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## Students drowning in credit card debt

*Inexperience, holiday season can bulk up bills*

**Courtney Lowery**  
Montana Kaimin

Ryan Mulcahy considers himself one of the poor students who couldn't say no to the "guys on campus handing out credit cards."

Mulcahy has a balance of \$900 on his lone credit card. He said he uses his card for convenience most of the time, but he occasionally slips it out of his wallet, cuts it through the smoke and hands it to the bartender.

"I use it for good sometimes," Mulcahy said, adding that "good" means books and a camera, "but it's the statements that come from Sean Kelly's that aren't so great. That is the bad way to use it: at the bar."

Mulcahy is not alone. Many students have been struggling the last few weeks, digging into their pockets for change and living within their means even if it means eating only bagels and Ramen noodles. The weeks between holiday spending and the Dec. 21 tuition refund date are hard

"When you let that credit card slide, and you think, 'They won't come after me for \$2,000,' you're wrong. They are starting to come after (students) for pretty low numbers."

—Audrey Kramer,  
Consumer Credit Counseling's  
branch operations director

on the student pocketbook.

Consumer Credit Counseling's branch operations director, Audrey Kramer, said the post-holiday season is definitely her busiest, but the number of students seems to remain constant. Kramer counsels between five and 10 college students per month, and she estimated 15-20 percent of her service's total clientele are students.

"We find they get the largest amount

of credit card applications," she said. "I've even seen credit card companies at Griz games giving out little Griz teddy bears with applications. I think these companies target these kids and of course, they are tempting because most students don't work

and don't have income."

However, the buying power tends to backfire on students, Kramer said.

"I know (credit cards) are nice, but they can get you really messed up," she said. "When you let that credit card slide, and you think, 'They won't come after me for \$2,000,' you're wrong. They are starting to come after (students) for pretty low numbers."

Kramer said over-limit and late fees can jack up balances, leaving students



Photo Illustration by Samuel Anthony

with bills that add up to unpayable amounts. Many students, including junior Christina Clark, can only afford to shell out cash for the minimum payments, which Kramer says usually only covers the interest.

"It is a pretty big stress," she said. "I usually only pay the minimum so the stress is going to get bigger if I don't pay them off."

Clark, whose two cards have an added balance of \$1,000, said she started out responsible, using one of

her cards strictly for a spring break trip to Lake Havasu. She quickly jumped into the "impulse buyer" category.

"At first, I didn't really use it that often, but then, if I spontaneously want something, I think Oh, I have a credit card, I can make payments on it," Clark said. "But, now I don't use them. I had to cancel them because they got stolen. I'm beginning to think that was a good thing because I'm a little addicted to shopping."

## Missoula finds new uses for recycled glass

*Bottles collected by BFI will be mixed with asphalt to pave roads*

**Melissa Baluka**  
Montana Kaimin

Beer and Snapple bottles will soon appear in Missoula streets, not as litter but as part of the roadway.

BFI waste disposal, in cooperation with the city, is accepting all types of used glass bottles and containers to mix with asphalt.

MontPIRG leaders pushed for the return of glass recycling to the Garden City because they thought it was silly to put glass in the landfill when it could be reused.

"The fight to get glass recycling back in the community was very important to us," said Chris Newbold, executive director of MontPIRG. "We stuck with it until city officials said OK."

One of those city officials is Missoula City Councilman Dave Harmon, who encouraged the city to take on the project.

"We found that glass has properties that makes gravel a better product," Harmon said. "It causes pavement to expand and contract less."

The more pavement expands and contracts, the more it will crack.

Another benefit he found was that asphalt mixed with glass is five to six percent cheaper.

Harmon and Newbold said the project's success depends on the community.

Newbold said "People need to take in clean bottles without lids. If they don't it will create more work for the project, and then the city would have to pay for the labor."

Another key to the continuation of glass recycling, Harmon said, is people finding other uses for the glass.

"We are hoping that some-

one will want to use it in such things as floor tiles, then we could keep all of the glass out of the landfill," Harmon said.

BFI is accepting glass only at the 806 W. Spruce St. location. Glass can be dropped off only during business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. BFI will take the glass, but does not pay for it.

Glass cannot be placed in recycling bins or left at the curb of the recyclery, said BFI officials.

"We haven't set up bins because we were afraid people would dump dirty glass," said Max Bauer, a BFI advocate.

However, Bauer said the program has been successful so far.

The success of the project will be evaluated in a year by the city and BFI to decide if it will continue.

## Nonresidents seek mountain highs at UM

*Out-of-state students attend Missoula for the scenery, not studies*

**Jim Wilkerson**  
Montana Kaimin

"A River Runs Through It" syndrome is still alive and well in Western Montana: As subdivisions continue to pop up in the Bitterroot Valley like spring flowers, so do out-of-state students at UM eager for a taste of the mountains and wilderness that make Montana famous.

"Students are coming here from all regions of the country for UM's location and for the academic programs associated with the wilderness," said Gary Ratcliff, coordinator for student affairs research. "This

is opposed to in-state students, who said they came here mostly because of the low in-state tuition."

Ratcliff said that this is part of a nationwide trend in which middle- and upper-middle-class students are choosing state universities over private colleges.

"There is a phenomenon where middle-class students are looking at public universities over private ones because they are less expensive," Ratcliff said.

Ratcliff said he gathered this information on student satisfaction at UM — the most recent available — through two surveys in 1997 and 1998. The 1998 UCLA entrance survey, which schools from across the nation participate in, was given out at freshmen orientation.

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# OPINION

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## Parking

### Students' parking complaints should fall on deaf ears

This is the time of the semester when complaints from students about parking begin to reach a deafening crescendo.

Words not fit to be printed can be heard coming from little Geos as they whip around campus. Parking makes for lively small talk by students en-route to classes. Letters begin streaming into the Kaimin.

All of this chatter about parking is silly. Parking is a non-issue.

Sure, it might be a little tough to show up 10 minutes before class and get a spot, and for a few hours a day, you might have to walk a bit. These are hardly large, or even noteworthy, concerns.

Campus Security is usually singled out as the villain for these inconveniences in the oft-repeated battle cry: UM sells more parking passes than there are parking spots.

There are only two potential solutions one can interpret from this criticism. One, build a parking place for every student who wants a pass (about 8,000 to 9,000 students); or two, only sell as many passes as there are spots.

Both ideas are ludicrous.

If the university were to sell only as many passes as there are parking spots — about 4,400 passes — then only at the absolute peak times would every spot be filled. The rest of the day the campus would be drowning in empty concrete.

Those not fortunate enough to get one of the prized 4,400 passes in this scenario would be crowding around the edges of the city's no-park zone surrounding UM.

Now, if UM were to build about 9,000 parking spots, they would have to acquire enough land to double the number of spots. We would have pavement stretching from campus halfway to the golf course. Or we would have to bulldoze a large chunk of the university neighborhood. Not to mention the cost of purchasing these properties.

Anyone who has visited a major metropolitan university knows that we live in a veritable parking shangri-la. A person cannot park within two miles of the University of Washington anytime during the day. In fact, they have a satellite parking lot that is farther from their school than the Iron Horse is from UM.

We have no reason to bitch. If you buy a parking pass (fortunately anyone can), then most of the time you can park on campus. A few days a week during peak hours you might have a 10-minute walk staring you in the face.

An inconvenient stroll is not the the biggest issue confronting UM students.

Topping that list should be UM's extreme sensitivity to cash shortfalls, the school's academic shortcomings, or even the antiquated and patronizing notion of continuing to call female sports teams "The Lady Griz."

Anything but parking.

—Matt Gouras

## Guest Column

### Loss of Mike Malone a blow to Montana

#### Column by



George Dennison

In December 1999, far too soon for such a dynamic person, President Mike Malone of Montana State University suffered a heart attack and never recovered. With his death, I lost a good

friend and colleague. People interested in Montana and Western history lost something equally important, a man who loved the history of which he wrote so well. That love came through clearly in nine books and twenty articles and his numerous talks, which he gave willingly on invitation. At the time of his death, he was at work on a new approach to Western history. As some have noted, with the passing of K. Ross Toole, Mike Malone became the major scholar of Montana history. His legacy will influence students of history and the general public for generations to come. What a fitting tribute for a man who dedicated his life to the study of history.

But we have lost much more. Mike had a wonderful way of meeting people. He loved to talk, but he listened as well. As he traveled around Montana, he collected stories and material, all of which ultimately enriched the history he wrote. But he wasn't always reporting or recording. He genuinely liked people, especially Montanans who adopted him when he came to Montana State University in 1967. For more than three decades, he won friends and accolades for his work.

Mike also had a fine career as an academic administrator, beginning as the chair of his department and assuming the presidency in 1991. Because of close association as a colleague during the last decade, I came to admire his ability to manage difficult problems without panic. Always ready to find humor in every situation, he kept us all on track, refusing to bow before adversity or become too optimistic. He treated legislators with respect, recognizing the challenges they face in trying to meet so many needs with so few resources. He understood as

well that those of us who accept the opportunity to serve in leadership positions have to provide leadership. We cannot simply blame others when things get difficult, as they will. We have the responsibility to find ways to succeed. Mike proved himself a successful and creative leader.

As a humanist and a historian, he forcefully upheld the responsibility of universities to prepare people for meaningful lives, not simply for careers. But he lived in the present and the future as much as he loved the past. His fascination with the latest communication technology became legendary. I doubt he ever saw a gadget he didn't try. They were important because they enhanced communication and symbolized the potential of human creativity. Mike led by example and enjoyed it immensely.

Each of us must now deal with the profound loss. As we do so, we must think often of Kathy Malone, the lovely lady who helped Mike in his achievements. Kathy has suffered the deepest loss of all, having been deprived of the anticipated pleasures of growing old with the man who had shared her life. As we think of Mike and all that he meant to us, let us

remember Kathy as well and the difficult burden she must now carry.

Finally, Mike's untimely death will take much of the joy I found in the healthy competition between our two universities. Many people misunderstand and misinterpret the com-

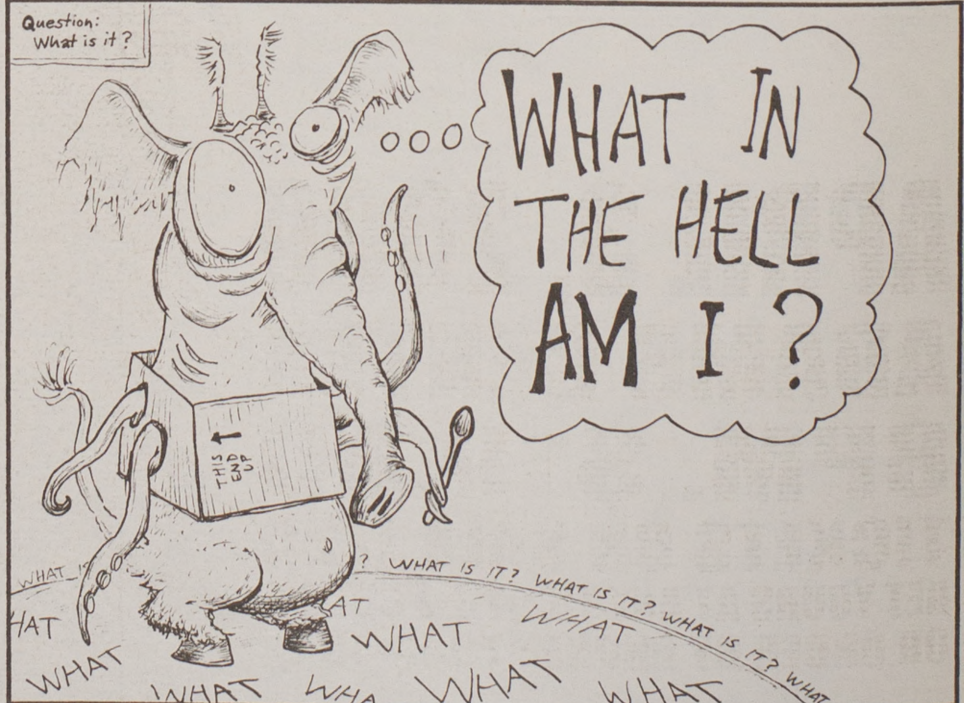
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petition, viewing it as destructive rather than constructive. I disagree. The competition kept us both on our toes trying to make certain that we sustained the pace. However, we stopped short of the kind of cutthroat, win-at-all-costs competition that destroys civility and undermines good relations. Mike understood the game as I do, and he played it well. I personally believe that the game made life interesting and exciting and will miss the relationship very much.

As an epitaph, the following strikes me as entirely fitting: Mike Malone, Scholar, educator, husband and father, friend and mentor. He seemed always to have the wind at his back as he assumed new challenges. His love of life and history, and his lively Irish sense of humor, made life much more enjoyable for all of us. He was first and foremost a good man.

## OFFICIAL QUESTION

Question: What is it?



Answer: THE ANSWER IS SECRET!

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# UM forestry professor sees the world through satellite

*The Terra, which Steven Running helped design, will begin sending data home this week*

**Nate Schweber**  
Montana Kaimin

UM forestry professor Steven Running said he's getting ready to analyze the first batch of data from an earth-orbiting NASA satellite that he helped design.

"The flood of data is like opening up a big dam; we might get the first trickles in a week," Running said.

Almost two decades ago, Running and his team of UM researchers and graduate students began working on a software system to research data collected by a NASA satellite called the Terra. On Dec. 18, 1999, the Terra was launched into orbit and since then it has been circling the globe from the North Pole to South Pole and back every 90 minutes. It travels at a speed of 17,000 mph. Each day it will take detailed photographs of the entire planet and send the data back to a NASA supercomputer containing the software that Running designed. That information will then come to Running's lab in the Science Complex at UM.

Now Running is waiting for NASA technicians to get

the satellite fine-tuned.

"The satellite sensors haven't reached full operation yet, they're still fixing startup details," Running said. "It's hard to explain, but on a system this complex there is a long initiation sequence."

According to NASA's Terra satellite web page (<http://www.terra.nasa.gov>), after 38 days in orbit both the spacecraft and the instruments on board are working "extremely well."

The entire satellite, Running said, is operated by remote controls that can tweak every part of it. NASA officials are currently working on the orbiting satellite from their mission control at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

Running said this Terra satellite is to earth science what the Hubble telescope is to monitoring deep space: there's never been anything like it before.

Other earth-monitoring satellites are like cameras, Running said. The \$1.3 billion Terra will survey atmosphere, land and ocean progress, ocean color, global vegetation, cloud characteristics, temperature and moisture profiles and snow cover.

"A broad overview of the project is to see if the Earth's vegetation has got any health problems, whether the global biosphere health and productivity is going up or down,"

Running said. "The satellite will check to see if the biosphere is being degraded, because if it is, it's only a matter of time before we're in big trouble."

"Because of this satellite, the sooner we can detect biosphere damage, the faster we can get to work on halting that decline."

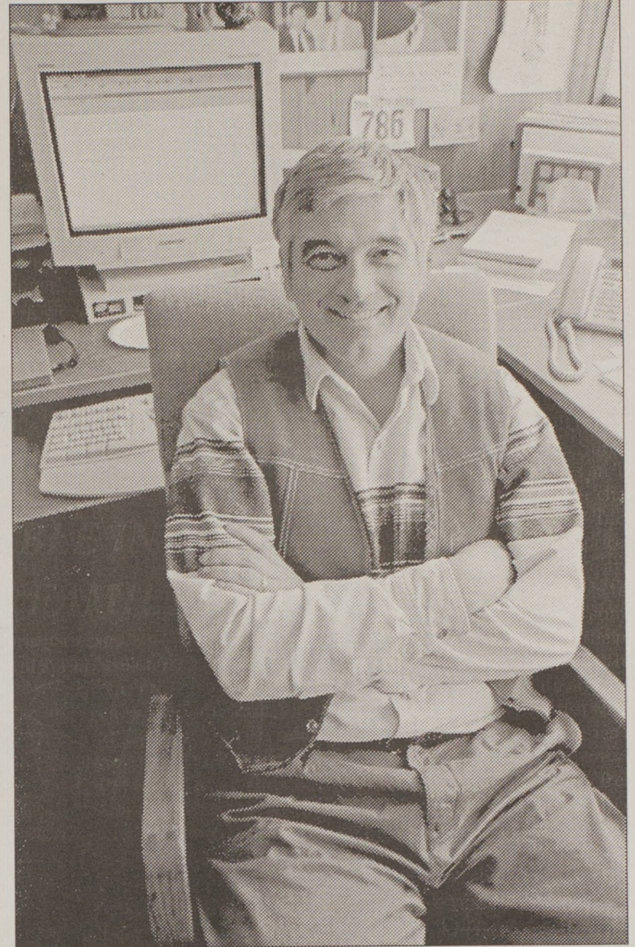
Most of Running's job, initially, will be checking the satellite data and making sure it's accurate.

"This type of thing has never been done before," Running said. "And nobody will know if it's working without a checkup."

In the meantime, Running is already working on two projects for the next generation of NASA earth science satellites scheduled for launch in 2008. Big projects are nothing new to Running, who's scored more than \$10 million in project grants in the 20 years he's been at UM.

Outer space is a long way from the subject of forestry, the subject Running graduated with a degree in from Oregon State University. He has taught at UM since 1979.

"What I do has relatively little to do with trees anymore, except in the most abstract sense," Running said, adding that he's off to study jet-propulsion systems on Thursday. "As scientists, we never see this rocket-engineering part; it's fascinating to see."



Lindsey Nelson/Kaimin

Steve Running's software will help scientists study the Earth's health.

Running also saw his celebrity status skyrocket in the aftermath of the Terra launch.

"When I was walking around town doing my

Christmas shopping, complete strangers were shaking my hand saying they followed the launch and thought it was really cool," Running said.

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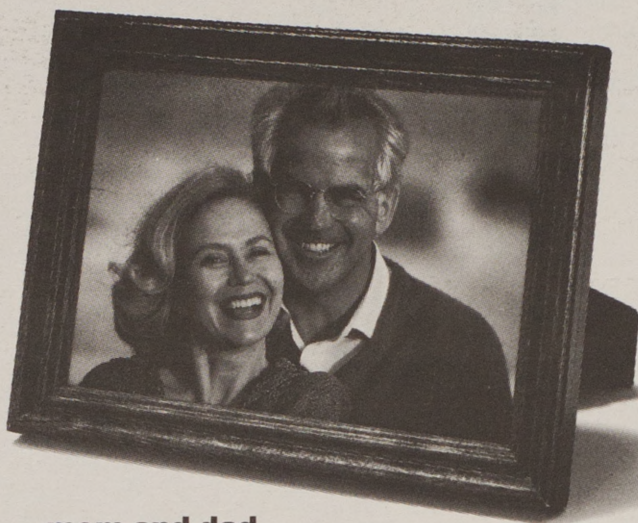
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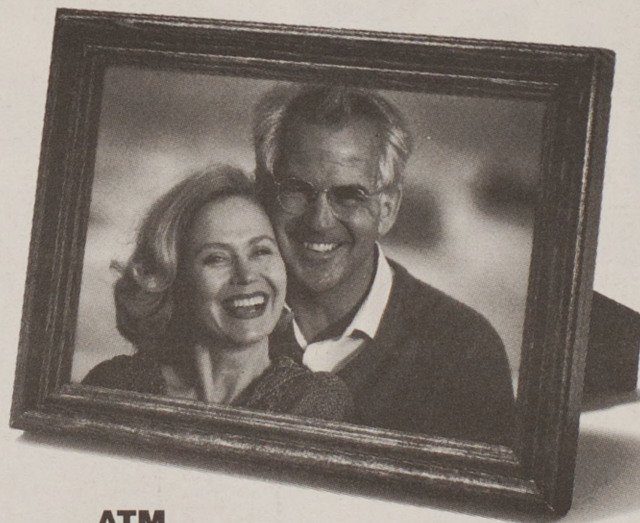
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# UM students embrace online registration

Thousands have used the CyberBEAR site since its inception in November

Melanthia Mitchell  
for the Kaimin

Students are taking full advantage of the new CyberBEAR website UM added to its registration system in November.

Almost 6,000 UM students had used the site as of Tuesday, said Ron Righter of Computing and Information Services. On Tuesday alone, the site had almost 500 visitors.

The UM Registrar's Office first offered CyberBEAR to all Four Bear students in November as a test run. Assistant Registrar Diane Flamand said they encountered a few glitches, mainly because students didn't recog-

nize some jargon.

"Things students stumbled on were just a little ignorance on their part," Flamand said.

The site allowed students to register for classes as well as view their grades from previous semesters.

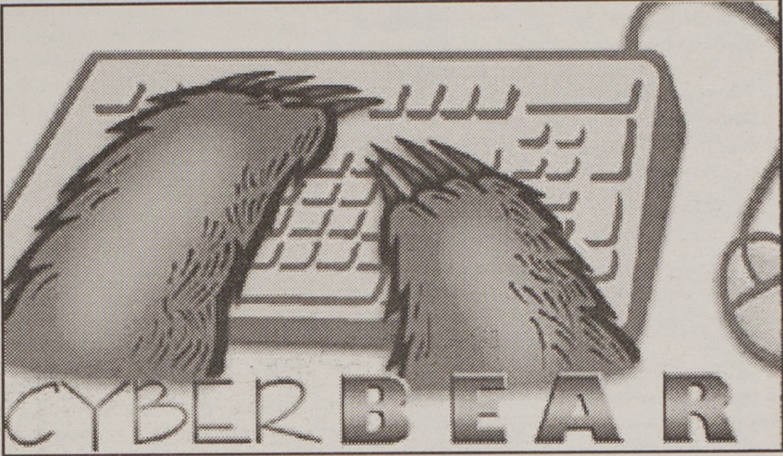
Flamand said her office sent out between 125 and 150 questionnaires to students asking for their input on the site.

"It's been a real success for us even before all our student population has used it," Flamand said.

Katherine Cogburn, a sophomore majoring in German, said she liked the site because she could check her grades from home over intersession.

"It's nicer because I was out of state so I didn't have to spend the money on long distance," Cogburn said.

Flamand said she offered training workshops for CyberBEAR to 200



Courtesy of UM website

incoming freshman and 225 transfer students. More workshops are scheduled for the month of April and both staff and students are welcome to attend to learn about the website, Flamand said.

# Mount Jumbo closes to protect wintering elk

Hikers can be fined \$500 for trespassing

Josh Mahan  
Montana Kaimin

The winter season is once again in full swing, bringing with it the annual closure of Mount Jumbo to hikers to ensure sanctuary for wintering elk that have used the mountain for generations.

The closure comes with

"The mountain was purchased for elk habitat as well as for recreation."

—Kate Supplee,  
Open Space Program Manager

three exceptions: the trail to the "L," the fire road above I-90 and the land below the road linking upper Lincoln Hills Drive to Tamarack Street.

"The mountain was purchased as elk habitat as well as for recreation," said Kate

Supplee, the Open Space Program Manager. "In the winter the elk have no other place to go, whereas recreationists can go to Pattee Canyon or Blue Mountain."

Hikers can be issued a \$500 ticket for violating the

closed zones on the mountain, an offense that residents of the neighborhood and volunteer elk watchers don't take lightly. The elk watchers spend much of their days with spotting scopes trained on the mountain, counting elk and other wildlife as well as violators, whom they report to the authorities with a call to 911.

The closure is a necessity for the elk who are often plagued by malnutrition dur-

ing the harsh winter months, Supplee said. Hikers place extra stress on the animals with their presence by forcing them to move and expend winter energy reserves.

If you are interested in viewing the elk from afar, Waterworks Hill is highly recommended for its view.

The City of Missoula is soliciting volunteer elk watchers. For more information contact Kim Supplee at 523-4669.

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## More vacationers seek wilds of Montana

Jim Wilkson  
Montana Kaimin

Thanks in part to the strong national economy, Montana tourism continued to grow last year, according to the UM-based Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research.

"People come here for the national parks, the mountains, the scenery and the open space," said Kim McMahon, the institute's research associate. "People just find that Montana is a good place to get away from it all."

The institute's statistics showed a 2 percent increase in state tourism in 1999 and predict tourism will grow by the same amount next year.

Institute Director Norma Nickerson attributes this increase to low unemployment and inflation, growth in personal consumption and disposable income across the nation.

According to their research, however, Glacier National Park, a traditional Montana tourist attraction, actually saw an 8 percent decrease in visitation last year, while Yellowstone saw only a slight increase.

McMahon said that this could be partially due to rumors in the media that Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier had been closed, but it also appears to be because the aging baby boomer generation is eager to explore some less-known places off the beaten path now that their children are grown.

Nickerson agreed.

"Traffic patterns show that more nonresidents are getting off the interstate highways and taking to the scenic secondary roads," Nickerson said. "This can be partially explained by the graying of America, which in turn represents a greater interest in cultural events and sites and exploration of the back roads not previously explored with children in

the car."

Nickerson said that this interest in backroads and cultural attractions has led to more interest in touring eastern Montana, an area traditionally ignored by vacationers.

"Areas such as Fort Union Trading Post and Fort Peck Lake ... and Clark Canyon Reservoir ... all had tremendous visitor increases in 1999," Nickerson said. "Interest in Lewis and Clark appears to be already showing itself in Montana, and it is very likely that this trend will continue as marketing and advertising about the Lewis and Clark commemoration begin to appear around the region and the country."

According to Nickerson, nonresidents spent about \$1.6 billion in Montana last year, with most of those visitors coming from Washington, California, Idaho and Wyoming. With all four of these states among the fastest growing in the nation, Nickerson expects Montana to benefit financially.

"Resident growth in neighboring states will automatically translate into nonresident visitor growth for Montana since residents of neighboring states have historically been Montana's visitors," Nickerson said.

She added, however, that 75 percent of Montana residents took vacations within the state last year, amounting to more than \$255 million in revenue. She said that most of these trips were to participate in day hikes, nature photography, fishing, historical and cultural opportunities and sporting events.

Both resident and nonresident tourism has a major impact on the Montana economy each year, according to McMahon.

"When compared to other major industries, including logging, agriculture and mining, tourism is right up there in terms of the number of jobs in Montana," McMahon said. "It's one of Montana's major economic sectors."

## Course fees come under ASUM scrutiny

*Senate to vote on increases and a simplified fee structure*

Josh Mahan  
Montana Kaimin

ASUM will discuss a proposal to increase the orientation fee for the first time since 1991 at its Wednesday meeting.

Incoming freshmen and transfer students would be affected by the proposal to increase the orientation fee, which hasn't been adjusted since 1991. UM Advocates coordinators are requesting the fee increase because it lost funding during last semester's budget crunch.

The Advocates are funded yearly by the Senate. In the past student money was combined with money from the administration to fund the program.

ASUM President Jessica Kobos wants ASUM to analyze the work being done by the commissioner of higher education on course fees. The fees can range anywhere from \$5-\$1,800, depending on majors. The commissioner of higher education is suggesting course fees fall under three categories: specialized activities, field trips and pass-through fees, such as Red Cross Certifications. A new

mandatory Instructional Materials Fee will be established for programs with unusually high operating expenses.

The Senate also needs to fill three open Senate seats, as well as begin its yearly budgeting process and decide which organizations will be given spring travel money.

If you are interested in becoming a student representative, contact the ASUM office by Friday to fill out an application.

Student organizations need to pick up budget packets if they want to receive money for the upcoming year. The packets are due Feb. 10, at which point the executive committee will make recommendations. Groups can then lobby the Senate during the dates of Feb. 22-25. The final budget will be available on March 4.

Student organizations planning on traveling during the spring semester need to fill out an application detailing the amount of money they need and turn it in by Feb. 2, in accordance with new rules. No money will be allocated to groups after this date.

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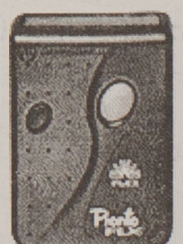
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# Students to spend spring break as good samaritans

**Jennifer Sauer**  
for the Kaimin

Rather than spending their spring break skiing in the mountains or drinking beer on the beach, three groups of UM students will be making a difference by volunteering.

For the fourth year in a row, Volunteer Action Services is organizing three alternative spring break trips for students to visit different parts of the West and improve the community.

This year groups will travel to Moab, Utah; Arcata, Calif., and San Francisco, Calif. All trips are still open to applicants.

Volunteer Action Services has taken trips to all three places before. They are returning because of their success with the community and the projects they worked on, said Levia Jones, alternative break coordinator.

Students who go to Moab, Utah will do restoration ecology by controlling noxious weeds and helping restore native plants.

"That area has been really heavily impacted" by human use, Jones said.

Students on this trip will be camping, although it is not necessary for anyone to have their own tent, Jones said.

Students participating in the trip to Arcata, Calif., will focus on ecology restoration in the sand dunes of the area. They will remove non-native plants and work with local schoolchildren to protect the dunes. Students will camp on this trip also.

"Arcata definitely fills up

the fastest because it is in the redwoods," Jones said.

Volunteers on the trip to San Francisco will work in the city on two different projects. They will spend two days working at the NAMES Project, home of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The other two days will be spent with Project Open Hand, which makes and serves meals to people with HIV and AIDS. Volunteers will stay in a hostel in the city.

"(This trip) is really emotional and very intense," Jones said.

Each trip is eight days long with four days of volunteering and one day off. Groups will travel in passenger vans.

There is room for ten people on each trip. Each group will have two student leaders trained in conflict resolution and leadership service, Jones said.

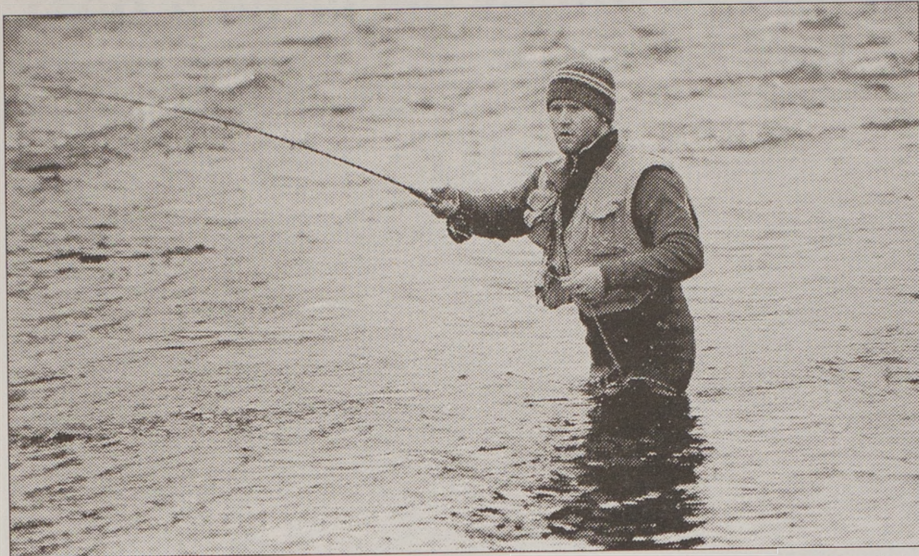
The cost ranges from \$150 to \$250, which pays for transportation, food and lodging.

Applications for the trips are available in Room 106 of the Davidson Honors College. They are due by Feb. 4. Groups will be chosen in the second week of February.

Jones said applicants are selected based on their motives and their desire to help improve the community visited. Although last year was slow, Jones said she has had to turn people down in the past.

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. in Room 120 in the Davidson Honors College and again on Friday at noon in Room 120.

## All-season sport



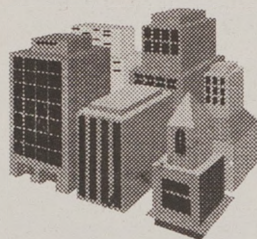
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Despite freezing temperatures and continuous snowfall Tuesday afternoon, UM sophomore Mike Wiggins enjoys a day fly fishing on the Clark Fork River next to campus.

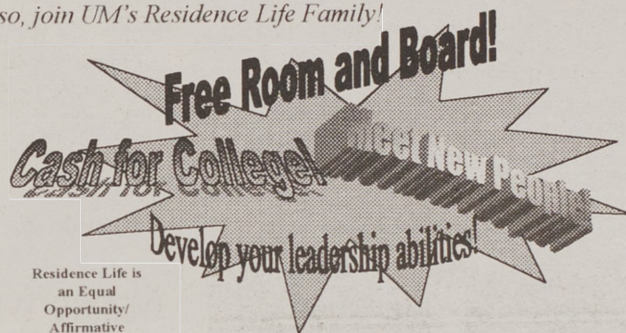
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# E-mail tax rumor declared a hoax

*Contrary to a forwarded message circulated around the country, Congress has no plans to charge users*

**Courtney Lowery**  
Montana Kaimin

E-mail users are incensed about a rumor that a bill in the House of Representatives would charge a fee for e-mail service, but neither the bill nor its author actually exist. A string of forwards being sent around the nation by e-mail alerts users to contact their representatives immediately to oppose the bill, which representatives have

called a "scandalous rumor." "The rumor is absolutely false," Ohio Representative Michael G. Oxley said in an online statement. The forwarded warning states that House Bill 602P will force e-mail users to pay a five cent fee for each message sent to fund the U.S. Postal Service for "alternate postage fees." The message says that the U.S. Postal Service and the government are attempting to put a stop to free Internet use. However, many representatives, including Oxley, Phil English of Pennsylvania, and Van Hilleary of Tennessee have posted statements online telling consumers the bill is fictitious. John Cleaveland, UM's executive assistant for infor-

mation technology, confirmed that the bill doesn't exist. "There have always been groups concerned about this (e-mail charges)," Cleaveland said. "The rumor gets going and people get excited. I don't think it's going to happen." Cleaveland also referred to the Internet Tax Freedom Act which was passed by the Senate in 1998, prohibiting any fee on e-mail until 2000. Therefore the hype, he said, was possibly constructed from a similar issue, but neither the House nor the Senate is debating the issue of tax on e-mail. "I think the issue is actually a sales tax on e-commerce," he said. "There is nothing pending that I know of on e-mail."

# O'Connor Center competes to expand regional program

*A \$50,000 grant will help the center in its battle against the University of Utah for distinction as a regional humanities institution*

**Melanthia Mitchell**  
for the Kaimin

A grant that UM's O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West received this winter will put it in the running to become one of 10 regional humanities centers, said Daniel Kemmis, the center's director. The center will use the \$50,000 grant, which is from the National Endowment for the Humanities, to compete with the University of Utah for the distinction. "This grant is an important recognition of all the good work the center has done and of the substantial backing and support that the university has given," Kemmis said. Because it is already a regional studies center and has a specific interest in the Canadian region, Kemmis said the UM center was a prime candidate for the grant. The center was designed to sharpen Westerners' understanding of their region and guide visions for the future of the West. The privately funded planning grants were awarded to 16 institutions across the nation based on their abilities to collaborate with other cul-

tural institutions in their region. An institution's support research on regional topics, documentation of regional history and preservation of cultural resources were also major factors in awarding the planning grants. The grants will enable center administrators to complete surveys of regional humanities resources and create a framework for a humanities center. Each of the 16 institutions receiving the \$50,000 planning grant will compete for the right to establish one of 10 regional humanities centers. A regional humanities center would hold established exhibits and traveling lectures, enabling people to better understand the history and culture of their particular region. If UM's center submits a more credible proposal to the group by the end of 2000 than the University of Utah, it will receive a \$5 million implementation grant. Kemmis said that if the UM center receives the grant it would be expected to match the amount three to one, raising \$15 million over the next seven years. The money will be used for regional humanities research and history preservation projects geared toward tourists. Each of the 10 centers hopes to raise \$20 million. The O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West is at the Milwaukee Station. It was formed in 1992 and is named for actor Carroll O'Connor and his wife, Nancy Fields O'Connor, both UM graduates.

# Trailer stolen without a hitch

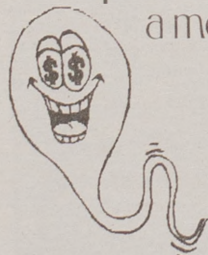
*No one seems to know how an Athletics Department trailer disappeared, or who did it*

**Nate Schweber**  
Montana Kaimin

Athletics Department officials say they're shocked by the nerve of thieves who stole a trailer from outside the north entrance to Washington Grizzly Stadium. "It took a lot of gumption to just back up and take it," Patty Dwight, administrative assistant for business affairs, said. "We'd really like to find out who did this." Dwight said the covered, white, 6-foot-by-12-foot, \$3,500 trailer with government plates was locked in parking lot Z, where it had been sitting for almost a year. Chuck Maes, assistant athletic director for business affairs, said someone from the Athletics Department had been in the trailer on the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 15. When everyone came back after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, they noticed the trailer was gone. Maes said all week he thought someone within the Athletics Department simply moved the

trailer. All that time, Maes said, other people in the Athletics Department who noticed the trailer's absence were presuming that he moved it. When they finally talked about it on Friday, Jan. 21, they realized the trailer was stolen. University Police Sgt. Charles Gatewood said initially there was a possibility that the trailer was only "borrowed," possibly by someone in UM athletics. "There's no reason anyone would've borrowed it," Dwight said. Dwight said UM athletics used the trailer last year to transport chairs and signs back and forth to Sentinel High School, where basketball games were held while the Adams Center was being refurbished. "We can see why somebody would want the trailer itself," Dwight said. "But not the stuff inside it." Maes said the Athletics Department planned on using the trailer to haul the football team's equipment when they went on road trips. Maes added that the trailer was secured with a gooseneck combination lock over the hitch. Whoever stole it, he said, must have cut the lock off with bolt cutters. "We thought it was fairly safe," Maes said. "We were wrong."

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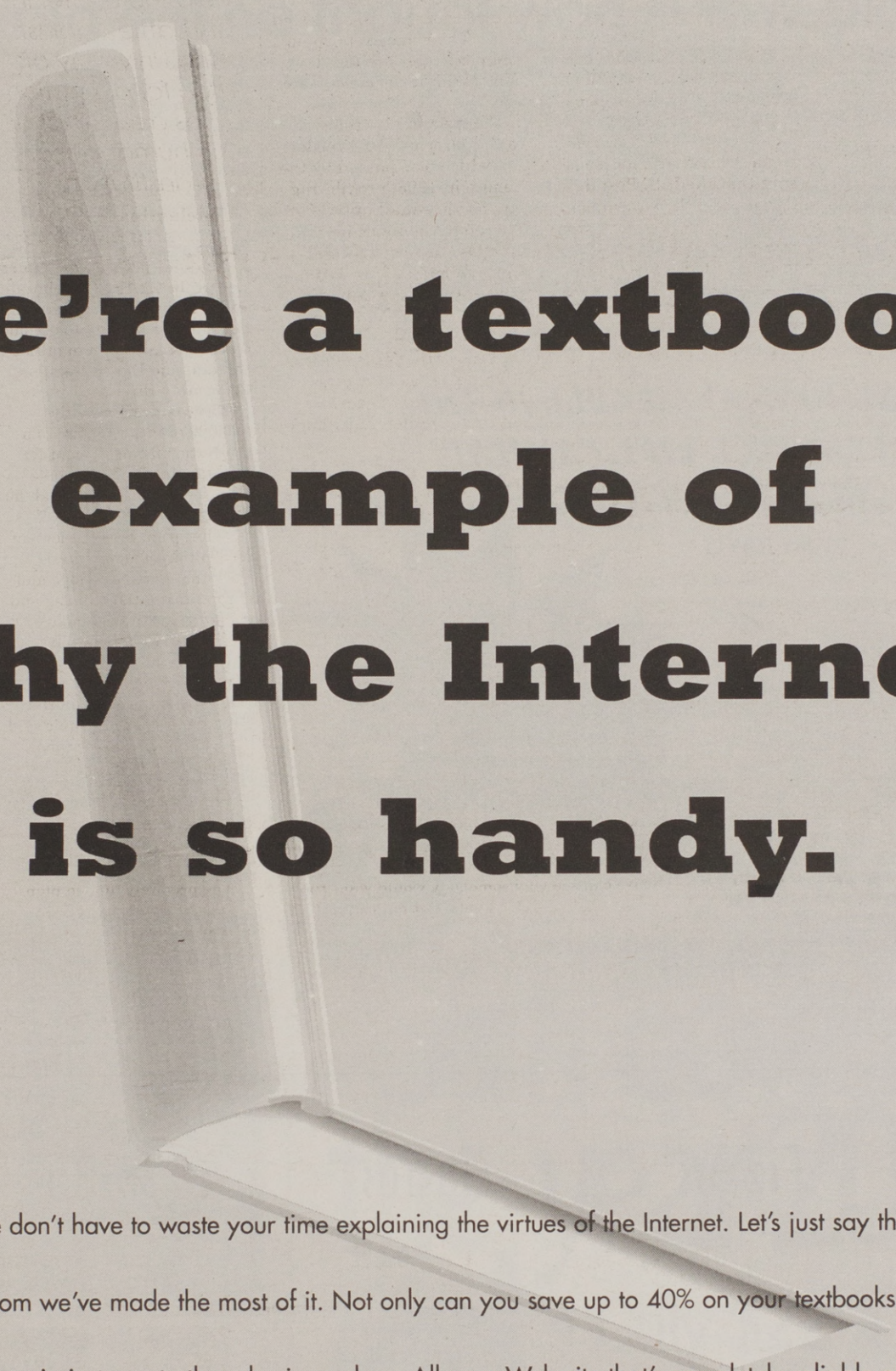
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## The Cold War is now fought on the playing fields

*The future of  
six-year-old  
Elian Gonzalez  
goes beyond  
political ideals*

**Casey Temple**  
Montana Kairmin

The sports world has gone mad. Not quite Whiskey Madness mad, but about ready to jump off the bridge to insanity.

Michael Jordan is the general manager of the perennial NBA bottom feeder, the Washington Wizards. NFL cellar dwellers the St. Louis Rams and the Houston/Nashville/Memphis/Tennessee Titans are in the Super Bowl. Canadians are asking for government money to keep their beloved hockey teams up north, rather than traditional hockey havens such as Phoenix, St. Petersburg and Dallas. Mike

Tyson is fighting a former kick-boxer in England. The media has gone crazy over what a relief pitcher, with only one year in the majors, said about people in New York.

To add to the madness, the fate of a six-year-old Cuban boy is in the middle of global tug-of-war. And I feel it is because of baseball.

Cuban dictator/bad guy Fidel Castro is bitter at the United

States. Not because of exploding cigars, which were an idea thought up by the CIA after viewing a "Loony Tunes" episode.

He's mad because Cuba is losing so much pitching talent from his communist state to the capitalistic country up north, where monopolizing, large-market baseball teams hold the power in the major leagues.

Castro knows that major league baseball is not for the average person. Sure, you can watch the games on TNT or TBS, or whatever other channels media despot Ted Turner owns.

With inflated prices, Castro would say that the average American is unable take his family to a game on a summer afternoon. And when the playoffs come around, forget it. Games are on too late and the wealthy are the only ones who can afford to go throw batteries at John Rocker.

But the land of freedom (if you have a good fastball) is still mad about having our national pride hurt every time Cuba plays us in baseball. For the past decade, every time the United States and Cuba meet on the diamond, whether it is the Olympics, Special Olympics or over-50 whiffle ball leagues, Cuba has handily defeated us.

The last hope for Americans was to have the Cubans play one of our professional teams.

The Baltimore Orioles, the wealthiest team in the big leagues, accepted the challenge and played a team of Cuban all-stars.

The outcome was more embarrassing than the Bay of Pigs.

A 12-6 defeat and an unim-

pressive 3-2 victory were not what Americans expected.

We may believe we are thinking of the oppressed in Cuba, but the truth is, we are holding a grudge because the Communists have become better at baseball.

Why is everyone so accepting of refugees now? We weren't six months ago before the Orioles lost to Cuba?

So now a little boy, whose mother died while trying to give her son a better life, has become a national debate. Every right-wing politician (who preaches family values and tougher immigration laws) is screaming to keep him here and away from his father. Every major league scout is testing out his fastball. And the Atlanta Braves are trying to trade John Rocker for him.

Castro said no.

In thinking of what's best for Elian Gonzalez, leaders from both countries aren't thinking of trade embargoes or assassinations. They're thinking of how Americans are stealing Cuban pitchers and Cubans are beating Americans in the game that we hold as close to our heart as corn chips and beer.

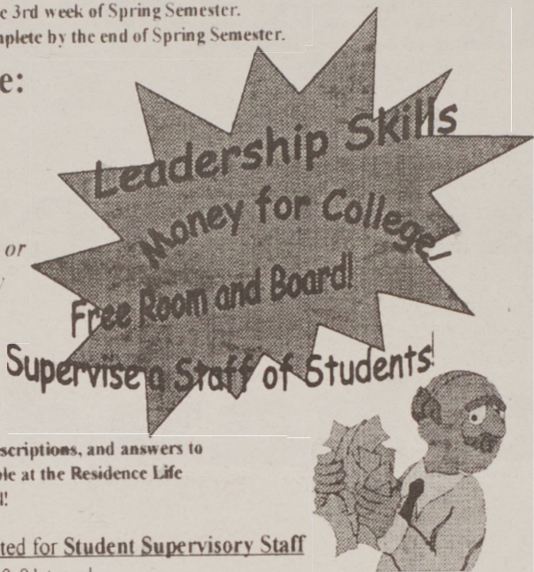
Casey admits he does not know what he is talking about and realizes there is some deep-seated animosity between the two countries that goes beyond the baseball diamond. He realizes that American foreign policy is no laughing matter. He's sure the situation with Elian Gonzalez will be solved, like all political matters in the United States, by Castro and Slick Willy playing paper-rock-scissors. "Best-out-of-three Bill?" "Only for some of those tasty cigars, my good buddy."

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## Tyson prepares to fight in England

LONDON (AP) — Mike Tyson is no longer the world champion, but he's still a world attraction.

As he prepares for British heavyweight Julius Francis in England on Saturday, Tyson is getting offers to fight from all corners of the globe.

His boxing adviser, Shelly Finkel, said calls have come from Germany, France, Russia, Austria, South Africa, Japan, China, Wales and, of course, England.

First, he has to beat Francis, a 16-1 underdog and former kickboxer.

Tyson has been relaxed, talkative and good-humored since arriving in London a week ago. He has been hounded whenever he steps from his five-star hotel.

"It became like Beatlemania and just escalated from there," said Finkel, recalling mob scenes, a chaotic airport reception and wild shopping trips for jewelry and cars.

Somehow Tyson managed to train despite the threat of being arrested for jogging at 3 a.m. And he's looked sharp enough to talk about getting his undisputed title back.

On Tuesday, Tyson went through his final London workout before heading to Manchester. He pounded combinations into the girdle-protected midsection of trainer Stacy McKinley and treated familiar footwork like new dance steps.

"I was working on my balance, my feet. Going through repetitions," Tyson said. "If you don't remember the little things, you'll never remember the big things. Because the little things add to the big things."

Tyson said he's not yet ready to fight for the title.

"I have a little ways to go," he said. "I wish I felt as good as everyone says I look. But I'm on my way."

"Sometimes I do things better than when I was champ," he added. "It's just all about getting my head together and believing I can put it all in perspective ... I move better, I'm faster and I punch harder."

McKinley, who calls his job of getting hit by Tyson "the hardest a man could have," said Tyson has been buoyed by the British fans.

"This reception ... has made him feel good and really super great," he said. "Now when a fighter feels great and he's straight about everything around him, you're going to see Mike Tyson get his title back."

## Jesters recruit for spring season

Matt Thompson  
Montana Kaimin

The UM Jesters rugby team is looking for a few good men.

Starting this Thursday, the rugby club is holding their first indoor practice of the spring season in Schriber Gym. Spring practices will include skill drills and conditioning for players of any level.

The club will hold three practices and have one match per week.

The spring season, which includes about 12 to 15 matches, will span for eight to 10 weeks, according to Jesters Vice President Keith Persicke.

Thirty people have signed up to play for the Jesters already, but Persicke hopes to get around 40 players.

One highlight this season is a trip to Canada during spring

break, where the club will play five teams throughout British Columbia.

The Jesters will play other tournaments throughout the spring, including Missoula's own Maggot Fest.

Persicke, who has played on the club for five years, said he loves the sport because it challenges him both mentally and physically.

"It's a fast-paced game," Persicke said. "It's a thinking man's game, almost like a full contact game of chess."

There's rarely a break in play so you have to communicate as a team while you still play."

To get involved with the UM Jesters rugby team, either sign



Lindsey Nelson/ Kaimin  
Keith Persicke, a member of the UM Jesters Rugby team tends the teams information booth in the UC Tuesday afternoon.

up in the University Center or at the first practice Thursday. You can also get more information by

calling club president C.J. Glocow at 829-8890 or head coach Skip Hegman at 549-6456.

### Looking to next fall



Lindsey Nelson/ Kaimin  
After a long winter break, Adam Boomer, Grizzly linebacker, lifts weights in the newly equipped gym in the basement of the Adam's Center. Boomer will be one of the top returning defensive players in the Big Sky.

### List of football transfers enrolled in spring classes

**Michael Westbrook** 6-0, 180 lbs. Brigham Young University

Fast-footed receiver from BYU who could replace Jeremy Watkins as the Grizzlies' deep threat. Caught nine passes for 65 yards last season.

**Dan DeCoite** 6-1, 230 lbs. Brigham Young University

Another Cougar to defect to UM. Played behind All-American linebacker Rob Morris, but saw action in just three games last year. Hopefully he picked up a thing or two from Morris.

**Derryl Williams** 5-11, 205 lbs. University of Miami

Junior who only carried the ball five times for 18 yards last season. Joe Glenn is hoping he will live up to other running back greats from Miami, such as James Stewart and Edgerrin James.

**Kyle Scholle** Air Force Prep Academy  
Played quarterback at Ponderosa High School. Maybe some of that Air Force discipline can help the Grizzlies get past the first round of the playoffs.

Due to NCAA rules, UM coaches are unable to comment on transfer player's.

## BYU transfer joins high school teammate, Griz

Matt Thompson  
Montana Kaimin

It wasn't a big deal when Michael Westbrook woke up yesterday morning and saw the cold, nasty brown hills of Mount Sentinel and Mount Jumbo looming in the distance as snow fell gently from the dark sky.

The former Brigham Young University receiver is comfortable with the barren mountains and cold temperatures of Provo, Utah, and isn't afraid to play in the snow.

And that makes new UM football coach Joe Glenn and Griz fans very happy.

Westbrook, just one of four transfers the Grizzlies have acquired this winter, said his move to Missoula has been an easy one so far.

"Missoula's pretty cool," said Westbrook, whose cousin is Washington Redskins receiver Michael Westbrook. "It's not too much different and I think I'm fitting in pretty well."

The 6-foot, 180-pound receiver announced that he would be attending classes at UM during the spring semester. He is the fourth BYU player in the last year to transfer to UM.

Westbrook is perhaps the Grizzlies' most prized recruit of the year. As a freshman, Westbrook played 12 games and caught one pass for 14. This season he caught nine passes for 65 yards. But after just two seasons

with the Cougars, Westbrook felt things were not working.

"I just felt I didn't fit in," Westbrook said. "Just the fact of being African American kind of puts you out of place."

Westbrook, who looked at other Division I-A programs such as Oregon State, Nevada and Idaho, said he felt more comfortable at UM.

"I was real comfortable with the coaching staff here," Westbrook said. "Joe Glenn especially made an impression on me as well as coach (Billy) Cockhill."

Westbrook made an unofficial visit to Missoula in late October and saw UM defeat Eastern Washington University. He said the atmosphere and level of play of the game impressed him.

"It (Washington-Grizzly Stadium) only holds 20,000 but it was every bit as loud as a stadium that holds 60,000," Westbrook said. "At first I thought the game might be slower and not as good, but I saw that it is just as competitive as the I-A level."

Westbrook said he was a bit leery when he heard Mick Dennehy and most of UM's staff left, but Cockhill's reassurance that they would continue to throw the ball helped solidify his decision.

It also didn't hurt that his former high school teammate Drew Miller would be throwing passes to him.

Miller, UM's All-Big Sky quarterback who threw for 3,461 yards and 32 touchdowns last season, was teammates with Westbrook at Lakes High School in Lakewood, Wash., but denies that he persuaded Westbrook to come to UM.

"I like Mike a lot," Miller said. "And we had some good memories playing together back in high school, but I only talked to him briefly and was surprised that he came. I think the important thing is that he made the decision based on what he knew and what he felt."

Westbrook will help replace senior receivers Jeremy Watkins and Travis Walker, who both received Big Sky honors last year. Juniors Jim Farris and Tanner Hancock, who started last season, and sophomore Etu Molden will likely fill the starting spots next year. One receiver slot will be up for grabs.

"Obviously we have some great receivers already," Miller said. "But I think Mike just adds to what we've got. Next year is going to be a blast."

Westbrook, who got in town just five days ago, is living with Griz defensive back Damon Parker and has already started working out with the team.

"So far he's a good person to get a long with and can just sit back and chill," Parker said.



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## Nonresidents

tation of that year. Just more than 400 students out of about 1,700 total freshman completed the survey.

Ratcliff said that, based on the survey, the 31 percent of nonresident students at UM were, in general, wealthier than their in-state counterparts.

"Seventy-one point five percent of out-of-state students come from households that make over \$50,000 a year," Ratcliff said. "That's opposed to 36 percent of in-state students."

Ratcliff added that 62 percent of in-state students surveyed said they would seek a job to pay for college

"A lot of these students are coming here just to enjoy the pristine environment in Montana and escape the big cities."

—Gary Ratcliff,  
coordinator for student affairs research

expenses, while only 40 percent of out-of-state students said they would work through college.

"You can tell there is a real difference in resources there," Ratcliff said. Ratcliff said this may be why non-resident students who took the UCLA survey were happier with UM than their in-state counterparts.

"These students shopped around before they came here, they had many choices and they chose UM, so

they are probably going to be happier with what they get,"

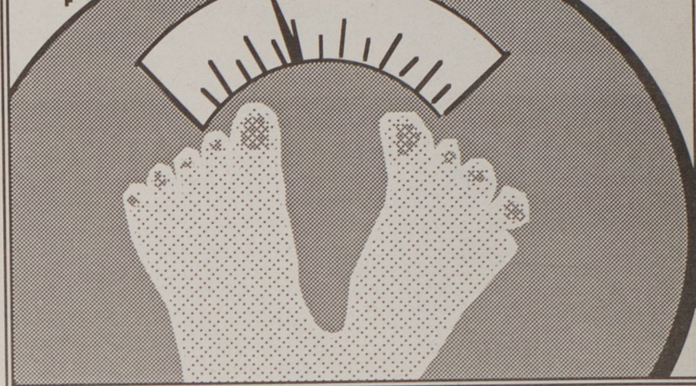
Ratcliff said. Ratcliff said that the survey also

showed that out-of-state students were about three times as likely to be concerned about environmental issues as resident students, and were less pre-occupied about attending college for the purpose of getting a job upon graduation.

"A lot of these students are coming here just to enjoy the pristine environment in Montana and escape the big cities," Ratcliff said.

## Weigh in on the debate.

Write the Kaimin



**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.

**YMCA**

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

**Most**

**UM students**

**drink moderately.**

61% have 0 to 4 drinks a week.

**Mountain**

**Line**

**Griz Card Holders**

**RIDE FREE!**

or Park and Ride from Dornblaser Field

Look for the Trolley Between UM and Downtown Every 20 minutes!

**721-3333**

**Paratransit 721-2848**

**Schedules ALL OVER campus**

**kiosk**

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**

**Foxglove Cottage B&B** - Griz Card Discounts to holders/guests. 543-2927.

**SALSA DANCE CLASSES-CUBAN STYLE** INDIVIDUALS AND COUPLES FRIDAYS 7-8PM MCGILL RM. 104 \$7 HOHANNA 728-1975.

**Have you experienced sexual violence?** You are not alone. Beginning second semester, the Student Assault Recovery Service will provide a free and confidential **Support Group** for survivors of sexual assault. For further information call SARS at 243-6559.

**KNOWN CERAMIC FEVER!** No danger cure. Pottery classes help symptoms. 7 weeks: \$39. Begin this week. Lots of fun. 543-7970.

**NEED A RIDE** to Snowbowl or Marshall for Ski/Snowboard classes or JUST NEED A RIDE? Need some gas money to support your snowboard/ski habit? Check out the ski/snowboard Ride Board in the Recreation Annex!

Want to earn class credit while working on grassroots environmental campaigns? Internship opportunities include working on clean air and water, energy efficiency, global warming, toxins reduction, recycling and more. APPLY NOW contact John @243-2908 or go to 360 Corbin.

Want to become a better tenant or landlord while helping others? Join MontPIRGs' Landlord-Tenant Information Center Team and earn class credit. Assist hundreds of Montanans each week in understanding the rights and responsibilities of renting. Contact John @243-2908 or go to 360 Corbin.

Ever do it three ways? At least now you can give it a try. Give it your best shot at the fourth annual **TRIPLE CROWN** at **Marshall Mountain**. Call 258-6000 or www.marshallmountain.com.

**HELP WANTED**

Work study position as child care aide, close to campus, 2:30 - 5:45pm M-F. Edu-Care Centers 549-8017 Days, 549-7476 Evs/Wknds.

Teacher for after school program K-2 10:30AM - 5:30PM, M-F 3/letters of reference and experience required. Early childhood Training preferred Director Edu-Care Centers 549-8017 Days 549-7476 Evs/Wknds.

Wanted Work Study eligible Student to drive MRTMA Shuttle van from Dornblaser to Campus. \$8.00/hr. 523-4944 for info.

Earn \$\$\$ and support UM -- Be an Excellence Fund Phonathon caller Sunday through Thursday evenings beginning February 15. Apply at the UM Foundation in Brantly Hall. Interviews begin February 1. Pay starts at \$6.50/hr, with nightly prizes. Questions, call Jessie at 243-6209.

Fast paced litigation support co. seeks an office administrator. Responsibilities incl., but aren't limited to, coordinating hiring, billing (incl. invoicing and budget tracking), advertising, weekly reports and assisting in marketing. A demonstrated record of multitasking is required Bachelor's degree and good communication skills required. Computer experience a must. Starting salary between \$19-21,000 a year plus benefits. Send resume, cover letter and brief sample of your written communication skills to: Personnel, P.O.Box 9323, Missoula, MT 59807. EOE Closing Date: 1/27/00.

**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                      |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Student/Faculty/Staff      | Off Campus                 |
| \$ .85 per 5-word line/day | \$ .95 per 5-word line/day |

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.

The Kaimin is hiring a full-time reporter and a full-time designer. Pick up applications in Journalism 206. Deadline is Friday, January 28.

Busy mom needs help cleaning, organizing, maybe typing/computer work. Need car. \$6-7/hr. 542-7797. Flexible hrs.

**TYPING**

**FAST, ACCURATE**, Verna Brown 543-3782.

**SERVICES**

**Edu-Care Centers** Childcare newborn - 7yrs FT-PT in small groups by age school age care and transportation Am preschool special programs for infants and toddlers. Days: 549-8017 Evs/Wknds.

**FOR RENT**

Room for rent. Nonsmoker. \$240 No Pets. Warm, quiet 543-7970.

Unfurnished Apts. -Large efficiency, walk to U, h/w/g/ paid - Spacious 2 bdrm apt in 4 plex, central, d/w, off st. prkg. Phone 543-6713.

Weekend Cabins \$21-54/night 251-6611. http://missoula.bigsky.net/fishing.

**ROOMMATES NEEDED**

Roommates needed to share 4bdrm house close to campus with washer/dryer \$275/mo plus 1/4 utilities. Call Karen 829-3375.

**CARPET Cleaning** \$35.00, \$45.00 average apt. 20yrs. ex. Call Ken 542-3824.