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UM-MSU tuition hike considered

COLLEGE CHOICE: Regional schools and colleges of technology favored by new tuition plan

Paige Parker
Kaimin Reporter

The Board of Regents agreed Friday to discuss a plan that, if approved, could raise Montana resident tuition at the UM and MSU, while lowering the tuition of Montana residents at the state regional schools and colleges of technology.

If the proposed plan is eventually passed, UM students could see tuition go from the \$2,167 charged residents this year to \$2,458 five years from now. Students at the Missoula College of Technology stand to see their tuition drop from \$1,841 to \$1,110 over the same five year period.

The UM and MSU increases would be on top of any annual tuition increase the board approves. Last year, tuition went up an average of 6.5 percent university system-wide.

The goal of the proposed plan is to give students a financial incentive to choose the smaller regional schools and colleges of technology over the major four-year universities, Commissioner of Higher

Education Dick Crofts said. If the plan is eventually approved by the board, 60 percent of Montana students will see an increase in tuition.

Currently, tuition at the Montana colleges of technology is some of the highest in the nation, Crofts said.

UM Provost Robert Kindrick said it is common for states to charge higher tuition at the larger four-year universities than at the technology schools and regional institutions.

"This would bring Montana more into line with the national profile," Kindrick said.

Some of the regents voiced concern that a plan like this could price middle-class Montana students out of a four-year university education, or drive students out of state.

Crofts said that about one-third of graduating Montana high school seniors choose to go to school out of state now. He said this is slightly above the national average.

ASUM President Barrett Kaiser ASUM said that he hasn't decided whether or not to support the plan, and that he would be meeting with UM President George Dennison to discuss how the proposal may affect UM students.

play that funky washboard...



John Locher/Kaimin

John Hendrix, aka "Washboard Pork", jams away at the Testical Festival last Saturday. "I love this thing with all of my heart" says Hendrix of his washboard. For more on last weekend's Testical Festival at Rock Creek, turn to page 6.

Market turmoil hinders foreign students

WORLD MARKET: UM helps students complete education

Matt Gouras
Kaimin Reporter

UM student Grundhe Fjeldheim from Norway had been watching the Norwegian kroner slide for days when he decided it was time to pay his tuition before things got worse. But after paying the bill, the bouncing currency markets unpredictably sent the kroner back up.

"If I had just waited a little while, I would have saved 300 or 400 dollars," he said.

Fjeldheim's money issues are symptomatic of those faced by other foreign students, who because of troubles in world financial markets, are finding it difficult to afford their American educations.

The recent volatility in world exchange rates has forced some foreign students at UM to pay as much as 50 percent more to get enough U.S. dollars for tuition, according to the UM financial aid office.

For some students, that kind of increase is just too much.

"We had no new students

from Russia, for instance, this year and I assume it's because of this international situation," said Foreign Student Office Director Effie Koehn.

The ruble has dropped 60 percent against the dollar since the middle of August, according to a Yahoo! financial page.

Meanwhile, Asian financial troubles have significantly cut into the number of new students coming to UM from that region. In past years, UM could expect as many as a dozen new students from Malaysia. This year there were none.

"It is just too expensive for new students from some countries to plan for an entire education over here," Koehn said.

To combat this, some UM foreign students have been registering for as many as 25 credits to graduate sooner and minimize their tuition



Heather Miller/Kaimin

Grundhe Fjeldheim

bills, Koehn said.

But UM has also been active in trying to keep its cur

rent group of foreign students, applying for loans and grants for students from the few national organizations that provide such relief. All but five foreign students who applied for the aid received some assistance, said Koehn.

The economic situation of some foreign students often requires that they borrow money from wherever they can find it, Koehn said.

Generally, those students who converted to the dollar earlier last summer have been OK, while those who

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University system funding not a sure thing

TAXES: 6-mill levy's success hinges on voter awareness

Paige Parker
Kaimin Reporter

For the first time in recent memory, some higher education officials are worried that the 6-mill levy that funds Montana's colleges and universities may not pass.

In the past, the approval of the levy by Montana voters every ten years was almost a foregone conclusion. But supporters of the levy are having a hard time raising enough money to advertise it because of an initiative passed two years ago that prohibits corporations and foundations from giving money to fund ballot issues.

UM Provost Robert Kindrick said he believes that as long as Montanans are aware of what the levy pays for, and that it won't raise their property taxes, the levy will pass.

If the levy fails to gain the support of voters, it could cost the Montana University System \$140 million over 10 years, and that could mean cutting programs and jobs from Montana higher educa-

tion or limiting student access, Commissioner of Higher Education Dick Crofts said.

"If it doesn't pass and we lose that amount of money it would have disastrous consequences for us," Crofts said.

And ASUM's leadership fears that one of these consequences could be an increase in tuition of up to 25 percent. ASUM has organized a voter registration drive in the hopes of increasing support for the levy.

"We want to make sure it passes so our tuition stays at normal levels," Jess Kobos, political action director for ASUM, said.

It is important for Montana voters to realize this is not a new property tax, Kindrick said, but a continuation of a tax that has been supported by voters for 50 years. Approving the levy would not raise taxes for Montana property owners, he added.

According to the Committee to Keep the 6-mill Levy, the levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$23 per year. This represents 1.5 percent of a property owner's taxes.

OPINION

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Regents' proposal unfair to all Montana schools

EDITORIAL: Tuition changes hurt UM students' pocket books, COT's reputation

During the past few years, UM has made great strides toward improving facilities and attracting a larger and more diverse student body to campus. And now its students are going to pay for it.

The state Board of Regents last week discussed a proposal that would increase tuition at Montana's two largest college campuses—UM and MSU—while cutting student fees at Montana's smaller four-year schools and two-year technical schools.

Why? Because not enough students are coming to the smaller schools.

In an effort to push in-state students toward the so-called satellite campuses, UM and MSU could see a tuition increase of 3 percent, while smaller campuses would pay 4 percent less tuition. Two-year technical schools, such as UM's College of Technology, would see a tuition drop of between 14 percent and 18 percent.

Students who opt for school in Missoula or Bozeman should not be punished because they want to study in state-of-the-art facilities under the guidance of a first-class faculty.

When the satellite program was initiated, it was done as a streamlining measure to combine services and costs, and allow for a smoother flow of information and resources among the schools. Proponents argued it was definitely not an attempt to financially hitch a corps of smaller schools onto the larger campuses. But, with this proposal, that view has obviously changed.

And then there is the perception, enabled by cheapening the tuition at smaller schools, that they are second-class institutions. In the open market, pricing such as that the Board of Regents is considering, is done with yesterday's batch of donuts or milk approaching its "sell by" date. But is it how a state should market its institutes of higher learning?

Granted, the smaller schools do not have the resources to vastly change their scope or overhaul their systems in an effort to attract more students. But what about the things they do have?

At Montana Tech in Butte is one of the most respected engineering programs in the Northwest. In Dillon, a quality education program. At the state's technology campuses, programs from computer information to accounting to diesel mechanics. These are not second-rate programs, so why bill them as such?

If enrollment is down, institute a policy that promotes the effectiveness of these programs, instead of one that taints them as providers of a "bargain basement" education.

The proposal is good for neither side. Literally, it puts an unwarranted burden on students at the state's biggest campuses, while figuratively it relegates Montana's smaller institutions to an educational slop trough.

It will certainly provide cheap educations. But should Montana's students want one?

-Thomas Mullen

Wallace leaves legacy of acceptance and change

By Josh Roiland
Dakota Student (U North Dakota)

(U-WIRE) GRAND FORKS, N.D.—Former Alabama Governor and presidential candidate George Wallace died last Sunday in Montgomery, Ala. Wallace was praised by some as being an honest and forthright politician. He was also reviled as one of the most hated and evil men, by black and white alike, during the uneasy and tumultuous 1960s and '70s.

The fact that a man who proclaimed, "Segregation now. Segregation tomorrow. Segregation forever," at his 1963 inaugural address was elected governor four times (1962, 1970, 1974 and 1982) is telling of the ignorance and hatred that pervaded this country.

On the ticket of the conservative American Independent Party, Wallace ran for president in 1968 on the premise that he believed and cared for the working class American. As long as they were white, no doubt. Wallace garnered 13 percent of the vote, in '68 and won five southern states.

Thirteen percent of all the people who voted in 1968 believed that a racist man belonged in the White House. How wrong was this?

Others, though, did not believe in Wallace or his facade of caring for the working class. They saw the truth;

a hateful man who believed whites were superior to blacks. A man who believed that whites should not even have to associate with blacks to the extent that he created separate, but (un)equal facilities for the two. A man who went so far as to bring the national guard into Montgomery to try to prevent the integration of African-American students into the University of Alabama.

Wallace was shot and paralyzed during his unsuccessful bid for the presiden-

I believe he did change, and so did many other Americans.

This was evident after his death on Sunday when so many people, white and black, filed passed his casket that was placed in the rotunda of Montgomery's capital building for people to pay their last respects.

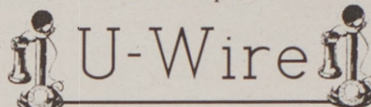
The fact that this man, who was hated by so many—for good reason I might add—was being paid tribute after his death is a testament to the forgiving character of this country. A man changed, and America changed with him.

I am not saying that racism and discrimination do not exist in America, or that they are not as bad as they once were. That ugliness still exists, maybe even more so today.

But for those who still live in a world of hate and disgust, I ask them to look at George Wallace. A far-from-perfect man admitting he was wrong and changing for the better.

Better yet, look at the American people: A society of diversity, accepting a man's mistakes and welcoming his change.

A message we all could stand to learn.



cy again in 1972. This may have been the beginning of a change for Wallace.

By 1978, Wallace had renounced his former segregationist views and apologized to the black community. He even got Coretta Scott King to endorse his successful gubernatorial candidacy in 1982.

The widow of Martin Luther King Jr. was now endorsing the man who was ready to use force to keep blacks from attending a university.

Wallace had come a long way, or had he?

Had Wallace truly changed or was it all a political ploy? Another public relations front?

Mr. Gnu



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Around the Oval

Question: Did you watch President Clinton's testimony, and if so, what did you think of it?



"I haven't watched it. I think it's a diversion from serious issues. We (Americans) prefer diversion to real news."

Holly Truit
Senior, Anthropology



"Clinton? Clinton scandal? Who's Clinton? What happened to Reagan and the Iran-Contra? The CIA's responsible for this, aren't they?"

Tara Horn
Sopb., Anthropology



"I'm going to watch it, and I think that someone with no moral character like that shouldn't have the presidency. He's a liar."

Kelly Packer

OPINION

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Letters to the Editor

AWR thanks EAC, UM students

Alliance for the Wild Rockies would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all the students who put in many, many volunteer hours at this year's Wild Rockies Rendezvous at the Teller Wildlife Refuge. It is very encouraging to see this type of passionate commitment to grassroots organizations such as ours. A special thanks to the Environmental Action Community (EAC) for showing of young people at that event. Many "old timers" and our esteemed speakers commented to us on how thrilled they were to see young folks getting involved in these important conservation issues. This is a credit to the student community and the university programs that foster this type of passion and caring. Thanks again, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely for the wild,
The staff at Alliance for the Wild Rockies

MontPIRG voices student concerns

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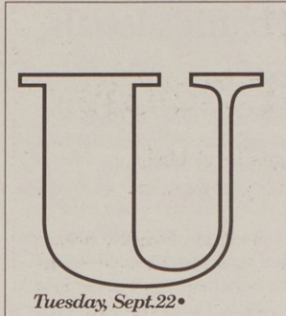
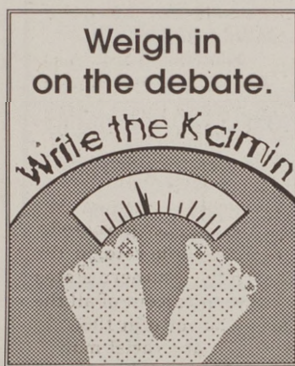
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MontPIRG works to protect the environment, protect consumers, and advocate good government responsibility. If you would like to join one of the most active groups on campus, come to our general interest meeting on Monday, September 28th, at 5p.m. on the third floor of the University Center. Not only can you work for something you believe in, but you can have fun doing it and gain great experience as well!

So, come find out what MontPIRG can do for you. If you can't make the general interest meeting, stop by or offices in Corbin Hall 360 and

363. Also, starting October 6, our meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 5p.m. in the UC. I hope to see you there - everyone is welcome!

SeraE. Garber
MontPIRG Board
Member and Intern, Senior,
Resource Conservation



Tuesday, Sept. 22

Volleyball — Lady Griz vs. Gonzaga, 7p.m., Loyola Ram Activity Center.

Faculty Recital — soprano Anne Basinski, 7:30p.m, Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$5/general, \$3/students and senior citizens.

College Democrat Meeting — Dusty Deschamps will address UM College Democrats and other interested students, 3rd floor UC, 6p.m. For more info call Julie Williams at 728-1130.

Montana Archaeology Week Lecture — "Missoula Historic Architecture," 7:30p.m., by Jim McDonald, Social Science Building, room 356.

Peace Potluck: International Conflict Resolution Conference — at the University Congregational Church, 401 University Avenue, 6:30p.m.,

please bring a dish to share or \$3. The program begins at 7:30p.m, attendance is free. Call the Jeanette Rankin PeaceResource Center at 543-3955 for more info.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Buttered Toast Society — Live poetry, at The Black Soup Bistro, 6:30-9p.m., second floor of the UC. For more info call Josh Grenz at 549-5237.

UM Table Tennis Club — every Wednesday at 6p.m., the UC gameroom. All skill levels welcome.

Overeaters Anonymous — every Wednesday, 12:10p.m-1p.m., UC, room 222

Women's Studies brown bag lunch — "Student Health Services Response to Sexual Violence: A Look at SARS and Health Education/PROS," by Keri Moran, SARS coordinator, and Janae Westover, PRO advocate trainer, noon, Liberal Arts Building, room 138, free.

The Western Council of Unions Meeting — invites all state workers to attend, 7p.m., Union Hall-210 W. Main St., 2 guest speakers: Don Judge, executive director of AFLCIO, and Harry Fritz, former MT legislator & UM Faculty- history department.

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Montana News

Bigfork shooting baffles locals; suspect still at large

BIGFORK (AP) — Detectives say the shooter of Bigfork businessmen Robert Myers apparently was calm and deliberate, but acquaintances of Myers are baffled about why. "He is a nice guy, lovable," said Myers' minister. "All the kids love Bob."

The critically wounded man was reported in stable condition Monday, a day after an unidentified man approached him in a church parking lot, shot him in the head and drove away in a blue car.

Flathead County Undersheriff Chuck Curry said Myers, 60, was hit with a single shotgun blast while waiting in his car for his wife, Patricia, after services at the Little Brown Alliance Church north of Bigfork.

Myers was treated at the scene by members of the Bigfork Quick Response Unit, then taken by ambulance to Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He underwent nearly eight hours of surgery to reconstruct the side of his face and was in the intensive-care unit, his daughter-in-law Clara Coats said. Coats said doctors have told the family there is no brain damage, but that Myers may lose his left eye and will require several more surgeries.

National News

Sex, lies, and videotape; Americans glued to TVs

(AP) — Some said they were embarrassed for the president, or weary of yet more lurid detail, or disgusted by the whole affair — but woe to anyone who tried to change the channel.

"You can't not watch this," said Andy King, 23, as he sat watching President Clinton's grand jury testimony in a TV lounge at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. "It's on the front page of every newspaper. It's on every station. It is historical."

And so Americans watched, and passed judgment. There were few surprises in the footage of Clinton's testimony about his affair with Monica Lewinsky. But it wasn't what Clinton said so much as how he said it that many people noticed.

Attorney Bill Schwartz tuned in while exercising at a health club in Sacramento, Calif. The sound was off, so the 52-year-old Schwartz observed Clinton's demeanor with an attorney's eye. He didn't like what he saw.

"I think he blinks a lot," Schwartz said. "I think he's uncooperative, he's squirming. He's a nightmare witness."

Galina Lyons, 45, a civil service secretary, watched Clinton at the airport in Norfolk, Va. She said the president looked like "he was trying to get out of it."

At one point, she walked away from the TV screen in disgust.

"When the guy asked him was his statement utterly true, and he said 'It depends on what your definition of 'is' is, that was it," she said. "I can't watch anymore."

Some viewers thought Clinton held up well under the unrelenting questions posed by prosecutors off-screen.

"I can't make a final judgment about whether he's lying, but he looks good," said Mark Croston, 39, a Baptist pastor from Suffolk, Va. "He seems calm, perhaps a little irritated because the guy keeps asking him the same questions over and over. His eyes are clear, focused."

International News

Rice reward for ridding rats; bounty for dead Philippine rodents

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Officials in the southern Philippines are offering residents 2 pounds of rice for every 10 rats killed in an attempt to curb costly crop damage.

Proof will be required.

Rodent infestation is blamed for \$3.2 million worth of damage to rice and corn crops in South Cotabato province, agriculture official Rey Lagaste said Monday.

In the town of Tantangan — where the problem is worst — the program that began this week is expected to net up to 31,000 rats, Lagaste said.

The arrival of the rainy season has made chemical extermination ineffective. Rats are an annual problem in Philippine agricultural areas, and the infestation has spread to several provinces in southern Mindanao island, one of the country's poorest regions.

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Clinton testimony arouses few

VIDEOTAPE: UM students seem disinterested in president's grand jury testimony

Nathan Green
Kaimin Reporter

Whether it was because they were still sleeping, they hadn't heard about it or they just didn't care, most students around campus Monday said they didn't see President Clinton's grand jury testimony that was shown on televisions across America.

At the behest of Congress, television stations played the unedited, four-hour videotaped testimony concerning Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky beginning at 7:30 a.m. MDT.

In testifying, Clinton read a prepared statement describing his relationship with Lewinsky as including "inappropriate intimate contact." He referred to the statement often throughout the interrogation as he was pressed by the prosecutors.

Students lying around the Oval and smoking outside the UC were chatting about math tests and parties and sports. They seemed to have better things to talk about than the president.

"It's just Slick Willy," said one person who had chosen not to watch the

tape. "It's O.J. all over again," said another. "I'm tired of the whole thing," remarked most people. "What's this new video all about?" wondered a few.

Those who did see the testimony said it was interesting to see the president in such a compromising position, but they didn't think it would change the public's perception of him.

Standing in front of Knowles Hall, Jody Lehman, a freshman studying history, said Clinton "looked like hell. He looked pathetic."

Clinton was tired and nervous, Lehman said, and it was apparent he was having trouble with the prosecutor's questions. Clinton repeatedly gave the same answers to the questions, and the interrogation didn't seem to get anywhere.

"I think for the betterment of the country, he should resign," Lehman said, adding that he would like Vice-President Al Gore to take over Clinton's job.

Hopping on his bike outside the UC, Colin Devitt, a junior in general studies, said he thought the testimony probably wouldn't change the public's perception of Clinton. But if it did, he said, it would be a positive change.

"It was good to see him in that form," Devitt said. "In the video you saw raw Clinton."

Although Clinton was probably prepared for the testimony by his lawyers, Devitt said the president seemed to act more real because he wasn't performing in front of an audience.

Devitt said he doesn't think Clinton will be impeached, because Americans know the hearings would damage our economy.


Blaire Hall, a junior majoring in drama, said she didn't think the networks should be broadcasting the testimony, especially during the morning when children could be watching it.

"You have to be 18 to buy Playboy, but you can be 12 and get the same thing," she said.

The testimony was broadcast as a way for the television companies to make money, Hall said. Clinton shouldn't be impeached, she said, and the media needs to move on to more important matters.

"He's a sleaze bag," Hall said. "But I feel bad for his family."



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Feeling Teste?

Rock Creek bash is bullish on having a ball

Story by Michael Lancaster

Photos by John Locher



Maybe there's something in the testicles' secret recipe that causes people to shed their clothes and frolic about proudly. Or maybe it's simply the effects of alcohol. Maybe it's the combination of the two.

Whatever it is, there was plenty of it this weekend at the Rock Creek Lodge, where a record number of people took part in the 16th annual Testicle Festival.

Rod Lincoln, the event's creator, said the answer lies primarily, though not completely, in the testicles. He claims testicles have an aphrodisiacal quality that can bring out the craziest in a person.

"There's something about eating bull balls that turns people on," Lincoln said. "That combined with booze...well, you see."

It didn't take much to see the effects Lincoln referred to.

Sitting in the middle of the overcrowded bar atop Ol' Testy, the event's life-sized wooden bull, was a woman, clad only in a cowboy hat and cowboy boots. Though she had everyone's attention, nobody seemed surprised. She was the fourth woman to manifest the testicle's effects in about a half hour and only one of probably more than a hundred exhibitionists total.

Walt Lore, a builder from Turah, said of the four festivals he has attended, this year's was his favorite. He said the best part of the festival was that everyone was friendly and got along. He said the scenery was pretty good, too.

"What more could a guy ask for: good friends, cold beer and naked ladies," he said. "It's just the way I like it."

It was just the way Lincoln likes it too, he said. The attendance figures outnumbered his expectations, bringing in an estimated 20,000 people for the free, five-day event. He said he went through more than 3,000 cases of beer, 100 cases of liquor and 5,400 pounds of testicles, making this the biggest and most successful Testicle Festival ever.

Lincoln, who was wearing a "Baron of Balls" T-shirt, said he started the nutty event in 1982 to fill what he saw as a need in local entertainment this time of year. He said he didn't imagine at the time that it would become so popular, but now he thinks it ranks up there with the world's best festivals.

"I've been to Mardi Gras and Oktoberfest, but here's one bar out in the middle of Montana that is more fun than all," he said. "Who would have known?"

People have come from all over the world for the event, Lincoln said.

"We've had people from Paris, South Africa, Japan and Australia who came all the way out here just for this," he said.

Blair Timmons and Anthony Crouch, of Clackamas, Ore., said they came with a group of eight other guys just for the Testicle Festival. They said they heard about it from a biker friend who was at last year's festival. They said they enjoyed it so much that they intend to make the event a yearly tradition.

Besides games such as Bullshit Bingo, a horseshoe tournament and a bull-chip toss, was the crowd favorite — the Wet Tee contest. He said more people showed up Saturday for that event than for all the others.

The contest was kicked off by Barbara McNair, the October 1968 Playboy centerfold. And though she wasn't wearing a T-shirt and didn't get sprayed by the wooden penis-shaped hose that Lincoln had carved specially for this event, she greeted everyone and primed the crowd up to the proper Wet Tee-contest frenzy.

As the first contestant was sprayed by the hose, she strutted bravely around the stage. The dissatisfied crowd — which was made up mostly of men — cried for more.

"Beaver, beaver, beaver," they shouted.

It didn't take long for the "contest" to transform itself into a full-blown strip show, where precious little was left to the imagination.

Following the Wet Tee contest was an event unique to the Testicle Festival — the Hairy Chest contest. However, the contest's name didn't convey the full

meaning of the competition, as contestants took more to pants-dropping than shirt-removing.

But despite the festival's raunchy side, Lincoln said his event actually does the community good. He said he hired 70 people this year whose duties ranged from bartending to trash collecting to cooking. Last year, he said, his payroll was over \$27,000 and this year will probably be higher.

Lincoln said the event was problem-free. As of Sunday evening, he said there were no injuries and very few problems. Alan

Eddy, the security supervisor, said a few minor shoving matches took place, but otherwise everything was peaceful.

Eddy said a couple of bikers' clubs even made a truce for this event. He said the bikers were also a big help in keeping the place clean.

"They're trying to change their image," Eddy said. "They picked up the area around their camp so people didn't think they were responsible for the mess."

But Lincoln doesn't attribute the peace solely to the bikers and their cooperation.

"The people make this party work," he said.

"Everyone came in the proper spirit and most all have a plan."

Though the festival brought all kinds of people, it seemed to highlight similarities rather than differences amongst its participants. Casting a glance around the lodge, a person might see a khaki-panted, college-aged kid laughing and carrying on with a biker bedecked in tattoos and leather.

"It's a real cross-section of society," he said.

As for future Testicle Festivals, Lincoln said he expects it to continue to rise in popularity because he's received a lot of national and international exposure. However, he hinted that he might not always be a part of it.

"I may not be here," he said. "But the party will live on forever."

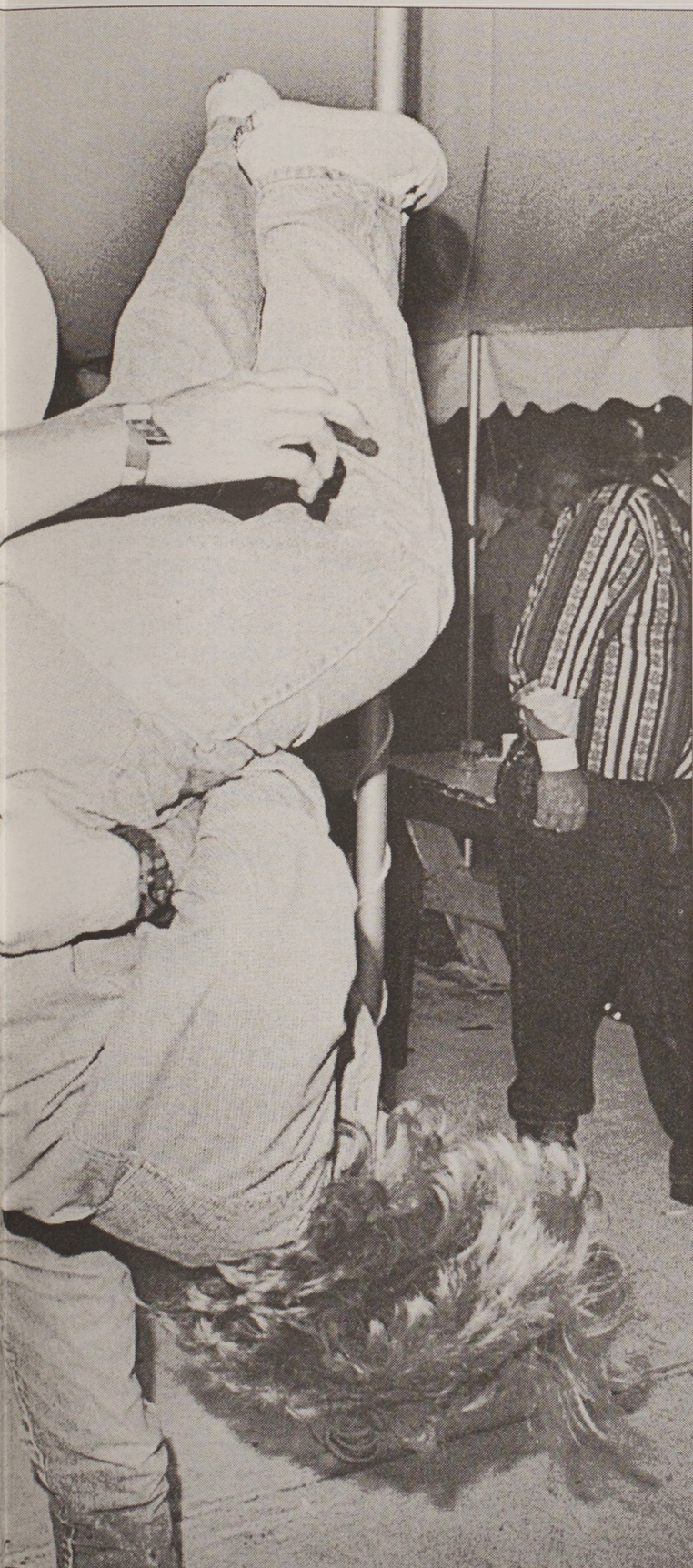


Joe Rovere (right) and Tony Brusseau enjoy Rock Creek Lodge's finest: Rocky Mountain Oysters at the Testicle Festival.





This is what it's all about: Assorted underwear hangs above the bar in The Rock Creek Lodge as a clue to what really goes on during the Testicle Festival.



Top: Rhonda Vinson and Lonnie Bicknell get close during the Testicle Festival last weekend. "We can because we're such good friends," says Vinson. "We know it will never go any farther."

Left: Mark Noon and Jeanie Baker work the dance floor at the Testicle Festival. Both are students at UM and learned to dance in Swing Class.

Bottom: "The Goof" mingles with other participants at the bar on Sunday. "Sunday is the best day - it draws a good crowd," said one Testical Festival goer.



If you build it, they will come

WORKERS: Project Playground needs volunteers for building bee

Chad Dundas
Kaimin Reporter

Organizers of an ambitious program to build a playground in Missoula's Westside Park next month are canvassing UM for volunteers.

Since its inception in February, the project has raised about \$55,000 and picked up nearly 300 volunteers, organizers said. Construction of the playground is scheduled for Oct. 7-11, and people are still needed to aid in the effort.

"So far, the community support has been great," said Roseanne Davis, volunteer coordinator for Project Playground. "Now we need to bring in the university community as well."



Rosanne Davis

The five-day-long construction procedure, Davis said, will be conducted in an old-fashioned, group-effort, "barn-raising" style. Throughout the construction, workers will be provided with catered food and beverages. And upon completion of the playground, a community celebration is planned.

"We're all going to come together, work together, have fun and eat well," Davis said. "In the end, we'll have this incredible playground to show for it."

Project Playground began as the brainchild of UM botany professor Cathy Zabinski, Davis said. Both Davis and Zabinski are members of the Northside/Westside Association

which was asked to contribute to the city's comprehensive development plan earlier this year.

"The kids (of that area) didn't have what we felt to be a suitable playground," Davis said.

Soon after she became the general coordinator of Project Playground, Zabinski contacted the New York-based Leathers & Associates, a company that has been assisting with community-funded playgrounds for 25 years. Leathers & Associates aided in much of the organization and planning of playground construction.

The playground's equipment was planned out with the help of elementary students at Missoula's Lowell School. The playground will feature such attractions as a castle tower, a spider web for climbing, a maze and a large dragon with a slide for a tongue. There will also be a "tot lot" for smaller children.

"The genesis for what's going into the playground is the kids," said Davis. "They're the ones who decided what they wanted in there."

"One young man wanted a pond with piranhas and electric eels," Davis said of the children's creative notions. "We said 'no' to that, but it was pretty much the only idea we had to turn down."

Students, faculty or student groups that wish to volunteer for Project Playground can contact Roseanne Davis at 728-5212, or Cathy Zabinski at 542-1697.

UM Police catch burglary suspects; car "boosters" escape

CRIME: Aber elevator door vandalized

Michael Lancaster
Kaimin Reporter

•September 18, 5:08 p.m.

Suspicious activity
A caller reported two males out in front of McGill Hall lighting paper airplanes and throwing them. The suspects were gone when the officer arrived and there was no evidence at the scene.

•September 19, 4:30 p.m.

Suspicious activity
A caller reported four males physically picking up a university vehicle and moving it. The responding officer found no suspects upon his arrival, but said the car had been moved over so the suspects could get around it. The vehicle wasn't damaged, but some bushes were run over.

•September 19, 10:40 p.m.

Criminal mischief
A caller reported a male broke into the heating plant. The caller caught him, but he got away. Escorts radioed that two males and a female were behind McGill Hall and they looked like the ones

POLICE BLOTTER

that ran from the heating plant. Sgt. Gatewood said the suspects — two juveniles and one adult — were apprehended, charged and released pending trial.

•September 20, 11:08 p.m.

Suspicious activity
A caller reported that a male walked out from behind some bushes at the "S" curve (near the Prescott house). Caller stated the male had "something shiny in his hand... maybe a gun." The caller had no physical description and the suspect was nowhere to be found when the officer arrived.

•September 20, 2:05 a.m.

Vandalism
A caller reported that Aber Hall's elevator No. 2 had damage to its doors on the fourth floor that incapacitated the elevator. Sgt. Gatewood said that the vandals tore the door completely off. The matter is under investigation, he said.



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Misoula economy booming thanks to UM

SPENDING: UM employees, students and visitors contribute an estimated \$195 million to local businesses

Chad Dundas
Kaimin Reporter

UM's impact on Missoula's local economy hit a record high last year, contributing an estimated \$195 million to local businesses and service providers.

Figures from a study conducted by UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research indicate that, in 1997, spending by University employees, students, and visitors increased in excess of \$10 million over the previous year. These new figures do not include the money spent by UM on the numerous construction projects on campus that are still underway.

According to Steve Seninger, director of economic analysis for BBER, the two primary reasons for the swell were the increased number of visitors to campus, as well as UM's growing enrollment.

"Basically, we have more students that are spending money," Seninger said.

Seninger commented that there was also a slight

increase in the amount of local purchases made by the University.

"Those (purchases) can include anything from paper clips to computers," Seninger said.

BBER's report states that students, employees, and visitors spent more than \$31 million at supermarkets, clothing and department stores; \$17.3 million towards fuel and automobile maintenance; \$14.3 million at local restaurants and taverns; \$2.5 million at movie theaters, golf courses, and other entertainment services; \$6.3 million for medical, dental, and vision services; and \$8.9 million for water, gas, electricity and telephone services.

The report also totaled spending on home mortgages and off-campus rent at over \$34 million.

These new estimates were presented on Saturday morning, by UM President George Dennison at a tailgate party for around 100 volunteers of the Missoula Business Drive program. The Business Drive program enlists the help of local commerce to raise money for UM academics. The party was held near Washington-Grizzly Stadium before UM's football game against Cal Poly SLO.

Some Estimated University of Montana-Related Expenditures in Missoula County 1997-98

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- Plumbing/Electrical repair (2.7)
- Other Services (34)
- Garbage Collection and Cable TV (1.4)
- Housing (mortgage and rent) (34)
- Charitable donations (2.1)
- Transportation (bus, airline) (2.5)

Dorm students get wired

INTERNET: Students hit the information superhighway from dorms

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

More students than ever are bringing their personal computers to school, and to service them, UM's Residence Life office wired DirectConnect, a huge data port, into five dormitories on campus.

All last year, Matt Fisher—the information and technology specialist for Residence Life—hooked up 300 students in five residence halls to the computer network. In just three weeks this semester, the number has topped 450.

"They're coming in record droves," Fisher said.

DirectConnect is a 10-megabyte computer system connected to Knowles, Aber, Jesse, Pantzer and Miller halls. Fisher said the system allows students to directly access internet data ports. That means no modems, no busy signals, no tying up the phone lines and no waiting for web pages to download, thanks to the system's size.

"It's 300 times faster than a modem," Fisher said. "You just click on something and it's there; that's why kids love it."

In addition to its performance, DirectConnect is a big hit because it's cost-effective.

Fisher explained that each dorm room in the linked-up halls has one plug-in for each bed. To activate the plug-in costs \$20, then \$28 a semester. In addition, for students with IBM-compatible desktop computers, Residence Life is checking out free Ethernet cards (\$100 retail value) to students for the year.

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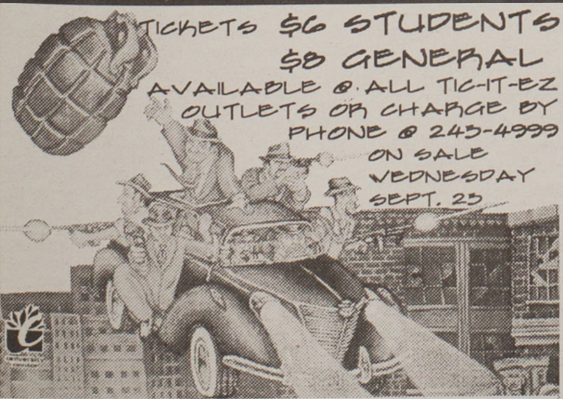
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SPORTS

Griz knock off Mustangs to get back on track

FOOTBALL: Team continues to look for improvement

Kevin Van Valkenburg
Kaimin Sports Editor

Bouncing back into the win column was as easy as "run, two, three" for Grizzly football last weekend.

Brain Gales and Nate Sanders revived UM's running attack, while the defense tightened down on the opposition, as Montana downed the Cal Poly Mustangs 37-14 Saturday.

"It feels pretty good to get back on track like that," said senior defensive lineman Eric Bueler. "I'd said before, I felt sorry for them (having to play us) today. We made some strides, but we've got a lot more strides to make."

The much maligned Griz defense was up to the challenge, limiting the Mustangs to a stingy 137 yards rushing, and only 277 total yards.

Sophomores Adam Boomer and Jason Miller led the revival, as the defense swarmed like killer bears all day. Miller led UM with 12 stops on defense, and Boomer racked up nine — two of those tackles for loss.

"It was nice to go out and have fun again," said Boomer. "We improved, but we've still got a lot of work to do."

Offensively, it was surprisingly not Brain Ah Yat and the high-powered passing attack, but a number of misdirections to Gales and Sanders that kept the Mustangs at bay, while Montana racked up nearly

200 rushing yards, and ran for four touchdowns.

"I thought it was nice the offense could get into the normal flow without playing catch-up," said head coach Mick Dennehy. "It allowed us to find out whether or not we could run the ball against a good football team."

The win will likely give Montana some much needed momentum going into the Big Sky conference season, as they open on the road against the Weber State Wildcatsthis Saturday.

"Weber's always a good team," said Bueler. "But they've kind of been playing a padded schedule brushing up a bit. It's going to be good to get down there and see where we stand in the conference."

It should be an important test. UM has proved they can do a variety of things, just not all at once yet. Ah Yat threw for a quiet 320 yards on Saturday, his third 300-yard game of the season, but had two picks to go with the effort.

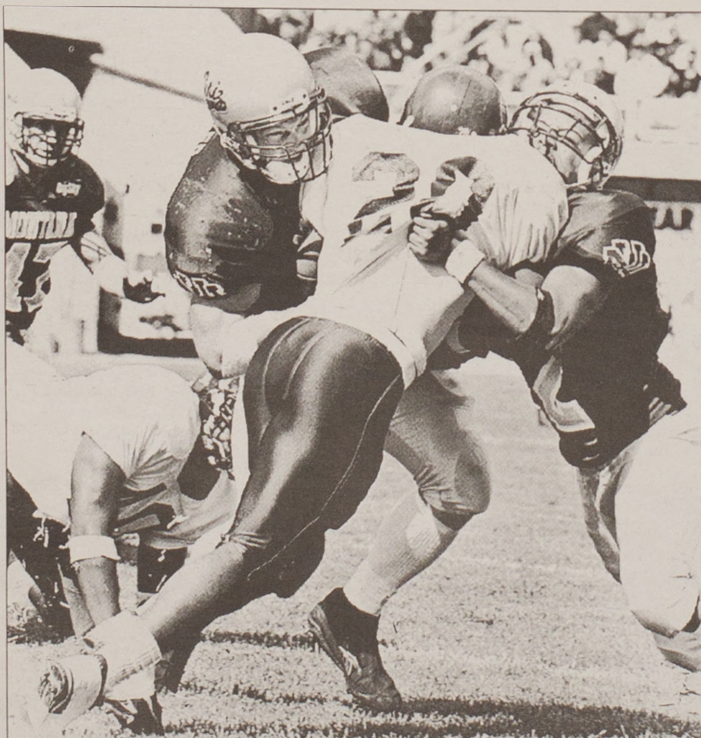
It hardly mattered. Montana nearly set a school record with 30 first downs.

"I'm just getting a little anxious at times," said Ah Yat, who was flawless aside from the interceptions. "I just need to set my feet more, and those are things we can work on in practice. Weber State is a great team, and we're going to



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Senior receiver Raul Pacheco goes up high to pull down one of his 10 catches on the day. Pacheco finished with 119 yards in Montana's 37-14 win Saturday.



Cory Meyers/Kaimin

Sophomore Jason Miller and senior Justin Gaines stuff Cal Poly running back Craig Young for no gain. UM held the Mustangs to only 137 yards rushing.

have to prepare well for them."

The defense has been brilliant at times, questionable at others. Still, light seems to be creeping in at the end of the tunnel. On the defensive side of the ball, freshman Jacob Yaro showed some savvy and a bit of luck, intercepting a ball that ricocheted off the referee's head before falling into his arms.

"We're just having fun now," said sophomore defensive tackle Tyler Martin. "We just need to

focus on having fun and flying to the football with second effort. We didn't change anything drastic, we just started having more fun."

The Wildcats may be a bit different than the Griz remember them from last year. A new coach, a new system, and, after an injury and a win over Humboldt State two weeks ago, a new quarterback.

Steve Buck, a starter last year, dislocated his ankle and broke two bones in his leg in the win. Chris Wallace filled in, leading the Wildcats to a 6-3 win over Idaho State last weekend.

Montana has, however, seen the offense before. Head coach Steve Graybeal coached at Eastern Washington for 17 years before taking the Weber job, and Montana found out all too well last season how tough Eastern's offense is when they execute well. Eastern handed Montana their first defeat at home in nearly five years last season.

"They're trying to do the same things at Weber they did at Eastern," said Dennehy. "A lot of running the football and playing tough defense."

The Griz should be at full strength, as minor injuries to defensive tackle Kelley Bryant and receiver Jim Farris won't keep them out of this week's game.

Aside from all the work still to be done, Dennehy and the Griz felt good about the weekend.

"I think it was important we came out of the Cal Poly game with the feeling we could play good, solid, sound, emotional football," Dennehy said. "We found out we play a bit better when we're a little bit excited."

SPORTS

UM's soccer team gives visitors the cold shoulder

Colorado College and Idaho fall prey to hard-nosed Griz

Matt Gouras
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The UM soccer team is a poor host for an event. Just ask Colorado College and Idaho. Both travelled to Missoula over the weekend for the Rocky Gear Mountain Cup, and both were soundly beaten by Montana at the South Campus Soccer Field.

"Our attack was more like us (this weekend)," said head coach Betsy Duerksen. "Early in the season we sputtered a little bit in finding our attack. We are just moving well without the ball right now and playing crisply." Before

either team could mount much of an effort, the Griz put them away, improving their record to 5-2 on the season.

Not to take anything away from the 4-and-3 Colorado College Tigers. They may be a good team, but Duerksen's Griz expect to beat good teams this year.

With three goals in the first half, UM downed the Tigers easily 3-1. Montana was just as vicious against Idaho, bouncing the Vandals 3-0. The games were not as close as they seemed, as the Grizzlies outshot Colorado 19-16, and blitzed Idaho 14-6.

The weekend was a much-needed tuneup for the UM's upcoming road trip, as Montana swings into a regionally ranked Utah program and a BYU program that is ranked 15th in the nation.

"Huge games, in terms of importance, and they are going to be very good teams," Duerksen said of the Utes and Cougars. "That is going to be a big, big weekend for us."

This week's Utah trip draws easy comparisons to the California tour Montana took earlier this season, when they faced two ranked teams, California and Cal Poly SLO. After going 1-1 on that trip, the Grizzlies knew that

Badilla-Gesek, who had six points after only amassing four in her entire career.

UM not only created shots in both of these games, but also never allowed their opponents quality scoring opportunities.

UM defender Shannon Forslund (sophomore) and midfielder Ruth Scott (freshman) dominated one-on-one play, and with the goalie tandem of Natalie Hiller and Amy Bemis backing them up, the Grizzlies only allowed one goal all weekend.

"Ruth and Shannon in the backfield really looked solid," Duerksen said.

Scott, coming off an all-tournament selection in California, was even

MONTANA SCORING	Shots	Goals	Assi	PTS	GWG
HEATHER OLSON	11	4	0	8	3
SARA OVERGAAG	23	3	1	7	0
MICHELE BADILLA-GESE	6	3	0	6	1
KAREN HARDY	13	2	2	6	1
HEIDI SIMMONS	1	1	2	4	0
COLLEEN JOYCE	7	1	1	3	0

improvement in a couple of areas was needed if they wanted to consistently beat the NCAA's best.

Duerksen said UM focused last week's practices on defensive aggressiveness and getting their all-conference forwards Karen Hardy and Sara Overgaag more involved in the game. It paid off, as Hardy and Overgaag had two goals and an assist between them.

"We've been working on getting them involved into our game; they've been doing a very nice job," Duerksen said.

The offensive surprise came from junior midfielder Michele

tougher this time out, taking advantage of her size and speed to stop the opposition's offense before it could get started.

Duerksen believes more of that hard-nosed defensive-type play will need to continue if Montana wants to win in Utah.

"It's going to be physical against those teams," Duerksen said. "More physical than it was this weekend."

Montana takes on the Utes in Salt Lake City Sept. 24, and then gets a night game in Provo with the Cougars on Sept. 26.

FloJo dead at 38

MISSION VIEJO, Calif. (AP) — Florence Griffith Joyner died Monday at age 38, just a decade after dazzling Olympic track with speed and glamour that have never been matched.

A triple gold medalist at the Seoul Olympics and still the fastest woman ever, "FloJo" was known as much as her skintight running suits, her flowing hair and her glittering fingernails as her stunning times.

An autopsy was being conducted to determine the cause of death. Her husband Al Joyner, himself a 1984 triple jump gold medalist, called authorities after finding her "unresponsive and not breathing" early Monday, according to the Orange County sheriff's department.

Greg Foster, a three-time world champion in the 110-meter hurdles, said he was told by her family that Griffith Joyner died of a heart-related problem.

Primo Nebiolo, the head of the IAAF, track's international federation, said he knew Griffith Joyner had "some serious heart problems in recent months," although one of her brothers, Weldon Pitts, said she had shown no sign of illness recently.

Griffith Joyner had suffered a seizure two years ago on a flight from California to St. Louis, and was hospitalized for one day. Her family did not disclose the ailment.

Griffith Joyner was remem-

bered for her stunning speed and fashion flamboyance that took track to new levels.

"What Florence brought to track was a flash and a flair that we didn't have, which was probably good for the sport and got attention for us," said Olympic sprint champion Evelyn Ashford, one of her main rivals and her Olympic teammate in 1984 and 1988.

Griffith Joyner still holds world records in the 100 and 200-meter dashes. She set the 100 mark of 10.49 seconds in the quarterfinals of the 1988 Olympic trials at Indianapolis, and since then, no one has even broken 10.60. At Seoul, she won the gold medal in a wind-aided 10.54.

Griffith Joyner was born Dec. 21, 1959, in south Los Angeles, one of 11 children whose father was an electrical technician and mother was a teacher.

She married Al Joyner on Oct. 10, 1987. They have a 7-year-old daughter, Mary Ruth.

"The Olympic family is saddened and stunned by her passing," U.S. Olympic Committee president Bill Hybl said. "She was a role model for girls and young women in sports and her legacy will be one that included kindness and an interest in children. She will be missed."



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The Kaimin assumes no responsibility for advertisements which are placed in the Classified section. We urge all readers to use their best judgement and investigate fully any offers of employment, investment or related topics before paying out any money.

PERSONALS

Volunteer Opportunity Get your volunteer hours out of the way early in the semester. Opportunity Resources Inc. is looking for volunteers to befriend adults with disabilities. Call Joshua Kendrick at 721-2930 today!

Make a difference in a child's life by supporting a parent. Warm, empathetic, dependable people needed for Child and Family Resource Council's Volunteer Parent-Aide Program. Must have time to spend with families and willing to receive training in child abuse prevention. Call 728-KIDS for more information.

LESBIAN/BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: This support group will explore sexuality, homophobia, relationships, family dynamics, the lesbian/bisexual community, coming out, parenting and school/career issues. Call the Counseling and Psychological Service 243-4711.

GRIZ CARD DISCOUNTS - 29 cent laser prints at Kinko's. Open 24 hours a day on the hip strip. (406)728-2679, 521 S. Higgins.

FOOD FRIEND OR FOE: Mondays 4:30-6:00, beginning soon. This group is for women who struggle with their relationship with food and body image. Emotional vs physical hunger, triggers for overeating, bingeing and/or purging and self care will be addressed. Call the Counseling and Psychological Service 243-4711

HELP WANTED

Help Wanted. Student Recyclers, work-study or non-work-study. \$5.50/hr, up to 19 hrs/week. Tom 243-5747.

Full-time VISTA position available coordinating a statewide America Reads project. Monthly stipend and a \$4,725 education award for one-year term. Excellent verbal and written communication skills needed. Contact Beth Cogswell @ 243-5177. Deadline is 9/25.

Marshall Mtn. is looking for a marketing student. Paid. DL: 10/1/98. Missoula Bike Ped Program needs interns to help with their programs and events. \$6/hr. DL: ASAP. For more information stop by Work Based Learning, 162 Lodge.

Exciting, busy office looking for work-study students with morning hours. University Relations office now hiring. Wages are \$5.50/hr. Call 243-2523 for more information.

Daycare needed every Friday for two boys at univ. area home. Must have action packed personality and full year commitment. Please leave message with phone # and appropriate time to call back @ 728-7567

Responsible person to stay with 7yr old - Graveyard shift. Reliable transportation required. 327-1206, 4-8pm.

Position Vacancy - Registrar, Continuing Education Only non-temporary, regular classified employees may apply. FT, 12 mo/yr, grade 10. Vacancy announcements can be picked up in HRS. Deadline is 5pm 9/24/98.

FRANK N. MAGID ASSOCIATES, the world's largest media research firm, is now hiring telephone research interviewers. Part-time (min. 20hrs/week) and full-time shifts are available. No sales involved. Pay \$6/hr. Pick up application at 283 W Front St. Suite #1. EOE.

Basketball officials needed for Missoula Parks and Recreation teen and adult leagues. Must have high school playing experience. Previous officiating experience preferred. Games are Mondays and Wednesdays at Missoula County Middle School gyms from 7-10pm. \$13/game for non-MOA officials; \$16/game for MOA. Apply at 100 Hickory Street, Missoula by 5pm, September 25th.

MALE: Needed for relief childcare of 14 yr old aggressive boy. \$5/hr. Call 721-3073.

KAIMIN CLASSIFIEDS

The Kaimin runs classifieds four days a week. Classifieds may be placed via FAX #243-5475, mail, or in person @ the Kaimin office, Journ. 206. Prepayment is required.

RATES	
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\$.85 per 5-word line/day	\$.95 per 5-word line/day

LOST AND FOUND

The Kaimin will run classified ads for lost or found items free of charge. They can be three lines long and will run for three days. They must be placed in person in the Kaimin business office, Journalism 206.

After school care for one 10 yr. old boy. Must have own car and be avail. Th. @ 2pm, other days @ 3pm. Written refs. a plus. 721-8327

Work-study positions in children's shelter. 9p.m.-12a.m., Fri.-Sat. and 12a.m.-6:30a.m., Thurs.-Sun. Call 549-0058 ask for Nat, JaNae or Deb.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: Black kitten with purple collar outside Jesse Hall on 9/16. Please call 542-8391

Lost: 2 float tubes & white t-shirt in Johnsrud area Wed. eve. Call Adam 542-4763

FOR RENT

International Student House near campus. Rooms for \$225/mo. Serious students in a Christian setting. Call Judy 549-2234.

Weekend Cabin Rentals, Rock Creek. \$20 - \$50 per night. 251-6611. www.bigsky.net/fishing

ROOMMATE WANTED

Responsible quiet woman iso same to share nice apt. 251-4332

TYPING

FAST, ACCURATE Verna Brown 543-3782.

FOR SALE

Furniture: couches, loveseats, chairs, etc. 2615 Clark behind Shopko. Sat. 9/26 8-11am only.

Beautiful brass bed, queen size with orthopedic mattress set and deluxe frame. New, never used, still in plastic \$295. 273-3487

91 VW Jetta, 71K, A/C, 5 spd, \$6,900 OBO. Jenny 549-9402.

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Keg-fridge with CO2. \$125. 542-5070

SEIZED CARS from \$175.00 Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WD's. Your area. Toll Free: 1-800-218-9000. Ext A-2426 for current listings.

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Late night pedestrians have safeguarding company

SECURITY: Student escorts walk students and faculty to safety after dark

Michael Lancaster
Kaimin Reporter

If the thought of trekking alone across campus after dark scares you, or if you're simply afraid of the dark, fear no more. Campus Security has the answer for your angst.

An escort service is available at no cost between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. every day the dorms are open for any student or faculty member who needs or wants the safety afforded in numbers.

"It's a service for everyone who would feel better having company walking after dark," said University Police Sgt. Charles Gatewood.

The escorts are arranged via the campus security dispatcher, at 243-2777. When a caller requests an escort, they tell the dispatcher where they are and where they wish to go. The dispatcher then radios the escorts, who work in pairs, gives them the information and has them meet the caller at their point of origin. Gatewood said the response time is about three to

five minutes.

The project was started in 1988 by then-ASUM President Jennifer Isern. There wasn't a need, necessarily, for such a service, but it was considered to be a good preventative move, Gatewood said.

"It was proactive rather than reactive," he said.

The service began operation in the Fall Semester of 1989 with eight escorts and a budget of about \$6,000, according to Director of Escort Student Patrol Lonnie Schaible. Today the service employs 14 regular and three reserve escorts and has a budget of about \$40,000, Schaible said.

The service is funded jointly through ASUM and Campus Security. The money is used mostly toward personnel expenses with a small share going toward flyers and advertisements. The escorts are non-work study employees and have a starting wage of \$5.40 an hour.

Schaible, pursuing a master's degree in criminology, is in his fifth year with the program. He spent the first two as an escort and the latter three as the director.

Schaible said he prefers to hire escorts with prior military or security experience and an

interest in law enforcement and criminology careers. However,

periods of time because the escorts average about eight to

which keep them in constant contact with UM Police.

Gatewood said

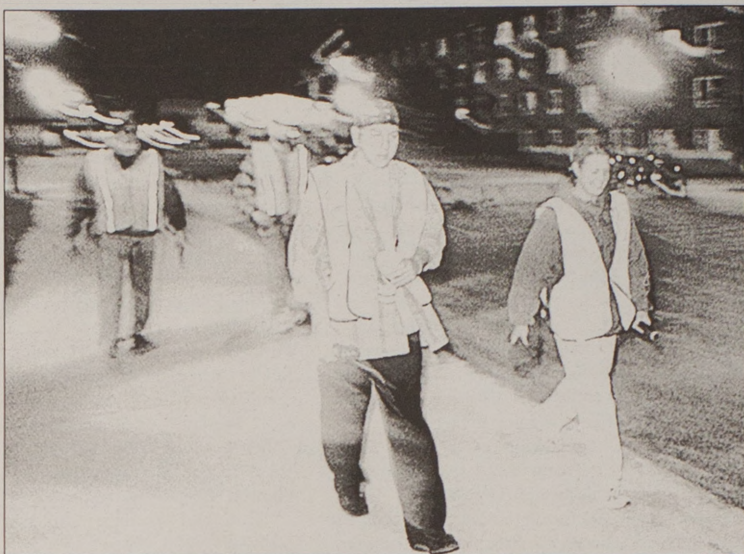
the escorts not only help people get from point A to point B safely, but they also help UM Police with their job. When not escorting people, the escorts patrol campus, checking in on the dorms and other buildings on campus. They keep a look out for security and safety hazards and report them to UM Police.

"The primary purpose is to make people feel comfortable," Gatewood said.

"The secondary purpose is to have another set of eyes and ears for security purposes."

He said with the escorts' help, UM Police are catching a lot more campus trouble.

"We couldn't do without them now that we have them," he said.



John Locher/Kaimin

UM escorts work through the night to walk students and faculty safely to their destinations.

he said, he mainly looks at applicants with good references who are reliable, trustworthy, have been around campus awhile and are able to think and respond quickly and correctly. They have no physical criteria, except that they be fit enough to walk or stand for long

10 miles a night.

The escorts range in age from 19 to 32 years and are both male and female. Gatewood said they are not body guards or specially trained in self defense. They do, however, wear reflective gear and carry flashlights and radios.

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waited and paid with a credit card have received less favorable exchange rates, Koehn said. To help out, UM's financial aid office has been offering flexible payment plans for those students caught in a currency bind.

Partly because of these efforts, Koehn said she does not believe UM has lost any returning foreign students due to money problems. Although registration is not yet complete, the foreign student office is estimating the same number of foreign students as last year.

"We have not lost anybody that was here last year, that I know of," Koehn said. "We are trying to make every exception possible so they can finish here."

Financial crisis hits home

Troubled markets have hit foreign students the hardest, but even in-state students are not immune to the havoc created by the volatile financial landscape.

"We've had several situations where a student was going to their pay tuition bill with money that was invested in stocks, and then at the last minute they were not able to get the funds because of an equity loss," said UM's Financial Aid Director Mick Hanson.

The financial aid office has worked with these students on last-minute financial aid requests to cover their tuition expenses with student loans, he added.

"Fortunately 9,000 of our students paid for tuition in August, so the recent problems (in the stock market) were not even an issue," Hanson said.

UM administrators have been keeping an eye on the markets

as well. Through the University of Montana Foundation the school has a \$70 million investment portfolio. As the state's contribution level shrinks, the school is relying more heavily on this fund to pay for budget concerns including student scholarships.

But the foundation believes that students are insulated from market swings. The \$1.3 million allocated for scholarships in 1998 has already been set aside and, despite the market correction, they anticipate the scholarship budget will increase again in 1999.

"We are in it (the stock market) for the long haul, so we don't react to short-term volatility," said the foundation's Chief Executive Officer Fred Lee. "Our losses are on paper _ just unrealized gains."

-Matt Gouras
Kaimin Reporter

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September 30 11:30-1:30 p.m. UC South Atrium

This contest allows UM students the chance to do anything that is unique, creative and tasteful to demonstrate their Homecoming Spirit. Students need to submit what they will do in writing by **12 noon, September 25**. Applications are available at the UC Info Desk. More details are provided with the application.

Special thanks to the President's Office for the donation of money for this activity

YMCA

Student Membership

The Missoula Family YMCA offers special membership options just for students. For more information contact the YMCA at 721-9622 3000 S. Russell.

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