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Kaimin is a Salish word for messages

Wednesday, October 2, 1996



Lena Price/Kaimin

KURT INGOLD, a freshman who has not yet chosen a major, puts a coat of white paint over his art project near the Field House Tuesday morning. The project, called a "shadow box," was for the class 3-D fundamentals, and will be on display with the other projects in the air shaft of the Fine Arts Building.

ASUM postpones investigation

Kortny Rolston
Kaimin Reporter

The ASUM Affairs committee put an investigation into the Phoenix organization on hold Tuesday because the proposal lacked details, Chairwoman Kristie Krinock said.

"We definitely need something specific before we can investigate," she said.

Krinock, along with three other committee members, outlined their reasons for tabling Sen. Vince Iacopini's proposed inquiry into UM's non-traditional student organization.

"He's just being so vague," Krinock said. "Some mysterious students have come to Vincent and no one else, so no, we're not going to search this out."

But Iacopini said he questioned the decision because he's

on the committee and was never contacted about the Tuesday morning meeting.

"I never knew about the meeting," he said. "There was a letter in my box yesterday asking me for my schedule, but no one told me about a meeting."

Iacopini also said he would pursue the investigation on his own.

"I've got no problem doing this on my own if ASUM Affairs committee is unwilling to do it," he said.

Krinock said she had been trying to contact Iacopini before the meeting but hadn't been able to reach him.

The committee decided Phoenix is not an official ASUM organization until its bylaws and constitution are approved by the senate.

Until a specific student complaint is filed, current actions could be considered

biased, according to the meeting's minutes.

And, the committee decided, if a complaint is filed after ASUM recognition is final, it should be dealt with informally unless the group refuses to cooperate or the complaint is too complex.

Iacopini introduced the proposal to investigate Phoenix at last week's senate meeting. He said several students had approached him about internal problems within the group but refused to identify his sources or details of the complaints.

Iacopini later submitted a proposal questioning the group's policies on president selection, board of director appointments and dismissals, membership requirements and Phoenix's status as a student support service. He refused to say whether a specific incident prompted the proposal.

Committee looks at credit overhaul

Jennifer Brown
Kaimin Reporter

UM could see lower general education requirements as part of a standardized Montana state university system, said a UM dean Tuesday.

The Board of Regents has asked a committee to look at standardizing the state requirement system.

After the regents restructured the university system last year, making Montana Tech in Butte and College of Technology of Helena and Missoula part of the University of Montana system, Provost Robert Kindrick ordered a committee to create equal requirements on each campus.

In the end, however, the number of credits required at each campus probably won't be the same, said James Kriley, dean of UM's School of Fine Arts and chair of the general education steering committee. It's not important that all Montana students take the same courses, only that they all come out with the same level of proficiency, Kriley said.

"The new general education requirements will be based on proficiency and outcome," Kriley said. "We need to define what skills a student should have, not specific courses they should have taken."

Kriley said the committee, which is composed of representatives from each campus, wants students on all campuses to have the same general education backgrounds so they can move throughout the system without difficulty. The regents ruled last spring that students could transfer general education requirements from one Montana school to another without taking proficiency exams.

Currently, UM Missoula requires more general education credits than any other campus.

"General education requirements are the heart and soul of this university," said Randy

Bolton, co-chair of the drama department and former chair of UM Faculty Senate. "I'm confident that this committee will protect those requirements."

But Kriley said the number of general requirements will probably be lowered.

"The dilemma in the real sense is that students are taking 45 to 50 credits of general education, and that's almost half their entire curriculum," Kriley said. "General education requirements shouldn't occupy too much of a student's development."

Kriley said he worries that many students, especially those returning to school or transferring from another college, end up taking courses they might not need just to satisfy the requirements of the university.

"If a student walks in the door and says, 'hey, I have these skills,' we need to have an instrument in place that accesses those skills," he said. "There is no point in higher education to make people go through things they don't need."

Kriley said the committee hopes to develop a standardized test that would require samples of a student's work.

The committee has yet to determine the actual number of general education requirements a student will have to take, Kriley said. However, he guessed they will be reduced to about 30 credits.

But the plan is only in its preliminary stages, and faces a second review by the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee. If approved, the final decision will rest with the Faculty Senate. It's possible the new requirements could be completed by next fall, but not in time to be published in the 1997-98 catalog, Kriley said. If the plan passes, it won't be fully implemented for at least three years, he said.

"It's a long process," he said. "I feel very optimistic about what we've done. I think we are headed in the right direction."

Costly calls: Emergency phones help keep campus safe at \$10,000 a pop

Jennifer McKee
Kaimin Reporter

A \$10,000 phone call had better be good.

The 12 distress calls shot to University dispatchers in the past six years are worth that tuition-size price tag, said University Sgt. Dick Thurman.

"Even if they don't save a life, they could save someone from being attacked," Thurman said.

Each of the 17 emergency phones strung throughout the campus costs about \$7,000, said Ken Willett, director of Campus Security. The total cost of all 17 phones ranges near \$119,000, covered mostly by student building fees. With only a dozen distress calls

received since the system was installed six years ago, the average cost for a 30-second emergency calls totals just under \$10,000.

A direct phone line automatically connects callers with a University Police dispatcher. Officers can be on the scene within two minutes, Thurman said.

"If you were being chased or if someone had a heart attack, they're fast," he said.

So fast that a responding officer once tapped the shoulder of a distressed female caller as she talked with dispatchers, seconds after she pushed the distress button, Willett said.

Since the first yellow phone boxes were clustered near the Oval in March of 1990,

Facilities Services crews have continued to install the phones in a widening web, said Judy Holbrook, manager of university phone services.

But some students confessed that they didn't know how to use the distress phones, even though they felt safer with them nearby.

"I feel safer if I'm around one by myself at night," said Helen Bartlett, a health and human performance major who lives on campus.

And although the phones don't ring often, Eric Newman, a junior in Psychology, said the network met a need.

"Theoretically, they're a good idea," Newman said, "although I've never known anyone who's used them."

INSIDE



UM's rodeo team chalks up another victory.

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Opinion

Wandering Eye column warrants anonymity

The eye that wanders is anonymous.

And the writer for the weekly "Wandering Eye" column, featured in the Kaimin's Eye Spy arts and entertainment guide, will remain anonymous.

Anonymity is important.

Not so the columnist can slam community business or avoid retaliation.

The wandering eye is mysterious so the writer can tackle any topic, deserving or not.

The column gives the writer the rare opportunity to be over-opinionated, wacky and sometimes wildly off base.

This tactic is acceptable because Eye Spy is not part of the "news" paper. The arts tab focuses on opinion. Its pages overflow with digs, pokes, compliments and praise, not to mention humor.

Editorials in the daily Kaimin are different. They represent the opinions of the editorial board and the publication itself. Topics are researched and discussed before opinions are written. Unlike the Eye Spy column, the writers are accountable for their words.

The difference is the Wandering Eye owns a creative license. Even though the writer is experienced and informed, his/her views are sometimes random and far-fetched.

Other times his/her opinions are solidly grounded in fact. Content depends on the day, the stimuli and the moon's relation to the sun.

Eye Spy's purpose is to inform readers of local art and entertainment. Besides serving as a calendar, its opinions should provoke thought and response. Readers should appreciate the break from administrative rhetoric, ASUM dilemmas and campaign controversies.

Some people feel that by writing anonymously, a columnist is shirking the responsibility of taking the blame for what he/she writes.

This is absolutely true.

Attaching a name to a column designed to be unpredictable and tongue-in-cheek would also attach a degree of seriousness that is totally unwarranted.

The Wandering Eye is obviously not serious.

This is a column meant to be an Everyman-style commentary on a range of issues, be they bagels, birthdays or Barbie.

For the record, no Kaimin staffer anywhere will ever divulge the identity of the Wandering Eye.

Not because we're all involved in some kind of conspiracy to bash local businesses, but just because it's fun to have a secret.

Besides, didn't your mother ever tell you? Don't believe everything you read.

Unless it's in the Kaimin.

Erica Curless

Affection has become taboo

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — Is this really what we've come to?

Last week, 6-year-old Lexington, N.C., native Johnathan Prevette expressed his friendship toward a female first-grade classmate with a kiss on the cheek.

A sweet notion, we'd say, one fraught with innocence, a childhood glow and maybe even a little old-fashioned chivalry. By all accounts, this was one of those peck-on-the-cheek silly little things that kids do.

Kids, in their exuberance and innocence, are often prone to showing signs of affections, be it a hug, a kiss, or what have you.

But instead of smiling warmly on little Johnathan's affection, school officials

threw him out of class, took away his color time and wouldn't let him go to an ice cream party he'd earned because of good attendance (the elementary equivalent of suspension).

Come on. In our rush to insulate ourselves from any display of affection out of fear that it could constitute sexual harassment, we've lost the point.

Under no circumstances are we making light of any type of sexual harassment at any level. It is a behavior that shouldn't be tolerated by anyone for any reason. Certainly, women (or girls in this case) shouldn't be subject to unwanted sexual advances. There is no place for that in a civilized society.

But we're talking about first-graders. First-graders

do from time to time give each other kisses on the cheek, and so what? Would we rather they bottle up their emotions until they become socially inept?

Hardly.

Would we rather little Johnathan express himself by bringing a gun to school? Or maybe kicking and hitting the little girl he gave the peck on the cheek? Doubt it.

What kind of message does Johnathan's punishment send? That sexual harassment is intolerable? Or that we should fear sincere social interaction as dangerous and taboo?

Let's keep our overbearing political correctness crap in the "adult sphere," and for God's sake, let Johnathan go to his ice cream party

The Iowa State Daily

Letters to the Editor

Choose me

Editor,

Who submitted the contest-winning motto "Revolution Radio"? You suck. I assert that KBGA's choice to overlook my submission, "We Put the 'Dio' Back in 'Radio'" shows a stupefying lack of direction.

Yale J. Kaul
Junior, Geography

Your vote matters

Editor,

So, you don't think the upcoming elections matter? What do elections have to do with me? The government doesn't affect my life. All those

politicians are the same. Who cares?

Well, I have news for you. Elections do matter. The government does affect, and the folks running for office have very different views on issues that affect YOU!

How about an example? Okay, let's take a look at the race for U.S. Senate where the two candidates stand on education, YOUR education.

Max Baucus recently introduced legislation to provide a \$5,000 tax deduction for college. Max continues to make sure that student loans and grants are funded. Max received the endorsement from the Montana Education Association for his support of public education.

His opponent supports cut-

ting aid to schools and student loans. He even

opposed the Governor's scholarship for talented Montana students to attend school right here in Montana.

Well, you get the idea. You see, there are issues in this election that affect us as students. There is a clear choice between two candidates. Please register to vote and exercise your right on election day.

Sincerely,

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Concerning U

Adult Re-entry

Informational Meeting: For prospective students, 6 p.m., Office of Career Services, Lodge room 148.

French lecture:

"L'Image De La Femme Dans La Bande Dessinee," (The Representation of Woman in Cartoons and Comic Books), in French by Professor Michel Pierre, 7 p.m., Liberal Arts Building room 11.

Breast Cancer

Resource Network: Meeting 7 p.m. at the auditorium of St. Patrick

Hospital, 500 East Broadway. The topic is an introduction to the American Cancer society's "Look Good...Feel Better."

Free lecture:

An introductory presentation of the ideas of G.I. Gurdjieff, 7:30 p.m. at Earth Spirit Books, 135 E. Main St. Interested persons are invited.

The Lifeboat Video: "Sacred Stories" video with James Carroll, Maya

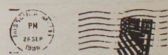
Angelou, Frederick Buechner on the journey of faith and life, 8:15 p.m. at the Lifeboat, 532 University. The video is followed by ecumenical worship at 9:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Forestry Lecture: "Sustainable Forest Management: An Industry Perspective" by Bill Bourgeois, vice president for Forest Policy, Lignum Ltd., 7:30 p.m., Social Sciences room 356. Free, refreshments will be served following the lecture.



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Group wants fully informed juries

Gretchen Schwartz
Kaimin Reporter

Prison inmates are often the victims of unjust laws; laws that should be questioned by the jury, legislative candidate

Michael Fellows said Tuesday. Fellows is the leader of the Fully Informed Jury Association of Missoula (FIJA), a nation-wide group which advocates that a jury member has the right to judge the law,

not just the person on trial. "Where there's no victim, there's no crime," said Fellows, who is a Libertarian candidate for House District 67. "People should vote according to their conscience."

Based in Helmville, Mont., FIJA is trying to pass an amendment that requires a judge to inform jurors of this right before any trial in which the government is a party.

"It's the only group I know of that brings black separatists and Ku Klux Klan members to the same meeting," said Chris Mullin, a librarian at the Mansfield Library and a member of the Libertarian Party.

Members of the organization hand out pamphlets to people walking into the courthouse, but Missoula courthouse judges and clerks say the FIJA members are not disruptive.

District Court Judge John Larson said the judiciary is against what FIJA proposes. Jurors are asked about their belief in questioning the law during the selection process, Larson said.

"It's a partnership," Larson said. "The jury decides the fact and I decide the law."

Despite the group's 50 chapters around the country, the county attorney's office has never heard of FIJA.

Municipal Court Judge Donald Loudon said jurors already question the law, without the legislation FIJA is trying to pass.

FIJA, which has about 2,000 members, was organized in 1981 by the libertarian party. There are 25 official FIJA members in Missoula.



Terri A. Long Fox/Kaimin

SCOTT BUTLER, left and Michael Fellows, right, gave students the world's smallest political test Tuesday in the UC to see where they fall on the self government chart while promoting the Libertarian Party.

UM laissez-faire about bad checks

Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part series on bad check writing.

Jennifer McKee
Kaimin Reporter

Rubber checks don't bounce far on the UM campus.

University officials and campus store owners say their decision to be kind to bad check writers has paid off with fewer rubber checks and faithful customers.

"We're not out to harass students," said Bryan Thornton, general manager of The Bookstore. "You're our primary customer."

Both The Bookstore and the university follow a hands-off policy of pursuing students who write rubber checks. The supervisor of student accounts, Diedre Morin, said students have to write three bad checks to the university before they're named on the bad check list. Cashiers in all university-owned businesses consult a copy of the list before accepting any check.

Three bounced checks anywhere else in Missoula is a felony, said Missoula Sgt. Marty Leudemann. Called "common scheming," a series of three or more bounced checks is a felony offense, punishable by up to a \$10,000 fine and no more than ten years in prison.

But that's not likely to happen, said Dwayne Byler, head cashier at The Bookstore, especially if the check bounces

at The Bookstore.

Thornton sends check bouncers a letter, alerting the student of the returned check while hoping that the violator can "remain friends" with bookstore management.

"I really tried to soften the blow," Thornton said. "We found that if we just communicate with students, we can work it out."

While the university will eventually turn over problematic checks to a collection agency, Morin said enrolled students can't escape business services.

"We just add the checks onto the student's account," she said. "They'll have to be back in here eventually, anyway."

And students aren't as monetarily middle-headed as some might assume, Thornton said.

"Our customers are pretty trustworthy," he said. "There are always a few problems, but most are very cooperative when they bounce a check."

Becky Paye, a UM sophomore, said she cringes to find an insufficient funds notice in her mailbox.

"I get the white envelope and transfer funds," Paye said. "It's a pain."

Dominic Paxinos, a senior in economics, said it took him a while to learn the subtleties of check-writing.

"I had all my money in my savings account and I'd transfer funds whenever I got overdrawn," he said. "Now, I just keep it all in my checking."

SMOKE AND MIRRORS

THE WAR ON DRUGS AND THE POLITICS OF FAILURE

DAN BAUM

Dan Baum is a freelance journalist for such publications as The L.A. Times, The Chicago Tribune and The Smithsonian. He has also worked for The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post. Dan and his wife continue to work from their home in Missoula, Montana.

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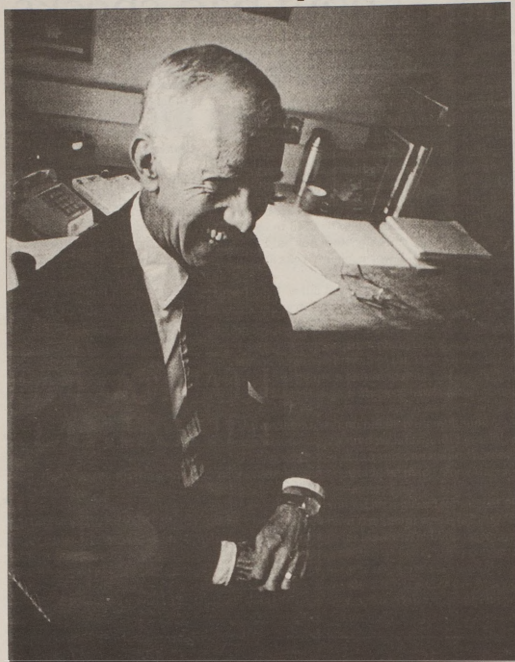
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Award aside, UM's Borgmann loves to teach



Lem Price/Kaimin

ALBERT BORGSMANN, a philosophy professor at UM, was awarded the rank of Regents Professor by the Board of Regents last month, a title that confirms he's done groundbreaking scholarship and extended academic research. Borgmann has taught at UM since 1970.

Melissa Davidson
Kaimin Reporter

On the ledge next to philosophy professor Albert Borgmann's desk sits a stone as big as a fist, given to him by history professor William Farr as a symbol marking a transition in Borgmann's career.

In Germany, where Borgmann was born and raised, stones that make up boundaries between villages are called "grenzsteins." Engraved in the grenzstein is the year it was erected. Borgmann's rock has 1996 engraved in it, and he said it represents a "time in space when I was just an ordinary professor, and the time after when I was awarded the Regent's Professor."

Earlier this month, Borgmann was nominated for the honor because of his academic research and excellence in teaching. He said it basically means he gets to teach fewer classes, but maintain higher standards of research and service.

Only two other UM faculty members have received the rank of Regents Professor in the past.

"A lot of thought goes into these nominees," said Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences Paul Dietrich. "It's not something that is done every year."

But a modest Borgmann doesn't choose to brag about the award.

"Oh, I'm very pleased and honored," he said. "I've always considered it a privilege to be here at the university, now even more so."

Borgmann has taught at UM for 26 years and chaired the philosophy department from 1987 to 1993.

Borgmann may have been "a little surprised" about his nomination, but Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences James Flightner, who nominated him,

was quite sure of the choice. Flightner said Borgmann's background in teaching and research were ample reason to give him the honor.

"He's a mentor for a portion of the faculty," Flightner said. "He's totally engaged in the academic service of research in his department and, to some extent, the state."

Borgmann is also recognized internationally among other philosophers. Last fall, a conference including scholars from all over the world met in Canada to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Borgmann's book, titled "Technology and the Character of Contemporary Life: A Philosophical Inquiry."

Although Borgmann doesn't talk about his achievements extensively, he's eager to discuss teaching.

"Teaching is one of the most important things I do," he said. "When you teach you have attentive and curious people in front of you for 45 hours a semester. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn."

All teachers have different styles, and Borgmann said he chooses to teach in a "highly structured way" that helps students understand the material more clearly.

"You try to give them intellectual tools that they'll hang on to, not just impressions, but concepts that they can use," he said.

Students in his philosophy forum agreed with his assessment, but had a few words of their own to add before he walked in the classroom.

One student called him a "god." Another said his "lectures are incredibly analytic, but not strictly formal." Others said "he's concerned with practical issues, unlike some philosophers," and he's "a down-to-earth, humble guy."

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BRIAN ZOELLER

DEGREE: B.A. International Studies
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Kiosk draws attention to UM

Erin Juntunen
Kaimin Reporter

"Put the world at your fingertips" is the latest slogan UM will use to promote campus and draw in prospective students.

A new computer information center installed in the University Center this week allows students and visitors to access information about UM and western Montana at the touch of a screen.

UC Director Gary Ratcliff said Tuesday the system will be helpful to anyone wanting information about UM or surrounding areas.

The computer is a CD-

ROM that includes more than 70 pages about UM history and current events com-

"We won't eliminate the information desk. People like to talk to other humans, not computers."

—Gary Ratcliff
UC Director

plete with upbeat music and an informational dialogue. The Kiosk, as its creators

coined it, is located at the UC information desk. Although it will lighten the load of the information desk, Ratcliff said it will not replace it.

"We won't eliminate the information desk," he said. "People like to talk to other humans, not computers." Ratcliff said he thinks the system will be helpful for both students and the university.

Siewet Wong, a Malaysian student studying at UM, said the Kiosk will benefit him.

"I think the system will be very good for me because I don't know much about the university," he said.

Open Space Committee eyes Fort Missoula land

Karen Chávez
Kaimin Reporter

With slightly less than \$2 million left in bond money, the Missoula Open Space Advisory Committee is looking to purchase lands for ball fields, rather than wildlife habitat. And now it has its eye on 120 acres of flat grasslands near Fort Missoula owned by UM.

"One of the reasons for putting the open space bond on the ballot was to purchase recreational fields," said Kate Supplee, Missoula's open space project manager.

The land being considered runs along South Avenue, northwest of the Fort Missoula historical site, and south to the Bitterroot River. Much-needed soccer, rugby and softball fields would be built on knapweed-covered meadows, and possibly picnic areas and fishing accesses would be made along the riverbanks, Supplee said.

Buying land for recreation in a floodplain was a priority. This is land where housing cannot be built, so using it as open space will not drive up housing prices, she said. If the city of Missoula buys the land, it would be annexed into the city and man-

aged as part of the park system, open to the public.

There will be a long approval process before the land can be purchased with the open space bond money, said Ron Erickson, chairman of the Open Space Advisory Committee. The committee, UM, the Board of Regents, the State Land Board, which includes the governor, and the Missoula City Council must all approve the purchase. The public will also have a say during hearings of the council.

However, the university must first decide whether it wants to sell the land, or a portion of it, said Bob Frazier, executive assistant to UM President George Dennison.

The big question is whether the land will be needed for UM's College of Technology, which has one of its two campuses on South Avenue near Fort Missoula, Frazier said. The university has considered either combining both UM Tech campuses on the Fort Missoula site or expanding the existing site, but will make the decision whether to sell the land within the next two weeks, he said. The money from the sale would be used for scholarships for UM students.

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Sports

Crash and burn: learning it the hard way

Whenever I make a mistake, my father likes to say, "Well, it was a good learning experience for you."

My dad then goes into this spiel about Abraham Lincoln and how he was a complete failure before he became president...like this is supposed to make me feel better.

Anyway, as my lone reader may know, last Wednesday I made a rather significant mistake in my editorial.

I discovered this when I came into the Kaimin that afternoon and found a phone message that read, "President Dennison called. He said your editorial was dead wrong."

So when I told my dad what happened, he had one thing to say to me.

"You should frame that message."

That's when I began laughing hysterically into the receiver.

"No seriously," he said. "Because of that letter, you'll probably double check all

your facts from now on."

He then reminded me of the first time I played baseball.

I was on my grandparents' ranch trying to hit the ball. After about the 50th pitch, my uncle Ron tossed me the ball and I hit it a good two feet.

"Run, Carly!" my dad said.

So I bolted with all my might toward one of the cow chips we were using for bases...unfortunately, it was third base.

"The other way, you idiot!" my brother said supportively.

But it was too late, I was out. The next thing you know, I was sitting down to a meat loaf supper and being harassed by all my male cousins.

"And you know what? You never ran to the wrong base

again," my dad said after he finished the story.

That brought to my mind an incident that irrevocably changed my life five years ago.

I spent the summer of my sophomore year in high school at my Dad's. At the time he lived in Minneapolis. I had just gotten my driver's license, and I wasn't used to driving my father's Volkswagen Jetta GL.

The day before the Fourth of July, I backed out of my health club's parking lot. I neglected to check my blind spot and rammed into a GMC Sierra. I left a tear-stained note on the GMC and, strangely enough, never received a call from its owners. I didn't bother, however, to note the fact that my Jetta's bumper was loose.

Column by



Carly Nelson

So I proceeded downtown on Interstate 35W, to go confess to my father at his office.

Because it was a holiday weekend, traffic was congested but moving fast. I had just moved into the far left lane when I glanced in my rear view mirror and saw my bumper fly off. The car behind me swerved into the other lane and I heard a screeching noise.

It was impossible to pull over, so I continued downtown in a state that would have made Glenn Close in "Fatal Attraction" look sane.

I burst in on a meeting at my dad's office and told him what happened. Dad attempted to calm me down and said quietly, "Now Kiddo, show me exactly where you lost the bumper." My father then drove us down the opposite side of 35W searching for it.

I was horrified when I saw a massive accident scene and traffic jam right about where I'd lost the

bumper. Police officers and firefighters were everywhere.

"It's probably just a coincidence," my dad said unconvincedly.

That's when I noticed two policemen examining the bumper. With a faint smile, my dad turned to me and said, "Maybe we shouldn't stop and pick it up."

Fortunately, nobody was hurt, but I believe half the city of Minneapolis' insurance rates went up thanks to me. Ever since, I've learned to check my blindspot a good 15 times before backing out.

Remembering those two stories made me realize that Dad was right. Some of life's best-taught lessons come from screwing up royally.

So as I get ready to head to my truck that's parked in a dimly lit area, I can feel safe in the knowledge that I will never take my facts for granted on an editorial again. I just wish I didn't have to learn it the hard way.

Rodeo team lassos first in Dawson

Steven Parker Gingras
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The UM rodeo teams continued their romp through the fall season after winning the Dawson Community College fall rodeo last Saturday.

The men, who won their first rodeo in Dillon two weeks ago, took first with 250 points, ten more than second place finisher Dawson Community College.

The women's team corralled first place with 375 points. Miles City Community College came in a distant second with 170.

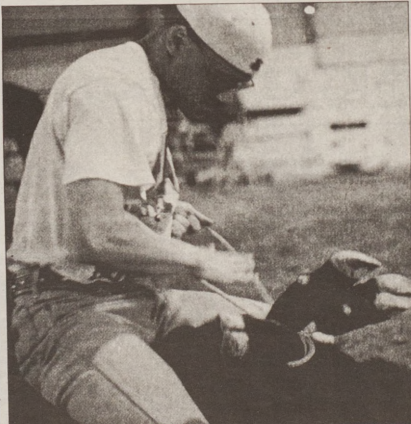
The men "are looking better and better every time they compete," coach Joe Durso said.

Junior Brett Fleming won the all around and placed second in the steer wrestling competition.

Also placing for Montana was junior Shawn Gerleman, freshman Harry Detton and sophomore Jason Harris. They placed first, third and fourth in steer wrestling, respectively.

"We're moving up at a real constant pace," Harris said.

The men's team, region leader in total point standings, will compete in the last rodeo of the season at Montana State



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R.J. PATTERSON a freshman in elementary education practices tying a calf in Lolo, Tuesday. Patterson, along with the rest of the UM Rodeo Club, will be in Bozeman this weekend for a meet.

University in Bozeman next Saturday.

"It's exciting to see the men doing so well, so consistently," said senior Teresa Wolff, who won the all-around title in women's competition. "I think (the women) are stronger this year than we have been in the

past."

"We hope this year extends into nationals," senior Erlonna Mikkelsen said. "I also hope we do well. Sometimes we get there and kind of flop."

After the MSU rodeo, UM won't compete again until February.



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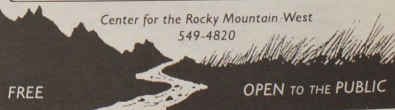
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Are you depressed? *UM students not immune*

Dennis Redpath
Kaimin Reporter

Montana has the third highest suicide rate, per capita, in the nation, according to statistics from the American Suicide Foundation. More than 60 percent of all people who commit suicide suffer from major depression.

In an attempt to change these statistics, the Mental Health Association of Montana (MHAM) will offer free screenings on Oct. 10, as part of the 6th Annual National Depression Screening Day.

The screenings will provide people with information about depression and offer a self-assessment questionnaire. Counselors will be on-hand for personal interviews and referrals if necessary.

Depression crosses all barriers, and UM students are not immune. Ken Welt, director of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), said his staff typically handles 650 individuals during fall semesters.

"We see lots of it," Welt said

Warning signs of depression include:

- Feelings of sadness or irritability.
- Loss of interest in activities once enjoyed.
- Changes in appetite and sleep habits.
- Feelings of hopelessness, fatigue or restlessness.
- Inability to concentrate, remember things or make decisions.
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adding that CAPS is already operating at capacity this semester.

Although it is most common for students to have depression before coming to UM, Welt said, university life can increase the burden. Academic and relationship distress at school can add to a person's

daily stress.

College-aged people aren't the only ones at risk. Marilyn Rasmussen, of Lutheran Social Services, said one of the tools used during the screening day is geared at people as young as 6 years old. UM's Consortium for Health, Outreach and Information Services (CHOIS) project, aimed at bringing health care to the elderly living in rural communities, has a program to inform those age 60 and over of the dangers of depression.

While someone may experience some symptoms of depression for short periods of time, Rasmussen said if they persist for more than two weeks, the person should seek help.

"Depression is a serious problem, and it's a treatable problem," Welt said.

The screening is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Providence Center. The screenings are free and anonymous. Pre-registration by calling 549-0147 is appreciated but not necessary.



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Panel focuses on I-122

Kim Skornogowski
Kaimin Reporter

Campaign rhetoric and a media blitz have clouded the issues surrounding the initiative to toughen mining water standards, but a UM student hopes to clear up the confusion in a campus panel discussion.

"There's been a lot of talk about this issue, a lot of articles in the Missoulian," UM law student Michael Wood said. "But I want to get the information out from the people directly involved with the [issue]."

The panel discussion on Initiative 122 is today at 7 p.m. in the Social Science Building, room 352.

The controversial initiative would require mining companies to reduce the amount of heavy metals discharged from mining sites as much as 80 percent.

Proponents sitting on the panel are Bruce Farling, of Montana Trout Unlimited, and co-author of the initiative Tom France, an attorney with the National Wildlife Federation.

The opposition is represented by Tom Daubert, of "Montanans for Common Sense Water Laws Against I-122," and Helena attorney Frank Crowley.

Wood said he hopes the discussion between the two "diabolically-opposed" sides will help Missoula's undecided and confused voters when checking their ballots in November.

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