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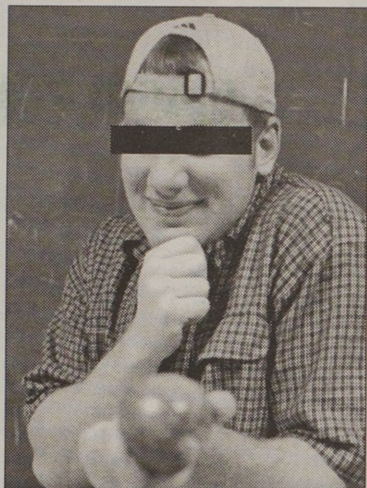
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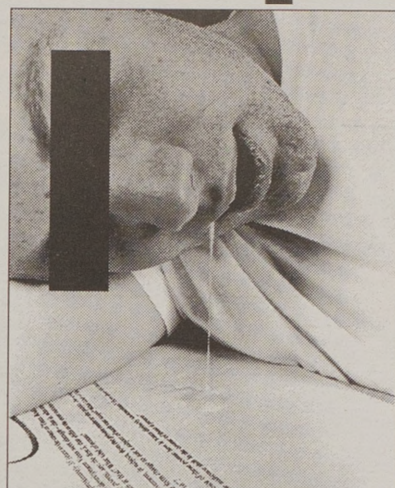


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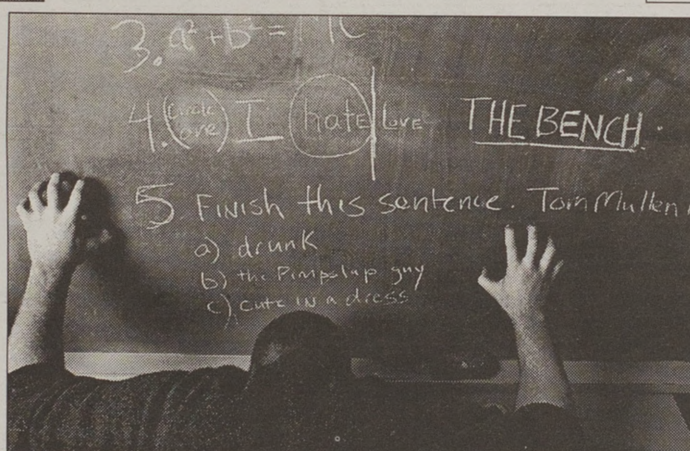
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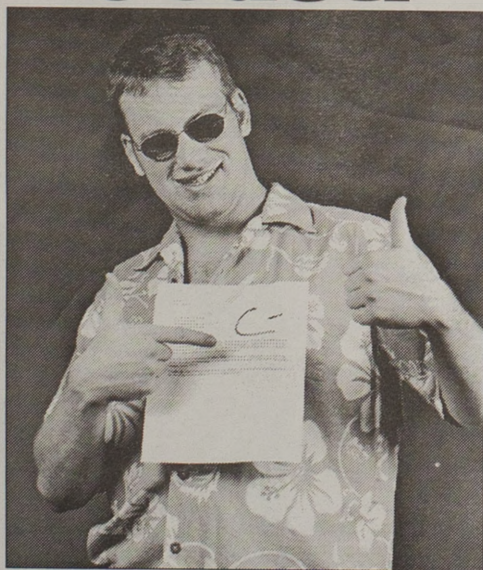
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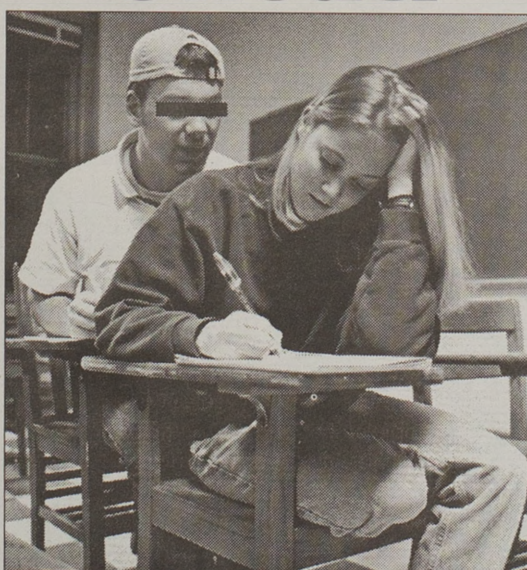
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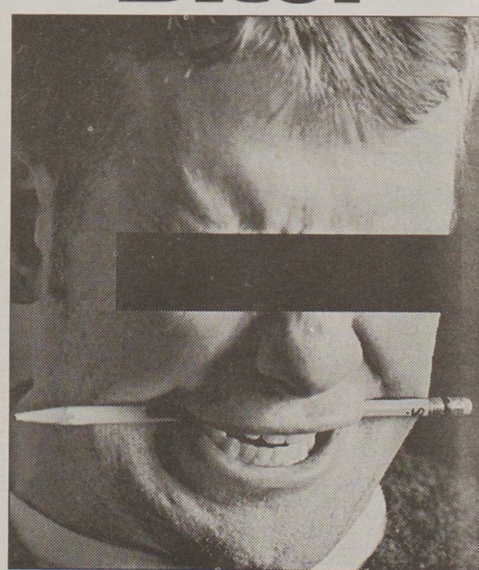
## Coast!



## Cheat!



## Bite!



## ...your way through Finals Week!



# Abandon hope?

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Feared, cheered or ignored, finals week will soon reveal itself unto the national college populace. Whatever your attitude toward this five-day orgy of academic rigor, we hope to have something for you in this handy guide to higher education's most notable week.

God knows we like to joke around at this paper, but what we will never joke about is how much we really love you, the reader. We REALLY love you.

That's why we have breached nearly every ethical and moral barrier we could think of in order to bring you this important catalog of tips and tactics to make it through finals week.

If you fix your eyes in your sockets and turn your head ever so slightly to the right, you'll see some samples of the many wonderful types of finals that will be taking place across campus just over a week from now. In dutifully researching **Little-Known Finals**, we learned primarily that there are some teachers out there who are CRAZY AS GRAVY, man. Watch your backsides this finals week.

On the next page, you'll find the collegiate version of The Force, a guide to some of the more underhanded cheating tactics we've heard. If employed with tact, they will surely bamboozle your professors, befuddle your cronies and boost your grades to the top of the academic heap.

For those who take finals week as a matter of life and death, we'll show what drugs will give you that extra studying edge and which study rooms on campus won't be filled with chattering sorority girls.

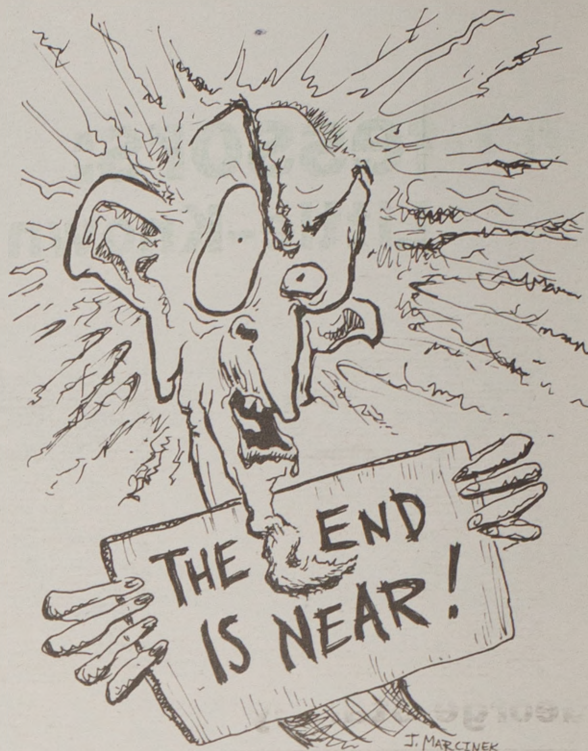
For those who are already on winter break, **Chad Dundas** shows you how to BE a lazy flunkie without LOOKING like one while our resident moral beacon, **The Bench**, shows how a bat, a T.A. and a puppy with his life in danger can restore the luster to your grade card.

We hope you enjoy the following insert and use it appropriately throughout the next two weeks. Lord knows we college students can use all the help we can get. We're happy to lend a hand.

"We've breached nearly every ethical and moral barrier we could think of in order to bring you this important catalog."

—Thomas Mullen,  
Editor of the Montana Kaimin

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### BIOLOGICAL STATION - BIOLOGY

These courses are taught at UM's Biological Station on Flathead Lake.

#### ECOLOGY AND ECOLOGY LABORATORY

BIOL 340 and 341, June 7-July 1, MTWR, 8:00am-5:00pm. Consent of Instructor required.

#### AQUATIC BOTANY

BIOL 457, July 5-29, MTWR, 8:00am-5:00pm. Consent of Instructor required.

### COMPUTER SCIENCE

#### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER MODELING

CS 172, May 24-June 25, MTWRF, 10:50am-12:20pm, CRN-50422.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES - GENERAL STUDIES

#### RECERTIFICATION WORKSHOP: FRENCH, GERMAN AND SPANISH K-12

FLLG 595, August 8-13, MTWRF, 8:00am-3:00pm, Sunday, 7:00-9:00pm, CRN-50954.

### FRENCH

#### ELEMENTARY FRENCH I

FREN 101, May 24-June 25, MTWRF, 9:00am-1:00pm, CRN-50830

### FRENCH

#### ELEMENTARY FRENCH II

FREN 102, June 28-July 30, MTWRF, 9:00am-1:00pm, CRN-50831.

### LIBERAL STUDIES

#### \*INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITIES

LS 152L, 3 U cr., June 28-July 30, MTWRF, 5:30-7:00pm. CRN-50050. LS 152L fulfills a writing course for general education. \*

#### \*CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY

LS 160L, 3 U cr., May 24-June 25, MTWRF, 10:50am-12:20pm. CRN-50332.

#### \*THE HOLOCAUST IN LITERATURE, FILM AND ART

LS 455, 3 UG cr., June 28-July 30, MTWRF, 10:50am-12:20pm. CRN-50942.

#### \*GERMANY, AUSTRIA & THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

LS 455, 3 UG cr., June 28-July 30, MTWRF, 9:10-10:40am. CRN-50945.

#### \*TOPICS IN CRITICAL THEORY

LS 461, 3 UG cr., June 28-July 30, MTWRF, 9:10-10:40am. CRN-50840.

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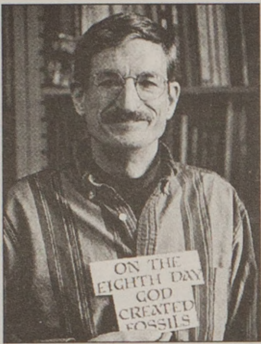
**Happy Holidays**



# Professors: UM's Little-Known Finals

With finals like these,  
you'd think everybody  
would be taking them...

Story By  
**John A. Reed**  
Kaimin News Editor



**George Stanley**

*Professor, Department of Geology*

**Name of Course:**

"Paleontology of Upper Jurassic Period Glacial Formations"

**Best thing about the final:**

Uh, he said "Jurassic"? I was sure that we only covered the Pleistocene.

**Worst thing about the final:**

Test administered at Interstate 90 rest area.

**Preferred testing apparel:**

Authentic Austrian lederhosen, beige-colored pinpoint oxford button-down shirt (100 percent cotton), desert tan chukka boots.



**Michel Valentin**

*Associate professor, Department of Foreign Languages (French)*

**Name of course:**

"The Influences of Peter O'Toole on French Foreign Legion Movies"

**Test Question No. 3:**

Which "Pink Panther" sequel contained the phrase, "Don't toy with me"?

**Best study guide for test:**

Script from "Les Miserables."

**"Fun Finals Fact":**

Did you know that French Fries originated in Belgium during the Crusades as part of King Arthur's required sodium diet? Neither did we.



**Sheryl Noethe**

*Visiting instructor of poetry, Department of English*

**Name of course:**

"Great Canadian Poets of the 16th Century" (Experimental College course)

**Where Test Key is Hidden:**

Rafters at building 32, Fort Missoula.

**Punishment For Cheating:**

Must spend four consecutive weekends listening to amateur poetry readings at the Old Post Pub.

**Bring to Test:**

Three No. 2 pencils, a Merriam-Webster thesaurus and a children's portion of Chef Boyardee beefaroni.



**Lloyd Queen**

*Associate professor, Department of Forestry*

**Name of course:**

"Remote Sensing of Extraterrestrial Life in Deciduous Forests"

**Finals week philosophy:**

"The truth is out there..."

**How cheating is handled:**

With a double-buck saw and stern counseling

**Worst thing about the final:**

Other than the scratchy feel of wool CPO shirts and the stink from burned chainsaw oil, probably the log-rolling event would be the most challenging for the aspiring woodsmen.



**Kaimin refrigerator**

*Purveyor of bacterial cultures, trapper of wayward adolescents*

**Name of course:**

"A Refrigerator's Role in Drug Production"

**Test question #15:**

How quickly will "deep freeze" dry out hemp from last semester?

**Where Test Key is Hidden:**

Butter shelf (think twice about sticking your mitts in there.)

**Bring to Class:**

An L.L. Bean Gore-tex parka, a butane torch and a Costco-sized case of Doritos.



**Garry Kerr**

*Visiting instructor, Department of Anthropology*

**Name of course:**

"Tool-making Strategies of Pre-Van Halen Hominids"

**Best thing about the Final:**

Sampling of microbrews around replica of a Neanderthal fire pit.

**Worst thing about the final:**

One-piece loincloth material is drafty in December wind without Spandex tights.

**"Fun Finals Fact":**

Did you know that Homo Erectus is not a nervous condition brought on by dating? Neither did we.



**Willis the lab monkey**

*Victim of involuntary radioactive testing*

**Name of course:**

"Simian Web Site Development Using Java"

**Punishment for cheating:**

Frontal lobotomy conducted by first-year psychology students. The operation will be monitored by representatives of the Cleveland Zoo.

**Are bribes frowned upon:**

I'm a lab monkey. We always frown.

**Finals week philosophy:**

Pick no fruit before its time. If pressed, choose the Merlot.



**Disease-ridden ground squirrel**

*Campus gadabout and gymnastics instructor*

**Name of course:**

"Chestnuts Good." (Note: This is the second part of a series on "Living Wild," co-sponsored by Campus Rec)

**Where Test Key is Kept:**

First knothole on second maple tree, near Corbin Hall.

**Test question No. #7:**

If George Squirrel has two large nuts and gives one to Sally Squirrel, is he naughty?

**Best thing about the final:**

Great view of Mount Sentinel and Clark Fork River from nest.



# The Cheat Sheet

Story By  
**Thomas Mullen**  
Kaimin Editor

**Expulsion be damned! When it comes to finals week, playing by the rules is for suckas and chumps. The buzz on bamboozling your way to the top of the class.**

If you're like us (and your hanging forehead and musky backwoods scent tells us you are) you're no fan of the all-night study session. You leave the panicking and penchant memorization to the pinheads and non-trads. The only time your name and "book" are in the same sentence, police are involved.

But even though your study habits aren't up to the level of the nobnoses in the front row, it doesn't mean your GPA can't be.

It's called cheating, you wanker.

Now don't go get self righteous on us. We know you do it. Everybody does it. But not everybody does it well.

That's why we're here.

You see, cheating is like dwarf-throwing: a few people doing it wrong gives the whole practice a bad name. Cheating is actually quite honorable.

Cheaters become business executives, politicians and international spies. Of course, a good deal are expelled from school and end up starting lawnmower repair businesses from their parents' garage.

But, darn it, we want to make sure that isn't you, simple though you may be.

We're not going to tell you to download your final paper off the Internet, or to put a stocking on your head and break into your professor's place for the test answers. Were not going to say that. But if we were, we'd say at least do some minor rewriting and kill the dog FIRST THING.

We endorse safe, easy and effective methods of cheating for all types of finals week scenarios. None of that "Wargames" crap. So study the following guide well, and drink a beer for us the night before the "big one" when you should have your ugly mug at the library.

## The Blue Book Exam



Perhaps no professorial action is met with more groans than the announcement of an upcoming blue book exam. But despite its bloodcurdling reputation, the blue book exam format is putty in the hands of the well-versed cheater.

True to the imagination of the professors who use them, the test gets its name from the little baby blue pamphlets one is expected to bring to class to write in during the test.

The main advantage to the blue book exam is that it's the only test that lets you get started before the class even begins. That's right! The palate upon which you will craft your brilliant tapestry of words rests in your hands the minute you pony up its 15-cent cost at the campus bookstore.

Of course this is no help if you only found your way to class twice during the semester and are as familiar with the test as you are with the first name of that sorority girl you took home last night. But fortunately, your professor — unless he's the Earthly incarnate of Atilla the Hun — will give you the exam's format and a laundry list of things to study prior to the exam. This information is crucial to cheating the blue book exam and leads to a few of the simplest but most effective methods of academic corner cutting.

## Ready-to-Use Test



Most blue book exams make their gravy on the infamous "long essay" portion of the test wherein students are expected to write a scholarly treatise of 600-800 words with NO REFERENCE MATERIAL WHATSOEVER. Answers are supposed to not only be thorough and factual but also to cite specific examples and be suitably analytical. Such an insane premise should give the average student little pause in their decision to cheat. And never was there a simpler way than in the blue book exam.

Here's how it works:

In preparing their students for the calamity called the "long essay," most professors are more than forthcoming with details about the content of

the essay, sometimes even narrowing the possibilities down to one or two questions. In this instance, simply go home and write your answer in the blue book. If there are two question possibilities write them both in separate books, remembering to leave room for the first parts of the test. Sure it's a little extra work, but well worth it the day of the test. While your classmates are crippling under the stresses of pencil cramp and time constraints, your main worry will be whether it would look suspicious if you took a short nap before handing your test in.

REMEMBER: Always bring at least two blank blue books to class, in case your teacher should be inclined to check them before the test. Then while the 50-year-old student in front of you is talking about the one hour of sleep she got studying last night, make the switch and grin.

## The Disappearing Pencil Trick



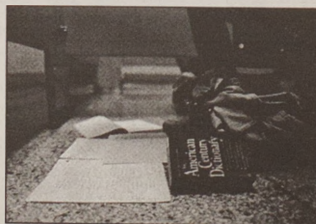
When a professor is less definite about the content of the test, or gives you a manifesto-length list of study subjects, the disappearing pencil trick is your best bet. Using a standard No. 2 pencil, lightly scribble all pertinent notes and definitions in the outer margins of the blue book. When finished, simply erase! A light grip is the key here. Imagine your pencil is a rare baby bird owned by an eccentric mob boss. And that it just swallowed a tiny 70-watt light bulb. If you push too hard, leftover pencil marks and eraser shavings will make your test look like a brainstorming session by the O.J. Simpson defense team.

## Comprehensive Test

Face it. Not every cereal is going to have marshmallows. Not every Jerry Springer episode ends in a bloody brawl between two naked teenage strippers. And not every test is going to be in a blue book. For this dark reality, you must prepare yourself. The following surefire methods will protect you no matter what kind of academic knuckleball your professor unleashes come test day.

## The Study, er, Bathroom Break

As one of the hallowed last havens of privacy, the bathroom can provide the same means of escape for the testing student that it does for the



guarded prisoner attempting to flee custody. Prior to class, simply tuck any relevant notes, study sheets or textbooks into the back of your pants and answer nature's call at any appropriate time. Five minutes later, you'll come out relaxed, confident and with a refreshed memory of the provisions of the Missouri Compromise. For ladies, a fake bladder infection is worth multiple trips.

## Scantron Bingo!

Technology, you rubes, is our friend. Especially when presented to us in the form of the scantron multiple choice examination. This wonder of the academic world is employed by professors who would prefer not to bother with your incoherent bumbling or unreadable handwriting, and instead only want to peek through the holes in their master sheet to see that you put pencil to the right box. In other words, the closer your finished scantron resembles a Bingo board during the "Blackout" game, the closer you are to graduating with honors.

## Classroom Copernicus

Some professors, bless them, are just so darn trusting. After passing out the test, they'll spend the rest of the period in the sanctity of their closet-sized office, fully expecting their students to remain quiet and complete the test with integrity and honesty. Such idealism is nothing short of

dangerous at an institution purporting to prepare you for the real world. It is your prerogative (nay, your duty!) to convince your class that answer-swapping is an honorable act of defiance against such displays of passing concern. Remember the Maine! Remember the Alamo! Remember the answer to number three?

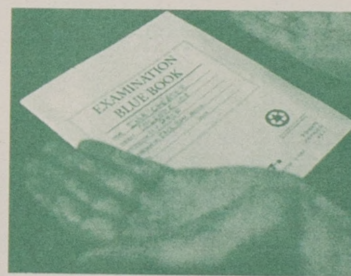
## Uh, Would You Believe Body Art?

Heed these words about writing answers on your body parts: You can't swallow them. You can't rip them up into a thousand pieces. They're there for at least a few good handwashings, so you better be careful. However, there are a lot of options. How about some long-ass fingernails painted in a whirlwind of bright, multiple choice color? Wherever you decide to write, your best bet is to mask the helpful hints in muddled, defensible acronyms. Consider "FCU," which actually stands for the three ways to organize government. If caught, it could be:

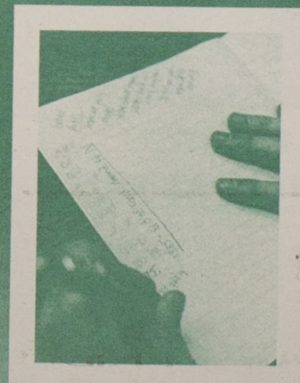
- A new urban clothing line
- Your favorite band
- Fish, Chips, Underwear (your grocery list!)
- A computer part you need to buy while on campus
- For Cutting Up (from your surgery!)

## The Disappearing Pencil Trick

A three-step how-to guide



Step 1: Open blue book



Step 2: Insert 'footnotes'



Step 2: Destroy the evidence when finished



# A map to on-campus study spots

From monkey labs to music halls, there are plenty of places to crack the books...should you feel so compelled

Story By  
**Michael Lancaster**  
Kaimin Reporter

There is little doubt that doing well on your finals depends largely on how often you made it to class, how well you paid attention when you did make it and on how often and hard you studied throughout the semester. But doing well on your finals may also depend on the environment in which you study.

Psychologists have a come up with a theory they call Context-Dependent Memory, which states that material learned in

one environment is harder to remember in a different environment.

So, before you lock yourself in the bathroom or a closet or don ear plugs and blinders, remember that there is a good chance you'll find yourself surrounded by a much different set of conditions come test time. There's bound to be a coughing, sneezing, sniffing, foot-shuffling, bathroom-going, desk-bumping, and question-asking weirdo on

either side of you as you painfully try to recollect what you read under a tiny pen light after your roommate was fast asleep.

With your good grades in mind, we at the Kaimin have put together a map of places to help guide you around campus' most serene and distracting places to study. Whatever your preference, you're sure to find something in it that matches your style and flavor.

★ = don't even bother  
★★ = backup choice  
★★★ = best choice

## Student Health Services

Though there are no desks, the waiting room of the SHS is a great place to study, considering your pansy-ass isn't afraid of a little flu. No matter how full the place is, it's deadly quiet save the occasional beckoning of a comely nurse and the constant pathetic sniffing. ★★

## Law School

Inside the hallowed halls of the law school lies a library that is ripe for the picking. Also, the basement houses nearly sound-proof, glass-enclosed classrooms that, when empty, provide a cool place to quietly study. Or do, heh-heh, other things. ★★★

## Performing Arts & Radio-TV Center

The theater here can be a quiet place to study if you don't mind low lighting and a slight draft. There is also a lounge located within the bowels of the building, but it rarely is without at least one obnoxious actor reciting lines to himself or singing a Broadway showtune. ★★

## Washington-Grizzly Stadium

On a nice, sunny, dry day this can be an OK place to study. After all, there is plenty of seating available. Hell, it might be the most use you get out of your athletic fee! ★★★

## Heating Plant

Never, under any circumstances, attempt to infiltrate this fortress, lest you have to deal with an unruly custodial engineer and a fine for trespassing. ★

## Gallagher Business Building

If you can find your way through the maze of hallways, you can probably find an empty classroom. There is also a little room with couch-like furniture, but it also has a telephone which can, as they say, piss a guy off. ★★★

## Music

Rehearsal rooms in the basement can serve as practice for the most distracted studiers as just next door a tuba or trombone player could be sharpening his or her skills. ★

## Lodge

While waiting in line to pay your bills or straighten out your financial aid dilemma, you're sure to have enough spare time to read the Old Testament for your Humanities class. ★

## Math

Though this building houses two lounges – one plush and comfortable lounge for faculty only and one more sterile and less comfortable lounge for students – they both lie directly adjacent to teeth-grinding and seemingly never-ending construction sites and are rendered obsolete for the seekers of peace and quiet. ★

## Pharmacy/Psychology

In the basement of this building – just a hop, skip and jump away from the Urey Lecture Hall – lies the most formidable and distracting inner sanctum on campus: the animal research lab. If you can manage to study in this death-row environment, you're sure to ace any test. ★★

## Journalism

The library of this center for campus gossip is quiet enough, but being even remotely near the raucous Kaimin newsroom is enough to make you forget about your studying altogether. It smells like sex all up and down the halls. ★-★★★

## Davidson Honors College

This often-overlooked gem has a plush study lounge – but beware, there is a piano conspicuously placed in there too. Should some nimrod feel compelled to practice the "Ragtime Blues" for his music final, all bets are off. ★★

## Mansfield Library

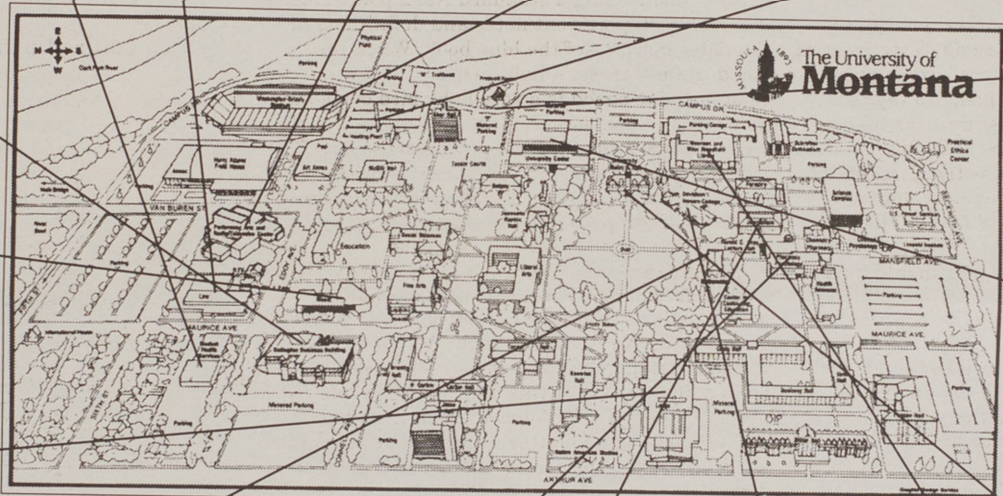
Way to be original, ya flunkie. ★★★

## UC

If you want distraction, try studying anywhere on the first floor of this building. The second floor houses a study lounge which is quiet, except for the snores of nearby nappers. The third floor has a host of quiet study spots – especially in the conference rooms. Just make sure nothing is booked for the room. ★-★★★

## University Hall

Beware! Something evil lurks nearby. This creaky, old building has a classy classroom that is seldom used and a clocktower that affords a nice view. But keep in mind the half-hourly chimes that rock the walls, and the halls teeming with gnarled administrators. ★★★



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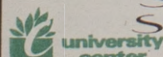
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# The Bench's Guide to better grades

Follow this simple program and yo' ass gon' be smackin' and mackin' your way to a passin' grade.

Is your sorry ass scared because you was out drinking all semester, and now you feel like yo' philosophy test will be your undoing? Worried that ya only went to five of Harry Fritz's history lectures? So strung out on barbiturates that you can't read your damn math book? Well, The Bench feels your pain — even if you is a fool.

Because of his eight years in college, The Bench knows that the T.A. is the true path to passing grades. And since the Bench is generally older than most of you, he now wants to pass his tips to all the little jabronis out there whose ass is in trouble.

Here's all that you will need to get your way with any T.A.:

- 1. Two dozen roses
- 2. A billy club
- 3. Candy
- 4. Some of yo' mama's old jewelry
- 5. Handy Case of Pabst Blue Ribbon
- 6. A sock full of quarters
- 7. A fancy dress
- 8. A puppy
- 9. Whiskey
- 10. A DVD copy of "Pretty in Pink."

Now that your ass gots what you need, go to class (If you don't know where it is, don't ask the damn Bench because he don't know either). Take yo' final. Yes, The Bench knows, taking it without any knowledge of the damn course will be hard, but remember The Bench's tips for these courses and you'll do fine.

**HISTORY:** Thomas Jefferson's immoral ass slept with his slaves, but he did not have wooden teeth. Henry Kissinger wore goofy-ass glasses. J. Edgar

## Story By The Bench

Hoover may or may not have liked to wear fruity women's clothing.

**Math:** The Bench don't know diddly 'bout math.

**17th Century Literature:** If there's a question about somebody floating in water, the chick is gettin' killed, 'cause she into witchcraft.

**HHP:** In golf, if you score on the 19th hole, it means you got free gin at the clubhouse.

**English:** Remember this quote: "Once more unto The Bench, dear friends. Once more." — *Bench Shakespeare*.

All right, now shut up and listen to the most important part. You've got the damn grade you gonna get. Unless your ass is better at guessing than The Bench, you're staring down the barrel of a fatty "F+."

•If your T.A. is a lady and you're not, follow The Bench's guidelines to a better grade:

**Teacher:** Mr. Bench, I'm sorry but you've received an "F" for this class and will have to repeat it next semester.

**Bench:** Ma'am, I understand your predicament. A wonderful teacher like you still deserves roses. (*Hand teacher 24 roses*)

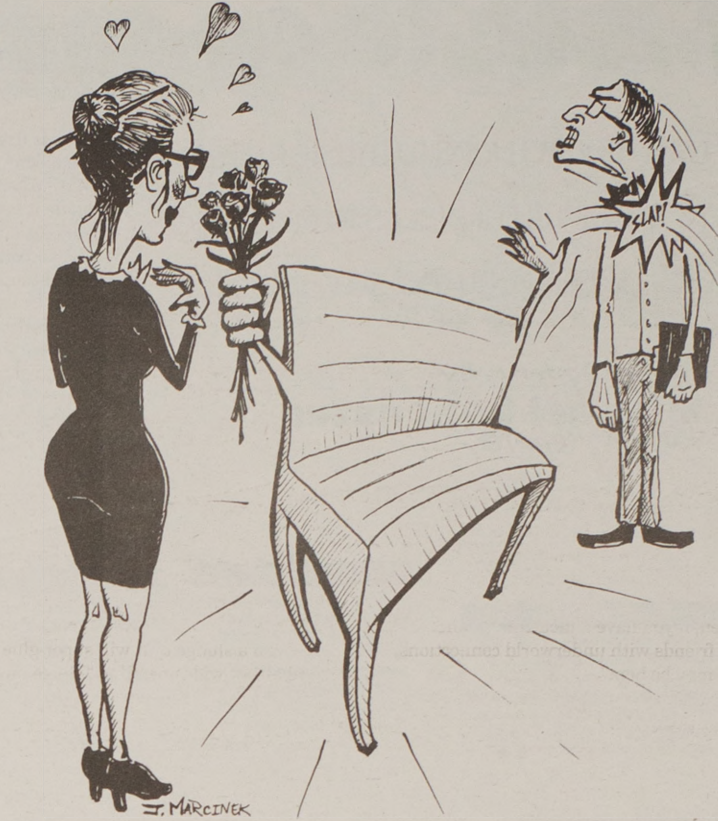
**Teacher:** (*Embarrassed*) Oh, Mr. Bench, that's very sweet, but I shouldn't. (*Looking at her notes*) It says here you only attended four classes and at three of those you brought a flask of scotch and passed it around the class.

**Bench:** I agree that was certainly bad form. Did anyone ever tell you that you are way better looking than Molly Ringwald?

**Teacher:** (*Flattered*) Oh Mr. Bench, how sweet of you.

**Bench:** Please accept this DVD copy of "Pretty in Pink" in thanks for your honesty.

**Teacher:** (*Thinking*) You know, that was some excellent



scotch you brought in, and you did share. I think that alone is grounds for a "D."

**Bench:** Oh dear, how generous of you. I suppose I'll agree only on the condition that you let The Bench take you out for a romantic dinner.

**Teacher:** (*Sighs*) Oh dear, I'm afraid I'm being swept off my feet!

**Bench:** Don't worry, you can always rest by lyin' down on The Bench.

•If your T.A. is a guy and so are you, follow these steps.

**Teacher:** Please Mr. Bench, wake up and listen for a second. Seeing as you passed out and puked during the test I have no choice but to give you an "F."

**Bench:** Shut yo' ass up, foo! The Bench was just resting his eyes. Mind yo' tongue before The Bench beats you wit' dis sock a quarters.

**Teacher:** Um...sorry Mr. Bench, but I'm afraid I'm just going to have to flunk you.

**Bench:** All right, but before you do, know that I'm gonna take this puppy (*hold up innocent puppy*) and beat him wit a billy club.

**Teacher:** Dear God, Mr. Bench!

**Bench:** Listen, you four-eyed pimple man, The Bench is the one doing the talking. Now we both know The Bench deserves a "D." Give it to him, or he'll make you wear this funny woman's dress, and whomp yo' sissy ass!

**Teacher:** All right! All right! You've got your "D." Just let the puppy be.

**Bench:** Did your sorry ass really think The Bench would hurt dis little puppy? Fool, don't let The Bench ever you hear say that bullshit again. The Bench would way sooner club yo' ass down than hurt a puppy. Now check dat attitude and enjoy a Pabst wit da Bench.

**Teacher:** I only drink white wine. I don't drink Pabst.

**Bench:** You do now, little man. You do now.

Repeat if necessary. Enjoy yo' finals. If you a lady, sorry. The Bench figured you was smart enough to go to class. Most of The Bench's fans ain't.

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# There's a juggling elephant in my Blue Book!

Story By  
**Nate Schweber**  
Kaimin Reporter

Study time came and went. You don't even have the drive to cheat. You've got a final in one hour and you wouldn't recognize the professor if you ran him over in the street.

Well, if you have a medicine cabinet and some friends with underworld connections, there may be hope!

It's time for you to take desperate measures and pray for a chemical miracle of sorts.

It's time to get loaded.

Athletes have been using performance-enhancing drugs for years. We at the Kaimin believe the same philosophy can work in the academic game. If you consider yourself above such ethically questionable measures, you probably paid enough attention in philosophy class and don't need this. But if your mind is conjuring up images of a narcotic life-preserver floating towards you in a sea of D's and F's, this is for you.

From the grocery store to the back alleys, here are the drugs to ingest and avoid during finals week.



## Fruit Loops

Don't laugh! If these rainbow-colored rings touted by a talking toucan had been around in the '60s, you can bet that somebody would've found God in a bowl of them.

Baseball player

Mickey Tettleton wouldn't ever play a game without downing half a box before the national anthem. Okay, so the man didn't exactly round first base like a puma, but he did hit one ball completely out of Tiger Stadium. This is your final. Swing for the fences.



## Coffee

It's the liquid tar-of-death that seems to sustain the life force of so many college students.

Tasters at pie-eating contests use sips of coffee to clear their palates so they could make unbiased judgments. So why not use the swill to clear your mind of all other distractions so you can concentrate fully on your studies? With a little water, Folgers crystals form a sludge that will super-glue your eyeballs so wide open they'll have no choice but to peer at any book you put in front of you. Plus, you'll be the first one finished with the test.



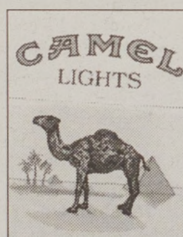
## Twinkies

No. Do not ingest these poison fluorescent loaves before test time. They are intended only as a last line of defense in a first-degree homicide trial. Either that or as the only food substance that would survive nuclear

armageddon. Finals week is a different kind of end-of-the world that won't be remedied by Hostess.

## Cigarettes

A friend of mine told me, "it's an oral fixation thing." He explained that smoking while studying occupies one's hands which in turn stimulates one's brain. Right. At least if you reek bad enough maybe the other test-takers in the room will drop dead from second-hand smoke-breath lung-cancer. If your professor is grading on a curve and you're the only one left alive, you've got it made.



## Booze

You certainly won't win anybody's respect coming into your test-taking room reeking like the urinal at the Top Hat, but if you pull this maneuver off you'll have the last laugh. Hurl all over your test right before you hand it in, and the professor will have no other choice but to make you retake it. In the meantime, you can go

home and find the right answers to the questions. Now if only you don't black out...

## No-Doz.

Ah... everyone remembers their first experience with over-the-counter-speed. For me it was trying not to explode in a high school social studies class after swallowing one of the little white jitter-makers that I took 'cuz I stayed awake walking around town the night before. It's not that caffeine makes you any less sleepy, it just makes it so you can't sleep. No-Doz is a good test-taking aid if your shoe size exceeds the number of hours you've slept the past two weeks.



## Rubber cement

You need all the brain cells you've got, dummy. Skip this sticky wicket during finals week.



## Marijuana (chacha)

Why, Einstein, if you wanna perform on your test would you take something

called "dope." Leave it for afterwards, smartie.

## Hallucinogens

This is a pretty slick one to use - as in Grace Slick. If you've read this far, your brain obviously isn't in the state of mind to know what the hell your test is talking about. Maybe if you lick the right Grateful Dead sticker you'll magically be whisked away to the dimension where your final is a piece of cake. If that fails, maybe you can just sit for hours making beautiful patterns on your Scantron and your professor will reward your creativity.

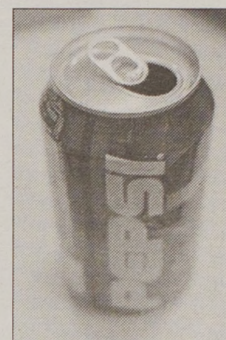
## Amphetamines

With these as a study aid, you'll either cram for three days straight, or spend the same amount of time staring at your computer screen playing solitaire. The ultimate drug for essay tests. Recall the story of how Jack Kerouac took a bunch of speed, thought back on all his travels, taped 12 feet of typewriter paper together, and wrote the entire manuscript for "On

The Road" in three sleepless weeks. Just pray your professor doesn't grade on punctuation.

## Pepsi

You know if you put a solid iron nail in a glass of Pepsi, in three days the nail is completely dissolved. Only 24 hours for a human tooth. With the stress you're already under, you gotta assume your stomach is churning acid as potent as the Exxon Valdez wreck. Adding Cola to that could only result in an ulcer - something you surely don't need.



## Cocaine

Oh yeah! I heard from an ex-cokehead that the white powder "makes you feel like you could stand in front of a truck." Hell, that way you could get expelled from school and still not have it dent your self-confidence. It also makes you think clearer, which would surely be beneficial on a test. Unfortunately, it's a tad - how shall I say it? - habit-forming. Soon you may be wishing that EVERY week was finals

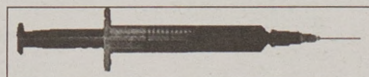


week and even if you do pass, you'll have blown your next semester's tuition on blow.

## Heroin

It's a novel idea to take a final while on the nod. Shoot up right before the exam, then snooze all the way through it. You may not get a good grade (or any grade at all), but then, flunking never felt so euphoric.

Study and sleep; C'mon now, that's the ULTIMATE bum trip.



## Stocking Stuffer



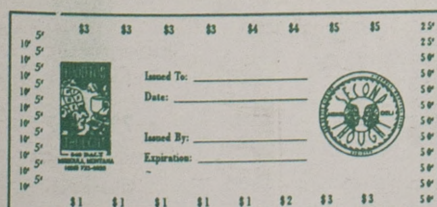
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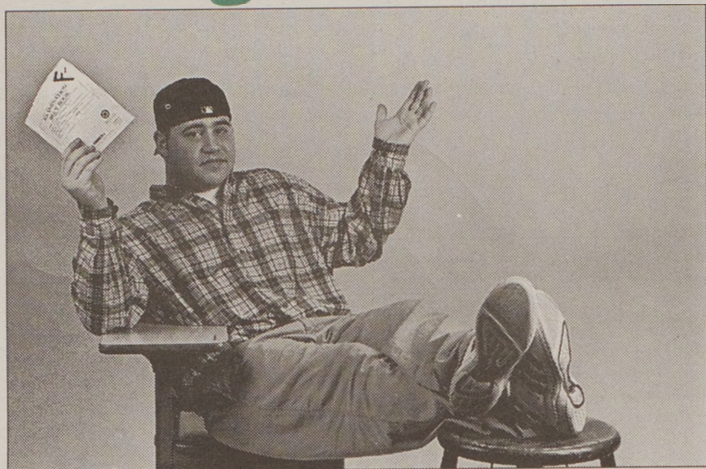
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# How to flunk and look goooooood...



Chad Dundas sez: "If you're going to bomb, bomb with style." John Locher/Kaimin

I am one lazy bastard.

I like to tell people that I'm "not highly motivated around academics." It's sort of a snazzy way to explain that I'm an archetypal slacker who has already dropped out of college a handful of times. The bottom line is: I don't study. Ever.

I'd rather flunk a class than sacrifice valuable freetime doing something silly like reading books. That's time that could be invested bonding with the Sony Playstation, or eating double-decker fudge bars.

Come finals week, I don't fret, cram, squirm, panic, or stay up late trying to play catch-up. I don't bother professors with sob

stories about my sick grandma. I don't even try to cheat. I flunk...

And I make it look good.

Here are some tips from a pro bowl failure on how to go down like a lead balloon during finals week, and still be the envy of your entire class:

## The Look

Personal appearance is the most important factor in jiving your peers. Face it, we all judge people by how they look, even if we tell our humanities professors differently. If you want people to think that you're taking it all in stride, you've got to look the part.

Hakuna matata and here's my freakin' Scantron.  
Kaimin Reporter Chad Dundas shows that 'F' is for flair

Story By  
**Chad Dundas**  
Kaimin Reporter

You need to convey confidence without crossing the line into cocky bravado. Try a button-down shirt (top two buttons open), preferably tucked into a pair of pressed slacks.

Live a little and buy new sneakers, but don't front with a tie. People will see right through your little song and dance if you take it too far.

Make sure your hair is combed and you look alert, ready for action. If possible, shave all areas deemed appropriate for your gender. Smile. Inquire of someone: "What's up?"

*Optional:* A faded hand stamp that shows you've recently been out on the town. This sends a clear message. You're so confident in your abilities that you went out boozing instead of hemming and hawing with some study group.

## Placement

Where you sit is also a key element. Pick a spot with a good view of the classroom. Avoid the extreme front and back rows. These are for mouth breathers and ass-kissing non-trads. Not you. You're big time.

Above all else, take a seat next to someone who looks less intelligent than yourself. They will be your patsy. Their own slovenly, inept mannerisms will make you look better.

It's best to pick your patsy long before finals week. These people are easy to spot, usually betraying themselves within the first few days of class. They'll stumble in 10 minutes late, red-eyed and scruffy-looking. They'll clutch go-cups of coffee or soda and often don't bring their books to class. These people are your prey. Use them to increase your own social standing.

Plop down in the seat next to them and nod. Say something assertive like, "Man, I hate this professor, he treats us like a bunch of kindergartners."

*Optional:* Whip out a stick of gum or a breath mint and offer it to your patsy. If they refuse, shake your head and shrug like it's their loss. This will make them wonder if they smell bad, and will do nothing but intensify their nervous demeanor.

## The Test

Zero hour. You know you're going down, Hindenburg-style, but your Charles Bronson act should have everyone else fooled by now. When the tests come around, take one, but don't start in on it right away. Look around to make sure others dive in first. Catch somebody's eye and give them a thumbs-up or the "A-OK" sign with your fingers. When you do start in on the exam, nod confidently and whisper "Yessir" or "There it is, baby," just loud enough for others to hear.

The actual nuts and bolts of taking the test are up to you. Generally, on short answer or multiple choice exams, you can bluff your way through on what little you retain from high school. Essays are a bit more troublesome. Regurgitate anything you can remember from the lectures (assuming you went to one or two). It's also handy to memorize the title and author of any of the course's required texts, even if you didn't buy them. Simply mentioning the name of the author in the most obtuse, nondescript way will buy you a few points.

Whatever you do, never, ever, be the very first student to complete and turn in your test. Wait for others to blaze a trail. Keep an eye on the instructor and wait for the "Who do you think you are?" look to fade from their face. Then, and only then, is it safe to turn in your work.

Conventional wisdom says it's best to get your text near the top of the pile. This means, while grading, the professor will encounter your offering sooner than later. This is the best time to catch them in a good mood, before they get sick of everyone's plagiarized crap. Hell, catch them at the right time, they might even give you a "D".

*Optional:* Come equipped with extra blue books and No. 2 pencils. Some dumb schmuck always forgets these essentials. Nonchalantly give them one of yours and say "No problema" when they acknowledge you as their savior.

## The Aftermath

When finished, turn in your test, gather your things and leave. Don't look around. Don't talk to anyone. Do not pass go. Do not collect \$200. You may have fooled the world, but the man in the mirror knows you rolled the fat F-ski. Shake your fist and promise yourself to be more studious next semester. Spot your patsy in the hall and give him an All-American nod or a handshake. Tell him you think you did OK.

Then, hit the bars and drink until you don't know your own name.

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