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Kaimin is a Salish word for messages

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

Flu shots miss strain, virus hits Missoula

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

Got a flu shot? Thought you were safe? Think again.

The Missoula Health Department has reported several cases of influenza A in people who received a flu shot. More severe than influenza B, influenza A packs sudden symptoms including fever, body aches, severe malaise, sore throat and a cough.

Disease Intervention Specialist Brant Goode said the influenza A circulating in Missoula is slightly different than the strain in the vaccinations so the shots aren't always effective.

Dorene Tomkins, a nurse at UM's Student Health Services, said students have been coming in with the flu.

"Some of them have had flu shots, others haven't," Tomkins said.

Goode said he hasn't pinpointed the influenza strain making vaccinated people sick, but said there is a strong possibility it is the Sydney variant of influenza A discovered in Australia and New Zealand in June 1997.

The flu shots given out in the fall protected against the Nanchang subtype of influenza A. Though it is closely related to the Sydney Variant, the Nanchang variant differs enough for the bug-from-Down-Under to wreak havoc on vaccinated people. According to the Center for Disease Control webpage, as of Jan. 10, all 50 states have reported cases of the Sydney flu.

Throughout the year the CDC monitors flu outbreaks and makes educated guesses about what strain to load in the vac-

nator's serum come fall, Goode said. Usually the CDC is right, but because the flu virus mutates often and easily, slightly different strains can emerge than what was predicted.

"The flu is just a good parasite, it mutates on a regular basis," Goode said. "And when that happens, boom, it can be a big problem for people."

People most at risk for the flu virus are those in crowded situations such as classrooms, dorms, sororities and fraternities — in other words, UM students.

"Often the UM population is hit hard by the flu," Goode said. "It really worries and concerns me."

Flu shots are not in vain, however. Because the variant strain of influenza A is related to the kind given in flu shots, people who were vaccinated are more protected from the unexpected strain than those who aren't.

"A flu shot is still a good idea, it still has its place," Goode said, adding that flu shots will be available throughout the winter.

Shots are available at the Student Health Services.

An oral medication for Influenza A is also available for anyone showing symptoms. The medication works best if it is taken within 48 hours of the first signs of flu.

Goode said that in special situations, for example when someone is living with a flu-infected housemate, the anti-influenza A drugs can be distributed immediately.

Still, Goode said the best protection against the flu is excellent hygiene.

"Wash your hands routinely," Goode says. "Studies have shown time and time again the

uses, UM students seem pretty pleased.

"All things considered, UM came out from a student's perspective in pretty good standing," ASUM President Jeff Merrick said.

Students feel safer and more secure than students at other schools.

UM faculty are knowledgeable and helpful, according to the study. And students gave The Bookstore staff, Health Services and University Center good marks.

Students said they get the "runaround" when they try to get information, and students want more personal attention in the classroom. Computer labs and library resources need an upgrade, and campus office hours aren't convenient enough,

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This image depicting the Protestant-Catholic conflict in Ireland greets visitors entering Derry, Ireland. Last April the Montana Building Bridges Program brought 12 young Irish Protestants and Catholics to Missoula to help build a Habitat for Humanity home, and to promote understanding.

Building friendships ALONG WITH HOMES

Tom Greene
Kaimin Reporter

Jon Agner, Montana coordinator for the Building Bridges Program, chuckled when he saw the box of T-shirts brought for the new group of volunteers building a Habitat for Humanity home.

The volunteers were an evenly divided group of Protestants and Catholics from war-ravaged Ireland. In the box were two different colored T-shirts: one set was green and the other was a mix of red and blue.

"It was only the second day on the job," Agner said. "So, of course, all the Catholics grabbed the green T-shirts and all the Protestants grabbed the red and blue."

Within two weeks, the friendships formed by working side by side would transcend the differences in religion that has torn Ireland apart.

"After about two weeks they started swapping T-shirts with each other," Agner said. "It was beautiful to see."

The Building Bridges Program began last April when 12 young adults from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland — ranging in age from 19 to 24 — arrived in Montana to spend 10 weeks building a Habitat for Humanity home in Missoula and to assist in the construction of a homeless shelter in Helena.

"It's an extension of the Project Children program," Agner said, "where we pull both Catholic and Protestant children from areas of Ireland where tensions run highest and bring them to the U.S. to live with host families. We decided to take a crack at running it with young adults."

The volunteers learn practical construction skills they can use back home.

"We chose kids who were

unemployed and expressed an interest in construction," said Agner.

Over 70 percent of the participants in the program are now employed in Ireland — a country with an unemployment rate of 75 percent in some areas.

Agner said that during the interview process they looked for participants who were, above all else, open-minded and honest.

"In some cases they were brutally honest about what they thought of 'the other side,'" Agner said.

The Building Bridges Program is documented in a television program produced by KUFM-TV that will air Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. on Montana Public Television. The half-hour program, "Building Bridges," will air immediately before the third installment of "The Irish in America" series on PBS.

Students give UM fair marks

Sonja Lee
Kaimin Reporter

Students gave UM's faculty and campus a stamp of approval in a recent university survey but said parking is a pain and Dial-BEAR registration doesn't always cut it.

About 1,400 students filled out the 20-minute survey in November, rating issues ranging from financial aid to intramural sports. The students represented 63 different majors and ranged from freshmen to seniors.

Results of the "Student Satisfaction Inventory" were compared with other colleges and universities to determine just how satisfied UM's student body is with what's going on around them.

And compared to other cam-

Elevator motor trips false fire alarm

John A. Reed
Kaimin Reporter

UM students got an unexpected break from classes Tuesday at the Gallagher Business Building after a fire alarm sent students and staff scurrying outside while the Missoula City Fire Department investigated the cause of the alarm.

Firefighter Randy Okon said the building was completely evacuated when fire department units arrived on the scene at about 3:40 p.m. Firefighters,

wearing self-contained breathing apparatus, checked the building's interior and found no evidence of fire.

Okon said that an overheated motor on one of the building's two elevators activated a heat-sensing alarm in the room that houses the elevator equipment. The motor was checked and there appeared to be no permanent damage. "We just let things cool down," he said.

The business building has a history of false fire alarms, Okon added, and a fire inspector will investigate further.

The fire alarm left one staff

member somewhat rattled. The employee, who declined to give her name, said she heard the alarm and directed some work-study students to leave immediately. The employee said no one would want to stay in the building after the alarm went off. "Have you ever heard it? It's really irritating," she said.

Two fire engines, an aerial truck, 10 firefighters, a battalion chief and a fire inspector responded to the alarm. Okon said this was a "normal response" to any structure fire or fire alarm in the city.

Opinion

Clinton fiasco hard to ignore, harder to digest

Bill Clinton.

I'm sure my reporting professors are cringing now at the sight of my lead. It's got no verb. No action. In fact, it's not even a subject or a noun anymore. It's much more than that.

That name has taken on as much meaning as a volume of encyclopedias. I mentioned those words to a seventh-grader the other day and he responded, "He's in trouble for raping that girl."

Whoa, hold on there little guy. I had to let him know that our president hasn't been convicted of anything yet and that the most he could be convicted of would be perjury or any other charge along the lines of presidential misconduct. I also let him know that rape wasn't involved in the least bit; that Miss Lewinsky supposedly had consented to fooling around in the Oval Office.

But his response made me wonder about the true consequences this scandal may have by the time it's all over with. I've read countless stories the past few days addressing this issue, but in some ways the scandal always seems to be glamorized. There are comparisons to Hollywood movies and comparisons to Watergate. There are stories slamming Kenneth Starr and stories trying to figure out Hillary's game.

I'm starting to feel that there are too many stories. But here I am throwing more trash on the fire like so many journalists are now doing.

The argument, they say, is that people want to read this stuff. But

that's what they always say. And now they're saying it all over the world.

That's why it's easy enough to write a two-word lead and not worry about confused readers. In fact, I'd bet the two words at the start of this column evoke more images than any other two words in existence right now.

That's because he's everywhere. Sit down and channel surf for 10 minutes on any cable system and I'll guarantee you have a run-in with him at least 2,000 times. Pick up any newspaper in the world, and I'd bet there's something about him in there. This is just page two of this publication and look what you've already found.

Bill Clinton.

See, I can even use the sentence in

the middle of the story and it will surely catch the eye of the quickest page-skimmers.

And this is all thanks to guys like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas

Edison. But Americans have always loved the media. They spend a lot of time complaining how unfair and negative it is, until something comes along that pokes at their funny bones. This poker's a long cattle prod.

At the same time, however, I think this scandal is a little more like a horror movie than a box-office smash. People can't wait to see it, it gets here, they see it, they watch it even when they don't want to, and when it's over, they feel sick to their stomachs. And no amount of Pepto Bismol will kill that kind of acid indigestion.

I was too young (0 years old, in fact) to remember the resignation of Richard Nixon, but I've read that it was the source of some great unsteadiness in this country. For journalists, it was the golden era of investigative reporting and no doubt caused enrollment to bolster at journalism schools across the country.

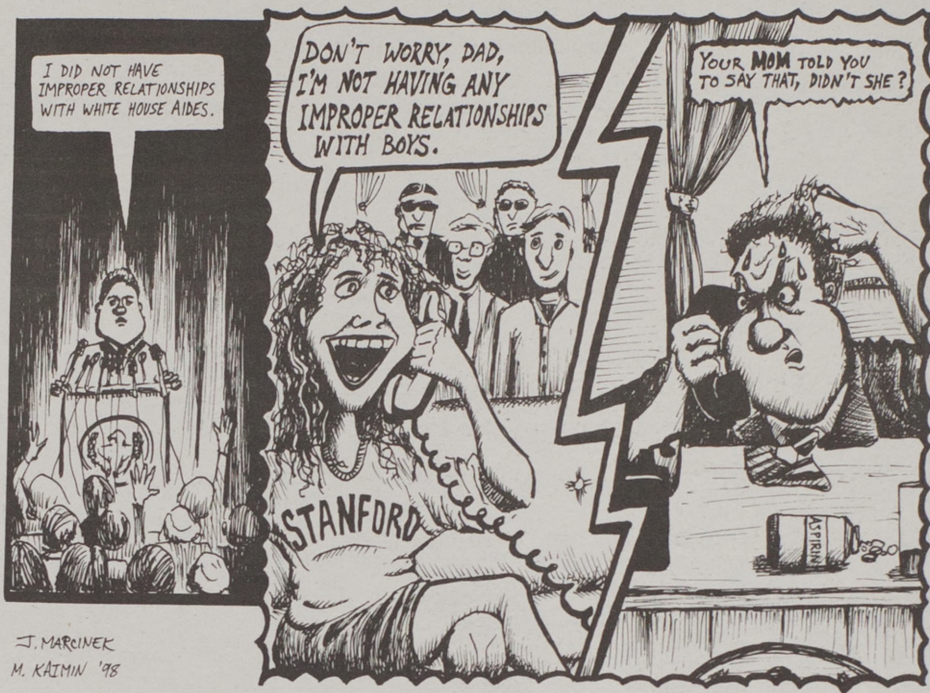
But Watergate had more of that uncovered cover-up than this scandal. The efforts of journalists in the past six years to return to those fat times is so obvious it sickens me. At the brunt of this yearning is Bill Clinton, the man. We've tried to nail him with sound-alike scandals and extramarital affairs so many times that this

one "seems" like the truth. It must be.

Nevertheless, and sarcastic overtones aside, we are all watching this horror flick to the bitter end, whether we want to or not. Political analysts are crying out to our president to resign if he's guilty of Starr's accusations, but at the same time he's raging back that he's clean.

As a journalist, I'm sickened that these scandals run at such a successful price, regardless of guilt or innocence. At the same time, though, we've got to make a living. That's why so many publications are plastered with his face all over the front page, and they hide our profession on the opinion page.

Thank you,
Bill Clinton.



Column by

Kevin Crough

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guest columns.

Concerning U

Request from the registrar's office: Students intending to drop classes by Dial-Bear should do so as soon as possible to free up classroom space.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Movie — "From Danger to Dignity," celebrating the 25th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, 7-9:30 p.m. Gallagher Business Building, room 122.

Concert — "Live in Missoula," featuring Slobberbone, Copper Commons, 7-8 p.m., free.

Concert — By the Olive Christian Fellowship Black Gospel Choir from Great Falls, 4:30 p.m., University Congregational Church, 405 University Ave., free.

Workshop — "Spiritual Economics, A Path of Right, Livelihood and Supply," by Rev. Dale Blackford of the Spiritual Enrichment Community of Missoula. Every Wednesday night from Jan. 28 to March 4, 7-9 p.m., Missoula Children's Theatre Building.

Thursday, Jan. 29

Meeting Women's Center meeting, UC room 210, call 243-4153.

Lecture — President's Lecture Series, "The King We Left Behind," by Charles Johnson, Pollock Professor of Humanities, University of Washington, 8 p.m., University Theatre, free.

Meeting — Board of Regents meeting, Helena, through January 30.

Workshop — Rate Your Plate/Rate Your Fitness, by Dr. Kathy Humphries and Jane Edmund, nutritional information, 5:15- 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Hospital, Conference Room A, \$10.

Friday, Jan. 30

Student Recital presented by the UM Department of Music, featuring Eric Askeland and Jocelyn Rice. Singers will perform songs, arias and duets by Caccini, Bowles, Hahn, DeFalla, Puccini and Gilbert and Sullivan. 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall.

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Hollmann: UM will follow up on survey

according to the survey. Students also said they can't register for classes without conflicts. At the time of the survey, students were registering for spring classes and Dial-BEAR was broken, Barbara Hollmann, vice president for student affairs, said. The survey also came at a time when about 100 classes advertised in schedule books were closed to students for lack of funding.

Still UM will be looking at making registration more efficient, she said.

"This isn't going to be put on a shelf," Hollmann said. "Some of these results were flags for things we need to follow up on."

Topping the list of complaints were calls for more parking spaces — the top complaint at universities nationwide, according to the study.

Ken Willett, director of Campus Security,

said he wasn't surprised.

"In the parking arena, we're on par with other institutions," he said. "The survey also gives you a pretty good indication that students think parking is important."

The survey was done to help UM's leaders find out what students' priorities are and to determine how students feel about issues around campus, Hollmann said.

"We want to make sure we are focusing our resources where the greatest needs are for students," she said. "And we also wanted to find out if we're accomplishing what we say we're accomplishing."

Merrick also said the survey will be used in conjunction with the results of a poll done by the student senate in December that focused on students' concerns.

"We're dividing the results in two ways," Merrick said. "We are looking at the items where we need to take action and at the items where we need more education."

short cuts

National News

Man loses citizenship over alleged Nazi past

WASHINGTON (AP) — An elderly Illinois man accused of participating in a massacre of Jews at a Nazi slave labor camp during World War II has lost a second court battle to retain his U.S. citizenship, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

A federal appeals court affirmed a lower court's decision to revoke the citizenship of Bronislaw Hajda, 73, a retired factory worker living in Schiller Park, Ill., the department said, citing court papers filed last Friday. The department is seeking to deport him.

Hajda denied the allegations during his trial, declaring, "I never killed anyone."

The three-judge panel of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago said there was sufficient documentary evidence that Hajda served as an armed guard at SS Training Camp Trawniki and the Treblinka labor camp in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II, activities he concealed when applying to immigrate to the United States after the war.

A federal judge in Chicago stripped Hajda of his citizenship in April after finding that he participated in a July 1944 massacre of hundreds of Jewish prisoners at Treblinka, served in the SS Streibel Battalion guarding forced Polish laborers building fortifications against the Russian advance and then hid those actions. Those activities made him ineligible to enter the United States and ineligible for citizenship.

He came to America in 1950, the Justice Department said.

Hajda is one of 60 people who have lost their U.S. citizenship because of Nazi activities after being investigated by the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, created in 1979. Forty-eight have since been removed from the United States.

The office is investigating about 300 others.

Montana News

Kalispell policeman charged in burglary

KALISPELL (AP) — A Kalispell police officer, already facing drug charges in Lake County, has been charged with burglarizing a Kalispell doctor's office for drugs.

Sgt. Gene Holliday, 42, was arrested Monday and charged with the Jan. 14 burglary, a felony, said Flathead County Attorney Tom Esch. Justice of the Peace Stewart Stadler set bond at \$50,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 17.

Holliday was booked into the county jail. He later was taken to the Kalispell Regional Medical Center complaining of chest pains, and he remained there under guard on Tuesday, said Sheriff Jim Dupont.

Esch said Kalispell police arrested Holliday after viewing a video tape from a security camera mounted at the medical office. He said the doctor's office had earlier reported the loss of injectable Demerol, a narcotic pain-killer.

Holliday, a 10-year police veteran, was suspended with pay last September after his arrest in Lake County on charges he obtained pain-killing drugs at a Polson pharmacy using a forged prescription.

Holliday pleaded innocent to that charge and is awaiting trial.

Police Chief Addison Clark said Holliday's status was changed after Monday's arrest, and the officer now has been suspended without pay.

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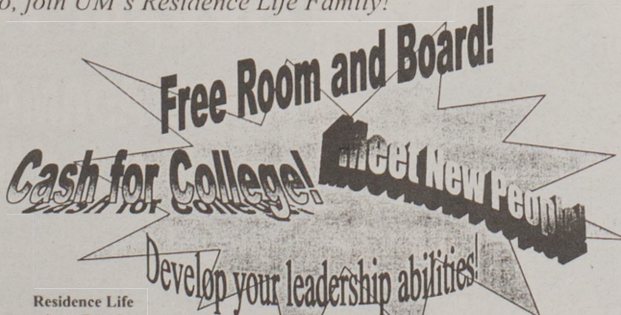


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'Unknown soldier' alive and well

Kim Skornogoski
Kaimin Reporter

Vandalism — An unknown suspect ripped off the Griz Card electronic door lock on the first floor of Craig/Elrod. The swipe machine that allows residents access to their floors was left dangling by its wires. Police took photos of the box, but still have no suspects.

Jan. 24, 7:45 p.m.

Found Item — A police officer found a green wood-and-glass cabinet sitting outside of the Liberal Arts Building. Police had "no idea where it came from," but decided it was accidentally thrown out. With the help of another police officer, the cabinet was carted back inside to an LA hallway.

Jan. 20, 10:05 p.m.

Possible Medical Assistance — During a routine patrol, an officer saw what appeared to be a person or mannequin lying face down in the snow. Upon closer observation the officer realized it was the mannequin.

Jan. 19, 10:14 p.m.

Suspicious Person — Police responded to a caller in University Villages who said a suspicious person had knocked on her door five days before. The man didn't say anything, but did "act funny." The woman was unsure of his height because he was standing on the steps, but said he had sandy blond or brown hair and was

wearing a dark nylon jacket. Police searched the area, but found no one. The case remains under investigation.

Jan. 19, 1:15 a.m.

Prank Caller/Possible Prowler — Police reported to University Villages when a woman received two anonymous calls from a man calling himself the "unknown soldier." In between the two calls a mysterious subject walked up the stairs to her landing, then left. The prank caller wanted to know if he could tell her a bedtime story. Police patrolled the area, but found no one out and about.

Jan. 17, 7:35 p.m.

Suspicious Activity — UM President George Dennison's elevator to his box in the Washington-Grizzly Stadium was making strange beeping noises. When police arrived, they noticed that it appeared as if someone was trying to get to the top. Police eventually discovered that weather had caused the electrical problems.

Jan. 13

Juvenile Mischief — University Villages residents reported that soda was thrown on their windows for a second consecutive day. The caller suspected "disgruntled neighbors." The case remains under investigation.

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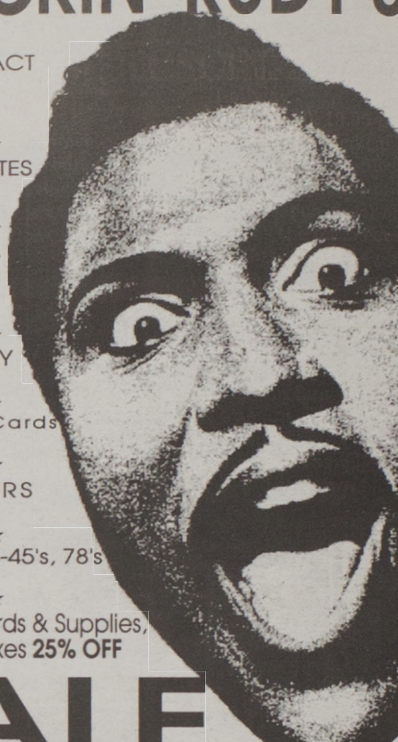
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The Montana Kaimin Arts and Entertainment Section

Texas boys present cowpunk anthems

Songs about getting blasted are in no danger of extinction around here. Maybe it's the isolation. Maybe it's the tooth-grinding boredom.

by
Beth Kampschror
Arts Writer

bit of fiddle. Also, there's a song where a kid gets shot in the head.

Despite these touches of country, Best calls their new



Photo by Jennifer Jaqua, courtesy of Doolittle Records

Slobberbone (they're named after that chew toy your dog gnaws on, if you were wondering) play tonight at the UC Copper Commons at 7 p.m. for FREE. The show will also be broadcast live on KBGA. Then the band moves on to play Jay's Upstairs around 10 p.m. Cover TBA.

Could be because in Montana it's normal when you're 15 to be rattling down gravel roads in someone's pickup with a case of Keystone Light between your ankles. Whatever the reason for our fascination with booze, we're fools to believe we're unique. Turns out there are others who appreciate the drinking culture and rural lawlessness. And even better, they write songs about it.

Slobberbone is from Denton, Texas, and their lyrics are all about getting drunk. On their new album, "Barrel Chested," singer Brent Best writes lines like, "There's been girls who've loved me, but I cheated on them, with a woman named Whiskey, and Gin, her best friend."

Slobberbone uses this staple of country music and adds others to create their sound, including pedal-steel guitar, harmonica, and a

album "a straightforward rock album."

Slobberbone will be playing two shows tonight, one at the Copper Commons and one at Jay's Upstairs. Best is looking forward to playing the acoustic set at the UC because it gives the band an opportunity to play ballads.

"We don't get to do that stuff all the time," Best says. "I'm a little hesitant to whip out the mellow acoustic stuff in a club."

"Barrel Chested" came out last fall. While it's not perfect, there are a few great songs that should destroy your eardrums at Jay's Upstairs. "Lame" and "Haze of Drink" ("a loud stupid rock song," says Best) are two to spill cheap beer over.

And what about all this glorification of the demon rum? Best explains.

"It's a pretty universal theme for anyone who's disenfranchised."

TV terrorizes columnist: MTV, Clinton and Cuba

If you don't have a TV set, it's mesmerizing to sit in front of one. I always knew there was a TV in my building somewhere, but I never spent much time looking until I got sick for a week after New Year's — and then I hardly left its side. It's the second best thing to having a mom around to mother you when you're under the weather: fifty channels of total bullshit.

A phalanx of horrifically chiseled health freaks leading one panting, tubby schlump through the gauntlet of butt crunches, ab crunches, whatever else people like that crunch.

There is precious little music on MTV, turns out, but enough flashing, strobing non-action to turn a mild headache into a grand mal seizure. Jesus, I'm starting to sound like my Dad.

People my parents' age cluck their tongues at people my age because of our perceived lack of interest in political affairs and U.S. foreign policy. It's always been acceptable not to like the president, but there was something more gentlemanly about doing so when our parents came of age. My parents, anyway, were my age in a simpler time of sockhops and fist-fights, before presidential felatio became a matter of public record and anchormen at the Big Three brainwash factories discoursed freely about pubic hair (Clarence Thomas controversy) and dresses stained with boy juice on the six o'clock news.

It's good for a cheap thrill. I mean, really, hearing Dan Rather talk about oral sex is twice as titillating as anything you'd ever hear on a 900 line.

But TV as a source of edification? Entirely unhappening. Look at the other big news. The 25th anniversary

of the Roe vs. Wade decision and people are still bombing abortion clinics and shooting doctors on behalf of 39 million unborn zygotes and fetuses. Some of whom, statistically, will grow up to be the next Jeffrey Dahmer, Ed Gein or

HORROR OF HORRORS! SECULAR HUMANISTS!

Because in case you hadn't noticed, the nation into which the pro-life folk are clamoring to have these feckless fetuses born produces more killers, rapists, wife

beaters, crackheads and garden-variety wingnuts than any other country in the world.

Maybe I'm just a misanthrope by nature, but if I were a fetus and someone ASKED me, human being to human being (oh, is that what I am? I don't even have any fricking TOES yet!) if I wanted to be born or just remain blissfully adrift in the cosmic ether, I can guess I'd take the latter. And if assigning a first-trimester fetus a personality (like I just did) strikes you as ridiculous, think about the guy on the picket line singing the same threnody for 39 million of them! Do YOU remember being a fetus? You probably don't remember what you ate for dinner last night.

Meanwhile, the Pope's visit to Cuba is hailed as some kind of miracle. You know what I think is a miracle? That the CEO of the world's richest tax-exempt organization doesn't get stoned to death when he warns against the perils of capitalism in a country where the average monthly income is \$20. People are hopelessly addicted to sentimentality, warm fuzzies and kindly patriarchs with unusual headwear. We never learn.

Turn off the news. Now the Simpsons, on the other hand. That's more like it. At least you don't have to pretend to be learning anything.



by
Andy
Smetanka

Welcome back: early classes, boring professors and landing to a job at Burger King

I never felt wary of coming to college after I graduated from high school, probably because I never knew what to feel wary of.

Now that I'm a seasoned college student (yummy), I knew exactly what to dread at the end of winter break. So here they are: the pros and cons of returning to school. Perhaps you can add them to your own list.

First, and most significant, you won't be able to sleep until 2 p.m. anymore. But then, you can make up for lost sleep time with a midday nap, helped along by the sweet drone of the white noise professors call lectures.

If you took intersession, you have a

specialized set of pros and cons, a personalized double-edged sword. Friday, you had the satisfaction of knowing you'd weaseled maximum credits out of minimum time. True, but this semester there's a new set of rules. If you don't like your professor, class or classmates, you're stuck with the whole lot of 'em for four drag-yourself-to-class months, instead of three this-will-be-

by
Rachel McLellan

over-in-no-time weeks.

And however you get to school — whether you trudge through the slush, drive, then battle

for a piece of asphalt sandwiched between two painted lines, or create a channel through the snow from home to school on a bicycle — you have to do that again to get home. But one way to turn that transportation frown upside

down is to view it as necessary transition time. Imagine the horror of instant transposition from the comfort of a soft, squishy, well-worn couch to the rigidity of a classroom chair.

Finally, remember that this could be the semester when you turn your college career around and get those grades your parents claim you're capable of "if only you'd apply yourself."

But even if you fail every class this semester, there'll still be one perk: permanent vacation. You'll be able to sleep until 2 p.m., every day, for the rest of your life, waking up just in time for your shift at Burger King to begin.

Days of school left: 72

School days until spring break: 32



UM junior guard Eric Bowie leads a drill during the men's basketball practice Tuesday morning. The Griz face Weber State tonight in Utah.

Melissa Hart/Kaimin

MONTANA GRIZZLIES at WEBER STATE WILDCATS

WHERE — Dee Events Center (12,000), Ogden, Utah.

WHEN — Tonight, 7:05 p.m. (MST)

RADIO — KYLT 1340 AM

KEY PLAYERS — G/F Damien Baskerville (15.8 points, 6.4 rebounds, 3.2 assists), G Alex Fisher (12.2, 2.3, 1.3).

KEY INJURIES — Montana: None. Weber State: None.

LAST MEETING — Weber State 60 - UM 58, Jan. 5, 1998 in Missoula.

ALL-TIME SERIES — Weber State leads 44 to 36.

MISCELLANEOUS — UM as a team is ranked third in NCAA Div. I in free throw percentage at just less than 78 percent.

OVERVIEW: The 5-3 Wildcats are one game ahead of the 4-4 Grizzlies in the conference standings. Although they've dropped two straight on the road, they have not lost a home conference game yet this season. In their earlier loss to Weber State, the Grizzlies managed an uncharacteristically low 60.9 percent from the line. Senior forward Ryan Dick led the Griz with 18 points and 11 rebounds in the loss. Baskerville and Fisher helped the Wildcats average just more than 70 points per game, but Weber State can be beat — they give up nearly 76 points per game.

Griz face Wildcats tonight in quest for tourney bye

MSU still in driver's seat in conference standings

Ben Harwood
Kaimin Sports Editor

With eight games remaining heading into tonight's conference showdown at Weber State, the Grizzlies find themselves scrambling for the second bye in the Big Sky Conference Tournament.

The fifth-place Grizzlies (4-4) are one of five teams separated by just two games in the Big Sky Conference.

The top six teams make the conference tournament, with the top two earning first-round byes.

Here's how the conference breaks down at the halfway point:

- Barring a major collapse, Montana State (7-1) should capture the regular season title and host the conference tournament.

MSU has won nine of its last 10 games, the only loss being a 76-72 setback at NAU. In their seven conference wins, the 'Cats outscored their opponents by nearly 23 points per game. Most importantly, the schedule is on their side. Their toughest remaining road

games are at Montana and at Weber State, but other road games include the lowly Cal State-Sacramento and Idaho State. Most importantly, they host NAU.

- Although NAU (5-2) is just 1.5 games behind MSU, the schedule makes it difficult to keep pace with the 'Cats. Road games at Montana and MSU will make it hard for the Lumberjacks to repeat as regular-season champs and the loss at Weber State also hurt their chances.

- Portland State (5-2) is serving their final year of probation, prohibiting the Pilots from tournament play — a result of their jump from Div. II to Div. I.

- The bipolar Weber State Wildcats (5-3) are unbeaten at home but are mediocre on the road. They've won in Missoula, but they lost by 11 at Eastern Washington. Road woes could hurt them with games coming up at Cal State-Northridge and NAU. But if the Wildcats beat UM and MSU they could be the dark horse to secure the bye.

- Because of Portland State's probation, both Eastern Washington and Cal State-Northridge (each 3-4) should make the tournament. But to earn the second bye either one would need help from teams above them in the standings, along with a flawless second half.

- Idaho State (1-7) and Cal State-Sacramento (0-6) both need substantial help to make the six-team tournament field.

- UM knows the importance of a first-round bye. Last season, the Grizzlies finished second to NAU in the regular season and the first-round bye helped them win the conference tournament. The break allowed the Griz to win just two games, instead of three, to capture their NCAA berth.

The schedule favors the Grizzlies, who will host NAU and MSU, but they will be tested tonight at Weber State.

So the Grizzlies (4-4) are still very much alive for a bye, but they'll need to focus.

"We're going to have to keep our heads in it to win it all this year," said junior guard J.R. Camel.

Keeping a mental edge has been one of the Grizzlies' problems all season. This is the team that watched Cal State-Sacramento — the same Hornets squad ranked 305 out of 306 in the R.P.I. Index — nearly rout them on a buzzer beat. And that was after the Grizzlies held a 14 point half-time lead.

"Every game, we can't afford to go out and have any lulls," junior forward Mat Seidensticker said. "We just need to keep our mental keenness up there."

Attorney asks board to examine coach's conduct

BUTTE (AP) — The attorney for Butte High School boys' basketball coach Ken Edwards wants a meeting with the school board to discuss allegations of unprofessional behavior by the coach.

"We've asked for a hearing before the board of trustees for as soon as possible," Dan Sweeney said Tuesday. "I represent (Edwards) and we want to present them with the facts as we know them, not the rumors."

Officials hope to schedule a personnel hearing Feb. 4.

Edwards hasn't practiced with the team in more than a week.

On Jan. 20, he confirmed that he was under investigation for alleged improper behavior. He has not been suspended, but agreed to step aside temporarily until the issue is resolved, Sweeney said.

"He was asked to voluntarily stay away following allegations made by two parents," Sweeney said. "He did it in order to cooperate."

School officials have investigated the allegations and presented a report to Superintendent Bob Miller, but Miller declined to comment on the investigation because it is a personnel matter.

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Seven UM athletes qualify for conference meet

Kevin Van Valkenburg
Kaimin Sports Reporter

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow could stop the University of Montana track teams from kicking off their season last week. At least not their indoor season, anyway.

The Griz and Lady Griz began the winter part of their season with the Eastern Washington Invitational in

Cheney, Wash.

The meet qualified seven UM athletes for the upcoming Big Sky Conference Championships.

The women put on a strong showing with four freshmen qualifying in the pole vault. Nicole Zeller won the event clearing 10 feet, and freshman Anne Meester finished third with a vault of 9-0. Teresa Todorovich and Krista Birkelo also qualified vaults of

8-6.

Junior Brooke Stinson took home third in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.25 seconds. Stinson finished fourth in the same event at last year's Big Sky Indoor Championships.

The men had three qualifiers, with senior veteran sprinter Todd Herring placing second in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.33 seconds, and

senior Troy McDonough finishing fourth in the 55-meter high hurdles at 7.68 seconds. Freshman Bryan Anderson finished third in the high jump with a 6-8 3/4 effort.

The teams will return to action Jan. 30 in a quadrangular meet in Bozeman. The conference championships are also held in Bozeman Feb. 27-28.

Montana Ski Report

HELENA (AP) — Here are the latest reported ski conditions on Montana's slopes:

- Big Mountain — packed powder, 37-66 base, 67 trails, 8 of 10 lifts, 100 percent open, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Big Sky — 1-2 new, powder, 57-96 base, 14 of 15 lifts, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Bridger Bowl — packed powder, 58-69 base, 60 trails, 6 of 6 lifts, 100 percent open, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Discovery — packed powder, 55-70 base, 38 trails, 4 of 4 lifts, 100 percent open, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Montana Snow Bowl — packed powder, 45-60 base, 32 trails, 4 of 4 lifts, 100 percent open, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Red Lodge Mountain — packed powder, 42-54 base, 7 of 8 lifts, 93 percent open, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thousands pack Denver for Broncos' parade, rally

DENVER (AP) —Thousands of cheering Denver Broncos fans, including some clinging to rooftops, paid homage to the Super Bowl champions Tuesday during a parade and rally that nearly brought downtown to a standstill.

The fans, estimated by city officials at 650,000 strong, stood five deep along the mile-plus parade route, waving homemade signs and pennants or tossing confetti and rolls of toilet paper high into the air as the Broncos traveled slowly

past in fire trucks and buses with open windows.

City officials stopped the entourage at times when fans swarmed the buses, blocking the street. The players leaned out the bus windows to high-five fans and sign autographs, delaying the start of the rally for more than an hour.

The parade was without serious incident, but celebration in the city turned rowdy immediately after the game Sunday night. More than 20 people were arrested and police used tear gas to control the crowds.

UM boxers dish it out over break

Kevin Van Valkenburg
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The UM Boxing Club hit hard over the break, as Tim Zahn and Mike Turcotte were victorious in two bouts in Great Falls, Jan. 16-17.

Zahn, a superheavyweight, defeated Josh Scholtz of Great Falls in the third round. Zahn brought Scholtz to a standing eight-count in

the first round. But in the third, Zahn landed several uppercuts — stunning Scholtz — that forced the referee to stop the fight.

UM's Mike Turcotte, a Bantamweight, defeated Jeff Magone of the Electric City Boxing Club by decision. Turcotte dominated the fight with combinations and a strong series of head movements and defense.

Turcotte didn't fair as well in his next match, losing in a close split decision to Gabriel Garza of Othello, WA.

The event featured fighters from Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

UM's Boxing Club is recognized by USA Boxing and competes under collegiate rules, using Olympic-style protective gear.

Idaho State basketball coach to resign at end of season

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Idaho State basketball coach Herb Williams, with his team mired in a 5-13 season, announced Monday he will resign at the end of the season.

Williams, in his eighth year at Idaho State, had a 92-103 record entering this season. The Bengals lost to Northern Arizona Saturday night to drop to 1-7 in Big Sky Conference action.

Idaho State Athletic Director Irv Cross announced earlier that he

did not intend to renew Williams' contract after the current season.

Several of Idaho State's basketball players have gotten into trouble with the law the last two seasons.

The Bengals' leading scorer this season, Tywan Meadows, was suspended briefly after he was arrested Dec. 20 in Idaho Falls on a charge of possession of an illegal drug. He was reinstated after he paid a \$123 fine and was placed on six months probation.

In December of 1996, five ISU basketball players were arrested and charged with taking merchandise from a Pocatello store without paying.

Players David Hickman, Rapheal Fondren, Dedrick Bell, Stephen Brown and Cedric Robinson pleaded guilty to misdemeanor theft, were placed on probation and ordered to perform community service. They were dropped from the basketball team for the season.



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New semester means fresh starts

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

As students return to classes after a lengthy intermission, reaction ranges from elation to misery to surrender.

"I'm reborn. Hallelujah," junior Stasha Tomic said. "I feel this amazing elan — an energy — to conquer the classes in front of me."

Tomic, a philosophy major, said he was burned out at the end of last semester after sporting his worst GPA ever. Over the break he went back to his home in Slovenia and thought long and hard about his academic future.

"I came to the conclusion I can do it," Tomic said, adding that graduation is in sight. "I see the end, and I'm goin' for it."

The end came faster for junior Dave Lewis.

"I just dropped out five

minutes ago," he said as he stood in a puddle outside the University Center.

"I worked way too hard last semester. I'm 20 years old, I'm too young to be tied down into a working environment," Lewis said while dragging on a cigarette. "I'm having a spiritual break-away from school."

Other students say this new semester is a time to bounce back.

"I've set my goal to buckle down and get good grades because I didn't do so good first semester," said freshman Lacey Rieker, with a self-conscious smirk.

"I want to be welcomed back home the next time we have a break," her roommate Kendra Arntzen said. "First semester I had way too much fun. This one's going to be different."

A positive attitude is important to getting off to a strong second-semester

start, psychology professor Stuart Hall said.

"Be upbeat and enthusiastic about your education," he advised. "Find whatever it is that is interesting and engaging in each class. Don't just look at school as a grind."

Hall suggests to get cranking early.

"Within this first week you should sit down and spend some substantial time getting your reading done," he said. "There's lots of things to be careful about in this first month."

And some students are still working out the kinks of being back in a classroom.

"I discovered in class today that I have a short attention span," freshman Erin Armstrong said. "First day and I'm already falling asleep."

"But I am glad to be back," Armstrong added. "I feel that with school I'm get-

Procrastinate and graduate...

Grad paper slackers not too late

Katja Stromnes
Kaimin Reporter

It's not too late to graduate in May, but seniors need to turn in their graduation papers this week, said John Crocker, a graduation coordinator in the registrar's office.

Crocker wouldn't give a final deadline for those students who missed the initial Oct. 1 deadline. But he said that if the graduation office finds a problem in an application, they need two weeks to respond to a student who may need to drop or add classes to meet requirements. He needs applications this week for students to meet

the Feb. 13 late registration deadline if they need to drop or add classes.

"In my experience, the students who get them in immediately are the ones who are least likely to have problems," Crocker said.

Graduation applications consist of a list of completed and anticipated course work showing that a student has met UM's course requirements.

Applications must be signed by the department chairperson. Students must also include an unofficial transcript with their application.

If the graduation office finds that a student doesn't meet

requirements, the problems will be identified in a letter within two weeks, Crocker said.

Students who stray from what they've anticipated on their application form by dropping or adding any classes need to fill out a "change form" located in the Registration Center.

The Faculty Senate needs to approve the final graduation list at one of its monthly meetings.

Students can pick up applications at the Registration Center in the Lodge and turn in the completed forms with a \$25 fee to Business Services. The deadline for applications to graduate at the end of the summer or next fall is Feb. 6.

Car theft in University Villages unsolved

Kim Skornogoski
Kaimin Reporter

An unknown thief ransacked about 17 vehicles in a University Villages parking lot in mid-January, stealing cash, Mansfield Library property and other items.

Only one of the vehicles showed visible signs of a break-in. A purse and several other items had been removed from that car.

None of the other vehicles were missing property.

UM Police Sgt. Charles Gatewood suspects the thief crept around the parking lot between 3 and 5 a.m. on Jan. 14, searching through scattered unlocked vehicles before finding nothing of

value. The perpetrator saw a purse and other expensive items in one car and broke into it.

Police found the purse on Mount Sentinel, but the other stolen items haven't been located. The purse was missing an unknown amount of cash.

UM police were called into the area at 3 a.m. to investigate a domestic squabble two hours before the ransacking was reported and saw no one suspicious lurking around.

After seven hours of interviewing residents, police determined no one had seen any questionable behavior. Police have no suspects.



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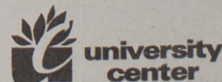
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