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The University of Montana

# Montana Kaimin

Our 99th year, Issue 19

Kaimin is a Salish word for messages

Thursday, October 3, 1996

## Recall of ASUM Senator sought

Kortny Rolston  
Kaimin Reporter

Calling Sen. Vince Iacopini's actions a witch hunt, UM student J.D. Green denounced Iacopini's proposed investigation into the Phoenix organization at Wednesday's ASUM Senate meeting.

Green addressed Iacopini and told him his actions "have embarrassed ASUM and caused questions to be raised about your ability to continue as a senator." He asked Iacopini to resign his seat to prevent further embarrassment to the senate.

When Iacopini refused, Green vowed to start an immediate recall election to eject him.

Green said he had gathered the student signatures needed to start the recall process.

"I have about 783 student signatures, give or take 10 or 20," he said. "I went around and asked them. These kids would sign anything."

Green, a freshman, said he was just a "pissed off student" who was concerned about Iacopini's vague reasons for the investigation.

"What have you got—innuendos and rumors," he said. "There is no substance. He's got about as much substance as a soup sandwich."

Iacopini called for the inquiry into UM's non-traditional student organization at last week's senate meeting. He said several students had approached him about internal problems within the group, but refused to identify the sources or details of the complaints.

He later submitted a proposal questioning Phoenix's bylaws on board of director appointments and dismissals, president selection, membership requirements and their status as a support group.

The ASUM Affairs committee reviewed the resolution at an unofficial meeting earlier in the week and tabled it until Iacopini could submit more details.

Iacopini said Green was just upset about the inquiry and invited Green to review the proposal.

"I'm investigating it and he's mad about that," Iacopini said. "I encourage him to investigate my agenda."

ASUM President Jason Thielman said there must be concrete reasons to eject a senator through a recall vote. A senator must violate either ASUM bylaws, house rules, constitution, personnel policy or other governing documents. Other grounds are only accepted if they satisfy termination policy as defined by Montana State Law.

"There needs to be probable cause to get rid of a senator," he said. "Before you remove someone there has to be some concrete grounds."



Jordan LaRue/Kaimin

AN UNIDENTIFIED dog sees Missoula from its custom made seat, Tuesday on Brooks Street. The seat seemed to offer the warmth of a crew-cab, as well as the freedom of a truck bed.

## UM faculty workload grievance withdrawn

Sonja Lee  
Kaimin Reporter

UM professors will continue to teach extra classes this academic year, after a University Teachers' Union workload grievance was withdrawn Tuesday.

Representatives from the UTU, UM administration and the Commissioner of Higher Education office negotiated for nearly five hours before coming to an agreement, Dave Jackson, UTU vice president, said Wednesday.

"The board voted to drop the grievance and move ahead," he said.

The agreement between the three entities says that workloads set for this academic year will stand.

According to the agreement, if an administrator wishes to assign a larger workload than what is

accepted by a faculty member, the faculty member must accept the increased load or address an appeals committee. The committee will be responsible for resolving the conflict. Recommendations from the appeals committee will then go to the provost's office for a final decision.

The controversy over the UTU contract was sparked last spring, with faculty saying they were being asked to teach more than required in the contract.

The contract requires an increase in workloads by 20 percent from a disputed baseline figure. The baseline has been disputed because some say the figure does not account for credit hours outside classroom time.

Last March, a UM faculty member who believed the 20 percent increase in faculty workloads had

been met and that the demands for additional work violated the contract, filed the grievance.

The grievance also raised questions about the appeals process used by faculty when seeking redress after being assigned an excessive class load.

Jackson said the workload issue is settled for this year, but could again come to the attention of the union when contract negotiations begin in January.

"We pieced together some language that will get us through this year," Jackson said.

Fritz Schwaller said he was relieved that the grievance was settled. There was very little disagreement about dropping the grievance, he said, and the new agreement settles the procedural problems brought up in the grievance.

## UM Tech enrollment increases

Jennifer Brown  
Kaimin Reporter

Enrollment at UM College of Technology jumped nearly 15 percent this fall, thanks to two new programs and the school's affiliation with UM, said UM Tech Dean Dennis Lerum.

Lerum estimated nearly half of the new crop of students enrolled in the pharmacy technology and medical laboratory technology programs, which are new this year. Becoming a college of UM probably increased the college's credibility and helped boost the enrollment from 663 to 743, he said.

"I'm very pleased that there's a greater interest in the services we provide," Lerum said.

But the additional 110 students

has made some of the classrooms a little too crowded and the instructors a little too busy, he said.

"We do have spatial concerns," Lerum said. "We've added more classes, and the classes are fuller."

Lerum said several sections were added to accommodate the two new programs and the influx of students, but said it wouldn't hurt to open a few more. More students often make it harder for UM Tech to meet strict accreditation demands, he said. For example, the board of nursing requires a student-instructor ratio of 10-to-1 in clinical courses.

Lerum said the lecture courses can hold as many students as the room will allow, which is generally about 30. Due to the enrollment surge, some classes are exceeding normal

levels.

But having more students doesn't necessarily guarantee more funding, said Jim Todd, vice president for administration and finance. Because UM Tech is part of UM, the state allocates funding to the whole university system, not any particular branch. Lerum will have to bargain for funding just like any other department within the system, he said.

Although Lerum enjoyed the increase in students, he said the number can't go much higher without more money.

"If we're going to see more students we need to be able to offer more sections or more programs, or we're just not going to be able to see more students," he said.



# Opinion

## A kiss is just a kiss

### Who gives a spit?

As if Roberto Alomar's offensive behavior against Umpire John Hirschbeck wasn't bad enough, the public's acceptance and, in some cases, even encouragement was far more offensive.

After the Baltimore Oriole second baseman spat on Hirschbeck last Friday, fans greeted him with ecstatic cheers from the stands at Tuesday's playoffs.

Apparently, behavior that would be considered rude from your average person is considered "colorful" from a celebrity.

#### Kaimin editorial

Yes, Alomar's behavior sets a bad example for millions of impressionable children across the nation. But it's the public's reaction and the American League's slap on the wrist, that sends a message to youths

across the country that not only is rude behavior acceptable, it's also extremely cool.

The baseball officials are the only ones who were handling the situation responsibly.

If Alomar is cleared for the rest of the playoffs after Thursday's appeal, the umpires said they would most likely boycott.

The umpires' ultimatum has left most baseball fans irritated and alienated.

Sadly, spectators would rather see baseball's post-season continue uninterrupted instead of sending out a constructive message to America's youth.

Besides, it's not as if a potential official boycott would end the playoffs altogether. Replacement umpires are anxiously waiting to take the field even as you read.

Suppose UM student John Doe spat on a parking attendant who was in the process of slapping his car with a ticket?

Sure Alomar was mad, but if John Doe was mad about the parking policies at UM, would he get off with a slap on the wrist?

Alomar's situation is just a sad reminder that the American society has a double standard for celebrities compared to middle-class citizens.

Celebrities like Dennis Rodman, Deion Sanders and Jose Canseco get commercial deals with Reebok and Pizza Hut after displaying such acts of rudeness.

Not only are the nation's youth convinced that rudeness is cool, but that it's also a great way to make some extra bucks.

So Amen to the baseball umpires for taking a stand against Alomar. They are setting a healthy example to children across America that suggests that rude behavior is not only unacceptable, but that it won't be tolerated from anyone, even a celebrity that's coveted and idolized by the nation's youths.

Carly Nelson

#### Column by

#### Morgan Sturges

uphold the school's rules about unwanted "touching." He meant well. Perhaps the young man was a serial kisser and the principal was trying to stop the child's reign of terror. Perhaps the boy was just being affectionate. Political correctness says "assume the worst."

My first experience with political correctness at its most absurd was at Smith College in Massachusetts. Smith, an all-women college, is now infamous for its inane student handbook that, I swear to God, coined the term "heterosexist," of which I, by virtue of having a boyfriend, was one. But Smith is by no means alone. In fact, I was told that last semester an English class at UM was struggling with students who refused to read Kafka because he was "anti-woman."

I was so affected by the dictatorship of the most politically correct Smithies that to this day, I live in fear. So much so that the other day I thought I had been called a "pagist." As it turned out, my accuser had merely said something innocuous about the number of "pages" in John Grisham's latest tour de force. However, my brain, trained by the best, understood that I

had crossed the p.c. line by waxing profane over an insipid novel or four. You can't insult a writer anymore, even if he slums as a lawyer.

I, and apparently a lot of the country, have been living too long in the Kingdom of P.C., on the banks of the muddy waters of the River Hypnypation, by the shores of self-pity, in the galaxy of victim.

As I see it, the first problem with forcing everyone to be p.c. is that we have shot ourselves in the foot, ladies. A basic tenet of battle: know your enemy. We've lost an important indicator. We got every rapist in America to stop saying "woman doctor" and "girl." Now in court they say, "I admit it, I raped that short-skirt wearing, asking-for-it woman."

The second problem is worse. For, as in the case of the Florida boy, the girl who was the "victim" of the "unwanted touching" is taught that she has no control over her body — no recourse but to be protected by some higher authority. Political correctness once again protects our delicate ears and in this case, checks. I say teach little girls that if they are the recipient of "unwanted touching," they should do some "unwanted touching" right back. "Skug! Im, Sir" as Marcie, cartoon's first woman, would say.

That is certainly not the p.c. thing to say. But you know what? I don't care.

## Letters to the Editor

### Targeting Hollmann misses mark

In his editorial of Sept. 26, Michael J. Woll took Barbara Hollmann to task for her position regarding the alcohol policy at UM's fraternities. Ms. Hollmann favors a ban on alcohol during public fraternity functions. Mr. Woll, who is apparently a member of a fraternity, disagrees with Ms. Hollmann's position and, in the true tradition of furthering rational discourse, proceeds to accuse Ms. Hollmann of everything from double talk to racism. I began to wonder whether there might be any crime of which she was not guilty. (Where was she the night of the Watergate break in?) This woman is pure evil. She has the gall to both

applaud the philanthropic activities of the fraternities, while attempting to force them to behave as though they lived in a neighborhood with other members of the community. What is she thinking?

It gets worse. Here's what Ms. Hollmann said (hang onto your beer stein), "testosterone and alcohol is a dangerous combination." Mr. Woll counters this statement by arguing that a woman has a "better chance" (I'm just quoting) of being raped in her own dormitory room than she does on fraternity property. Mr. Woll cites the SARS sexual assault survey to prove his point. In fact, page 4 of the survey shows that to be a true statement. Had Mr. Woll forged ahead to page 6 of this same document, however, he would have discovered that in 64 percent of the assaults the

assailant was using drugs. The primary drug was alcohol. (The victim was using drugs in 46 percent of the assaults.)

So while Mr. Woll pursues his attempt to vilify Ms. Hollmann, let's not let him conceal a simple truth: The mixture of testosterone and alcohol is dangerous to women. Moreover, it does not require a survey to recognize that the suffering inflicted on victims of sexual assault is not dependent upon location. Intoxicated men are more likely to be violent than non-intoxicated men regardless of where they are.

Robert Greene  
Graduate Assistant,  
Student Wellness

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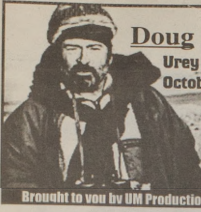
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#### Kyi-Yo Native American Organization

Meeting today at 5:30 in the NAS building basement. The group will be choosing coordinators for the Pow-wow and their youth conference. Anyone is welcome. For more information, call Cheryl Smoker at 549-8575.








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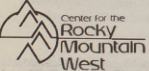
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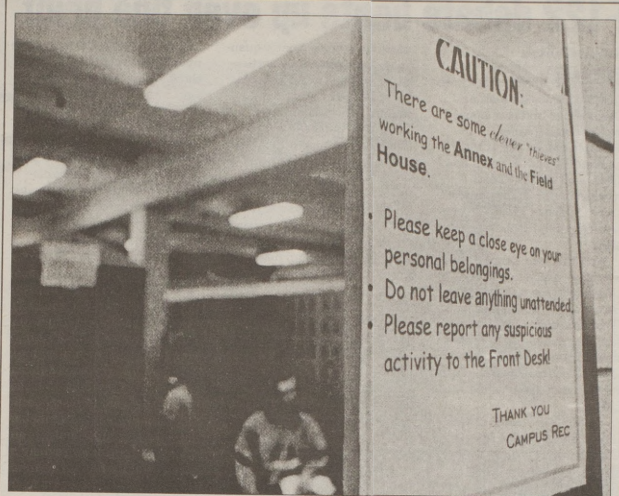
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A SIGN in the men's locker room of the rec annex warns users about "clever" thieves who have been filching items from the annex and the field house. Terry Stella/Kaimin

## Thieves strike weight, locker rooms

Jennifer McKee  
Kaimin Reporter

Responding to a rash of locker room thievery, Campus Recreation has beefed up security, tightly enforcing the "No Griz Card, no entrance" policy at all campus weight rooms.

"We've got different people patrolling, trying to look for odd behavior," said Keith Glaes, campus recreation director.

Thieves walked off with several wallets and gym bags in September, Glaes said, averaging about two thefts a week.

"Somebody leaves their stuff laying around in an obvious spot, they come back and it's gone," he said.

The crimes occurred throughout the day in both the weight rooms and the men's locker room, Glaes said.

In one instance, thieves snapped two locks and pawed through gym bags before pocketing cash from a wallet, leaving it empty in a corner, Glaes said. In another, a thief stole a student's gym bag, including her street clothes she had left in the weight room.

"She had to wear her little

workout outfit," Glaes said.

Thieves targeted Schreiber Gym several years ago, prompting similar security measures, Glaes said.

"Basically, people who use the gym are pretty trusting," he said. "They'll just leave their stuff lying around."

University Police Sgt. Dick Thurman was unavailable for comment, but Glaes said he filed police reports for every incident.

The spree hasn't hit dormitories, said Rita Tucker of the Residence Life office.

"We've not had a lot of thefts reported to our office," she said.

## Grade posting policy still undefined

Sonja Lee  
Kaimin Reporter

A policy regulating the posting of student scores has left UM departments looking for new ways to get out the grade.

The questions about grade posting policies stem from a notice mailed last week which reminds faculty that grades cannot be posted by students' names or Social Security numbers and that graded papers cannot be left in a public place.

UM Legal Counsel, David Aronofsky, said he has received about six phone calls from faculty questioning the notice. There are no definite alternative posting plans, Aronofsky said, but some departmental and administrative committees are working to find a set of suggested posting policies.

But because no definite policy is in place, a number of campus departments have been left with no alternative but to stop posting grades altogether.

Gloria Hewitt, math department chair, said until a new policy is developed grades will not be posted in the math department. Hewitt said a policy committee is seeking a new plan to follow, but there is not yet a new policy.

"We're going to have to make some changes," Hewitt said. "And we're going to have to change our habits."

Jerry Esmay, chair of the computer science department, said his department immediately stopped posting grades and removed paper pick-up boxes from the Social Sciences building after receiving the notice. And Esmay said the department still hasn't decided how grades will be distributed to students.

The chemistry department is still seeking a new policy, George Woodbury, department chair said. Woodbury said the posting and pick-up policies are important to protect student privacy, but he said the notices have had a big impact on grade distribu-

tion policies for large classes.

"It adds a few more hours in the week it what it amounts to," Woodbury said.

The chemistry department may use a system of student-chosen scrambled numbers to post grades, Woodbury said, but no plans have been finalized.

Jack Morton, a professor in the school of business, said he has in the past asked his students to fill out a permission slip allowing the posting of a Social Security number or alternative identification number.

A number of faculty members in the business department are now looking to a similar policy in an effort to continue grade accessibility.

Roy Regal, an accounting and finance professor, said he hopes to continue posting grades by having students sign a permission slip.

Associate Provost Fritz Schwallier said the development of new policies will be primarily left up to individual departments.



## I-122 debate heats up over fine print

**Karen Chavez**  
Kaimin Reporter

If the proposed Montana Clean Water Initiative applied to the drinking water in Missoula homes, the water could not be poured down the drain, said Tom Daubert, spokesman for Montanans for Common Sense Water Laws/Against I-122, Wednesday night.

Not true, said Bruce Farling, executive director of Trout Unlimited's Montana chapter. Speaking for Montanans for Clean Water/For I-122, Farling said that drinking water goes through a treatment process after it's poured down the drain, which removes the pollutants in question.

So went the heated debate before a large crowd, hosted by UM's Environmental Law Group, over the initiative on November's ballot.

The initiative would require all new or expanding metal mines in the state to treat their

wastes to remove greater quantities of contaminants, particularly carcinogens, toxins and nutrients, before they are discharged into surface waters.

I-122 would not amend the Montana Water Quality Act, said Tom France, member of the pro-initiative group and attorney for the National Wildlife Federation. It would mean that tests for water quality standards would be conducted at the end of the pipe, rather than further downstream, after pollutants had time to dilute. This would eliminate "mixing zones," the stretch of river between the point of discharge and the point at which measurements are taken.

Daubert said that the initiative is unfair, since it only applies to Montana's metal mines, and not to other industries in the state that use mixing zones, such as sewage treatment plants.

"The city of Missoula per day discharges 30 pounds of metals," Daubert said. "The city needs a

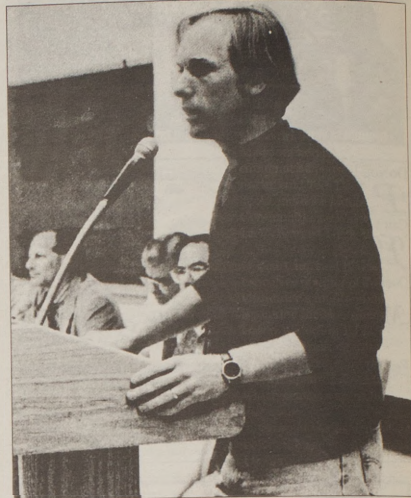
mixing zone, too. If it had to live up to the standards (of I-122) the sewage treatment plant would not be allowed to operate."

Farling said that sewage treatment facilities are required to remove 60 percent to 70 percent of the metals before discharging to hits receiving water, while the mining industry is exempt from treating its waste before it is discharged.

Another difference between the industries, Farling said, is that not all pollutants are equal. He said mines discharge toxins such as cadmium, lead and zinc that accumulate and never go away. Contaminants from agriculture, waste water treatment plants and the timber industry are much shorter-lived.

"We're not saying they (mines) can't discharge metals," Farling said. "We're saying they have to meet the standards."

Daubert countered that no industry in the history of Montana has ever been forced to operate without a mixing zone.



Jordan LaRue/Kaimin  
UM Law student Michael Wood welcomes about 80 people to Wednesday evening's panel discussion on Initiative 122 in the Social Science building.

## Missoulians hit hard by welfare reform

**Kim Skornogosti**  
Kaimin Reporter

When the federal government's welfare reforms take effect in November, more than 1,000 Missoula county residents will need to stretch three months of food stamps over three years or find volunteer work or paid employment.

The welfare bill states that people ages 18 to 60 must work or volunteer 80 hours per month for \$111 dollars in food stamps. Of all Montana's counties, Missoula is the hardest hit by the legislation, with 1,042 people using food stamps within the age bracket, Shannon Parker, director of the Community Resource Connection said.

"People may choose to go hungry, rather than work that much for only \$111 in food stamps," she said. "I'm not saying people shouldn't have to volunteer, but some people can't because of their past problems. Some of these people have been spending ten years working out their prob-

lems and now they have to get off welfare in two years."

Bill Carey, director of the Missoula Food Bank, said he sees the current trend in welfare reforms as "creating a new kind of serfdom."

The legislation also stops giving food stamps to families who spend more than half of their income on housing. This hits Missoulians hard, Parker said, because of the high cost of housing.

Carey is concerned about the possible influx of people at the food bank when the welfare reforms kick in.

The food bank sees 3,100 couples, individuals and families a year. Forty percent of those need help at the end of the month after their food stamps run out, he said.

Between 60 percent and 70 percent of the people frequenting the food bank spend at least half of their income on housing.

"We have a lot of people working, a lot of single moms," Carey said. "We know one-third of the people have full- or part-time jobs."

Another statistic that reformers don't realize, Carey said, is that almost half of the people on welfare are children.

"Kids are the largest population of hungry because they can't vote, and they can't hire lobbyists," he said. "It used to be seniors, but they got organized."

Both Carey and Parker are looking for ways to help Missoula's hungry when November rolls around.

The food bank is increasing its efforts to educate the community in the hope that citizens will donate more food to the food bank.

The Community Resource Connection is organizing many Missoula groups, such as Turning Point, the Salvation Army, the Poverello Center and the food bank, to lobby the state legislature.

"We have the option in the state to adopt the federal plan or keep the state one enacted last year that isn't as drastic," Parker said. "The national would probably dismantle all the work we've done the past



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## Gearing Up recognized by Dept of Labor

**Kortny Rolston**  
Kaimin Reporter

For the past five years UM College of Technology and Women's Opportunity and Resource Development have been giving low-income women a head start in the working world.

In June their efforts were rewarded by the U.S. Department of Labor.

"Our non-traditional job training program received a recognition award from the U.S. Department of Labor," said Chris Hoyer, UM Tech's Continuing Education Director. "This is the first time this has happened with Gearing Up."

The award recognizes Gearing Up's achievement in

training more than 130 minority and low-income Montana women in work areas that are typically male dominated.

Women choose from job programs such as saddle making, soil testing, iron working apprenticeships, construction and traffic controlling.

Hoyer said the goal of the program is to train the women in jobs they may want to pursue that allow them to move out of low wage careers like clerical or secretarial work.

"Why shouldn't women do this type of work?" she said. "Why should they have to settle for minimum wage? If they have the willingness and the aptitude to do this type of work then let them."

The 8-week sessions go beyond technical training and

address issues such as self-esteem, workplace realities, sexual harassment and job-hunting skills.

"The technical training is one part of the program," Hoyer said. "Participants overcome many obstacles to get to graduation. The most important thing about this program is to create an atmosphere where participants realize their own potential."

The program is funded through a federal grant which pays for participants' travel, expenses and child-care needs as well as minor administrative costs.

Hoyer said the instruction is primarily on a volunteer basis with UM Tech instructors and industry professionals teaching the courses.

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# Snake Juice

A father and son  
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Story by  
Erin Juntunen  
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When UM alumnus and Missoula lawyer Ted Hess-Homeier isn't in the courtroom or giving legal advice, he can be found raising snakes and children.

Hess-Homeier, 41, says family and snakes are a good mix.

Their son, David, 6, especially likes them.

Last summer David set up lemonade stands in hopes of making a little money. When he found it hard to draw in thirsty customers, he found a new ploy. Like his versatile father, he began selling snakes on the side.

David's plan was unsuccessful though because neighborhood children accused him of making his lemonade from snake juice.

Hess-Homeier breeds several types of snakes including Sinoloan milksnakes, corn snakes and California kingsnakes.

The 1990 UM graduate began breeding them three years ago as a hobby so he could spend more time at home with his wife and three children, Megan, David and Brookie.

None of them pose a danger to his family though because they are captive bred and nonvenomous, he said.

"They don't bite often, but when they do it doesn't hurt," he said.

Hess-Homeier said his hobby has been profitable for him. While he operates his private law practice on Higgins Avenue, he also sells snakes to outlets across the country and locally.

More than 30 snakes make their home in the Hess-Homeier basement. The area is set up for breeding areas and living spaces. Dozens of cages and cubby holes line the walls of their basement.



Ted Hess-Homeier says the Sinoloan milksnakes, corn snakes, and California kingsnakes he breeds in his basement rarely bite. David and Megan, playing with corn snakes, don't mind sharing their home with their dad's slithering ser-pents.

So what is it like living with that many snakes?

Hess-Homeier's wife, Joan, 43, says life is kind of crazy living with that many snakes. She says she isn't particularly fond of the snakes.

"I just try to be tolerant and ignore them," she said.

Joan said she had no idea she would spend her life living with snakes when she married her husband 16 years ago. "If they stay down there and I stay up here, we'll both be fine," she said.

There are no furry animals in the Hess-Homeier household though. Joan says she had some clue that their family would get some strange pets because Ted is allergic to most common housepets.

"I thought we would get a frog or a lizard," she said. "But I never thought we would have a house full of snakes."

Nonetheless, she tolerates them. Their children also tolerate them except maybe their youngest child Brookie, 3, who is uncertain about the snakes which have been a part of the household her whole life.

"She is a little afraid of them," Joan said. "But she will handle some of the baby snakes."

So what ingredients does David use to make his lemonade? "I promise my lemonade is made with real lemons," David said with a twisted grin while handling an albino-colored snake.



# These boots are made for running: Pacheco finding foothold

Carly Nelson  
Kaimin Sports Editor

When Raul Pacheco plays Monopoly, he always chooses the boot.

"I like the boot," he said. "That's how you get around, is with your feet, and that's the most important thing for wide receivers."

UM's "Freshman of the Year" in 1995, Pacheco decided he needed to improve his running game for 1996.

"All summer, I worked on my legs to make my moves more crisp," Pacheco said. "I also put on weight to get stronger. My weakest point is my physical attributes."

Pacheco, 5'9", 170 lbs., was concerned and nervous when he began playing wide receiver his freshman year in 1995, especially when large secondaries were covering him.

"I remember going onto the field and thinking, 'Oh boy, I'm in trouble,'" he said. "But this year, I'm a lot more comfortable."

A business major, Pacheco began his football career at Iolani High School in Hawaii. That's also where he met friend and current UM quar-



GRIZZLY WIDE receiver Raul Pacheco takes time out to talk with a coach during football practice in the River Bowl Wednesday afternoon.

terback, Brian Ah Yat. Pacheco and Ah Yat came to UM on scholarships, and both are making a name for themselves this season.

"Brian has a lot of pressure," said Pacheco. "But he's really improving with each game."

When the Griz won the I-

AA championship for the first time last year in a 22-20 victory at Marshall, Pacheco, who had 534 yards for the season, said it was one of the

greatest experiences of his life.

"It was a feeling I just can't describe," he said.

Pacheco said that the Griz offense's current problem with inconsistency has to do with the teams they have been playing.

"When you play better teams, you get better quicker," he said. "It's hard to get up for some of these teams. Complacency sets in after we've scored four touchdowns and sometimes we take the game too lightly."

Pacheco said that practice has been productive, however, and that head coach Mick Dennehy has been a great motivator.

"Dennehy's really great for us, he's a really personable coach," Pacheco said. "Don Read was a figurehead, a grandpa. But Dennehy's more of a dad."

Once the offense gets some kinks out, Pacheco said the Griz could have a real shot at the I-AA championship for the second year running.

"The offense is just inches away from pulling everything together," Pacheco said. "I hope this weekend's game (against Southern Utah) will be a coming-out party for us."

## Blast from the past for spikers

Bill Foley  
Kaimin Sports Reporter

Back when they were conference rivals, Portland State consistently dominated the Lady Griz volleyball team.

Tonight the Lady Griz will look for better results when they welcome a struggling Portland State team to the Big Sky Conference in Dahlberg Arena.

It's been eight years since the Lady Griz competed in the Mountain West Conference (1982-88), and Portland state is the conference powerhouse.

They won four consecutive league titles from 1982 to 1985 before moving down to Division II. Since then, the Vikings have won four Division II national championships.

This year, Portland State is 0-4 in conference play (8-8 overall) and doesn't resemble the team that owns a 23-3 series record versus UM.

Lady Griz head coach Dick Scott said that the Vikings are still a team that can't be overlooked.

"Portland State is obviously struggling in the conference race, but they had a strong preseason," Scott said. "Given the tradition of their program, they know a lot about winning. They're the type of team that could put it all together."

Off to their slowest start since 1992, the Lady Griz (4-8 overall, 1-3 Big Sky) are also looking to get back to winning ways.

"We need to start winning to make it to the conference tournament," Scott said. "We need to take care of things at home. We already slipped up there once before and we can't let that happen again."

Currently, UM is seventh in the conference standings, and only the top four conference teams compete in the Big Sky tournament.

Last year, the Lady Griz failed to qualify for the post-

season tournament for the first time ever.

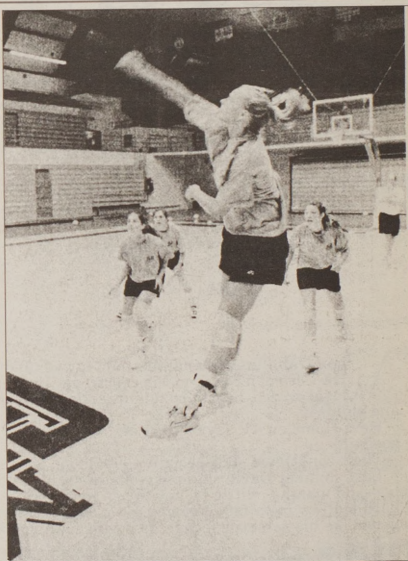
The Lady Griz will have to turn its season around without the services of sophomore Paige Merritt, who will be out at least two weeks with a stress fracture on her shin. Merritt is averaging 3.1 kills per game and leads UM in hitting percentage (.269).

"It really hurts our depth," Scott said of Merritt's injury. "She was playing very well offensively."

Because of the injury to Merritt, freshman Sarah Parsons will play more in the front court than usual, Scott said. "We did that at the New Mexico tournament (without Merritt) and it worked out well," he said.

Scott said he will decide at game time what other changes, if any, he will make in the lineup.

"We're just trying to see what we got and trying to put a lineup out there to help us get a victory under our belt," he said.



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FRESHMAN ERIN Adams wallops the ball Wednesday during the Lady Griz volleyball practice.

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# ASUM appoints Student Political Action director

**Becky Shay**  
for the Kaimin

In an unanimous vote Wednesday, the ASUM Senate appointed Ben Darrow as Student Political Action director.

Darrow, a second year law student, served on the SPA committee and as chairman of the Constitutional Review Board last year.

Darrow was selected over three other applicants, former Sens. Jeremy Hueth, Dixie

Dishon and Aaron Holtan.

Getting students involved in the issues that affect them tops Darrow's list of SPA priorities. Educational issues are the most important, Darrow said. The quality of higher education, the way it's funded and its expenses need to be brought to the students' attention, he said.

Citing that the number one reason students drop out of college is the high cost of an education, Darrow said he hopes to get students involved in economic issues. These concerns range from minimum wage to

child care to welfare reform, Darrow said.

"We'll take a look at all these issues and see what's within our realm," he said. "My job is to inform students first, not to make decisions for them."

Darrow said his short-term goals as director are to get students registered to vote before the Monday, Oct. 7, deadline, then to get them to the polls during the Nov. 4 general election.

Down the road, Darrow will focus his attentions on the

1997 state legislative session, hiring a "solid" lobbyist to push student interests.

Until this year, the SPA position was divided between an on-campus and an off-campus director. The Senate first tried to fill two positions, but when only three applicants came forward, it voted to extend the application deadline until Sept. 26.

Dishon, who volunteered as the interim SPA director this summer, was the only candidate who applied during both rounds, said Jason Thielman,

ASUM president.

During its Sept. 25 meeting, the Senate voted to combine the two SPA co-director positions to make the directorship more efficient.

Darrow said he felt having two directors created some confusion about which director was doing what project, but he believes he can handle the responsibilities of the job.

"With a single chair the amount of work may be to burdensome, but with a strong committee we can overcome that negative," Darrow said.

## Dorm drinkers encounter stiff penalties, fines

**Erin Juntunen**  
Kaimin Reporter

Drinking in the dorms could prove costly now that UM officials have implemented a fine holding students accountable for their actions.

Students violating the Residence Life policies on drinking are being charged \$25 a pop to attend a three-hour counseling session at Student Health Services.

More than 70 students violated the policy in September.

Jo Anne Blake, the coordinator of the drug and alcohol counseling program, said the number of students is constantly rising. Last semester 235 students were treated at the center.

The number is rising because residence assistants are taking the policies more seriously, she said. In the past, they referred more marijuana abuse than alcohol abuse.

"I think R.A.'s are realizing alcohol is a problem," she said. "Also they are taking non-drinkers' concerns, such as studying and quiet hours, into

consideration."

While the number of students being referred to treatment is constantly rising, costs are also rising, Blake said.

In recent years all students had to pay for the cost of treatment through fees, but now violators will be required to pay themselves.

Blake said the fee pays for printing information packets and training interns and work-study students.

"Mostly the fee is used to relieve the burden of every student and put it back on the stu-

dents in trouble," Blake said Wednesday.

Rita Tucker, the associate director of Residence Life, said alcohol is the main factor in most incidents involving disruptive behavior on campus.

"That's just the nature of the beast with alcohol," she said.

Tucker and Blake both said they think the program is helpful in preventing future alcohol-related disturbances among students referred to the treatment.

Upon entering the help session, a student must receive an evaluation of his or her problem

and then attend a group counseling session. A second offense requires 10 hours of counseling. If students don't attend their counseling appointments, their enrollment status is frozen, denying them access to registration.

The program is a good deterrent to future incidences of out-of-control behavior, but mostly it's educational, Blake said.

"It forces them to rethink their actions and behavior and make more positive choices," she said.



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# State minimum wage rises

Gretchen Schwartz  
Kaimin Reporter

Montana's new hourly wage still might not feed students' cats, fill their shopping carts, or make their lifestyles any more glamorous.

But Shauna Brosman, a student employee at the Mansfield Library, isn't complaining.

For Brosman, who said she can barely afford generic cat food, a new state minimum wage increase will mean an extra \$5 or \$6 a week she'll probably put toward groceries.

Complying with the federal increase, Montana officially raised the state minimum wage Tuesday to \$4.75 an hour, an increase of 50 cents.

The federal government raised its minimum wage Oct. 1 to \$4.75 from \$4.25, saying the wage increase was optional for states.

Each state can decide its minimum hourly wage, leaving some states' wages below the federal minimum. Idaho and California maintain a minimum wage of \$4.25 an hour. In California, employees can legally pay minors an hourly wage of \$3.60.

UM raised its wage beginning Sept. 22.

Last year, approximately 1,200 students worked at UM for an hourly wage less than the current federal minimum, said Mike Barton, associate director for UM human resources.

Mansfield Library and Instructional Media Services employed several students for the previous \$4.25 minimum wage.

Employees at the UC Grill said UM food service workers earned an average of \$4.60, making the increase only 15 cents for them.

"It was a nice surprise when they reminded us this morning of the raise," said Bethany Meisinger, a junior in English. "I was happy, but it's not a big change."

Each department on campus establishes its own rate of pay, depending on the amount of money they have allotted for employee ser-



Terri A. Long Fox/Kaimin

TARA BURCH, a freshman in business administration, said the 15 cent raise she'll receive from the minimum wage increase will not be a big increase for her.

vices, UM payroll supervisor Terry Phillips said.

A training wage or tip-credit wage less than the state minimum wage is illegal in Montana, said Shirley Vermillion, compliance specialist for Montana Department of Labor and Industry.

Montana will raise its minimum wage to \$5.15 Sept. 1, 1997.

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