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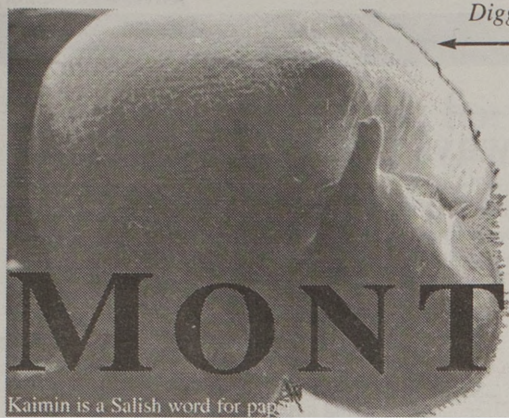
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Digging through dung pays off for UM biologist.

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Despite cold weather, Lady Griz are heating up.

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MONTANA KAIMIN

Tuesday

Kaimin is a Salish word for page

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Cyberbear crash causes confusion for spring registration

Candy Buster
Montana Kaimin

When Cyberbear goes down, frustrations go up and lines get long.

After going down for a few days last week, UM's online pit-stop for class registration is up and running again, officials said, but students continued to have problems with the Web site on the first day of classes.

The Computing and Information Services department had to limit student access to Cyberbear last week while installing programs to make the site run more efficiently, CIS director Steve Henry said. Once Cyberbear was back up, problems arose.

"It did not come up cleanly," Henry said.

When students tried to access Cyberbear, a message came up that said it was temporarily down. Many computers stored the error message so when users went to pull up the site later, they received the same message, even though Cyberbear was back up and running. Little did many people know all they had to do was click the refresh button to access Cyberbear once it was fixed.

"That was a difficult thing to deal with because we had no way to contact all the people who used Cyberbear," Henry said.

In order to permanently remove the error message, people should call the CIS help desk.

Junior Blain Bermingham panicked Monday morning when he could not access Cyberbear. Bermingham had changed some of his classes and wanted to print out a schedule. He tried to get on the site last week to no avail, and then tried again Monday before his classes.

"I couldn't get on," Bermingham said. "I had no idea where or when (my classes) were. I went to the Lodge this morning, but the line was 30 people deep."

Bermingham ended up going to his advisor, who helped him figure out what classes he had signed up for, but only after much stress, he said.

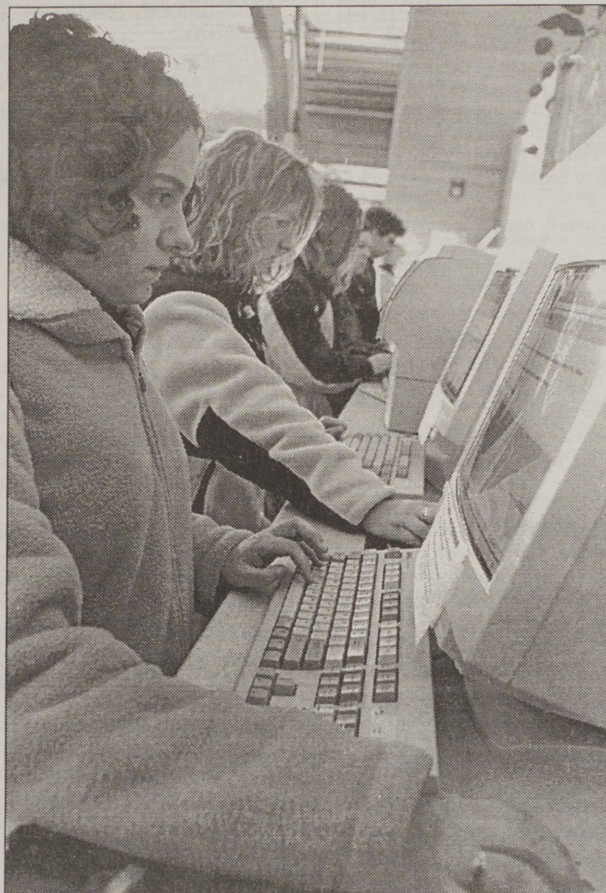
"It's just a pain in the ass," he said.

Bermingham said he wished Dialbear was still available, so when the computers failed to do the trick, he could use the phone.

Junior Will McDonald said he hates Cyberbear. He's tried to access it from his house many times, but kept getting the message that it was down.

"It's the only message I've gotten this whole friggin' break," McDonald said. "I had to inconveniently leave my house and find a computer to get my schedule."

Senior Jacob Copley said the point of having the Web site is to be able to access it from anywhere, but he had to go into Griz Central to get registered. Copley is a transfer student from Arizona State University, where he



Colin Blakley/Montana Kaimin

Roula Rentzios (left) tries to print out a copy of her transcript using Cyberbear in Griz Central Monday afternoon. Rentzios, who graduated in 2000, spent five minutes on the computer before giving up.

said the system is much better and more efficient. He spent his first day at UM trying to navigate the technology and waiting in long lines.

UM Registrar Phil Bain said the crash has caused more work for his department. He said the staff had

to restore files and reenter data that was lost. The registration office has been flooded with calls that are then referred to the CIS help desk, he said.

"It was annoying for students and us as employees," Bain said.

UM and community profit from championship victory

Bryan O'Connor
Montana Kaimin

Winning a national championship means something different to many on campus, but most seem to agree that it's a good thing.

In the wake of the Grizzly football team's 13-6 victory over the Furman Paladins in the I-AA Championship on Dec. 21, 2001, Griz merchandise has been flying off the shelves, alumni have stepped forward to donate money, and both the Adams Center and Washington-Grizzly Stadium are getting new scoreboards. But according to athletics director Wayne Hogan, those things are only part of the story.

"A lot of what a national championship does for a community and a campus

you can't quantify," Hogan said. "A lot of it has to do with the pride factor and the fact that people are happy and feel a little bit better about things."

But Hogan said he also realized the important role the championship plays in gathering support for the program as well as improving the image of the university. He said private donors recently stepped forward with money for a new hall of fame to be built in the Adams Center that will display trophies and memorabilia from former Griz greats.

Hogan said the \$200,000 project is not a done deal, but there is a high probability that it will come to fruition this year. Head football coach Joe Glenn said

the university is not doing a great job of honoring its former athletes, and the new hall of fame is something he is looking forward to seeing.

Glenn also said he thinks it's hard to put a dollar amount on what the championship will do for UM, but he said all the national exposure so far has been positive for the university. He said people identify with winners, and he thinks more students will want to come here now.

"The real gain you get from something like this," Glenn said, "is realized down the road, from all the people ... that say, hey that's where I want to go to school, what a great place and what a great spirit, look at the fun they're having."

As far as recruiting players, Glenn said the champi-

onship certainly helped to sway some potential Grizzlies who were also being courted by Division I-A schools. Like Hogan, he also said he is anticipating a surge of alumni who will give back to a program that is doing well.

UM President George Dennison said the road to the championship and winning in Chattanooga was a grand experience, and he is confident that it will bolster enrollments in the future. Monetarily, Dennison said the impacts of the championship will be similar to that of 1995, when UM profited from merchandise sales and increased enrollments.

"Many economists have concluded that there is no evidence supporting a rela-

Experts investigate Bonner avalanche that killed four

Paul Queneau
Montana Kaimin

Snow experts examined conditions Monday at the scene of a weekend avalanche that killed four men, while the Missoula County Sheriff's department continued conducting interviews to piece together the story of what happened.

Four snowmobilers from Missoula died Saturday after being struck by an avalanche near Bonner. At least one of them was a UM graduate.

The avalanche occurred on Bowl 5 of Wisherd Ridge, in the Twin Creeks drainage along Highway 200, an area popular with snowmobilers as well as backcountry skiers and snowboarders.

Garrett Grothen, 29, of Florence, was among those who died. He graduated from UM in 1995 with a forestry degree.

Others killed in the slide were Christopher Novak, 25, of Missoula, Adam "Lou" Ployhar, 17, of Potomac and Brad Popham, 31, of Lolo.

They were part of a group of 10 snowmobilers who were recreating in the area Saturday when the slide began at about 11:45 a.m., said Jace Olson, the only member of the group who was caught in the slide but lived to tell about it.

The rest of the group were nearly overtaken by the avalanche as well, Olson told the Kaimin Monday.

"Three (of the group) near the bottom of the slide's path were able to start up their snowmobiles in time and take off," Olson said. "And there were two others on an upper bench who (the slide) just missed."

Olson was riding his snowmobile down the slope facing away from the slide when it overtook him.

"My snowmobile is so loud that I couldn't hear anything," said Olson. "I just looked over and saw a bunch of snowy mist."

Then the slide hit him. Olson said he struggled to keep near the surface of the slide by swimming along with it as it descended through some scattered trees.

"It got light, and then dark, and then light again," Olson said. When the avalanche

OPINION

Editorial

Goal posts be damned; celebration is not a crime

Missoula is a great town. A nice place to live. But hang around here long enough and you'll soon learn that Missoula citizens have a tragic flaw — they overreact to everything. Here in the Garden City there are a lot of people who are convinced that, any minute now, the sky is about to fall.

Try to build a baseball stadium within city limits and they'll freak out. Plan a few concerts down by the river and they'll pull the plug. Conceptualize or publicize a "pub crawl" and they'll vilify you in print and public opinion.

These days, dismantle a football goal post and all hell will break loose. At least on the letters to the editor page.

During winter break, local papers were swamped with letters denouncing UM's student body for tearing down the south goal post at Washington-Grizzly stadium following Montana's drubbing of Northern Iowa in the last home game of the season. People wrote they were "ashamed" of us. They said they "simply couldn't condone" such a barbaric and wanton act of senseless joy. How could we destroy the property of our beloved university? How could we have so much fun?

A word of advice to Missoula's overly concerned citizens: Chill out.

It's hard to blame this year's UM students for yearning to destroy the goal posts after last season when — in another classic example of Missoula-style overreaction — police drenched fans with pepper spray as they approached the goal posts. This year the administration took a low-impact approach to goal post protection, opting to call off the attack dogs and merely lather the posts with grease.

Such ridiculously excessive security around the goal posts is only going to make students want to tear them down more.

And really, if all students want to do is collapse the posts and parade them through town — what's wrong with that?

There are places in America where, when sports teams win championships, people die. There are riots. Burning cars. Overturned dumpsters. By comparison, our little goal post caper seems pretty tame.

But if all you had to go on were Missoula's letters to the editor, you might think this was the first recorded instance of goal post destruction in human history. In actuality, fans have been toppling the uprights in observance of victory for almost as long as the game has been played. There's no way to know if frenzied boosters rushed the field after Rutgers played Princeton in the first ever recognized collegiate football game in 1860, but sometime not long after fans ripped down a set of goal posts. And it's been happening ever since. Goal post eradication is universally understood to be part of the ritual of the game.

Perhaps Missoula's self-appointed watchdogs should take a deep breath, loosen their collars and learn to have a little fun. Take a load off. Civilization, we promise, won't come crashing down because of it.

—Chad Dundas

Courtney's Corner

Although it isn't always pretty; truth heals

Column by



Courtney Lowery

We have the power to make history.

We should never give ourselves the power to change it.

There is one thing in this world that we should never try to re-invent.

Unfortunately, it is the one thing we cannot truly verify.

History.

Every day, we make history. When we are gone, no one will be able to validate what we've recorded because well ... we'll be gone.

Erasing the now will forever effect the futures to come and how our grandchildren perceive how we lived in 2002. Do we want to alter our now for simple political correctness?

Two weeks ago, the FDNY unveiled plans for a monument to be erected at Ground Zero — in veneration of the firefighters who worked at the Trade Center attacks. The statue was to be a 3-D version of the now historical photo taken by Tom Franklin of The Record in Hackensack, N.J. — three Caucasian firefighters hoisting the red, white and blue into the air.

However, the FDNY decided to alter the image. They decided to make the three firefighters black, Hispanic and white.

Being politically correct has once again blurred the line of what is historically correct.

Now, amid much controversy, the statue is being rethought.

And all of this got me thinking ...

About truth.

How careful we must be when chronicling our history. Take for example, former Boston Globe columnist Patricia Smith who was fired in 1998 for making up sources in her column inches. Her defense was that she was giving an "honest" account — she was telling truth on a higher level. But 50 years from now, when someone is writing history, they'll go to the Boston Globe archives and put a whole bunch of baloney in our grandchildren's history books. Do we want that?

What about the person who used a photo taken from the Empire State Building balcony and doctored it to show the moment of explosion of the towers behind two smiling tourists? For awhile, people actually believed some tourist just

happened to be on the balcony that morning.

Just imagine if everyone could do what the FDNY was going to do.

Just imagine if you could erase parts of your recent history, just because it didn't quite agree with you.

I don't know about you, but I would completely erase the visions of me in frizzy hair, horrid red-framed glasses and New Kids on the Block pajamas. I would forget about the time I told the girl in my second grade class she couldn't swing with us just because. I would take back all the times I stole the front seat from my brother on the way to school.

Just think, we could stroll into the Holocaust museum and see Hitler kissing little Jewish babies.

Martin Luther King would've died from a heart attack.

Judy Martz would've never made it to the Capitol.

And we never would've learned the lessons, both big and small that history has taught us.

How would I ever know that boy bands are the incarnation of all that is evil if I didn't get nauseated every time a NKOTB song popped on the radio?

When I was a frizzy haired, kind of "chunky" kid, I had the habit of embellishment. I was notorious for sliding in small details that would make my audience stir with anticipation, or laugh a little harder. But then, I realized that when something truly amazing did happen to me, no one really noticed and my details were a bit tedious. But those stories began to mean something to me because they were true. And I'll never embellish again because I want my autobiography to be an accurate picture of a woman living in 2002.

Truth hurts sometimes. No one liked watching the footage from Sept. 11, for example. It melted a small piece of our humanity when we saw the photo of a man falling head first from the burning towers. Our necks tightened with fear and anger, but something in us relaxed because we knew it was real. We knew, somehow, truth will soothe us. In some way, this helped us heal.

As Edward Gibbon, a 16th century British historian once said, "Truth, naked, unblushing truth, the first virtue of all serious history ..."

The truth helps us heal. It's not always pretty, it's not always politically correct. But it's true and there is something in truth — when it comes out of our mouths, when it comes from our guts, when we see it in photographs, when we read it in words, when it appears in our history books — that makes us understand our existence just a smidge more.



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Around the Oval

Have you experienced problems with Cyberbear when trying to register for classes this semester?
 Follow-up: Should they bring back Dialbear?

•Tylor Larson

junior, radio/TV production

"They made me change my password. My roommate said it was really, really slow."

Follow-up: "No, they need to get Cyberbear more stable."



•Jane Strachan

junior, elementary education

"Yeah, it's really slow. Sometimes you can't get to the courses you want."

Follow-up: "Yes, I think it would be faster."



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News

UM anthrax scare found to be negative

Paul Queneau
Montana Kaimin

Outgoing campus mail is back to normal after a suspicious letter, which forced UM's mail room to move its headquarters, tested negative for anthrax.

The handwritten envelope arrived Saturday addressed to the attention of "Chief Executive." The letter had excessive postage, a New York return address and postmark, an incomplete address and the hand-printed word "scienceworks," according to a UM press release.

Mail room staff noticed the letter on Monday morning and decided it met many of the criteria for suspicious mail, said Dan Corti, director of Environmental Health and Occupational Safety.

The staff notified the Missoula County Health Department, which deemed

it a credible threat. Health Department officials put the envelope in two plastic bags and sent it in a biohazard shipping container to the state epidemiological lab in Helena.

The UM mail room, normally located in the east end of the Physical Plant, was moved into a different office not connected to the main office.

"Due to the move, outgoing mail was delayed shipment because the post-marking machine was in the main office," said Corti.

Tests from the lab came back negative Thursday and

UM authorities looked at the contents of the letter.

"There were several pieces of paper, all hand written, that advertised this guy's

company, 'Eco-pack,' to the University" Corti said. "Essentially it advertised manila envelopes. It was pretty weird."

Corti said he thought there were two possibilities about who might have sent such a letter.

"After reviewing the contents," Corti said, "It was either someone who failed to take their medication, or somebody who was pulling a hoax."

“It was either someone who failed to take their medication, or somebody who was pulling a hoax.”

Dan Corti,
director of Environmental Health
and Occupational Safety



World Briefs

Off the wire

• Jerusalem

Prime Minister vows to win fight against terrorism

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon promised a victory over terrorism to his battered people on Monday, as his police deployed on sidewalks and rooftops in Jerusalem, scenes of recent bloody attacks.

An 81-year-old Israeli man killed Sunday in a bombing in Jerusalem's hard-hit downtown was buried Monday. The bomber, a woman, was the only other fatality. Though the official Palestinian Authority denounced the "suicide bombing," Israeli police left open the possibility that she was carrying a device that exploded prematurely.

Speaking in Israel's parliament, Sharon said that since Sept. 11 attacks on the United States the struggle against terrorism has become worldwide.

"It is a fight for the home, for values, for quality of life which today gives the only hope for millions of people of different nations who stand now on the rim of a volcano of terrorist forces threatening peace and stability throughout the whole world," Sharon said. "We shall also stand against those forces, against all the murderers, and we shall win."

On Monday, police in a suburb of Tel Aviv shot and killed a Palestinian who crashed through a West Bank roadblock with his car, ran over a soldier, then rammed an Israeli car, threw an elderly Israeli out and hijacked it, hitting a policeman.

His motives were unclear. Palestinian police said the unarmed man was a car thief, but Gideon Ezra, the deputy minister of internal security, said that anyone who "runs over a soldier, and then a policeman ... is a terrorist." The Israeli soldier and policeman suffered moderate injuries.

Blaming Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for the Jerusalem bombing, Israel maintained its two-month tank siege on the West Bank town of Ramallah, trapping Arafat in his headquarters. Under U.S. and Israeli pressure to move against extremists, the Palestinian Cabinet said finance official Fuad Shobaki, implicated in an arms shipment intercepted at sea by Israel this month, has been moved from house arrest to a prison in Arafat's compound.

• Monterrey, Mexico

Death of six people in Mexico may have been drug related

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — The tortured bodies of five men and a woman were found inside a pickup truck in northern Mexico, local police reported, in what may have been drug-related executions.

The assistant director of the Chihuahua state judicial police, Jesus Antonio Pinon, said police still have not determined a motive but believe the victims — whose bodies were found Sunday in the state capital, Chihuahua City — were linked to organized crime.

Pinon said state officials are working with federal prosecutors to determine if the case falls within their jurisdiction. Drug offenses are federal crimes in Mexico, and the involvement of federal prosecutors suggests they believe drug trafficking may have been involved.

Chihuahua state, which runs along much of the Texas border, has long been plagued by drug violence.

State officials said the woman was about 25 years old and the men ranged in age from 32 to 55. At least some had been strangled or suffocated and then shot in the head, officials said.

Pinon said authorities have identified five of the bodies and are awaiting confirmation on the sixth.

• United Nations

UN hopes for April ceasefire in 38-year Colombian civil war

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In an effort to end Colombia's 38-year civil war, a U.N. mediator on Monday appealed to all sides to end attacks against civilians as a first step toward a full cease-fire.

U.N. special envoy James LeMayne spoke on his return from Colombia where he played a key role in 11th-hour negotiations that led to an agreement to seek a cease-fire by early April.

"We believe the parties need to reach a humanitarian accord as quickly as possible to reduce the level of violence in the country against civilians," LeMayne said.

"The armed actors in Colombia have got to stop murdering and kidnapping and displacing and massacring the Colombian people," he said. "The civilians are by far the overwhelming victims of this conflict."

Roughly 3,500 people, most civilians, die every year in the war, which pits the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and a smaller rebel army against an illegal right-wing paramilitary force and government troops.

The government and FARC agreed earlier this month to set cease-fire terms by April 7, narrowly averting a collapse of the three-year-old peace process.

The paramilitaries have not been part of the talks because the government doesn't recognize them. But LeMayne said he expected them to "make their presence felt" during the cease-fire negotiations.

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Tuesday, January 29th 7:00 PM

Film: Do the Right Thing

Tempers flare, emotions run high, and a white-run pizza parlor in a black Brooklyn neighborhood erupts at the center of a violent conflict on a hot summer day in filmmaker/star Spike Lee's acclaimed, controversial look at race relations. Introduced by Professor Tunde Adeleke, African-American Studies Program.

University Center Theater, UC 3rd Floor

Thursday, January 31st 8:00 PM

Speaker: Charles Joyner

"African Cultures in the New World" Best known for his book *Down by the Riverside: A South Carolina Slave Community*, called "the finest work ever written on American slavery," Joyner holds doctorates in History and Folklore and Folklife, and has taught at UC Berkeley, University of Mississippi, and the University of Alabama. Currently at Coastal Carolina University, his presentation will address African cultures in the Americas.

University Center Theater, UC 3rd Floor

Friday, February 1st 8:00 PM

President's Lecture Series Speaker:

Quintard Taylor, Jr.

"In Search of the Racial Frontier: African-Americans in the American West" Professor Taylor currently serves as the Scott and Dorothy Bullitt Professor of American History at the University of Washington and is considered the foremost authority on black-white relations in this region. He will explore the varied history of blacks in the West with particular emphasis on the growth and decline of the black community in Montana.

Montana Theater

Wednesday, February 6th 7:00 PM

One-Person Play: American Voices

American Voices is a riveting one-person play of nine stories based upon the real lives and recollections of Americans. Drawing on the nationwide success of its previous production, *Faces of America*, *Voices* addresses concerns about ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, religion, and socio-economic status of Americans.

University Center Theater, UC 3rd Floor

Thursday, February 7th 7:00 PM

Film: The Language You Cry In

Africa and America, past and present, are linked in a compelling story of violence and redemption. A fascinating scholarly detective story, the film recounts the saga of an obscure ceremonial song first collected among the Gullah people of coastal Georgia in the 1930's that led to the discovery of links in Sierra Leone and an African family. The film demonstrates American ties with Africa despite the passage of centuries and the horrors of the middle passage, slavery, and segregation. Introduced by George Price, African-American Studies Program.

University Center Theater, UC 3rd Floor

For more information call Ray Carlisle, Chair, The University of Montana Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, at 243-4202



The University of
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NEWS

UM senior carries Olympic torch in Bozeman

Chris Rodkey
Montana Kaimin

Twenty-nine years ago, few thought UM senior David Houck would ever walk. But Sunday evening in Bozeman, nothing could stop him from running with the Olympic torch, not even a blown knee.

For Houck, the quarter-mile jog was the journey of a lifetime. The UM senior majoring in education ran his stretch of the Olympic torch relay while his family, friends and a crowd of onlookers cheered him through the snowy streets as part of a city-wide Olympic celebration.

"That was incredible," Houck said, smiling and hugging his family moments after the torch caravan had passed along with the flame to the next runner. "I've been a distance runner my whole life and to be able to carry the torch is pretty cool."

Houck was a little fearful of the flame blowing out, noting that his friends said they would make fun of him forever if it happened.

His mother, Donna Houck, traveled from Glendive to watch her son. When he was born, she said, the doctors said he would never be able to walk. A surgery to fix his insteps had a 50 percent chance of success. She elected to bypass the surgery and when her son was three months old she taught him how to swim. At age two, she put him in karate.

"He learned how to balance," she said. "He started running from there."

He hasn't stopped running since. David Houck ran cross country in high school and competed in the Boston Marathon the last two years, once with a broken tailbone.

Three days before he ran the torch, he blew out his knee in a meniscus tear while playing basketball. While his knee requires surgery, that didn't stop him.

"Determination is his name," Donna Houck said.

David Houck iced his knee all afternoon and ran his segment without crutches.

Houck was one of 16 torchbearers from Missoula who ran the flame along with nearly 100 others. Bozeman had the geographical location to make a relay visit possible, according to Salt Lake City Olympic officials. Torchbearers were selected from nominations in local communities. Houck's mother

and aunt nominated him.

"He overcame a lot of handicaps," Donna Houck said. "I am really happy for him."

David Houck's doctor in Missoula bought the torch, available to runners for \$335, and is going to display it in his office along with a picture of David.

Houck ran the torch to the edge of the Montana State University campus, where a crowd of students and community members waited to see the flame run through their school.

Spectators were given free coffee and cookies by Charlene Finley, who was distributing them on a street corner as part of a city-wide effort by the Salvation Army and local churches.

"Sometimes in Montana you feel like you're away from it all," Finley said. "It's nice to have the torch here."

MSU student Tiffany Shrauger said, "I think it's bringing everybody together. It's including Montana and it brings a taste of the Olympic spirit to town."

While David Houck returned to Missoula that night, the party continued in downtown Bozeman, where five blocks of Main Street were blocked off from traffic and filled with residents eager to catch a glimpse of the torch.

Spectators danced and sang along to songs and videos displayed on a 12-foot video wall. Virtual reality exhibits allowed children to simulate participation in winter Olympic events, and various souvenir stands dotted the crowd. Local community groups had tables on sidewalks where they sold ingredients for s'mores to be cooked in toasty fire rings placed every 30 feet down the street.

No fire was needed, however, to keep the fans' hearts warm

in the snowy, 15 degree weather. Bozeman High School principal Godfrey Saunders carried the torch to its final stop, a cauldron on a stage at the end of the crowd. After his run, Saunders addressed the roaring crowd, thanking the community and recalling his thoughts while he carried the flame.

"There are people in this world who want to douse this flame of freedom and peace, but they are wrong. The flame is in here," he said, pointing to his heart.

The flame was then transferred from the cauldron to a specially designed lantern, which houses the flame along with a back-up when it is not in public view.

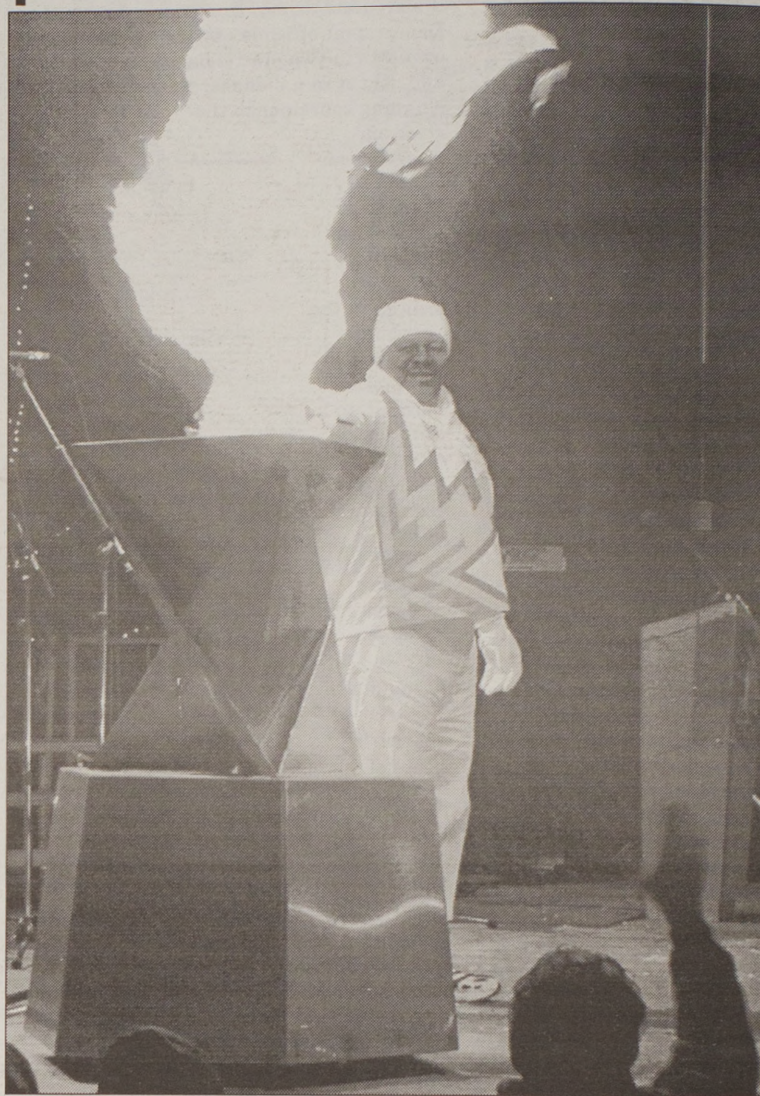
Holly Chambers has followed the flame since it was brought to America from Greece on Dec. 4. She is part of the 200-person crew that travels with the torch and said she was impressed to see the flame go through such a beautiful backdrop as Montana.

"The scenery is absolutely

magnificent here," she said. "Even though it started snowing, it didn't deter anybody. I think the overwhelming enthusiasm has been great."

The flame was passed from the lantern to the torch Monday morning to continue its journey

to Billings, and from there it continues through Wyoming and Colorado before entering Utah, where it will be used to light the cauldron during the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City on Feb. 8.



Chris Rodkey/Montana Kaimin
Bozeman High School principal Godfrey Saunders ignites the cauldron on a stage in downtown Bozeman as part of the Olympic Torch Relay celebration. The Olympic flame stopped in Montana on its journey across the United States.

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NEWS

Checking it twice



Sophomore Corinne Lynn double checks her class schedule with the books in her basket Monday afternoon in The Bookstore.

Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

Scientist: Earthquakes were aftershocks of 1994 quake

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Three small earthquakes, all believed to be aftershocks of the deadly 1994 Northridge quake, rattled a wide section of Southern California on Tuesday night but caused no injuries or damage, authorities said.

The first of the quakes, with a preliminary magnitude of 4.2, struck just before 10 p.m. and was followed minutes later by mag-

nitude-quakes of 3.9 and 3.8, respectively.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injury, said police Lt. Ken Tacke, who added that everyone at the Simi Valley police station felt the shaking.

"It was fairly mild. It was a small, quick jolt and then right after that a much harder jolt," said Associated Press photographer Mark Terrill, who lives in Simi Valley.

All were centered six to seven miles northeast of Simi Valley, which is about 35 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Seismologist Lucy Jones of the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena said all the quakes could be classified as aftershocks to the 1994 Northridge quake, which did more than \$15 billion in damage and killed 72 people.

UM promotes MLK Jr. Day through weeklong celebration

Multicultural Alliance offers free lectures, films and performances

Kellyn Brown
For the Kaimin

Montana is often thought to lack racial and cultural diversity, but UM is trying to dispel that stereotype with a week long observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"We make a big deal out of this holiday here because you have to go out of your way to experience diversity in Montana," said Ray Carlisle, chair of UM's Martin Luther King Jr. committee.

The committee, with sponsorship from the Multicultural Alliance, is bringing films, lectures and stage performances in celebration of the holiday. All the events are free, beginning Tuesday and continuing into next week.

"One of the biggest racial problems in Montana is the naivety of Montanans on the issue," said George Price, visiting instructor in UM's African-American Studies department.

Price said the lack of diversity in the area becomes a problem when students go other places where diversity is greater, and their only knowledge is stereotypical.

"Without exposure to different cultures you miss out on the knowledge of subtle differences, but also the common human attributes of all people," he said.

Carlisle said these programs are not just a way to educate students, but also a chance for students to embrace diversity.

"An easy step people can take to reach out to minorities, that is meaningful, is

when non-minority students attend events that have a minority theme," Carlisle said.

The community of blacks at UM has never been more than 60, but Carlisle argues that is the reason the university must include this holiday. He added that King's influence has crossed racial lines.

"Martin Luther King is larger than just the issue of race," Carlisle said. "He has a worldwide standing the same way as Ghandi. His message has equal meaning to people of all backgrounds."

Amie Thurber, program coordinator for the Multicultural Alliance, said students of all backgrounds fail to interact for similar reasons.

"White students, oddly enough, don't reach out to different ethnic groups out of fear they won't be accepted," Thurber said.

Price said that this stems from the fear of the unknown.

"Minorities are much more familiar with whites than vice versa," Price said.


Carlisle said the celebration is an opportunity for students to experience a man who died a decade before they were born.

"If you were 33 or younger you weren't born when he was killed," Carlisle said. "We are educating a new generation, who didn't have a chance to know him when he was alive."

Thurber said she hopes these events will spark interaction between different people and influence Martin Luther King's vision of relationships based on respect.

"All of us have the same potential that he did," Thurber said.

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Montana basketball haunted by inconsistency, demanding road trips

Brittany Hageman
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The twangy, rustic melody of Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again" has been ringing in the ears of UM men's basketball coach Don Holst since five of his first seven conference games have been out of town.

"It's just the way the schedule laid out, but a lot of away games early wasn't intimidating for us," said Holst. "It's better to finish the season with games at home."

While much of campus was at home making plans to visit relatives over break and counting down the new year, the Griz were wrapping up their pre-season, spring-boarding into conference play.

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"Between the pre-season and where we are now, I've really seen growth in terms of the team gelling together," said Holst.

"I've found out what kids work in different situations," said Holst, "but mostly who we're playing dictates who plays and who sits."

The Griz were victorious in their first conference bout with Weber State, winning 80-73 on the road but Eastern Washington State beat them by 33 points a week later.

Against EWU, the Griz shot a sub-par one for 15 from three-point range and nine for 21 from the charity stripe.

"We couldn't make it and they couldn't miss," Holst said,

summing up the game.

The Griz regained their confidence and showed genuine shooting moxie against Portland State a week later. Junior shooting guard David Bell led the Griz with 26 points, including eight 3-pointers. If Bell had cashed one more, he would have clinched the school record held by Mike Warhank.

With Bell's three-point radar and consistent shooting from forward Brent Cummings and guard Shane Christensen, the Griz were able to break a new team record for three-point attempts by sinking 16 threes in 25 attempts — 64 percent from downtown.

Although accurate three-point shooting has been an inte-

gral part of the Grizzly attack, coach Holst said he sees it as more of a fringe benefit than a game plan.

"It's true that we live and die by the three, and when we won't shoot it we'll lose," said Holst, "but we still have to be able to win ugly in the key and make three points from the fouls."

The Griz split the next two home games with a win against Idaho State and a loss against Weber.

Against Idaho, Brent Cummings led four Griz players in double figures with 17 points. The Griz broke open a tight game with tough defense and good rebounding after the game was tied at 32 at the halftime.

Christensen passed off for 9

assists against ISU, giving him 377 in his career and placing him third in UM basketball history. Christensen trails Scott Zanon by 34 assists for second place.

Last weekend the Griz hit the road again for games against Northern Arizona and Sacramento State.

The Griz faltered against NAU in what coach Holst called another shooting nightmare, but got back up to beat Sacramento State, which throttled top-ranked Montana State 78-56 the night before.

And with MSU on the brain, the Griz are preparing for their own scrap with the 'Cats this Thursday, which will end the three week away-game stint for the Griz.

Harriers perform well in season opener

Chelsi Moy
Montana Kaimin

Although the University of Montana men's and women's track teams had little time to prepare before the indoor track and field season opener, the results of the season-opening meet last weekend in Bozeman proved promising.

In dual scoring format, the men's team got off to a great start by defeating both ISU 84-63 and the Bobcats 70-66. The women lost to both schools, 81-67 and 80-60 respectively.

Head coach Tom Raunig was pleased to see both men and women already qualifying for conference championships which will be held Feb. 22-23 in Pocatello, Idaho.

He says his first priority is to get people qualified for conferences and also to keep people healthy.

"Conference is coming up here pretty quickly," Raunig said, "and we need to get as many people qualified as possible. There is only three more meets left to do that, so there is not a lot of room for error."

Part of the men's success was due to the outstanding perform-

ance by UM dominating decathlete Adam Bork of Big Fork. Although the decathlon is only an outdoor event, Bork is shining in the individual events. He set a new school pole vault record which had been untouched for 19 years. Bork placed third with a vault of 16-7, and ran the fastest split on the 1,600-meter relay which walked away with a first place finish. Bork finished off the day with a qualifying time for the Big Sky Indoor Championships in the 55-meter hurdles.

Also running a qualifying time for the Indoor Championships in the 55-meter hurdles was Bryan Anderson. He won the event with a time of 7.81 seconds while teammate Charlie Thomas took third. Anderson also found the top podium spot after a 6-9 leap in the high jump.

Another UM standout was weight thrower Ted Cordeiro who increased his personal best by more than eight feet. This junior from Cascade not only captured first place in the meet, but with a throw of 60-7, took the top position in the Big Sky Conference.

Louis Patrick began his track career, after redshirting last year, to win the 55-meter dash.

Kelly Rice was the only first place finisher for the women's team. Rice won the mile in a time of 5:12.46.

Laine Botchek came through for the women's weight team by placing second in the shot put.

Anne Sheehy cleared 5-5 for a second place in the high jump with teammate Lindsay Crawford right behind her clearing 5-3.

The women's team had injured athletes that would have originally brought in more team points said coach Raunig.

"We missed a lot of opportunities, but we didn't want to load people into events. We need healthy athletes," Raunig said.

Renee Dunn pulled her quad during the long jump and had to sit out of the triple jump.

Suzanne Krings of Helena, who is usually a NCAA qualifier, no-heighted in the pole vault.

The track teams next meet will be Mountain States Invitational in Pocatello the first weekend in February.

Indoor soccer, hoops, nets get spring Intramurals rolling

Team competition begins this week on campus

Marina Mackrow
Montana Kaimin

Winter action for the University of Montana Intramurals kicks off this week with basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer leagues.

The basketball leagues include men's A and B leagues.

"The men's A league is more tightly officiated and there is a tournament at the end of the season," said Lehi Garza, campus recreation coordinator. "The B league is more fun and they just play the regular season."

The men's A league plays Monday nights in the West Auxiliary Gym. The men's B league has "Wednesday Wild" and "Wednesday Crazy" nights in McGill Gym. Other basketball leagues are women's, CoRec and a men's 6-foot and under. Women's action is on Monday and Wednesday nights in McGill Gym. CoRec plays Thursdays in McGill Gym

and men's 6-foot and under plays Tuesdays in McGill Gym.

Volleyball has just two CoRec leagues, A and B. The A league plays Wednesday nights in the Campus Recreation Center and the Western Auxiliary Gym. B league volleyball plays Thursday nights in the Campus Recreation Center and Wednesdays in the West Auxiliary Gym. Indoor soccer has a CoRec and a men's league. Both leagues play on Sundays in McGill Gym.

According to Garza, the schedules are completely full, with several teams on the waiting list.

A new Campus Rec event is coming up in February for disc golfers. The first ever Heartbreaker Disc Golf Classic will be held Feb. 23 at the University Golf Course.

"The disc golfers are just jazzed about this event," said Garza. "This is the only time the golf course will be open for folk."

Pre-registration is available at the Campus Recreation Center and the University Golf Course. A fee of \$9 is due on the day of the event.

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Lady Griz heat up as shooting slump ends

Bryan Haines
Montana Kaimin

Three weeks ago, as the Lady Griz were preparing to open the Big Sky season at home against Eastern Washington, head coach Robin Selvig was simply hoping for his team to start finding the basket with regularity.

After two brutal shooting performances in losses to Gonzaga and Portland, in which the ladies combined to shoot just 33 percent from the field, UM was about to begin a difficult six game stretch to open conference play.

Road games at Weber State and last year's league champion Idaho State were sandwiched between four home games against EWU, Portland State, Northern Arizona and Sacramento State.

Not exactly the smoothest way to open conference play, especially with the Lady Griz mired in a shooting slump.

"We couldn't put the ball in the hole against Gonzaga or Portland, and it wasn't just one or two people. It was the whole team," Selvig said. "Heading into conference play we knew we would have to shoot better to get any wins."

However, Montana continued to shoot poorly against the Lady Eagles and PSU, but scrapped out two home wins. Then during the first 20 minutes against the Wildcats in Ogden, Utah, Montana once again struggled to put the ball in the hole. Weber carried a 32-29 halftime advantage going into the locker room, but nothing could prepare Weber for the second half.

Montana took four games of offensive struggles out on Weber State in the second half. The Lady Griz shot a blistering 69 percent from the field, outscoring WSU 47-27 in the second half going on to a 76-59 win.

Since that win UM has been playing head and shoulders above the rest of the league, running out to a perfect

6-0 start in the Big Sky race and its shooting woes are a thing of the past.

"That was by far our best half of the year. We beat a tough Weber team on the road that had just won their last seven games," Selvig said. "That shooting slump is something every team goes through but we worked out of it."

Balanced scoring has been the key to Montana's recent success, as four players, led by the versatile Cheryl Keller, are close to averaging double figures. The senior has been everywhere on the court for Montana, averaging over 14 points per game while handing out close to two assists, grabbing 3 boards per game and swiping 2.5 balls a game.

True freshman Hollie Tyler has made her presence felt in her first Big Sky season, dropping in 16 points and cleaning the glass for over seven rebounds a game in the first six games of the conference season.

And while the Lady Griz offense has come back to life, the defense, which has been tight as a drum all year, is still pounding the life of out opponents' offenses. Last year Montana's defense and offense were almost always on different pages during games, during the current six game winning streak both units have been showing up every night.

Montana has been shutting down offenses, holding teams to 36 percent shooting and 54 points a night.

As teams in the Big Sky conference reach the mid-point of conference play this week, rights to the regular season crown and the conference tournament is still up for grabs.

Montana is the front runner, followed by in-state rival Montana State at 5-1 while Weber State is third at 6-2.

"There are really seven teams in this conference that can beat anyone on every night," Selvig said. "You have to be up to play every night."

Montana entertains the Montana State Bobcats at home Friday at 7:05.



Senior forward Laura Valley attempts to maneuver the ball around Northern Arizona's Connie Richard in Friday night's game at Dahlberg Arena. The Lady Griz defeated the Lumberjacks 68-47.

Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

IOC increases drug testing

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Only five drug cases have been confirmed at the Winter Olympics, none the past three games.

The streak could end in Salt Lake City, where the chances of catching drug cheats are much greater because of the most rigorous Olympic testing program ever. It includes widespread checks for the endurance-boosting hormone EPO.

In the past, the International Olympic Committee has been accused of ignoring the drug problem or, at worst, covering up positive tests to protect the image of the games.

But new IOC President Jacques Rogge says he relishes the prospect of nabbing as many offenders as possible.

"If you test more, you have more chances to get a positive case," he said. "If tomorrow, I can catch 50, I'd be happy. I prefer no athlete to cheat, but you have to be realistic. If you can find 50, it means you've eliminated 50 cheats."

"Every athlete you catch is a good thing for sport. The more cheats we catch, the more deterrent there will be."

While officials often cite the goal of ensuring a "drug-free" Olympics, Rogge takes a more

practical view.

"It would be naive to think that there would be 100 percent drug-free games," he said. "We are speaking about 2,500 athletes. Here and there, there will always be a stupid one who wants to cheat."

For the first time, all endurance athletes — 700-800 competitors in cross-country skiing, biathlon, Nordic combined and speedskating — will be tested for EPO, or erythropoietin.

EPO, one of the most widely abused drugs in sports, enhances endurance by stimulating the production of oxygen-carrying red blood cells. It has been linked particularly with cycling and long-distance running, but also is believed popular in a number of winter sports.

At last year's World Cross-Country Ski Championships in Lahti, Finland, six top Finnish athletes tested positive for a banned agent which could mask the use of EPO.

Athletes in Salt Lake City will undergo a combined blood-urine test, similar to the EPO controls introduced for the first time at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Around 300 EPO tests were conducted in Sydney, while more than double that number will be carried out in Salt Lake City.

Commission weighs in on Tyson conduct

LAS VEGAS (AP) — When Nevada boxing regulators last dealt with Mike Tyson, they dispensed a bit of Old West justice, suggesting it might be best if he just left town.

Now Tyson wants back in. And that leaves Nevada athletic commissioners with a dilemma they wish they didn't have: Give Tyson a license or risk blowing a multimillion-dollar boost to the local economy.

A week after he went berserk at a New York press conference, Tyson goes before the commission Tuesday asking for leniency once again.

If he wins, he'll fight Lennox Lewis on April 6 at the MGM Grand Hotel. If he's rejected, the fight could either be called off or moved to a state more friendly to the former heavyweight champion.

Lewis plans to watch the hearing on television to see if the fight will go on as scheduled. Nevada casino operators will be paying close attention themselves for a fight that could mean several hundred million dollars to the Las Vegas economy.

"It's going to be close," said Kirk Hendrick, the former Nevada state legal counsel who

led the move to revoke Tyson's license after he bit Evander Holyfield in 1997. "It's 100 percent burden on Mike to show he should get a license to box in this state."

While Tyson has had plenty of experience before the commission, four of the five commissioners have been replaced since Tyson was told to take his act on the road after hitting Francois Botha after the bell in a 1999 comeback fight.

They'll have to decide whether the rewards of hosting one of the biggest fights ever are worth the risk of Tyson doing something else to disgrace the sport or the state.

"We're there to regulate and protect the integrity of boxing," said commissioner John Bailey, a Las Vegas attorney. "I presume we will ask questions about what has happened in the last two or three years since he had a license and try to get a sense of what he's been doing."

That should already be clear to anybody who follows the sport. Since leaving Nevada, Tyson tested positive for marijuana in a Detroit fight with Andrew Golota, threatened to eat Lewis' children after another

fight and went after Lou Savarese even as he was down and the referee was trying to protect him.

Just this month, Tyson made news in Cuba for throwing Christmas ornaments at reporters trying to question him and found out that police in Las Vegas think there's enough evidence to charge him with rape in an incident last year at his Las Vegas home.

His wife, Monica, also filed for divorce.

"Everything is pretty much fair game," Bailey said. "But my feeling is that we as a commission can't draw any inferences from the rape allegations because of his presumption of innocence until proven guilty."

Tyson was not planning to appear personally before the commission, but that changed after last week's fiasco in New York when he threw a punch at a Lewis bodyguard and allegedly also bit Lewis on the leg.

After that, he made lewd gestures and yelled expletives at an audience member who suggested he need a straitjacket.

The incident prompted the commission to order Tyson to appear if he wanted to get a license.

NEWS

UM biologist awarded highest honor in scientific research

Professor searches through manure to answer questions of evolution

Carmody Sloan
Montana Kaimin

With partial thanks going to a little horned beetle, UM evolutionary biologist Doug Emlen has been granted the 2001 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, one of the highest honors in scientific research.

Not only did professor Emlen get a 2001 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, he also got a \$650,000 grant last spring from the National Science Foundation.

This acclaim stems from his extensive research on horned dung beetles. He finds the beetles by sifting through ... poo.

"How many people want to poke around in manure?" he asked.

He admits this is not the highlight of his job, but the beetles he finds in dung and what he learns from them has proved priceless.

He said he hopes by watching the adaptation of the horned dung beetles, researchers may find answers about evolution in all species.

He said usually only the male makes a horn. But the size and placement of it means the eyes, antennae or wings suffer in size and usefulness. He is trying to find out if habitat and lifestyle impact whether the beetle needs to be good at fight or flight. For example, if the beetle needs to see at night, will it have big eyes and a small horn?

"There's different kinds of horns," he said. "There's

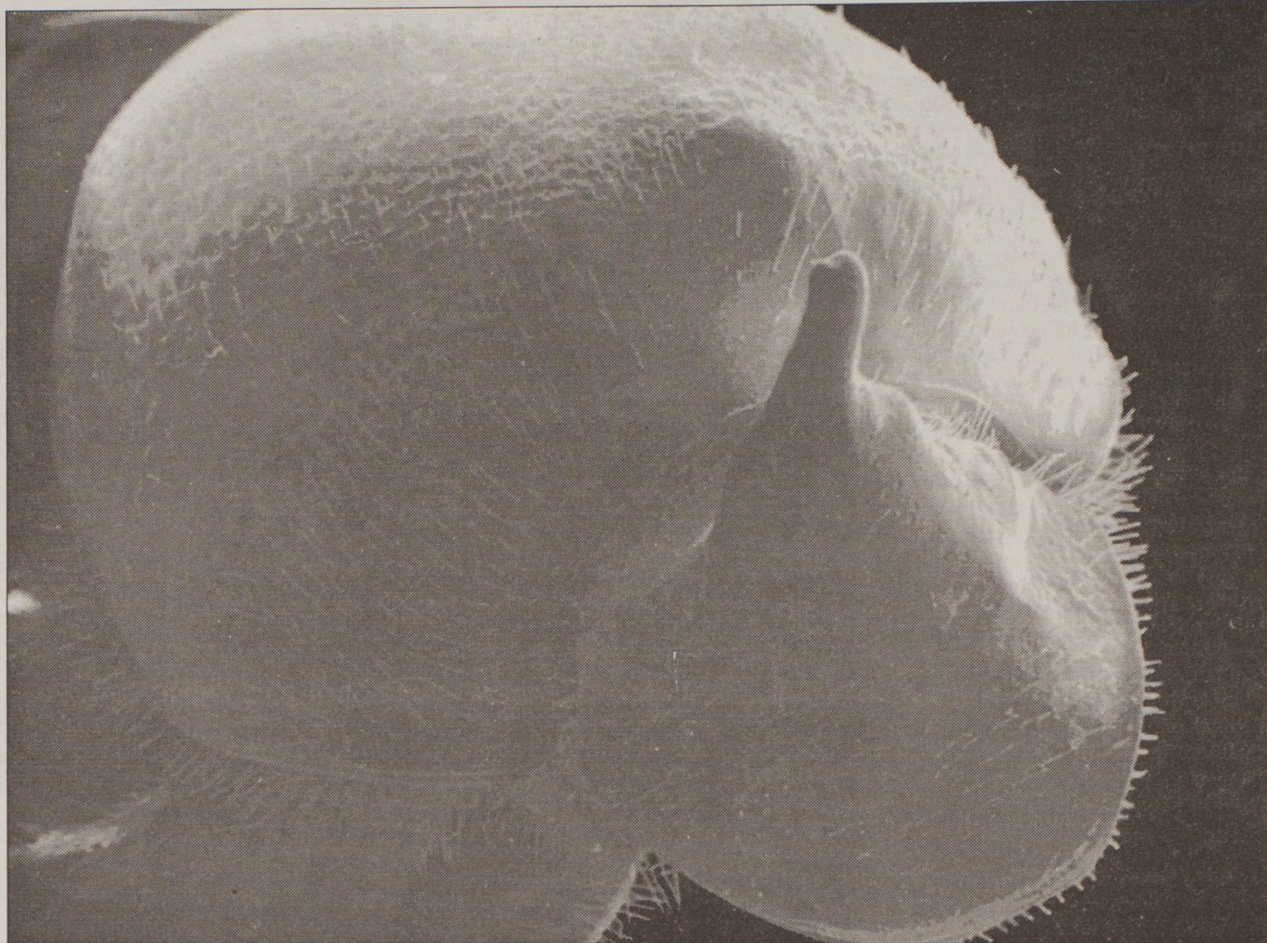


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UM evolutionary biologist Doug Emlen hopes that by watching the growth and evolution of the Horned Dung Beetle, above, it can help researchers answer evolutionary questions for all species. Emlen received a \$650,000 grant from the National Science Foundation last spring and was recently granted the 2001 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

some that grow in the front like a rhino and some on the back of the head like an elk." The horns also may grow on the shoulder section of the bug, almost like a Triceratops.

Emlen recently returned from collecting about 30 African species of the beetle. He said there are 2,000 named species in the world with 150 in the Western Hemisphere. There is one named nuchicornis that lives in western Montana's horse and cow manure and grows its horn like a unicorn.

Emlen said that he likes this work because it is something people can see in their own backyards that can change the way they think about biology.

"Emlen got the award by being one of the best young scientists in the country," said Don Christian, biological sciences associate dean. "The NSF knows he is one of the best because of the quality of his scientific research and the regard he is held in by other scientists in his field."

The award is in support

of research and education, Christian said. The grant is used to support his research in insect evolution.

Only 20 scientists in the nation get this award each year. That includes all young biologists, engineers, chemists, physicists, medical researchers, and the list goes on. No one in Montana has received the honor before.

"I sent them a research proposal to get the grant," Emlen said.

That proposal was then sent through a selection

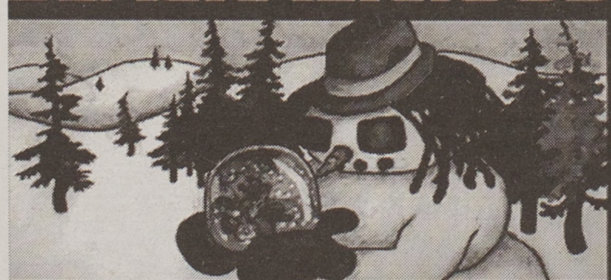
process that includes scrutiny from top scientists in the field. In order to be eligible for the presidential award he had to apply for and receive the grant.

The money from the grant goes toward hiring a research associate, student assistants and travel, he said.

Emlen did his undergraduate work at Cornell University. He has a doctorate in ecology and evolutionary biology from Princeton University and worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Duke University before coming to UM.

"I love mountains," Emlen said, explaining why he chose to work at UM. "As well as the exceptionally good biology program in a small town. I came because of the people and because of the place. This is my dream job."

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NEWS

Rec Center gets smoother with juice bar

New business makes eating healthy more convenient

Chris Rodkey
Montana Kaimin

Hungry gym rats can now find some food to gnaw on at the nearly complete Student Recreation Center. Winter break allowed workers to put the finishing touches on the facility, including the main entrance and the new juice bar, BiSip.

"Pretty much everything is done in the facility now," said Brian Fruit, assistant director of facilities for Campus Recreation.

Walls were painted, floors were sealed and some new equipment was brought in, Fruit said. The squash courts are still waiting for a back wall to be installed.

The BiSip juice bar opened two weeks ago, and students have been enjoying the selections from a menu that includes \$3.50 smoothies called the "Military Press" and "Preacher Curl" and juices labeled "The Scrum" and "Belay." Muffins, salads, sandwiches and coffee are also available.

Freshman Kelsey Klevenberg stopped in to pick up an apple.

"It's nice," he said. "The prices aren't too high, there's lots of variety, and it tastes good too."

Klevenberg, who had his eye on a "Bench Press" smoothie, said the convenience makes BiSip a great place.



Graduate student Kelly Hart grabs a quick bite to eat in the BiSip before working out in the Student Rec Center Monday afternoon. The BiSip, a juice bar near the Rec Center's main entrance, opened two weeks ago.

Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

"It's great to stop in and get a quick snack before class, and you don't have to worry about eating healthy," Klevenberg said.

Students can pay for food with cash, check and the Grizzly meal plan. They are also encouraged to put money on their Griz Card debit account so they don't have to carry many things with them to workout.

Employee Kyle Nicholson said BiSip business is good so far.

"It's really catching on," he said. Most people eat a salad or sandwich and drink a smoothie or hot tea, he said.

"I think it's more convenient," Nicholson said. "We had one gal who came in and said, 'I don't feel like working out, so I'll just eat something.'"

Other new features that should enhance student and staff workouts include

the addition of a "Broadcast Vision System," which allows students to tune a Walkman radio to the audio on any of five television screens in an exercise room.

The main entrance on the west side of the facility is also now open, allowing visitors to swipe their own Griz cards to enter. While the entrance used last semester is still available for use, it is now the home of the Outdoor Program and a gate could separate it from the main Rec Center at different

hours.

The Rec Center was closed from Dec. 18 through Jan. 1 to allow workers to apply fume-heavy sealants

and stains and to finalize the improvements.

So far, things have been running smoothly, said Fruit.

"For the most part nothing major has gone wrong," he said. "Mostly there have just been little bugs."

Fourteen-hundred students were visiting the Rec Center each day towards the end of fall semester, Fruit said.

"It seems like one of those projects that has exceeded the expectations people had," he said.

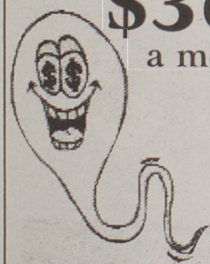
Schreiber Gym is still open for student use, and

its future is up in the air, Fruit said. One possibility is for the facility to revert to its former self — a hardwood floor that could be used by campus rec programs. The bike room would be converted into a small weight room and the Forester's Ball could return to its famous digs.

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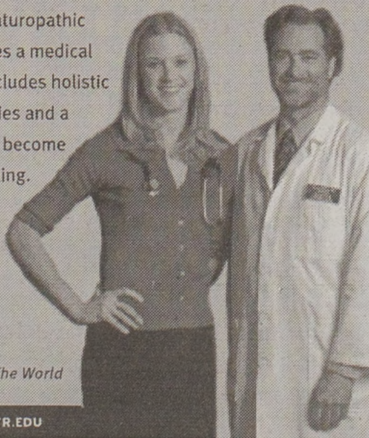
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New dean brings experience and zeal to COT

Williamson hopes to apply business concepts to College of Technology

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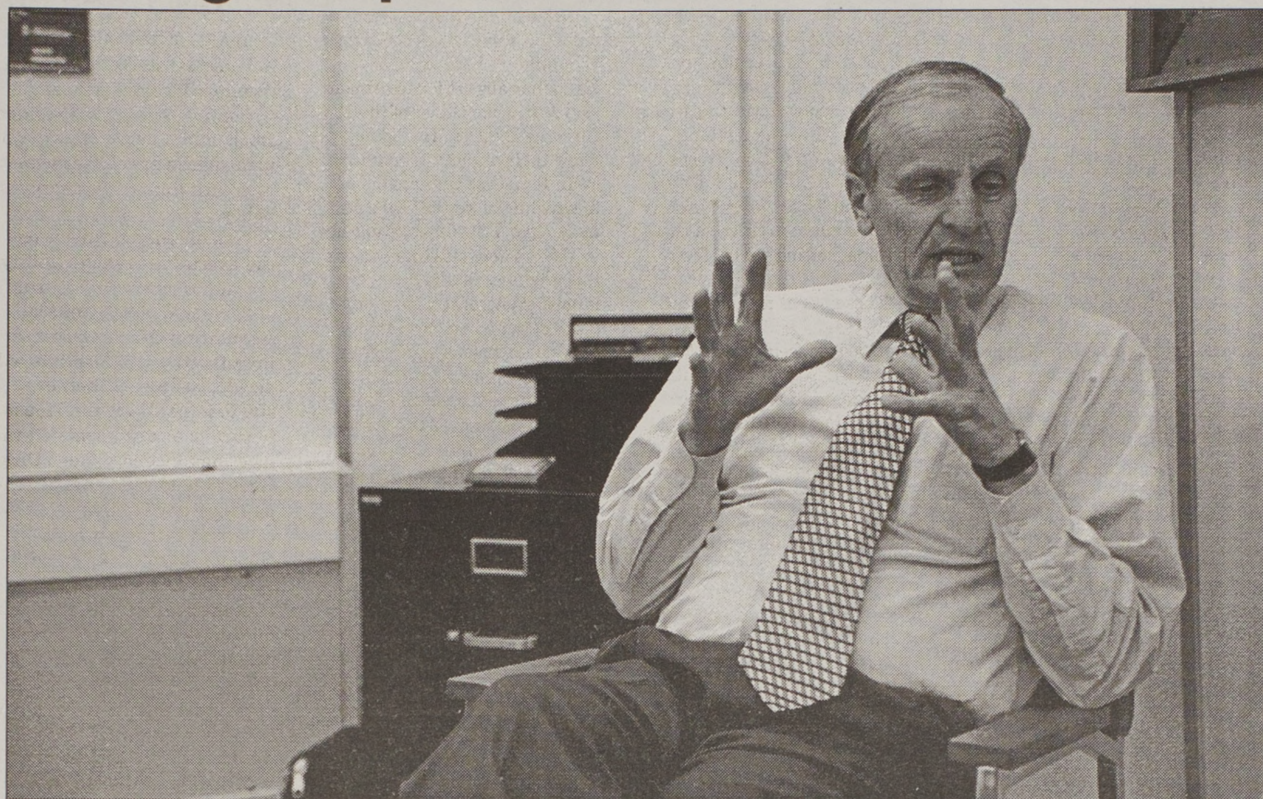
R. Paul Williamson has jumped around from the West Coast to the Rocky Mountains, from motorcycle corporations to colleges, and has landed in the comfort of a swivel chair as the new dean of the UM College of Technology.

Williamson came to the brisk air of Missoula from the warm rays of Gilroy, Calif., where he was a consultant for the Indian Motorcycle Corp. There he helped with marketing, dealer development and strategic planning.

Williamson said he took the job at the COT to stay out West and to be able to use his experience from both the university and corporate environments.

"It was a good chance to use my higher education and business experience at the same time," he said.

Williamson said a lot of the concepts of the business world apply to the COT. He encouraged the faculty to improve its professionalism, pride and productivity, ideas that are



Lisa Hornstein/Kaimin

The new Dean of the College of Technology, R. Paul Williamson, explains one of his plans for the COT in his office Monday afternoon.

often used in corporations, he said.

At the COT, Williamson has kicked off some strategic planning. He has set up 13 teams to work on partnerships with businesses and see how the COT can serve the community better, he said.

"We're trying to find out what the College of Technology will look like —

what's the definition of the College of Technology and where do we want it to go," Williamson said. "There are great prospects on the horizon as we partner with the community and business."

Williamson is originally from rural South Dakota. He got his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of South Dakota

in Vermillion. He later got a doctorate in education from West Virginia University in Morgantown, W. Va.

Williamson has been involved in education for 30 years. He has worked for Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute in Hudson, N.C., and Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn.

Montana is a good match for him because he said he likes to ski, hike, hunt and fish.

Williamson said he won't be changing a lot at the COT, but he will be developing ideas and forging partnerships.

"There's such a good basis here, I'll just be moving this program ahead and expanding it," he said.

Study: Basic cable far raunchier than broadcast TV

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "South Park" leads the pack of basic cable shows bringing a new level of raunchiness and violence to television, according to a watchdog group's new study.

The rate of sexual references, profanity and violence in primetime cable series was found to be more than double that of broadcast television, the Parents Television Council said Monday.

"Hollywood's push-the-primetime-envelope mindset, it seems, has become established in the cable business," the council said in its study.

"South Park," an animated show on Comedy Central, was overall the most "offensive series," the study said, with a per-hour combined average of 126 violent or raunchy moments.

The MTV shows "Undergrads" and "Celebrity Deathmatch" were next with, respectively, 73 and 66 such references.

"Undergrads," an animated series not on the current MTV schedule, had the most sexual material with a per-hour average of 28.4 references, according to the nonprofit council's first study of cable content.

The combined average for all shows was 21.7, while the combined average found in the council's latest study of

broadcast network programming (for fall 1999) was 9.8.

The study examined 33 series, for a total of nearly 112 hours, that were shown between last April and September. The council focused on basic cable, which reaches about three-quarters of U.S. households, rather than less widely distributed premium services such as HBO or Showtime.

Responding to the report, a Comedy Central spokesman contended the council failed to "provide context."

Comedy Central "is not designed for kids. It's designed for adults," said spokesman Tony Fox. "Eighty percent of our audience is 18 or older."

He noted that "South Park" was at the top of the council's list because of an episode that used the same four-letter word 162 times as part of a satirical commentary on profanity.

"That episode had something to say beyond the gratuitous use of swear words," Fox said.



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Championship

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tionship between championships and enrollments," Dennison said, "but it's my experience that there is that kind of evidence here."

The Board of Regents recently approved a deal with Virtu Consulting that will allow UM to receive new scoreboards in trade for advertising dollars. Dennison said the athletics program had reached a maximum on the advertising dollars it could garner with the old technology, at just over \$500,000 a year. He said that the goal for the next year using the new scoreboards, which will feature video screens, will be for more than \$900,000 in advertising revenue.

The deal with Virtu Consulting does not require UM to buy the scoreboards, and profits from the advertisements will be shared between the two entities over a 15-year contract. Dennison said he is sure the deal will help to reduce the debt the athletic department has accrued over the past few years.

Griz merchandise bearing national championship logos continues to sell out in stores all over the state, said UM executive vice president Bob Frazier. He said one local T-shirt shop has sold more than 10,000 items and



Freshman Jennifer Armour searches through an array of Griz championship apparel in the UC Monday afternoon.

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one in Billings has sold more than 25,000 items.

Frazier said some outlets began printing shirts in the third quarter of the game, and were sold out 15 minutes after hitting the shelves in stores. He said exact revenue amounts wouldn't be available until the end of the first quarter, but initial estimates look very good.

While accompanying

inspectors who ensure stores are selling licensed Griz apparel, Frazier said he saw a one fan buy 30 national championship hats all at once, for Christmas presents.

Jace Christensen, a freshman at UM studying business administration, said he remembered watching the Griz win in 1995 when he was in seventh grade. He

said he feels lucky to have been a part of another national championship in his first year at UM and thinks it has brought people from all walks of life together.

As fans and administrators ride the waves of Grizmania, Hogan said it's important to keep the momentum going. After winning the I-AA National Championship in 1984, the

MSU Bobcats have suffered 13 losing seasons, 16 consecutive losses to the Grizzlies and face serious financial debt.

"One of the dangerous things is that you get too comfortable and relax, then people catch you," Hogan said. "Administrators have to work just as hard as the football program does."

Avalanche

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finally came to rest, Olson had his head and an arm above the surface.

Missoula County Undersheriff Mike McMeekin, who helped in the recovery effort Saturday afternoon, said the group had the proper equipment for finding and recovering fellow snowmobilers in case of an avalanche, including transponders, shovels and probes.

But the force of the slide and the turbulent journey down was enough to kill the four men, said Olson.

"The initial impact of the avalanche basically caused enough damage that even if we rescued them five minutes or two hours later, it wouldn't have made any difference," said Olson.

Steve Karkanen, an ava-

lanche specialist for the West Central Montana Avalanche Center, said he traveled up to the site of the avalanche Monday to examine the conditions that led to the slide.

"Thirty-eight degrees or more (in incline) seems to be the magic number for slopes that are prone to avalanches," Karkanen said.

"(Wisher Ridge) is a large open bowl, and on the average is 35 degrees (of incline)," said Karkanen. "Where the avalanche released is about 44 degrees. It's steep."

The center had issued a high avalanche danger advisory Friday after heavy snowfall added to an already unstable base.

"We'd picked up 60 inches in the past eight days," Karkanen said.

Because of high winds and storms, deep snow had collected on east-facing slopes into formations called "wind pil-

lows." One of those pillows broke loose and slid when the weight of a snowmobile was added to it, Karkanen said.

"The slide path from crown to toe was about 1,700 feet (long) and 600-800 feet across," Karkanen said. He said the slide was 12 feet deep in some places when it came to a stop.

Dudley Improta, assistant director of Campus Recreation, helps organize avalanche awareness seminars and is familiar with the Wisher Ridge area.

"Every year we show pictures of Wisher Ridge and the

dangers that exist there," Improta said.

Montana leads the nation in avalanche-related fatalities

per capita, and recently snowmobilers have become the majority of those killed, Improta said.

Improta, Karkanen and McMeekin said that snowmobiles entering avalanche-prone areas have become more common recently because the

machines have become larger and more powerful.

"They go into areas they could have never once gotten to," Karkanen said. "We're seeing a lot more people going

out. I think people are doing a pretty good job with having the proper equipment, but you still can't let your guard down."

One major mistake the group may have made was to have more than one person in a dangerous area at once, Karkanen said. From Olson's account there were a total of eight snowmobilers in the path of the slide as it began.

The Missoula County Sheriff's department is interviewing every individual who witnessed the avalanche in hopes that it can piece together exactly what happened.

"When a group of people witness an unexpected and dramatic event," McMeekin said, "it's not at all unusual for people to have different accounts, especially when human drama is involved."

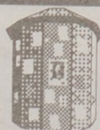
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