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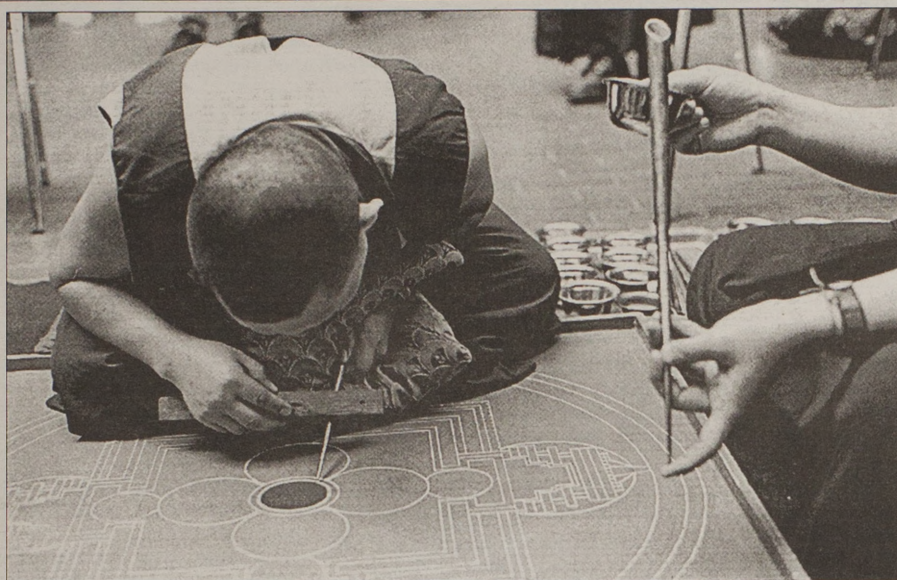
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Inside:
Griz soccer pitches in at
the Poverello Center.



Cory Myers/Kaimin

Tibetan monks work on a sand mandala Wednesday afternoon in the UC. The making of the sand art, which is a spiritual act, takes three days. The mandala is then swept away.

Trial date set for suspect in death of UM student

LAPLANT: March 30 start date for man accused of killing his girlfriend during October 1998 fight

Matt Gouras
Kaimin Reporter

The trial of Lawrence LaPlant, the man accused of killing a UM student last October, is scheduled to begin March 30 in Missoula County District Court.

LaPlant, 26, is charged with mitigated deliberate homicide for the death of his girlfriend, Josie Salois, a College of Technology student. The charge could carry a sentence of up to 40 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

According to court records, Missoula City Police believe that LaPlant killed Salois by hitting her head against a wall after a night of drinking and fighting. According to

medical reports, she died of broken blood vessels in her brain.

Salois had been living in the University Villages. The two had been together for about three years and had a 13-month-old son, according to court records. A Blackfeet tribal custody hearing has awarded temporary custody of the child to Lenore Salois, Josie Salois' mother.

"He's about 17 months old now and doing just fine," Lenore Salois said.

LaPlant tried to maintain custody of the child, but Lenore Salois said the tribe determined her home would be a more stable situation. If LaPlant is incarcerated, she plans to file for permanent custody, she said.

LaPlant has been living in Browning since he was released on a \$30,000 bail bond November 23, according

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ASUM skeptical of new fee

DOUBTS: Senators wonder if students will see benefits of proposed computer and technology fee

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

ASUM won't support a new technology fee that they're not sure will actually help students, senators told UM President George Dennison Wednesday.

Dennison is seeking a new \$4.25 per credit fee to pay for technological upgrades either already in place or coming within the next year.

Members of the ASUM senate said they were most concerned that the fee alone wouldn't raise enough money, which they feared might result in faculty, staff or courses taking cuts to fund the difference.

Currently, even if the \$4.25 per credit student fee is approved, the \$2.4 million it will raise in two years will still fall short of the close to \$4 million in proposed technological expenses.

ASUM president Barrett Kaiser, who introduced a resolution to oppose the technology fee until he gets further information about where the money is going, said he's livid that no matter what students vote for, Dennison

will still push the fee.

"For him to tell us straight up that if we don't approve the fee he's going to push the Board of Regents for it is outrageous," Kaiser said, adding that he's looking for some kind of compromise from the administration to lower the cost of the fee.

Because UM could potentially be a few million in the hole if the fee is not approved, Dennison said that even if the fee is rejected by campus voters, he will still ask the Board of Regents to approve it.

"(The improvements) have to happen," Dennison said. "If not, this university will pay the penalty five years down the line."

Dennison said he's hoping UM will secure a \$1.5 million one-time grant from the Legislature, but if the Legislature doesn't come through with the money, the \$1.5 million will have to come from UM's already strapped budget.

Dennison said the technological improvements are essential if UM wants to keep attracting students. "Students make decisions about what's available to them," Dennison said. "It would have a negative effect on enrollment if we did not get these technological advances."

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Monks mark Tibetan Uprising Day

EVENTS: Tibetan refugees protest abuse through cultural awareness

T. Anthony Pollner
Kaimin Reporter

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of National Tibetan Uprising Day, UM's Students for a Free Tibet, along with eight Tibetan monk refugees, organized several on-campus events Wednesday to raise awareness about China's continuing human rights abuses in Tibet.

Student-activists constructed a model refugee camp on the Oval from sticks and tarps to show students what life is like for monks living in exile. Ryan Taylor, a senior in anthropology, said showing people what Tibetans go through to survive is a meaningful and effective way to bolster support for the monks' cause.

"Tibetan culture is so intriguing," he said, "and if people don't get involved, they (Tibetans) are going to be something of the past very soon."

One of the more popular exhibits was the rendering of a mandala by four monks on the floor of the UC.

The mandala typically is a graphic representation of the universe, aiding in the meditation and enlightenment process, said Troy Frantz, an American who has been acting as translator and driver for the North American Tour of Monks for the last eight months. The monks are originally from

the Gaden Jangtse Norling Monastery.

The unusual sounds emanating from the monks' mouths, known as harmonic-overtone chanting, drew quite a crowd as the monks prepared to lay brightly colored sands over a wooden board.

The entire process of placing the sand will take three days, Franz said, and after it's completed, the design will be taken to the Clark Fork River where it will be cast into the water.

"This is probably one of the most interesting things I've ever seen," said Dana Pickell, a senior in journalism. "It brings the reality of Tibetans-in-exile to Missoula."

In this case, the intricate symmetrical design created by the monks is an offering, of sorts, to Tara, the feminine aspect of the bodhisattva of compassion; "The mother of all Buddhas," Frantz said.

"It's kind of like a palace for Tara," he said, "and the monks are saying 'come join us, we've made a nice home for you.'"

The final event for the day included a protest march from the Oval to the Missoula County Courthouse, where demonstrators gathered with the monks to sing the Tibetan National Anthem and the Tibetan National Uprising Song. The rally included a speech by Tibetan Tashi Lehya, who is a senior at Sentinel High School. Taylor also read aloud a letter written by the Dalai Lama, the

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Remembering Tibet

For Tibetans, March 10, 1999 was a very significant date. It marked the 40th anniversary of the National Tibetan Uprising Day. In 1959, some 30,000 Tibetans camped outside the Dalai Lama's summer palace, the Norbulinka, to peacefully protest Chinese occupation of Tibet and to express concern over the safety of their political and spiritual leader.

According to UM's Students for a Free Tibet, the Dalai Lama fled his country one week later and went into hiding. Three days later, unaware that the Dalai Lama had left, the Chinese opened fire on the Norbulinka and the protestors. The Tibetans resorted to street fighting with stones, sticks, knives and a few guns. They were no match, however, for the Chinese, with their mortars, tanks and machine guns.

By March 22, the resistance in Lhasa, Tibet's capitol city, was squashed, leaving thousands of Tibetans dead and even more wounded. The Chinese continued to dismantle the country, executing suspected leaders and sending thousands to labor camps. Within a month, 100,000 Tibetans had fol-

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OPINION

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Quick-fix repairs end up costing more in long run

EDITORIAL: UM's push to build up campus foolishly disregarded future maintenance bills

The walls continue to climb skyward as construction progresses on the additions to UM's pharmacy building and the Urey Lecture Hall. And across campus, the Harry Adams Events Center is finally beginning to look more and more like the architects' original renderings.

Students, faculty and staff will all breathe a collective sigh of relief when the latest round of campus construction projects come to a close.

But their joy may be short-lived.

Not that more construction won't fall under foot at UM — that everyone seems to expect, given these days of the university's expansion.

The culture shock comes the first time the new buildings — or old ones, for that matter — need a little TLC. A good, old-fashioned fix-it project, as it were. The kind now that seemingly won't get done, whether you're sitting in the forestry building or across the Oval in social sciences.

Thanks to the state Legislature's reticence to underwrite more maintenance costs, the day-to-day repairs on campus are getting months and months — if not years — behind.

You can hardly argue with the legislators' logic, though. Why put up more buildings when you can't take care of the ones you've got?

State lawmakers, struggling to fund every public agency under the sun, surely watch with disdain as UM and other higher education institutions break ground on new buildings.

No wonder our senators and representatives are a little reluctant to spend more on maintenance. After all, they all have homes to take care of, and it doesn't take an economics degree to figure out when you've overspent so much that you can't afford to buy toilet paper.

But apparently some of UM's "long-range" planning overlooks that little detail: If you build it, they will come — but you'll also have to fix it when it breaks.

According to Facilities Services, UM has \$40 million worth of building maintenance projects on hold, thanks to budget shortfalls. That translates to not fixing leaky roofs, or not repairing drafty windows that have been leaking air since before Hitler invaded Poland.

It can also mean the new buildings dotting campus will have to wait their turn, too, when it comes to fixing this or that.

Every UM department is scrambling to attract private contributions to fulfill their pet projects. That type of funding toward building a better education should never be ignored. In the end, though, one has to consider who's really going to pay.

But by not looking a gift horse in the mouth, one sometimes forgets how much it really takes to feed him.

— John A. Reed

Learning life's lessons exacts toll

COLUMN: Spend some time with the ones you love — you might never get another chance.

It was with great anticipation that I walked into the Carmike 10 movie theater last August.

I had waited for what seemed like an inordinate amount of time in the weeks before looking forward to seeing "Saving Private Ryan."

My interest in viewing the film was twofold. First, I have always been fascinated with World War II history, and from everything I'd heard, this film portrayed combat almost too realistically. Second, I felt some sort of emotional attachment to the whole genre of D-Day invasion films, as my father had been in one of the initial assaults on the beach in June 1944 as a infantryman for the U.S. Army's 83rd Division.

Even more so, as he had related the horrors of fighting his way across France, Belgium and Germany in the quest for Berlin, I felt that I owed it to him to somehow relate what he had told me over nearly 40 years of my life to this big screen experience.

The reality of his influence on my life didn't really sink in that day — Aug. 23, 1998 — until the opening music score filled the theater and I settled in to watch the movie.

The day that I had unwittingly picked to watch "Saving Private Ryan" was the anniversary of my father's death.

As I was jarred back to reality by the significance of the date, and by watching Tom Hanks and the other actors portray the heroic efforts of men such as my father and his comrades-in-arms, I found myself more than a little teary-eyed. I would call it uncontrollable crying.

To be sure, the motion picture itself evoked a great sense of sorrow for all those that were subjected to the horrors of war. I can't say that wasn't part of the picture.

But now that I've had time to reflect on my father's death and to remember all the war stories — good and bad, sad and funny — that he told me over the years, I realize just how important our relationship really was.

I don't think my life with my parents was atypical. Perhaps the only difference from most peoples' experiences would be that I lost my mother when I was 22. She was 55 years old at the time, and death took her with a middle-of-the-night aneurism on Thanksgiving Day 1977.

Those kind of dates one never forgets, I sup-

pose. And you probably shouldn't.

What I have suppressed is how her death made me feel then. I can't say now — I think time has smoothed over some of the hurt. And that's OK.

What is dramatically clear to me, though — even more so than on that August day in the theater — is how much I wished things could have been different between Dad and me.

I don't mean the petty arguments that I wished we wouldn't have had, or the like. No, it's a little more basic than that.

I look back on the 20-plus years I've spent away from the family home, and I regret that I often never seemed to make the effort — with college, a career and raising a family — to spend just a few more minutes on the phone, or a few more hours visiting with my parents.

Call it guilt. I'm sure that's exactly what it is. After all, the reason we mourn the passing of a loved one is out of selfishness. That is, we're upset because we don't have that person around anymore — to see, talk to, argue with or laugh at. But it goes beyond guilt. This has been a learning experience. Perhaps something I've learned a little too late.

We can always come up with excuses to not do something. Something like forgoing that visit home to see the family over Spring Break, so that instead we can go to some alluring destination for fun with our friends.

Maybe you shouldn't be so fast to blow off that visit. Maybe you should make the time to stop in to visit your mother and father.

Because maybe the next time the telephone rings, it won't be your buddy calling to talk.

Next time it might be the nurse at the hospital calling to tell you that your father had just died — dead from pneumonia that he had only contracted four days before that. Dead.

I never thought that day would come. And I even knew he wasn't doing well. I had taken care of him for the better part of six months before that and could see that he was slipping away.

But I'm glad about one thing: I'm glad I took the time — especially the last four days of his life — to sit down and just talk to him. Just talk.

What little consolation there is in that is better than none.

Take my advice: Make time for your parents. The clock is ticking away.



John A. Reed

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Around the Oval

Question: Is it unfair that the Irish get their own holiday (St. Patrick's Day), and what nationality is more deserving? Why?



"The Swahili, think of the costumes! (entitled) The Swahili Soiree."

Sandy Ammons, freshman, French



"I think it's fine. There would be no green beer otherwise, and where would college students be without green beer?"

Jade Tone, freshman, drama



"I don't think it's unfair. I just think everybody deserves their own day to party."

Heather Nack, senior, rec management

NEWS

UM Model United Nations team takes 4th at nationals

Julie Sarasqueta
Kaimin Reporter

The UM Model United Nations team has been competing for only three years, but already they're giving schools like Harvard and George Washington University a run for their money.

UM's team represented Canada, Colombia and Mozambique in a simulation of the UN's committees and assemblies. The teams had to follow parliamentary procedure and give speeches, discuss fiscal appropriations and hammer out resolutions.

The team traveled to the UC Berkeley campus in February to

compete in the national competition and walked away with an Honorable Delegation award (fourth place). Out of the seventeen students who attended the conference, ten left with individual awards. Stephen Forrest won an Outstanding Delegate Award, which is the highest individual award for country representation.

Marcus Kosena, Jessica Kobos, Ben Darrow, Arthur Remien, Jaime Lawrence and Claire Brownell all received Honorable Delegation Awards. James Barta, Bridger Bishop and Brian Lofink received commendations. Other members of the team were Jessica Grennen, Melissa Stiltner, Mandy Johnson,

Jason Flynn, Ryan Reppe, Eric Vang and Brian Joos.

"The fact that we're at (larger schools') caliber says a lot for our team," junior Mandy Johnson said.

Johnson said that the larger schools are able to compete three or four times a year, while UM is only able to compete once a year.

"It's a very exciting experience," Johnson said. "Personally, I feel that the people who go, grow through negotiating, interpersonal communication and debating skills."

The team worked hard to raise money for the trip, Johnson said.

"It was a struggle to get fund-

ing; we had to knock on doors in the fall," she said.

The team saved money by driving a van and a car nonstop to California and skimping on food expenses. Johnson said that the \$5,000 needed for the trip came in large part from ASUM, though the administration and several colleges and organizations on campus chipped in.

"Basically, the whole campus sent us," Johnson said.

The team is planning a return visit next year, and they are considering adding three new members to their 34-member team.

For more information on joining the team, contact Ben Darrow at 544-3366.

International students use spring break to travel

Hitoshi Ogi
for the Kaimin

Spring break is too short for UM's international students to return home, but many use the opportunity to take a break from the stresses of school.

Akiko Furuya, a junior in economics from Ecuador, is planning to make her first visit to Canada during the spring vacation. Since she missed a chance to go to Vancouver last year, she is excited to be able to walk along the coastline as well as to try a diversity of Asian food.

"My first year, I was not used to winter, so I actually got very

sick," said Furuya, whose homeland has milder temperatures because it straddles the Equator.

Furuya decided to stay in Missoula last spring break so she could rest from her intense schedule.

"I just needed a break to sleep," she said, adding that she was physically and mentally spent — not only because of her studies, but also because of extracurricular programs such as UM's International Student Association.

David Gachigo from Nairobi, Kenya, also plans to do a little traveling.

"I am thinking of going some-

where warm, like Arizona," said Gachigo, a sophomore in biology. "When school comes to break, this is time to explore America."

Since Gachigo is from a tropical climate, he said he prefers mild weather during spring break, rather than staying in Montana's cold temperatures. He looks forward to seeing the Grand Canyon, as well as visiting Utah and Idaho along the way.

"I want to get closer to nature," he said. "[Spring break] is a kind of stress reliever."

Gachigo said he thinks international students should take advantage of such an opportuni-

ty to see more of America if they can afford to travel.

"We are not ignorant; we want to know other places," he said.

Agus Suratno, an Indonesian student studying English at UM's English Language Institute, said he hasn't made any particular plans yet. He's excited about the break and will use the time to challenge himself by learning more computer skills.

But like most students, Suratno will use the break to have fun, too.

"I want to learn skiing because I have never tried before," he said.



Thursday, March 11

Women's Center — meeting at 7 p.m., UC 210.

Russian Club — lecture, "Business in Russia Today." International House, 5 p.m.

A public forum on 3rd Floor UC Renovations will be held in the UC Montana Rooms at 7 p.m.

Center for Leadership Development — "Motivation, Power, Delegation" workshop. Instructor- Walter Hill; 6-7:30 p.m., UC MT Rooms. FREE.

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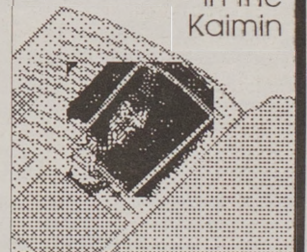
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Fee

Dennison said there are areas of the proposed fee that could be cut, but those sacrifices will likely first come to the systems that directly effect students. The bulk of the fee proceeds, Dennison said, would go to upgrading and maintaining UM's main computer network.

Sen. Brian Adams said he's concerned that there is no guarantee students will directly benefit from the fee.

"Even if the fee is approved, if we don't get the funding from the Legislature, the first programs that will be cut are

the ones that directly benefit students," Adams said. He added that while the campus computer system would provide a strong backbone, technological advancements in areas students use, like the Mansfield Library, Career Services and the CIS help desk, would be the first to go.

Adams said he just doesn't think students will vote for another fee.

"Even people I work with in Computer Services, who understand what this fee will do, are not going to vote for it," Adams said.

Dining hall veteran retires

DEDICATION: Pain forces long-time lunch to leave job 'early'

Thea Bergeron
for the Kaimin

Jean Skelton loved her job at UM's Dining Services. She loved it so much that she devoted 20 years of her life to the campus food service — so she could have a steady job and be close to the students she adored.

Last September, Jean was experiencing splitting pains in her hands while unloading up to 400 pounds of ice into the salad bar and cooling systems in the Treasure State Dining Room. Jean's doctor told her that she had Keinen Bach, a rare disease in her right hand, and a trigger-finger condition that would require an operation to alleviate the problem. She was advised to take some time off, so that her hands would heal.

Skelton turned 80 last November, and the Montana Labor Union confirmed that she was one of the oldest employees in the state.

Age, for Jean, is not an issue. Although her hand is still swollen and aching, Jean would have loved nothing more than to continue working in the Treasure State Dining Room that she has cherished for two decades. Up until the last week of February, Skelton was still officially employed by the University. But receiving worker's compensation wasn't her idea of working in the college atmosphere.

"I miss the students so much," she said. "I loved being around all the kids, and I have been with them so long, and we got along great."

Skelton was born in the exact same bed as her father, in a small ranch house near Clinton — 15 miles east of Missoula — in 1918.

"The doctor had to shine his car lights through the window (during the delivery), since ether was used, and the gas and kerosene lamps would have blew the house up," Skelton said.

The epitome of a Montana native, Jean graduated from Missoula's Hellgate High School in 1937 and then attended UM in 1938-39 on a 4-H scholarship. She dropped out of

school when she married a "local boy," and they had two children. Both of Skelton's children attended UM, and she now has a granddaughter, a UM freshman, whom she visits often in Jesse Hall.

Jean divorced in 1967, after 27 years of marriage, and was working in the Montana Copper Shop in Polson when a girlfriend from Missoula sent her an application for a UM catering position. She ended up landing the dining-room attendant job in the fall of 1978.

"We used to run the whole dining room," Skelton said. "Now it seems there are more chiefs around than Indians, and the Dining Services has a lot more management positions."

On Feb. 28, after months of waiting for a doctor's release to return to work, Skelton officially retired.

"I gave up. I guess it doesn't make any difference, my hand still hurts like the dickens," she said with a note of sadness. "I would love to go back to work. I have so much energy. I wanted to be a checker."

Director of Dining Services Mark Loparco said that Skelton will be greatly missed.

"Jean was extremely well-liked and was a grandmother to all," Loparco said.

One of Skelton's former supervisors, Mary Petrin, who worked for Dining Services for 32 years, said the 10 years she worked with Skelton were filled with much fun and laughter.

"She was a very hard worker, and she is just a really fun person to be around," Petrin said.

Now, Skelton said she looks forward to the many adventures that retirement may hold for her. She spends most of her time at home and visiting with old friends from Dining Services. She even gets an occasional visit from a few of her close student friends.

When she's fully recovered, Skelton said she plans to "give 'em hell" on the golf course. Already she has been bowling a few times a week, which her doctor said is good therapy for her hand.

At home, she is surrounded by many pictures of herself, students and staff working in the Treasure State Dining Room.

"It makes it all worthwhile when I think of all the wonderful kids and people I have met over the years," she said. "I really miss that place."

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LaPlant

to court records.

Living in such a small community, so near the man accused of killing their daughter, has not been easy, Lenore Salois said.

"Until the trial is finally over, we probably won't be able to heal from this thing," she said. "It's been a difficult time for us to see him all the time. This is a small community — about 3,000 people."

The events leading up to Josie Salois' death characterize a relationship of violence and alcohol, according to court records.

On Oct. 29, after a night of

bar-hopping, the two were at a friend's house. According to witnesses, the two had been fighting throughout the night.

At the friends' house, they had to be separated after Salois lunged at LaPlant with a kitchen fork. Friends then left the room, and apparently the fighting continued as witnesses heard what they believed to be Salois' body hitting the wall. When the friends returned to the room she was found lying on the floor, no longer breathing. LaPlant had already left.

LaPlant later told city police officers that he had not hit Josie in the head, or thrown her against the wall, and that when he left the room, she was fine.

After posting bail, LaPlant voluntarily entered a month-long inpatient treatment program for chemical dependency at the Blackfeet Medical Facility in Browning, according to court records.

A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for March 23 at 9 a.m.

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Bounced checks provide costly economic lesson

POLICIES: Bank charges, collection fees can make writing bad checks an expensive habit

Julie Sarasqueta
Kaimin Reporter

Doug Dickson isn't allowed to write checks at Noon's anymore. He's bounced six checks at various establishments across town, and he's had to pay up to \$105 in fees for late checks.

"Sometimes I'll lose track, and some places will hold onto your check without depositing it for a week or so," Dickson, a former UM student, said.

Businesses across town deal with bounced checks every day, and a significant portion of those checks come from UM students.

Kami Bourke of Credit Bureau of Missoula said that about 40 percent of the bounced checks her agency deals with come from students. Bourke said that almost all of those checks are written for under \$25.

Bourke said that businesses refer bounced checks to the Credit Bureau, and the Bureau sends out a notice to the check writer. The Bureau will hold the check for 15 days and charge a \$30 fee before considering legal action.

Freshman Cameron

McKnight said that he had to pay \$70 to clear a check that he bounced at Pizza Pipeline. Pizza Pipeline is covered by Autocheck, which uses scanners in businesses

"It's not worth it. You should pay it off in time or you'll be in a lot of trouble."

—Doug Dickson
former UM student

to determine if a check is bad or not.

McKnight said that the fees and the presence of devices like Autocheck might stop some people, but charging students is excessive.

"It's definitely a deterrent, but I don't feel that it's

justified," McKnight said.

Deirdre Morin of Business Services said that 504 checks that came through her office were bounced last year.

"I'm not surprised by that figure," Morin said. "That's nothing compared to the amount of checks we get."

Business Services, unlike other businesses in Missoula, does not refer bounced checks to a credit bureau. They handle it through their own collection department and charge a \$15 fee.

Besides the charges from credit bureaus, students who bounce checks must contend with fees from banks, and each bank's policy is different. Norwest charges \$25 for each bounced check. If a bank account is left empty for more than five days, another \$25 is tacked on. Another \$25 is charged for each additional five days the

account is left empty.

First Interstate bank charges \$19, although they will rerun a check for no charge. Missoula Federal Credit Union charges \$14 for a bad check, and they will also rerun a check for no charge. The Credit Union will also transfer money in \$50 increments from a savings account to a checking account to cover expenses. That service can be performed up to six times a month for free, but additional transfers cost \$4 each.

Consumer Credit Counseling Services offers budgeting counseling and workshops for students who feel that they need help managing money. Dickson said that learning to manage an account is better than suffering the consequences.

"It's not worth it," Dickson said. "You should pay it off in time or you'll be in a lot of trouble."

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SPORTS

Jesters ready to ruck on West Coast

Courtney Lowery
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The UM Jesters rugby team will spend next week's break in California, kicking off their spring season with a four-game tour of the West Coast.

The Jesters depart Friday and start their tour against San Jose State. They will then travel up the coast, hitting Cal State-Montgomery Chico State and conclude their trip at Central Washington.

The Jesters' president, Dan Wartell, said the tour will be the third UM has taken part in, last year traveling to California and the year before to Canada.

Wartell said he feels the tour will give the Jesters a much needed change of pace.

"Usually, we compete against men's teams rather than college teams, so this tour gives

as a chance to see how we do against other colleges and universities," Wartell said.

However, regularly playing men's teams will give the Jesters an edge over the teams they will meet with on the tour, said Wartell.

"We are really competitive because we do play at the men's level, so when we play college and university teams, we often find that we compete extremely well," Wartell said.

Wartell was not only optimistic about the upcoming tour, but he also said his expectation for the team's season was for them to be a force.

"We have a really strong team this year," Wartell said.

The Jesters have four new rookies since the fall season, which makes 10 new recruits all together. The Jesters also have an international flavor this season, said Wartell. The

team is featuring three international players, one from New Zealand, one hailing from Sri Lanka and the other coming to Missoula from Germany.

Along with the new Jesters are the veterans as well, and that is where the Jester's team will draw their strength, said Wartell.

"We have a lot of veterans this year, so we are stacked with experience," Wartell said. "I think we'll have a good chance at winning state this year."

The only problem with the Jesters being at the state championships is the timing. State is the same weekend as graduation, but Wartell says that does not alter his plans.

"Yeah, I will be missing my graduation ceremony," said Wartell. "I'd rather be playing rugby than sitting through graduation."

The art of flight



Heather Miller/Kaimin
Cassie Gaddy practices her javelin throw and works on her form at practice Wednesday afternoon.

UM soccer players pitch in at Poverello Center

Courtney Lowery
Kaimin Sports Reporter

Not only can they pull out hat tricks on the weekends, but they can also peel potatoes with the best of them.

The UM soccer team took a break from the field Wednesday and devoted some of their spring practice time to the community.

Half of the team helped serve dinner at the Poverello Center to Missoula's disadvantaged, while the other half spent the evening helping in a Missoula nursing home.

This year, the players have reserved Wednesdays for "team building" activities, and this week they opted to do their bonding while helping others.

"Last week we went bowling,"

said sophomore goalie Natalie Hiller. "It is so nice to get off the field and do something like this instead."

Wednesday was not the first time the soccer team has added community service to their practice schedule. Last semester, they took part in the Grizzly Aces program, which advocated interaction between UM athletes and elementary children.

Many other UM teams such as the Lady Griz and the UM volleyball team also take part in service activities similar to the



John Locher/Kaimin
Lady Griz Soccer players Liz Roberts (right) and Amy Schlatter sort through peppers Wednesday evening at the Poverello Center.

soccer team's.

As a student athlete, Hiller said she feels a sense of duty to her community.

"Because people look up to us

as athletes," Hiller said. "We are extremely visible and that is why it is so important for us to be good role models."

Assistant coach Erik Oman said he believes serving the community is not only the duty of a student athlete, but it also is important to their development as people.

"It is important to build community involvement and community spirit on our team because we get so much from the community in support of the program, we have to support them and give back," Oman said. "We are so fortunate where

we are and these activities give us a new perspective."

Freshman Kerri Houck felt the impact of seeing another perspective as she watched a family stop in to say hello and pick up a few half-gallons of milk.

"This really is an eye opening experience," Houck said as the family walked out of the Poverello, children in hand.

Oman echoed Houck's sentiments after his experience at the nursing home, commenting on the mixed emotions involved in serving the less fortunate.

"We left feeling good about what we had done, but at the same time, we were all like... 'wow,'" Oman said. "It was a sobering experience to see that other side of life that we don't see everyday."

UM Athletics to pay part of NCAA settlement

Scot Heisel
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The UM Athletic Department must share the financial burden of a \$54.5 million settlement that the NCAA agreed to Tuesday, said UM Athletics Director Wayne Hogan.

The payment stems from a four-year legal battle between the NCAA and about 2,000 Division I assistant coaches who entered their jobs under the "restricted earnings" plan.

The rule, which was adopted by Division I schools in 1991, capped the salaries of certain entry-level coaches at \$12,000 for the academic year and \$4,000 for the summer.

"Originally, it was an attempt to allow more coaches to have a chance to get jobs without creating an arms race," Hogan said. "Obviously, there are some schools out there that can afford to pay a lot more for coaches."

In 1995, a U.S. district judge in Kansas City, Kan., ruled that the salary cap violated federal antitrust law. An appellate court agreed and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case.

Last year the coaches sued for damages and were awarded \$22 million by a jury. Those damages were tripled to \$67 million since it was an antitrust case. The damages ruling was under appeal until Tuesday's settlement.

Hogan said that UM will not be required to negotiate with its coaches on an individual basis. Rather, the NCAA will receive money from the schools and then pay the coaches on a case-by-case basis.

The settlement affects 302 Division I schools, but a method of allocating the damages has yet to be determined by the NCAA.

According to an Associated Press report, the NCAA will contribute about \$22 million. That would make the schools responsible for about \$32.5 million. An NCAA committee is considering possible plans for dividing up the cost to schools.

Hogan believes that a pro-rated formula based on each school's annual revenue from NCAA championship tournaments will eventually be used.

For example, the NCAA has a billion-dollar contract with various media companies for its men's basketball

tournament, which begins today. Each conference receives money after the tournament based on the performance of its teams. The conferences then divide that money up among their schools.

The Big Sky Conference, which traditionally has only one team in the 64-team field and rarely advances to the second round, receives a small portion of the money each year.

Hogan estimates that UM receives about \$70,000 regardless of whether or not the Grizzlies even make it to the national tournament.

Larger schools in more successful conferences such as the Atlantic Coast Conference or the South Eastern Conference may receive millions of dollars in revenue, according to Hogan.

The NCAA is also considering a plan that would distribute the cost of the settlement equally among the 302 schools. That plan would require each school to come up with about \$107,000.

Hogan said that schools will be allowed to contribute to the settlement in installment payments over a period of three or four years.

The restricted earnings rule applied

specifically to the UM football coaching staff, which is allowed a total of seven full-time and four part-time coaches.

Assistant coach Craig Dickenson, who was a member of the staff prior to 1995, said that he is not aware of any current UM coaches who will benefit from the settlement. Dickenson joined the staff first as a student volunteer, then as a graduate assistant. The restricted earnings rule never applied to him personally.

"Other than the fact that the department has to pay, it's really not that big of a deal for our coaching staff," Dickenson said. "It primarily affects the coaches at the bigger schools."

CORRECTION

March 5 track story, "Track heads out," incorrectly reported that Montana's Heather Anderson would compete in the decathlon at the Willie Williams Classic, March 17-18 at the University of Arizona. Teammate Brian Anderson will actually be competing in that event along with teammate Troy McDonough. Also reported March 5 was that the 400 meter race was an outdoor event, but it is an indoor event as well.

-Kaimin Sports Staff

SPORTS

15
fifteen

QUESTIONS

with pole vault guru
Nicole Zeller

by Kevin Van Valkenburg and Chad Dundas

Editor's Note: Track kids are tough to track down, if you'll pardon the pun, but that's exactly what 15 Q's finally did this week. It took some running, and to be sure, our staff is out of breath. But it was worth it as always. Remember the rules, any question, any answer and if you don't like it then screw ya. This week's pick: Big Sky pole vault champion Nicole Zeller.

Q. Do you ever stop suddenly during practice or a meet and say to yourself, "Wow, my entire well-being depends on this big bendy stick?"

A. For sure, you've got to trust that big bendy stick as much as possible.

Q. Is it wrong to gorge yourself on corn beef, cabbage and green beer on the upcoming St. Patrick's Day?

A. Well, it's wrong to gorge yourself on corn beef and cabbage any time of the year, but green beer is fine.

Q. Do you think Magellen, the first explorer to circumnavigate the globe, was driven to succeed simply to get back at the kids who likely teased him in first grade for being named "Ferdinand?"

A. For certain. It's probably why his crew killed him on the way home as well. I mean, how could you respect a guy named Ferdinand?

Q. Do you think "pole vault" is still a bad word around the Reebok company after the Dan O'Brien debacle that completely ruined their "Dan vs. Dave" marking campaign for the '92 Olympics?

A. I'm sure Reebok marketing people still have nightmares about it. But they should have realized that campaign was doomed from the beginning anyway because O'Brien had such bad teeth.

Q. Will you be vaulting yourself anywhere special to enjoy next week's spring break?

A. Some pals and I will be vaulting our way to rainy Portland.

Q. In rapper 2Pac's song "Changes," he drops the lyric "Instead of a war on poverty, there's a war on drugs so the cops can bother me." Is 2Pac suggesting the anarchist tendencies in his political ideology?

A. I think he's suggesting he's got some questionable tastes in music with that Bruce Hornsby sample.

Q. After Helena has produced such amazing athletes as yourself, Jason Crebo and sharp shooting Big Sky punk Danny Sprinkle, is it reasonable to suggest that the dirty metallic tasting water perhaps includes an athletic gene?

A. Nah, only East Helena water is dirty. The rest of the water rocks, just not Eastside.

Q. After a fine, record-setting vault, which pirate phrase

would you be more likely to shout.

1. "Run back to your shanties, you scurvy Big Sky dogs!"

2. "I have pillaged this here meet for all it be worth. Bring me your finest meats and cheeses!"

A. The pillage phrase. Some girl beat me for the indoor season, so I'd let her know what's up with that one.

Q. Lets play wack, not wack. I'll give you a word, person or phrase and you tell me if it's wack or not wack.

1. IOC chairman Juan Antonio Samarach. Not wack.

Anybody who can get away with all that he has and still run the Olympics has got to be not wack.

2. Fancy Dijon mustard. Wack. It brings tears to the eyes.

3. Gene Wilder: The guy with the curly hair?

Yes. Willie Wonka.

Not wack for sure.

Q. Is it ironic that Stanley Kubrick didn't live to see the year he foretold in "2001 Space Odyssey," or is his passing simply the result of an overweight man worn down by many years of the hard life of seclusion?

A. It was that he was worn down. Anyone who could give life to a creepy, yet great movie like "Clockwork Orange" had to be tired out.

Q. Would you rather be loved or feared?

A. I guess loved. I'm not very

big, so it's pretty unlikely I'll ever have much of a fear factor going for me.

Q. Since you won the '98 outdoor pole vault title, are you the vaulting guru of the Big Sky conference?

A. It might not be fair to call me a guru because I was beaten in the indoor season, but I'll go with it. Hey, all is fair in love, war and pole vault.

Q. As an athlete, which George Foreman can you better relate with: The Rumble in the Jungle George with his big afro and voodoo style that scared the white people or the paunchy ex-champ who hawks his name brand, fat-reducing grills on



Nicole Zeller

pay TV?

A. Rumble in the Jungle George. I love his voodoo style and his afro definitely had some mad flavor.

Q. In E.B. White's novel "Charlotte's Web," does Charlotte the spider disprove the notion that all arachnids are evil and creepy, or is that just another one of White's silly pipe dreams?

A. It probably didn't prove anything other than spiders are decent spellers, and that Templeton the Rat was nothing more than a glutton.

Q. Nicole, in closing, soup or salad?

A. Soup. Minestrone for certain. It's hearty, it's healthy, who could ask for more?



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Tibet

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Gibb Elliot, a senior in environmental biology, stressed how important the entire day was.

"I've seen the conditions in Tibet firsthand, and they're not good," he said. "People need to know what's going on over there and this helps."

The monks have spent the last eight months traveling around North America, stopping in cities like Washington, D.C., New York, Los Angeles and many others, to spread their word and raise funds for a new shrine in southern India.

One monk, Tenzin Negi, said his experience in America has been a little overwhelming but nonetheless very positive.

"I like the people, always smiling and friendly," he said. "Most people know we are refugees and want to help us."

Negi, like the other seven monks he is traveling with, is now living in exile in the southern Indian community of Mundegod, where he's been living for 16 years. While in Missoula, the monks are staying with host families that are affiliated with Osel Shen Phen Ling, the Missoula Buddhist Center.



Cory Myers/Kalmin
Senior Ryan Taylor, a member of Students for a Free Tibet, hangs prayer flags around a mock refugee camp in the Oval Wednesday. Wednesday was National Tibetan Uprising Day.

More Tibetan Buddhist teachings available:

- March 11 - 7 p.m. - at Osel Shen Phen Ling - Teachings on Lam. Rim, The Gradual Path to Enlightenment
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The Osel Shen Phen Ling (Missoula's Buddhist Center) is located at 441 Woodworth Ave. For more information, call Toni Daniels at 327-0672, Deanna Sheriff at 549-1707 or Bob Jacobsen at 728-7661.

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Remember

lowed the Dalai Lama into exile, seeking asylum in India, Nepal and other countries.

By the end of the 1959 revolts, some 87,000 Tibetans had died, according to the Chinese government. The Tibetan Government-in-Exile, however, claimed that over 430,000 Tibetans died as a result of the uprising and the subsequent crackdown. To date, the number of deaths has been estimated to be more than a million.

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