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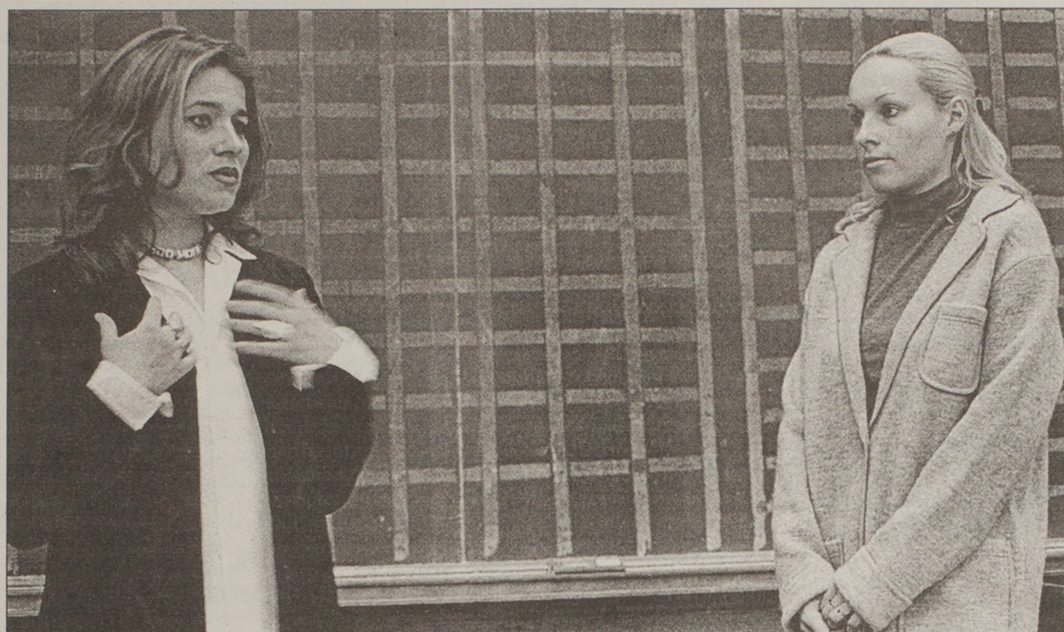
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Valbona Sherifi, left, a UM exchange student from Albania engages in a friendly debate with Tatjana Sokic, a UM sophomore from Serbia. The two shared their opinions on the war in Kosovo with a multicultural reporting class in the journalism school Tuesday.

James V. Shipley/Kaimin



Half a world away from war, friendship survives

KOSOVO: Albanian and Serbian UM students discuss Kosovo conflict with journalism students

Julie Sarasqueta
Kaimin Reporter

When Valbona Sherifi met Tatjana Sokic last October, they became friends. But what makes their friendship unusual is their backgrounds: Sherifi is Albanian, and Sokic is Serbian.

The two UM students debated the situation in Kosovo for a multicultural reporting class in the journalism school Tuesday. The discussion gave the friends a chance to find out more about each other's opinions.

"We never talk like this, so I was really interested in Tatjana's views," Sherifi said. The conflict in Kosovo is

more ancient than either country involved, Sherifi said. The ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, who are seeking autonomy from Yugoslavia, have been in Serbia for centuries. Sokic and Sherifi said that the ethnic Albanians have never given up their cultural identity.

"In Europe, history plays a big, big role. Everything is traced back to history," Sokic said.

When Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic came to power in 1989, he led a crack-down on the ethnic Albanians. He took away their schools, their right to speak their language and their civil rights.

"(The Serbians) have the power, the government and the army, and all this time they have been treating the Albanians like animals," Sherifi said.

For Sherifi and Sokic, the

topic of Milosevic led to a heated debate. Sokic said that she, along with many other Serbians, does not agree with the policies of Milosevic.

"Our president was constantly ruining the country for the past nine or ten years," she said. "He obviously doesn't care about the country."

When Sherifi asked why the Yugoslavians don't overthrow Milosevic, Sokic brought up the president's dictator-like power.

"It's not like people can change the government, especially a government with mafia ties that is corrupt ... they can not just go and kill him," Sokic said.

"That's the problem with Serbs," Sherifi said. "They don't like Milosevic, but they believe in his power."

Both students had mixed reactions to NATO's

airstrikes. Sokic, whose family lives in Belgrade, said that she is able to talk to her parents every day. They, along with other Serbians, have been preparing for the worst, clearing the stores of water, food and other necessities.

Sherifi said that she appreciates the strikes but does not know if NATO chose the proper course of action.

"It's good in the aspect that the international community is doing something about it, but I think that Milosevic is playing with the international community," she said. "I think the international community has to do something."

Sokic said that despite their differences of opinion, the two students remain respectful of each other.

"I'll be for my people and she'll be for hers, but it will never come between our friendship," she said.

Former student charged in UPS pot bust

Matt Gouras
Kaimin Reporter

Apparently Sven Patrick Patton was expecting a United Parcel Service package Thursday from San Diego, Calif.—a package containing 27 pounds of marijuana. The delivery came — albeit via Missoula County Sheriff's detectives instead of a UPS driver.

Instead of receiving an estimated \$100,000 worth of drugs, Patton, 21, received a felony charge of criminal possession of dangerous drugs with intent to sell.

The former UM student is the first to fall in an on-going investigation by the Missoula County Sheriff's Department that may expand to include other university students, said Detective Larry Jacobs.

Jacobs would not identify those individuals, or say how they might be involved.

Sheriff's detectives found out about the package after U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents in San Diego discovered its contents and contacted them, according to justice court records.

Detectives agreed to intercept the package when it arrived in Missoula, before it was delivered to a residence at 5515 Skyview. UPS then gave police permission to deliver the package.

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A house built upon the Sand

STADIUM: University must spend \$500,000 to fix construction mistake made a decade ago

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

They probably didn't want to bring the house down like this.

Unstable soil beneath Washington-Grizzly Stadium is causing the concrete sides of the structure to cave in toward the field, and crews will be spending most of the summer and \$500,000 to fix the problem, said Kevin Krebsbach, associate director of Facilities Services.

Krebsbach said that although the bleachers have only slid a fraction of an inch closer to the

field, the cement that holds them in has begun to crack.

"We need to stabilize the expansion and contraction of the structure," Krebsbach said.

When the stadium was built in the mid-80s, it was built atop a large berm, Krebsbach said. The football field was dug 20 feet below the top of the

berm, and the extracted dirt was piled up on the side to make the structure bowl-like. Concrete was poured over the mounds of dirt, and bleachers were stuck in the cement to finish out the stadium.

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Once in a blue moon

Thea Bergeron
for the Kaimin

Peering up into the skies tonight you will see a full moon. No, your eyes aren't mistaken; there was a full moon already this month. The moon tonight is not just any old full moon, it will be the second blue moon this year; the first blue moon appeared in January.

According to the National Science Foundation, the last time we witnessed two blue

moons in a single year was in 1961—before that, it was in 1885. In fact, the NSF says we won't see two blue moons in a single year again until 2018.

The rare phenomenon can only happen when there are two full moons within the same calendar month. The second full moon to occur in the month, according to modern tradition, is known as the blue moon. The moon will not actually look blue, but in the past, weather condi-

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Wednesday, March 31 Anthropology Club.

Center for Leadership Development—"Values, Vision, Goal setting," 6 to 7:30 p.m., UC MT Rooms. Must take Myers-Briggs assessment before workshop registration. Call 243-5774 for information; 6:30 to 8 p.m., UC 207. Resume and cover-letter writing, 4:10 to 5 p.m., UC 215.

Bake Sale—9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Social Sciences Bldg. Lobby. Hosted by the

Easter egg hunt—Thursday 6 a.m. till the eggs run out. Sponsored by UC Programming / KBGA.

Fly fishing Western Montana—All the information you need about lakes, rivers, creeks, hatches, and effective patterns to fish the area. Time will be spent on crowding and ethics also. Presented by Paul Koller of the Missoulian Angler. SS 356, 7 p.m. FREE.

Y2K, not a bother but a blessing

Want to know an ingenious way to not give one more inkling of thought about the Y2K panic that sensationalist journalists and computer wizards have caused a small frenzy over? Learn how to plant your own garden, start a fire and practice leaving good things behind instead of having to take from the system all the time.

We capitalists have developed a superbly funny way of looking at everything these days. Our viewpoints (I hate to generalize) seem to have been soiled and soured by something inanimate, yet we seem to have made it bigger than our hunter/gatherer, adequate-turned-material selves: da all mighty dollar. MONEY.

Are we becoming so worried that we must talk, debate, stockpile food like starving squirrels and worry about losing control of our nation because we "may" lose a link to technological funds and services for a little bit of time? That is what I would call undeniably civilized.

A large majority of our ancestors, who had life expectancies half as long as ours, would laughingly scoff at our dramatized problems. Yet we keep creating more for ourselves.

What, no deliveries, grocery stores, cable with hundreds of trashy channels, planes, and trains? Sounds like a big, fat vacation to me. The clock strikes Midnight; 1999 is gone. Hopefully all those religious fanatics are right and the whole damn show will spontaneously combust because we are turning into some lazy-ass slugs down here on Earth, buying our way to unfulfilled happiness. Bryan Elder, an Arkansas hydraulic specialist who will be taking shelter in a cave come 2000, says there won't be any survivors.

"Hell starts Jan. 1, 2000, when the lights go out," Elder says.

Excuse me, sir, is that midnight, or when the sun comes up or goes down on that day? Last time I checked, God didn't have a calendar.

If it is going to be the end, why have you chosen this cave for a refuge? Apparently hell is more comfortable in large rocks.

Mr. Jerry Falwell, in his \$25 Y2K video, says it's wise to have lots of ammunition, telling the faithful to prepare "as though the worst hurricane were on the way."

I can feel that wind already. Where will we get our next meal? How will we possibly be able to cope? No television. Oy vey! No drive-through deposits, no bills coming to my house, no paying for monopolized power, no grocery-store fluorescent lights, no new shoes?

COLUMN: Thea Bergeron

What is a lazy capitalist to do with such unworthy time? Doesn't that equal absolutely no hassles and just me and the world? I can grow my food, barter with my neighbors and learn a new, less-stressful, empty way of life that doesn't revolve around acquiring money, paying bills and constantly dabbling in mundane activities.

There are so many devoid food surpluses in this community—over a dozen grocery stores with food up to the ceiling. Not to mention Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Gun-Mart, and Costco—the haven for surplus shoppers. Fast food joints are spreading like a raging disease. Urban sprawl is an understatement. I am not doubting the system, just all of us willing participants. I think Karl Marx might have had something with the Communist Manifesto. Oh great, my first column and I have already mentioned Earth blowing up and communism.

Kaczynski made me do it, but he too may have been onto something.

We rely on technology now for everything. Most of us have forgotten how to survive without all the material luxuries we could provide for ourselves with a little effort.

If, hypothetically, all the computer-based warfare shut down on Doomsday, aren't we to blame for not being prepared? Buying into all the televised and publicized warnings, some of you might end up in the Y2K refuge in Arizona called Heritage West 2000.

Somehow we have let the basic needs of survival get away from us over the centuries of overwhelming and prosperous rule of the dollar. Here are a few tips for you worried souls; pay attention, this is tough stuff but imperative for survival. That is if Earth and all of us sinners don't just blow up when God's newly purchased Rolex alarms the ill-fated day.

1. Find soil and when spring comes plant seed so you don't have to purchase every filthy, preserved thing you put into your body. Ever heard of canning fruits and vegetables?

2. If you have any kind of money, (though you're not really ahead because of infinite debt) the safest bet is under the mattress. Those banks will say the computers are down just to make more damn money off of you.

3. Don't, absolutely do not, buy a weapon. The people that have them will be weary from not purchasing material items and not getting step number 1, so they will give their weapons up to have a bit of your home-made grub.

4. If you don't get any of the above three, keep stocking up on canned goods, buy a little more camouflage and hire a technician for your computer upgrade. Might as well get the Falwell tape too, Sucka.

Letters to the Editor

Smoking ordinance

Guts and the smoking ordinance!

Immediately after Jeff Hainline, 4B's president, spoke at the March 17 City Council meeting, I made a lengthy comment to the council concerning the proposed citywide smoking ordinance. I was also critical of Jeff's statements that appeared in the *Missoulian* on the same day as the meeting. The next day, the *Missoulian* quoted correctly some of my comments that I had made to Jeff at the meeting.

I want to make it clear to everyone, in spite of the comments, to continue to hold the entire 4B's organization, including Jeff, in high esteem.

When Torrey's was opened 25 years ago, we did allow smoking. My two children, Kim and Sean, were 3 and 6

at the time. Within a few years, they were working in the restaurant and were exposed regularly to the smoke of some of our patrons. It was then decided that it was not right to expose my children and my employees to second-hand smoke. Just over 20 years ago, smoking was eliminated at Torrey's.

It took a lot of guts to take this stand. At the time, we were the only restaurant in Montana with a non-smoking policy.

Everyone, do what is right, whether you are a smoker or not. This is not a liberal/conservative issue. Support the city wide smoking ban ordinance. Let's establish a level playing field for all businesses and let's make Missoula the leader of Montana cities in doing so.

Silas Torrey
Torrey's Home Cooking

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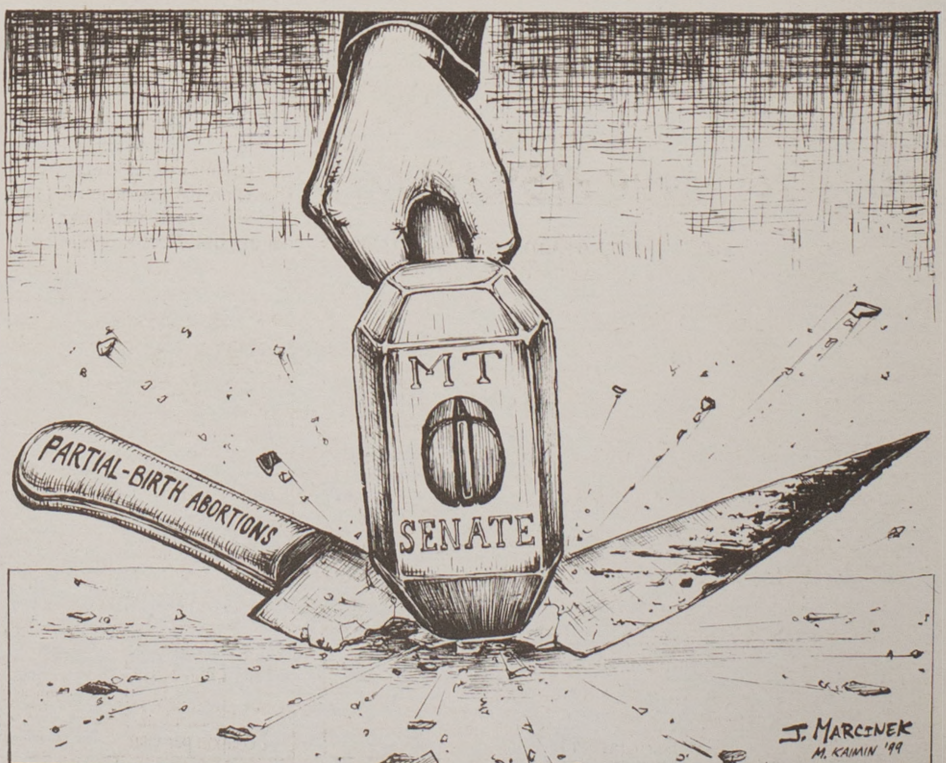
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OPINION

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More letters to the Editor

House hunting

Until now, house hunting in Missoula has been virtually a hair-pulling, teeth-grinding, next-to-impossible task. As a Missoula native and University of Montana student, I have faced the challenge many times. Unfortunately, knowing what you're up against seems to make the hunt more, rather than less, difficult. I'm here to say there is a solution to our universal dilemma—an emerging, small, new business that will take the whole challenge on for us, right up to turning in the application and getting us approved to rent. This revolution calls themselves The Rental Solution.

When I found myself in need of a cheaper rental last month, I began the daily ritual of searching through classifieds. Frustrated and tired, I responded to a small ad in the paper claiming they could assist in my search. This company surprised me. For a well-spent fee they did all the work. They found the place I needed, handled "processing fees" for places I was interested in, and gave me a couple places to choose from! My portion consisted only of signing the rental agreement, paying rent, and moving in!

I write to tell you, that house hunting can be easier! The two young ladies running The Rental Solution, both UM students themselves, really came to my aid. They seem to have a grasp on overcoming this rental—industry headache. I recommend to anyone, who "finds their current carpeting making them hallucinate" or just needs a new place, to retain their sanity and give this

company a shot. It just may leave you with your wallet and even your pet!

Stacy M. Byrne,
freshman,
physics

Need for recycling

Every year, the average American consumes over 700 pounds of paper. The United States is by far the largest purchaser of paper in the world. We devour over 30 million tons of printing and writing paper alone every year. Office paper, writing and printing paper, and newsprint are the three largest products of the wood pulp industry.

Unfortunately, these products are being created mainly by our now-recovering hardwood forests of the Southeast. These trees are chipped at an astonishing rate; in one month, a chip mill processes as much wood as an average saw mill does in a year. Chip mills are highly mechanized operations and as a result support very few jobs. The pulp and paper industry is destroying not only local economies and the aesthetics of our forests; they are also eliminating the extensive diversity of life that these bioregions depend on.

Over 60 percent of most agricultural residue can be made into high quality paper. If anything, paper we buy should be 100 percent post-consumer waste and processed chlorine-free. Universities play an integral role in the paper market because of their strong buying power and quantitative purchases. The University of Montana should start buying non-chlorine bleached, 100 per-

cent recycled paper and set the precedent in the shift of paper purchasing policies.

This paper, contrary to popular belief, is available in equivalent quality to the paper we have now and is less than one cent more per sheet. I strongly suggest that University students support this shift in paper purchasing and that the administration follow their lead. By implementing this alternative, UM would create a new market for non-virgin wood paper and ultimately cause a drop in the price of this product.

Sam Robbins,
senior,
resource conservation

Student opinion?

I just finished reading the Kaimin for Wednesday, March 24, 1999, and I am appalled at the audacity of not only Barrett Kaiser, but of the student body as a whole. In the article about Kaiser's "new campaign" the only statement that I agreed with was the one by President Dennison stating, "allowing student opinion to direct policy would ultimately hurt the University." This University is on a quick downward spiral, and its policies for dealing with people leave much to be desired. I am not a student; I am a classified staff member in a position of service to the students.

As of June 1, 1999, I no longer have a job, simply because the students at this University have too much power and no inkling of how the real world works. The UC Board, which has ultimate control of the building I work in, has decided that instead of dealing with the inflation of prices for things like electricity and water and cost of living expenses for employees that other businesses have to deal with, they will ignore it. This University Center has not had a fee increase in eight years. That is unheard of. Because the students refuse to pay for the rising cost of power and water, I can no longer work at the place I have worked for almost two years. Apparently, to the students at this University, I am a commodity.

Since this University is so keen on making it seem like this is only preparation for the real world instead of acknowledging that this is as real as it

gets, the students are left with the feeling that their actions now meet with no repercussions further down the road. The UC board is comprised of 50 percent students who are in a position of supreme power for only a year. I can't understand how life-altering changes can be made by students, who for the most part, are put through school by their parents or the taxpayers, have never had to be solely independent from their parents or other financial benefactor and have no clue how the world works.

This year I am too expensive; next year they will want to know why they have to wait in line for 30 minutes to get their business done. Two years from now, the UC will be too expensive and eradicated altogether. I think it's sad that Barrett Kaiser and the rest of the student body feel that in order to get high-paying jobs in the future, they have to destroy my present. And as for Jessica Kobos and her petition saying UM faculty and staff support student decisions, please don't come by my place of business; I don't agree with you at all.

Amanda Williams,
UC Shipping Express

Opposition to parasite analogly

I'm not sure Mr. Rodriguez' understanding of the "biological term" called a "defense mechanism" stands him in good stead. For his defense of CI-75, he hijacks a "parasite analogy" whose original use he has not understood—the "nest" was compared to Montana's Constitution, and not to "Montana's citizenry;" the "eggs" were compared to elements in the constitution, like Amendments, and elements proposed for Constitutional influence, like CI-75—and then proceeds to use it for his own purposes. But Mr. Rodriguez' purpose is not a defense of CI-75.

Unwittingly complimenting my contribution to the controversy, he confiscates the analogy to enliven his otherwise hackneyed rhetorical parroting about the Evil Government Bigshots. Mr. Rodriguez does not argue against the suitability of an analogy that—even though the entire text of my letter was not printed—clearly addressed specific traits of CI-75; Mr. Rodriguez did not counter my argument by com-

ing to the defense of those specific traits; in fact, Mr. Rodriguez' letter is a good illustration of a curious and common quality in those people who support CI-75: they do not defend an initiative they supposedly believe in. They talk a blue streak about what's wrong with Montana's government, but they are conspicuously quiet about what's right with CI-75. Mr. Rodriguez, please review the concept of "defense mechanism," it is not an "attack mechanism." Attacking—unnamed yet sinister governmental figures and factors—as mechanically as a wind-up bird—does not amount to a defense of CI-75. If you are worried that our leaders are betraying democratic principles, then please explain to us exactly which democratic principle the "supremacy clause," indisputably within CI-75, is meant to preserve. Without the benefit of your explanation, some people might conclude that "supremacy" means "autocratic."

If you are worried that the voters of Montana are being betrayed, then please explain to us why the "severability clause," indisputably within CI-75, is not prepared to bargain away "objectionable" parts of the initiative; please explain how those "objectionable" parts Montanans voted for in good faith are in no danger of being sold out by CI-75's "severability clause." Your explanation—as a defense of the merits of CI-75—will show precisely how much you, and other supporters of CI-75, care about democracy and Montana voters.

Such a defense could serve as a welcome antidote to your own hyperbolic "fairy tale" of the Evil Bigshot and the Helpless Citizen In Bondage. Finally, the editors of the Kaimin ought to let Mr. Rodriguez know against whom he argues.

Your "Correction" relieved Mr. Johnson of responsibility for "parasitical" perceptions, but it made the author of those perceptions appear desirous of anonymity. That appearance is false; please inform your readers that I wrote the "parasite" letter.

Chris Chelsey,
JG Advocate

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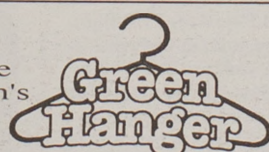


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Stadium fix ousts Twain tour

CONCERT: Country superstar looks for another venue as athletic renovations rule out Missoula

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

Facilities Services is going to spend the summer making Washington-Grizzly Stadium hold up, rather than allowing country superstar Shania Twain to bring it down.

The Athletic Department's insistence on fixing the stadium's structural problems prohibited UM Productions from going through with its plan to host Twain in late June.

"We would've loved to do the show," UM Productions Director John McCall said. "But the decision was totally out of our hands."

McCall said UM Productions was working with Twain's management to lure the singer from Nashville to Missoula. Simultaneously, McCall said, he was asking the Athletic Department about the availability of the stadium for a summer show. McCall said he hoped UM Productions could schedule the Twain concert around the stadium renovations, but because the Athletic Department took so long to respond to him, Twain's management looked elsewhere for venues.

"It's a bit of a disappointment," McCall said.

Though McCall laments the loss of an opportunity to host a concert with Twain, he's also concerned about UM Productions' financial status without the opportunity to do a big money-making show.

McCall said UM Productions went \$12,500 in the hole to purchase electrical equipment for last June's Pearl Jam concert in the stadium and still hasn't recouped the costs. Because the Athletic Department renovated the Harry Adams Fieldhouse over the winter, UM Productions wasn't able to host concerts to make up its expenditures.

"We were hoping to do a stadium show to offset the loss of all the fieldhouse shows," McCall said.

McCall said he's positive the drawing power of one of country's hottest stars would have packed the stadium to capacity.

"Shania Twain is wonderfully popular," McCall said. "She's just as big as Pearl Jam, only she'd draw a different crowd."

"We would've loved to do the show, but the decision was totally out of our hands."

—John McCall
UM Productions director

McCall added that Pearl Jam sold around 22,000 tickets and made more than \$500,000, which was split up among a

half-dozen agencies.

Reeling from the success of the Pearl Jam concert, McCall said he hoped UM Productions wouldn't lose its status as a big-show venue.

"We wanted to not lose momentum on this," McCall said, "and make promoters look at Missoula as a place where they can do shows in a big market."

But McCall said skipping one summer won't be too damaging. He said UM Productions is in fine shape because it now owns all the equipment needed to do a stadium show.

"This doesn't hurt us," McCall said. "But it doesn't help us either."

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Stadium

Unfortunately, Krebsbach said, the dug-up soil did not make for a very stable base.

To fix the problem, Krebsbach said crews will begin working the day after commencement (May 15) to drive some giant screws into the ground at the base of the bleachers. These giant augurs, called Helical Piers, will be screwed into the ground until they can't go any farther—to ensure they're stuck in solid earth—and then covered in concrete to hold the bleachers in place.

Chuck Maes, assistant director for business at the Athletic Department, said the ordeal is not as severe as it sounds.

"It's not like the stadium is falling apart," Maes said. "But we've got to stabilize it."

Maes said bonds were sold last fall to cover the \$500,000 cost of the renovations. He added that the Athletic Department decided to spend an extra \$100,000 to fix the field turf while all this construction is going on.

"The field is like trying to grow grass on a parking lot out there," Maes said. "That's why it always tears up."

Kevin Verlanic, the general manager of the University Golf Course in charge of laying the new sod, said it's what's under the grass that's got to go. Verlanic said copious amounts of sandy clay material lie underneath the field, and that's just not good for growing grass. The clay must be removed to help the grass grow.

Verlanic said once the clay is removed, the field will be covered with better soil and a layer of top soil, then seeded with a hybrid of bluegrass and rye grass.

The stadium construction will be completed before the first Grizzly game in September.

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Moon

tions have affected the name.

Todd Yakoubian, of KPAX Weather, said the name was coined after people saw the second full moon in 1961 while there was smoke in the air, making the moon appear blue.

"Particulates in the atmosphere, such as smoke or the ash in volcanoes, can make the sky or the moon appear blue," Yakoubian said.

The familiar expression "once in a blue moon" refers to a rare event such as tonight's full moon.

UM Physics and Astronomy Professor David Friend said he doesn't see any correlation with the second blue moon and the end of the millennium.

"Our calendar has a lot to do with it," Friend said. "The moon is full exactly every 29.5 days, so there wasn't a full moon in February because it is a short month, and the full moon was in the beginning of March, allowing us to have another blue moon this month."

The NSF noted that the time between blue moons is based on a Metonic cycle. The cycle of lunar phases is a period of 235 lunar months (236 full moons—or 19 years). In a 19-year period, there are 228 months and 236 full moons. The NSF said this means that in each Metonic cycle there are at least 8 months that have will two full moons.



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Bust

When the detectives knocked on the door to deliver the package, no one answered, so they left it on the porch and watched the house, court records state. A short time later, a male came out and picked up the package.

Detectives then secured the residence and quickly obtained a search warrant, according to court documents. They went to the door and identified themselves to a male — not Patton. Upon entering the residence, detectives found Patton carrying the package toward the back of the residence.

Detectives seized the package and arrested Patton. No other arrests were made.

Patton was also charged with criminal possession of drug paraphernalia for a marijuana pipe he had, a crime that carries a maximum sentence of six months in the Missoula County Jail, according to the court records. The felony possession charge carries a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in Montana State Prison.

Given that the package allegedly traveled across state

lines, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kris McLean said it is possible the case could be forwarded to federal court for prosecution.

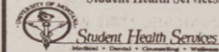
The DEA would not comment on the case, or verify if the shippers of the package have been located or are under investigation. They did say, however, that a bust of this size, without being connected to a larger operation, is relatively insignificant.

Patton attended UM for three semesters and was a freshman business major. He did not enroll spring semester, said UM Registrar Phil Bain.

Patton, who now works at the Best Western Executive Inn in Missoula, is not one of the three residents listed on the rental lease agreement for the house at 5515 Skyview, according to Bourke-Robinson property management. The Sheriff's department would not say if the other residents there are involved in their investigation.

Patton is being held in the Missoula County jail on a \$25,000 bond. A preliminary hearing on his charges has been set for April 19.

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Show and tell dance showcase promises variety

Margery Fairchild dances Monday night at a dress rehearsal for the Spring Dance Showcase. She and a host of other UM dancers will be featured in the annual event that runs from March 30 to April 3 in the P.A.R.T.V. Center. The price is \$4. Call 243-4581 for tickets.



James V. Shipley/Kaimin

by Katie Oyan
Arts Writer

Like tap dance? Ballet? Jazz? Or maybe you prefer something a little less structured, like rubber balls being chucked across a stage full of dancers.

Well, no matter what your performance taste buds crave, this year's Spring Dance Showcase has all that and more. We're talking variety, folks. From Beastie Boys to live banjo pickin' and costumes that range from plain old sweat-pants and t-shirts to racy red bras and garter belts.

Two solid months were devoted to preparing the 22 eclectic performances selected for UM's Department of Drama/Dance show. Most of these pieces were choreographed and performed by students, but professors provided a few creations as well. The performances have been divided into two programs that will run alternately throughout the week.

Program I (Thursday and Saturday evenings) contains the attention-grabber, "Swan Song," directed by Professor Juliette Crump. It's an unstruc-

tured, improvisational piece based on works done in the '70s. The lights and sound are operated completely at random while six dancers move at separate paces sporadically around the floor, sitting, standing, pairing up and dancing solo.

"Meditations" is a unique piece choreographed and performed by students Bill Beckwith and Dawn Hartman, and is one of the highlights of Program II (Wednesday and Friday evenings, Saturday matinee). In this number, the stage is set with just a simple table, and the performance is silent except for one ring of a bell and two words: "stop" and "go." The dancers repeatedly give each other these verbal commands until the climax, when their interaction becomes chaotic.

"Three," another piece in Program II, was choreographed by art minor Margery Fairchild and begins with a 45-second solo to the piercing, mournful, wailing of a funeral keener. In a loose body suit similar to the color of her skin, Fairchild dances violently across a diagonal spotlight path, expressing "the emotion of loss." As she disappears from the stage, the

music shifts to a slow, deep cello tune and three other dancers emerge from the darkness. Hartman, Gretchen Schuhbauer and Yohanna Weaver start out crouched together in a corner, then dance passionately across most of the floor, reflecting the intensity of the theme.

According to Fairchild, the piece is loosely based on her life, and the three other dancers portray herself, her mother and her sister.

"They represent the tragic parting of someone that was part of them," Fairchild said. "They're re-establishing themselves as three instead of four."

Fairchild said this showcase is especially meaningful to her because of all the work she's put into it, and because it's sort of her farewell piece.

"It's important to me because it's the last piece I'll be doing before graduation," she said.

The Spring Dance Showcase will run through April 3, and is being held in the Open Space of the P.A.R.T.V. Center. Performances are nightly at 7:30, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets are \$4 and are available at the P.A.R.T.V. Box Office.

Poet and novelist couple to bring writing prowess to UM for reading, lecture

by Paul Macias
Arts Writer

1998 was a good year for novelist Russell Banks and his wife, poet Chase Twichell. Banks published his ninth novel,

"Cloudsplitter," and Twichell finished her fifth book of poetry, "The Snow Watcher."

Both writers' works have appeared in magazines including The New Yorker and The Atlantic. Both writers have taught at Princeton University. And both writers are coming to Missoula this week.

Twichell, from the couple's home in Keene, New York, said in a phone interview that the couple is rarely asked to lecture together because of their contrasting genres. However, they both said they're very excited about their first visit to Missoula, where they'll conduct a craft lecture at 3 p.m. and a reading at 8 p.m. on Friday.

Twichell's poems in "The Snow Watcher" explore themes in Zen and the "mutating self."

In one of these poems, "Minor Problems," Twichell leads with the image of a writer who encounters the inevitable barriers caused by a life spent in abstract thought.

"The poem is about barriers in Zen," said Twichell. "The problem one encounters in the study of self."

"The poem says it better than prose says it," said Twichell, as she tried to explain the piece while preparing dinner. "That's why it's a poem."

This morning it seems likely / that my aspiration to shed all my skins / will end in one long papery / exhalation of relief at having asked myself / Why do this, anyway? For some other paradise?

—Introduction to "Minor Problems"

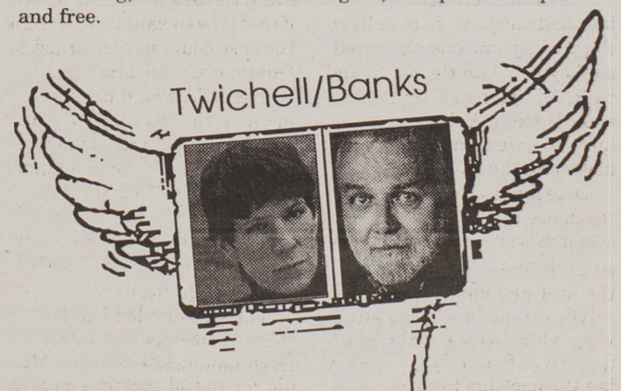
"Cloudsplitter" is Banks' thirteenth book of fiction and his first historical novel. It's an account of the life of abolitionist John Brown, a working-class citizen who, accompanied by his brother, led many anti-slavery movements in the late 1800s.

Banks' novel "The Sweet Hereafter," which was published in 1991, became the first of his works to be adapted into a major motion picture. "The Sweet Hereafter" was nominated for two Academy Awards—Best Director and Best Screenplay.

In December 1998, "Affliction" became Banks' second major film adaptation, starring Nick Nolte and James Coburn. Coburn won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for the movie.

Banks said he feels blessed that the adaptations were so successful and that the movies were "very faithful to the novel's perspective."

Both the craft lecture, an informal question and answer session in Room 123 of the Gallagher Business Building, and the reading, in Room 106 in Gallagher, are open to the public and free.



Violent Femmes bring the rock you remember, the rock you don't yet know



Vocalist Gordon Gano

by Katie Oyan

Some old friends are paying me a visit tonight. Well, we've never actually met, and I can pretty much guarantee that these boys have no idea who I am. But we go way back.

Many a high-school night we spent together, cruising the strip, attending middle-of-nowhere tailgate parties and going over the fundamentals: sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. Oh, the memories.

They lived in my Mustang's tape deck for months, and I screamed along every time they sang our little love song. You know the one, because they're probably your old friends, too.

I'm talking about the Violent Femmes. And if you're not at least familiar with a few of their classics ("Add It Up," "Blister In The Sun" or "Kiss Off"), you've been living in a cave, pal.

Why? Because these boys are big. Anyone who doesn't play

country music, but can still work their way into small-town-tailgate-party hearts has got to be.

Well, those tailgate days might be over, but the legend lives on. Generated by a lot of teen angst, the Femmes' rebellious lyrics and back-to-basics grit (just acoustic guitar, bass and drums) has carried them through almost two decades to the release of their 1998 album, "Freak Magnet."

Originally spawned in Milwaukee, the Violent Femmes will be performing live on campus in a matter of hours. Our old friends Gordon Gano, Brian Ritchie and Guy Hoffman (who replaced drummer Victor DeLorenzo in 1993) will show us what their new album is all about and hopefully pound out some classics, too.

It's already sold out, but the show starts at 8 p.m. tonight, in the University Ballroom.

SPORTS

Taekwondo club scores big at Berkeley

MARTIAL ARTS: UM club prepares for nationals by winning two gold medals at regional tournament

Scot Heisel
Kaimin Sports Reporter

Jess Ferrell returned to Missoula from a trip to California last week with a free ticket to Korea in her hand.

Actually, it wasn't totally free. It did cost her a broken nose.

Ferrell was one of six UM Taekwondo club members who traveled to Berkeley, Calif., to compete in the 30th annual UC-Berkeley Open on March 20. About 500 athletes, primarily from the West Coast, competed in the regional tournament.

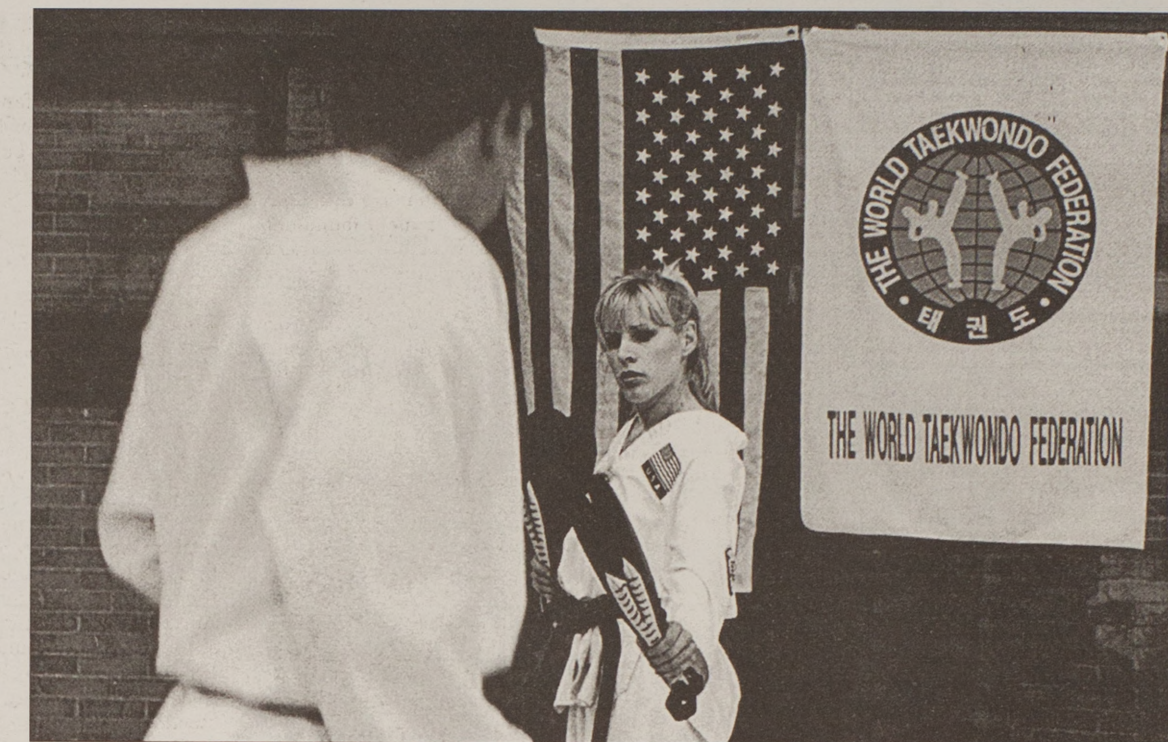
Gold medal winners in eight black belt sparring divisions received tickets to visit the sport's international headquarters in Seoul, Korea next August. Two of those winners, Ferrell and her teammate Steve Rosbarski, are UM club members.

The UC-Berkeley Open is one of the largest regional tournaments in the country. The tournament's director, Dr. Ken Min, founded the UM Taekwondo club in 1966. He later moved to Berkeley, but the club has continued to thrive in his absence. It is one of the oldest surviving clubs of its type in the nation.

UM club members Misty Nelson, Ben Rand, Jacob Cowgill, and Ted Lucier made the trip as well. Nelson earned a bronze medal in her sparring division. Rand, who is the acting club president and a primary instructor, earned bronze medals in both sparring and forms competitions.

The win was nothing new for Rosbarski. It was the fifth time that he had received the trip after winning his division at the Berkeley tournament.

Ferrell, on the other hand, had



Heather Miller/Kaimin

Red belts Jacob Cowgill and Gina Hegg practice their kicking techniques as part of their taekwondo warm-up.

never competed in the Open. While she may have been a bit surprised to win the gold medal in her first try, she was even more surprised to learn what came with the medal.

"I didn't know about the trip," she said. "I had broken my nose, so I was just chilling out. Then they told me."

Ferrell moved to Missoula last year after graduating from Cornell University in New York. She came here primarily for the UM Taekwondo Club.

"This is a very elite group," she said. "Some of these people are the best in the country."

The club's membership varies from semester to semester, but averages

around 150 people. It offers classes for everyone from beginning children to advanced veteran competitors. Although ASUM provides some funding to the club, the members must pay for the majority of their own expenses, including all the costs of travel.

Michael Sol, an instructor and administrator for the club, estimates that about half of the members are UM students.

"It really is unusual for a typical college campus to have such a large martial arts influence," Sol said.

Ferrell said that she and Rosbarski plan to go to Korea in August. Though Rosbarski has won the free tickets in the past, he has never actually made

the trip.

Recipients of the tickets are invited to the World Taekwondo Academy of the Kukkiwon in Seoul. They are given the option of simply visiting or spending their time there training.

"I'd like to go with a group and train," Ferrell said. She added that she hopes to travel to Korea with former Olympic gold medalist Bong Kwon Park of Berkeley.

The team is now preparing for the U.S. National Tournament that will be held at Daytona Beach, Florida on April 7-11. A strong showing there would give competitors a chance to try out for the U.S. national team and compete in the World Championships.

UM baseball wins state invitational

Mike Cimmino
Kaimin Sports Reporter

After splitting games on Saturday, the UM Baseball club earned some redemption on Sunday by winning the Montana Invitational in Billings in dramatic fashion.

The Griz defeated Montana State 7-6 in the 7th inning championship game Sunday. UM trailed 6-5 in the top of the sixth when James Jones belted a towering two-run home run to lift Montana to the victory. Senior Grizzly pitcher Josh Perrigo gave up all 6 runs in the first inning, before finding his groove and hurling 6-straight, scoreless stanzas.

The day before, UM had split a double-header with MSU and MSU-Billings. In the morning game, MSU stole some intra-state bragging rights by thumping the Grizzlies 9-6.

UM came back to notch an impressive 17-6 victory over MSU-Billings, and improved their record to 5-6. The Yellow Jackets defeated the Griz earlier in the season, but

this time around they weren't able to deplete UM's power as Senior Tom Giles hit a 2-run home run to lead the Montana attack. Freshman Court Miller and Jason Dreon got into the act with solo shots of their own, but in the end, Giles won the home-run derby by going yard a total of four times.

MSU-Billings defeated MSU Saturday, and all three teams went into Sunday with a 1-1 record.

UM scored the most runs over the two games, giving them an automatic berth into the championship, while MSU defeated MSU-Billings Sunday to reach the final game.

Junior Griz left-fielder Haven Stessman said he was impressed with the outcome of the invitational, and the way the team responded to the challenge of the tightly fought championship.

"Our defense is playing a lot better and our sticks are heating up," Stessman said.

UM will host MSU on April 3-4 at Lindborg-Cregg Field. This will be the baseball club's first home game of the season.

Ripken Sr. laid to rest

ABERDEEN, Md. (AP) — Cal Ripken Sr. was remembered as a loving father and a dedicated teacher Tuesday, in a tearful funeral service that broke sharply with the stoic public image of the baseball family.

Both future Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. and his brother Bill wept openly as they eulogized their father, who died Thursday of lung cancer at age 63. Both played for Cal Sr. during his years as a coach and when he managed the Baltimore Orioles in 1987 and part of the 1988 season.

In the most touching moment of the ceremony, Cal Jr., whose record consecutive games streak of 2,632 is seen as a model of strength and perseverance, hugged and consoled his niece Mariah as she read a tearful good-bye message to "Pop Pop."

"People say we were not an emotional family," said Cal Jr., as he wiped aside his own tears. "Maybe we've changed that today. We did not have a lot of exchanges — a handshake, a look. We didn't say 'I love you' all the time, but we all knew that we loved each other. In the hospital, we said it enough times to last a lifetime. Dad, we love you."

Cal Jr. wept again as he recalled

the first day he took his own son Ryan to the ballpark to impart for the first time the pre-game rituals and traditions passed on to him by Cal Sr.

"How he loved putting on his uniform," said Cal Jr. "He was never happier than when he was wearing that uniform. It was the hardest thing for him to take off at the end of the day. He called it his work clothes."

Bill Ripken also bared his emotions as he described how his father's work ethic and sense of pride were embodied the Ripken family. In addition to Cal Jr. and Bill, Cal Sr. also had a son, Fred, and daughter, Ellen.

More than 300 people filled the Grace United Methodist Church.

The mourners included Orioles principal owner Peter Angelos, Oriole players B.J. Surhoff and Harold Baines, coaches Elrod Hendricks and Eddie Murray, and former Oriole pitcher Scott McGregor. Ripken Sr. was also eulogized by lawyer and sports agent Ron Shapiro, state Sen. Robert Hooper and former Oriole coach Jimmy Williams.

He was buried in Bakers Cemetery in Aberdeen.

SPORTS

Learning to live with the pain of liking the losers

COLUMN: Being a Red Sox fan isn't easy, fun, or rewarding ... just a way of life

It's getting to be that time of year again: Major League Baseball season is almost upon us. Next week the boys of summer kick off the 1999 campaign and this year I think I'm ready. I've been preparing ... you know ... emotionally.

See, while most people can sit back and enjoy the purity that is the pro baseball season, I must eternally burn the torch of lost hope. I must suffer through 162 games of squandered potential and eventual failure. It's going to be a long, hard road. But it is a path that I have traveled many times before. This time around, I am prepared for the pain. I am ready to accept the truth that surrounds my lot in life. I am a Boston Red Sox fan.

It was a choice made long ago, when I was too young to know any better. I selected the Sox as my favorite team arbitrarily; they seemed like as good a team as any. Nobody bothered to explain

to me that I was jumping on the A-train to depression and loss. Nobody took the time to point out that Boston hadn't won the big one since 1918, and would never win it again. Nobody told me about the curse.

I had to figure it out for myself.

1986: A defining moment in the life of little Chad Dundas. I was eight years old and watched Calvin Schiraldi and Bill Buckner piss away a sure-thing World Series in a few fleeting moments. We were one out away when Schiraldi let runners get in scoring position just in time for Buckner to commit the error of the 20th Century on a ground ball that, as a third-grader, I felt pretty confident I could have stopped.

For a long time I held a grudge. Maybe without that error things would have been different. Maybe I could have been one of those shiny, happy kids who wore Hypercolor T-shirts and thought Weird Al was pretty cool. I blamed the Sox for steering me down the highway of cynicism and depravity. Most of all, like most disenfranchised Sox fans, I blamed Buckner. I hoped he

was sitting around in a dark room somewhere, thinking about what he'd done.

But as I got older, my hatred receded. I found out that it wasn't really the fault of that '86 team, that no one in that clubhouse could have won that game. I found out that long before any of us were born, the Red Sox had traded away an aging left-handed pitcher who, in turn, went on to become the most storied power hitter in the game's history.



Chad Dundas

I learned that the Babe, in conjunction with the baseball gods, had cursed the team and the city. Buckner's error was just another facet of Ruth's revenge on the whole organization.

If I was going to blame anyone, I learned that I had

to start with myself. I made the choice to take this team on. Now I'm stuck with it for life. I believe that fans and their teams mate for life and I'm not the kind of guy that lets a little thing like eighty-one years of hardship scare me off.

I've just learned to lower my expectations.

I'm not surprised anymore when the Sox kill themselves with bone-headed field moves and managerial bungles. It's to be expected.

It caught me only slightly off-guard when Boston traded Roger Clemmens to Toronto a few years ago. It fits the Red Sox game plan, trading one of the game's best pitchers (and the gem of the team) to a division rival. And I only sighed and shrugged when I found out about the deal that sent the Rocket to the already stacked Yankees.

The Yankees have long been the bane of this Boston team. It makes me ill to watch them pay their way into history. But, in the end, I suppose it's part of the game. If the Red Sox had the money of a major-market squad, I can't say that I would stand in the way of buying a few players. A

Griffey here, a Maddux there. You know, just enough to get a foot in the door of the record book.

Last year, when the Sox made the playoffs, I applauded. But I knew better. There were a lot of powers, both seen and unseen, working against us. When the Sox were unceremoniously ousted, I chuckled.

During the off-season, when the team raised season ticket prices by 15 percent in "anticipation" of signing some big-name free agents, I knew in my heart they wouldn't get anybody. I also know that ticket-holders probably shouldn't hold their breath waiting for that refund.

When the team ran Mo Vaughn out of town with its Big Brother-style tactics and countless invasions of his privacy, I shook my head. It's a game without a salary cap, which means spend the millions if you got 'em and make the millions if you can. If I were a player, I'd be dying to get out of Beantown as well.

Unfortunately, I'm just a fan. I'm stuck there for life.

Chad Dundas is the Kaimin Sports Editor. He is not even as pretty as his mugshot suggests.



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Riding with Checkout Missoula

Alex Perkins
for the Kaimin

Missoula will be rolling this spring, now that a local program has decided to continue checking out bikes for free.

After a smooth test drive last spring, Checkout Missoula is back, said the program's spokesman, Bob Giordano of Free Cycles Missoula.

The program, a bike lending service currently located in the UM parking garage, will be back in service for the beginning of April, if all goes as planned, Giordano said.

"It went well last fall," he said, as the only problems occurred when two of the 35 bikes were not returned.

Last September's project was used to determine how useful the lending program could be, and to establish regulations that would help the program run efficiently in the future.

Checkout Missoula was fairly low profile in its early stages last fall, with bikes being lent on 70

occasions during its only month of operation. Twelve volunteers worked at the small shed known as the "hub," taking borrowers' names and doing minor repairs.

Giordano said he would eventually like to have several locations operating year round with a "smooth, lenient borrowing procedure." He is also working to increase his fleet to 50.

Checkout Missoula was funded with the help of a \$2,500 grant awarded to Free Cycles Missoula by ASUM.

ASUM President Barrett Kaiser said he is a big supporter of Free Cycles and was happy with the new program. He said it is an easy solution to the parking problem while it also helps solve the problem of urban air pollution.

"The solution to parking problems is not more spots, but the addition of alternatives," he said.

Giordano said that Free Cycles Missoula has been attempting to make bicycles a larger part of our transportation system since it was founded by a handful of students in 1996.

The checkout program is one of five divisions of Free Cycles. Green Bikes, a service dedicated to putting lender bikes into the community, is the largest of these. Another section is the Community Cycling Shop, which offers parts and assistance to build and repair bikes. The group also sponsors Pedal Education, a transportation education program.

Free Cycles' Festival of Cycles will take place on April 24th. The celebration emphasizes the importance of various cycles in our community, such as the water and nutrient cycles.



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Stasha Tomic, a volunteer with Free Cycles Missoula, assists Joe Jordan with repairs to his wife's bike.

Assistants boost University Villages

VILLAGE: Community assistants do everything from clean toilets to baby-sit as neighborhood spirit enjoys a revival in the villages

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Nearly one year ago the University Villages introduced five community assistants to the neighborhood, and their presence has had such a positive influence that a sixth is about to move in.

"I am very proud of all five of them," says Kelly Magnuson, community affairs coordinator.

In addition to recruiting a new member, Magnuson, a UM graduate, will also soon be replacing two others who will graduate in May.

The aim of having the positions in the first place, Magnuson says, is "to help build the community." Each of the assistants are assigned to an area of the villages in which they encourage neighborly relations by interacting with the residents and creating activities for everyone to get involved in, she said.

There are 578 apartments and an estimated 1,200 people who live in the University Villages.

Having the community assistants in the villages for the past year has changed the way things are done. Instead of having office personnel — namely Magnuson — handle all of the maintenance concerns and overdue rent problems, the communi-

ty assistants take care of it.

They are trained to deal with late night lock-outs, relighting pilot lights that blow out in the winter and even unblocking toilets and drains. They are on hand when other help is not around.

"At least they [the residents] can be warm at night," Magnuson adds.

Though the assistants are responsible for working 20 hours a week, Magnuson says that she hopes the majority of the time will be spent "just hanging out" with the residents and finding out what activities they would enjoy doing together.

One such activity held recently was an ice cream social. Magnuson said it was very popular.

Sometimes neighbors require mediation over various contentious issues such as parking. This is normal for any neighborhood, says Magnuson.

"The biggest complaint is noise," she adds.

Having so many young families side by side with graduate students, who may work late at night, can create problems, she says.

Shannon Dinniny, a journalism graduate student who lives in the community, says she had no problems until recently when two families moved in beneath her. But because it is a family-oriented place, she expects to hear some families, she says.

On "Parents' Night Out," the Community Center soaks up some of the noise. Each Community Assistant offers a night when they will baby-sit at the center free of charge, while the parents go out.

Community Assistant Joy

Jones says, "The kids can run and scream at the top of their lungs."

She adds that it is her most beneficial program because the parents really appreciate having some time alone without having to pay for a sitter.

Like Magnuson, the Community Center has only been around for three years. A large building at the foot of Sentinel, the center has been described as cozy by residents. Residents have also told her that they feel at home there. The center has a large space which residents can use for activities that range from practicing dance steps to doing art projects. There is also a computer room for residents' use, which eliminates the hassle of waiting at the busy campus labs.

The community feeling inside the center is clear: A sign on a bulletin board offers bike-riding lessons by two 10- and 11-year-old kids who want to earn 50 cents-an-hour teaching other kids in the community how to ride a bike, rollerblade or skateboard.

Magnuson also writes a weekly newsletter to keep the community together. It helps keep people abreast of the daily events. Aerobics classes are run twice a day with childcare provided in the evenings, as most attendees are single parents.

Jones stresses that it is the people who work there who really make the difference to this pocket of UM.

"You have people lining up to help you here," she says.

Despite the community spirit that is clearly growing in the villages, with barbecues, family bingo and chili cook-offs planned, Magnuson said people on campus often forget that the community exists.

This Sunday, an Easter egg hunt will be the main focus of the community. Although, Magnuson laughs, the set-up and clean-up usually takes about double the time of the hunt.

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