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Memorial honors UM student who died in auto accident

Tracy Whitehair
Montana Kaimin

Ryusuke Okuno, a UM student from Japan who died in a car crash last week, was a friendly, outgoing person who came to study and made people smile with his funny faces, friends said Monday.

"He is mature, independent, social — very much a socializing guy," said Takeru Abe, a UM student and Okuno's friend. "He made a lot of friends here, Americans, foreign students, in classes and in dorms."

Okuno died Sunday, March 18, when the rental car he was driving went out of

control and flipped four times near Deer Lodge, Mont. Ayumi Matsumoto, who is also a UM student from Japan, was a passenger in the car. She was released from St. Patrick Hospital last week and attended classes Monday.

According to the Montana Highway Patrol, the accident occurred at 12:18 p.m. on Interstate 90 near Deer Lodge. Okuno, 21, was driving eastbound onto a right hand curve when he lost control of the car, which hit the median and rolled four times before stopping. Okuno died instantly from head injuries and Matsumoto, 21, was flown by helicopter to St. Patrick Hospital in critical condition.

Montana Highway Patrol officials said speed was a factor in the accident, the roads were clear, and both occupants were wearing seat belts.

Matsumoto said Monday that she and Okuno were traveling to Yellowstone National Park when the accident happened. She remembers hitting her head "badly" and being pulled from the car, but not the helicopter trip to the hospital. She said she was in critical condition the first night, with a collapsed right lung and breathing tube, but somehow was out of the intensive care unit after one day.

Matsumoto left the hospital Tuesday and spent time with her parents until

they flew back to Japan Monday morning. She said she will stay at UM for the rest of the semester. She will return to Japan to finish her journalism studies at Sophia University in Tokyo because her student visa is up after this semester, she said.

Matsumoto said she met Okuno at UM during summer orientation last year, but he had also attended Sophia University. Okuno studied hard and wanted to work in International business, mainly between the United States and Japan, in the future, Matsumoto said.

A memorial was held at Garden City

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Mount Sentinel and surrounding areas may soon become less infested with noxious weeds due to city of Missoula and the University of Montana's vegetation management plan. The plan calls for restoring native plants by using herbicides to kill noxious weeds like knap weed.

George C. Rogers/Montana Kaimin

Council passes weed management plan for Mount Sentinel

Jim Schroeder
Montana Kaimin

Beginning in late May, UM's "M" on Mount Sentinel will be surrounded by fewer weeds and more native vegetation like bluebunch wheat grass, thanks to Mount Sentinel's first vegetation management plan, which passed a City Council vote Monday night.

The plan calls for the use of spraying the herbicide Tordon 22K and the use of bio-control insects to eat weeds on the nearly 1,000 acres of joint city and UM properties on the west face of Mount Sentinel, said Marilyn Marler, noxious weed coordinator for UM and Missoula.

The decision was approved at the Missoula City Council meeting, 8-to-1, with three council members being absent. Ward 2 councilwoman Lois Herbig voted no.

The plan includes UM's Fort Missoula property and the city's open space. It is a result of collaborative work between the city

and UM vegetation management.

Council member Myrt Charney called the passage of the plan one of the highlights of his City Council career.

The city's open space lands, which includes land on Mount Sentinel, the north hills, John Toole Park, Kim Williams Trail and UM land at Fort Missoula are considered heavily infested areas with noxious weeds. Restoring native plants and killing non-native plants in those areas is the goal of Missoula's vegetation plan, Marler said.

The plan emphasizes the control of weeds as an essential part for the restoration of native wildlife and plants that depend on them on those lands.

Missoula's open space land on Mount Jumbo is already covered by a similar management plan.

The vegetation management plan went through a public hearing in early March and many speakers praised the plan as a responsi-

ble way to control noxious weeds on Mount Sentinel and other weeds that infest local areas. But others criticized its proposals for herbicide use as under-researched and excessive.

The most common herbicide that will be used in the Missoula area, the Tordon 22K herbicide that's made by Dow Agrosiences, is currently being studied by the Missoula City-County Health Board for its long and short term effects on watershed and public health issues, said Peter Nielsen, subcommittee member and environmental health supervisor for the Missoula Health Department. Nielsen said he didn't know when the study would be done.

The City Council also wanted Missoula citizens to be aware the plan calls workers to be aware not to apply herbicides in areas where chemical leaching could occur directly into the Missoula watershed. The council amended it

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Dennison to stay in Big Sky

Erik Olson
Montana Kaimin

UM President George Dennison will not be leaving for the University of Nevada-Reno, as he was not among the final four candidates selected for the vacant president job.

Of the six finalists interviewed, four were invited back to visit the campuses in Reno and Las Vegas. Dennison and Robert Dryden, vice chancellor of the Oregon University System and dean of engineering and applied science at Portland State University, were not invited back.

Dennison had been asked to submit his resume for the position by an academic "head-hunter" — a person who helps university search committees find candidates to fill their open positions.

Nevada Board of Regents member Doug Hill, who chaired the search committee, said that Dennison's reluctance played a factor in the committee's decision. However, Hill added Dennison was at the top of his personal list.

"I thought he was great," Hill said. "He's honest, solid and has as straight a head as any human being you can hope to meet."

The committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Regents on April 17.

Dennison, for one, is used to this process. He said he been approached by these "head-hunters" several times, including once last week, but usually says no. He agreed to submit his resume this time because he said he wanted to "keep his options open."

Dennison said he has looked at retiring somewhere in the

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OPINION

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Physical education

Competitive sports a valuable part of education

Do you remember dodge ball? That game where rubber balls were hurled at you by opponents from the other team, while you threw rubber balls back, and if you were struck by a ball you had to sit out?

In the past few years, there has been a concerted effort to remove the game from physical education curriculum. The reasoning ranges from physical dangers the game presents to the unfair competition it promotes where unathletic kids are the first eliminated, to the violent nature of the game which some critics say acts like a precursor to the violence in schools in the past years.

And it doesn't stop with dodge ball; some say the idea of competitive games have no place in physical education because the games exploit weaker, less-athletic students.

Maybe dodge ball and its spin-offs like prison ball are ancient games that should be put on the ball-room shelf.

But should games such as basketball, volleyball, badminton and kickball not be part of physical education curriculum, either?

Where is this heading? Is physical education, as a whole, next? Is gym going to be removed as a requirement from curriculum and turned into an elective?

Let's hope not, for the sake of children's health.

As has been reported, the incidence of obesity among adults and children in the United States is unprecedented. Many people in this country simply don't understand the necessity for daily exercise and proper nutrition as a part of their lifestyle. Or their children's.

And as a result, competitive games are having to be removed from physical education because many of our children are simply not physically fit enough to be able to even compete, even at the lowest levels.

Physical education curriculum stresses aerobic exercise, stretching, strength training, basic health and sex education.

It also teaches kids to lead an active lifestyle while helping kids who maybe aren't as athletic to learn the skills to do them.

But how will removing competitive games from physical education classes help students? Shouldn't physical education teach a form of healthy competition where the ideas of sportsmanship, compassion and teamwork can arise? After all, competition in some form is also a part of a person's lifestyle whether in the gym, the classroom or the work force.

By removing competitive games from physical education classes, we are teaching our children that it's OK to not compete. That it's OK to not participate in an activity because they might not be good at it. That it's OK to stand on the sidelines instead of getting out there and competing in the game of life.

-Ryan Divish

Casey-at-bat

Spring break helps put priorities in order

Column by



Casey Temple

When I woke up Monday morning, I felt like a little kid waking up on the first day of school after summer vacation. I can't believe spring break is over.

The cold makes it even worse trudging around campus, heading to class and trying to get back in the swing of things, though the swing of things never holds the excitement that a week off of school provides.

My spring break adventures led me south where there's no snow, the sun shines hot and shorts and a t-shirt are standard uniform for a night on the town. The whole time I was in Arizona and Nevada, I wondered why I chose to go to school in a place that's always cold. You'd think after growing up where snow in March is as constant as rain in April, I'd venture for someplace sunny and warm.

And after seeing how nice it was not to be cold, my buddy Chad decided we'd win enough money to stay south forever. So every quarter that went in the Poker machines in Vegas carried dreams of an instant jackpot that would keep the inevitable return trip from happening.

But no. We lost all our money just like the old timers feeding the nickel slots their social security checks without changing expression.

The only thing worse than being back is the thought about how horrible it'll be when we get jobs that only allow two weeks of vacation a year. When the only thing to look forward to is the end of the summer trip you take with the wife and the kids in the family mini-van to some boring destination like Mount Rushmore. We'll long for the days when we and some buddies jumped in a packed car filled with too much beer and too few clean clothes and headed out on the highway to Vegas or Zion National Park.

As I sit here thinking about how fun it was to do nothing for a week except lounge by the pool or drink beers in the outfield while watching spring training, I've decided that when I finally grow up and get a real job, it has to offer a couple of things.

First, I need my weekends and major holidays off. Second, I need a spring, summer and winter vacation. A week off in October wouldn't be bad either.

If you asked me years ago what my goals were, I

would have probably told you I wanted to be successful, whatever that really meant. And in our society, success is often determined by how much money you have, which doesn't seem that bad if you make a lot of money. But my wallet has never been full and though you'd think I'd choose a profession where I'd get rich, I'll probably always be counting on that instant jackpot or the winning lottery ticket to launch me into financial success.

While my peers study hard and get good-paying jobs in business and computer science, I spend my time trying to figure out which career will give me the most time off to spend on more important things like watching baseball games and sleeping in. That may be my problem.

I know it's probably late to reevaluate career goals, but hey, I'm not even 22 years old. Do I go after the high-paying jobs, that most surely come with stress and long hours? Or do I just bum around like I've been doing for years, scraping by month-to-month while writing bad checks so I can head for warm country when I grow tired of the cold?

In Vegas, I watched a man lose \$500 in 15 seconds at the blackjack table and looked around at the wealth that people poured through the glorified Lucky Lils Casino. And as I pretended to play the slots so the waitress would give me free drinks, I thought about how nice it'd be to be rich.

But I also saw fathers and sons at the baseball games and realized future endeavors must include time off so my sons and I can enjoy baseball, rather than me spending all my time in the office.

On a road trip I took last winter with my best friend as he interviewed for medical schools in the Midwest, we talked about future plans. He said how weird it was to tell all the interviewers how bad he wanted to be a doctor. How it had been something he always wanted to be.

"In fact," he told me, "there are many things I'd rather be doing. And being a doctor, I know there won't be much time to raise a family. But at least I'll make enough money to support a family."

We both listed our top five jobs if talent and skill weren't an issue. We soon realized, like we did years before, that being big-league ball players was out of the question. But as the top five rounded out, we realized that our present course wasn't headed toward our dream jobs.

And as I sit here, dreading two months left of school, with no breaks and the weather warming, I realize that I'll probably always be jealous of friends who live in exotic spots and make lots of money. But I think I'll be all right scraping by month-to-month in the cold and coaching my kid's little league teams. Just as long as I get the time off to get away.

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President George W. Bush is in Montana Monday. If you could ask him any question what would it be?

•BJ Ihde

freshman/business

Does it feel dirty to sit in the Oval Office? Because I wouldn't want to sit in that same place.

•Bill Battaiola

Freshman/Pre-Education

Does your tax cut only favor the wealthy? Because typically Republicans think for the wealthy.

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UM Foundation appoints new chief executive

Jon Peragine
For the Kaimin

Those who know Sharen Peters and those who have seen her resume, know the new chief executive of the UM Foundation has the experience to make the foundation even more productive than in years past.

"With Sharen Peters at the helm, we expect to undertake fund-raising programs that will make the next 50 years even more productive," said Penny Peabody, chair of the foundation. "Sharen is the foremost person on planned giving in the whole Northwest. She has always done a great job for us and we are honored to have her as the new president of the foundation."

Joining the foundation in 1983, Peters started as an accountant and through the years has worked management positions in fund raising and business operations up to her current position as vice president of the foundation. She has held the position since 1998.

Peters started the foundation's planned giving program, a program that refers to a gift through annuities, properties and wills. In 1991, Peters was appointed by former Gov. Marc Racicot to sit on the task force on endowed philanthropy. The purpose of the task force is to promote endowed giving in Montana, specifically through the Montana Endowment Tax Credit.

"In my 18 years at the UM Foundation, I've had the opportunity to see our foundation grow and develop into a respected fund raising organization that serves as an example to other foundations in this region," Peters said in a press release. "I look forward both to continuing our current initiatives and undertaking new programs and projects that will enhance our effective service to the University of Montana."

The UM Foundation was established in 1951 and is observing its 50th anniversary in the fall of this year. Peters said a main goal for the foundation is to continue toward its goal of building a \$100 million endowment. The foundation's permanent endowment funds, trusts and other avenues totaled \$78 million at the end of fiscal year 2000.

Peters takes over for Fred Lee who has held the post since September of 1998. Lee said he wants to "kick back a little," and plans to stay in Missoula to do some consulting and writing.

Peters officially takes over as president of the foundation April 16, 2001.

MSU alumnus wins Oscar for sound editing

Johnson's use of condom-covered microphones wins him prestigious award

Trisha Miller
Montana Kaimin

Former Montana State University film student Jon Johnson walked away with the golden statue named Oscar Sunday night at the Academy Awards for his sound editing work in the movie "U-571."

"Sound triggers so much of the emotional impact of the film," Johnson told reporters last week. Sound editors recreate every noise of a completed film.

The sounds of the submarines in the World War II film were created by banging on five gallon drums submerged in a swimming pool using condom-covered microphones for recording, Johnson said.

This was the first Academy Award nomination

for the sound editor from Sheridan, Wyo., who graduated from MSU in 1978 where he majored in film documentaries. His thesis film, entitled "Amazing Grace," won a national collegiate competition.

"He's a wonderful person, a very regular guy with no Hollywood affectation," said Paul Monaco, MSU department head of media and theater arts. "He is open to contacts with students and he has a lot of contacts in Hollywood. His stock went up 200 percent since last evening."

Monaco said he is in constant contact with Johnson because Johnson is a member of the external advisory board for the media and theater arts at MSU.

"It's an obvious source of pride for faculty and students," Monaco said. We have a huge entre into a world that is hard to penetrate. It is easier for students to find job opportunities entering the film industry with alumnus like Jon."

Johnson started his career in film editing and sound dubbing. His work on the

television series "MacGyver" was rewarded with an Emmy. In 1990 Johnson started Fury and Grace, his own sound design company.

Most recently, Johnson led a private back lot tour of Universal Studios including a discussion with Jonathan Mostow, director of "U-571," for a group of current Montana State film students who were in Los Angeles for a Montana-dedicated Craig Kilborn show.

The Oscars are known for their short time allotment for acceptance speeches, and Johnson was another victim of the music playing before his speech was over Sunday night.

Johnson is not the first MSU graduate to receive an Oscar. "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" animation effects man and MSU graduate Ed Jones, received an Oscar in 1988. John Dahl, a 1981 film graduate, was an Academy Award nominee several years ago. Both Johnson and Dahl have recently completed work on a film tentatively called "Squelch."

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Logging events lead up to Foresters' Ball

Chris Lawrence
Montana Kaimin

Cow chips, axes, kegs and timber logs soared through the air outside the Forestry Building Monday afternoon.

Students and faculty gathered to compete in "boonsday," a flurry of logging events including log throwing, ax throwing, keg tossing and log cutting.

The dean of the school of forestry and the dean of the school of law squared off in a cow chip throwing contest.

"Boonsday" was a kickoff for this weekend's 84th Foresters' Ball, which will be held in the Adams Center Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Students and faculty who participated in "boonsday" had a chance to win tickets for the ball if they beat a member from UM's Woodmen's team in ax throwing or keg tossing.

In the cow chip throwing contest, Perry Brown, dean of the school of forestry threw manure 60.5 feet, while Edwin Eck, dean of the law school threw 58 feet.

"Lawyers are pretty good at slinging manure, but they got nothing on the school of forestry," Brown said of his victory.

Eck conceded graciously.

"I was counting on my second throw until it fell apart," Eck said. "We at the law school have a lot of respect for the school of forestry."

Melissa Jafvert, publicity coordinator for the ball, said this year's ball can accommodate up to 800 people per night, and has a larger capacity because it will be in the Adams Center.

This year's theme "From Misery Whips to Chisel Bits," is a commemoration of forestry and



Seniors Jamie Tripp (left) and Jeremy Harker team up for the double buck, a Jack and Jill competition, Monday afternoon outside the Forestry Building.

Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

logging practices through the years and specifically tracing early crosscut saws — "misery whips" — to chainsaws.

Jafvert said many tickets are available and cost \$10. They can be purchased at the UC Box

Office, the Jack in Lolo and Cenex North Reserve in Missoula.

Other events for "ball week:"

Wednesday, March 28: At noon skydivers will drop onto the Oval and give away free tickets.

Thursday, March 29: Forestry school members will perform a skit to promote the ball at the Food Zoo at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 30: Ribbon cutting for the ball at 12 p.m. at the entrance to the Adams Center.

The 84th Foresters' Ball, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Saturday, March 31: Alumni Mixer at the Adams Center at noon. The 84th Foresters' Ball, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.;



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Wilderness program applications due

Chris Lawrence
Montana Kaimin

Last fall, while most at UM were busy readjusting to school life, sophomore Dawn Becker started her semester backpacking in the Northern Cascades National Park.

For 10 days Becker hiked through the mountains and glaciers of Northern Washington with 24 other students and a handful of UM professors and alumni — and earned credit doing it.

Becker is in the Wilderness and Civilization Program, a year-long program at UM that combines interactive classroom study and outdoor field work to further the understanding between humans and the natural element.

The program starts with a 10-day backpacking trip and ends the year with a 10-day float on the Missouri River.

"It was a good way to start off the year," Becker said. "We got to bond with our professors in a real environment."

The program normally takes a backpacking trip to

the Bob Marshall Wilderness, but opted for Washington because the Bob Marshall was closed because of fire danger last fall.

Wilderness and Civilization was created in 1975 and admits 25 students in the program every year. Students who complete the program receive a minor in wilderness studies and 34 credits.

Laurie Ashley, of wilderness studies, said the program offers a hands-on approach to learning.

"In a typical classroom, a lot of times issues are discussed and not experienced," she said. "Wilderness and civilization tries to find a balance between thought and experience."

Ashley said although students spend 15 hours in the classroom per week they still get at least 45 days of field work in the program.

Ashley said the classroom is mostly discussion-based and covers disciplines in recreation management, ecology, literature, Native American studies, economics

and fine arts.

Besides the two 10-day trips, students also do field studies on most Fridays in areas like the Bitterroot, Lolo pass or the Rock Creek Mine near Libby.

Junior Michael Vanecek, a sociology major in the program, said he likes the sense of community the program creates.

"You get to learn more about what your classmates think and they open up more," he said, adding students spend a lot of time together in and out of the classroom.

Becker said she also liked the tight-knit atmosphere.

"I like the diversity of opinions," she said. "We hang out together. We talk about touchy subjects. It's like you get 22 new friends."

Deadlines for the wilderness and civilization are approaching fast. Applications will be accepted until Monday, April 2. For more information, contact Laurie Ashley at 243-6936.

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Tracy Whitehair
Montana Kaimin

Monday, March 12, 5:30 p.m. Police said a bike was stolen from near the Gallagher Business Building. The victim reported an eyewitness saw a young boy ride off with her bike, police said.

Monday, March 12, 2:10 p.m. A VCR was stolen from a cart at McGill Hall, police said.

Thursday, March 15,

10:35 a.m. Police said graffiti of a violent nature was found on second floor restroom wall of the Gallagher Business Building. Lemcke said the graffiti was removed immediately and didn't know what it said.

Friday, March 16, 3:33 a.m. Police said someone locked open a fire extinguisher, which spewed dry chemicals all over a fourth floor study lounge at Aber Hall. That activated the fire alarm and damaged

the sensor, Lemcke said, and students had to stand in the cold until the building was cleared.

Friday, March 16, 2:22 p.m. Police are investigating an incident reported by a student involving a professor. No other details were available, but Lemcke said police are investigating at least a verbal exchange between the professor and student.

Friday, March 16, 2:49 p.m. Armored Express reported a van had followed them on campus and took photos. Public Safety discovered nothing, but Lemcke said Missoula police will follow up on the incident.

Sunday, March 18, 7:52 p.m. Police said two T-shirts, a stuffed bear and a hat were stolen from a Bookstore window display in Aber Hall.

Sunday, March 25, 10:02 p.m. Police said they identified and warned individuals who were kissing a security camera in the parking structure.

"A couple of people were enamored with our electronic equipment," Lemcke said. "Or they were showing their appreciation for our dispatchers."

The individuals were asked to stop kissing the camera, Lemcke said.

Police Blotter



Billings welcomes Bush and tax cut proposal

BILLINGS (AP) — President Bush's proposed tax cut and budget won loud approval from a boisterous crowd in Billings Monday, as more than 10,000 people packed an arena to hear the president speak.

"I found the best way to get the message out is to travel the country," Bush told the cheering crowd.

The president was greeted with signs reading "Tax Relief NOW," as he played to the packed Metra, a sea of people dotted with bobbing cowboy hats and small American flags.

Bush said the fact the government is experiencing a budget surplus is clear evidence tax relief for all Americans is in order.

"That money is not the government's money. It's the people's money," Bush said to a thunderous applause. "The government didn't earn that money. You earned the money. ... It sounds like to me somebody is being overcharged and we need to ask for a refund."

Some in the crowd had waited more than five hours to see the president on his first visit to Montana.

Gary and Heidi Zumbrun of Roberts, about 45 miles south of Billings, took their three sons out of school for the day.

"It's important they come," Heidi Zumbrun said. "We need to get some family values back in this country and I think the president can help us do that."

Jill Branch of Billings was less interested in what Bush had to say than making sure her two young daughters had a chance to see the leader of the free world.

"It's a once in a life opportunity," she said.

Bush arrived at the Billings airport at 2 p.m. Joining him aboard Air Force One were Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., Rep. Dennis Rehberg, R-Mont., and former Gov. Marc Racicot, all of whom had appeared earlier with the president at a stop in Kansas City, Mo.

They greeted a small group that included Democratic Sen. Max Baucus and Gov. Judy Martz, before leaving by motorcade to meet with agricultural industry representatives. Baucus was the lone Democrat appearing with Bush on stage at the Metra.

Monday's visit comes as Bush attempts to sway key Democratic leaders to support his tax plan. Baucus, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, is one of those key players. He also is up for re-election next year.

Putting Baucus on the hot seat, Bush called him "a man who's got enough power in Washington, the kind of power that if he likes what I have to say and you like what I have to say, I'm confident we can get it done."

Bush then turned to shake Baucus' hand.

Baucus has sharply questioned Bush's 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut proposal, but

has signaled willingness to cooperate to enact a major tax cut. He joked that he was prepared for some presidential arm-twisting while Bush was in Billings.

"I welcome his coming to Montana," Baucus said as he awaited the president's arrival. "I know that sounds masochistic."

At one point in his speech, Bush suggested everyone in Congress could support his tax relief package, which drew one man in the audience to yell "What about you, Max?"

Baucus arched his eyebrows, nodded and smiled.

Meeting with farmers and agricultural industry representatives at a farm machinery dealership earlier in the afternoon, Bush said he could empathize with farmers and ranchers who grow more nervous every day of another hot, dry summer in Montana.

"Pray. Pray for rain," Bush told the group gathered at a farm machinery supply company. "I have just come through a tough drought in my state of Texas. I understand what drought does to the farmer."

Fourteen environmental and conservation groups hoped to grab the president's attention while he was in Billings. They took out a full-page ad in The Billings Gazette Monday asking the president to "Listen to the voices of Montana" on environmental issues.

Trust account established for Missoula widow

A trust account has been set up to financially help Havilah Johnson, the widow of Brian Johnson, the 27-year-old Missoula man killed in a car crash Monday, March 12 in Missoula. Donations can be made out to the Brian Johnson fund and sent to Two Rivers Bank at P.O. Box 248 Milltown, MT, 59851. For more information, call the bank at 406-258-2400.

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Options dwindle for higher ed funding

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HELENA — Time is running out for lawmakers to find ways to scrounge up more dollars for Montana's colleges and universities.

With less than four weeks remaining in the 57th legislative session, there is a major push to solve the state's energy crunch, but the Republican majority shows little inclination to add money to the state higher-education budget.

University officials have said tuition could increase by over 9 percent unless they receive millions more in state aid.

But GOP leaders have maintained the proposed increase of \$20 million for the higher ed system is the best they can do with a tight state budget.

Gone is a tourist tax touted by UM President George Dennison, which was tabled by the Senate Taxation Committee. The 4 per-

cent sales tax could have generated up to \$60 million.

Also killed by Senate committee was a plan that, in part, would have required student input for release of certain funding.

Waiting in the wings are various measures that would use the state coal tax trust fund.

Gov. Judy Martz has proposed taking \$33 million out of the \$610-million coal trust fund for K-12 and university funding; Democrats want to use interest from the coal trust to bolster school spending.

Still alive is another sales tax scheme sponsored by Sen. Sam Kitzenberg, R-Glasgow. His measure would exempt food and medicine from a 4 percent sales tax, while providing money for education and property tax relief.

The state House voted down a similar proposal to take \$20 million from the coal trust account earlier in the session.

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Dennison

Las Vegas area, but not any time soon.

The four selected finalists for the UNR presidency are: Joann Boughman, vice president for academic affairs and graduate school dean at the University of Maryland-Baltimore; Richard Davenport, provost and vice president for academ-

ic and student affairs at Central Michigan University; John Lilley, provost and chief executive officer, Pennsylvania State University-Erie; and R. Michael Tanner, interim director of the Silicon Valley Center and former vice chancellor at the University of California-Santa Cruz.

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Weeds

into the vegetation management plan before it was passed.

Besides looking at the human health and ecological effects of herbicides including the two other herbicides used within the plan, Dow Agrosiences Transline and DuPont's Escort herbicides, the Health Board is also looking at the ecological effects of the noxious weeds themselves, Nielsen said.

The vegetation management plan was originally designed by Marler and referred back to the City Council's conservation com-

mittee in early March where a few minor changes were made to it, Marler said. The introduction of the drafts for the new plans were made public at an open house on Feb. 20.

The plan also contains other methods of controlling open space lands from noxious weeds that include the use of controlled burns, grazing animals and pulling weeds by hand, which was usually done by volunteers.

The use of grazing animals for the fight against weeds has been

successful on Mount Jumbo, but some faculty in UM's geology department won't support grazing animals on Mount Sentinel because of the possible disruption of the former beaches or horizontal lines from ancient Glacial Lake Missoula on the mountain-side, said Marler.

But Marler said she doesn't believe the animals would disrupt the soils on Mount Sentinel.

"I think sheep grazing on Mount Sentinel would be a good management tool," Marler said.

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Crash

Funeral Home last Tuesday, and Okuno's family thanked his friends and UM staff in a statement printed in his memorial brochure:

"...We hope that you will remember the days you spent with Ryusuke. His life was short. We expect that all of you will have a happy and meaningful life to compensate for the loss of our son Ryusuke."

Effie Koehn, director of Foreign Student and Scholar Services, said Okuno's family flew to Missoula within 24 hours of the accident and two representatives of the Japanese Consulate General

came from Seattle to help make arrangements. Before the memorial service, Koehn said Okuno's family visited the accident site to leave flowers and pray. Koehn said UM shares their loss.

"The university community was shocked by the news," Koehn said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends at this difficult time."

More than 60 friends, family, international students and community members attended the memorial, and Koehn said it was comforting for his parents as well as a way for students to pay last respects.

Abe said he and Okuno became friends during summer orientation last year and saw each other often at cooking parties and birthday celebrations with other Asian students. Abe remembers Okuno as a "gentle guy," who enjoyed snowboarding, soccer and computers.

Don Salting, instructor of the International Student Orientation at UM last summer, said Okuno was adventuresome and self-confident. Salting said Okuno didn't seem to have the culture shock that many students experience when they first arrive in a foreign land,

and he remembered that Okuno began checking out the campus and the town immediately after he arrived.

"I picked him up at the airport, got him settled in the dorm, and by the time I got back with another student, he had already explored the campus and found the Albertson's," Salting said.

A gathering will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at the International House, 659 S. 5th E., for friends and acquaintances who want to share feelings, grieve together and honor Okuno's memory, Koehn said.

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