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and ponder his  
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# CI-75 drafters review options after court ruling

**TAX INITIATIVE:**  
Backers say constitutional convention or lawsuit may be only way to reverse Supreme Court's decision to nullify CI-75

Lisa Williams  
Kaimin Reporter

The leaders of Montanans for Better Government say the Montana Supreme Court's decision to throw out Constitutional Initiative 75 was a slap in the face to voters, and their organization will fight to have it reinstated.

In a unanimous decision

last week, the justices threw out CI-75, saying it included three different constitutional amendments. The Montana Constitution says that each amendment must be voted on separately.

Last November, voters had approved CI-75, which required all tax increases and most fees be put to a public vote.

"This is no longer about tax initiatives; this is about freedom," said Joe Balyeat, chairman of Montanans for Better Government, the group that wrote the initiative.

UM law professor Rob Natelson, who also helped draft CI-75, said the Court's ruling is unlawful because it imposes a retroactive law.

"Suffice it to say that when we put this on the ballot, there was a chain of law that said it doesn't matter how many sections of law are altered," he said.

When CI-75 was approved in November, there was no rule on the books stating that an initiative couldn't alter more than one section of the constitution, Natelson said. He added that it was the Court's interpretation of the constitution that made CI-75 unlawful.

One strategy to resurrect CI-75 would be to sue the court for establishing a retroactive rule, Natelson said.

Another option to reinstate CI-75 may be to hold a constitutional convention, he

said.

A convention proposal can be approved by a two-thirds majority in the Legislature, or by an initiative which would require 40,000 voter signatures.

If approved, the constitutional convention proposal would go to a public vote. If given the thumbs up there, voters would then select delegates to make changes to the constitution. When their work was done, voters would get to approve the final product.

Natelson said the flaw with this plan is that the court has disregarded the initiative process by killing CI-75 and may deny the initiative process necessary to create a constitutional con-

vention.

"If this court is going to go this far to shut down the initiative process, they might turn this one down, too," Natelson said.

Balyeat said the group's lawyers are looking at several options to resurrect CI-75.

The Supreme Court so narrowly construed the state constitution, Balyeat said, that it leaves room open for other initiatives to be thrown out. Montanans for Better Government will probably pursue both the constitutional convention and the lawsuit.

"The only course of redress we have is federal court, on the basis that 167,000 voters have been disregarded," Balyeat said.

## Checking on the wildlife



Aili Woods takes a potato bug from her dad, Sam. They found the potato bug in the UC atrium Monday afternoon.

Heather Miller/Kaimin

## Budget shortfall grows unexpectedly

T. Anthony Pollner  
Kaimin Reporter

UM's budget shortfall has a life of its own.

What started out last fall as a \$2.23 million deficit for UM has grown, but UM officials say they don't know by how much yet.

When final spring enrollment numbers were announced, UM found itself with 114 fewer students than predicted last fall, said Rosi Keller, associate vice president of UM's Office of Administration and Finance.

The University projects the total number of students who will enroll to determine how much money it will take to run the school in the upcoming year.

If the projection is higher than the actual enrollment, the University is left with a shortfall.

At present no one knows how much 114 fewer students will cost the University. But last semester's \$2.23 million shortfall was created by a 473-student miscalculation. Keller said the dollar amount of this semester's shortage should be known by week's end.

Whatever the final amount, the new shortfall will have serious implications for UM, said Provost Robert Kindrick, primarily because the funds to offset the shortfall aren't readily available. "We're tapped," said Kindrick. "Deans will have to revert every nickel they reasonably can."

Unfortunately, many deans don't know where to turn for the additional funds. "We can't fire faculty or cut classes mid-semester," said Associate Provost John Schwaller. The University will just have to find it somehow, said Schwaller, because it can't carry over into the next session.

However, UM did manage to come up with the money for last semester's shortfall "out of nowhere," Keller said. Roughly \$260,000 of the money needed to cover the shortfall came from the Academic Affairs fund, which is used for professors' salaries and classes. Funds intended for academic equipment, computers, and other technology were also cut.

## Big budget cut ahead?

**BUDGET:** Cutting spending may be necessary to achieve balanced budget for 2000 school year

T. Anthony Pollner  
Kaimin Reporter

To make sure UM doesn't face future shortfalls, officials are suggesting that UM will have to cut base spending by almost \$2.5 million over the next two years. Unlike budget reductions made to cover this year's shortfall, these cuts won't be one time only, but permanent fixtures, said Rosi Keller, UM associate vice president of administration and finance.

Administrators hope that by relying less on optimistic enrollment numbers as they've done in the past and by budgeting more conservatively, they'll avoid the mid-year budget crunch of recent years.

"It's more realistic and less optimistic," Keller said, referring to the new enrollment estimates being used to budget for the upcoming two-year period.

According to a report from UM's Budget Office, the University is now projecting that fewer students will enroll at UM next year than they first guessed would attend school this year. The report shows that 11,834 students were budgeted for this school year, while the new budget proposal estimates 11,620 students for the 1999-2000 academic

year and 11,853 for 2000-2001.

The advantage to projecting more moderate enrollment numbers, according to Keller, is that a mid-year shortfall can be avoided. By permanently cutting money at the onset of the upcoming school year, the deficit is accounted for and won't reappear. And if UM does make the appropriate cuts, then a budget surplus of over \$1 million would be available after 2001.

The disadvantage to this method is that UM will either have to figure out a way to cut expenses by \$2.5 million in one year, or split it up over the course of two years.

Regardless, deans will have to make appropriate cuts within their respective schools. According to James Flightner, dean of the College and Arts and Sciences, this is no easy task.

But, because higher education funding won't be finalized until the end of the legislative session, no one knows exactly how much UM will have to cut from its budget, Keller said. "The numbers from the state could change," she added.

To prepare for the possibility of budget cuts, Provost Robert Kindrick asked that all deans submit possible scenarios for 1-, 5-, and 8-percent budget cuts for their school. In Flightner's case, a 1-percent cut equates to the closing of three faculty positions. For 5- and 8-percent cuts the number of lost positions rises to 17 and 23 respectively. Kindrick expects to have analyzed all the proposals by week's end.

### ■ Column

Focus on rape victim, not on gender of the rapist

### ■ News

U-Villages resident charged with domestic assault

### ■ Sports

Coach Brent Pease leaves UM for Northern Arizona



## Don't tamper with the initiative process

**EDITORIAL:** Making it harder to change things in government through initiatives only hurts the people officials are elected to serve

Apparently inspired by initiatives voted into law last November, at least one lawmaker has set his sights on changing the process altogether, making it more difficult for citizens to even land one on the ballot.

Last week, the state Senate passed eight bills that target the nearly 100-year-old citizen lawmaking process. Six of them, written by Sen. Lorents Grosfield, R-Big Timber, if passed by the House, will ask voters in November 2000 to change the Montana Constitution. They would increase the number of signatures required to qualify a statutory or constitutional initiative or referendum for the ballot, widen the distribution of those signatures and require a two-thirds or "super-majority" of voters to adopt any proposed constitutional change.

One need not look too far to see and understand the reasons behind this quest for change — what with CI-75 and I-137 clogging up the courts and legislative agendas.

However, targeting the process that brought these contentious issues to bear would be throwing out the baby with the bath water. The same process is also responsible for more widely-accepted and seemingly non-controversial initiatives such as I-134 — the voter-passed measure that is now saving motorists a few dollars with every fill-up.

While it appears Grosfield's proposal seeks to eliminate potentially unconstitutional and problematic voter-passed laws, it may just be an effort to safeguard our representatives' roles and exclusive lawmaking abilities, citizen's wishes be damned.

Whichever the motive, the end result would be the same: we voters would become more dependent on our sometimes slanted, bipartisan and over-lobbied representatives. We would lose our constitutionally-given ability to take matters into our own hands.

Ultimately, this whole issue revolves around the voters' ability, or inability, to make sound and educated decisions. We need to understand the issues, hear all sides of the debate, and come November, apply what we've learned. No matter how many signatures a petitioner collects, it doesn't guarantee a widely-accepted or correct outcome. In a democratic government as we know it, the minority has to suck up their losses and accept what the majority decides, tyrannical lunacy and all. Lawmakers, too, have to trust in those who voted them into office. But we need to give them good reason — besides promising them money or another vote — to trust us.

Already, it is no easy feat to get an initiative on the ballot, but at least we voters have a chance to make some changes and choices ourselves. If Grosfield's bills pass, all we may ever see of a potentially beneficial law will be a petition — a petition that gathered too few signatures in the hectic summer months and was lost by the wayside, never to make it onto November's ballot.

—Michael Lancaster

## Double standards for rape no answer

### COLUMN:

Suggesting that female rapists be punished more excessively overlooks the minimal punishments for rapists in general

Arguing that Americans are operating under a double standard, a San Bernadino county prosecutor wants society to get tougher on women who take on young boys as lovers.

I'm sure hundreds of women on campus just gasped, "What, now I'll have to let Johnny out of his cage?" I know. I was shocked, too. Apparently, San Bernadino county is also a hotbed of woman/boy love. Citing three cases of 20- and 21-year-old women pregnant by 14- to 15-year-old boys, as well as the well-publicized Mary Kay Letourneau incident (36-year-old teacher impregnated by her 13-year-old student), the California officials are taking a stand against affairs that end up with a young boy impregnating an older woman.

There is no doubt that cases like these constitute sexual abuse. While I agree that the gender of the abuser should have no bearing on the punishment that perpetrator receives, I disagree with the notion that our society has a double standard.

The problem is, we don't really have a standard at all. The article that quotes the get-tough stance of the California prosecutors later provides statistics that maintain that adult men are responsible for half of junior-

high girls' pregnancies. Obviously, if grown men are hitting the malls of America in droves, looking for seventh-grade hotties like these statistics indicate, our country isn't exactly tough on sexual abuse to begin with.

The same article goes on to quote a psychologist as saying that society is eager to protect girls from sexual predators, while it sees sex with an older woman as a natural rite of passage for boys.



Page Parker

I just don't see society protecting girls all that much, either. Prison sentences for men convicted of

molesting or raping girls range from the pitiful to the insulting. We've drawn an absurd distinction between the violent rapist and the friendly backyard sexual offender, as if being sexually abused by a stranger is really more awful than being abused by a relative or friend.

Instead of turning this into a "women are just as deviant as men" thing, we need to remember sexual abuse is about power. And our society doesn't encourage victims of sexual abuse to speak out because many don't want to talk about the power issues behind rape. We just don't take crimes like these seriously.

Looking for proof of this? Consider that, according to the UM Sexual Assault Recovery Services, although one in every three women

will be raped some time in her life, rape is the most under-reported crime in the country. Only 5 percent to 20 percent of all rapes are actually reported. On the UM campus last year, two sexual assaults were reported to campus police. Yet, SARS had around 50 women in the same year come to them and report an assault.

Statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice indicate that 2 percent to 3 percent of men who rape outside of marriage go to prison for their crimes. About 50 percent of men who are convicted go on to rape again within three years of being released from prison.

And recent studies have suggested that there seems to be a high incidence of survivors of childhood sexual assault falling victim to sexual assault as adults.

Victims are somehow more terrified by the legal system that's supposed to help them than by those who abuse them, a reality that should turn everyone's stomachs.

By focusing on women who abuse — a very small segment of the population — and using them to prove that sexual assault knows no gender boundaries, all we are really doing is reinforcing some of the myths behind sexual assault. The biggest of those is that rape is committed because it sexually gratifies the rapist. Whether the abuser is a woman or a man, their aim is to degrade and overpower their victim.

We need to change how all victims are treated before we can single out one group of abusers for tougher penalties.



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## Around the Oval

**Question:** Given our recent dreary, overcast weather, what have you been doing to ward off seasonal affective disorder?



"Trying to stay active, working out, tanning, cutting loose on the weekends."

Tracee Gianchetta  
Sophomore, Social Work



"I drink beer and watch TV. I might write a little, but bad weather doesn't inspire me."

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"Tanning, trying to get that UV exposure."

Sabrina Owen  
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# OPINION

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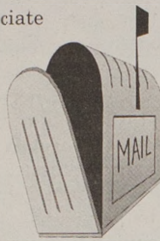
## Letters to the Editor

### Attention Smokers

Just a reminder: People aren't supposed to smoke within 25 (twenty-five) feet of any building on campus. As a non-smoker, it is very frustrating, not to mention, unhealthy to breathe second-hand smoke. I don't appreciate having to wade through smokers clumped outside building doors when I'm trying to get to class, especially in congested areas such as outside the L.A. building, or on the sidewalk between Urey Lecture Hall and the Chemistry Building. If you have to smoke, try moving away from the doors and stand in an area where people don't have to trip over you to get into a building. One last thing, a non-smoking building does not give you the privilege to exhale your last smoke filled lung just inside the door, or throw your cigarette butts on the ground. I don't expect all of campus to quit smoking,

I'd just appreciate it if some of you would be more considerate of other people on campus.

Laurie Minns  
senior,  
Microbiology



### Flush The Bathroom Story

I found that a two page report, the largest of the day was entirely on bathrooms on campus. I don't know if I speak for myself or if others also find this a bit ridiculous. If I want to know what bathroom is the nicest I can test them out for myself. I think the employees of the Kaimin need to be more concerned about more important issues, than the size of a bathroom stall.

Michael J. MacDonald



Tuesday, March 2

**MontPIRG meeting—**  
4 p.m., MT Rooms, UC.

**Center for Leadership Development—** "Values, Vision, Goal-Setting," 7-8:30 p.m., MT Rooms, UC.  
"Community Leadership Trek," 5:10-6 p.m., MT Rooms, UC.

**Free Cycles Missoula—** at the U.C., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, will be raffling off 2 free bikes, \$1 per ticket. For details call Michael Albritton, 728-3980.

**HSA Woody Allen Film Festival shows—** "Manhattan," 7:30 p.m., DHC Lounge. Movie and free pizza to all.

**FYI—** The Jill Cohn Concert on Wednesday at UC Atrium is canceled.

**March is Disability Awareness Month;—** ADSUM is hosting 4 Disability Showcase Movies. Tuesday, 3-5 p.m., 6-9 p.m., "Children of a Lesser God." UC 3rd Floor Room 360A.

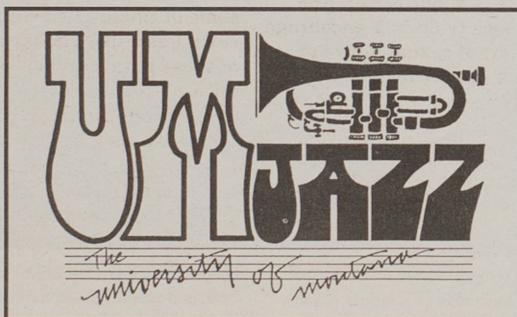
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nonperishable food donations. Bring in your overdue materials, along with your donation, and we will waive overdue fines. If you have any questions please give us a call at 721-2665.

**SPURS Fundraiser—** raffle tickets will be sold in the UC, March 2-4, 10-2 p.m., \$.50 each. Valuable gift awards!

**"The Burgess Shale and Wonderful Life Reexamined—** Is Man Really a Subtle Accident?", George Stanley, Professor of Geology. Pope Room of the Law School, 3:40-5 p.m.

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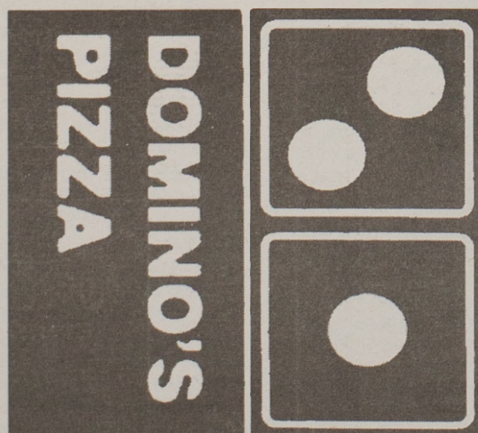
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# Holding his head High

## INTERIM HEAD COACH DON HOLST WANTS BADLY TO COACH GRIZZLY MEN'S BASKETBALL NEXT YEAR, BUT THE CALL ISN'T HIS

Story by  
KEVIN VAN VALKENBURG

Photos by  
JOHN LOCHER

The first thing you notice about Don Holst is that he can't sit still.

There are coaches who stand stoically during games, calling out plays or barking into an official's ear while seated. But Don Holst paces, his body bent at the waist, arms extended with his palms to the air, like a linebacker on a football team awaiting the on-coming fullback. You can tell by his nervous stride; if he had his druthers, he'd much rather be out there on the court with his team — the one player diving into the bleachers for a loose ball. The one with total disregard for his body or well-being.

But he is only a coach. A general who sends his troops to battle and can merely watch from the sideline as they struggle or succeed. To him, the distance must seem much farther than simply from the bench to the basketball court.

Second, you notice his burden; the "interim head coach" tag that Holst still reluctantly wears. The cloud of uncertainty that has cloaked the University of Montana men's basketball pro-

gram these past 10 months. A time during which Holst's team has both struggled and succeeded, knowing that each win or loss could, in the end, be the difference between another season as head coach at UM.

"I feel like I've paid my dues,"

Holst said after Montana's final game, a loss to Eastern Washington that broke UM's streak of 21 consecutive post-season appearances.

"I know I can coach at this level, and I hope I can come back next year and pick up where we left off," Holst said.

It was April of last year when Holst took over the Grizzly Basketball program, a program amidst more changes than the former Yugoslavia.

And it was Saturday when

that journey was put in a holding pattern, aided in part by a strong Eastern team that knocked UM out of the final postseason spot in the Big Sky tournament. A journey that now leaves a number of questions unanswered, and few men to answer them.

If this were a Shakespearean play, it would be easy to paint UM Athletics Director Wayne Hogan as the villain, as many are quick to do. A well-spoken southerner from a big-time school, it is mostly Hogan, along with UM President George Dennison, who will decide Holst's fate in the next few weeks. It is Hogan who has said that he will not judge Holst this season based on performance, but on the way he "injected enthusiasm back into Grizzly basketball," as Hogan would repeatedly say amidst a seven-game Montana losing streak.

It would be easy to look at Holst, a man who saw himself embraced by the community of Missoula during the season's stretch run, and say that this year was not the fair shake he deserved. Montana lost three of its top 10 players, including leading scorer J.R. Camel, due to academic troubles. Holst and company found themselves like a band of gypsies without a home, roaming from city to city and returning to play their home games at Sentinel High School gym. All of which, coupled with some bad luck, have contributed to Montana's 13-14 record this year.

But this is no tragedy, and Hogan isn't sitting at home twisting a thin mustache and hatching an evil plan. It's simply a story about basketball and the world of college athletics. Hogan is simply a man faced with one of the hardest decisions of his career; a man who himself once wore the interim tag as interim

hands the key to Don Holst's career; his future as the head coach of Grizzly Basketball.

"I think Don's done an excellent job," Hogan would say after Montana beat Portland State last

week to earn a shot at getting to the tournament. "I think he's definitely made himself one of the top candidates for this job."

But being a top candidate isn't what Holst wants to hear — or talk about. He'd rather talk about how much his team has overcome this season, how after each hill they climbed, they weren't afraid when they saw they had to climb another.

At the end of January, Montana sat at the bottom of the Big Sky conference at 1-7, having lost to Sacramento State — a team that had not tasted victory in 34 games.

"There wasn't a single person in Missoula in January that would have thought we could have been in the position we were in at the end," Holst said. "But we became the hottest team in the Big Sky the month of February, and no one wanted to play us. I'm just so proud of how far these kids have come and how we stuck together."

The crowd became energized, as Montana won six of their last eight games, and fans appeared at games with signs reading "WE WANT DON."

And while Holst

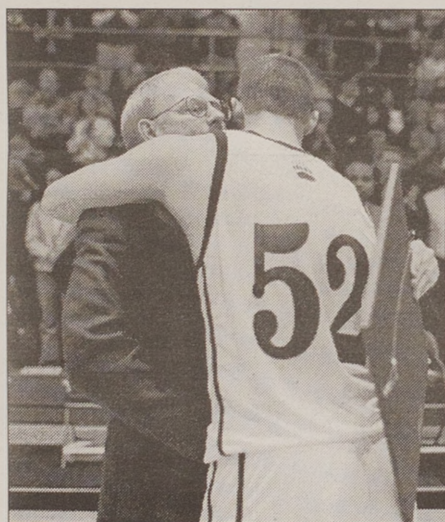
taught his players to stick together on the court, they couldn't bear the thought of not standing beside him off it when the season was done. In the dingy locker room of Sentinel, after their final game, each player knew what the

loss might mean; the chance that their general might not return for another battle.

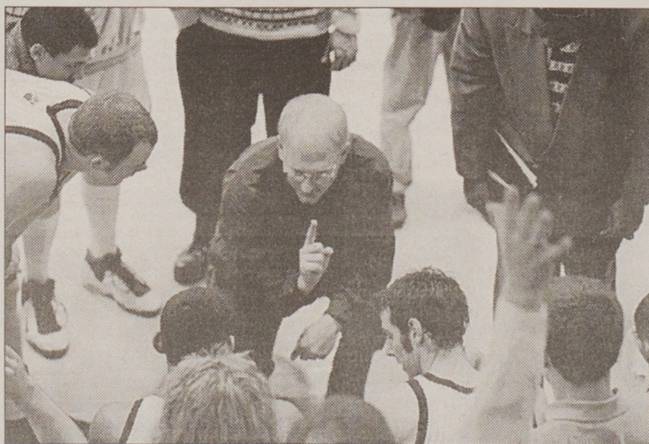
"If Holst is gone, then this could be my last game," said junior guard Mike Warhank, a player whose hustle and clutch shooting seem to embody Grizzly Basketball. "Obviously you don't want to make any decisions right now, but we all have to evaluate things. I don't think anybody wants to come in and play for someone new."

"I'd be really disappointed if they took him away from us, from me," said junior forward Matt Williams, Montana's leading scorer. "I know they'll bring him back. He's had such a positive impact, he's the best coach I've ever had."

Those who know Holst find it easy to like him, and his players know him better than anyone. As Montana built up a five-point lead Saturday going into halftime, Eastern Washington coach Steve Aggers' sharp tongue could be heard all the way to the high rafter seats, snapping at his players, chastising them for mistakes that let UM take the early advantage. But as UM's precious lead slipped away, Holst never quit encouraging his squad — a stark contrast to Aggers' style. At



Bob Olson gets a hug from Coach Holst before his last game for the Grizzlies on senior night.

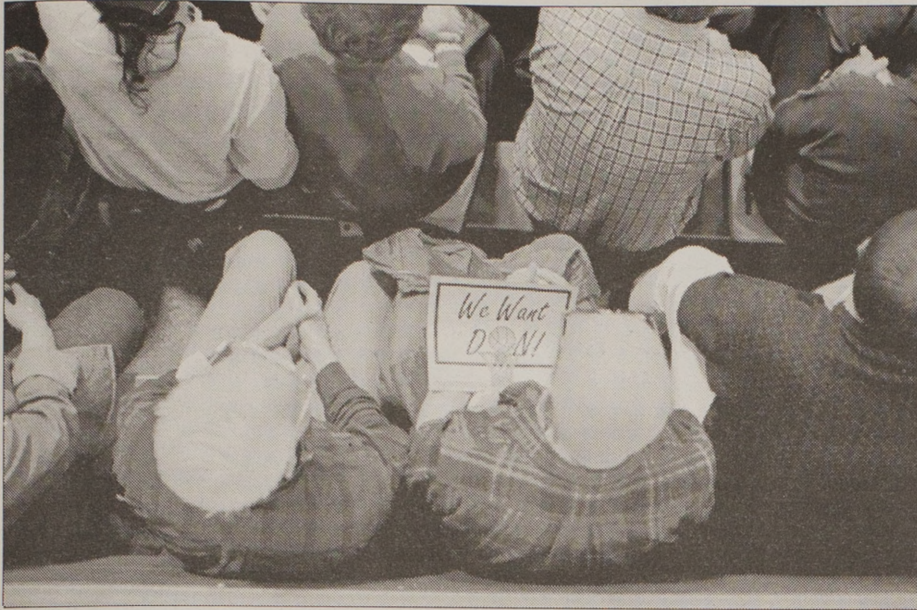


Holst rallies the Griz during a timeout late in the second half.

athletics director at Florida State University for two years. A man who can't shake his big-city persona in the eyes of the people of Missoula, no matter what he says or does. But in the end, he is the person who holds in his



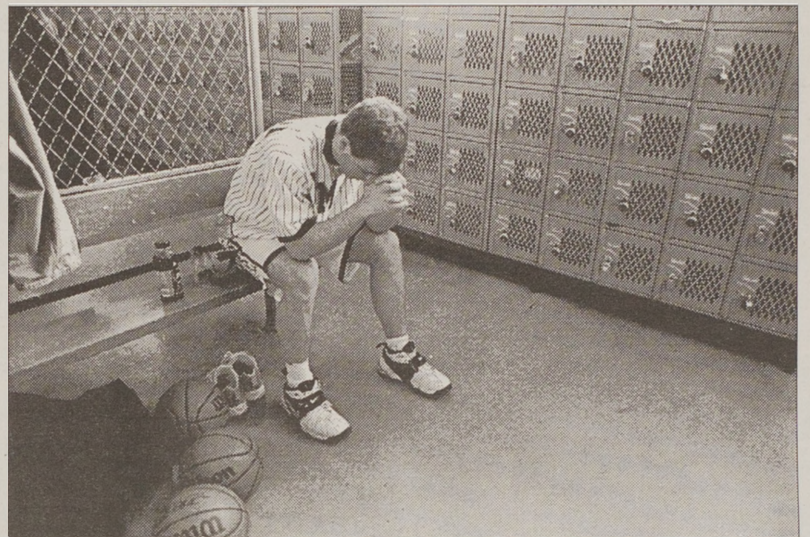




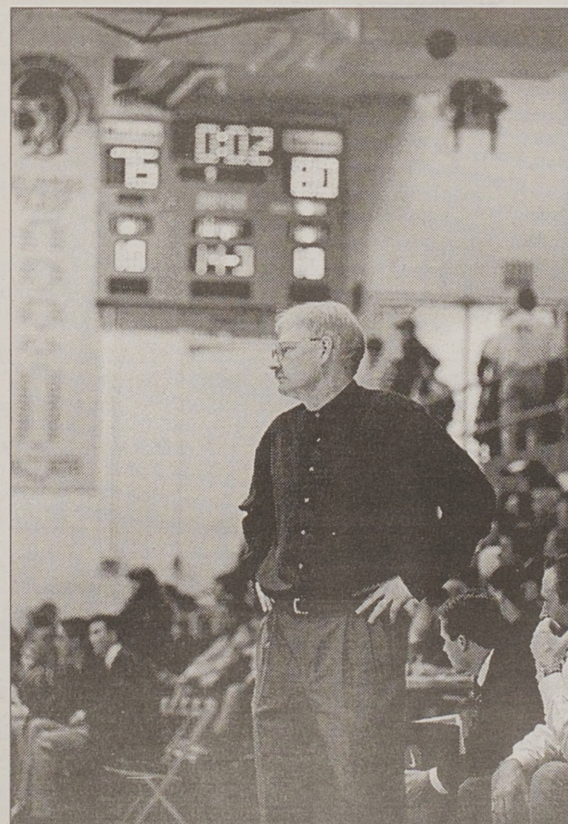
Many fans showed signs in support of Holst on Saturday.



Grizzly Basketball head coach Don Holst relaxes before his last home game this season on Saturday. Holst can only imagine what his future in coaching holds.



Junior Mike Warhank says that if Holst doesn't get the coaching job, he may not play next year.



Holst gazes over the court in the final seconds of this season's final game. Holst said if he is not offered the UM job, it will be the end of his coaching career.

one point Holst placed his arm around forward Dominique Davis after a turnover, looking like the stern father who still offered encouragement. Holst would talk after the game about one of his goals, which was to refrain from getting down on his players, saying he felt his job description encompassed more than teaching young men how to play basketball.

"I would hope that I gave these guys a bit of a sense of values," Holst said. "I would hope they would feel like they could walk up to me 10 years from now on the street and say that we were friends. That's the way this team was. We never tried to point fingers or make excuses."

If Holst's own values were tested this season, it was the two-game suspension of guard Jason Collins for violating team rules that gave him a passing grade.

Montana's lack of quickness hurt them against Eastern, as senior guard Shannon Taylor burned the Griz for 27 points. But Holst, who knew he might be coaching for his job Saturday, stuck with his decision knowing what it might mean.

*"I think Don's done an excellent job. I think he's definitely made himself one of the top candidates for this job."*

—WAYNE HOGAN  
UM ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

"It was something the team talked about," Holst said of Collins' suspension. "We decided we didn't want to have any double standards, no matter what it cost us."

If it was to be Holst's last game, then two single moments Saturday could easily stand representative of his short tenure as head coach.

With less than a minute remaining in the game, Montana crept back to within three points. For one moment all of Sentinel gym rose to its feet, the level of noise deafening the squeamish basketball fan, all cheering on Montana's final charge. The only sellout crowd at Sentinel this year joined in unison, seeming to inject the enthusiasm Hogan had talked about back into Grizzly basketball. And Holst stood in the middle of it all, pacing and twitching his fingers, cheering on his defense harder than he had

all year, asking his troops for one more stand.

But it wasn't to be.

With the Eagles up by six, with two seconds remaining, a UM win became impossible, but Holst continued coaching. In one last timeout, he drew up plays on his blackboard, and all 24 people in the huddle remained focused directly on him, his internal fire still ablaze.

"I told them I was proud of them," Holst would say after the game, adding that he wouldn't continue coaching if he wasn't offered the head coaching job. "I told them to hold their heads high."

And as the final buzzer sounded, Don Holst walked with his team into the locker room, his coat draped over his shoulder, his players fighting back tears. Whether he walked with them for the last time as head Grizzly basketball coach was no longer in his hands.



# NEWS

## False fire alarm fiends, purloined parking pass, renegade rounds

**Matt Gouras**  
Kaimin Reporter

**Friday, Feb. 26**  
**7:07 p.m.**

While the UC Center was evacuated for a false fire alarm, a total of \$70 in cash was stolen from two purses, according to UM Police reports. The victims were student employees who left

their purses in the building, probably in some sort of common area, UM Police Sgt. Charles Gatewood said. The incident is still under investigation, and an officer was assigned to the case Monday morning, he said.

**Friday, Feb. 26**  
**2:30 p.m.**

A UM student was cited for

theft of services after UM Police found a falsified parking pass on his vehicle, Gatewood said. The student was applying silver paint to a one-day pass to cover up previous uses and then simply using it over-and-over, he said. "This is about the fifth time (this semester) we've caught someone doing this sort of thing," Gatewood said.

**Tuesday, Feb. 23**  
**10:54 a.m.**

UM Police responded to a request from Mansfield Library staff to remove bullets found on a hallway floor between the third and fourth floors, Gatewood said. The .222 Remington reloaded rounds were in a corner,

and UM Police speculated that they probably fell out of someone's pocket, Gatewood said. UM Police simply collected the ammo for disposal, as there is nothing illegal about having ammunition on campus, he said.

### POLICE BLOTTER



## Alarm malfunctions leave UC staff scratching their heads

**FRUSTRATION:** Recent rash of false fire calls is a problem, but Fire Department won't charge extra — yet

**Matt Gouras**  
Kaimin Reporter

Six false fire alarms in the University Center since Friday, including two Monday, have frustrated the staff and sent them in search of the cause.

"It's been all sorts of fun and games over here," said Roger Strobel, building superintendent. "It's a malfunction in the system, and the techies are trying to solve the problem."

Thrice Friday, once Saturday and twice Monday, false alarms have forced the building to be evacuated and the Missoula Fire Department to respond. The cause of the false alarms is yet to be determined, Strobel said.

"My concern is all the people using the building — students in the computer lab, the vendors and people working in their offices — that have

been disrupted," Strobel said. "That's by far the biggest concern for me, but when the alarm goes off, you have to go through the motions."

UM has hired Big Sky Security to fix the problem, and they were diagnosing the alarm system both on Saturday and yesterday, Strobel said.

"I'll be accruing a big service bill out of Big Sky, I'm sure," he said. "It's one of those expenses where you bite the bullet and pay whatever it takes."

Fortunately, that will likely be the extent of the charges taken out of the UC budget, Strobel said.

Technically, the Fire Department can charge for false alarms if they become a problem, but the situation has not reached that level yet, said Bob Stage, Missoula Fire Department battalion chief.

"It would have to be a real case of neglect for us to do that (charge them)," he said. "That is a ways down the road. From what I saw, they are trying hard to get it straightened out."

## U-Villages resident charged with partner assault

**POLICE:** Second domestic violence arrest results in parole violation for UM student

**Matt Gouras**  
Kaimin Reporter

A UM student was charged Monday with misdemeanor partner assault and is being held on a separate probation violation charge for an incident that occurred early Sunday morning at the University Villages home he shared with his wife.

UM Police arrested Thad Tidzump, 25, in the St. Patrick Hospital lobby following a call from a Missoula City Police officer. Tidzump's wife, Phillina, also a UM student, was being treated at the hospital for contusions, abrasions and bruises — injuries allegedly caused by her husband, according to court records.

"As far as I know, she is OK," UM Police Sgt. Charles Gatewood said.

Although UM Police are still investigating the exact events leading to the victim's hospitalization, it is clear that

alcohol was involved, Gatewood said.

Tidzump has until Friday to enter a plea on the partner assault charge in Missoula Municipal Court. However, a state probation officer incarcerated him on Sunday for violating the terms of his probation on an earlier partner assault conviction. He is being held in the Missoula County Jail with bail set at \$5000, according to court records.

Tidzump's probation officer felt this incident was severe enough for Tidzump to be held for up to 15 days so that the county prosecutor can review the case for possible additional charges, court records stated.

Tidzump has been on probation since he pleaded guilty

in October 1998 to partner assault charges involving a March 1998 incident, according to court documents. He received a 12-month suspended sentence as part of a plea bargain. In exchange, the prosecutor's office dropped related charges of witness tampering.

According to an affidavit filed by the Missoula County Attorney's office, that incident also took place at Tidzump's University Villages home.

UM Police responded to a call from Phillina Tidzump, who said Thad had tried to choke her and had hit her in the face a number of times. He then took about \$80 from her purse and left the house threatening to leave town, according to the affidavit.

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# SPORTS

## THE BENCH

### 10 Ways The Bench could solve UM's budget shortfall:

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5. Hoard unused money from student meal plans; serve nothing but chicken strips, baby!
6. ONE DAY ONLY: The Bench whoops your ass for \$20
7. Cancel math
8. And science
9. Author low-budget screen play about talking pig that leads to highly successful sequel
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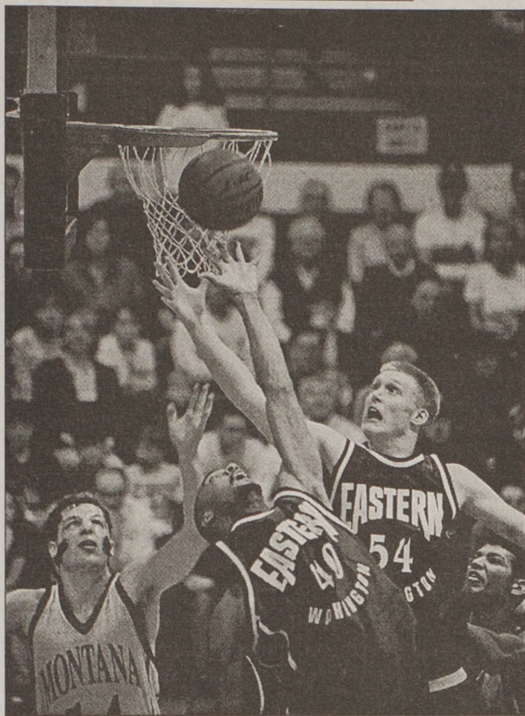
## HATERS

**Shannon Taylor**  
Shooter, Punk ass  
Okay Shannon, The Bench knows that you can shoot and all. You made it rain at the dirty, dirty Sentinel Gym and you cost The Bench a lot of money and that made The Bench cry. The Bench almost respected the way you hit that 35-footer and then pointed at the EWU radio announcer, but not quite. It's too bad yo mamma gave you a girls' name. The Bench's hatred for you burns as bright as 1,000 candles and runs as deep as the deepest river. You got game, but The Bench predicts sorrow and tragedy in your future. That's what you get for crossing the Griz.

## Final SECONDS

Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water, The Bench beat Jack down and broke his crown, Then The Bench took Jill to a sleazy motel.

So close ...



Guard Mike Warhank (left) and forward Matt Williams attempt to take a rebound from Eastern Washington's Chris White (40) and Jason Humbert. The Eagles downed the Griz 81-75 Saturday, ending Montana's late-season quest for a Big Sky Conference tournament berth.

## Pease takes NAU job

When the Northern Arizona University football team takes the field next season, they will be guided by not one, but two former UM coordinators.

Former UM quarterback Brent Pease, who has coached at Montana the last eight seasons, announced Monday that he has accepted a job at NAU as assistant coach and offensive coordinator.

Pease had been the Grizzlies' quarterback coach since 1991 and was promoted to offensive coordinator in 1996.

He joins former UM defensive coordinator Jerome Souers, who left Montana after the 1997-98 season to take the head coaching job at NAU.

The Lumberjacks had a record of 6-5 in Souers' first year as head coach.

Pease's departure, along with the loss of quarterbacks Brian Ah Yat and Sean Davis, leaves UM without either an experienced offensive coordinator or quarterback heading into spring practices.

—Kaimin Sports Staff

## Lady Griz ride 5th seed to tourney

**Courtney Lowery**  
Kaimin Sports Reporter

What you see is not always what you get.

What the Big Sky saw of the Lady Griz last week is certainly not what they will get this weekend at the Big Sky Conference tournament.

The Lady Griz (11-15, 7-9) fell to Portland State on Thursday, and then stumbled again Saturday against Eastern Washington, losing 62-65.

Montana kept within seven points of EWU the entire contest, but the Lady Griz couldn't pull ahead before the final buzzer rang.

Linda Cummings drained 6-14 shots from the field and led UM in scoring with 18 points. Cummings also pulled down six rebounds to help the Lady Griz's cause.

Freshman Simmaron Schildt peaked with a career-high 14 points and also had nine boards. Linda Weyler had a double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds on the evening, even though she struggled with shooting in the second half. Weyler was only 5-13 in shooting in the second half, but redeemed herself by hitting a 3-pointer with 15 seconds left on the clock to bring UM within three.

Weyler wasn't the only one struggling to hit the shots. As a team, the Lady Griz shot only 30 percent from the field last weekend, which is considerably lower than the 50 percent they shot the weekend before against Northern Arizona

and Cal State-Sacramento.

In Cheney, the Lady Griz were missing more faces on the court, lacking freshman Jamie Fariss and freshman guard Cheryl Keller. Both were sidelined due to stress fractures.

Despite the disappointing losses, the Lady Griz must try to regroup and prepare for the upcoming tourney.

Montana has a long-standing tradition at the tournament that they will not be quick to give up. Since the birth of the Big Sky Conference, the Lady Griz have played in all 16 championship games, securing the title in 13 of those appearances.

"I know if I were (a Big Sky team), I wouldn't want to face us in the tournament," said UM head coach Robin Selvig.

However, this year's tournament is somewhat different than in years past because there is not one particular dominating team in the league. No. 1 ranked Cal State-Northridge will host the tournament, but until last weekend all other positions were up in the air. Portland State, Montana State and Weber State were all tied for second place until PSU defeated Montana State Saturday to grab the No. 2 spot, leaving MSU sitting in the No. 3 position.

Weber suffered late-season losses to Northridge and Northern Arizona, which knocked the Wildcats down to fourth and allowed the Lumberjacks to slide into the tournament in sixth position.

"I don't think anyone would be surprised if any of the six walked away with the title," Selvig said. "This is probably the only time in history when it's a toss-up tournament between all six teams."

The Lady Griz will kick off their "toss-up" tournament on Thursday, when they take on the No. 4 seed Weber State.

## Cummings, Weyler voted All-Big Sky

Two Lady Griz players have earned the right to share the spotlight. Incidentally, they also share their first name: Linda.

The Big Sky Conference announced Monday that Montana juniors Linda Weyler and Linda Cummings were both unanimously voted to the 1998-99 All-Conference team.

Weyler, a native of Billings, Mont., currently leads the conference in scoring, averaging 19.3 points per game. She is also pulling down 8.4 boards per game, which is good enough for second in rebounding.

Cummings, who hails from Malta, Mont., is fourth in scoring for the league, chipping in 14.6 points per game. She leads in free throw percentage, shooting a phenomenal 83 percent from the line. Beyond the arch, she is second, hitting 40 percent of her 3-point shots.



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## Badger-Two Medicine Wilderness focus of film

Julie Sarasqueta  
Kaimin Reporter

When film distributor Pamela Roberts heard about a potential oil development on the Blackfeet tribe's last piece of sacred land — the Badger-Two Medicine Wilderness — she thought of her friend George Bardeau.

"She said, 'I think this is a way for you to go home,'" Bardeau recalls.

Bardeau, a Blackfeet Indian, was intrigued by the idea and began the project of directing the film "Backbone of the World," which will be shown tonight as part of the Wilderness and Lecture Series.

"Backbone" depicts the Blackfeet's efforts to prevent oil exploration on the Badger-Two Medicine Wilderness in

north-central Montana.

Bardeau has been making films about American Indian issues for 30 years, but until "Backbone," he said he mainly focused on tribes other than his own. The film gave him an opportunity to revisit Baker's Massacre, where 200 Indians were killed by U.S. cavalrymen near the Marias River.

"I realized I was one of the descendants of the people that survived that massacre, and it had an enormous impact on me," Bardeau said. "I recognized how past histories live in the present time."

He was so moved by his visit, Bardeau said, that he moved home from San Francisco, where he had lived for the past 30 years.

"Backbone of the World" will be shown at 7 p.m. in Social Sciences 352. Admission is free.



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