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Montana voters to decide fate of \$5 million for UM

Sonja Lee
Kaimin Reporter

UM has about \$5 million at stake this year when the state mill levy to support higher education goes before Montana voters.

Every 10 years the six-mill levy is on the ballot to be renewed by public vote. Montanans will vote in November.

Students will play an important role in the vote, said Bob Brown, executive director of the Committee to Keep the Six-Mill Levy.

"It's extremely important for the quality of education," he said. "We're going to need every college student at every university to vote."

Money from the mill levy is used like other state support to help pay the bills at Montana's universities. It made up around 14 percent of the total state support for higher education this year. At UM it makes up about 7 percent of the budget.

"And competition for tax dollars is fierce," Brown said.

The levy, which was first approved in 1923, has never failed.

Brown said if voters come out in force to approve the measure, they will send the Legislature a message that money for higher education is important to Montanans.

"This could be a powerful vote of confidence," he said. "The university system has got some very important and valid needs. And we can also show that those needs go beyond the six-mill levy."

With more and more university costs being passed on to students, the mill levy has increased importance, said Bob Frazier, executive assistant to UM President George Dennison.

"It's just not good timing," Frazier said. "Like any business, if (the university system) experienced a 14 percent drop in revenues, we would have to make some difficult decisions."

The last time the levy was on the ballot, Missoula's student precincts had a higher voter turnout than in any other election, Frazier said.

"It's not only important for students who are going to school now but for anyone who wants to go back to school," he said.

City, Billings firm bid for Fort land

Rob Lubke
Kaimin Reporter

Bidders on 100 acres of property at Fort Missoula now owned by UM and up for sale should learn by mid-February who will get the lay of the land — when the university is ready to sell.

University officials are currently reviewing proposals submitted by the city of Missoula and JTL Group, a Billings-based construction firm. Both made \$700,000 offers for the land.

The city hopes to turn the property, located near the west end of South Avenue, into recreational fields. JTL plans to use the area first as a gravel pit and possibly later as recreational fields.

UM officials will meet with representatives from the city and JTL next week to clarify information in the proposals and hash out specific details. A decision on who should receive the property will follow within a week to 10 days. That decision must then be approved by the Board of Regents and the Montana Board of Land Commission.

Although UM has not decided where all the money from the sale will go, UM

President George Dennison has said about \$290,000 will be used to pay off the loan on the land. Dennison said the remainder will be used where it is most needed — perhaps for scholarships or the general fund.

UM is hoping to sell the land because it doesn't feel a need to hold on to it.

"It's not really at the heart of the interest of the university to keep it," said Bob Frazier, executive assistant to UM President George Dennison.

Frazier added that UM will retain approximately 199 acres at the Fort. That land will be available for other uses, and should there be a need for it, future expansions of the College of Technology campus.

The land up for sale is "raw" land. Nothing will be displaced by the sale.

Frazier said the university has studied the land and its potential uses carefully since a land sale at the Fort several years ago was successfully challenged by Missoulians who didn't want a housing development there.

UM officials vowed not to consider proposals involving

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Purple haze..



Sam Dean/Kaimin

Harry LeClair and his daughter, Katija, make their way to class through a thick blanket of fog covering campus Wednesday morning. "We're going to school," said LeClair. "I'm studying foreign languages and Katija is studying her ABCs."

Avalanche survivor teaches class

Katie Oyan
Kaimin Reporter

Avalanches have claimed seven lives in Montana this month.

UM Outdoor Program manager Dudley Improta knows just how dangerous this natural killer can be.

He and some friends felt the fury of an avalanche several years ago while skiing near Jackson Hole, Wyo.

"It was a perfect day," Improta said. "We checked the conditions, and knew there might be a risk. But the blue sky and beautiful powder — it just sucks you in."

And they almost did get sucked in, literally. An avalanche swept down the mountain behind them, carrying one of Improta's friends with it. Amazingly, no one was hurt.

Improta now teaches other backcountry enthusiasts how to steer clear of the kind of danger

he faced that day.

He and Steve Karkanen, a snow safety specialist, are holding an avalanche awareness class Saturday at the Snow Bowl Ski Area.

Improta said El Niño has created ideal avalanche conditions this winter: a shallow snowpack early in the season combined with cold air temperatures and additional snow.

He said even the most experienced backcountry skiers and boarders can get in trouble if they're not careful.

"We're going to discuss recent accidents that involved experienced climbers," Improta said. "That might make people realize, 'Whoa, this can happen to anyone.'"

Titled "Why Does Low Snowpack Lead to High Avalanche Danger?" the class will include lectures about snowpack, recent accidents and conditions to watch for in avoiding dangerous areas. The class costs

\$15, and is intended for snowboarders, snowshoers and alpine and telemark skiers. Improta also recommends the class for backcountry snowmobilers but said they won't be able to bring their snowmobiles to the course.

Those interested should meet at the Grizzly Lift at 9 a.m. A lunch, water, transceiver, probe and shovel are recommended.

Improta also teaches a UM avalanche awareness seminar every December, featuring lectures and a field trip. This class is snowmobile-accessible.

Students can also learn about avalanche safety during a backcountry skiing and mountaineering course March 13-21.

Participants will be traveling to Golden, B.C., in the Selkirk Mountains. For more information about the trip, contact Improta at 243-2802 before Feb. 6.

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Opinion

'No' should be option in UC fix-up

Count on students to clean up a mess. UM's administration is.

With a rash of safety hazards on the third floor of the University Center, UM has until November 1999 to bring the top level of the UC up to current safety standards or else face shutting the floor down. Not surprisingly, they are seeking student dollars to fix the problems. And, not surprisingly, they are going to get their way — this time without a fight.

Kaimin editorial

This is because during the first week in March, UM students will have only two options when they vote on renovating the UC third floor: they can pay a \$9 fee to make only the needed changes to the safety problems, or a \$12 fee that would make the fixes and add additional features including a new theater. That's it. There is no other choice.

For this, we can thank ASUM, which in writing the ballot for the issue, left out an important third option: the always valid "no" vote.

It was a "no" vote in 1995 that allowed students to nix a similar \$10 fee to renovate the third floor. But this time around, the students' ability to truly speak on the issue has been snatched away by the very organization meant to fight for student rights.

There is no doubt that without the money, the administration would be hard-pressed to fix the problems on the third floor.

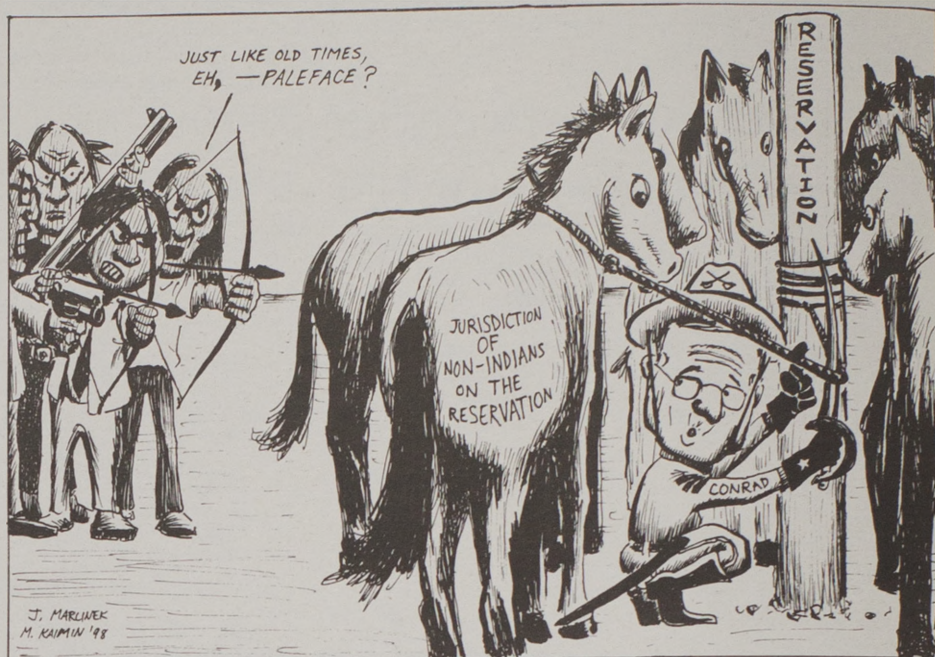
And nobody wants to see the third floor of the UC close. Wait, check that. Maybe some people do. Some people always do. That's why it's so interesting to cross this campus on a weekday afternoon when the sun is out. If students want to vote "no" to a new fee, then it should be their right to do so.

Oh, there'd be ramifications if students turned down the fee. Perhaps the UC third floor would close. Perhaps the administration would indeed use their own money to make the fixes, cutting into the amount they spend on students' educations. But as adults, we can understand these impacts and vote to avoid them — if that's what we want.

In the coming weeks, ASUM will be blanketing the campus with flyers, posters and ads to help students make a logical choice with their third floor votes. They will lay out the differences between the two plans, they will go to lengths to inform students about the details of each and the ramifications of a decision either way. But they won't spend a second explaining the impacts of a "no" vote. Rather, they simply took the decision out of the students' hands, perhaps fearful of a student body as irresponsible as they are showing to be.

The student vote is not a toy to be taken away at the behest of the administration — especially when a new fee is involved. ASUM should recognize this and add "no" to the ballot.

Tom Mullen



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.

8:30, Mondays and Fridays, free, call Parks and Recreations at 523-2751.

Sunday, Feb. 1

Faculty Recital — pianist Steven Hesla, 3 p.m., Music Recital Hall, \$5/general and \$3/students.

Benefit Concert — African drums and dance, reggae and poetry, 8 p.m., Top Hat, 134 W. Front St., \$2 at door, proceeds go to Jeannette Rankin Peace Center.

Tournament — Frost Fever Football Bowl, two-game guarantee, \$65, call 721-PARK for info.

Monday, Feb. 2

Play — "Faces of America," UC Ballroom, 7 p.m., \$2/students and \$3/general.

Class — "The Preteen and Early Teen Years: When Almost Everything You Do Is Wrong," learn methods of communication, 7-8:30 p.m., \$30 and \$40 per couple, at Families First 407 E. Main, call 721-7690 for info.

Seminar — Practical Ethics Seminar, 12:10-1 p.m., by Andrew Light, Davidson Honors College room 118.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Meeting — Environmental Action Community, 6 p.m., UC 3rd floor, room 360.

Concert — Cory's Terribly Unorganized Mic, 9-12 p.m., The Old Post.

Movie — Farewell, My Concubine, as part of the Asian Film Festival, 7 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall.

Faculty Recital — works by Akira Miyoshi, Libby Larsen, David Maslanka, Marta Ptaszyn'ska and Larry Spivack, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, \$5/general and \$3/students.

Discussion — "Patterns of Pleasure," discussion for parents on babies and toddlers, Families First, 407 E. Main, free pizza, call 721-7690 for info.

Film Presentation — Thule Bheri: River of Hidden Land, 7 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall, \$3.

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Fort land: UM ponders two bids

housing this go-round. Instead, they will evaluate how well bidders meet the "highest and best use" for the property. An appraisal last summer identified that as recreational use.

Other criteria evaluated will include immediate and long-term benefits to the university and community and neighborhood compatibility and impact.

Jim Van Fossen, director of Missoula Parks and Recreation, said the land is some of the last flat land of a large size available in Missoula and would be ideal

for recreational fields. Preliminary plans call for the construction of eight softball fields and 11 soccer fields if the city's offer is accepted.

Although money for the purchase would come from the city's Open Space Bond fund, additional funding is needed for design, construction and long-term maintenance of the complex.

"It's not going to be an inexpensive item," said Van Fossen, noting that it may take some time for the fields to be constructed. "Even if we can't afford to develop it, at

least we've got the asset."

JTL says that if it gets the land, which is located near one of the company's existing gravel pits, it could save money for the Open Space fund.

Company officials believe they could remove gravel from the area and then convert the land to recreational fields, possibly paying for the development.

"It's certainly within the realm of possibilities," said JTL spokesman Nick Kaufman, a land-use planner for the WGM group engineering firm.

He added that 15 to 17 acres of the land could be converted to recreational fields immediately since it is not suitable for gravel excavation. Eventually, working in cooperation with other agencies, the remaining land could be converted as well. Kaufman did not have a timetable for the conversion, but emphasized that JTL has never envisioned using the land solely as a gravel pit.

"That was never, ever their intention or goal," he said. "I think the whole objective is to work together with all interested parties."

Frazier said both proposals will be evaluated carefully. "It may be a very easy decision; it may be a difficult one," he said. "I'm not sure which."

short cuts

Montana News

Government shoots six bison, two protesters arrested

WEST YELLOWSTONE (AP) — Livestock Department employees killed six bison north of here early Thursday, the first time this winter the agency has shot bison wandering out of Yellowstone National Park.

The bison were killed in the Horse Butte area, about seven miles north of the park in an area where they had been living for at least two months.

Buffalo Nations volunteers had been hazing the bison for several weeks, chasing them back into the park or onto private land where owners have banned bison shooting.

Last winter, nearly 1,100 bison from the Yellowstone herds were either shot when they crossed into Montana or captured for slaughter.

The state employees, accompanied by six Gallatin County sheriff's deputies, killed the three cows and their calves at about 7:20 a.m. Thursday.

Two protesters on snowmobiles arrived at about the same time. Michael Mease of Missoula, a co-founder of Buffalo Nations, was charged with obstructing an officer. The other protester, identified by Buffalo Nations as Corey Mascio of New Hampshire, was charged with obstructing an officer and reckless operation of a snowmobile.

International News

Saddam says he doesn't want war, but is ready to fight

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqis will defend their country "with expertise, faith and perseverance" if the United States attacks, President Saddam Hussein declared Thursday — adding that there was no reason for the United States to do so.

"They don't have any national interest or any justification to come thousands of miles to attack us," Saddam said. "(But) if the devil pushed these enemies to commit an evil act and an aggression on us, we will be forced to fight them with all our capabilities, expertise, faith and perseverance. ... Their aggression is against God."

Iraq and the United Nations are in a standoff over U.N. inspections intended to ensure that Iraq has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction.

Washington demands Baghdad provide U.N. experts with unconditional access to any site they wish to inspect, including Saddam's palaces, or face air and missile attacks.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said in Washington that the United States still was seeking a diplomatic solution to the impasse. On Capitol Hill, lawmakers were considering a resolution to "take all necessary and appropriate actions to respond to the threat posed by Iraq's refusal to end its weapons of mass destruction programs."

National News

Immunity talks at impasse, Starr seeks to halt Jones suit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky's attorney signaled an impasse Thursday in the high-stakes pursuit of her cooperation in the investigation of an alleged presidential affair and coverup, and a judge in Arkansas blocked the sensational accusations from President Clinton's sexual harassment trial.

In a victory for a beleaguered White House, a judge ruled that waiting for evidence in the Lewinsky affair would not be worth a delay in the Paula Jones civil trial slated for May because it is "not essential to the core issues in this case."

Mrs. Jones' attorneys — hoping to prove a pattern of improper sexual behavior by Clinton — promised an immediate appeal. If the ruling stands, they would not be allowed to question Clinton about Ms. Lewinsky during the trial.

Attorney William Ginsburg, who represents Lewinsky, met face-to-face with special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's staff for less than 45 minutes, and emerged expressing frustration with negotiations designed to secure her testimony in exchange from immunity from prosecution.

"If you asked if we made any progress, we are making progress today on preparing Monica a defense," Ginsburg said. At midday, he and Lewinsky left her apartment at the Watergate complex together.

A document made public Thursday by a federal court underscored the jeopardy Lewinsky faces without immunity. It showed prosecutors are considering charging the former White House intern with lying in her sworn affidavit in the Jones case — when she denied she had an affair with Clinton — and with encouraging a friend to lie under oath.

The document makes no mention of allegations that Clinton, too, lied in his testimony and encouraged Lewinsky to do the same. The president has denied a sexual relationship with the young woman.

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Professor recounts Martin Luther King Jr's life, ideas

Tom Greene
Kaimin Reporter

Hatred and anger are easy. No intellectual work is involved in hatred. Charles R. Johnson, Pollock professor of humanities at the University of Washington, passed on this wisdom of Martin Luther King Thursday night at the University Theater as part of

the President's Lecture Series.

"People said he looked 50 years old in some of his pictures," Johnson said. "Martin Luther King wondered sometimes if he had ever been young at all."

King was 37 when he was assassinated. Johnson said King told friends that he felt old - centuries old. By the time of his death, King had been

imprisoned 12 times, stabbed once and had his house bombed.

"To get to the mountain top," Johnson said of King, "self-baggage had to be abandoned in the valley."

The world owned King, Johnson said. The more he gave, the less there was of him. He preached non-violence not as a technique, but as a

way of life. In his absence no spokesman has emerged to fill the vacuum he left. And where there is no vision the people perish, Johnson said.

"If we heeded his words years ago we wouldn't be trying to close this gap now," Johnson said concerning the state of race relations today.

King preached that our lives are intertwined and that "we

must learn to live together as brothers or we will die together as fools."

Johnson said that segregationists are blind and unable to see the "inescapable thread of mutuality" that binds mankind.

"It would be tragic if our civil rights struggle ended in division," Johnson said. "Our destinies are tied together."

Pearl Jam jams live by satellite

Kim Skornogoski
Kaimin Reporter

UM has connections. When the alternative rockers who form Pearl Jam decided to broadcast a radio show live via satellite to sites across the country and abroad, Missoula was pegged as one of the cities to receive the program.

Unfortunately, Missoula — unlike Boston, Detroit, Baltimore and some cities in Germany that will be broadcasting the live show — didn't have the right satellite system to get the feed.

But Pearl Jam bassist Jeff Ament, a UM drop-out, pushed his record company to foot the bill to set up a special satellite feed that Missoula could pick up, and now UM's stu-

dent radio station KBGA will have the show Saturday night.

During the three to four-hour show, Eddie Vedder will spin records from the bands that influenced him. Several Seattle bands will also play. Finally, Pearl Jam will wrap it up, possibly jamming with the other bands, "depending on the vibes," said KBGA musical director Troy Byker.

The band purportedly decided to pull together the jam session to combat pirate copies of their new album from being put up on the Internet.

The jam session will be recorded live, but because of the special satellite link, there will be an hour's delay. KBGA will have to record it at KUFM and then feed it to their station.

Listeners can expect both new and old Pearl Jam along with interaction between the bands. There will be no commercials.

What: Pearl Jam and others, a semi-live radio show

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Where: on KBGA

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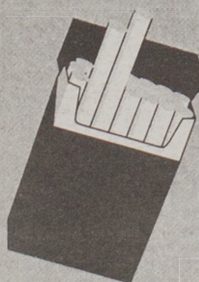
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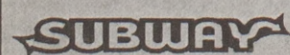


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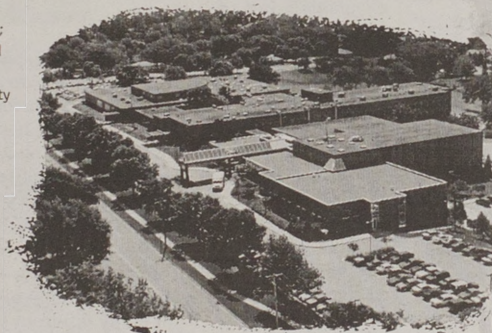
Sophomore Leslie Cole examines some small mammals for the UM zoology museum.

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The Montana Kaimin Arts and Entertainment Section

Entertainment and education collide: Asian film festival tests boundaries

Americans often lump together the whole continent of Asia, ignorant to the cultural diversity that exists in the world's largest continent.

That's why John McCall wanted to bring the Asian Film Festival to campus. He said many people don't even think of India as being part of Asia or recognize the differences from region to region within the continent. Cinema, he said, is one way of showing those differences.

The Asian Film Festival starts Feb. 3, with "Farewell My Concubine" and continues until the end of March. It will include several hard-to-get films from India, Japan, Indonesia and Korea, as well as two documentaries on Chinese and Vietnamese subjects. McCall said the organizers searched for films that students wouldn't be able to pick up at their local video store. A professor from South Carolina provided one of the films. And Director of Women's Studies G.G. Weix, who helped organize the festival, said they were very fortunate to find the rare Korean film "Sop'yonje."

The Mansfield Center, the Asian Studies Committee, UM Productions and the Women's Studies Program combined funds to bring the movies to UM students for free.

"To get all these people on the same page, going in the

by
Rachel McLellan
Arts Writer

same direction is great," McCall said of the cooperation between the different departments.

Weix has even incorporated the festi-

val into her Visual Anthropology class. She's allowing students to substitute a movie from the Asian Film Festival for one from her class.

Faculty and student-led discussions will follow each of the eight films.

"I want it to be like some friends sitting around after they watch a movie," said McCall.

Weix said her department sponsored the film "Devi," because the story focuses on an Indian household and a young woman who is received by her in-laws as the reincarnation of a goddess.

The Asian Film Festival starts on Tuesday, Feb. 3. All film showings are FREE, and all films start at 7 p.m. in the Urey Lecture Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 3 —
"Farewell, My Concubine"

Friday, Feb. 6 —
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"Faces" celebrates diversity One-woman play raises tough issues

Fran de Leon is a woman of many faces. The 26-year-old professional actress is coming to Missoula to perform many different characters in her one-person show "Faces of America."

The play addresses the issue of multiculturalism and kicks off UM's celebration of African-American History Month.

by
Nate
Schweber

De Leon premiered the play, written and directed by Colin Cox, in L.A. almost three years ago. Since then, she's toured the country with it and it's had a strong impact everywhere.

De Leon recalls audience members crying because they related so strongly with the stories she tells. She also remembers receiving a let-



Photo by Melinda F. Kelley

Fran de Leon stars in "Faces of America," a one-woman play written by Colin Cox. It will be presented on Monday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Admission is only \$2 for students and \$3 for the general public.

"It's true perspectives on what it is to be an American," de Leon said during a phone interview from Los Angeles.

During the play, de Leon becomes eight different characters, including a Japanese-Hungarian-American woman, a Navajo man, an African-American man, a woman from East India and a woman of many different ethnic backgrounds.

"All the stories told in the play are true," de Leon said. "That makes the show very intimate."

"Faces of America" is told from the point of view of Generation X, a generation much maligned and predicted to fail by popular media. That's a sentiment de Leon doesn't agree with.

"For me it's a very hopeful generation," de Leon said. "We've had to become more creative about how we make our livings because the ways our parents did aren't working anymore. This having to seek out new and different ways of living makes us more open to each other."

ter from a man who said he discovered through her play his own racism and vowed to make a change.

The play has helped de Leon, too. She said working on it has helped her evolve and be more conscious of treating everybody with respect.

African-American studies Professor Edward Sanford believes de Leon's example is something for us all to emulate.

"This play shows how one person can have an appreciation for all cultures," Sanford said. "That acceptance is what African-American History Month is all about."

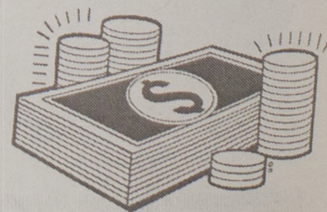
UC Programming Advisor Kaycee Schilke said she felt the message was so vital that the price of the play was slashed to get more people to come. Although "Faces of America" rakes in \$30 per seat in L.A., the cost in the UC Ballroom will be \$2 for students and \$3 for the general public.

Coming Up...

Chief Broom, from Boulder, Colo., plays at the Top Hat Monday night. The band, which is described as a mixture of funk and bluegrass, and is compared to the likes of Phish, had a slot on the HORDE tour last year, and they've just released a self-titled CD. They start around 10 p.m., cover TBA.

A bunch of bands join together Sunday night to raise cash for the Missoula Urban Demonstration project.

Mud is a non-profit group that teaches Missoulians to be self-reliant and do things like organic gardening, making paper and small repairs. Locals Tarkio, Shelterbelt, Old Man Tucker and Los Rumberos will play at the Top Hat on Feb. 1, starting at 8:30 p.m. They suggest you donate \$3 to \$5.



Still rockin' after all these years: The Banned has been a punk institution for over a decade

Whitehall, Montana, 1995.

The Banned were playing Battle of the Bands with a bag of Salvation Army clothes on stage. When they ripped open the bag and chucked the clothes at the crowd, a rank urine odor arose.

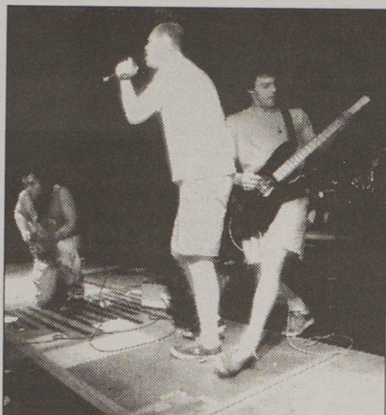
"Some bum had pissed all over the sack," says singer Charlie Beaton.

Meanwhile, the audience was busily pulling on soiled sweaters and whizzed-on t-shirts. Beaton and guitarist Pat Flynn busted a gut but kept playing.

The Banned began in 1988, when many of us were annoying pre-pubers, not shit-hot punk rockers. For Beaton and Flynn, The Banned was something to do their first summer after college. Bass player Mike Vanacek joined in 1989. Behind the drums is new guy Brian Oppel, who is the ninth noble soul to grace that position.

"He's by far the best drummer we've had, by a mile," Beaton says. He's just a pure musician."

Oppel claims, "I just do it because it's fun and I get free beer. There's some total cock-rock moments and AC/DC riffage. I love that shit. I'll be pulling out the stick twirls."



by
Beth Kampschror
Arts Writer

show had some unsavory guests. About 30 people from the drag appeared and opened up a few cans o' whoop-ass.



Above: Photo of The Banned in 1995, by Zach Spanagel. From left, Charlie Beaton, Pat Flynn, Mike Vanacek and Mark Sickich. At left: The Banned doing their thing on stage in 1995. They're playing Jay's Upstairs Saturday night. The show starts around 10 p.m., cover TBA.

"The drummer and the bass player got beat up pretty good. I ran," he offers.

Despite numerous pummelings, The Banned kept making noise. Their music? Let's just say that Satan himself would gleefully stomp his cloven hooves in hellish approval. Wholesome it ain't.

The Banned's

first show since September will be at Jay's Upstairs Saturday night. They haven't played together much lately because of personnel changes, and some of them even have careers! Don't bother dressing up. Chicken feet and whipped-cream filled balloons are just two things they've thrown in the past, and they're sure to come up with something despicable to aim at your mug.

"We'll be playing in this band when we're 40," Beaton says.

So in the year 2013, if a grizzled old guy from The Banned tosses you a sweater, don't put it on.

Over the past decade The Banned has played with some punk rock gods, including Fugazi and All. But punk has definitely changed around these parts, says Beaton. When they played shows back in the day, it'd be all ages and 200 people would show up.

"Now you're lucky if you get 50. It's a joke now," he says. "[Kids] are MTV punks. They don't go to shows."

Even if they don't get the mass people they once did, at least the people who come won't kick the snot out of them like they used to.

"There was a total war [in Helena] between punks and hicks," Beaton recalls. One Helena

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Sarah Carlson steers through the puddles and mounds of slush in front of the University Center. She has had to get a new wheelchair because her other one shorted out when she went through puddles.

Workers grounded by winter weather

The winter snows mean lean times for UM's Facilities Services groundskeepers.

Due to a small budget and lack of projects other than snow removal, Facilities Services has only four groundskeepers employed full-time to keep UM's miles of sidewalks snow-free.

If security officers report two or more inches of snow in a night, calls go out to the groundskeepers at home at 3 a.m. and they report to work by 4 a.m.

First they clear major walkways and then dig out all wheelchair ramps.

"The steeper we go down, the deeper it goes and the harder it is," groundskeeper Richard Wolff said. "By the end we're throwing snow 12 feet over our shoulders."

He said sometimes when conditions are bad the shovelers work in tag-teams: one

to shovel snow, the other to stay on constant watch for falling icicles.

Groundskeeper Roberta Mistrick said by 8 a.m. the campus is "almost reasonable."

She and Wolff then drive the campus and spread gravel, salt and saline snow-remover. Gerald Michaud, assistant director of Facilities Services, said this year, which has been unusually light, they've spread more than 100 tons of sand, 20,800 pounds of Ice Melt and 4,000 gallons of freeze-guard.

Michaud is currently writing a budget proposal to get money to widen the sidewalks, making it easier for the plows.

"We're doing the best job we can with the resources available to us," he said.

A Slippery Slope

Stories by
Nate Schweber

Photos by
Cory Myers

Sarah Carlson's electric wheelchair is definitely not an off-road vehicle. She gets a reminder of that nearly every day in the winter.

So far this year she's been stuck in a snowdrift, nearly toppled over from lack of traction and has been forced to get a new wheelchair because her last one would short out when she splashed through puddles on her way across campus.

"It's just impossible to get through this stuff," Carlson said, as the back tires on her chair spun out on an icy sidewalk near the University Center.

Winter has taken its toll on UM's campus by turning some sidewalks into slippery slush-swamps. Facilities Services is fighting a no-win battle with the elements, trying to keep UM's 11.56 miles of sidewalks clear.

But if they lose, students with disabilities pay the price.

Carlson's daughter, Maggie Hayden, wears a cast on her foot for a broken bone. While walking around campus in her leg brace, she slipped and fell on the ice twice in one day.

"It's really frustrating trying to get around campus," she said, adding that she's had to take detours around entire buildings to find a safe route, making her late for class in the process.

"In some situations it's a catch-22," Hayden said.

Groundskeeper Gregg Potter, who plows UM's walkways from a forest-green jeep with a school-bus yellow wedge fitted on the front, knows the frustrations of snow removal.

Potter said many of UM's sidewalks aren't wide enough for his tractor, and that signs, trash cans and bicycle racks are in the way, making everything except shoveling the snow by hand impossible. He said

many sidewalks are lower than the surrounding turf, creating huge puddles when the snow melts.

Some sidewalks, such as the one beside the new amphitheatre, have concrete berms on the side so Potter can only plow the snow into the street. The street snowplows then push the snow right back up on the sidewalks. Carlson said she was stuck in one of those pileups while waiting for the bus.

"I think we're doing everything we can," Potter said.

Still, Carlson and her daughter aren't satisfied.

"We can talk until we're blue in the face but still nothing more is going to get done," said Carlson, who is in a wheelchair due to nerve damage, circulation problems in her legs and arthritis — conditions that are worsened by the cold.

"I'd rather spend my tuition money on hiring more groundskeepers to improve safety rather than on building renovations we don't need," Hayden said.

Jim Marks, director of Disability Services, also sees the problem, but realizes it would be impossible to keep every inch of the sidewalks spotless.

"I would like to see more resources and people for removing snow," he said. "But snow removal is something we're never quite going to get right."

Marks suggests calling the Facilities Services Work Order desk at 243-6091 when there are insurmountable snow and slush problems. Groundspeople will be dispatched to clear those areas.

"We're all trying to do the best we can with the resources available to us," Marks said. "The bad sidewalks do make life more difficult for us, but I won't assign blame to anybody. That's just not productive."



Carlson and her daughter, Maggie Hayden (left), leave the UC after a trip to The Bookstore. Carlson says her wheelchair gets high-centered on the snow drifts on campus.

Sports

Lady Griz trounce Wildcats with hot shooting, defense

Kevin Van Valkenburg
Kaimin Sports Reporter

It wasn't the greatest of starts for the Lady Griz, but nobody was going to argue with the finish.

After turning the ball over five times in their first six possessions, and a few stern looks from head coach Robin Selvig, the Lady Griz tore off a 18-3 run and the game was never in doubt again as they trounced Weber State 78-43.

"Rob kinda chewed our butts a bit at the start," said sophomore Linda Cummings. "We started out slow, but our shots really started to fall after that."

Cummings' nine first-half points broke the game wide-open. And her game-high 13 points, off of a bevy of turn-around jumpers, led the team—all in just 14 minutes.

"It's usually the main shot I take," said Cummings of the turn-around. "It helped that they (Weber State) weren't very tall."

The Lady Griz capitalized on a strong inside game, with post players Angella Bieber and Krista Redpath each scoring eight points apiece. Senior guard Catie Walker proved to be the spark from the outside nailing three deep jumpers, two of them 3-pointers.

"It's always fun to hit the big shots like those and get the

crowd into it," said Walker, who finished with nine points.

The offense broke the game open, but the defense shut the door. Weber finished up a horrible shooting night hitting only 25 percent for the game. In the first half, the Wildcats could only manage 15 points, hitting on only 18 percent of their shots.

"I felt we were very active on defense," said Selvig, whose team improved to 16-4, 9-0 in the Big Sky. "Even when they got shots off, they were missing the open ones. We did a good job of getting our hands on some balls, and I thought we did a nice job of passing as well."

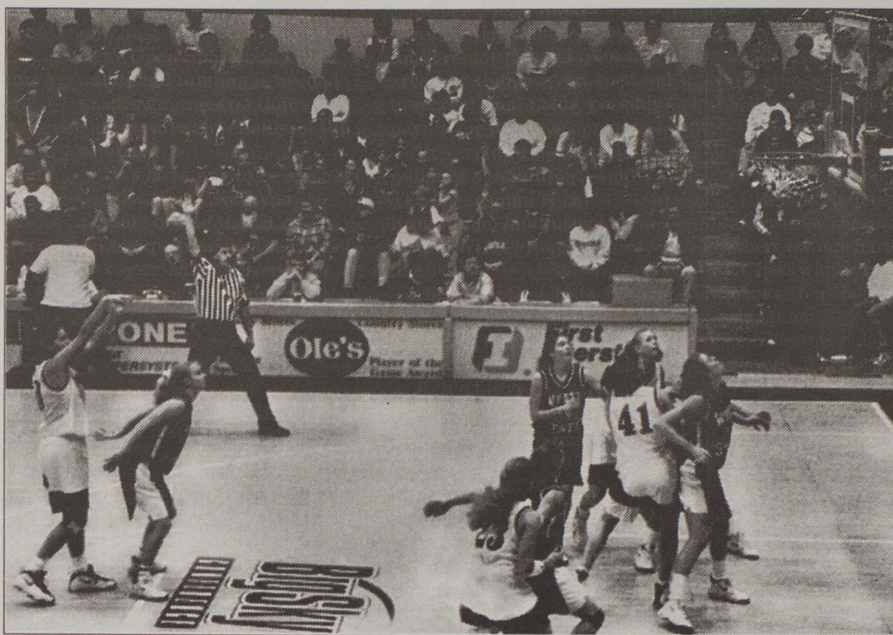
Weber State guard Andie Willer was the only Wildcat in double figures with 10 points.

"Weber is really a much better team," Selvig added. "They have some young players, and once we got going I think it kind of overwhelmed them a bit."

The Wildcats had trouble passing the ball against a tough Montana defense, as Weber had only three assists in the game.

Senior Dawn Sackman pulled down a game high nine rebounds to go with her six points off the bench.

The team is back in action Friday against Idaho State. The game will be covered by the FOX Sports Network. As a



Peter Jones/Kaimin

Sophomore Lauren Cooper sinks her second free throw shot to help the Lady Griz beat Weber State.

result the game time has been moved back to 8:35 p.m. (MST).

Weber State (43)

fg	ft	rb	pf	tp
min-am-ao-ta	pf	tp		
Geddes28-41-23-50	2	3		
Stringam24-41-60-23-32	0	2		
Ronbinson17	1-60-0	1-20	2	2
Hansen25-92-92-23-71	1	6		
Willer29-40-01-40	4	10		
Allen19	1-90-21-10	1	2	
Olson17-60-00-10	2	5		
Paskins120-10-01-20	1	0		
Olney	61-42-40-20	2	4	
O'Brien131-26-63-40	2	8		
Kanongata'a100-11-22-40	0	1		

TOTALS 200 14-56 12-20 19-40 3 17 43

MONTANA (78)

fg	ft	rb	pf	tp
min-am-ao-ta	pf	tp		
Cooper192-33-41-61	3	7		
Redpath194-60-01-40	4	8		
Bieber214-70-00-20	3	8		
Sisco222-41-10-37	0	5		
Walker193-51-21-12	0	9		
Cummings146-81-32-20	1	13		
Thompson121-20-20-20	0	3		
Harrington152-61-11-13	0	6		
Rasmussen122-22-40-00	0	6		
Meier100-41-20-21	0	1		
Weyler163-70-02-30	3	6		
Sackman213-50-02-96	2	6		

TOTALS 200 32-59 10-19 10-38 19 17 78

Halftime UM 42, WSU 15
3-Point goals — WSU 3-19 (Stringam 0-1, Hansen 0-5, Willer 2-4, Allen 0-4, Olson 1-4, Olney 0-1), UM 4-9 (Cooper 0-1, Walker 2-4, Thompson 1-1, Harrington 1-1, Meier 0-2).
Steals — WSU 6 (Stringam 3, Ronbinson, Olson, Olney), UM 13 (Redpath 3, Rasmussen 3, Harrington 2, Sisco 2, Sackman 2, Cooper).
Blocked shots — WSU 1 (Kanongata'a), UM 6 (Sisco 3, Bieber, Meier, Weyler).
Turnovers — WSU 26, UM 18.
Technical Fouls: None.
Attendance — 3859.

MONTANA GRIZZLIES AT IDAHO STATE BENGALS

WHERE — Holt Arena (8,721), Pocatello, Idaho.

WHEN — 7:35 (MST).

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KEY PLAYERS — F Johnny Mitchell (12.3 points, 5.9 rebounds), F Tywan Meadows (21.4, 6.1).

KEY INJURIES — UM: None. ISU: None reported.

LAST MEETING — UM 54 - ISU 48, Jan. 3, 1998, in Missoula.

ALL-TIME SERIES — UM leads 72-33.

MISCELLANEOUS — Junior guard J.R. Camel needs just five steals to become the

Big Sky's eighth all-time leading steal artist.

OVERVIEW — After losing two nights ago at Weber State, the Grizzlies desperately need a win to stay in the running for the second bye in the conference tournament. On paper, this looks like it should be a cakewalk. The Bengals sport the league's worst defense giving up nearly 81 points per contest and have lost their three conference home games by an average of 17 points. Idaho State's Herb Williams is a lame-duck coach and controversy has surrounded this team...But not so fast. Earlier this month, the Grizzlies squeaked by the Bengals in Missoula and almost blew one at home against Sacramento State. Will they be ready? Yes.

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UM Hall of Fame to induct former standouts

MISSOULA (AP) — Tim Hauck and Shannon Cate-Schweyen will be inducted into the Grizzly Sports Hall of Fame at the University of Montana on Feb. 20.

Hauck, a football standout at free safety after he walked on in 1987, and Cate-Schweyen a four-year starter for the Lady Griz basketball team, will join previous inductees since the hall was established in 1993.

The grid-iron hero from Big Timber played one year at Pacific University in Oregon before walking on at Montana in the spring of 1987. Hauck was the Big Sky Conference defensive player of the year and a first team all-conference choice in 1988 and 1989. He also earned numerous All-America honors in 1988 and 1989.

A three-time academic all-conference selection, Hauck earned academic All-America honors in 1989.

Hauck started his National Football League career in 1990. He has played for New England, Denver, Green Bay and is now with Seattle. He was special teams player of the year for the Patriots in 1990 and the Packers in 1992.

Cate-Schweyen, from Billings, finished her Lady Griz career in 1992 with 14 school and nine Big Sky Conference records and earned Division I Kodak All-America honors.

The Lady Griz forward scored 2,172 points in her career, the most in the history of the Big Sky Conference for both men and women. She still holds Montana's career records for scoring and rebounding. She is in the top 10 at UM and in the Big Sky in assists, steals, blocked shots, free throws, and field goal and 3-point percentages.

She was named the most valuable player of the Big Sky Conference tournament three times, and was twice the league's and the Lady Griz MVP.

Cate-Schweyen has been an assistant coach for the Lady Griz since joining the staff in 1992 as a student assistant.

Montana Ski Report

There are 10 ski areas in Montana. Here are the latest reports from the ski areas:

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Bridger Bowl — powder, 62-72 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.

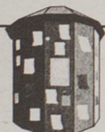
Great Divide — packed powder, 24-36 base, 12 trails, 2 of 3 lifts, 40 percent open, snowmaking, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Marshall — packed powder, 28-36 base, 3 of 3 lifts, 100 percent open, 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Maverick Mountain — powder, 40-65 base, 2 of 2 lifts, 100 percent open, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Montana Snow Bowl — powder, 40-65 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, snowmaking, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.



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Tips to avoid a natural killer:

Experts say right gear could prevent avalanche deaths

John A. Reed
Kaimin Reporter

The rash of avalanche-induced deaths this winter in Montana has local experts stressing the importance of carrying avalanche safety equipment for backcountry enthusiasts.

Last Saturday snowmobiler Jay Dee Ren of Columbia Falls became the seventh fatality after he was buried under 8 feet of snow in an avalanche atop 7,000-foot Inspiration Pass in

the Swan Range. Ren and his partner, Levi Shepard, both had shovels and avalanche transceivers, but neither had a probe pole. The pole is used by a rescuer to locate someone buried in the snow.

Dudley Improt, UM's Outdoor Program manager and an avid backcountry skier, said avalanche snow shovels, transceivers and probe poles need to be standard equipment for anyone venturing into the wilderness during this time of high

avalanche danger.

"Most people that are caught in avalanches trigger them themselves," Improt said. "I've been overly cautious this year."

Spencer Bradford, salesman at The Trail Head in Missoula, said the cost of avalanche safety equipment is minimal weighed against the potential for the loss of life in an avalanche.

Bradford detailed the costs for the necessary items:

- Snow shovel — collapsible and lightweight, with hard

plastic or metal blade. Price: \$30-\$40.

- Avalanche transceiver — worn in a chest harness and powered by AA batteries. The unit sends and receives an internationally recognized 457-kilohertz radio signal. Price: \$199-\$299.

- Probe pole — collapsible high-grade aluminum construc-

tion that telescopes from 7 to 15 feet, depending on the model. Price: \$65-\$75.

Bradford also recommended a course in avalanche safety to familiarize the novice with the danger signs of an avalanche and the use of the equipment.

He also said a little common sense goes a long way. "Trust your instincts."

Staying away from the danger zone

Katie Oyan
Kaimin Reporter

The season for backcountry sports has finally arrived, and the lure of the powder is great.

Also great, however, is risk of avalanches.

Dudley Improt, UM Outdoor Program manager, offers the following guidelines for those venturing into high country this winter:

- Call for your local avalanche forecast. The number in the Missoula region is 549-4488 or (800) 281-1030. Forecasts are also available on the Internet at www.avalanche.org.

- Think about your timing before going into possible avalanche areas. Are you going right after a storm or a windy day?

- Stay off steep slopes if possible. The average slope for an avalanche is 38 degrees —

about as steep as an expert ski slope.

"Any slope over 30 degrees has potential for being dangerous," Improt says.

- Look for recent avalanche activity. Slide paths and snapped trees indicate danger zones.

- Study wind direction. Windy or leeward slopes are more likely to slide.

- Avoid broad open areas on slopes.

- Stay along the tops of ridges.

- Climb in a direct line to lessen your exposure to a slope.

- Stay within visual and voice contact of those you are with.

- Test slopes one at a time, letting others watch for signs of trouble.

- Carry shovels and avalanche transceivers.

- Dig a snow pit to check the snowpack. Icy layers can

become ramps for slides. If the snow has air pockets, there is also increased slide potential.

- Take an avalanche awareness course.

For backcountry skiing or snowboarding, Improt recommends:

- Ski a slope one at a time and don't ski directly above a partner.

- Start by skiing lower-angle slopes. Hearing snow settle is an indicator to avoid steeper slopes.

- Don't stop in the middle of a slope.

- Try to ski in straight lines instead of zigzagging.

Nearby areas worthy of particular caution include Mt. Fuji in Lolo Pass, Wisherd Ridge in the Rattlesnake, Saddle Mountain at Lost Trail, St. Regis Basin at Lookout Pass and the back side of Snowbowl.

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