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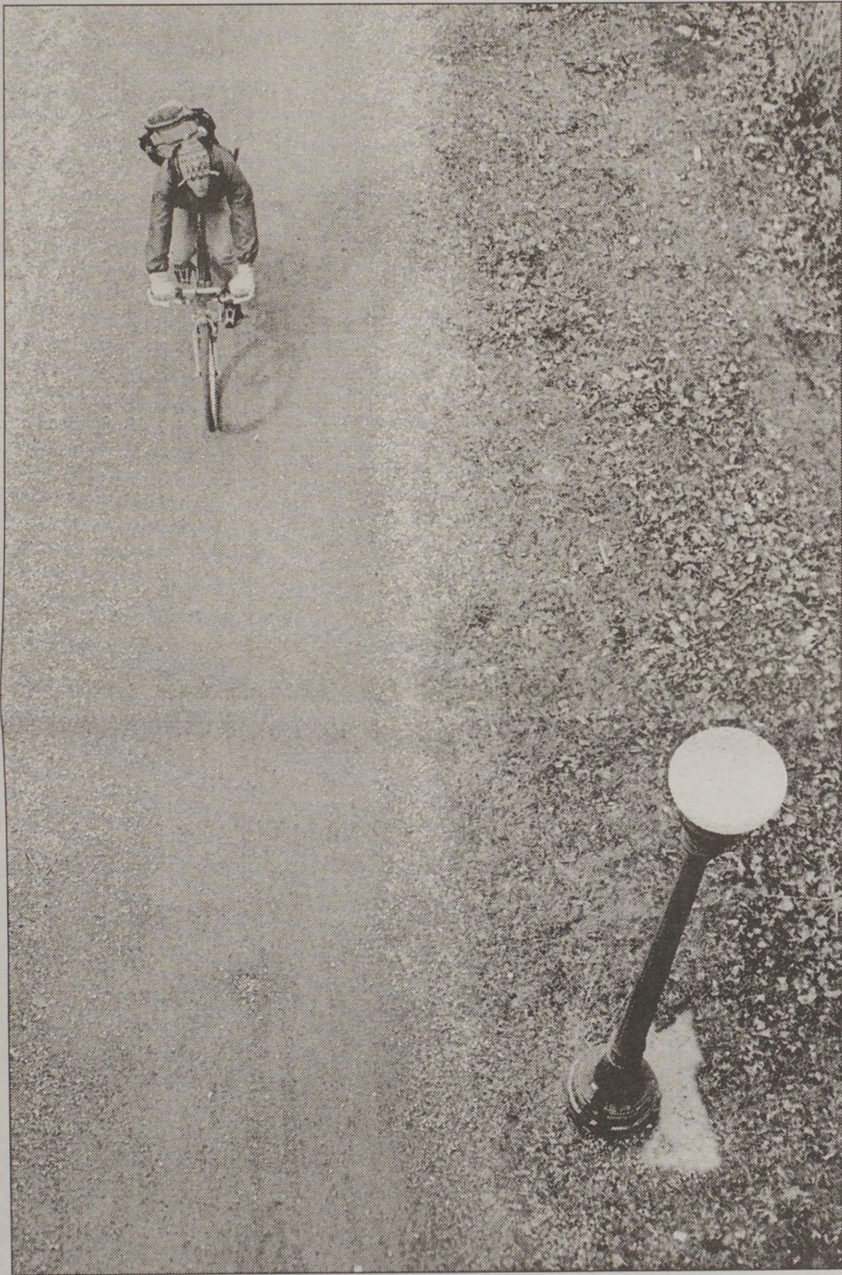
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## Underpass



A biker rides on the Kim Williams Trail along the Clark Fork River near the Higgins Street bridge Wednesday afternoon. There is a proposal to build a bike trail, similar to the Kim Williams, that will connect Lolo and Missoula.

Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

## Trail group may give cyclists fast track to Lolo

Chris Lawrence  
Montana Kaimin

After 11-year-old Andrew Jami was killed by a vehicle while riding his bicycle in November 1999, the valley has gotten more serious about providing safer bike travel.

Highway 93's stretch between Missoula and Lolo is one area that has come under scrutiny.

Speeding cars, low road shoulders and exhaust make the trek especially treacherous, sophomore Dawn Beckner, an environmental studies major interning with the Missoula Trails Group said.

But a recent proposal could make things safer. The proposal

would create a paved biking and walking trail tracing the Bitterroot River from Missoula to Lolo and could make traveling safer.

But Beckner said the proposal isn't set in stone, and still needs funding and permission from various landowners to fly.

There have been two monthly meetings at the Lolo Community Center to discuss the proposal.

Beckner said the meetings revealed most support the proposal, but there is opposition, including some who fear the trail will turn Lolo into an "urban Missoula."

"They don't want it to be Lolo-Missoula," she said. "They want to be separate."

Beckner said other opposition includes concerned business owners, who say the trail may create hassles at gas stations considering those who use the trail may stop to use the bathroom or for water.

Others opposers say the trail may create an unsafe environment and may promote drug trafficking.

Beckner said discussion for the proposal will continue until the trail is in place — and that means securing funding, permission from landowners and volunteers.

Additional meetings for the proposal will be announced. For more information contact Dawn Beckner at 543-3367, or Jean at 273-0213.

## Faculty pushes for new deal before July

Erik Olson  
Montana Kaimin

The faculty and administration are working on a new collective bargaining agreement despite having to wait on the state Legislature for final numbers.

Elizabeth Ametbichler, a German professor and head negotiator for the faculty, said meetings are being held weekly with the goal of coming to an agreement by June 30.

Associate Provost John Schwaller, head negotiator for the administration, is leaving his position after this year and Ametbichler will be on sabbatical next semester, so University Faculty Association President Bill Chaloupka said he wants to finish negotiations before then.

Schwaller said the biggest issue is compensation for the faculty, although he stressed the talks so far have not been contentious.

"We try not to be adversarial," he said, adding that he hopes to finish negotiations before the faculty start to leave for the summer.

The House has passed leg-

islation to increase all state employees' salaries by 4 percent. However, half of university employees' salaries comes from the state, and the other half comes from the university, so the faculty is not guaranteed that entire increase, Chaloupka said.

That bill has not passed the whole Legislature, so the negotiators must keep one eye on those proceedings while they hammer out an agreement.

The current agreement runs four years until June 30, 2003, but the compensation section is figured biennially and ends this year. Compensation includes faculty members' salaries, as well as other categories such as insurance and retirement plans.

This year, the minimum salary for a tenured professor is \$47,175. The minimum salary for an instructor, the lowest-paid faculty class, is \$26,187.

The agreement covers a variety of other issues, including grievances, leave of absence and student complaint procedures.

## UM professor says resignation of Forest Service chief no surprise

Chris Lawrence  
Montana Kaimin

The resignation of Forest Service chief Mike Dombeck shouldn't be dwelled upon, said Jack Ward Thompson, a UM professor and the chief of the Forest Service before Dombeck took over.

Instead, Thompson said people should focus on the 33,000 other men and women who still make up the Forest Service.

"Chiefs will come and go," said Thompson, a professor in the school of forestry. "The important thing is the men and women of the Forest Service. They are still there."

Dombeck announced his resignation Tuesday, and cited an unwillingness to work with the Bush administration as his main reason for departure.

Thompson said Dombeck's resignation wasn't a surprise considering a lot of chiefs change when a different administration comes in.

"He had a graceful exit," Thompson said. "He was very careful to make it clear that is

how the system works."

But Thompson mentioned forest chief Max Peterson, who stuck it out when the administration changed hands from Carter to Reagan.

"He was an excellent chief," he said. "I don't think he compromised anything."

Thompson said chiefs of the Forest Service are bound by three things: the law, the budget of the agency and the philosophy of the administration.

Thompson said most of the time, the hope is to have a chief with a policy similar to the administration.

"They are not free agents," he said. "The last thing we would want is them to be their own man. But every chief of the Forest Service is following their own direction rather than the intent of the president of the U.S."

Thompson said Dombeck's case was an instance where the gap between the policies of the administration and the chief of the Forest Service was too great.

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# OPINION

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## Forest Service chief's resignation

### Dombeck stands up for what he believes in

**Cassie Eliasson**

Bravo to Mike Dombeck for having the backbone to stand up for his beliefs and relinquish his position as Forest Service chief.

Though Dombeck said he was blessed to have had the opportunities the Forest Service offered him, he said he could not work under the Bush administration. He strengthened his choice by coaxing the agency's 33,000 employees to allow their commitment to their conservation ethic to take precedence over political ties.

In today's society, where it's all too common for people to put their moral values aside in order to land a better job, gain an edge or make more money, it is refreshing to find someone who sticks to his beliefs, even though it has cost him a career.

To the core, Dombeck is a conservationist. He has pushed to expand protection to roadless areas of national forests, headed watershed protection and the preservation of old-growth forests and attempted to increase funding for wildland firefighting and post-fire forest restoration.

These conservation efforts are in jeopardy. Dombeck fears the Bush administration will change the direction of the conservation agenda he has worked so hard for.

His fears are not ungrounded.

Bush's environmental policies, which include drilling and increased timber production, have squashed all Dombeck has fought for. There's no reason he, or anyone, should have to work in a situation where he feels powerless.

Dombeck does not leave the

Forest Service in the lurch. His retirement was not unexpected; Often, it's familiar practice for the chief to resign when administration changes.

Already, the service is considering options for a new chief.

Many will say Dombeck should have stayed — that he should have tried to compromise with the Bush administration and attempted to continue conservation efforts.

But one man does not a Forest Service make. Though Dombeck's previous efforts have been worthwhile, he will not be able to combat Bush's new policies. Even if changes made by the Bush administration are small, Dombeck has rightfully decided the direction of the changes holds greater significance than the changes themselves.

Dombeck's predecessor, Jack Ward Thomas, who is now a UM professor said, "A lot of great men have been chiefs of the Forest Service, but the agency never trembles or shakes when the change comes."

With his resignation, Dombeck makes a thunderous statement. He spits in the face of the Bush administration and leaves behind his hopes that Forest Service employees are allowed to "follow their land ethic" and "provide for the greatest good of the greatest number in the long run."

### Dombeck should've stayed and fought for compromise

**Chris Lawrence**

Mike Dombeck made a bold statement when he stepped down as head honcho of the Forest Service.

And the former chief was even bolder when he urged the rest of the agency — all 33,000 members — to follow their hearts and never be "controlled by those who equate a national forest solely to board feet or barrels of oil."

Dombeck's main qualm for departure was an unwillingness to work with team Dubya — the Bush administration.

It seems the gap between Dombeck and the administration's policy was wide — so wide he wasn't willing to compromise.

Dombeck has affections for the environment.

That's clear. But it's puzzling why he would step down in the prime of his service.

Dombeck himself has painted the Bush administration as anti-environmentalist. But it's hard to believe they are as anti-green as Dombeck says. Why would someone not want to protect the environment? That makes about as much sense as shooting yourself in the foot with a 12-gauge shotgun.

True, the Bush administration has made proposals that aren't exactly environmentally friendly. But like it or not, America has become a glutton. 275 million people are dependent on oil, electricity and timber. When the average person

wakes up in the morning, they turn on lights, take a shower and turn on the coffee pot. That's just what we've become.

When the stock market is down and oil and electricity prices rise, people are looking for a scapegoat, and someone to kick out of office. But when someone tries to solve these problems, people get touchy. It's a curious contradiction.

All politics aside, let's get to something we should agree on: We need people like Dombeck who will fight for the environment. Instead of retiring, he should have done something more noble: Work with the Bush administration to solve the problems.

If Dombeck truly cares about the environment as much as he says he does, it's a step. As it stands, it seems he's adding coal to a fire of divisive politics, and this isn't going to get us anywhere.

He wouldn't be the only chief to stick it out through two administrations with contrasting environmental policies. Former chief Max Peterson did it during the Reagan-Carter transition.

In his resignation, Dombeck said even though he is stepping down, he still will continue in environmental advocacy.

If we really want to see how much Dombeck cares, we'll keep a close watch on him over the next couple of years. Will he be content to disappear into an outdoor underworld of nature hikes and float trips? Or will he use the clout he gained to further the mission he once so adamantly proclaimed. This will be the true mark of his commitment.

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## Around the Oval

With the upcoming ASUM election, what issue should the candidates be focusing on?

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•Elliot Shepherd

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# NEWS

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## Silent auction speaks out for battered women's shelter

Trisha Miller  
Montana Kaimin

A silent auction benefiting the YWCA Pathways Battered Women's Shelter will be held Thursday night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Missoula's Boone and Crockett Club.

The UM Women's Law Caucus is sponsoring the semi-formal silent auction. Caucus member and coordinator of the auction Katie Schulz said last year the event raised \$9,000, and this year the law school hopes to make as much or more.

"We are optimistic," said Schulz, a UM law student. "Each year it has grown monumentally. Last year we made quite a jump from the year before."

The UM Women's Law Caucus is active on campus and in the Missoula community focusing on women's issues. Last year the caucus brought in women speakers during elections, held a domestic violence performance a few weeks ago and most recently drafted legislation and sent it to Helena.

This is the fourth year the caucus has sponsored the auction, and this year, community bidding is encouraged.

"In the past it has mainly been a legal community event, but we want to change that," Schulz said. There is no entrance fee, but donations are accepted, she added.

At 8 p.m. there will be a

drawing for a quilt made by local Missoula women. The quilt was on display in the UC on campus early in March and raffle tickets were sold and will continue to be until 8 p.m. The folk tale behind the quilt, Schulz said, is that it is a "safe house" quilt. A safe house quilt with its distinctive colors and patterns was hung outside homes during the Civil War to alert runaway slaves that this particular house was "safe."

Along with the quilt, other items to be bid upon include video rentals, Rollerblades, car tuneups and many gift certificates to local restaurants.

Hors d'oeuvres, deserts and wine will be served throughout the two-hour auction, Schulz said.

All the money the auction will raise is donated to the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter.

"Women helping women is the greatest we could hope for," said Annie Weissman, marketing and events coordinator of the YWCA. "We have similar goals in empowering people, and especially empowering women."

The caucus sought out the shelter for the fund-raiser, she said.

"I like the fact that they chose us; they're great," Weissman said about the Woman's Law Caucus. "They're smart, motivated people that show incentive to do this."

Weissman said she expects a couple hundred people to attend the silent auction.

## Great Falls lawyer, philanthropist dies

A Great Falls attorney who donated thousands of dollars to the UM Athletics Department and law school died of complications during a surgical procedure Monday, The Associated Press reported. John Hoyt was 79.

Hoyt's \$550,000 donation to the athletics department last

year allowed coaches to move out of camper trailers and into offices in the Adams Center. The wing where the offices are located is named the John C. Hoyt Athletic Complex.

In 1998, he and law partner Zander Blewett donated \$150,000 to UM's law school. Hoyt also gave assistance

scholarships for students with low grades at Cascade High School and donated 150 acres outside Lewis and Clark National Forest near Boulder, Mont. to the Nature Conservancy, The Associated Press reported.

— Kaimin staff

## Students get chance to join new downtown experience

Trisha Miller  
Montana Kaimin

Even if students spend their summers away from Missoula, they will still be able to take part in Downtown ToNight, a new late summer weekly series in Caras Park featuring live music, local food vendors and a beverage garden featuring locally brewed beer.

The free riverfront series will begin July 12 and continue every Thursday evening (except for a scheduling conflict on July 19) from 5 to 7 p.m. The last few weeks of the concert series will overlap with fall semester continuing until Sept. 27.

Linda McCarthy, executive director of the Missoula Downtown Association, modeled Downtown ToNight after 16-year-old afternoon Caras Park gathering "Out To Lunch," which ends in August every year.

"The reason why we brought the series through September is to give UM students a chance to get off campus and learn about the community. This is a way to engage university students who don't have an opportunity to participate in Out To Lunch," McCarthy said.

Downtown ToNight is produced by the Missoula Downtown Association, which is looking for one

musician or band, 10 food vendors, one beverage vendor and sponsors for each weekly event. In addition to local food and music, the Downtown Association hopes to feature a different pub each week for the beverage garden.

The Downtown Association has sent out 170 applications to local and regional bands, but also encourages students and local musicians to apply for the available 11 performing slots. Applications for vending and performing must be submitted to the Downtown Association by April 16. McCarthy said she expects local bands such as Bob Wire, Moonlighters and Cash For Junkers to play.

"The Missoula community is very oriented toward performing arts and ToNight provides another venue to perform and celebrate," McCarthy said.

"I think this will appeal to a wide variety of people — people who work downtown, across town, families with kids who can use the playground or carousel, people who use the riverfront trail, young and old — a wide ranging audience," McCarthy said.

The Downtown Association expects 1,000 to 1,500 partakers each week.

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## Evolution doesn't add up, lecturer says

Erik Olson  
Montana Kaimin

The evolutionary theory of the origin of life does not allow for enough time to produce even a simple atom, said a creationist biochemist at a lecture Wednesday night at Urey Lecture Hall.

Fazale Rana is a biochemist from Reasons to Believe, a non-profit organization that provides education on issues involving the Bible and nature. He came to UM by request of campus ministry groups to speak about the supernatural origins of life.

"Based on the scientific evidence I've shown you, there is a remarkable harmony between the geological record and what the Bible shows you," he said at the end of the lecture.

Rana presented a detailed scientific analysis of the general evolutionary origin of life theory and

the creation theory of the Christian Bible. Origin of life scientists contend that a variety of nonliving natural factors, including time, chemistry and energy, combined to create life, Rana said.

However, he also pointed to evidence, written by an origin of life scientist, that stated that the probability of producing one E coli molecule by the random combination of those factors is one in 10 to the 100 billionth power — a one followed by 100 billion zeroes.

Rana also tried to poke holes in the scientific theory of life originating in primordial soup. Although that soup is often talked about, no evidence exists for its existence, he said.

"The prebiotic soup is nothing more than a scientific myth," he said.

Rana was also critical of other Christians for allowing origin of life theory to become untested and commonly held as fact. Some

Christians have offered "scientifically ludicrous" theories in the past, which causes scientists to disbelieve even reasonable arguments, he said.

"Often times as Christians, we are often quick to vilify and demonize people who hold an evolutionary viewpoint," Rana said.

For example, Rana said that the origin of life as described in Genesis 1:2 describes the Earth as a desolate wasteland, which is probably how the planet looked before life came about.

Scientists may scoff at supernatural explanations for natural events, but Rana pointed to a theory from a Nobel Prize-winning scientist that claimed life on Earth could have come from alien intelligence. Rana said the Christian theory is different only because it calls for an extra-universal intelligence and not an extra-terrestrial one.

## On-air fund-raiser marks annual Public Radio Week

Shannon Comes At Night  
For the Kaimin

Raising money for KUFM is serious business, the director of development for the radio station said.

Kay Wilson said the station's goal is to raise \$350,000 during Public Radio Week.

Wilson said this annual week-long, on-air fund-raiser is important to the station. Money raised will pay for operations at the station, salaries, equipment, satellite fees, supplies, programs and music they purchase, she said.

"For the people who don't know about Public Radio Week, it's a wonderful fund-raiser they would enjoy," Wilson said.

Wilson, whose duties include overview and planning of the business at the station, said Public Radio Week starts this Saturday and continues through April 8. The station will secure 70 percent of its non-federal operating budget by reaching its goal.

Last year, listeners pledged \$326,244, she said.

Wilson said the station has 300 volunteers to answer phones. Volunteers sign up for two or more hours. New volunteers will be scheduled for April 1-4.

"People who make pledges will receive a premium," Wilson said.

Premiums are thank-you gifts that listeners who pledge their support to the station receive, she said. Listeners also donate gifts. Last year, listeners donated 1,900 gifts. This year, a listener donated an acupuncture session for a dog, cat and a chicken, she said.

Montana Public Radio provides its own premium gifts each year, like T-shirts, ceramic mugs and classical music CDs.

Fund raising started 20 years ago when a listener who could afford to give money called, but offered to rake someone's yard if that person would make a donation. The station has received 35,000 premiums since.

Wilson said this is the 10th annual fund raiser.

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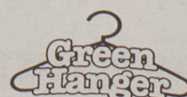
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## Justices weigh medical exceptions to marijuana ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court took a first look at prescription pot Wednesday, hearing arguments on an issue that has pitted the federal government against cancer, AIDS and other patients who sometimes regard marijuana as a wonder drug.

As far as the federal government is concerned, marijuana is illegal and should remain so. Federal enforcement efforts have led to confrontations and arrests in California and other Western states.

The issue for an openly skeptical Supreme Court is whether a patient's need for marijuana trumps a 1970 federal law that classifies it as an illegal substance with no known medical value.

Voters in Arizona, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington have approved ballot initiatives allowing the use of medical marijuana. In Hawaii, the Legislature passed a similar law and the governor signed it last year.

President Bush supports federal prohibitions on marijuana, but also respects states' rights to pass voter initiatives, spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

"The president is opposed to the legalization of marijuana, including for medicinal purposes," he said Wednesday.

Lawyers for the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative in California want to make what they call a "medical necessity" defense in federal court, and argue that federal judges and juries have the power to decide if the drug is warranted.

Several justices seemed to think that approach was a stretch at best. "I thought the medical necessity defense was for an individual," Justice Antonin Scalia said. "You would extend it to the person prescribing the drug, and even to opening a business," to dispense it.

"That's a vast expansion beyond any necessity defense I've ever heard of," Scalia said.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy seemed to agree. "You're asking us to hold that this defense exists ... with no specific plaintiff before us, no specific case," Kennedy told the club's lawyer, Gerald Uelmen.

The court's ruling is expected by the end of June. A ruling for the Oakland club would allow special marijuana clubs to resume distributing the drug in California, which passed one of the nation's first medical marijuana laws in 1996.

A ruling for the federal government would not negate the California voter initiative, but effectively would prevent clubs like Oakland's from distributing the drug openly.

One of the most vocal opponents of legalized prescription marijuana is Barry McCaffrey, the Clinton administration's drug policy director. He once dismissed the practice as "Cheech and Chong medicine," a reference to the comedy team that celebrated pot-smoking.

Advocates of medical marijuana say the drug can ease side effects from chemotherapy, save nauseated AIDS patients from wasting away or even allow multiple sclerosis sufferers to rise from a wheelchair and walk.

There is no definitive science that the drug works, or works better than conventional, legal alternatives. Nonetheless, nine states have laws allowing the legal use of marijuana to treat a host of ailments.

Several states are considering medical marijuana laws, and Congress may revisit the issue this year. A measure to counteract laws like California's died in the House last year.

## New pre-trial set for driver of Montana Rep van

Tracy Whitehair  
Montana Kaimin

A new pre-trial date has been set for a Montana Repertory Theatre actor charged with vehicular homicide in Ohio last month, a Muskingum County court clerk said Wednesday.

Gerry Goodstein, who was driving a van carrying seven members of the Montana Rep, had pleaded innocent to first degree misdemeanor charges of vehicular homicide. One woman was killed when the van crashed on Feb. 26 near Zanesville, Ohio.

At a pre-trial hearing Wednesday, attorneys said they want to gather more information and talk to the people involved before going to trial, the court clerk said. The next pre-trial date is set for May 22.

The Montana Rep was on a national tour with "The Diary of Anne Frank," and was traveling from Ohio to New Jersey when their van flipped twice on Interstate 70 near Zanesville, Ohio. Cathryn E. Pisarski, 43, of Seattle, died of head injuries after being ejected from the van.

Goodstein was charged with negligence because he was driving at a high rate of speed on a tire he knew to be low on air, Ohio State trooper Garic Warner said in February.

## State sales tax bill creeps by in House

Jason Mohr  
Montana Kaimin

HELENA — Sick and tired of paying state income taxes? Well, Montanans could make tax season a thing of the past after a proposal to abolish the income tax and replace it with a statewide sales tax narrowly passed the House Wednesday.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Dan Fuchs, R-Billings, would institute a 4-percent sales tax statewide in lieu of the income tax, but would first require voter approval.

Fuchs said that a sales tax

would provide just as much funding as income taxes do now, but could be targeted to be less of a burden on Montanans.

"This bill gathers income from tourists," said Rep. Rick Laible, R-Victor, a supporter of the bill. "It allows people to have more money and put it back into the economy."

Supporters of abolishing the income tax cited the example of Montana's southern neighbor, Wyoming. Wyoming has no income tax and a hefty budget surplus, Laible said.

But many complained that the sales tax proposal was unfair and

something that Montanans have historically resisted. And the proposal needs further study, said mostly Democratic opposition to the measure.

The success of Fuchs' bill came one day after the House passed another measure retooling the state tax code and giving all taxpayers a 5-percent cut starting in 2003.

But opponents of the income tax cut complained that the state can't afford a \$7 million tax cut in 2003 and an estimated \$80 million tax cut in 2004-5. It was inappropriate to grant tax relief when many state services are

going wanting, they contended.

"If you think we have a problem funding schools now," said Rep. David Wanzonried, D-Missoula, "if we continue down this path ... we're going to bankrupt the education system."

But the income tax cut's proponent, Rep. Joe Balyeat, R-Bozeman, said that the relief was necessary to stimulate Montana's moribund economy and pull it away from the "brink of third-world status."

"We shouldn't have to justify tax cuts," he said. "We should have to justify spending more money."

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## Pump up the Volumen



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## Zapatista rebels speak at Mexican Congress

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Leaving behind their jungle hide-outs and guns — and their controversial leader — 23 ski-masked Zapatista rebels strode Wednesday onto the floor of Congress and proclaimed the beginning of a political struggle for Indian rights.

Rebel leader Comandante Esther said the absence of Subcomandante Marcos, the rebels' military leader and media star, was intentional: the rebels' military mission was over, she said.

"Our warriors have done their job. Now it is our time for respect," Esther told hundreds of legislators. "The person speaking to you is not the military leader of a rebel army, but the political leadership of a legitimate movement."

For the first time, the Zapatistas acknowledged the peace overtures made by President Vicente Fox, who has struggled to meet their demands.

"His orders have been a sign of peace. We too will give orders of peace to our people," Esther said.

Fox — who supported the rebels' appearance but did not attend the session out of respect for congress' independence — said it "marked a start point, so that Mexico can repay the debts

it has with our 10 million Indian brothers and sisters."

He also seized upon Esther's announcement that a rebel representative would make contact with Fox's peace envoy.

"Today, it was also confirmed that dialogue between the federal government and the Zapatistas themselves is being resumed," he said — though the rebels said they were not yet ready for full dialogue.

Mexico's two major television networks carried the entire session and its aftermath live — giving the rebels almost seven hours of uninterrupted coverage.

In the spotlight were Esther and a string of rebel commanders who described 500 years of repression against Indians and argued for approval of a rights bill currently before Congress.

"It is symbolic that I, a poor Indian woman and a Zapatista, am here today," Esther said as she made the key rebel speech.

After the event, the rebel commanders — joined by Marcos — took to a stage outside congress to thank supporters and bid farewell to Mexico City, where they arrived March 11 after a two-week caravan across Mexico.

"Tomorrow we are going to pack out bags and leave on the return to our place," Marcos

said.

Nearly all sides seemed pleased by the outcome of the event, despite a harsh political battle over letting masked insurgents speak from the main chamber of congress.

Even Sen. Diego Fernandez de Cevallos, leader of the fight to keep the rebels off the podium, said in a televised interview that the session was "splendid in many senses."

Congressmen from Fox's own National Action Party have been most reluctant to embrace the Indian rights bill and many shunned the session. About 295 of the 628 senators and congressmen were present.

While never a major military threat, the rebels have mounted a successful media campaign to demand Mexico to rethink its treatment of its 10 million Indians. Some legislators accused them of trying to bully congress.

"We came to have a dialogue ... not to shove anyone aside," said Esther, who like other rebel leaders, uses only her first name.

Esther also assured that the rebels would not threaten rivals when the army withdraws from posts near their territory, a rebel demand for restarting peace talks.

## State employees rally against efforts to undo anti-discrimination laws

Jason Mohr  
Montana Kaimin

HELENA—Lawmakers and state employees rallied in the Capitol rotunda Wednesday to protest an effort to undo a law that prohibits discrimination against gays in government jobs.

Rep. Christine Kaufmann, D-Helena, said that it doesn't matter if she is gay if she can do her job as a lawmaker. Kaufman is the co-director of the Montana Human Rights Network.

She was protesting what she called a "queer" legislative maneuver by House Speaker Dan McGee, R-Laurel, to revive a bill to prohibit protection for homosexuals in state agencies. The rule prohibiting discrimination was put into effect by former Gov. Marc Racicot.

The bill had been tied up in committee until McGee attempted to bring the measure to a House vote.

Kaufman was joined at the noisy noontime rally by

other legislators and gay rights activists.

State employee Denise King, who organized the event, said that the sex of her longtime partner doesn't matter.

"What does my personal life or your personal life have to do with being a dedicated state employee?" she said.

McGee had announced on Tuesday that he won't allow his measure to come to a vote.

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## Bush's budget plan bounds through House, GOP declares 'triumph'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans overwhelmed the Democrats and pushed a \$1.94 trillion budget for 2002 through the House on Wednesday, as President Bush's blueprint for tax cuts and curtailed spending cleared its first major congressional hurdle.

The vote was a near party-line 222-205. Though devoid of suspense because of the GOP's thin but unified majority, Republicans hailed their victory as a triumph for their view of government.

"The choice is between two visions," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "A vision of bigger and bigger government, a choice between larger and larger taxes or a choice of smaller government that trusts the people."

The House roll call, though, was but a warmup for a rougher test next week in the evenly divided Senate. There, the GOP not only faces near-lockstep Democratic opposition, but some moderate Republicans have said Bush's 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut is too big and his proposed spending restraints too stingy.

Even so, Bush said the House action made Wednesday "a big day" and said the budget's centerpiece — an across-the-board cut in income tax rates — would help all Americans.

Hoping to claim the economic stimulus argument as their own, House Democrats joined their Senate colleagues and said they wanted a \$60 billion tax reduction effective this year. If moved as a separate bill — instead of attached to Bush's big tax cuts, as Republicans insist — the measure could zip through Congress in a day, Democrats said.

Senate Republicans have said they favor a \$60 billion tax cut for this year, but have yet to determine all the details. House GOP leaders remain undecided on the size and shape of a package meant to stimulate the economy. A final figure will be set in the final congressional budget, which House-Senate bargainers hope to complete next month.

Besides its tax reduction, the House GOP budget envisions \$2.3 trillion in debt reduction over the coming decade, using parts of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses to overhaul both programs, and limiting many programs to 4 percent growth next year. That would be half this year's increase.

Besides drawing Democratic fire, Bush's fiscal plans have prompted calls from some Republicans for deeper tax cuts and added spending for defense, farms and special education. But participants in Wednesday's White House session said that while Bush seemed open to changing details of his budget and tax plan, he was sticking to its basic principles, including the \$1.6 trillion tax cut.

Democrats said the GOP budget would squander the \$5.6 trillion federal surplus projected over the next decade, largely to cut taxes for the rich. They said it would shortchange other priorities like schools and new prescription drug coverage, risk a return to budget deficits, and do nothing to buttress Social Security and Medicare for the retirement of baby boomers in the coming decade.

Republicans said their plan was a sound use of federal resources and would lay the groundwork for overdue tax cuts.

Congress' budget maps broad tax and spending goals and does not need the president's signature. Tax cuts and spending changes are enacted in later, more detailed bills. This budget covers fiscal 2002, which begins Oct. 1.

Earlier, the House used a near party-line 243-183 roll call to reject an alternative by Democratic leaders that would have trimmed the tax cut to about \$750 billion and set aside more than Bush would have for domestic and defense programs and reducing the debt.

The chamber also defeated an effort by conservative Republicans to increase the tax cut to \$2.2 trillion while limiting spending growth to 2.9 percent.

Meanwhile, the House planned to pass a \$399 billion bill Thursday that would gradually reduce the extra taxes paid by millions of married, two-income couples, while doubling the \$500 child tax credit.

Another measure to eliminate the estate tax over the next decade, at a cost sponsors estimated at below \$200 billion, was likely to win approval Thursday in the House Ways and Means Committee.

The House has already approved the focus of Bush's tax plan, a 10-year, \$958 billion cut in all income tax rates.

The Senate does not plan to start writing tax bills until after Congress completes its budget, perhaps by late April.

## Group urges Staples to use recycled paper

Jim Schroeder  
Montana Kaimin

The Native Forest Network held a postcard petition Wednesday against the office supply chain store, Staples Office Superstores, in hopes to force the office supplier to use more recyclable paper materials.

The petition was made available to sign at the south entrance of the UC where there was a large poster that stated, "STAPLES #1 IN FOREST DESTRUCTION."

The postcards will be sent to Tom Stenberg, the CEO of Staples. The postcards are a picture of a clearcut area and read, "Yeah, Staples logged that! Another beautiful clearcut brought to you by Staples."

The Native Forest Network is upset because the highest level of recyclable paper the Missoula Staples sells is 30 percent and the store hasn't made an attempt to phase in 100 percent recyclable paper, said Fred Smith, Native Forest Network intern and UM environmental studies graduate student.

"Staples says that they can't afford the change, but they're a \$9 billion corporation," Smith said. "And the Staples CEO made \$63 million in 1999 and they say they can't afford it."

Smith collected nearly 100 postcard petitions in the first hour the petition booth was open. By the end of the day, 217 people

signed the petition.

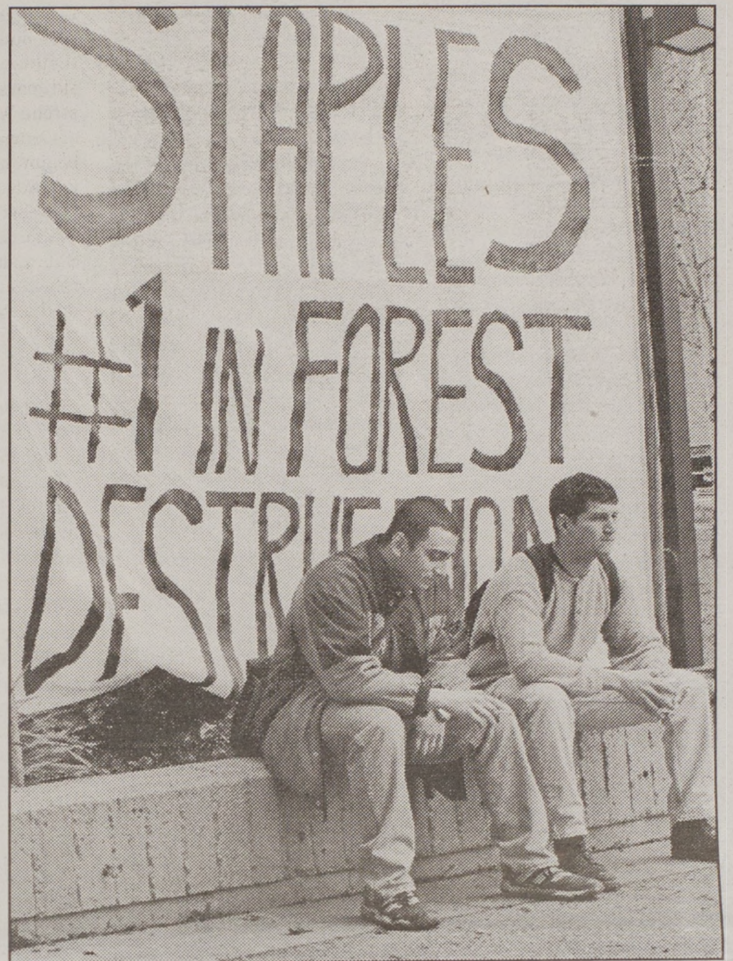
The petition is part of a two-year campaign around the United States, Smith said.

"Staples is the largest growing office supply store in the U.S., and they use suppliers that cut forests in British Columbia, Chile and Brazil," Smith said. "And we want Staples to phase out all of their wooden fiber purchases

from the cutting of international forests by having them not deal with those suppliers.

"We know that if Staples follows our changes, then other stores will as well," he said.

According to Smith, Americans consume more wood products than any other country and have less than 5 percent of its original old growth forests.



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin  
Sophomores Rami Tossoun (right) and Tyler Miller sit in front of a giant sign outside the UC Wednesday afternoon. The Native Forest Network held a postcard petition against Staples. Native Forest Network claims that 87 percent of Staples paper products are from endangered forests.

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## UM trial team bumped in 3rd round

**Jim Schroeder**  
Montana Kairmin

The UM law school trial team was satisfied with its performance at a national finals competition over spring break in New Orleans, despite not achieving its goal of making it to the quarterfinals.

"Our students were as good as any team there," said coach Cynthia Ford, of the team that swept the competition at regionals earlier this month. "One judge of the competition who's a court judge said that the students who competed were better than 95 percent of the lawyers in America."

Twenty-six colleges and universities competed in the finals on March 22-25. Temple University won the finals competition and Drake University took second place.

"The team was never in a trial where I thought they shouldn't win," Ford said. "Many teams thought that we were the most professional team in the event."

The team beat out Thomas Jefferson University in its first preliminary round and tied George Washington University in the second preliminary round before being

eliminated by the hometown team, Tulane University, prior to the event's quarterfinal round on March 21.

Teams were judged by a three-member panel on case preparation, opening statements, examination of witnesses, use of facts and closing arguments. The judges of the competition were practicing trial lawyers and judges from around the country.

UM's team included Mary Ann Ries of Conrad, a former justice of the peace, and Vu Pham of Seattle. Ries and Pham are third-year law students as well as three-year veterans of the trial team. Third-year student Bryce Floch of Lewiston, Idaho and first-year student Neel Hammond of Billings round out the rest of the team.

"The national competition as compared to the regional one, was a much better playing field," Pham said. "There were also some snafus before the trial and we weren't in as good of a position as we could've been."

"But we made it to the top 26 in the nation, and that's a great representation of the quality of schooling in Montana," Pham said.

"But, we would like a rematch," both Ries and

Pham said.

This is the final year Pham, Ries and Floch will compete on the team. They're set to graduate this semester.

"This is a great way to finish, and we're very satisfied," Ries added.

Floch and Hammond act as witnesses during the mock trials. Hammond, a physician with 25 years of medical practice, fulfilled the duty of a doctor on the stand. The case involved parents suing an EMT for the death of their son.

Floch played two witnesses during the mock trials. For the defendant's side, Floch played the head of an emergency service and for the plaintiff's side he acted as a negligent parent whose child had died.

For Ries and Pham, the national competition was the culmination of three years of intense study and practice. The team spent about 20 hours a week practicing, starting the week before the spring semester up until the competition. They have the most experience with the trial competitions, so they alternated prosecuting and defending the case.

## Conference to discuss American Indian studies education

**Jennifer Perez**  
For the Kairmin

Three hundred educators will gather in Missoula at the UC this weekend for a three-day conference to discuss the integration of American Indian studies in K-16 classrooms.

"It will be a marvelous exchange of ideas and visions for transforming education to incorporate American Indian cultures and histories in K-16 education," said Kathryn Shanley, director of UM Native American Studies and co-chair of the conference planning committee.

The Board of Education approved a law last March forcing Montana schools to provide instruction of the history, traditions, customs, values, beliefs, ethics, and contemporary affairs of the American Indian tribes in Montana.

The 1999 Legislature passed into law House Bill 528 requiring educational agencies to work with Montana's tribes in developing curriculum with Indian perspectives.

Absent was funding to implement the year-old law, so UM's Native American studies and the office of the commissioner of higher education joined forces to develop the conference, "Speaking the Truth to Each Other," to enhance school curriculums.

"I wanted to create conversations that would hold schools of education accountable and to have them rethink their curriculum requirements," Shanley said.

The conference will include nearly 30 sessions of panels, two keynote addresses, a plenary video on the handgame and talking circles.

Friday morning's keynote speaker is Earl Barlow, renowned Blackfeet educator and former director of U.S. Office of Indian Education.

Saturday afternoon, Delores Huff, Ed.D., will give a keynote address on barriers to integrating American Indian Studies into the curriculum. Huff retired after serving as director of the NAS program at Cal State-Fresno for 15 years.

Following Huff's address, Linda McCulloch, superintendent of public instruction and Richard Crofts, commissioner of higher education, will greet the attendees at the banquet. The evening will feature a reading by James Welch, Blackfeet author of "Fools Crow," "Heart Song of Charging Elk," and several other books.

Sessions will offer a broad scope of issues, ranging from teaching American Indian religious studies, literature, culture, language, dance, music, tribal government, technology and history.

State education officials, Indian teachers, tribal historians, researchers, psychologists, professors, authors and librarians will lead the sessions.

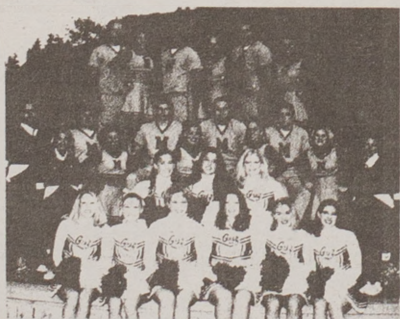
For those interested in attending, two dozen spaces are still open. The cost is \$35 for the whole session, or \$25 for Saturday only. The banquet costs \$14.50, and the entrees are chicken or vegetarian lasagna. Student cost is \$20 for the whole weekend and \$10 for one day. The activities and registration will be held in the third floor of the UC.

The conference is sponsored by Native American studies, office of the Commission of Higher Education, American Indian/Minority Achievement office, School of Education, UM Foundation Excellence Fund, office of the provost, School of Continuing Education, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Forestry, School of Fine Arts, Mansfield Library and the Montana University System.

## La Nouvelle Eve [The New Eve]

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### Cheer Squad Tryout Information

Dates to remember: March 31, April 1, April 7

The informational meeting and first clinic will be on Saturday, March 31 from 11am to 4 pm. The next clinic will be on Sunday, April 1 from 11am to 3pm. Actual tryouts will begin on Saturday, April 7 at noon. All clinics and tryouts will be held in the West Auxiliary Gym of the Adams Center.

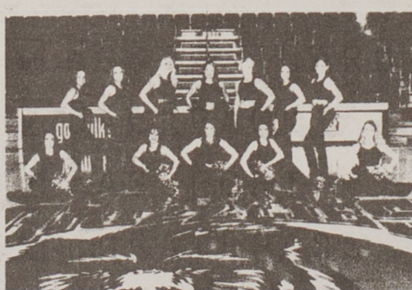
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An informational meeting will be held on Friday, March 30th at 4:30 p.m. in the Sports Information Conference Room in the Adams Center. There will be a clinic on Sunday, April 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Adams Center West Auxiliary Gym. The actual tryouts will be held on Saturday, April 7. Interviews will begin at 10:00 a.m. and tryouts will follow at 1:00 p.m. You must attend the clinic in order to tryout for the UM Dance Team.

Tryouts consist of:

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## U.S. eyes Canadian lumber

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commerce Secretary Don Evans told a bipartisan group of senators Wednesday that the administration will carefully monitor softwood lumber shipped from Canada after a trade agreement expires Saturday.

The 5-year-old agreement has governed the amount of wood Canada's four major lumber-producing provinces may export to the United States duty free. Without a new agreement in place, U.S. lumber producers fear the Canadian industry will flood their market.

After the meeting, several of the dozen senators who attended reported that Evans promised the administration would track how much softwood lumber crosses the border.

A dispute over the wood — from cone-bearing trees, often used for home construction — is one of the first trade issues facing the new administration.

The U.S. lumber industry argues its counterparts in Canada have an unfair trade advantage because they buy timber for relatively low fees from Canadian provinces. The industry has promised to file suit if the Canadians start "dumping" softwood lumber over the border in April.

The Canadian industry believes its system is different, not unfair, and the U.S. producers are just trying to shrink Canada's market share.

Bob Rae, a former Ontario premier acting for the Canadian-based Free Trade Lumber Council, said recently Canada wants to overcome U.S. misconceptions about pricing.

"Our mills back home are bracing for a surge of subsidized, Canadian imports," Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., said. "But Canada be forewarned: If you choose to flood the U.S. market with cheap, subsidized lumber it will only strengthen our case. The United States will not stand for unfair trade practices."

## Israel launches airstrike on Arafat's guards

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli helicopters rocketed headquarters of Force 17, Yasser Arafat's elite guard, in Gaza and the West Bank town of Ramallah on Wednesday, retaliating for a wave of bombings, including a suicide attack that killed two Israeli teen-agers.

Red flares lit up the night sky over Ramallah, where two people were killed in the assault, and flames leaped from burning buildings and cars as firefighters tried to put out multiple blazes.

Doctors in Ramallah said the dead included a member of Force 17 and a female civilian. Overall, more than two dozen Palestinians were injured in Ramallah and Gaza, several critically, doctors said.

The attacks on Palestinian government buildings were the first since last fall and further eroded the fabric and foundation

of the peace agreements that granted the Palestinians autonomy and self-government.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has repeatedly accused Force 17 of involvement in attacks against Israeli civilians.

"The purpose is to strike directly at those responsible for terrorism," the Israeli military said in a statement. The military said it hit the Force 17 headquarters in Ramallah, and four Force 17 targets around Gaza City and Deir al-Balah in the southern Gaza Strip — including a training camp and an arms depot.

The buildings under attack — all in areas governed by Arafat's Palestinian Authority under peace agreements — had been evacuated after the Israeli military warned the Palestinians to leave.

In Gaza City, the low-flying Israeli gunships blasted a Force

17 building that had been used as a weapons arsenal and is only 100 yards from Arafat's house.

The Palestinians said the building had been empty for some time, but women and children screamed as they fled nearby buildings. The smell of gunpowder hung in the salty sea air after the attack.

The nighttime assault came hours after a suicide bomber detonated nail-filled explosives strapped to his body near a group of Jewish seminary students waiting at the roadside near the West Bank, killing two. The previous day, militants carried out back-to-back attacks, including a suicide attack that injured two dozen people.

The Palestinian militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for both suicide bombings and said more bombers were ready to strike.

Sharon, who had been under mounting pressure to respond to the string of attacks, called his security Cabinet into session before the Israeli offensive began.

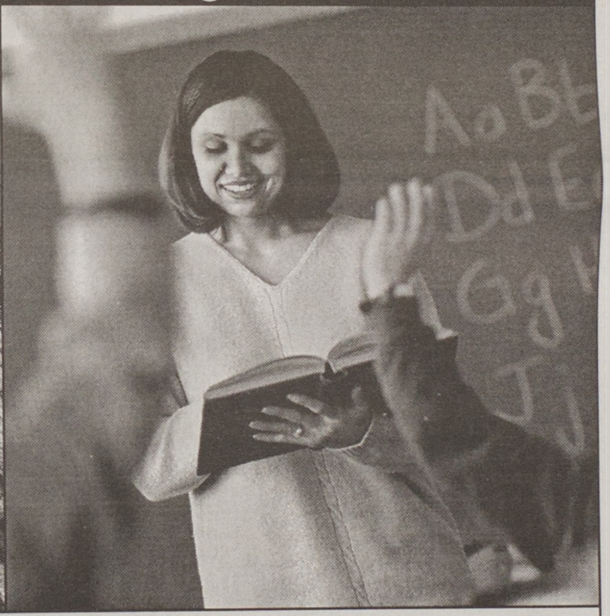
"We are witnessing grave terrorist activities — terrorist activities that the chairman of the Palestinian Authority (Arafat) has not been willing until now to control," Sharon said.

Israel says Arafat has released hundreds of Islamic militants from prison in recent months, and that gunmen of the Tanzim militia affiliated with Arafat's Fatah movement have killed a number of Israelis in shooting attacks over the past six months.

Since the uprising began in late September, 443 people have been killed, including 362 Palestinians, 62 Israeli Jews and 19 others.

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## Olympians inspire, advise female athletes of next generation

Tracy Whitehair  
Montana Kaimin

With women's athletics steadily increasing in popularity and participation, the next generation of female athletes has a lot to look forward to in the future.

Two female Olympians inspired that next generation at an awards ceremony honoring the accomplishments of Montana female athletes and women's sports advocates at the University Theatre Wednesday.

Monica Tranel, 1996 and 2000 Olympic rower, and Nicole Freedman, 2000 Olympic cyclist, were the keynote speakers at "Montana Girls and Women in Sports Day," a celebration hosted by the Montana Women's Sports Committee.

A crowd of more than 100 listened as both women spoke of their experiences in sports and the perseverance needed to excel. Freedman said that starting in 1996 she lived in a Ford Econoline van parked in a friend's San Francisco driveway — paying \$200 a month to use the shower and facilities inside the house — for years so she could train full-time without the burden of holding a steady job. Even though she was not genetically gifted as an athlete, she said, hard work paid off and during the 2000 Olympic trials she was perfectly peaked.

"I knew the course well" Freedman said. "I knew I was not the strongest rider but I knew I could win."

Tranel said her love of rowing and competition push her toward constantly achieving improvement, but not perfection. She spoke of the drudgery that came with training for the Olympics, but the reward of that drudgery is realizing that "athletes are representing something larger than themselves as individuals."

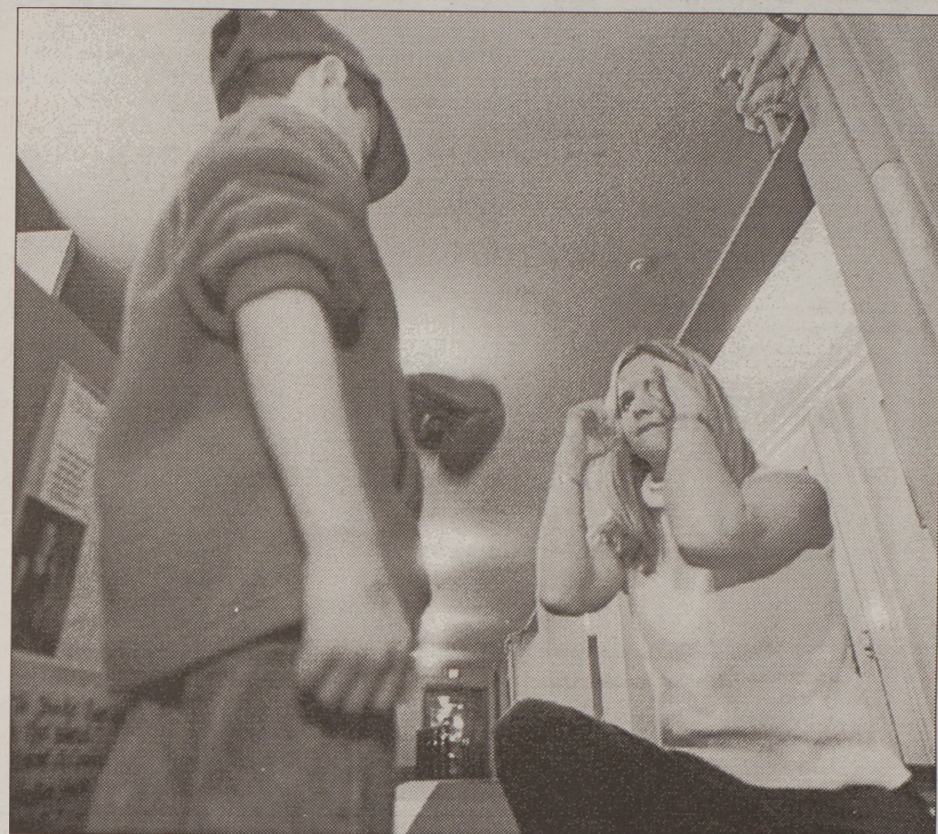
"Push yourself as hard as you can all the time," Tranel said. "Never hesitate to put it all out there and risk everything."

Tranel said that at 6-feet-tall and 165 pounds, she used to feel she had to tone down her strengths. But she encouraged girls to be comfortable with themselves and their talents, even when facing unexpected obstacles.

"Society is not comfortable with women's power in many of its forms," Tranel said.

The Montana Women's Sports Committee's mission is to increase girls' participation in sports and to improve opportunities for women athletes of all ages around the state, said A.B. Adams, a UM graduate and chair of the committee. Wednesday's afternoon and evening events were designed to encourage and recognize female athletes. Female high school athletes invited from around the state attended afternoon workshops and panel discussions, and the awards ceremony followed.

"There is a smorgasbord of diverse sports opportunities," Adams said. "We want to



Lindsey Rhynard a member of the UM Boxing Club demonstrates "putting your dukes up" to 4-year-old Uriah Cling. Rhynard, one of two female members of the club, was running an information booth at the women's sports expo before the Montana Girls and Women In Sports Day Awards Ceremony. "A lot of people hate boxing in general, let alone the idea of women boxing," Rhynard said.

expand awareness of what exists for women."

The four statewide award winners are: Montana Sportswoman of the Year Monica Tranel of Missoula, Montana High School Sportswoman of the Year Bethany Long of Wolf Point, Montana Women's Sports Advocate Meg Haran-

Murphy from Butte, and Montana Pioneer in Women's Sports Peg Skarsten of Great Falls. Nominations for the 2001 awards came from all four corners of the state, Adams said, and the winners were chosen by a confidential statewide selection committee.

Adams said the inspirational message of the event could be appreciated by anybody in the audience, male or female, athletic or not.

"(The idea that) hard work and determination can pay off goes across all areas of life," Adams said.

## UM still looking to add sixth home football game

Ian Costello  
Montana Kaimin

Like it or not, money is a driving force behind college athletics.

Because an average home Grizzly football game means upwards of \$150,000 to the university and economic gain to the community, rampant rumors of the loss of one home game on the Grizzly schedule strikes fear into the hearts of area retailers and the athletics department.

Typically a football schedule is completed more than a year in advance and finalized shortly after the previous season comes to a close, and this year has been no different.

Yet rumors persist that the Grizzlies do not have an opponent for their home opener, and that possibly the only opponent may come from the Frontier Conference. These rumors, said Athletics Director Wayne Hogan, are unfounded and untrue.

According to Hogan, the Grizzlies have a full 11-game schedule for the 2001 season, opening on the road with games against Cal Poly and Hawaii before returning to Missoula to open the season in front of the home fans on Sept. 15 with a game against Idaho.

However, the rumors regarding the schedule are perpetrated from the fact that the Grizzlies currently have only five home games next fall rather than the usual six. Following the Idaho game, Montana does have an open date. A date that Hogan is still trying to fill.

The NCAA allows football teams to play 11 regular season games in the course of a football season, but games outside the continental United States do not count against the total number of games played. Therefore the road trip to Hawaii, win or lose, will not count against the Grizzlies season record, which means they are allowed to add a twelfth game on their season schedule.

"When we only play five home games instead of six, that is tough on the community," Hogan said. "I would like to find a game to stick on that open date."

The open date in question is Sept. 22, a date that this late in the scheduling season is very difficult to fill.

"It's a sales job," Hogan said. "We had a team interested, but they backed out. Now it's late and we are going to have to pay a much bigger guarantee."

A guarantee is the money promised by athletics programs to entice the opponent to travel to an athletic contest.

Hogan said that Nichols State had agreed in principle to a game in Missoula on Sept. 22, but then backed out at signing time, a move that has left UM with very little time to add an opponent on their schedule.

"We have a couple of teams interested," Hogan said. "I told them I would like to know by the end of the week."

"If we can't make something work with them, we would probably just keep the open date."

The weekend of Sept. 22 is the only opening the Grizzlies have all season.

"I think the coaches and players would probably just as soon have that week off," Hogan said.

"Following back-to-back games with Division 1-A schools (Idaho and Hawaii) they could probably use a little bit of a break."

Although Hogan would not say who the two interested schools were, he did say that he has been looking in the middle to lower echelon of Division 1-AA or an upper Division 2 team. He said that a game with a Frontier Conference,

NAIA Division I opponent would not be considered.

Hogan is concerned that the loss of one of the usual six home games would have a negative financial impact on the community but was quick to remind that the Grizzlies, thanks to a deep run in the 1-AA playoffs, had three extra home games last season. Because of the way the football season fits with the calendar in 2002 and 2003, the NCAA is allowing all member schools to schedule 12 regular season games instead of the usual 11, meaning that instead of the usual six home games, or the five scheduled for the 2001 season, Missoula will play host to seven home games both of those seasons.

Whatever the decision on the Sept. 22 open date is, the Grizzlies do have home games: University of Idaho, Eastern Washington, St. Mary's (Homecoming), Portland State and Weber State officially scheduled for next fall, with road games coming against Cal Poly, Hawaii, Northern Arizona, Sacramento State, Idaho State and the 101st meeting with the Montana State Bobcats on Nov. 17.



# NEWS

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## The usual suspects



Lido Vizzutti/Montana Kaimin  
Presidential candidate Jennifer Bock (left), running mate Jared Choc, vice presidential candidate Matthew Hayes Lindsay, and presidential candidate Christopher Peterson are introduced at the ASUM forum by moderator Ashley Mercer Wednesday in the UC.

## ASUM executive prospects speak on the issues

Tara Dowd  
Montana Kaimin

ASUM Presidential candidate Jessie Lundberg said Wednesday at an election forum that ASUM's lobbying efforts were an "utter failure" this year.

Lundberg and her running mate Leandra Lipson, along with three other presidential/vice-presidential tickets and two business manager candidates introduced themselves at the primary executive candidate forum that was held in the UC Atrium during the busy lunch hour Wednesday.

Lundberg said she also expects UM administrators to work harder for students.

"We need to stand up to the administration, even if it means

administration has to do more work," Lundberg said.

Lundberg also said that her priority is the students.

"I am not in this to be in a position of power but to serve the students," Lundberg said.

Christopher Peterson, a presidential candidate, also said he thinks that the administration needs to be held accountable.

"Administration is supposed to be representing the students," Peterson said.

One of the main issues Peterson and his running mate said they were going to focus on was class size.

"I would like to work on the issue of class sizes," Peterson said. "I want class sizes to stay small."

Peterson's running mate, Matthew Hayes Lindsay, said he thinks there is a lack of communication between the community and the university.

"I see a large gap between the community and university," Lindsay said. "I would like to see student-friendly city council members."

Vice-president candidate Jared Choc, who is running with Jennifer Bock, said he is looking forward to having an opportunity to represent non-traditional students and students with families.

"I am excited to make some changes," Choc said.

Choc also said that they will be holding the administration accountable for the responsibility

of students' interests, including budgeting.

"Something is messy in the budgeting; maybe it's fuzzy math," Choc said.

Bock said she thinks that more student involvement is important to the quality of education at UM.

"Using student involvement to work together will make this a better campus," Bock said. "The more student input the better."

Tyler Disburg, another ASUM presidential candidate said that what scares the administration is educated students. The lack of communication between senators and students should be addressed, he said.

"We can't do this without you," Disburg said, referring to the students. "We need to contin-

ue the good fight."

"We'll be the leaders; you be the boss," Disburg said.

Jon Swan, one of two candidates for business manager, said that he will support diverse causes "fiscally."

"There is a lot of diversity on campus but I think there should be more," Swan said.

Swan's opponent, Dustin Hankinson, said that the business manager role in the past has been self serving and it should be changed.

"I want it so that the business manager comes to you, the students," Hankinson said.

A primary senate candidate forum will be held Thursday in the UC South Atrium from 12-1 p.m.



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Sarah the snake slithers around presidential candidate Jessie Lundberg Wednesday in the UC. Lundberg and running mate, Leandra Lipson, used Sarah to illustrate the idea that "students shouldn't have to feel the squeeze of a 10 percent tuition increase."

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# Skydivers send Foresters' Ball tickets soaring

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A civil war cannon boomed and emitted white smoke while two skydivers donned red, white and blue parachutes and soared into the Oval Wednesday afternoon.

"Fire in the hole," shouted one onlooker before the cannon erupted for the third time.

"Foresters once, foresters twice, holy jumping Jesus Christ, flim flam Goddamn who the hell are we? Foresters, foresters, foresters..." chanted onlookers from the forestry club.

Foresters, alumni, ROTC officials and curious onlookers gathered around the Oval for the annual skydiving ticket drop, all part of

"ball week" leading into this weekend's 84th annual Foresters' Ball.

The two skydivers, from UM's Silvertip Skydivers, dropped cardboard stubs into the Oval while in mid-flight. Four of the cardboard stubs were free tickets to the ball; most were fake.

One of the skydivers, Gary Sanders, said wind conditions made this year's jump tricky.

"The winds were pretty strange and turning in all directions," he said. "When we jumped out of the plane the wind was about 25 knots, but it was just a light breeze on the ground."

Sanders, who's been skydiving for 29 years, has done 30 jumps at Griz football games. He said winds coming from Hellgate Canyon can make for "squirrely"

conditions.

UM's ROTC provided the cannon, and Master Sgt. Dumler said ROTC joined the celebration because a lot of ROTC members are in the school of forestry, including the president of the forestry club, Ben Super.

Elizabeth Lundkvist, a UM alumna who attended the festivities, said she loved the Foresters' Ball.

"It's a reunion with all of my friends," she said.

Aaron Anderson, a sophomore in forestry, said he was getting excited for the upcoming ball.

"The whole part — from the setup (of the ball) to tearing it down with everybody is a good time," he said. "There's a lot of tradition that goes into it."



Skydiver Don Rakow of the UM's Silvertip Skydivers packs his parachute in the Oval Wednesday afternoon. Rakow and fellow skydiver Gary Sanders dropped cardboard tickets for the 84th Foresters' Ball over the Oval to awaiting students. There were only four authentic tickets in the bunch.

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## Dombeck

"If you are in a position where you won't be able to follow the policies of the administration, you are bound to resign," he said.

Thompson resigned from the Forest Service in 1996 during the Clinton administration. Although he wouldn't discuss details, he said he knew

when the time was right to leave.

"You got your own compass that guides you," he said. "You know when the time is right to leave. And then the world goes on."

David Ponder, executive director of MontPIRG, said Dombeck left because he knew

accomplishing his initial goals would be difficult with the Bush administration.

"It's either go out now, or be forced out," he said. "There's no political ax to grind — yet. But he knows it's coming."

Don Potts, associate dean of the school of forestry, commended Dombeck's decision.

"Good for him," he said. "It was an inevitable decision. He read the writing on the wall, which probably would have asked him to step down anyway."

"Dombeck had the respect of a lot of people. He was a good steward of the land."

Ponder also said the Bush

administration has been moving ahead strongly with anti-environmental agendas.

"The Bush administration has made it abundantly clear what their environmental priorities are: They have none," Ponder said.

—Trisha Miller contributed to this article.

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