his schedule for Wednesday night was open.

Alicia Barcena Ibarra, Ban's undersecretary-general for administration and management, said her office "should have investigated more fully" before it approved UNICEF'S request to hold the event. Barcena Ibarra said she did not believe it was correct for Gucci to publicize the event in conjunction with the opening of a new store "and I think we have to look into that."

A 1996 U.N. rule says that "outside entities, including non-governmental organizations, may not hold meetings or events on United Nations premises to conduct their own organizational business or to advance their own purposes or aims."

Ban nonetheless told reporters Tuesday he was confident there would be no problems.

"I understand that the main purpose of this event will raise funds for a humanitarian purpose, and I am sure that the proceeds will go to the purpose of this event," he said.

Tom Cruise bid \$100,000 for a sports package that included the privilege of hanging out at Yankee Stadium with Alex Rodriguez and a private hour playing soccer with David Beckham, but lost out to a bidder who ponied up \$350,000.

"It was an extraordinary evening. The whole evening was

"I've earned a reputation for many things: pushing the envelope, for being a provocateur, for never taking no for an answer.

— Madonna,
celebrity activist

quite moving," Cruise told The Associated Press, accompanied by his wife, Katie Holmes, who agreed. Cruise called the United Nations "an absolute necessity" because of the staff who dedicate their lives to building peace.

A trip to Paris with a tour of a vineyard and lunch with Francois-Henri Pinault and Hayek went for \$120,000. The priciest auction item was a \$600,000 winning bid to tour with Madonna and take a dance class with her and Gwyneth Paltrow.

Organizers said the proceeds would be collected by the Gucci Foundation, a registered charity, and split among Raising Malawi, an advocacy group that operates under The Kabbalah Centre International, and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, which supports the United Nations Children's Fund.

Security was tight and few reporters were allowed inside the dinner.

Though it is a U.N. agency, UNICEF'S operations are overseen by an independent board that doesn't answer to the secretary-general. The U.S. Fund for UNICEF said Wednesday there is "no formal relationship between Raising Malawi and UNICEF."

Madonna has tried to help Malawi orphans since she and her husband, Guy Ritchie began raising a Malawian boy they want to adopt. Rights groups questioned her actions since she took him from an orphanage in 2006 at the age of 1. According to UNICEF, HIV/AIDS affects almost 1 million people in Malawi, including 83,000 children, and half of the country's 1 million orphans have lost one or both parents to AIDS.

"I've earned a reputation for many things: pushing the envelope, for being a provocateur, for never taking no for an answer. For endlessly reinventing myself, for being a cult member, a kidnapper. For being ambitious, outrageous and irreverent. And for never settling for second best," Madonna told the dinner.

"But I don't just want you to write me a check. I'm more interested in your heart. I want to take you on that journey with me tonight. I want you to feel as inspired as I do right now," she said. "Yes, I want to raise Malawi. But if I can do that — if we can do that — then the sky's the limit."

Clumsy Lovers

Erica Doornek
MONTANA KAIMIN

With a little bluegrass and a lot of spunk, the Clumsy Lovers will bring their special brand of folk stomp to the Top Hat bar this Valentine's Day.

The Vancouver, British Columbia, band has been a staple in Missoula for quite some time, said Greg Voorhees, promotions director for the Top Hat. He describes the Lovers' sound as "bargrass," a unique mix of dance music and bluegrass.

They are known for their original songs, as well as their rollicking covers of old favorites (like AC/DC's "Thunderstruck," with some heavy-metal fiddling).

So who are these guys, with their flashy fiddles and banjos? Kaimin Arts landed an interview with bassist Chris Jonat and got some answers to our burning questions.

Kaimin Arts: How long have you guys been coming to Missoula?

Chris Jonat: At least five years. We've probably performed here about 15 times.

KA: What do you think of our fair city?

CJ: Well, we liked it until the Missoula Salad Company went out of business. That was some quality salad. Now we have to eat at Fuddrucker's.

KA: What was your weirdest Missoula experience?

CJ: For one show at the Ritz, the sound guy had a phone line hooked into the PA system, and he was calling our friends during the show and making them sing along with the songs. It was awful, and it kind of killed the performance.

KA: Your show happens to fall on Valentine's Day, so are you going to inspire some lust on Thursday?

CJ: We're always hoping to inspire lust at our shows. I think we might be giving out stickers that say "single" or "attached" so people can get together. You've gotta do something for Valentine's Day.

KA: Are there any ballads on the set-list?

CJ: I'm not really supposed to talk about it, but I think we'll play some really cheesy romantic ballads. Just get there within the first five minutes.

KA: Would you consider it "clumsy love" to not wear a condom?

CJ: (Laughs) Yeah... the thought of the consequences... ugh. So if you meet anyone at our show, make sure to avoid a clumsy faux-pas.

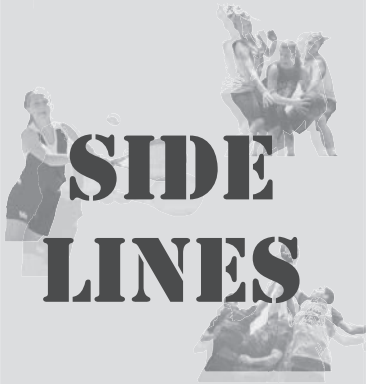
KA: Describe your band in three words.

CJ: We love salad.

The Clumsy Lovers will play the Top Hat on Feb. 14 at 10 p.m. The cover charge is \$10, and the show is 21 and over.

The Rocket Man says: Read your Kaimin Arts, kids! It's better than Wheaties!

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•Sunday, Feb. 10 – Women's tennis vs. Northern Colorado, 9 a.m., Missoula Athletic Club

GRIZZLY SPORTS

BRIEFS

Track and Field: The University of Montana indoor track and field teams compete today and Saturday in Pocatello, Idaho, for the Idaho State University Mountain States Games. The Grizzlies will join Montana State, Weber State, Sacramento State and the hosting Bengals at the meet. So far this season, the Grizzlies have qualified 10 women and eight men for the Big Sky indoor championships, to be held in Pocatello Feb. 29 through March 1.

THURSDAY'S

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Portland State 71, Northern Arizona 68

Northern Colorado 76, Idaho State 66

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Weber State 60, Northern Colorado 50

Sacramento State 81, Eastern Washington 72

Portland State 89, Northern Arizona 63

STANDINGS

MEN'S BBALL

School	Big Sky	All
Portland State	7-2	14-8
Weber State	6-3	11-10
Northern Arizona	6-4	14-9
Idaho State	6-4	9-14
Montana State	5-4	13-9
Montana	4-5	10-12
Northern Colorado	4-7	10-13
Eastern Washington	4-7	9-16
Sacramento State	2-8	4-17

WOMEN'S BBALL

School	Big Sky	All
Montana	7-1	17-4
Idaho State	6-2	14-6
Portland State	6-3	16-6
Montana State	5-3	10-10
Northern Colorado	5-4	11-11
Sacramento State	4-5	6-15
Weber State	3-6	9-12
Northern Arizona	3-6	7-15
Eastern Washington	0-9	3-19

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In 1986, 5-foot-7 Spud Webb wins the NBA Slam Dunk Contest.

Griz host Cats with standings on the line

Bill Oram

MONTANA KAIMIN

Last time the Montana Grizzlies and the Montana State Bobcats saw each other, it was Jan. 5 in Bozeman, and with just 12 minutes remaining, the Griz led. From there, MSU rallied and ran Montana off its court, winning a 74-58 laugh.

That close-game-turned-blowout, in which guard Carlos Taylor torched the Griz for 34 points, was the start of an anemic stretch for the Grizzlies, who proceeded to lose three of their next four games and fall to the bottom of

the Big Sky Conference.

Since then, the Griz (10-12, 4-5 BSC) have won three of four – two of which came on the road – and are back in the Big Sky playoff picture, currently sitting in sixth place.

The Griz will get their shot at retribution against the rival Bobcats Saturday, when MSU visits Missoula and the Griz kick off a three-game homestand. Five of the team's remaining seven conference games will be played at home.

Griz coach Wayne Tinkle said his Grizzly team is different from the one that was blown out early last month.

"I think guys are playing at a higher level," Tinkle said. "We're just much more sure of ourselves and have a better identity of ourselves right now."

A pair of players have emerged as key to the Grizzly attack in recent games. Transfer guard Ceylon Elgin-Taylor has proven to be a steadying force on offense with the ability to knock down open shots. Meanwhile, freshman center Brian Qvale, recently inserted into Tinkle's new, bigger lineup, has become an intimidating force under the basket, leading the conference in blocked shots.

"Ceylon's just playing really well," Tinkle said. "Brian Qvale obviously has a lot more of an impact on our team now, Ryan Staudacher is playing at a high level. If we can just get the guys like Andrew (Strait) and Jordan (Hasquet) to continue to be consistent and get a little more consistent play from Matty (guard Matt Martin) and Cam Rundles, I think that's even going to carry us further."

Qvale missed the bulk of Thursday's practice after falling awkwardly on his ankle,

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Lady Griz start road swing at MSU

Ben Prez

MONTANA KAIMIN

A terrible shooting performance, numerous halftime deficits, a humbling loss to Idaho State and the pressure of being the frontrunners in the Big Sky Conference haven't stopped them.

The Lady Griz have overcome it all so far this season, but their task ahead won't get any easier when they play Montana State tonight.

The second half of Big Sky Conference play commences at 7 p.m. as the Montana women head into the hostile territory of Worthington Arena in Bozeman against the Bobcats.

Although the Bobcats (10-10, 5-3 BSC) are playing .500 basketball this season, they're still in the hunt with five victories and have won twice in a row.

The Lady Griz hit the road for six of their next eight games and continue to make adjustments as the end of the season comes into sight.

"We just need to keep this momentum up," junior center Tamara Guardipee said.

Guardipee, who is averaging about six points and six rebounds per game, said that the team needs to shoot well, but more importantly they need to communicate well on defense.

Communication will be particularly important against the Bobcats, because they feature a dangerous shooting threat in Rebecca Mercer, a 5-foot-9 senior guard from Australia.

She is averaging 17.6 points per game on 43 percent shooting from both the field and 3-point range.

"If we're in man-to-man, Mandy (Morales) will guard her, and if we're in zone, everyone has to be aware of her," coach Robin Selvig said. "She's their best shooter, but the other place we have to be aware of is her transition game."

In addition to shutting down Mercer, Montana will have to contend with forwards Krislyn Wallace and Sarah Strand, both 6-foot-1 and averaging double figures in scoring.

On top of that, Bobcat guard Jenny Heringer was named Big Sky Conference player of the week after averaging 19 points per game and 9.5 rebounds over the weekend as the Bobcats beat Eastern Washington and Portland State.

"I want to hurt them inside," Selvig said. "Our inside game has been sporadic this year and it



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Senior Johanna Closson defends junior Tamara Guardipee as she shoots during a drill in their 7 a.m. practice on Tuesday. The Lady Griz are playing hard to hold their first place (7-1) conference standing over Idaho State (6-2).

would be nice if Tam had a good game for us."

The Bobcats are holding opponents to about 43 percent shooting and 71 points per game. The Lady Griz, on the other hand, are shooting 43 percent from the field and 38 percent from 3-point range as a team, and Selvig says that if Montana State take Morales and Sonya Rogers out of the game offensively, the inside game will flourish.

Montana junior forward Britney Lohman is from Bozeman and has a different take on the game than most players.

"A lot of people think I'm going to get heckled, but people are really supportive," Lohman said. "It will be fun to go back to my hometown and play a good team."

Lohman, who is averaging 9 points per game this season, says the Lady Griz need to move their feet on defense and have a cohesive

team effort against a scorer like Mercer if they want to win.

As the Lady Griz look toward another shot at the conference tournament, Lohman admitted that her team has been thinking about avoiding another late-season collapse like last year against Idaho State.

"It's not just about winning," Lohman said, "but getting better, and hopefully we can come through in the crunch this time around."

Women's tennis battles Bears

Jake Grilley
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana women's tennis team is hoping that a little home bubble advantage will be in its favor when it hosts this weekend's match against Northern Colorado.

Head coach Jen Anderson said for a tennis team that is constantly on the road it is nice to play at home in a familiar facility.

"We don't get the opportunity to stay home that often," Anderson said. "Sometimes other teams don't like playing in a bubble; the surface is a little faster. We are used to being in here and we love it."

Montana is hosting its first conference match of the season inside the tennis bubble at the former Missoula Athletic Club. Just four of the Grizzlies' remaining 15 matches will be played at home.

Anderson said the facility has some quirks that will play into her team's favor.

The uneven lighting, close confines and low ceiling are all characteristics of the facility that her team will be more familiar with, Anderson said.

Montana doesn't traditionally start its conference schedule this early in the season.

"We schedule a lot with Montana State and they decided to schedule (a conference match) this

early, so we decided to do it too," Anderson said.

Anderson said she doesn't think her team should have to begin its conference schedule indoors.

"Our conference matches are supposed to be played outside," Anderson said. "I would rather not play a conference match this early in the season."

Sophomore Danni Paulson said the team is prepared even though it

"Sometimes other teams don't like playing in the bubble ... We are used to being in here and we love it."

— Jen Anderson,
Women's tennis team head coach

may be early in the season.

"We are all playing really well," Paulson said. "We are all playing really well right now. We were going to have to play (conference matches) sooner or later, so we might as well get on it now."

Junior Liz Walker said it is crucial her team gets off on the right foot.

"We try and go in with the same mentality whether it is a conference match or not," Walker said. "Being that it is a conference match so early in the season, I think

it is important for us to get off to a good start. We need to build our confidence against our Big Sky opponents."

Montana is hoping to build some momentum after losing to Sam Houston State 5-2 on Jan. 27.

"We didn't have our full team the last time we played," Anderson said, adding that this weekend she expects to have her whole team available.

Walker said her team has also been working hard to get out some of the kinks from two weeks ago.

"We were able to take a weekend off and spend two good weeks of practice on the little things we needed to fix," Walker said.

Anderson said her team's training has it prepared for this weekend's match.

"We have been working on our returns and serves, and they are looking 100-times better already, and I think that is really going to help us," Anderson said.

Walker said the Griz are ready to play inside the bubble come Saturday.

"If we play like we have been practicing here I'm pretty sure we will do pretty well," Walker said. "Regardless of whether it is April or February I think we are ready to play somebody in the conference."

Montana hosts Northern Colorado Saturday at the former Missoula Athletic Club. Matches begin at 9 a.m.



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Sophomore Danni Paulson practices with her team Thursday afternoon at the former Missoula Athletic Club bubble in preparation for the team's first conference match this weekend. "It will be nice to have a game on home court," said coach Jen Anderson.

Portland State beats NAU to remain on top of Big Sky

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Jeremiah Dominguez scored 14 points and Portland State hung on to beat Northern Arizona 71-68 Thursday night and stay atop the Big Sky Conference standings.

Scott Morrison finished with 12 points for the Vikings (14-8, 7-2 Big Sky), who won their fifth consecutive game and completed a season sweep of the Lumberjacks (14-9, 6-4).

Kyle Landry had 22 points and seven rebounds for Northern Arizona, which lost its third straight, while Matt Johnson added 15 points and Josh Wilson 10.

The Lumberjacks rallied from a

nine-point deficit to take a 59-58 lead on Landry's three-point play with 5:47 remaining.

Portland State went ahead to stay at 63-62 on Deonte Huff's shot from the paint with 3:36 to play.

Huff hit one free throw with 21.8 seconds left to make it 71-68 but missed both his foul shots with 4 seconds remaining.

Northern Arizona called a time out with 2.5 seconds left to set up a final play, but Wilson's desperation 3-point hook shot from beyond midcourt was wide of the basket at the buzzer.



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Freshman redshirt Tyler Hurley attempts a pass around teammate Andrew Strait at practice Tuesday in the West Auxiliary Gym. Saturday the Grizzlies hope to pass around cross-state rival the Bobcats, adding another win to their 4-5 standing in the Big Sky Conference.

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but Tinkle, said he anticipates the Williston, N.D., native will be able to play Saturday.

"He just kind of tweaked it in a drill," Tinkle said. "I don't think it was any big deal so we'll expect him to be ready to go."

The Bobcats (13-8, 5-4 BSC) are led by Taylor, who in turn leads the conference in scoring with 18.7 points per game. Staudacher, the sophomore Grizzly, will likely spend a bulk of the time trying to shut down the explosive and crafty Taylor, but may be doing it

at less than 100 percent.

Sophomore guard Cameron Rundles said Staudacher, who practiced lightly Thursday, is nursing a foot injury, but doesn't expect it to hold him back.

"I'll take him on a bad foot guarding him (Taylor)," Rundles said. "He's dynamite guarding."

The Bobcats sport the top scoring team in the Big Sky, averaging 74.5 points per game. Something will have to give against Montana, which has the best scoring defense in the conference, allowing just 63.9 points per game.

Despite all the things lining up to make Saturday's match-up look like a good one, the rivalry

between the Cats and the Griz is irrelevant, Tinkle said.

"Our guys are motivated just to get here at home and against a team that's in front of us in the conference standings," Tinkle said. "Beyond that we're not focusing that much on the rivalry."

Rundles agreed that just accumulating wins is the team's paramount goal at this point, but that doesn't diminish the rivalry, he said.

"If you can't get motivated for the Cats you can't be a Griz," he said. "The fact that they beat us there, you can't get swept by them either, so we've got to get out there and just focus."

Redskins look for new coach

WASHINGTON (AP) – With the rising star from the Super Bowl out of the running, the Washington Redskins spent Thursday planning their next move.

Will their new coach be Jim Fassel? Ron Meeks? Steve Mariucci?

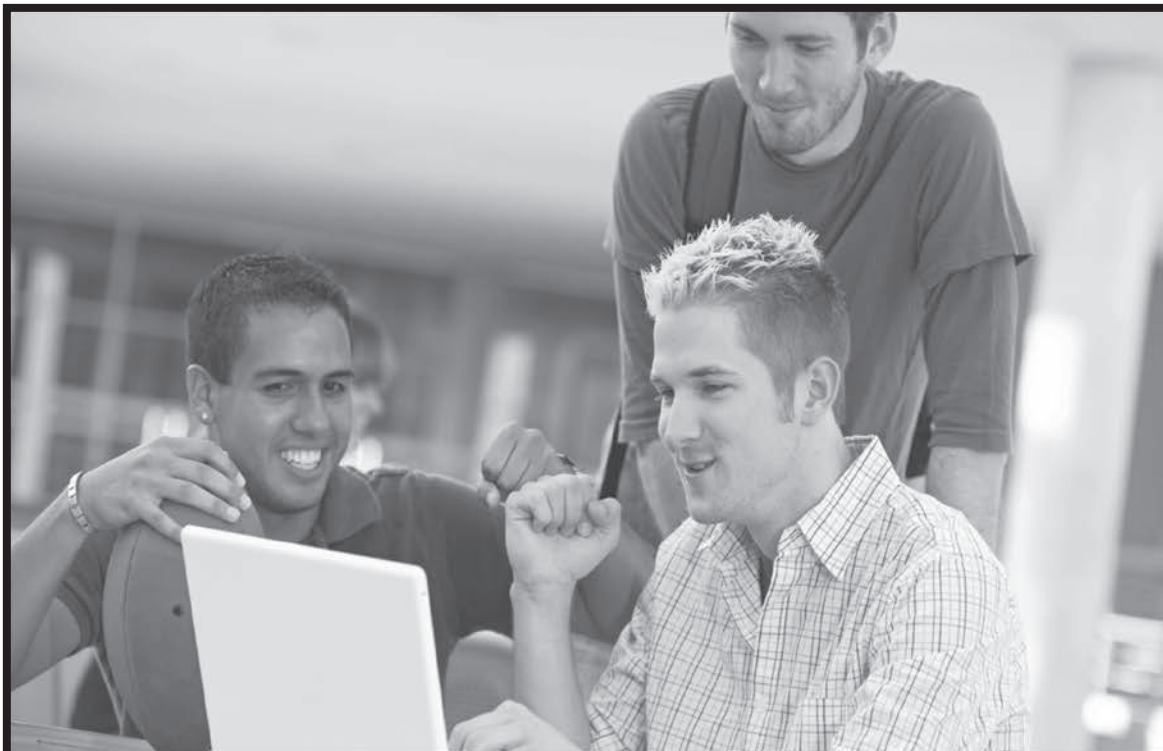
Or how about another mystery candidate? After all, owner Dan Snyder has kept the process well under wraps since Joe Gibbs resigned Jan. 8. At least two contenders, Fassel and Pete Carroll, weren't known to be on Snyder's list until more than a week after their initial interviews.

And, of course, it was a mystery

candidate who got the job four years ago, when Gibbs emerged out of nowhere after Snyder had higher-profile talks with other prospects.

One certainty is that the next Redskins coach will not be New York Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, who withdrew his name from consideration Thursday, citing his desire to remain with the Super Bowl champions.

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Smoldering in icy weather



Eric Oravsky/ Montana Kaimin

A construction worker on the Interdisciplinary Science Building welds part of the roof awning despite snow and cold temperatures.

ELECTIONS

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“Young people have been energized by candidates and wanted to participate. What the Republicans did here didn’t build on that. It frustrated that,” he said.

Tyler Stoverud, a business major and a Republican, said he’s not sure the caucus process is fair because it leaves some people out. Young voters are a unique group because they don’t know about different regulations and voting, he said.

“I think the younger you are the harder it is to keep up with (politics),” Stoverud said. “It’s something I’m still trying to learn about.”

In September, 25 Montana delegates will go to the Republican National Convention to vote for Mitt Romney, the state winner. Romney announced Thursday he suspended his campaign, yet Montana’s delegates are required to

vote for Romney until he officially drops out of the race, said Chris Carter, communications director for the Montana GOP.

“I wouldn’t have voted for Mitt Romney,” said Alicia Kosmann, a junior psychology major. “That’s a little disappointing.” She said that even though she’s been on campus, she didn’t know the caucus was going on. “I guess I feel cheated,” she said.

In June, Montana Democrats will be able to vote in an open primary. But because Montanans do not declare Republican or Democratic partisanship in the primary, the system leaves the possibility open for meddling, UM political science professor Jeffrey Greene said. A Republican could theoretically vote for a candidate in June’s primary to throw off Democratic numbers, Greene said. Yet it may not make a difference, he said, because Montana’s primary is so late in the election cycle.

The late primary date is one of the reasons the Montana Republican Party opted for a caucus on Tuesday, according to

their Web site.

Ross Peterson, a literature major and an independent voter, said the late Democratic primary isn’t very influential because of how little sway Montana has in the Electoral College.

“Unfortunately, I don’t think it’s worth getting too upset about,” he said.

But nursing student Shoshannah Seed, a Libertarian, said voting in the primary is important.

“I think it still matters even if it is late,” Seed said.

HOPS CRISIS

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