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# KAIMIN



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## Missoula Osprey ballpark approved

Faith Price  
for the Kaimin

The Missoula City Council gave the final go-ahead Monday night to plans to build a professional baseball stadium on the old Champion Mill site near McCormick Park.

Despite the objections of some of the stadium's future neighbors and one council member, the City Council approved the development and operation plans for the ballpark in an 11-1 vote.

"Go baseball!" said Councilwoman Tracy Turek.

Councilwoman Lou Ann Crowley cast the only 'no' vote to the stadium because she said there was not enough input from the public in the decision.

"We are in defiance of the

will of the people," Crowley said, noting that Missoula had already rejected the idea of a baseball stadium in both 1982 and 1991. In addition, Crowley said she was bothered that there was no public discussion of other uses for the riverfront property.

Long-time Councilwoman Lois Herbig said she voted against the stadium the two previous times it came before the City Council. She voted for the stadium tonight however.

"Times have changed and it seems to me that Missoula is ready for this stadium," Herbig said. "I can see that it will be something for family entertainment."

Turek said she thought there was a great deal of participation from citizens in

the planning process. The 11 votes in support of the ballpark demonstrated the amount of work and compromise that went into the lengthy planning process, Turek said.

The City Council has been debating for more than a year where and how to build the baseball stadium for the city's new minor league baseball team. The Missoula Osprey played last summer's games at the Lindberg-Cregg field near Big Sky High School.

The stadium's new neighbors have voiced concerns over the increased noise, trash and traffic that will accompany the stadium to this residential area.

Councilman Dave Harmon represents the residents of

Ward 1 where the stadium will be built.

"I think a person would be a fool to say there won't be any adverse impacts on the neighborhood," Harmon said.

He voted in favor of the ballpark, however, because he said he felt the positive effects for the rest of Missoula outweighed the negative effects on the neighboring community.

The City Council and the Play Ball Missoula organization tried to quell the fears of residents in their plans for the stadium. To help with traffic, there will be incentives for fans to use alternative transportation and security and police will be on hand to direct traffic before and after the game. Plans to

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## UC Optical gets the boot

Nate Schweber  
Montana Kaimin

The UC Board decided unanimously last week to terminate UC Optical's lease because of its owners' criminal convictions.

"We're giving them three months notice, and we're getting them out of there," said UC Director Gary Ratcliff.

On Feb. 14, UC Optical owner David Vainio was convicted in Helena of two counts of Medicaid fraud and a misdemeanor of filing false information on Medicaid reports. His brother, Leonard Vainio, who is the optometrist at UC Optical, faced the same charges but entered a deferred prosecution agreement and paid a \$8,768 fine.

The Vainios' most recent legal troubles stemmed from an investigation by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, which investigated David Vainio's two businesses at Southgate Mall between April 1995 and December 1997. Previously, Leonard was banned from practicing optometry in the state of Washington for 10 years after the state's attorney general received 150 complaints about his business. According to the Montana attorney general, David was tangled in many lawsuits in Montana during the 1990s and was charged with filing false claims for prison inmates. David was acquitted of that charge in June 1999.

For the bulk of their legal troubles, the Vainios were represented by their brother, Kevin Vainio. Last October Kevin was accused of professional misconduct and removed from the case.

"The UC Board approached the decision very conservatively," Ratcliff said. "Universities are conservative institutions. Their most valuable asset is their reputation, and something like this could bring down the

### Paddle to the end



Photo Jeremy Lurgio

With cold toes and tired muscles, Brennan Guth, 29, drags his kayak to the finish line of Marshall Mountain's Pole-Paddle-Paddle competition Saturday. After skiing from the top of Marshall's hill, biking five miles down a sand-tracked Marshall road and kayaking three miles down the cold Clark Fork, racers had to dash 50 feet to the finish line with boat in hand. Guth finished first in the men's 26-35 category and second overall.

## Bitterroot Valley refuge victim of vanishing land, money

Kurt High  
for the Kaimin

The Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge, ranked one of the 10 most endangered refuges in the nation by the National Audubon Society, has lost its bid for money needed to purchase open space along its boundary —

space that resident manager Pat Gonzales says is "the life blood of the refuge."

The last remaining open space on the east side of the refuge — "a critical wildlife corridor for deer, fox and other animals to go back and forth" — is being lost to development, Gonzales said.

The refuge sits 25 miles

south of Missoula in Ravalli County. It lies in the heart of the Bitterroot Valley and is considered an essential stop-over for migratory waterfowl, as well as a haven for deer, fox and other wildlife.

Rapid growth in the Bitterroot, however, is making an island out of the 2,797-acre refuge. Ravalli

county is the fastest growing county in the state. From these factors comes the Audubon Society's endangered ranking.

Refuge officials are scrambling to find money needed to acquire some of the open space remaining around its boundaries. Officials thought

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# OPINION

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## Higher Education

### A hypothetical letter to Montana's legislators

Dear Sirs and Madames:

The time has come for us to part ways.

I've lived in Montana for 18 years now. I'm told that I'm one of the brightest students my high school has ever seen, that I may be one of the brightest students in the state, in fact. I will graduate in May as my school's valedictorian. This fall, I scored a 28 on my ACTs. I'm involved in athletics, and I frequently volunteer in the community.

In short, I am everything you should want in a Montana University System student.

But I would rather drink hot tar than attend college in Montana.

Why, you ask?

Well, for starters, it has come to my attention that the fine folks in the Montana State Legislature have chosen to fund the university system at levels only slightly lower than what the average bargain hunter might pay for a 1981 AMC Eagle.

I've noticed that the state's colleges and universities, in turn, have become more dependent on student enrollment to balance their ever-shrinking budgets. When these enrollments fall short of projections, I've noticed that administrators have to cut classes mid-year to make up for the shortfall.

I don't really want this to happen to a class that I enroll in. I don't really want to be taught by professors who don't get paid enough to do their jobs and can't afford to complete research projects or attend conferences and workshops to insure that they remain on their field's cutting edge. I don't really want my paperwork handled by staff members who have staggering work loads.

It stands to reason that if Montana legislators don't believe in the university system enough to provide adequate funding, I shouldn't care enough about it to go to school here.

Our schools just aren't prestigious or well-funded enough to keep me here.

If you need me, I'll be attending college elsewhere, paying taxes in another state and eventually revitalizing someone else's economy.

Sincerely,

A member of the class of 2000

—Paige Parker

## Notes from the Big Nowhere

### Great year ignites Grizzly madness

Column by



Chad Dundas

With a pocketful of basketball tournament action still pending, it's probably way too early for me to start getting nostalgic about Grizzly sports. But I can't contain

myself. I admit it, I'm a wild-eyed, rabid, slobbering fool for the Griz. Reminiscing about this past year has my addiction peaked. What a fabulous time it's been for Missoula sports fans.

Even if you're not an orthodox devotee like me, you had to enjoy seeing the men's basketball team capture the regular season conference crown this weekend. If their story doesn't stir your emotions, you better get to a hospital, because you might be dead.

If there is even a smidgen of soul in your body, you've got to love this team.

This team is a collection of the friendliest, most accommodating folks on campus. This is a team that showed uncharacteristic poise and tact last season when it didn't even get to play its home games on campus, when its fans refused to fill lowly Sentinel High School gym to capacity on most nights, when UM's administration was downright vague about the future of its head coach. This team, last season, suffered through an exhausting losing streak and battled back to within one game of making the conference tournament only to be shut down by the Eastern Washington Eagles.

All of these factors, I suppose, contributed to me spilling my drink and leaping from my seat Saturday night when the Griz clinched the Big Sky title by defeating those same ridiculous Eagles. My only regret is that I didn't make it out to the onion patch in Cheney, Wash. to see triumph first hand. If I had, I could have made a public idiot of myself, instead of a private one who probably stained his buddy's carpet.

Of course, we can double our fun with the Lady Griz hosting the women's tourney at the same time. Now, with around 10 games scheduled for this week, we'll finally get to see if that new Adams Center is all it's cracked up to be.

Robin Selvig, at this point, has got to be con-

sidered the godfather of Grizzly sports. His teams are always solid. I'm fully expecting the defensive prowess of this newest installment of the dynasty to cripple the competition. If all is right with the world they'll waltz into the NCAA's without much trouble. I guess I should start petitioning the higher-ups at the Kaimin for a travel budget right now. Who wants to actually PAY for boiler-makers in the hotel bar at the West Regional? Not me.

The Grizzly Volleyball team hasn't had an easy road as of late. They lost a coach after a drawn-out controversy and still managed to make the Big Sky Championship tournament. If I had to pick an organization that deserves more support from students and the public at large, the volleyball team would win hands down.

But like most from around these parts though, I'm most passionate about Grizzly Football. The season may have ended more prematurely than some of us jaded fans would have liked this year, but it's still the greatest show on earth. And I would be remiss if I didn't include our loss to Youngstown on my list of memories of this year. After all, more than a heartbreaker, it was an outstanding football game.

I'm excited and hopeful about the future of football here. But, be warned Griz fans, we'll have to be awfully good next year in order to impress the NCAA selection committee enough to grant us a home playoff game. It seems to me that we never get the respect we deserve from those scoundrels. I'm just guessing here, but it could be that the committee is infested with Southerners, who don't want their boys to come up

here and get embarrassed when they can't run their 1940s style offenses in hip-deep snow.

And let's not forget the Grizzly Soccer team, which made its first-ever appearance in the NCCA championship tournament this year. Our team gave Texas A&M all they could handle, and I don't think it will be long before we see the Griz bulldrush their way into the sweet sixteen and beyond.

Now, if the fans at South Campus Field would stop sitting on their hands during the games, we'd have a phenomenon on our hands.

These next few months are going to be trying for me. I don't know what I'll do with my Saturdays. Maybe I'll find a hobby, or even get a job.

Of course, on the heels of all this good news comes baseball season. That will be refreshing. The Grizzlies might be powerhouse teams, but the Red Sox will never win.

I admit it, I'm a wild-eyed, rabid, slobbering fool for the Griz. Reminiscing about this past year has my addiction peaked. What a fabulous time it's been for Missoula sports fans.

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## Around the Oval

With the improbable Griz victory Saturday, UM will be hosting both men's and women's tourneys, packing this week full of Big Sky B-Ball. Do you plan to skip any classes and get in on March Madness?

•Sadie Downey

Senior, Health and Human Performance

No, but I'm sure I'll get the scoop from my friends and the newspapers.

•Rick Kostecki

Captain, Department of Military Sciences

If I weren't cadery and I was a student, absolutely, but I'd certainly expect higher standards from my students than that. They're from the new and improved generation.

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# UM networks new Information Technology VP

Professor wants to work with different computer departments on campus

Jim Wilkson  
Montana Kaimin

A computer science professor has accepted a two-year term as Associate Vice President of Information Technology at UM.

Ray Ford's decision ends an almost year-long vacancy in the Information

Technology Department, which has been without a director since last May.

"We need to sort out the things that have not been done because of that and prepare to move forward," Ford said. "I am aware of the challenges and constraints associated with this position, but I'm hoping we can accomplish some things in this short term and provide a base to move on."



Ray Ford

The previous head of information research and technology left the position a few weeks after he began.

Ford said he will facilitate between the different computer departments on campus.

"I won't be directing the day-to-day computer operations," Ford said. "It's more like directing the directors for Computer Information Sciences or Information

Research and Technology (and other computer systems on campus)."

Ford said his 10 years at UM, plus his experience as the faculty senate chair this year, budget committee chair last year and computer science professor have given him the skills for his new position.

"It's what I do," Ford said. Ford said UM has had a hard time attracting an applicant to the position due to the hot computer market right now.

"Applicants for these kind of positions demand a lot of money," Ford said. "So it's

hard to attract them, particularly with the money UM has to offer. It's just like any other high level administration job in Montana."

Ford said that because of that, UM chose only to recruit from within the university rather than from a nationwide region.

After Ford's two year term is up, however, UM may have to conduct a new search.

"I agreed to do it for two years, and after that is up, they'll either have to do a national search or decide they don't need this position," Ford said.

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## Student left in elevator limbo

Nate Schweber  
Montana Kaimin

Friday, March 3, 1:40 p.m.

Vandals chucked a rock through the back window of a vehicle parked near Beckwith Street. UM Police dispatcher Shelley Harshbarger said police are still investigating.

Friday, March 3, 2:45 p.m.

A man who lost a wallet on campus reported that someone was purchasing things with his credit cards. Harshbarger said police were unable to catch the fraudulent charger, but they are still investigating.

Sunday, March 5, 2:17 a.m.

UM officers responded to a noise complaint of a group of men yelling on

Arthur Street. When the officer arrived, the group ran off. Harshbarger said the officer gave chase, but was unable to catch the noisemakers.

Sunday, March 5, 3:11 p.m.

A UM janitor injured his arm while trying to jump curbs on his bicycle at Jacob's Island.

"He went forward and the bike didn't," Harshbarger said.

The subject refused medical attention.

Sunday, March 5, 4:01 p.m.

A student was trapped between floors in a Jesse Hall elevator for an hour and a half.

"He pushed the 'open door' button when the elevator was between floors," Harshbarger said. "So it was kind of his own fault."

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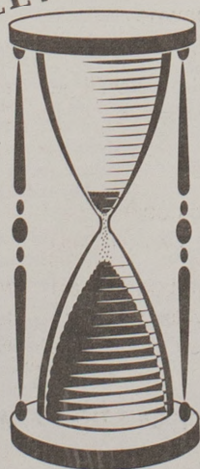
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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Quirky Leo Kottke to bring guitar, good humor to UM

Nate Schweber  
For Eye Spy

It's the cliché cry of every cynic who goes to a pop concert:

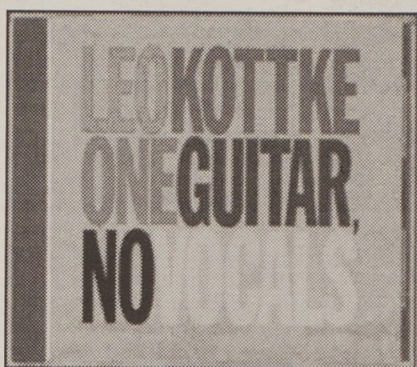
"That guitarist can't even PLAY!"

For those of you for whom three chords and the truth aren't enough, you've got a real treat coming: The words "virtuoso" and "prodigy" are tossed around with impunity to describe this man's proficiency on the guitar.

He is Leo Kottke, and, oh lordy, can he tickle those strings.

The latest addendum to Kottke's 30-year music career is his album, "One Guitar, No Vocals." The album, Kottke's 25th, resonates with his folk, jazz, world, country, blues and even hip-hop influences. Not to mention that it sparkles with Kottke's self-taught finger-picking that sounds like the man could thread a running sewing machine.

Kottke has recorded with the likes of Rickie Lee Jones, Lyle Lovett, the Violent



Femmes and Big Head Todd and the Monsters. Not bad company for a guy whose only education in musical theory came from taking trombone lessons as a kid.

In his spare time, Kottke also wrote and performed the music for a BBC documentary on Raymond Carver. In 1996, he toured the United States, Europe and Australia.

Born in Athens, Ga., (of R.E.M. fame), Kottke first picked up a guitar in Muskogee (of Merle Haggard fame). It was love at first strum.

In addition to his awesome guitar work, Kottke has a great voice — low, relaxed and rumbling. There's a rumor he'll sing a couple songs during his show, but for the most part, he'll let his Taylor Guitar do the talking.

Anyone who saw his jaw-

dropping guitar clinic last year will recall Kottke's quirky stage presence and his way of introducing songs with anecdotes that crack everybody up.

His show is a brilliant piece of Americana not to be missed.

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Kottke will play at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, in the University Theater. Tickets are available at all Tic-It-E-Z locations or by calling 1-888-MONTANA. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 the day of the show.

## Opinion: 'Boy Crazy!' sick and wrong

Ericka Schenck Smith  
Eye Spy Editor

Maybe I'm weird, but when I was in junior high, I had a crush on a boy I actually knew. My mom used to be his baby sitter. We rode the same bus to school. We went to the movies together, and — one time, after much contemplation — I held his hand. We really got to know and respect each other, and he remains my best friend.

All of which may explain why the latest in dumb games for girls — a trading-card game called "Boy Crazy!" that features the pictures and vital stats of "real boys" — utterly confounds me.

The game Web site, [www.boycrazy.com](http://www.boycrazy.com), explains that "Boy Crazy!" is designed to encourage girls to develop healthy and realistic attitudes toward dating and empower them to make choices by using real boys from diverse cultures in lieu of celebrities."

Whatever. This game not only objectifies the "real boys" it uses, but it also gives the impression that collecting boys is OK. Girls collecting "Boy Crazy!" cards is no more OK, nor does it promote healthier attitudes, than boys

collecting Playboy centerfolds.

Think about it for just two seconds. These boys have their clothes on, but they are still presented as a cheap commodity — nine for \$3. Would you want your daughter's face on a similar game card for boys to drool over? No way.

The makers of "Boy Crazy!" do protect the boys' privacy by not including last names or hometowns, which is nice, I suppose. And they offer the following advice for media outlets that might be interested in revealing such information: "It's somewhat difficult to predict what a boy-crazy girl might do to get the attention of the boy she has focused her affections on."

Yeah, a 12-year-old girl or a 40-year-old pedophile. The whole premise is sick, if you ask me.

Anybody ever hear of a chaperoned date? School dances? Sporting events?

There are myriad good, old-fashioned ways for girls to meet and learn how to have safe, positive relationships with boys — boys they know. Boys who might be still be their best friends, if not their boyfriends, 10 or 15 years down the road.

## eye•SPY

## CALENDAR

## Tuesday, March 7

- Tarn Ream teaches an African dance class from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in McGill Hall, Room 104. Classes are \$7 each or 4 for \$24 or 8 for \$40.
- Opera Theatre at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. Tickets are \$3 for the general public, \$1 for students.
- The UM department of drama/dance presents "The Diviners," a comedy centered around a mentally handicapped boy and a former preacher, set during the Great Depression. Show dates are March 7, 9, 11, 15 and 17. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m.; the Saturday (March 11) matinee is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for the general public and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Rush seats for the Saturday matinee are available at the door for \$3.

## Wednesday, March 8

- Chris Cunningham, formerly of Chris & Johnny and Storyhill, plays Live in Missoula at 7 p.m. in the UC Commons and at 89.9 on your FM dial. Free, as always.
- Opera Theatre and UM Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. in the University Theatre. Tickets are \$3 for the general public, \$1 for students.
- The UM department of drama/dance presents "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," an examination of — you guessed it — ol' Henry David. Show dates are March 8, 10, 14, 16 and 18. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m.; the Saturday (March 18) matinee is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for the general public and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Rush seats for the Saturday matinee are available at the door for \$3.

## Thursday, March 9

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•Leo Kottke plays kick-ass guitar at 8 p.m. at the University Theatre. Tickets are \$16 in advance or \$18 the day of the show. Call 1-888-MONTANA or stop by any Tic-It-E-Z outlet. See review this page.

## Friday, March 10

- Check out the artist reception for sculptor Pat Zentz from 5-7 p.m. in the Paxson Gallery in the PARTV Building. Free.
- The opening reception for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition I takes place from 5-7 p.m. in the Gallery of Visual Arts in the Social Science Building. Free.
- The Garden City Ballet presents a comedic take on "Cinderella" — featuring guest performances by the Kaimin's own Nate Schweber — March 10-12 at the Wilma Theatre. Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 1 p.m. Call 243-4051 for ticket information.
- Sculptor Pat Zentz presents a lecture in conjunction with his exhibition, "Environmental Sound Constructions," on display at the Paxson Gallery in the PARTV Building. The lecture starts at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts, Room 304. Free.
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## On Exhibit

- Check out all the art in the UC. It's ubiquitous — and free to see.
- The Bachelor of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition I is on display at the Gallery of Visual Arts in the Social Science Building March 9-17. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free.
- "Environmental Sound Constructions," sculpture by Pat Zentz is on display at the Paxson Gallery in the PARTV Building. Free.
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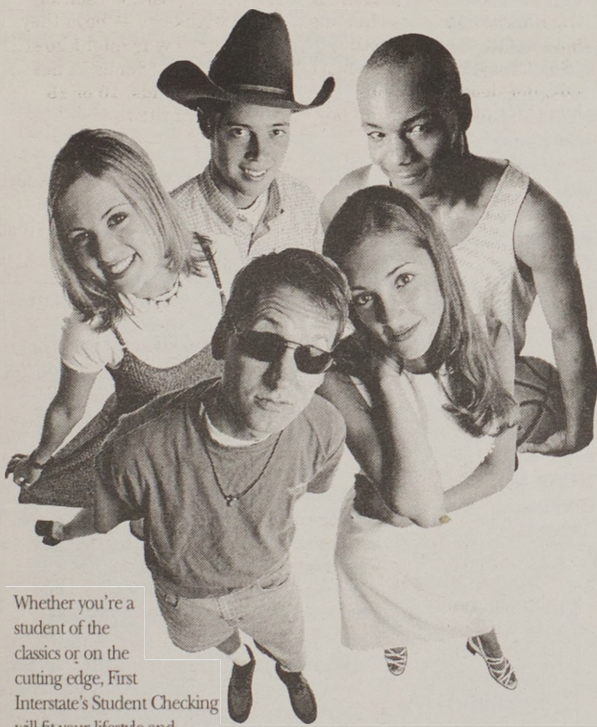
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
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## UC Optical

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Ratcliff said a clause in UC Optical's lease stated that they could be terminated at any time, for any reason, with 90 day's notice. Ratcliff added that each member of the 13-person UC Board voted to give UC Optical the boot.

Ratcliff said UC Optical has until the second week of June to vacate. Ratcliff said in the few days following the board's decision, he received calls from two other optical centers who want to move into the Vainios' vacated spot. Ratcliff said he's also heard interest from travel brokers.

He added that the UC Board will discuss UC Optical's replacement at upcoming board meetings.

Neither David nor Leonard Vainio would comment on their situation. Their attorney, John E. Smith, said that in the past he felt his clients were unfairly prosecuted.

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# Griz and Lady Griz to host Big Sky tournament

*Griz claw through Eastern Washington to win Big Sky*

**Ryan Divish**  
Montana Kaimin

The stage was set for the Eastern Washington Eagles to win the Big Sky conference Saturday night.

It was the second largest crowd in school history. It was senior night — complete with a long, drawn-out ceremony — and with a win, the Eagles would host the Big Sky tournament this weekend.

But the UM men's basketball team overcame a 12-point deficit and went on a 17-0 run late in the second half to defeat the Eagles 77-75 Saturday.

"When you go into an adverse situation and the

stage is set for them to have all the success in that game — they've built up everything around that game ... and your kids go into there after having won an overtime game two days earlier and then take the game from them," said head coach Don Holst, "there is nothing sweeter than that."

With the win, the Griz take home a piece of the conference regular season title. And, more importantly, by virtue of sweeping the Eagles, the conference tournament will now be held at Missoula's Dahlberg Arena.

Senior Matt Williams would finish with his typical MVP-like numbers of 22 points and 12 rebounds, while fellow senior Mike Warhank added 18.

The Grizzlies also got a major contribution from Travis Greenwalt. The 6-foot-8 sophomore, who grew

up less than 18 miles from Cheney, Wash. scored a career high 16 points and eight rebounds.

After trailing by six at halftime, Eastern came out hot in the second half

and extended their lead to 12 points with eight minutes left in the game.

Said Greenwalt: "They came in the second half on fire. They were hitting everything but we knew they would cool off sooner or later. Once we started to make our run we could feel them starting to get tense and all their shots were off the mark. We felt like we took their best punch and were ready to counter."

The Grizzlies finished the conference season with a 12-4 record and will have a first round bye during the tournament before facing the lowest remaining seed Friday night.

And while winning the regular season championship is an accomplishment, the word on Don Holst's mind is focus.

He stressed that his team must maintain its focus and not become complacent with just winning the regular season.

"The community is buzzing right now and what we have to guard against is the old pat on the back, 'Great year.' Well, it isn't over," Holst said.

Holst stressed that the Grizzlies must focus on winning these two games because their ultimate goal is to reach the NCAA tournament.

## Lady Griz hope successful season will be rewarded with a NCAA tournament berth

**Matt Thompson**  
Montana Kaimin

It was a weekend full of victories for the Montana Lady Griz this weekend.

It all started last Thursday when

Montana clinched the Big Sky title with an easy victory over Portland State, 62-47, and junior Lauren Cooper broke the school record for career three-pointers.

On Saturday night, senior forward Krista Redpath poured in a career high 29 points and was named the Big Sky co-player of the week as the Lady Griz disposed of Eastern Washington, 72-62.

Montana is looking for the same effort this weekend to come through as they host the Big Sky tournament at the Adams Center and eye a berth to the NCAA tournament. Because the UM

men's team is also hosting in the Adams Center, tournament action begins on Wednesday between the lower seeds and

runs through Saturday with the championship game to be played at 2 p.m. The Lady Griz, who have a first round bye, will play on Thursday against the winner of the Northern Arizona/Weber State game.

Montana lost to both NAU and Weber State on the road this year but hammered them when they faced them at home.

"Well, we're not going to be able to play poorly and win," Selvig said. "I really think that. We're going to have to be at the top of our game. Hopefully we'll be shooting the ball well — that's always critical. Hopefully we play with confidence and hopefully we play well."

Montana is undefeated in conference play at home and only dropped one game against Utah back in mid-December at the Adams Center. UM, which has the highest home attendance in the Big Sky, has taken advantage of its large crowds.

"I think the advantage for Montana is that you come in and have four to six thousand fans where in most places you have four to six hundred and it affects your players and the officials," said Portland State coach George Wolfe. "I would love to have that and on top of that, Montana is a good team."

The Lady Griz are looking forward to the friendly confines of the Adams Center after having to play in the tournament last year at Cal State-Northridge.

"We want to be home in the new arena with our fans," said senior point guard Meggan Thompson. "It was hard being away last year and we feel confident playing here."

## Lady Griz forward Linda Weyler named Big Sky player of the year

UM senior Linda Weyler was named Big Sky player of the year Monday, becoming the eighth Lady Griz player to do so.

Weyler averaged 13.6 points and 8.3 rebounds per game in conference play. She averaged 12.2 points and 7.6 rebounds against all opponents this season. Weyler was an unanimous selection.

Earlier this season Weyler became the 17th player in UM history to score 1,000 points. She now has 1,066 career points and 579 career rebounds, which

rank her 20th in Big Sky history.

Junior guard Lauren Cooper also made the All-Big Sky team, while Simmarron Schildt was named Sixth Player of the Year. Senior forward Krista Redpath was an All-Big Sky honorable mention.

"For Krista, Linda and Lauren that was great," said Montana coach Robin Selvig. "They were well deserved honors and Sim's award, that was well deserved as well. She's been a big, big player for us off the bench."

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# Fighting Griz hockey standout says goodbye as season ends

Casey Temple  
Montana Kaimin

There was a shout from a fan, telling the Fighting Griz what they might be up against in the club hockey team's final game of the season. "You'll beat (Walla Walla) 20-1 Griz. No problem," the fan shouted a little after midnight early Sunday morning. After the first two periods of play, that score didn't look out of reach.

Walla Walla made it a game for the first few minutes, scoring 20 seconds in. But the Fighting Griz wouldn't let a smaller, less physical Walla Walla club beat them — not in their final game of the season. Not with bleachers full of fans, who, despite the game starting after midnight, braved the cold to cheer the Griz and heckle the opposing team. And not in John San Marco's final game at the Glacier Ice Rink, being the team leader and star player for the past three years.

When the final horn sounded, UM had routed Walla Walla 11-1, and had 34 shots on goal, keeping the puck in Walla Walla's zone and only allowing nine shots on goal.

And San Marco had a game to end a career on, scoring five goals and two assists.

"I had a blast playing," San Marco said on the game and his career. "I skated hard and I really didn't know how many goals we would score on them."

San Marco's final goal under the lights of the Glacier Ice Rink came with 1:23 left in the third period, his fourth unassisted goal of the game.

"We played a weak schedule and this was just another weak team," said defenseman



Amy Layne/Kaimin  
UM Center Jon San Marco moves the puck into scoring position during Saturday's game against Walla Walla College.

Justin Miller.

Scott Allen got the Griz going three minutes into the first period. A minute later, San Marco scored an unassisted goal and added another one three minutes later. Brad Minster added an unassisted goal of his own with three minutes remaining and before Griz fans could take another sip of coffee or whatever was in their mugs, Matt Flaig put back a score off a San Marco shot that just missed off the goal.

The second period was much like the first, with the Fighting Griz offense using some nifty passing to score, while the defense knocked down whomever made it to their side of the ice.

San Marco continued his offensive output, scoring two minutes into the second and then again three minutes later off a pass from Flaig and Dan Dimezza. The second period also saw unassisted scores from Andrew Killick and Flaig.

San Marco again started the period off on the right skate, going for a score three minutes into the third and again with a minute and a half remaining, to cap the game, the season and his career.

"(Walla Walla) was less experienced and weren't that powerful," said defenseman Rich Mertz. "We let up on them towards the end, toned it down a little and passed and worked the puck."

The Fighting Griz finished the season 8-4-1, suffering all four losses to Montana State. The record is impressive for a team short on players and having midnight practices and games.

"At the beginning the offense was there and by the end of the year the defense was there," Mertz said about the improvement the team made during the season. "It was just getting used to playing with everyone."

And much of the credit goes to Tom Baker, the team's president, coach and goalie.

"Tom's been doing a helluva job," said freshman Kyle Haugland, who was kicked out of the game for fighting the second time this season. "He's really put a lot of work into this."

But Baker will be working in Maine this fall, and he hopes that someone takes over the reins of the team. If not, he'll be back in January and will try to get it started then.

"In a nutshell, I just wish hockey was bigger out here," Baker said. "I love hockey, so that's why I do this."

There was talk about another possible home game or the team traveling to Spokane, but the team has found itself short on funds. The Fighting Griz fans have drunk their last beer and shouted insults to the visiting goalie's mother for the last time this season.

"Our fans are awesome," Baker said. "They provide a real exciting atmosphere and there's a core group who are very loyal."

When the team left its locker room they wished each other good luck and talked about how they all need to get together sometime.

"It's not all about wins and losses," said Miller. "It's a good group of guys who enjoy hockey. Nobody comes to Montana to play hockey."

## Early spring has golfers swinging

Golfers don't putt around when the weather is nice

Chris West  
for the Kaimin

It's time to dust off the sticks because this spring's unusually warm weather means an early start to golf season. The University Golf Course opened Saturday and other area courses are set to open in the next few weeks.

Chris Anderson, pro shop manager at the university's course said the mild weather and strong winds have helped the course open early for the second straight year.

"The last couple of years have been really early. If it stays nice we could be on permanent greens by the weekend," Anderson said.

The course is currently using temporary greens to let the permanent putting surfaces lose moisture accumulated over the winter. Last year, the course was using permanent greens by March 1.

Anderson said the course was swamped over the weekend with golf enthusiasts excited about the start of the season.

"We've been pretty lucky; we have had solid eight month seasons," Anderson said.

Eighty year-old Bill Allen spent part of his Monday afternoon chipping in the university course's practice area. Allen

golf five times a week and is a member of the Geritol League, a group of about 80 older golfers who play every Thursday. Allen said he usually scores between 45 and 50 at university's nine hole course and said he is excited about the new season.

"I do it because it's the only sport I can still do," Allen said.

On the driving range, recent UM grads Josh Netburn and Travis Tierny were taking their first swings of the season. They both golf about 20 times a year and said they prepared for the

season by staying up late to play Link Pro, a golf video game.

"We're a couple of hacks, but we'll come out and get some swings in," Tierney said.

At King Ranch golf course in Frenchtown, the addition of nine new holes will make the course full length. Head pro Chris Nowlen said the course is tentatively scheduled to open next week, but said the new back nine will open a few weeks after the front. The new holes extend south of the original holes to the banks of the Clark Fork River.

In addition to the course expansion, King Ranch is currently remodeling its pro shop. Nowlen said he expects more Missoula golfers to make the drive out to King Ranch because it now has 18 holes.

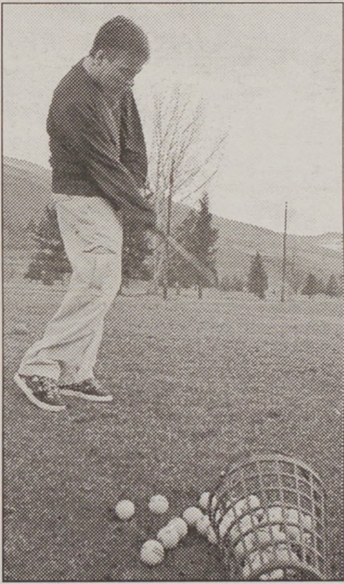
"It's going to attract a lot of people. It was built to be very challenging with the three par fives," Nowlen said.

Construction of the back nine took place last year and the grass was seeded last spring. The new back nine is par 37 and the 18th hole measures

618 yards from the back tees.

Bill Galiher, at Larchmont Golf Course, said they hope to open on permanent greens Thursday. Larchmont doesn't use temporary greens but its driving range and pro shop are open.

Linda Vista's nine-hole course expects to open today. Green fees at Linda Vista are \$10 during the week and \$12 on the week-



Lindsey Nelson/Kaimin  
BJ Fleming hits golf balls on the driving range of the University Golf Course Monday afternoon.

ends. Students can play nine holes at the university course for \$8 Monday through Thursday and UM staff can play for a dollar more. The weekend fee is \$11 for everyone. Larchmont doesn't have a student discount and fees for 18 holes are \$20 Monday through Friday and \$22 during the weekend.

The Highlands Golf Course in the South Hills is not open yet and could not be reached for a tentative opening date.



Amy Layne/Kaimin  
UM defensive player Rich Mertz checks a Walla Walla player into the boards during Saturday's game at the Glacier Ice Rink.

## Tennis team drops two

The men's tennis team dropped two games at the Air Force Invitational this weekend, but managed to pick up a victory in the two-day tournament.

UM won the first match Friday morning, defeating Gustavus Adolphus 4-3. Later that day, the Griz fell to Denver 7-0 and in the final match, the men were defeated 8-1 by the Air Force Academy.

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## Women's and men's Big Sky tournament pairings

The Lady Griz and Griz will begin tournament play Thursday and Friday, respectively. Winners of the tournament will earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

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No. 4 Weber State	Game 4 Friday, March 10 9:35 p.m.
No. 5 Cal St. Northridge	
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# Refuge

Congress was going to give them an undisclosed amount of money to buy over 400 acres, but it never came.

"We're not sure what happened with the money," Gonzales said. "We just received a call one day that it wasn't there anymore. We were shocked."

"Congress dealt us a severe blow by not releasing any money," Gonzales said. "A severe blow."

Harvey Wittmier, chief of the Fish and Wildlife realty division for region six, said he had hoped Congress would note the endangered listing given by the Audubon Society, as well as the historic significance of the area.

"We had hoped the Lewis and Clark initiative would give the corridor a higher profile as well, but it obviously wasn't enough," said Wittmier. "The Department of Interior made a decision —no special funding for the Lewis and Clark corridor."

Gonzales and other Fish and Wildlife officials wanted to buy 408 acres on the southeastern bor-

der of the refuge from four separate private landowners. The land is just north of Stevensville between Eastside Highway and the refuge boundary.

Now much of the land has been sold. Ed Cummings, an area rancher who owned much of the land that was to be purchased, has sold most of it to developers.

"I told Gonzales I was willing to sell them 170 acres three years ago," Cummings said. "They just took too damn long."

It is unclear how much of the 408 acres is still available. While Gonzales said property along the refuge border still exists, land deals and development proposals are now in the works, which would cut off the remaining corridors.

Brooks Creek Acres is one such proposal. It is a single and multifamily housing development that would cover more than 294 acres, the largest in Ravalli County history, and is proposed for just

west of the refuge border.

Another subdivision, Overlook Estates, is an 85-acre proposal east of the refuge. The land was originally set aside by Cummings as part of the refuge acquisition. Cummings said he grew tired of waiting for the government to act, however, and sold the land to a developer, who plans to place 41 single residential home sites on the property.

Numerous other subdivisions have already sprung up beside the refuge boundary.

"I think what we're going to see is a continual fragmentation of the habitat around us, and this is very much an urban refuge already," said Gonzales.

As open space gets gobbled up, Gonzales said, deer and other animals are funneled into tighter corridors, causing more deer and vehicle collisions and unduly stressing the animals.

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# Ballpark

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Representatives from the Play Ball organization who led the stadium effort said they were glad the approval process was finally over.

"We're very pleased and appreciative of the way this was done," said Gerald Mueller, the director of Play Ball. "From our perspective, now we have to go raise the money, so we have a lot of hard work to do."

The 3,500-seat facility will cost about \$8 million to build, \$1 million of which will come from the city. Play Ball will raise the rest of the money through donations.

Champion International Corp. is donating about eight acres of land to house the stadium. The city hopes to purchase another two-and-a-half acres of land for a parking lot.

Officials hope the stadium will be completed in time for the Missoula Osprey's 2001 season.



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Interested in gaining valuable work experience with at-risk youth? Missoula Parks and Recreation has one position open to work with adjudicated youth. Call 721-PARK for more information or stop by at 100 Hickory to fill out an application. Deadline March 10 at 5pm.

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Creative Writer, excellent at spelling and grammar to write newsletter proposals, teaching units. Dave Johnson P.O. Box 8289 Missoula, MT 59807 523-7750.

Laminating-Shrink-wrapping-Spray mounting. Keep your posters protected and looking good, all at reasonable rates. Conveniently located on campus at IMS, 1st floor, Social Science Building, Room 120.

## TYPING

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

## 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

**LOST AND FOUND**

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

## COMPUTERS

Computer Consulting, Diagnostics, Repair All work done on site. Flexible Hours. All work guaranteed. John Wright 544-3339 or 721-7365.

**Have a Macintosh? Have Problems?** Call Peet: 543-3234. Experienced: Reasonable Rates: Flexible Hours: In-Home Service.

## SERVICES

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

**Bridesmaid Dress** Construction, alterations and hemming. (406)543-7748.

## FOR RENT

**Weekend Cabins** \$21-54/night 251-6611. <http://missoula.bigsy.net/fishing>.

Spacious Furnished Studio. Close to University, all utilities paid \$395 Available thru 5/12. Phone #728-2621.

## AUTOMOTIVE

FREE Classifieds [www.eThrifty.net](http://www.eThrifty.net).

88 Blazer 4x4 New eng. and tires. \$3200 543-5743.

**BIG SKY DRIVING LESSONS 728-3254.**

## LOST AND FOUND

**LOST:** Green Prescription Sunglasses with case "Sergio F." Badly Missed... **REWARD!!!** Call Nichole ext. 3465

**LOST:** watch in the men's locker room of Rec Annex Thurs. Feb 24. Call 243-4283 or turn in @ Rec Annex office. **REWARD!**

**LOST: Black/Yellow Trek6000 bike** Missing from University Area on 2/27. **REWARD!** Please Help! Jade 829-8914.

**LOST:** Black Book BHG Behind the Adams field House. @around 12:00pm Tuesday. Feb 29/00 Please return to Warren 829-0865. **REWARD!**

**LOST:** lost on 2/29/00 Human Geography Book with atlas in the Hollis/Kensington Area. Call 829-0715.

**LOST:** Prescription glasses. Tan, soft case. Reward! 549-0081

**LOST:** gold hearts and X's bracelet on campus lost Fri. March 3rd AM if found, please call 243-3431.

**FOUND:** H.S. Bldg. **Black North Face** jacket with Snowbowl Ski Pass and C.C. Call 549-7073.

**FOUND:** 2 bikes in the Rockin' Rudys area. Call to identify 543-8609.