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Dammed



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

Toxic metals were first discovered in the Milltown Dam reservoir in 1981 including 2,100 tons of arsenic. The dam, which sits downstream of the confluence of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot rivers, has been center stage of local environmental conflict.

Milltown Dam removal plan explored at hearing

Chris Lawrence
Montana Kaimin

The benefits of removing the Milltown Dam and safely disposing toxic sediments found in the dam's reservoir presents a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the Missoula valley," said Peter Neilsen, environmental health unit supervisor in Missoula.

Neilsen opened discussion about the Two Rivers Restoration Development Project, a resolution to alter the dam, in a public hearing sponsored by the Missoula County Commissioners.

It was standing room only for over 70 people who packed into a small room on the second floor of the County Courthouse Wednesday to hear about the

plan created by the commission.

The meeting was part of a two-part public forum sponsored by the commission for the dam; the other meeting was held in the Bonner school gymnasium Wednesday night.

Milltown Dam, located near Bonner, has caused controversy since high amounts of arsenic were discovered in the reservoir in 1981. If approved, the plan will restore the natural confluence of the Blackfoot and Clark Fork rivers while creating new recreational opportunities.

Toxic metal sediment deposits have made a "rest stop" in the reservoir above the dam, including 2,100 tons of arsenic, 13,100 tons of copper, 19,000 tons of zinc, 143,900 tons of iron and 9,200

tons of manganese. In some places, the sediments are 30 feet deep, according to a county commission report.

If the dam is removed, recreational improvements would include a museum in the old Milltown powerhouse, an amphitheater, whitewater park, hiking and biking trails, various development parks and natural areas.

Community members voiced opinions about the resolution during public comment at the meeting.

Dave Ryan, who said he has floated rivers for 35 years, said the addition of the whitewater park will make the area internationally famous.

"This will turn a liability into

a plus," he said.

Todd Frank, owner of local sporting goods store the Trailhead said the whitewater park is needed and would be a welcomed addition to Missoula considering the rapid growth in the whitewater community.

"My argument is that you should drive around (Missoula) and look how many kayaks are on top of the cars," he said, but added that immediate removal of the dam and its sediments might not be the best course of action.

"It seems that the right thing to do is to understand the science surrounding the dam before we remove the sediments," he said.

According to a county commis-

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UM to wish students a safe 21st birthday

Tracy Whitehair
Montana Kaimin

In a new move to promote responsible drinking on campus, UM may soon send students birthday cards on their 21st birthdays.

Sarah Mart, health enhancement coordinator at the Curry Health Center, proposed the idea to the UM Drug and Alcohol Advisory committee last week. The plan would have the university send birthday cards with personal greetings and messages about safe and responsible alcohol consumption to UM students nearing their 21st birthdays. Mart said the cards will support students who want to avoid risky drinking behavior and target those who plan to participate in risky drinking behavior.

"We want to recognize students turning 21 and give accurate information about the way students drink on campus," Mart said, "and help the students be safe when drinking and specifically when 21 and drinking."

Mart cited responses from 574 students who took the 2001 CORE Perceptions of Campus Alcohol and Other Drug Norms Survey to bolster her proposal. Since 1996, the CORE survey has been given fall semester every two years in UM classrooms, Mart said. Results indicated that 9 percent of the respondents said they of age and had attempted to consume 21 drinks on their 21st birthday. Eight percent said they bar-hopped on their 21st birthday but did not attempt to drink 21 drinks. Fourteen percent were under 21 but intended to drink 21 drinks on their 21st birthday. Another 31 percent reported they had engaged in risky drinking behavior or planned to on their 21st birthdays.

The DAAC supported the birthday-card strategy and Mart is moving ahead with the proposal. She learned about the idea from a similar program described on the Cal State Pomona Web site, and had heard it talked about at a national conference last year. She said the program is in the planning stages and she will be getting additional input from interviews with students. She hopes to finish research and find funding this semester and have the plan ready for next fall. However, she cautioned against

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ASUM backs same-sex partner health coverage

Tara Dowd
Montana Kaimin

ASUM passed a resolution that supports same-sex partner health coverage for students, faculty, and staff within the Montana University system Wednesday night.

Sen. Lea Taddonio co-authored the resolution and hoped it would pass with a unanimous vote. After some debating and questioning, it was passed with 19 senators voting for it and 2 abstaining.

The UM faculty and student senates both endorsed a similar resolution last year, Taddonio said.

"I think that ASUM passed this resolution because it wanted to make a strong stance in supporting diversity as well as reminding the state of the importance of equality in the workplace," Taddonio said after the meeting.

Also, a resolution passed to give students an opportunity to vote on a referendum to increase the recycling fee by \$1.

Facility Services Director Hugh Jesse is pushing for the increase to help with the lagging recycling on campus, he said.

"We get more of a budget; we recycle more," Jesse said.

Students have the choice to waive the recycling fee and not pay the \$3.

ASUM voted to demand the UM administration to complete a plan to make the campus 100 percent accessible to people with disabilities, and it passed unanimously.

ASUM voted unanimously

to support UM joining the Worker's Rights Consortium, which has a code of conduct that includes a living wage, protection of worker's health and safety, protection of women's rights and prohibition of child labor. Any licensed merchandise with the University of Montana logo would be made under conditions following the code of conduct.

The Internet teacher evaluation referendum was sent back to committee for further research on costs and other logistics.

NEWS

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Martz 'sticks neck out' for education funding

Jason Mohr
Montana Kaimin

HELENA—The coal trust can be used without busting it, Gov. Judy Martz said Wednesday, while promoting a new plan that could give Montana's schools and colleges \$33 million over the next two years.

"We're willing to stick our neck out to do something unusual," Martz said, noting that the Legislature is considering many ways to help boost education funding.

"I think it's the best(plan) because the money in the general fund is not there," she said.

Her proposal would take continued from page 1

the money Montana collects from coal producers over the next two years.

This plan would pad the already-proposed increases in education funding, which educators have complained are not enough to avoid school program cuts and teacher lay-offs.

Higher education would use this \$10 million collected from coal producers in 2002-03 to pay for equipment, unpaid maintenance costs and skyrocketing energy expenses, Martz said.

But Democratic leaders were not impressed with the governor's new scheme. Senate Minority Leader Steve Doherty, D-Great

Falls, called it "tired, worn out, lackluster."

"You have (Martz) and her party wake up in March, 2001, and wonder how do they fund government," he said.

Instead, Doherty touted a plan that would create a special interest-bearing fund out of the coal trust, state-issued bonds, and cuts in the corrections' budget.

But Martz urged support for her plan in the hopes of finding a long-term solution for funding education.

"This short-term solution will work," she said. "If we are truly interested in improving the quality of the education we provide our

children we must put our money where our mouth is," she added. "We must set aside partisan rhetoric and do what is right for every student across the state of Montana."

Martz said that the \$10 million will probably not stave off high tuition for university students. In fact, she said, probably no amount of new money would please higher education officials.

"If we gave them \$100 or \$200 (per student) I'm not sure they would reduce tuition anyways," Martz said.

Higher education officials have predicted tuition hikes of more than 10 percent and

possible program cuts unless they get much more money than the Legislature seems willing to give.

Martz has proposed adding \$13 million to K-12 schools and around \$10 million — or \$100 per student — to the University System in the state budget.

Also on Wednesday, the House rejected a plan that would have raised K-12 funding by \$67 million for the next two years.

Members did pass a bill that essentially rubber-stamps Gov. Martz's \$13-million increase to public schools.

Alcohol

the perception that this program will solve the problem of binge drinking.

"The birthday-card idea is not a fix," she said. "It's about how we can encourage and support students for their own health and the safety of others. And let them know that the drinking stereotypes are not correct."

Martz said that on UM's campus of 12,000 there will always be some students with serious drinking problems. But, she said, there is also a surprisingly

large percentage of students who abstain from drink. She said statistics showed that 18 to 20 percent of UM students don't drink at all. Also, more than half of the remaining 80 percent of students who consume drink safely and don't experience problems, she said. Mart wants to make students aware and responsible instead of just telling them not to drink.

"We are not the anti-alcohol, health-Nazi establishment," she said. "It's really more of a public health issue, preventing harm

and death, and assisting students in being safe around alcohol."

The UM Drug and Alcohol Advisory committee, is a group of staff, faculty, students and community members that evaluates UM's drug and alcohol policies and recommends changes or improvements, said Charles Couture, UM dean of students. The committee is currently in the process of the biennial review of the campus drug and alcohol program, Couture said. The report should be com-

plete by the end of the spring semester and will be posted on the UM Web site.

Mike Frost, chairman of the DAAC, said the committee was originally formed years ago to quell the high numbers of students having trouble with drinking and drug use on campus. More recently, he said, federal mandates required colleges receiving federal grants to conduct two-year reviews on drug and alcohol statistics, and the DAAC serves that function as well.

DAAC meetings are open to the public and are held every two weeks on Thursdays at the UC, Room 207, from 11:10 a.m. to noon. The next meeting is March 29, and Frost encourages students to attend.

In the last two years the DAAC has set guidelines for serving alcohol on campus and policies for tailgate parties, and this year they are debating alcohol advertisement and sponsorship on campus, Frost said.

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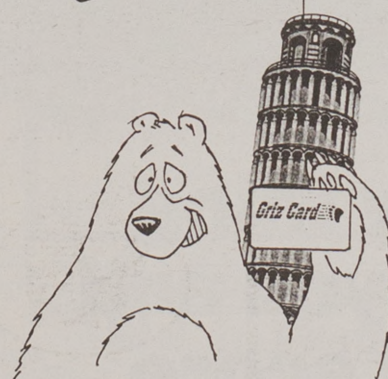
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Library's new network cable ushers in faster access

Jim Schroeder
Montana Kaimin

After nearly eight years, the original network cable of the Mansfield Library is being replaced by faster-access cable to accommodate users of the library's computer facilities.

John Greer, the Mansfield Library network support administrator, said the Internet cable is newer and larger.

"By increasing the size of an underground water pipe, you can flow more water through it or in this case, larger cable means more information through the Internet for more users," Greer said.

The old cable was labeled 10 megabit per second, category 3 cable and the new wiring is called category 5 cable with 100 megabits per second of Internet speed, Greer said.

"It's basically bigger and better cable," Greer said. "Internet wiring is a constant need over time and eight years is a long time for the system."

The replacement of the old cable started in January and should be done by late April, Greer said.

So far, the network cable on the third floor of the library has been replaced, leaving the first, second, fourth and fifth floors to be rewired. Greer said wiring the other levels will be faster because there are fewer computer terminals on the levels and some of the rewiring has already been done.

The total cost of the rewiring project was budgeted at \$37,000 and is being paid by the UM student admission technology fee, said Frank Smith, dean of library services.

Smith also said the library is in the process of negotiating a contract for a new computerized integrated library system that should be ready for students at the start of fall semester, 2001.

"I'm really excited for this because of the better access that students and scholars will have with the new system including more links to different sources and better library material searching," Smith said. "The system will also be good for processing bills, card cataloging and a number of other library staff-related jobs."

Smith estimated the cost for the new integrated library system to be several hundreds of thousands of dollars, but didn't have an exact figure.

Lawmakers scrounge for higher ed funding ideas

*Sales tax,
scholarships,
student-approved
funding suggested*

Jason Mohr
Montana Kaimin

HELENA — It was a day full of ideas at the Capitol about ways to steer more money to Montana's schools and colleges more money, as lawmakers were able to weigh in on plans Wednesday that had previously been only in the works.

New schemes to help higher education include a 4-percent sales tax on tourists, college scholarships, and student-approved funding.

Sen. Bill Glaser, R-Shepherd, outlined a conceptual plan to a legislative committee designed to boost money for public schools and higher education by up to \$55 million in the next two years. Universities could get some money out of a special fund, but only after consulting with students and the public on how the money might be spent.

Montana State University student body president Kira Kuntz said that Glaser's concept could give lawmakers the accountability they want over state money and students the ability to direct money to specific campus projects. Students know what they need at their own schools, she said.

But others wondered where the money for Glaser's plan

would come from given the already tight state budget.

"The emperor wears no clothes and the emperor has no money," said Sen. Sam Kitzenberg, R-Glasgow.

And many wondered how the dollars might be scraped together to fund the \$1,000-per-student Montana Opportunity Scholarships proposed by Sen. Ken Miller, R-Laurel. Miller's proposal would require university towns to raise half of the grants, either through local taxes or private donations.

The balance of the scholarships would be matched by the state with a property tax increase. Resident-students could get the undergraduate scholarships renewed annually, but must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average and perform community service.

Higher Education Commissioner Dick Crofts said that he supports the idea of creating more scholarships for students, but he wonders how university towns could come up with their portion. Crofts said that the Missoula community might have to raise over \$3 million to ensure resident-students get the scholarships.

And Sen. Don Ryan, D-Great Falls, said that UM President George Dennison's sales tax proposal might need tinkering to pass constitutional muster. Ryan said that the sales tax on tourists must be configured so as not to be unfair to out-of-staters.

Seminar helps women find truth about food, body image

Trisha Miller
Montana Kaimin

Don't eat after nine p.m.; carbs are bad; fat should be eliminated from your diet. Theses are all food myths UM psychologist Cheryl VanDenburg will dispel Thursday at the first meeting of an eight-week seminar for women who struggle with food and body image.

"Most of us operate under bad food myths. Food is not evil. A cookie is a cookie is a cookie," VanDenburg said. "Some foods are just fun. This is a place to accept your body and change those myths."

A University of California-Berkley study from 1997 revealed that by college entry age, 78 percent of American women are dissatisfied with their bodies.

The seminar is put on by counseling and psychological services through Curry Health

Center. VanDenburg will team up with St. Patrick Hospital nutritionist Laura DelGuerro to present a seminar once a week for an hour and a half to the 13 women signed up this semester. This is the maximum the seminar can hold, VanDenburg said, who has held the body image meetings for the past two years.

In the seminar the women will be presented nutrition and body information in the first hour, distinguishing between fiction and fact, and they will be asked to keep a food log. They will record their caloric intake and learn through the patterns of their eating habits.

The women will also focus on changing their thought systems toward their personal body image.

"They think, 'Oh, I ate a cookie so forget the rest of the day.' This seminar will help them learn how to begin change,"

VanDenburg said.

Although the weekly seminar is full for this semester, VanDenburg will be holding an intensive half-day lecture one Saturday in April, she said.

More women and men will be able to attend this service featuring UM nutritionist Kelly Richards. The information will be similar to the weekly seminar, VanDenburg said, recognizing the negative messages people send to their bodies about food and giving people tools to eliminate the myths. Both seminars are free to students who have paid their Curry Health fee.

"These are small steps that can go a long way for a healthy relationship with food and body image," VanDenburg said. "People are not taught about nutrition, so we sometimes have to unlearn the myths we know."

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UM's own 'Odyssey of Stars'

Montana artists
Quist, South
to perform for
school of
Fine Arts

Jim Schroeder
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Two former UM classmates, country music singer Rob Quist and opera luminary Pamela South will headline the first annual "Odyssey of the Stars: A Celebration of Artistic Journeys" at the University Theatre.

The two UM music alumni will perform March 31 in a musical event that includes rock and jazz music, operatic pyrotechnics, a musical theater and a grand finale that includes 200 musicians all performing together.

The concert is to support the School of Fine Arts, which ranks in the nation's bottom fifth percentile for scholarship support, said

Linda Lussy, dean's assistant for the school of fine arts.

The school's long-term goal is to increase the annual endowed scholarships to \$500,000 per year, Lussy said.

As a founding member of the Mission Mountain Wood Band, Quist has moved on to another Montana band, the Great Northern. Quist is a third-generation Montanan and grew up on a ranch along Montana's Rocky Mountain Front.

His musical credits include full symphony arrangements of his original compositions, music scores for film and theater, and national ad campaigns.

Quist's music has been recorded by country music stars, Loretta Lynn and Michael Martin Murphey.

"I owe so much of my musical career to my wonderful experiences at UM," Quist said in a press release. "And not only will it be fitting to return the favor, I know that sharing the stage with Pam South

and the others will be a night I treasure forever."

South left UM for the stages of the world's greatest opera companies and began her career at the San Francisco Opera. The former Montana rodeo queen performed in many opera and musical theater productions besides singing country music in local venues.

The New York Times described South as, "strong, sure and a compelling actress with nothing short of vocal brilliance."

The theatrical presentation from the musical "Sweeney Todd," will be performed by a cast from UM's drama department and the theater's rotunda will have a student art exhibit.

The evening will be dedicated to the memory of Reverend Bill Kliber, a UM Fine Arts Advisory Council member that initiated the work on the event in May, 2000. Kliber died last September.

Fish Wildlife Parks celebrates century of protecting nature

Film, poetry
reading
mark FWP's
centennial

Chris Lawrence
Montana Kaimin

April 18 marks the 100th anniversary of Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, and there will be a film, poetry reading and refreshments Thursday at 7 p.m. in the UC to celebrate.

"No need for a Saturday Night" will be a 30 minute film tracing the development of wildlife conservation in Montana, and includes poets Jack Gladstone, Mike Logan, Wally McRae, Rob Quist, Sandy Seaton and Paul Zarzyski, a Great Falls poet who will give a reading of "cowboy poetry."

While the 300 free tickets for the celebration are

already gone, Bill Thomas of Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks said some seats may be available because of no-shows.

The goal of the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks is to create a public commitment to "sustain the diverse wildlife, parks resources and recreational opportunities essential to a high quality of life for Montanans and our guests."

Thomas said Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks has been successful over the last 100 years in working with the public to protect both fish and wildlife.

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NEWS

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Racicot elected national service group chairman

WASHINGTON (AP).—Former Montana Gov. Marc Racicot was elected Wednesday as the new chairman of America's Promise, a national group that encourages volunteerism on behalf of children.

Racicot replaces Colin Powell, the group's chairman since it was founded in 1997, who stepped down after President Bush nominated him for secretary of state.

The group praised Racicot, now an attorney in Washington, D.C., for what it said was his commitment to strengthening children, families and communities.

"I think it is absolutely terrific that Marc is joining the (America's Promise) team," Powell said in a news release Wednesday. "As I continue to support this great crusade on behalf of our nation's kids, I am confident Marc is the right person to take America's Promise to the next level, to every state and community in America."

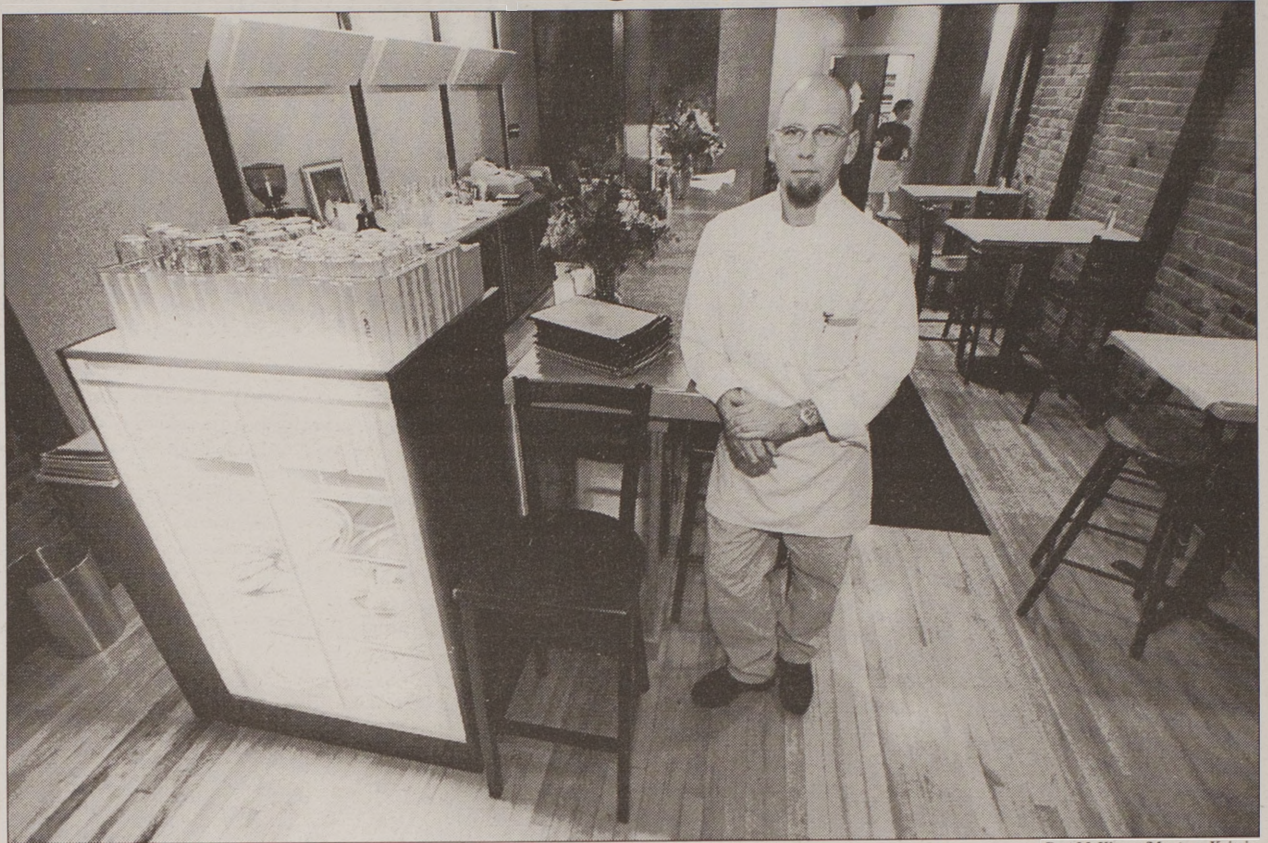
Racicot said he was honored at the appointment.

"I really believe preparing our children for the future is everyone's job," Racicot said. "As chairman of America's Promise, I am going to do everything I can to make youth the nation's top priority."

Matt Lauer, a spokesman for America's Promise, said the chairmanship is for three years.

Racicot left office last year after two terms as governor. He was Bush's top choice for attorney general, but withdrew, citing family reasons. He now is a partner in the Washington D.C., office of the Bracewell & Patterson law firm.

Waiting on you



Pete McKinney/Montana Kaimin

Scott Gill opened the doors Tuesday to *Scottie's Table: An American Bistro*. Gill took over what was *Second Thought* from his business partner Layne Rolston, and after a few months *Scottie's* has opened. The restaurant has "always been in the works" according to Gill. *Scottie's* offers "traditional bistro fare with a European flair." The restaurant is located at 529 S. Higgins Ave. and is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. You can expect to pay between \$5 and \$8 for lunch and \$10 and \$16 for dinner.

Montana musher dogs competition, wins 4th Iditarod

NOME, Alaska (AP) — An icy trail with long stretches of bare spots slowed times in the 2001 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. But the tough conditions made the win special, said Montana musher Doug Swingley, who on Wednesday won his third consecutive and fourth overall Iditarod title.

The Lincoln, Mont., musher drove his dog team 1,100-miles through the Alaska wilderness to reach Nome at 6:55 a.m., finishing the race in nine days, 19 hours and 55 minutes.

He beat a field that included six previous champions. Linwood

Fiedler, his closest rival, was expected to reach Nome sometime Wednesday afternoon, at least seven hours behind the leader.

"This was a special race to win, because it was really difficult," Swingley said. Mushers had to contend with an icy trail that had little snow and was bare in spots. Strong headwinds on the Yukon River and the Bering Sea coast also made things difficult, but his team pulled through. Other veteran mushers struggled.

"These dogs are the athletes. They're the ones that are fabulous," Swingley said.

He won \$62,857 and a new quad-cab pickup truck. The first 30 finishers share in the race's \$550,000 purse.

Swingley, who finished first in 1995 and now has equaled Susan Butcher's four victories, said he would welcome a real challenge in years to come. Only five-time champion Rick Swenson has won more.

"Linwood did a great job ... in shaking it up," Swingley said of this year's race in which Linwood

Fiedler of Willow, Alaska, challenged him for the lead early in the second half.

The Iditarod is held each year to commemorate a 1925 dash to Nome in which sled dogs and mushers delivered lifesaving diphtheria serum to this historic Gold Rush town. Sixty-eight teams started the race in Anchorage on March 3.

Swingley ran nearly the same race he did in 2000 and 1999. He positioned himself in the first half to take the lead early in the second half, and then extended that lead until it was insurmountable.

Swingley reached the halfway point first, as he normally does, but Fiedler retook the lead by pushing further down the trail than any other musher before taking his 24-hour rest.

While Fiedler was soon forced to relinquish the lead to Swingley, he received \$3,500 in cash for being the first musher to reach the Yukon River. He donated \$500 each to four villages to buy school books.

While competitors have said

Swingley doesn't have to rest his dogs as long as they do, he said that isn't the case. Swingley said he rests his team at least as long as his competitors and perhaps more.

He credits his three-year streak to good dog breeding and training. His breeding goes back to a 12-year-old foundation dog named Elmer.


"Elmer had a tremendous personal desire to achieve," Swingley said. "No matter how tired out he was, he was eager to drive the team."

Elmer sired Peppy and Stormy, two of Swingley's leaders that were on his winning teams this year and last.

Swingley said his winning formula hinges on the relationship he has with his dogs.

"I raise all my pups," Swingley said.

Swingley also benefitted from good conditions where he trains on the logging roads near his home in Montana. An unusually warm winter left Alaska mushers traveling far and wide to find good conditions to train.



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Kaimin NCAA tournament predictions

Don Holst,
UM Men's Basketball
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Final Four Prediction: Stanford, Duke, Arizona and Michigan State. Duke will win it all, but the Holster admits he would rather

have Stanford and his former colleagues, Mike Montgomery and Blaine Taylor, cut down the nets.

First round upsets: Georgia State over Wisconsin. "Georgia State is 28-4 and are better than people think. They're very athletic." Kent State over Indiana and Gonzaga over Virginia.

Sleeper: Tennessee. "I don't know why, but I feel that way," Holst said. "They have a lot of guys back from last year's team and they under-achieved this season. They had some real studs last season. I watched them in person and couldn't figure out how they couldn't win a lot of games."

Cinderella: St Joseph's
Biggest upset of the tournament: Northridge over Kansas. "If they can, that would be a hell of an upset," Holst said. "Northridge is going to have to guard Kansas' big kids inside. That's going to be Northridge's toughest thing. Northridge is really skilled and they're going to press and I don't know if Kansas likes to be pressed. Northridge is an awful good team."

First No. 1 seed to fall: Illinois. "They been inconsistent this season," Holst said. "They couldn't win their conference tournament. They got beat by some other people this season. Tennessee is going to beat them."

MVP: Shane Battier. "The kid is the best pound-for-pound basketball player in the country," Holst said. "He does more for his team in all ways. Rebounds, shooting, defends and dive on floor for loose ball."

Shouldn't have been invited to the Big Dance: "They should be in the NIT," Holst said. "The Big Ten gets seven out of 11 teams. Jeez, why even have a conference tournament?"

Stood up by the NCAA selection committee: Wyoming and Utah.

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Ryan Divish
Sports Editor



Final Four Prediction: Duke, North Carolina, Arizona, Stanford. It would be a crime for me to

pick any other school but North Carolina. Arizona has the talent but Loren Woods is kind of like the Tin Man in The Wizard of Oz in that they both lack a heart. I would sooner pick the National Culinary Institute to win it all before Duke because of my hatred for the Blue Devils. And Stanford hasn't proven it can win a big game. Heels over the Blue Devils, but only by three.

First round upsets: Sorry Northridge, you have pathetic post defense. It's going to be Butler over Wake Forest, Providence over Penn State, Georgia State over Wisconsin and St. Joseph's over Georgia Tech.

Sleeper: USC. There is no doubt they have talent. Brian Scalabrine, Jeff Trepagnier, David Bluthenthal, Sam Clancy and Brandon Granville are as good of a starting five in the tournament. They struggled toward the end and head coach Henry Bibby needs to find a way to bring them together. If USC can put together some wins, they will pick up some much needed confidence.

Cinderella: Creighton. The Blue Jays start a pair of senior guards in their backcourt - a key for NCAA tournament success. Ryan Sears - remember his name - is one of the best point guards in the country in terms of all-around game. As far as the second round, preparing for Creighton in just one day could cause some difficulty.

Biggest upset of the tournament: Although I picked the team to make the Final Four, Arizona has a funny way of getting upset early in the tournament. If Loren Woods doesn't show up to help out Michael Wright and Gilbert Arenas, the Cats could be sent home early by either Eastern Illinois or Butler.

First No. 1 seed to fall: Illinois played its best basketball early in the season. They looked very sluggish in the Big 10 Tourney and if the Illini aren't shooting well from the outside, they can be beaten. Possibly in the second round to a talented Tennessee team.

MVP: Joseph Forte of North Carolina struggled down the stretch but the NCAA tourney will refresh him.

Shouldn't have been invited to the Big Dance: Missouri. The Tigers had only three quality wins on the season and were totally inconsistent down the stretch.

Stood up by NCAA selection committee: Either Wyoming or Alabama. The Cowboys got hurt because of playing in the WAC and not living up to their preseason hype. Alabama struggled at times but was ranked in the top 25 in the weeks leading up to the SEC tournament.

Women's Final Four: Duke, Notre Dame, Tennessee and UCONN with Notre Dame winning it all.

Casey Temple
News and Sports Editor



Final Four Prediction: Michigan State, Notre Dame, Boston College and Indiana. Wouldn't it be sweet to see hometown talent

Troy Bell, who wasn't widely recruited, back home in Minneapolis leading Boston College to a national championship? Though Bell will get the Eagles past Indiana, in the championship game they'll find out that Michigan State is just too experienced and strong. The defending national champion Spartans have all the tools to repeat.

First Round Upsets: Upsets galore in my bracket, but that's what makes the tournament fun. Hell, if I get two or three of these right, people will think I'm a genius. O.K., maybe not. In the Midwest, Iona (12) will defeat Ole' Miss (3) and Butler (10), will beat Wake Forest (7). In the South, Fresno State (9) over California (8), Indiana State (13) over Oklahoma (4), Temple (11) over Texas (6) and Providence (10) over Penn State (7). In the East, Missouri (9) over Georgia (8), Utah State (12) over Ohio State (5), Oklahoma State (11) over USC (6) and Creighton (10) over Iowa (7). In the West, St. Joe's (9) over Georgia Tech (8) and Georgetown (10) over Arkansas (7).

Sleeper: Notre Dame (6) will find itself in the Final Four for the first time in school history because of All-American forward Troy Murphy, the defense of forward Ryan Humphrey Martin Inglesby manning the point.

Cinderella: Georgetown (10) will advance to the Sweet 16 after dropping Arkansas (7) and Iowa State (2).

Biggest upset: Indiana State will beat Oklahoma, a team with a poor tournament record and even poorer graduation percentage.

First No. 1 Seed to Fall: Stanford will get beat in the third round by Indiana.

MVP: Like every year, there's a player who carries his over-achieving team to the Final Four through hard play, and leadership. Indiana center Kirk Haston is that player this year. Averaging close to 20 points a game, Haston has led the Hoosiers all year, from standing up for coach Mike Davis to nailing a 3-pointer at the buzzer to defeat Michigan State.

Shouldn't have been invited to the Big Dance: Georgia doesn't belong here. Sure it played a tough schedule, but when you lose to all the teams, it doesn't mean you're good.

Stood up by the NCAA Selection Committee: Richmond may not be the best team not to make the tournament, but their 21-6 record and 43 RPI ranking says it should have been invited.

Women's Final Four: Georgia, Notre Dame, Duke and Purdue. In the battle of Indiana and for the National Championship, Notre Dame will defeat Purdue, thanks to Ruth Riley.

Ian Costello
Kaimin Sports Reporter



Final Four Prediction: Florida, Arizona, Duke and Maryland. Florida gets by Zona taking head coach Billy Donovan

back to the championship game where he will again be a bride's maid, this time to Gary Williams and Maryland, who will get by Duke in the semis.

First Round Upsets: Kansas (4) and UCLA (4) are ripe for the pickin' and that's good news for their first round opponents, fellow 13 seeds, Big Sky Champ Cal State Northridge and Hofstra. Providence (10) over Penn State (7), Xavier (11) tops Notre Dame (6), Missouri (9) gets past Georgia (8) and G'Town (10) will handle Arkansas (7).

Sleeper: Virginia. The Cavs, who come out of the ACC and into the tournament as a fifth seed in the South, should dance all the way to the Elite Eight before running into Florida.

Cinderella: Oklahoma State. Tragedies bring teams together and in a run reminiscent of Loyola Marymount after the death of star player Hank Gathers, the Cowboys will stick around until the Elite Eight.

Biggest Upset of the Tournament: Tie between Luke Recker-less Iowa (7) beating Kentucky (2) in the second round and Virginia knocking off South top seed Michigan State in the Sweet Sixteen.

First No. 1 Seed to Fall: Michigan State loses to fifth seed Virginia in the Sweet Sixteen making the Spartans the only top seed not to make the Elite Eight. With Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson both playing in the NBA, the boys from Flint will fall four games short of a repeat.

MVP: Jason Williams of Duke. Although the Blue Devils will fall short of a national title, Williams will carry Coach K and the Gang all the way to the Final Four. With a banged-up Carlos Boozer, Williams has been playing better than any guard in college hoops and better than half the guards in the NBA.

Shouldn't have been invited to the Big Dance: Georgia. Cry all you want about strength of schedule, the Bulldogs come into the tournament only two games over .500 and with the most losses ever for a team that received an at-large bid. If you don't win a conference tournament, you don't belong in the big dance with a 16-14 record.

Stood up by the NCAA Selection Committee: Wyoming. Yes, the Cowboys don't play high caliber opponents (Montana State), but at 20-9, they finished four and a half games better than Georgia.

Women's Final Four: Notre Dame, Georgia, Texas Tech and Duke. Top seeded Duke gets by Texas Tech in the semis and Georgia beats the Blue Devils for the whole shebang after upsetting Notre Dame two nights before.

Bryan Haines
Kaimin Sports Reporter



Final Four Prediction: Florida, Arizona, Duke and Maryland. It's hard to believe that after three years, Shane

Battier still doesn't have a national championship. That will change this year. Behind him and Jason Williams, Duke will blow out Maryland before hanging on to beat Arizona in the final.

First Round Upsets: Is Gonzaga over Virginia really an upset? The Zags, like the past two years, will once again make it out of the first round. In other action, Temple (11) will upset Texas (6), Georgia State (11) over Wisconsin (6) while Butler (10) beats Wake Forest (7) and Providence (10) beats Penn State (7).

Sleeper: Kansas. The Jayhawks are the four seed in the Midwest and will have the benefit of playing close to home. They will make it to the Elite Eight, and if they can get by Arizona, will be on their way to the Final Four.

Cinderella: Once again, do you call Gonzaga, which is a 12 seed, a cinderella? As most of you have seen, Casey Calvary is one of the top forwards in the nation, and he will carry the Zags to the Sweet 16.

Biggest upset of the tournament: North Carolina had better be ready for Princeton. The Tigers are well coached and will give UNC fits with its methodical offense, ending UNC's tournament in the first round.

First No. 1 seed to fall: Illinois in the second round to Tennessee. While it has struggled as of late, Tennessee has the talent to do some damage. The Fightin' Illini didn't look good in losing to Indiana in the Big Ten Tournament and will take a bow in the second round.

MVP: Shane Battier of Duke. He is the most complete player in college basketball, and is the unquestioned leader of this squad. With Williams probably not 100 percent to start the tournament, Battier will raise his game to yet another level, showing why he is this year's player of the year.

Shouldn't have been invited to the Big Dance: First of all, Georgia BELONGS in the tournament. It played the toughest schedule in the nation, in the toughest conference in the country and have an RPI of 27. Basically, I feel that every team in the field belongs.

Stood up by the NCAA Selection Committee: Utah played just as well as Wyoming and finished higher in the same conference. The Huskies only went 19-11. You can always make arguments, but if they would have taken care of business in the regular season, they would not be in the NIT.

Women's Final Four: UCONN, Tennessee, Florida, Notre Dame with UCONN winning it all.

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Dam

sion report, the dam doesn't prevent sediments from washing downstream; high water and ice jams push them into the aquifer. As a result, sediments have contaminated groundwater near Milltown and depleted trout below the dam by as much as 50 to 80 percent, the report said.

Missoula resident Bob Luceno supported the resolution to remove the dam, and said the area could face a catastrophe if seismic activity hit the area around the dam.

"I am not a scientist, but it probably would take only a little more than a five-point rattler to put a crack down that dam," said Luceno, who has lived in Missoula for 22 years. "I want to see more scientific study about this."

Dennis Workman, a retired fisheries biologist who supported the resolution, said he understands the effects of the metals, considering he has spent a lot of time over the years collecting information from various rivers.

"From the very beginning in Missoula, I've felt metals in the rivers have been a big problem," he said. "I've come to the firm conclusion, if we are ever going to see a fish population, we have to remove the sediments."

According to the commission report the dam does not protect

Missoula from floods. In fact, it would adversely affect the area during a flood.

The significance of the dam's power output has come into question as well, according to the report.

Norman Olson, who has followed power concerns in California, echoed this concern.

"Are we seriously looking at the effects of the dam on the power of this area?" he asked.

Montana Power owns the dam, but the Atlantic Richfield Company will have to bear the cost of removing the sediments, which the EPA has estimated will cost between \$93 and \$196 million.

Sandy Stash, of ARCO, said the tedious removal may take 10 to 14 years to complete.

"6 million cubic yards of slop is very difficult to remove," Stash said. "People think removal is great until they find out it's (taking place) near their neighborhood."

But Stash said it's time to put the dam in the best position to protect people in the long term.

Gary Hughes, a UM graduate student in environmental studies who was at the meeting, praised the resolution and said it was the right thing to do environmentally.

"Public health is represented in the health of the environ-

ment," he said. "But I especially speak to those in the boating community and those into river and mountain travel, because these places are threatened," he said.

Hughes said it's important for students to lobby for issues like

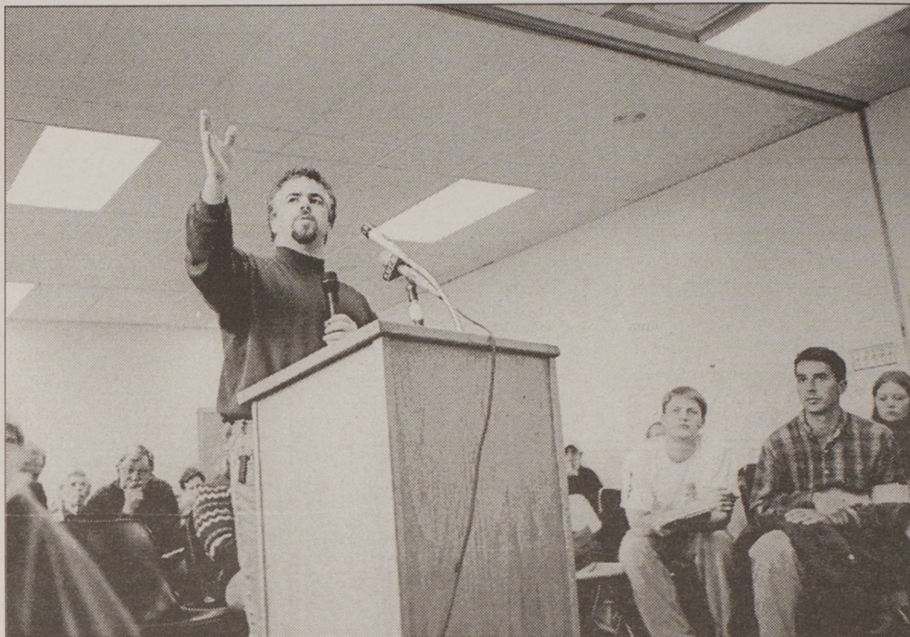
the Milltown dam resolution.

"It's not always easy (for students) to participate because we are so consumed with school," he said.

Neilsen hoped the commission's plan will solve an issue that has circulated controversy in

the area for a long time.

"We have proposed a different vision for the future," Neilsen said. "We must assure that we can make things better, not worse."



Chris Cerquone, of the Water Quality Advisory Council, gives his testimony in support of the Two Rivers Restoration and Development Project Wednesday afternoon during the public hearing on the Milltown Dam in the Courthouse.

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