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## ASUM faces election hubbub

### Primaries are only a week away

**Sonja Lee**  
Kaimin Reporter

Flashy campaign slogans and signs welcomed UM students to the University Center Monday.

With an ASUM primary election only a week away, candidates went into high gear, plastering posters and pledges across campus.

Students will likely be voting on Wednesday, April 1, in a primary election to narrow the three presidential and vice presidential teams to two, said Jonathan Fleury, chair of the ASUM elections committee.

But spring break was a nail in the road to student elections.

Although campaigning officially kicked off Monday, the elections

committee has not been able to verify all the candidates, Fleury said.

Some ineligible candidates could be campaigning and may be removed from the race.

"I doubt that will happen, but it's possible," Fleury said.

The ASUM executive tickets are Barrett Kaiser/Patience Llewellyn, Albert Nault/Mike Obland and Bryce Smedley/Meghan Fay.

Candidates for ASUM business manager are Brad McCall and J.R. Plate.

Thirty students are making a run at the 20 senate seats.

No primary election will be needed for the senate and business manager races, because of the limited number of candidates, Fleury said.

And the committee will release an official list of candidates Tuesday, he said.

The presidential and vice presidential candidates will have an opportunity to talk with their student constituency during a primary forum this Thursday in the UC Atrium from noon-1 p.m.

And with the forum only a few days away and the primary fast approaching, candidates will have to get their agendas in order, said ASUM President Jeff Merrick.

"I think it makes it more difficult in some aspects, but it also helps in others," he said. "It's making them more ambitious."

The general election will be held April 14-15.

## Honors College dean calls it quits

**Sonja Lee**  
Kaimin Reporter

John Madden, dean of the Davidson Honors College, submitted his letter of resignation last week, saying he wanted to leave UM to pursue job opportunities in California.

Madden will officially leave UM on June 30.

"I have had a very good career at The University of Montana and I think my work here is basically finished," Madden said. "I'm looking for new horizons and new challenges."

Madden has spent the last 23 years at UM. He started out in the foreign languages department and later helped initiate an experimental honors program.

"I used to say the old honors program was a line and a half," he said. "There was one telephone line and half of mine."

In 1991 the honors program was replaced with a more comprehensive honors college program and Madden became dean.

Madden said he has seen the program come full circle and is ready to try something new. He is looking for administrative positions at several universities and colleges in southern California, he said.

Madden will be greatly missed, said Provost Robert Kindrick.

"Dean Madden has done quite a good job at the honors college," Kindrick said. "He has overseen its growth from an honors program to an honors college."

The university is soliciting applications from administrators interested in serving as interim dean at the honors college, Kindrick said.

A new dean will be hired by January 1999, he said.

## Law faculty opts for later salary cut

**Kerry Thomson**  
for the Kaimin

The law school professors are following other UM instructors' lead and taking a salary cut to help the university meet its budget shortfall.

Fritz Schwaller, associate provost for academic affairs, said the law professors were offered two choices for helping the university with its deficit: Take the same cut the rest of the faculty members did, or get their full increase this year, but only half of their raise

next year.

Schwaller said the law faculty decided to take the second option.

The plan, approved March 10th, means law professors will get this year's full raise immediately, but won't start getting their 1998-99 raises until January 1, 1999.

Because the law school faculty is not part of the University Teachers' Union, they are not bound to the UTU agreement approved last month.

By contrast, faculty under the UTU contract agreed to get half

their raise starting in July of each year, then get the rest in January. Law faculty raises from UM's salary fund will be about 2.5 percent, the same as for other professors.

According to Associate Dean John Horwich, the law faculty picked the second option because they were already expecting a raise before President Dennison announced next year's budget shortfall. The second option allows the faculty to start receiving the raises they've been expecting all year.

## 'I know why the caged boy smiles...'



"We just rolled it around. It's kind of cool," says Carey Schmidt, commenting on the mysterious structure that appeared in the center of the Oval Monday morning. Bart Monroe sits in a chair that was part of the structure.

## Sentinel weed plan trudges on

**Travis McAdam**  
for the Kaimin

A subcommittee approved an herbicide-containing plan to combat noxious weeds on Mount Sentinel Monday and now it's up to the parent committee to tackle the issue.

The Mount Sentinel Management Subcommittee approved a plan that would call for limited use of herbicides on Mount Sentinel. The plan will go to the Integrated Plant Management Committee on Thursday.

The proposed plan would use herbicides on only 10 acres of UM's approximately 500 acres on Mount Sentinel per year. Also, weather conditions would dictate when herbicides could not be used. Under the plan, when temperatures exceed 85 degrees and/or the wind is blowing at more than 5 mph, herbicides could not be used.

The subcommittee's recommendation also contains a proposed budget and written responses to issues brought up during public comment.

Dan Corti, chair of IPM and a member of the subcommittee, said IPM has three options when it reviews the proposed plan. The committee can approve it, make changes on the spot or send it back to the subcommittee.

IPM, founded in 1991, originally dealt with weed management policies for

UM's campus grounds and golf course.

IPM's mission changed when the Montana Legislature passed a bill in 1995 mandating all state agencies create comprehensive plans to combat weeds on their lands. IPM found itself looking beyond the immediate campus and toward Mount Sentinel.

The process of drafting a plan has been long and difficult, with numerous revisions to address opposition to herbicide use. Public comment strongly supports no herbicide use, but subcommittee members see it as a necessary element.

"The only way to satisfy some of the public comment is to not have an effective plan," Corti said. "It comes down to doing what's best for the mountain or following public comment."

Corti was quick to say there is public support for limited herbicide use, pointing to people who criticize the plan for not using more herbicides. He said the opposition is just more vocal.

"Opposition is part of the public process," he said. "It's easier to get off the sofa when you're angry."

Once IPM approves a noxious-weed plan, the plan must be approved by President Dennison and the Missoula County Weed Board.

IPM will review the subcommittee's proposal Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Physical Plant.



# Opinion

## Defy the ex-hippies: Vote your heart out

Student apathy.

We've all heard these two little words at one time or another, most likely incorporated into a phrase questioning the intelligence and purpose of twenty-something students. The simple accusation has been hurled at members of the so-called "slacker" generation so often and for so many years that it has faded into the background of our collective identity.

Unseen hordes of what we assume are terribly productive and gainfully employed ex-hippies-turned-poster-children-for-capitalism claim we are apathetic. They claim we don't care about anything from economics to welfare to the plight of the baby whales and the rain forest. They say we are lacking the passion that ran rampant through the hearts of the young in the '60s. They were a generation with a cause, they sigh. The faceless group of disillusioned "grown-ups" never seem to miss an opportunity to bemoan the lost potential of twenty-somethings.

That said, we all know that our generation is no more apathetic or lazy than any other. And students in particular have a tendency to rant against the establishment and form staunchly held opinions about everything under the sun, just as they always have. Maybe the difference is that we don't SHOW how much we care.

Look at the number of students who voted last year in the ASUM election. Rather, don't look, because the number is so small it's really not worth mentioning. The point is, students here aren't exactly rushing to the polls to make their voices heard. Last year only 22 candidates ran for 20 seats on the ASUM senate. Out of about 12,000 students, only 20 cared enough to do something about their concerns. There's been a small step up this year, with 30 students running for the 20 seats. The number is still pathetic.

ASUM takes care of doling out the students' budget and offers recommendations to the Board of Regents, among other duties. This means they're the most important student group on campus when it comes to influencing the way our school's run.

So why aren't we voting? Maybe it is some kind of laziness. It's more likely that we've given into the feeling of mild hopelessness that seems to plague youngsters today. Whatever the case, it's about time to start acting on our opinions. The ASUM primary election is April 1, and the general election is held on April 14 and 15. That's plenty of time to get to know the candidates via debates and newspaper coverage of the race. And even slackers could handle the minimal effort of traipsing over to the University Center to vote. It's about time we prove to ourselves that we are thinking beings, that we do care about the world around us. And more importantly, it's about time to make all those antagonistic ex-hippies eat their words.

— Cara Grill

## Concerning U

### Tuesday, March 24 Lecture Series —

Mission Mountains: The Evolution of a Tribal Wilderness, 7:10-9 p.m., Social Sciences 352.

### Interview

**Announcement** — Manager trainee, for business/marketing majors, sign up for interviews in the Lodge 148.

**Discussion** — "Attitude," for parents on teen-agers, led by Linda Osler, Families First, 407 E. Main, call 721-7690 to arrange or for info.

**Concert** — Cory's Terribly Unorganized Mic, 9-midnight, Old Post.

**Meeting** — College Democrats, 6:30 p.m., UC Montana Rooms.

**Movie** — "Devi," as part of the Asian Film Festival, 7 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall, free.

**Drama Production** — "The Children's Hour," 7:30 p.m., Masquer Theatre, PAR/TV Center, \$7/students and \$8/general, call 243-4581 for info.

**Global Forum** — "Democracy and Religion in Senegal and Francophile Africa," sponsored by the Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center, 7:30 p.m., Catalyst Espresso, 111 North Higgins.

**Art Exhibit** — Bachelor of Fine Arts thesis exhibition, 11-3 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, Gallery of Visual Arts, Social Sciences, free.

### Wednesday, March 25

**Production** — "The String Cheese Incident," 8 p.m., UC Ballroom, \$13 at

the door, call 243-6661 for info.

**Baby Play Group** — 11 a.m., Families First, 407 E. Main, call 721-7690 for info.

**Concert** — "Live in Missoula," featuring The Los Hermanos Brothers, 7-8 p.m., UC Commons, free.

**Concert** — Cory Heydon plays folk and rock 'n' roll, 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Rhino Pub.

**Meeting** — MontPIRG general interest meeting, 5 p.m., UC Montana Rooms.

**Lecture Series** — "Livin' Large While Livin' in the City: Reducing Urban Dwellers' Reliance on Precious Resources," 7 p.m., Union Hall Room 2, 208 E. Main, call 721-5420 for info.

**Meeting** — ASUM Senate, 6 p.m., UC Mount Sentinel Room.

**Women's Studies** — Brown Bag Lunch Series, noon, LA 138, free.

**Drama Production** — "The Children's Hour," 7:30 p.m., Masquer Theatre, PAR/TV Center, \$7/students and \$8/general, call 243-4581 for info.

**Lecture** — "Economic Restructuring and Transformation in the Rocky Mountain West," 7:30 p.m., Milwaukee Station, free.

### Thursday, March 26

**Work Abroad** — Career Services offers summer and short-term work abroad, 4:10-4:45 p.m., LA 305.

**Parent's Book Club** — Led by Amy Rubin, brown bag lunch from noon-1:30 p.m., Families First, 407 E.

Main, call 721-7690 for info.

**Presentation** — "Drug and Alcohol Primer for Parents," given by Dudley Dana, PhD, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Families First, 407 E. Main, call 721-7690 for info.

**Philosophy Forum** — "Antigone: The Tomb of Perseverance," 3:40-5 p.m., Law Building 202, free.

**Public Panel Discussion** — Aspects of capital punishment cases, 7 p.m., Law Building 202.

**Meeting** — Festival of Cycles volunteer planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall, call 243-5082 for info.

**Meetings** — General interest meetings on "Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll!" 10:10-10:30 a.m. in Social Sciences 352, 2:10-2:30 p.m. in LA 203, and 6:10-6:30 p.m. in LA 203.

### Friday, March 27

**Family Night** — Includes dancing with the Missoula Folklore Society, call 721-7690 to pre-register.

**Club UC** — 7 p.m., UC Commons, free.

**Design Competition** — Kim Williams Trail Run T-shirt design competition, \$50 prize awarded to the winning design, turn in by March 30th to the Student Wellness Office, call 243-2809 for info.

**Interview Announcement** — State trooper, all majors, sign up for interviews in Lodge 148.



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## Around the Oval

If you were a porno star, what would your name be?



Angela Robertson, a junior in business management, would call herself Mama Sita Lucia.



Senior communications major Barrett Kaiser thinks that the name Leonardo DiCaprio would get him the most tips in the porn industry.



Junior Chris Coghlan would be the first economics major porn star. He would call himself Cogasaurus.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Recycling alternatives for glass bottles

Dear Editor,

For some time now I have been concerned about there being no glass recycling available on campus. A lot of glass

gets thrown away every day. About half of the drinks for sale in the UC Market and in the Cascade Country Store are sold in glass bottles.

I have learned the only glass recycling option is to pay a fee of Missoula Valley Recycling per pick-up, and this glass is ground up and trucked 900

miles to Denver. I believe this is not a very sound alternative since glass, being very heavy, requires a lot of gas to truck it and this creates a lot of wear on both the wheels and the roads.

There are many things ground, post-consumer glass can be used in. Some include: asphalt mixtures (glass-phalt), brick, building materials, counter tops, decorative concrete blocks, Fiberglas insulation, glass, tiles, gravel mixtures and sanding roads.

I believe that manufacturing glass is environmentally better than plastics, which involve a lot more toxins. But for now I have made an effort to buy less glass since the only place to put it is in the landfill. With all these alternatives for post-consumer glass, why isn't Missoula using any of them?

Sincerely,  
Karen Bush  
junior, environmental studies

## Approaching asteroid should hale reform

Dear Editor,

On Wednesday night and Thursday morning, National Public Radio broadcasted an alarming news story. In December University of Arizona astronomers discovered an asteroid one mile wide with an orbit path that will cross very close to Earth on October 26, 2028. Calculations made in the last several weeks indicate that the asteroid will come within 30,000 miles of Earth, plus or minus 200,000 miles. In other words, the asteroid could hit Earth.

Earth's diameter is approximately 7,960 miles. If the prediction is correct, the asteroid will miss Earth by 3 3/4 diameters. Think of it as a random bullet hitting someone four people over you or 29 people over. Very shocking, and more so if it hits you. The report stated that in 2002 the asteroid will pass close to the earth, allowing astronomers to narrow the prediction of the asteroid's orbit.

What if Earth is hit by this asteroid? UM Geology Professor Dave Alt, who has studied asteroid impacts at great length, would thoroughly con-

vince you that such impacts are to be greatly feared. Nuclear detonations are small firecrackers in comparison to energy released from even a modestly sized asteroid. The physical effects of an impact include hypersonic rock shrapnel, instant volcanism, resonating earthquakes with millions of times the energy of recorded earthquakes, worldwide tidal waves, widespread fires, a dust cloud that would enshroud the earth for days, generation of acid rain, a severe greenhouse effect lasting for an indefinite period of time and worldwide weather extremes.

What effects would an impact or even an impending impact have on human life? If observations made in 2002 determine that the asteroid will hit the earth, calculations will also determine which half of the earth will be exposed directly to the impact. Undoubtedly there would be a mass exodus from exposed regions. Mass immigration could easily result in global conflict. Long before the impact, stock exchanges and currency markets worldwide would experience chaos. The value of property and certain businesses would be inflated beyond imagination in "safer" regions with the opposite happening along coastlines and areas "in the line of fire." Our ordered process of government and business could be obliterated by anarchy.

If the asteroid is on a collision course with Earth, the crisis will be mankind's greatest challenge, demanding worldwide cooperation to attempt to redirect the asteroid and prepare for survival of an impact and order before, during and after the impact. To meet that challenge, our society would have to set new priorities and embrace a higher set of values. Materialism and modern economics and social structure are petty in comparison with an eminent extinction. The values for survival of humanity would need to focus on ingenuity, efficiency, discipline, participation, sacrifice, unity, tolerance, fairness and compassion. If a majority of the world were to survive, there would be no room for the counterproductive institutions of our society such as bureaucracy (politicians), litigation (lawyers), divisiveness, laziness, greed, power lust and isolationism. Depending on where the asteroid would hit, the greatest of nations would dominate, but would it take care of the least of nations? A higher set of values would need to be adopted, or else wealth would remain the scale of justice and only the rich and ruthless survive. Without the order of a higher set of values, humanity would be destroyed before the asteroid hits.

Life in the U.S. is pretty rosy now, so rosy that it is easy to dismiss this very startling news as a bad dream or possibly part of a movie-promotion stunt. Astronomers cannot be bought that cheap. The astronomers, physicists and geologists who study asteroids and asteroid impacts do not care much about anything outside their science. Since they are different crea-

tures than the rest of us, we ought to pay attention. We, the people, should not lose our heads in fear; nor should we bury them in the sand. The year 2002 will tell us more. While we are waiting, it is time to start building resolve for better values. Do we really want another Titanic built without enough lifeboats? The resolve for the unity, justice and peace needed to survive this potential crisis must come from the people. We cannot leave it to our corrupt leaders. Our leaders actually reflect ourselves and change can only be expected when we tolerate our own corruption no more.

Chad Lee

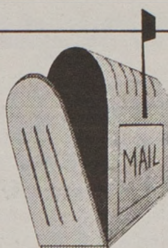
## Fund drive for glass

Dear Editor,

I am writing this editorial as a representative of the Environmental Organizing Semester (E.O.S.), a class sponsored by the university and the nonprofit organization Green Corps. Presently we are working on a class fund-raising project that is targeted at beginning a local recycling program. Although Missoula already has a program in place, it is not environmentally or economically efficient. The program that is in place at present is shipping all of its glass over 900 miles to a recycling center out of state. My main concern with this program is that it isn't worth the time, energy and fuel that is spent for a couple truckloads of glass. The students of the E.O.S. have recognized this concern and are presently raising funds to create a local solution to this problem. We hope to raise enough money to help create a start-up fund so the entire community will be able to recycle their glass within Missoula County. One of the options that has been explored is the possibility of transporting the glass to one of three local subsurface-layer of roads, backfill around the foundation of houses and the reflective material seen on streets. These are only but a few of the over 20 applications which can be used for recycled post-consumer glass.

Presently we are contacting local businesses to see if they are interested in donating funds or helping us out with advertising for our event. We ask all students and citizens of Missoula to be on a close lookout for the bucket drive we will be sponsoring on the days of March 25 and 26. With the help of the community we believe we will be able to easily achieve the goal we have set. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the E.O.S. at 243-6185.

Sincerely,  
John R. Plate



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## UM proposes to refinance bond

Tom Greene  
Kaimin Reporter

Hoping to take advantage of a 20-year low in interest rates, UM is proposing a plan to refinance a \$50 million bond that would help pay for a new parking lot, computer equipment and UC renovations.

UM is seeking authority from the Board of Regents for the issuance of a new bond that would replace a bond issued in 1995, when interest rates were less favorable.

Jim Todd, vice president of administration and finance, said that at the time the 1995 bond was issued, the administration was under time constraints for financing several projects and had to accept the 1995 interest rate of 6.5 percent. Now administrators say the university is hoping to refinance the bond at around 4.8 percent, but not above 5.5 percent.

"We thought we were in a good bond environment then, but it's even better now," said Todd. "Right now is a 20-year historic low in interest rates."

The new bond will tentatively finance several projects including computing equipment for all campuses, a parking structure, a child care facility and UC remodeling. Task forces have been assigned to these and other projects for further review.

"There is still an awful lot of work that needs to be done on the projects," said Todd. "No tax monies can be involved and each project must be self-supporting."

Todd said that there is still room for other projects if they fulfill the requirements and there is enough interest. The university is seeking authorization to proceed with planning at the regents' meeting Thursday and Friday in Havre. Final authorization for the bond would be made in late May.

### The Projects

UM proposes to use the proceeds of the Series E 1998 bond issue to refinance the Series B 1995 bonds and to finance the following projects:

#### Project Budget

<i>The University of Montana (all campuses)</i>	
Computing Equipment	\$5 million
<i>The University of Montana, Missoula</i>	
Parking Structure	\$12.5 million
Child Care Facility	\$2.3 million
Phase II, University Center Remodeling	\$3.6 million
Family Housing Renovation	\$2 million
Academic and Career Resource Center	\$2 million
Replacement, Dornblaser Stadium	\$1.2 million
Information Technology Resource Center	\$475,000
Renovations, Washington/Grizzly Stadium	\$500,000
<i>Montana Tech of The University of Montana</i>	
Family Housing	\$4 million
Phase II, Student Union Building	\$1 million
<i>Western Montana College of The University of Montana</i>	
Land Acquisition	\$145,000
<i>Helena College of Technology of The University of Montana</i>	
Residence Hall	\$4 million
<b>Summary Totals</b>	
Refinancing	\$7.6 million
Other Projects	\$38.72 million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46.32 million</b>

-Tom Greene

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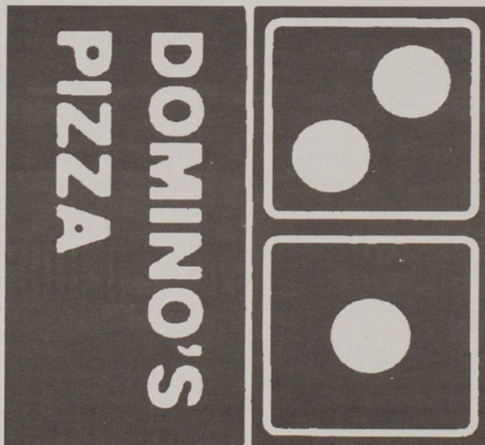


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## Of laser beams and stranger things

**Kim Skornogoski**  
*Kaimin Reporter*

March 9, 12:40 p.m.

### Injured Squirrels —

Someone reported three baby squirrels had fallen from a tree near the Math Building, and they had "attracted a crowd." When UM Police arrived, they were unable to locate the squirrels.

March 13, 10 p.m., 10:13 p.m., 11:34 p.m.

### Possible Drug Use —

UM Police cited 10 people from three different dorms with possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia. A multi-colored bowl was found in a Miller Hall room and police cited the resident with possession of dangerous paraphernalia. In Aber Hall, students were cited with minor in possession of alcohol, minor in possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of dangerous drugs. In Jesse Hall, four students were charged with possession of dangerous paraphernalia and one with possession of dangerous drugs.

Police said the incidents could have been triggered because students were just finishing midterms.

## POLICE BLOTTER

March 14, 10:36 a.m.

**Theft** — A woman reported that a student custodian had stolen her CD player from a fourth-floor women's restroom. Police arrested the suspect and returned the CD player to the owner.

March 21, 1:21 a.m.

**Obscene Call** — UM Police received an obscene phone call from a University Villages emergency phone. The person who answered the phone thought the caller sounded like an adult male trying to disguise his voice. No one was at the phone when the police arrived.

March 21, 4:28 p.m.

**Offensive Conduct** — A woman reported to police

that a blue pickup truck with nude pictures "plastered all over the windows" regularly parked outside her apartment in University Villages. The officer noticed that the truck did have nude pictures hanging from the rear view mirror. Police contacted the owner, who told the officer that he was just visiting and would take his truck home shortly.

March 22, 2:53 a.m.

**Dead Rat** — Residents in University Villages reported a large, dead rat in a trap in a hole behind their home. Police told the residents that the University Villages office would take care of both the rat and the hole.

March 22, 8:59 p.m.

**Mischiefous Behavior** — A man reported that he had been hit in the eyes with a red laser beam coming out of Aber Hall. He said the light had come from the hallway window of the top floor. An officer found the man with the "laser pointer" and asked him to be more careful.

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# Sports

## Griz win in near-stormy season, look for victorious tour next year

**Ben Harwood**  
Kaimin Sports Editor

When NAIA doormat Simon Fraser walked out of Dahlberg Arena victorious after the Grizzly men's basketball season opener last fall, the groans could be heard across Montana.

Added to this was a preseason laced with off-court distractions and the sudden departures of three players before the start of Big Sky Conference play. Fans of the defending Big Sky Tournament champions were bracing themselves for a long season. A season with a dark cloud on the horizon.

But the storm never materialized. Despite the early setbacks, despite having just one senior on the team, the undermanned Grizzlies regrouped to finish 9-8 in conference play, 16-14 overall.

Keep in mind that three of those losses came to NCAA Tournament teams, including a 70-58 drop to eventual Sweet Sixteen member Valparaiso.

Not bad for the team many fans gave up on after the loss to Simon Fraser and an 0-3 conference start.

Obviously, losses didn't highlight the season, but through some defeats returning Grizzlies gave fans a glimpse of the future.

In the late-season loss to Eastern Washington, sophomore guard Mike Warhank set a new school record with nine 3-pointers, en route to 33 points.

After a slow start, All-Big Sky junior guard J.R. Camel continued his assault on the all-time Big Sky steals list.

Playing in his first full season, junior center Bob Olson had his moments, including an 18-point, 11-rebound perfor-

mance against Montana State in the regular-season finale.

Junior forward Mat Seidensticker played significant minutes and freshman forward Jared Buckmaster hinted with his hustle and range that he could be the best player in the conference two years from now.

Compared to 1997-98's season of rebuilding, the Grizzlies will boast a solid returning core for 1998-99 when they move into Sentinel's gym.

To graduation, UM loses just Ryan Dick — not that the loss will be insignificant.

Through the pain of playing on a deteriorating left knee, the former walk-on from Missoula finished an inspiring senior season, culminating with an All-Big Sky honorable mention.

His loss, along with the departures of Robbie Christiaens, Don Carter and Jim Roban, leaves three scholarships available for next season (7-foot, 205-lb. Erik Waldemar, from Beaverhead County High School, already signed with the Griz last fall).

With a newly renovated arena coming in time for the 1999-2000 season, along with a statewide publicity campaign slated for next year featuring games in Cut Bank, Billings and Butte, the focus appears to be winning, not rebuilding.

And for the short term, that means signing junior-college transfers.

"We return a good nucleus with our junior class," said head coach Blaine Taylor. "But we don't need to bring in a bunch of 17-year-old redshirts to mix with those guys. We need to bring some guys that are a little bit older that have a chance to help right away."

## Football hits spring practice

Metal cleats have replaced the melted snow on UM's riverbowl as spring practice officially began for the Grizzly football team on Monday.

On offense, quarterback Brian Ah Yat leads a solid core of returning lettermen. The 1996 Big Sky Co-MVP and Payton Award runner-up Ah Yat is joined by three-time lettermen wide receivers Justin Olsen and Raul Pacheco and two-time letter-winning receivers Jeremy Watkins and Travis Walker. Sophomore receiver Jim Ferris is also expected to compete at the position.

On the offensive line, returning starters include Randy Allik, Paul Mocko, Scott Curry and Leif Thorson.

On the other side of the ball, Kelley Bryant and Eric Buehler return to the defensive line. In the backfield, Chris Colvin and Justin Gaines return to the cornerback spots.

However, only one linebacker — Marcus Wilson — returns, creating heavy competition for the remaining starting spots.

"I think the linebacker spots are all spots based on loss to graduation where we have some concerns," said head coach Mick Dennehy. "Because the guys who are going to be playing there are pretty young."

One of the key linebackers from the past three years was number 37 Jason Crebo, who will be lost to graduation. In his place, sophomore linebacker Andy Petek will be entrusted with 37, following the likes of Tim Hauck, Todd Erickson and Crebo.

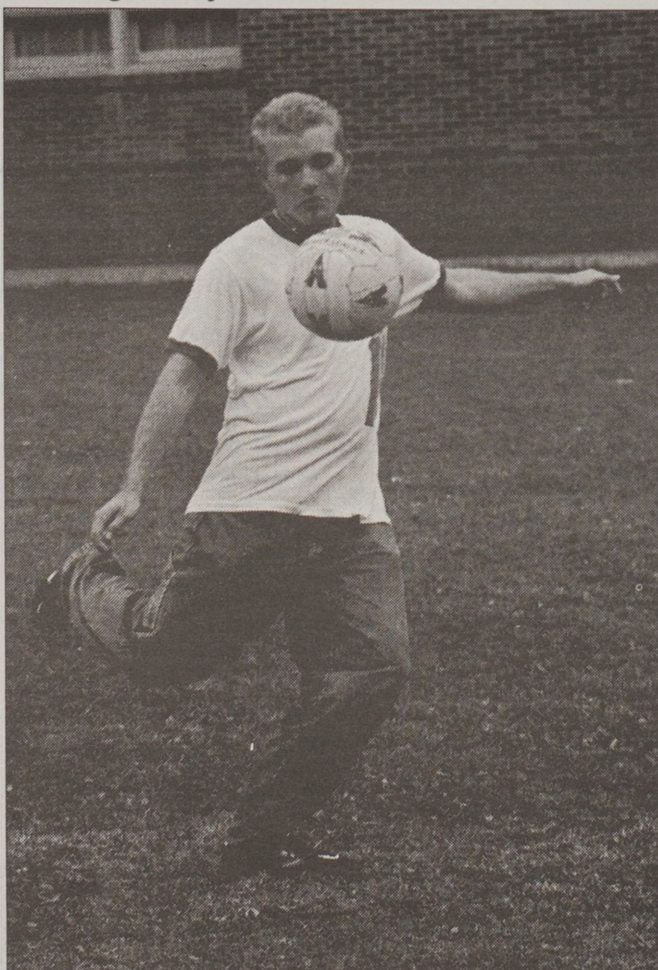
Although a few Grizzlies are still recovering from off-season surgeries, Dennehy reports the team is healthy, adding that he's noticed an improvement from winter weight-lifting sessions.

For Dennehy, spring practices are vital to prepare for the fall season.

"Even though in some cases we have the preconceived ideas as to who our starters are going to be, those players are usually young. ... It makes it a huge time just in terms of evaluation."

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# Story of a season: Slow start, proud finish for Lady Griz

**Kevin Van Valkenburg**  
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The end of the 1997-98 season might not have produced all smiles for the Lady Griz, but it definitely saw them holding their heads high.

Doubters early on were quick to criticize Montana after a few losses, and a 5-4 start had everyone wondering what was wrong.

But 13 wins later, you could hardly hear a peep.

"We weathered people thinking we were struggling when we actually weren't," said head coach Robin Selvig. "I'm real proud of the fact that this team had high standards and achieved a

lot."

Idaho State and Montana State looked to contend early, but with easy victories over both it was clear that only one team would challenge Montana, and that was Northern Arizona.

NAU provided some drama with a big 85-75 victory over UM in Flagstaff, giving both teams only one loss, and putting pressure on the Lady Griz to win out if they wanted to extend the life of Dahlberg Arena by three days.

The Lady Griz were game, picking up wins over Cal State-Northridge and the hated MSU Bobcats to bring the tournament home.

NAU challenged again,

but with a tough championship victory over the

"I'm real proud of the fact that this team had high standards and achieved a lot."

— Robin Selvig,  
Lady Griz head coach

Lumberjacks led by Angella Bieber, Montana learned it was Florida-bound to take on the powerful Lady Gators in a first-round NCAA matchup.

Florida proved a bit too

much as an 85-64 loss ended UM's season, but Montana's effort can be in no way summarized by their loss to Florida.

- Skyla Sisco, perhaps the best point guard ever to play at Montana or in the Big Sky, capped off a stellar career by becoming the all-time assist leader in Big Sky history. Her leadership, intensity, drive and class is something few Montana fans will ever forget.
- Senior Dawn Sackman deserves a mention. Without the hustle, defense, and effort of this unsung hero, Montana would have never accomplished as much as it did.
- Youth was groomed a

bit, as sophomores Linda Weyler, Linda Cummings, Megan Harrington and Lauren Cooper all made big contributions, and Krista Redpath will bring her effective inside game back next year.

In the end it was the image of Sisco, the constant warrior being embraced by teammates after she had worn her number 12 for the last time, that will stick with many of us forever.

"More so than anything, the few times we did lose, we did it with class," said Sisco, looking back. "We shook hands and held our heads high. I wouldn't trade playing here for anything in the world."

## Lady Griz 5, Lady Gators 0; coolness scale favors Montana

**Nate Schweber**  
Kaimin Sports Imposter

Sports fans bear with me. I play the sousaphone in the UM pep band and the only reason I got to jet down to Florida to see the Lady Griz take on the Florida Lady Gators is because I can proficiently buzz my lips.

I watch games from a unique perspective that would not be classified as a "sportish" one. I know the Lady Griz officially lost, but from my non-sporty perspective, I'd never have guessed. In fact, judging by my personal "coolness" scale, there's no question that the Lady Griz and their entourage completely annihilated Florida. Here's my proof:

**OUR FANS WERE COOLER** — For most of the game, I swear it, the tinkle of the diehard Griz fans out-amplified the dull roar of Gator fans.

On top of that, the Gator attendance in the enormo-Gatorbubble-dome was paltry considering their locale. With perennial spring break-land Daytona Beach an hour away, I

think it's pretty sad Gatorpeople couldn't drag themselves away from the coast for the game.

**OUR CHEERLEADERS AND DANCERS WERE COOLER** — No matter how high the sun, it has never been hotter in Florida than when the UM dance squad did their button-popping bump-and-grind routine during halftime. Boo-yah!

**OUR MASCOT WAS COOLER** — Our mascot stomped, thrashed, shadowboxed and rah-rahed the crowd into a shark-like frenzy. An explosive performer all the way through his final game in the bear suit, Scott Stiegler ended his career in heroic fashion.

True Story: I learned from Stiegler that good mascots are never allowed to speak from their costume. As I strutted around the band section, though, Florida's "girly-green-gator" walked up to me, pressed her fuzzy, red gator lips up to my right ear and a voice from inside the mask said, "Sit 'cho wiggle-butt down!"

**OUR PEP BAND WAS COOLER** — (Perhaps this is where my personal bias comes into play.) Not only did we play better tunes, but we had WAY more style. From the silver and black varnished nails to the dancing, waving and screaming (which is rumored to have been the cause for several missed free throws by the Gators), we pep banders commanded more than our share of attention. I personally blew kisses to fans in every corner of the arena, had dozens of kids dancing with me and signed about 30 autographs. (Factoid: a few pep band members snuck into the 82,000-seat football stadium after dark and yours truly belted out "Brown Sugar" and retraced Mick Jagger's exact steps from the Rolling Stones concert there in 1994.)

**OUR TEAM WAS COOLER** — Even in defeat the Lady Griz had more poise and character than the Gators. From Skyla Sisco breaking down at the end of the game and being embraced by her teammates, to Krista Redpath's intense determination, the Lady Griz were a class act all the way.

## Gators bite UM in 1st rd

A trip out east for the first round of the NCAA Women's Tournament sent the Lady Griz home with a small case of Gator bite.

The Florida Gator leaned on nearly flawless 61 percent shooting to outlast Montana 85-64 last week.

"I thought this year's team was as good as any we've had," said head coach Robin Selvig. "We ended up with a tough draw in the NCAA's but I don't think it takes away from what we accomplished this season."

Senior guard Skyla Sisco closed out her career at UM with 14 points and six assists, and Linda Cummings added 15 points for Montana.

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