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Mysterious smell causes numerous classes to be relocated.

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Kaimin staffers Mike Cohea and Ian Costello weigh in on the unexpected firing of Griz basketball coach Don Holst.

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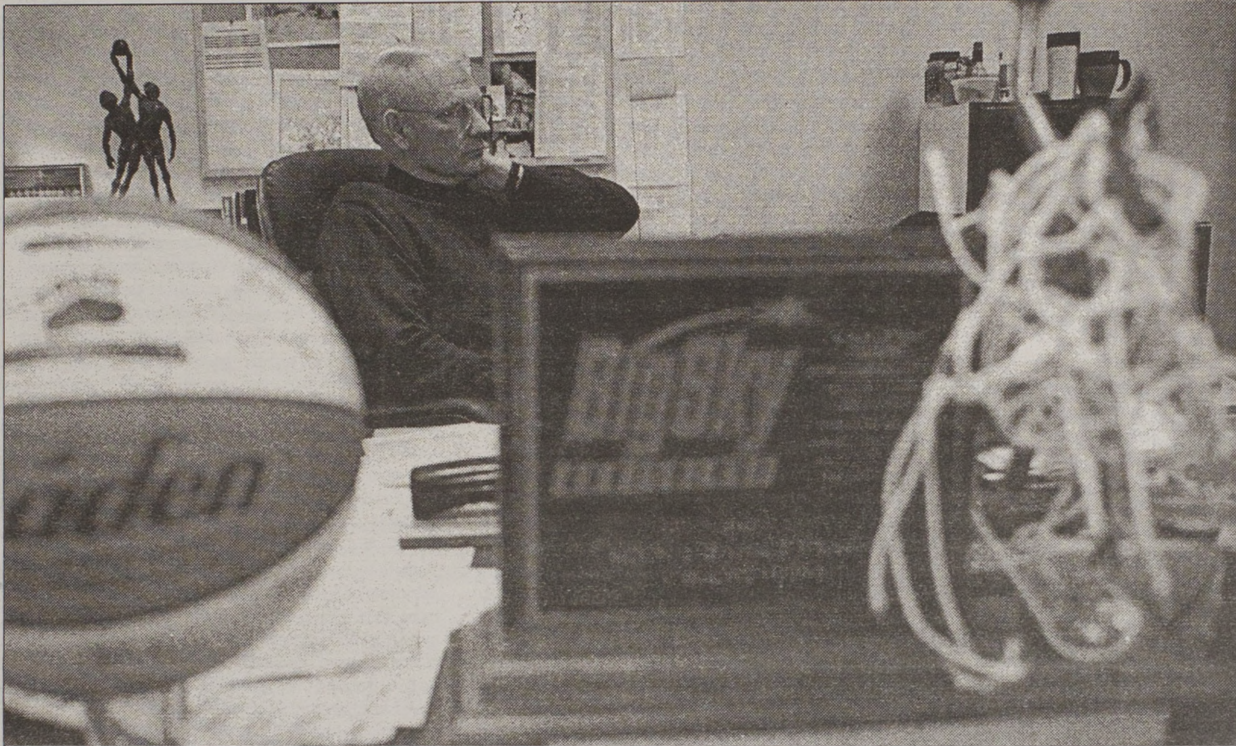
# MONTANA KAIMIN

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Tuesday

March 26, 2002 Issue 78

## Holst ousted from helm of Grizzly hoops



Former basketball head coach Don Holst sits at his desk Monday afternoon less than 24 hours after he was fired.

Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

*Athletic director looking for a 'Joe Glenn' of basketball*

**Brittany Hageman**  
Montana Kaimin

Silence filled the Grizzly men's basketball office Monday.

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An environment normally buzzing with the radio playing and coaches bustling into each others' offices to strategize was instead marked with closed, locked doors and grim faces.

With the Big Sky Championship trophy still perched on his desk — a sparkling black and gold reminder of the Grizzly's late-season turnaround — head coach Don Holst sat forlorn, still astonished after being fired Sunday evening.

"Our whole goal this season was one time, one team, one goal," Holst said. "That goal was to make it to the NCAA tournament. Only 64 got to go, and I don't think any one of the 64 coaches was fired but us."

Initially, Holst was asked to resign, but refused because he said he would be agreeing with UM President George Dennison and athletic director Wayne Hogan that he failed. In Holst's mind, he and his staff did not.

After the team took the Big Sky Tournament, many thought that Holst had earned himself at least one more year to turn the program around, Hogan said.

However, Hogan said early Monday morning that while he appreciated that Holst had won the conference, Hogan had loftier goals in mind for the program's future.

"We evaluated where the program was and this is a sad kind of thing for me because personally, I'm a big fan of Don Holst," Hogan said.

"He's a wonderful guy and is as honest as the days are long. But I have to evaluate the overall health of the program, and let's face it, it was not a good year," Hogan said.

The Griz finished their season at 16-15, and while the luster of winning the conference championship shone bright for the university, it merely disguised the team's mediocre season, Hogan said.

Hogan likened the Griz to "mid-major" teams like Gonzaga and Kent State, two teams that have made deep runs into the NCAA tournament. Hogan said

## Fees to increase for universities across Montana

*UM's increase is below the state average*

**Bryan O'Connor**  
Montana Kaimin

While students were off spring breaking, the Board of Regents was busy approving several fee increases to be instituted next fall.

Mandatory fees were increased an average of 2.5 percent across the state, but UM will only have a 1.46 percent increase, or \$8 per semester. The money will go equally toward the health service fee and the activity fee. The activity fee increase of \$4 must be approved by UM students during the April general election.

Non-mandatory fees for dorm rooms, the University Villages and Dining Services will also go up at UM. Those fees are only charged to students who use those services. UM President George Dennison said there were straightforward reasons for the increases.

"(The fee increase) has to do with energy costs and salaries," Dennison said. The Dining Services fee increase is about 4 percent, depending on which meal plan is used. The Grizzly plan will go up \$106 per year and the copper plan will increase by \$74 per year.

Bob Durringer, vice president of administration and finance at UM, said the costs were unavoidable.

"Sure, part of that increase is for labor," Durringer said,

"But it's mainly due to increasing food costs."

Several classes and labs have seen increased fees as well. Most courses will only have increases of \$5 to \$10, but some of the biochemistry and microbiology labs have \$50 increases. Durringer said this is due to an increase in the cost of chemicals for DNA sequencing and other experiments.

ASUM President Christopher Peterson said he approves of the mandatory fees that were proposed, but is unsure of room and board fees being raised for the second year in a row. As for the student activity fee increase, he said it's up to UM students.

"I won't bring it forward to the Board of Regents if the students don't want it,"

Peterson said.

The student activity fee goes toward paying for the student organizations on campus, ASUM administration salaries, legal services, child care and other services, Peterson said.

Comparably, MSU will have a 5.16 percent increase in mandatory fees heading its way next semester. And there could be another 2.9 percent tacked on to that if an athletic fee is approved by its student body in the next few weeks. The money will go toward paying off MSU's athletic fund's sizable debt and getting that program back on track, Dennison said.

The fee increases also come during a year when students are paying for a 13 percent increase in tuition.

## Candidates' hunt for elected ASUM senate positions begins

*Primary election to be held for president, vice president*

**Chris Rodkey**  
Montana Kaimin

Campaign posters filling the windows of the UC and candidates shaking hands on campus are sure signs that the spring ASUM elections season is in full swing.

As of Monday morning, offi-

cial campaigning for senate seats and executive offices kicked off a three-week process of forums, primary elections and debates, said ASUM elections committee co-chair Scott Jenkins. This year a surprisingly high number of people are running for elected positions, he said.

"We're extremely impressed with the number of senate candidates," Jenkins said. "Now we're just working on getting the word out there so that peo-

ple will come in and vote and decide who will be their representatives."

There are 39 candidates for 20 senate seats, four pairs of candidates for president and vice-president, and the business manager position has one candidate running unopposed.

Those running for office will have their first chance to be heard at candidate forums on Wednesday and Thursday.

This year's presidential and vice-presidential candidates —

Jon Swan and Christy Schilke; Alex Rosenleaf and Ali Tabibnejad; Harley Lysons and Brad Caton and Dustin Hankinson and Kasandra Lundquist — will speak in the UC Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m., where they will give short introductory speeches, then discuss random questions pulled from a hat.

A senate forum will follow on Thursday at the same time, and candidates who show up are

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## OPINION

## Editorial

## The battle of the cookies, the pink slips in sports

Things to do for Wayne Hogan on Sunday, March 25:

1. Wake up on the wrong side of bed.
2. Stub toe on way to applying wrinkle cream.
3. Play 18 holes with UM President Dennison, run past idea of hiring new basketball coach.
4. Wash the Caddy and bake a dozen cookies for Joe Glenn for winning the national football championship last fall.
5. Fire men's basketball head coach Don Holst.

Everyone knows once you leave high school sports are no longer an extracurricular activity but a business. More so than a Dairy Queen or a Blockbuster or a Hooter's. But all too often athletic programs and athletic directors take the easy way out and try to give the programs a shot of adrenaline in the arm, but instead grab the syringe marked "heroin." And then send the program crashing down to the hard basketball court floor.

On Sunday it was Don Holst's turn to take his chance at a Montana-style game of Russian Roulette. While the odds seemed to be in his favor, his game ended with a bang.

But Holst shouldn't shoulder all the blame. Holst isn't the one dribbling the ball off his foot or making an errant pass out of bounds. Maybe instead of blaming the coaches the spotlight should be shined a little further down the bench, to the players.

For all those who say beating Montana State was a fluke, how about beating Eastern Washington, who was 17-13 overall the next day, and hanging with Oregon for a half when everyone thought it would be a blow-out immediately? How do you explain a team going on a run like that if they had a crappy coach? It's easy to explain: they didn't.

ESPN's Tony Kornheiser pointed out that the only thing Holst didn't do this season to save his job was to set himself on fire during half time of his final game coaching UM.

Out of the 324 teams eligible to make it to the Big Dance roughly 20 percent make it in, leaving 259 to watch the tourney on CBS instead of playing their hearts out on the court as the Griz did.

Georgetown, BYU, UNLV, Virginia, Butler and New Mexico State all had better records than the Griz, and they didn't make it to the Big Dance, yet their coaches still have their jobs. Hmmmmmmmmmmm.

So should we expect other coaches of first round exiters such as Gonzaga's Mark Few to be on we-need-a-coach.com? Possibly.

So a few words of warning to Lady Griz coach Robin Selvig: make sure to bring back some netting from your first Final Four appearance next season and maybe you too will get some cookies instead of a pink slip from good ol' Wayne.

—Mike Cohea

## Courtney's Corner

## Beautiful break Las Vegas, Los Angeles style

## Column by



Courtney Lowery

Six girls. Las Vegas, Nev. Los Angeles, Calif. Las Vegas again.

Sequined tube tops and sweat pants. Bottled water, carrot juice and cigarettes. Gas station hot dogs and nacho cheese at 4 a.m., sushi at 4 p.m. Sunburns and seven inches of snow.

But through all the contradictions, one thing remained steady on the last spring break of our college careers — my girlfriends are incredible people.

We departed Missoula at midnight on one of the snowiest nights of the winter. It took us eight hours to get to Idaho Falls. We drove 25 mph in seven inches of snow on the highway at 4 a.m. This was the beginning of an incredibly irresponsible trip for a group of responsible (sometimes to a fault) girls.

Pulling into Vegas at night was like driving directly into a cloud of fireworks.

Could six tired, respectable girls handle Vegas? The first night said "yes." The people weren't as sleazy as we'd expected.

The second night, however, the city of sin came to prove its true self. We got dressed up again, this time, however, dressed a bit classier than before.

Daria, Annie, Sarah and I plopped in front of the nickel slots at the Hard Rock and pulled very slowly. Five bucks can double your money if you pull slowly enough and drink fast enough. (The waitress will keep bringing you drinks thinking you're pouring big bucks into the slots.)

But after a while, this got old for everyone except Daria, who had a black right hand from the slot handle a few hours later. I went up to the bar for a drink. Meanwhile, I peered over railing to see Trinity and Sarah cornered by two men in their 50s with shiny wedding rings. The guy in the tweed jacket was lecturing Sarah on her nose ring and hitting on her at the same time. I laughed and went to the bar. There, I encountered "Classic Vegas Guy." He had a shiny floral shirt unbuttoned to show his nasty chest hair, which was intertwined with a thick gold chain, and he leaned up against the bar next to me.

"Hey, can I buy you a drink? You're pretty. My name's Vinnie. I'm a bartender, but I'm off duty."

He then proceeded to think my waist was public property for his hand. I pushed it away, bought my drink and went down to give my feminist spiel to my friends. As Annie and I were hashing out the disgusting display of dirty old men looking at our breasts, another "Classic Vegas Guy" put his hand on my shoulder.

"Hey, what are all you gals dressed up for?"

I snapped an answer. "We're on spring break.

We're out."

"Oh, well, see, the thing is, sometimes, there are girls who work here. And you know, the black jack dealer and I have this little bet about you girls."

I snapped another response, which contains words I can't print. The man walked away quickly. There I was standing in a beautiful hotel surrounded by beautiful lights, in my best clothes, with my hair fixed for the first time in months, make-up perfectly applied I never felt so ugly.

Why can't a woman look sexy, look pretty, look put together, without feeling like a piece of cattle? We weren't parading. I was just loving to look at these five amazing friends of mine all dolled up and know they are just as beautiful to look at as they are to spend time with.

Most of my columns aspire to find some sort of deeper meaning. Both for your benefit and mostly for mine. But on the drive back from Vegas late Sunday

night, I wracked my brain to find some deeper meaning in a trip to Vegas and L.A. Sure, we laid on the beach. We drank and we were merry. We shopped. We ate bagels in the sun. We danced like Shakers with grooves. We dressed to the nines. We

wore sequined tube tops. We talked about sex and drugs and rock 'n' roll. We did all of this in the name of spring break, like all good college students are supposed to do at least once before they graduate. Even Trin pointed out, our motto in Vegas was, "get me drunk, get me broke and get me fat off of greasy food."

But then it hit me. June and I were sharing the last Chevron hot dog of the trip in Deer Lodge at 3:30 a.m. We had just finished having several amazing conversations. I looked at the lack of blinking lights and I remembered a 45-minute discussion about globalization and environmentalism with Annie in the middle of a casino. I thought about the look on Sarah's face as she told her love story with the man of her dreams I thought about Trinity telling stories from Italy with a gleam of peace and passion in her eye and telling us about being in Venice with the man of her dreams. I remembered sharing stories in a dark car outside of L.A. with Daria and June about our grandparents, death, divorce and love and I remembered holding Daria's hand while June wiped tears from her eyes while driving. I remembered dancing in sequins and waking up with swollen feet. I remembered being crazier than I ever had before and watching my girlfriends do the same.

I realized something — good girls need to be wild sometimes. And wild women have love stories too.

I gave June the last bite of the hot dog and tried to wipe off the nacho cheese that had crusted on my mouth. I was wearing the same clothes I had the day before. I smelled like sweat, smoke and relish. I peered in my rear view mirror to find two smelly but sun-kissed women asleep in my back seat and realized I had never felt so beautiful in my life.

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## Around the Oval

During spring break, the Board of Regents approved fee increases that with tuition increases will raise tuition 9 percent for in-state students and almost 12 percent for out-of-state students. What do you think of this increase?

Follow up: If you could decide where this extra money would be spent at UM what would you choose?

•Kelly Pierron

senior, business

I think tuition is already too high. I pay out-of-state tuition. This is one of the cheaper of the mountain schools. But I'm a senior so I don't really care.

The art program needs more money. A lot of money is already spent on sports and the athletic department.

•Dan Jacobs

junior, geography

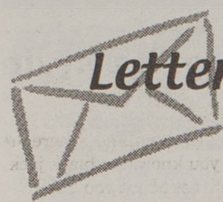
They did? I'm not upset if it matches inflation.

Health care on campus.





# OPINION



## Letters to the editor

### Obese tax sarcasm taken wrong way

Apparently, sarcasm doesn't carry as well on paper as it does in conversation. To respond to Ms. del Duca's letter, my comments were meant to point out the absurdity of the cigarette tax in question, not to actually propose a tax on obese people.

While it is true that cigarette smokers make a conscious decision to do something unhealthy, so does everyone else who gets up in the morning. Part of being alive is the inevitability of death. Whether it comes from smoking cigarettes, eating too much red meat, working in a coal mine or whatever. The fact is that we all make choices that are not necessarily in our best interest in terms of health. Why is it that cigarette smokers have been singled out as the only bad people? What about the drunk with a swollen liver? Where is his/her culpability?

I don't want anyone to think I have anything against obese people, or anyone else for that matter. But, no one has ever proven to me that being obese isn't a choice. You can't tell me that Americans are the only people in the world who have some strange obesity gene that causes so many of our citizens to be overweight. I think it is more likely that the foods that cause us to be that way are much more available here, or that Americans enjoy TV more than exercise. Whatever the reason, it IS a choice.

The point I am really trying to make is this: We live in a society that supposedly values the lives of its members, regardless of their personal habits. As such, isn't it the responsibility of everyone to do all we can to ensure the well being of each other? I don't have a fit when my tax money is spent to help someone trapped under an avalanche while riding a snowmobile. Is it too much to ask for a little compassion when it comes time for my grandfather to get oxygen because he has emphysema?

John Thunstrom  
Missoula, MT

### Writing must be well taught, tested

Dear Editor:  
I applaud the recent decisions to keep and improve the writing proficiency exam. As Courtney Lowery suggested in her recent editorial, such testing is patently unfair, however, if unaccompanied by high quality instruction. We are testing students on a skill which we pretend should be taught to them before they enter the university but which all of us who teach know is not. If we don't make writing

proficiency a serious admissions criterion, we should not be testing students on it without a serious effort to teach it to them. I know from the feedback (and abilities) of students in my courses that include substantial writing assignments that we are not doing much to teach them how to write.

For me the most troubling fairness issue is one of class bias. Writing ability is linked to an educational context which encourages an empowered relation to the written word and exposure to contexts in which written communication is meaningful to a student's life. As critical literacy specialists have shown, such settings are inequitably distributed in our society and are largely linked to social class. Our current mix of testing and non-teaching simply amplifies the class bias that already influences who goes to and graduates from college. It is time for us to accept that American secondary education is largely failing to produce competent writers of the English language and put some real money and effort behind meaningful instruction.

John Norvell  
professor, anthropology

### Protest writing exam if you don't like it

I would like to personally yell out from the roof tops in regard to editor Courtney Lowery's column dealing with the Writing Proficiency Exam. I am the ASUM senator who tried to get it abolished, and when that failed, I tried to pass another resolution. The resolution said students should take the exam in order for the English department to gauge where the writing of the students stood, without the graduation of students pending on this one standardized test.

Every student I have spoken with concluded that this is a pointless, unnecessary waste of students' time and money. If you don't know, it costs the university \$10.75 every time a student has to take this test — fail or pass.

Another startling fact is that 28 to 30 percent of the students who take this test fail it. Many of the students that I have discussed this issue with have said that they know people who are incredibly fluent in writing the English language, and they have even failed it — so I guess I am not alone. In my personal belief, we should not have to load our students down with these incredibly stupid tests. But, as the muscles of the administration flex, they probably would not even think of getting rid of this test. So I propose to you, the students, please let your voices be heard. Obviously ASUM isn't going to

pass a resolution anytime soon regarding the writing proficiency exam. I am fighting ASUM and the administration in hopes to come to a cooperative conflict resolution. Without the help of the students, I don't know if it will be possible. Please, in any way, let me, ASUM, the administration or anyone that will listen know about how you actually feel about this pointless test. Thank you.

Berv Naasz  
ASUM senator

### Kaimin article misconstrues lecture

I am writing in an effort to set the record straight regarding the Kaimin's coverage of my presentation to the Philosophy Forum. Several key points made in the article were inaccurate and actually the opposite of what I said. I did not say that severe amnesia affects people's ethics and morals and I certainly did not say — as the headline indicat-

ed — that memory loss excuses unethical actions.

As the article points out, the focus of my talk was the effect of severe amnesia on emotional experience — not on ethical or moral behavior. The confusion about the content of my presentation is evident when one paragraph states, "Hall discussed the effects of severe amnesia on emotion and personality" while another paragraph says, "Hall focused on the ethics and morality of people who have severe amnesia" and another paragraph points out that I said, "I'd like to focus on the relationship of memory with the emotional state."

The issue of ethical behavior was the result of an excellent question from the audience and was only briefly discussed. What I said is that individuals with severe amnesia clearly have a sense of right and wrong, but may have difficulty articulating why they feel that way in a thorough fashion. This is verified by the quote from the philosophy graduate student, who was quoted as saying, "If you

press for explanations of a moral belief, mostly, amnestics will come up short." I don't recall discussing the issue of responsibility. How this could get translated into a large bold-faced headline saying memory loss may excuse unethical actions is beyond me.

I am concerned that some of my students and/or colleagues across campus may think that I actually hold this opinion. Moreover, I fear that some may have been offended by the misrepresentation of my viewpoint. I hope this letter will serve to clarify matters.

Stuart Hall  
associate professor,  
psychology

*Editors' note: The Kaimin deeply regrets the misunderstanding of the reporter in Wednesday's coverage of Stuart Hall's Philosophy Forum. We hope Hall's letter will clarify the message given at the lecture. Again, we apologize for misconstruing any of Hall's research or findings.*

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## NEWS

# Jacked java joint, junk mail, jolted john

Paul Queneau  
Montana Kaimin

**Thursday, March 14, 9:31 a.m.**  
Radio-Television offices at 730 Eddy were burglarized, and a Zip drive, amplifier, speakers and some personal CDs were taken, said Lt. Jim Lemcke, assistant director of Public Safety. The building was re-keyed.

**Tuesday, March 19, 11:14 a.m.**  
Radio-Television offices at 730 Eddy were burglarized again, and video editing equipment was stolen, Lemcke said.  
"They appeared to have entered through a window,"

Lemcke said.

Lemcke said the officer investigating the crime searched the scene for fingerprints, but no arrests had been made yet.

**Tuesday, March 19, 11:58 p.m.**  
A custodian reported seeing a person removing the light bulb from the porch light at 730 Eddy, according to Public Safety records.

Lemcke said burglars sometimes remove a front light before a break-in, but that the Eddy burglaries weren't necessarily related to the light bulb incident.

Lemcke said the building was given extra patrols, but that it was dif-

ficult to fully protect a location with patrolling alone.

"Going by for 30 seconds three times a day, it's kind of hard (to protect a place)," Lemcke said.

The building didn't appear to have been broken into again later that night, he said.

Computer equipment, especially laptops and screen-projectors are the most commonly stolen item on campus, Lemcke said.

**Monday, March 18, 7:18 p.m.**  
A coffee cart in the Gallagher Business Building

was found vandalized sometime over the weekend, according to Public Safety records.

Lemcke said someone tried to pry open the doors of some storage cabinets on the cart, but that the cabinets contained only equipment and supplies. Money is removed from the cart when it's closed, Lemcke said.

"They didn't get in but they managed to destroy the doors," Lemcke said.

A suspicious package was found outside the main office door in University Hall, according to Public Safety records. It turned out to be leaves in a manila envelope, Lemcke said, and officers threw it away.

**Friday, March 15, 10:45 p.m.**  
Police received a report that a toilet on the fourth floor of Aber Hall had been blown up with a cherry bomb, according to Public Safety records.

Lemcke said it didn't appear that extensive damage had been done, and that there are no suspects.

**Tuesday, March 12, 3:48 p.m.**  
A greenhouse at Dornblaser Field was broken into and 30 CDs were reported missing, according to Public Safety records. The door was damaged in the break-in, and was repaired, Lemcke said.

"It's a greenhouse," Lemcke said, "it's not like it's really secure."

**Tuesday, March 12, 10:45 p.m.**  
Police received a report of a suspicious male in a full ski mask looking in dorm garbage cans, according to Public Safety records. The man turned out to be a member of the custodial staff, Lemcke said.

"He's one of the recycling guys," Lemcke said. "He's a good worker, he just dresses unusually out there doing his job."

**Friday, March 15, 2:47 a.m.**  
Police received a report that a first floor window in Craig Hall had been kicked in, Lemcke said. A residence life custodian witnessed the act, but wasn't able to identify the perpetrator, Lemcke said.

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## NEWS

# Mysterious odor clears classroom, classes relocated

Paul Queneau  
Montana Kaimin

For the second time in two weeks, a suspicious stench has rendered a UM classroom unusable, UM officials said Monday.

"It appears someone may intentionally have left a small amount of chemical in the room, creating a terrible odor that smells like vomit," said Lt. Jim Lemcke, assistant director of Public Safety.

Classes in Room 117 of the Skaggs building were moved to a different location for Monday and Tuesday as the room was treated to remove the odor.

"You smell it and you just go, ughhh," said Lori Morin, assistant dean of the School of Pharmacy, which uses the room for many of its classes.

She notified Public Safety about the smell Monday morning.

The fragrance first invaded Room 204 in the Chemistry-Pharmacy Building on March 13, Lemcke said. After various attempts to quell the smell, the classroom was unusable for a week.

Trash cans and other areas were initially examined for the source of the smell, but there didn't seem to be any obvious origin around the room, said Hugh Jesse, director of Facility Services.

Next the ventilation system was looked at, Jesse said, but wasn't the culprit.

Dan Corti, director of Environmental Health at UM, said the carpet and chair upholstery in the room were then cleaned, and it was finally estab-

lished that a small spot on the floor was producing the stench.

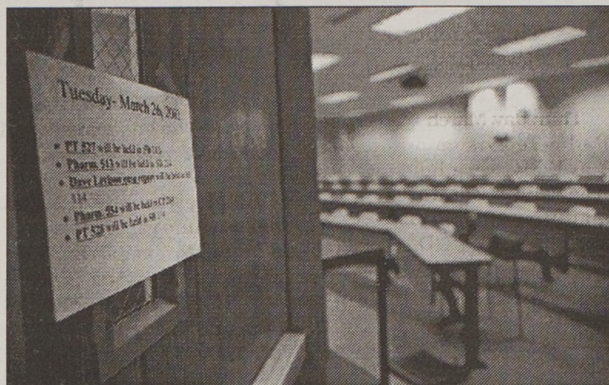
"Certainly at first we were hoping that it was an accident," Corti said. "(After the second time) that hope has now diminished."

Morin said she spent the first part of Monday frantically rescheduling locations for the classes displaced by the odor.

"It was very chaotic because that room is used a lot, so we're trying to scramble," she said. "Hopefully we'll get (the room) back in a couple days."

Morin said the room was last used Saturday afternoon during a pharmacy school entrance exam and the smell was not present at that time.

The room was locked after that, as was the



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

Room 117 in the Skaggs Building was contaminated by an offensive odor Monday, causing all classes in the room to be cancelled for the day. This was the second incident of its kind in the past two weeks.

Skaggs Building, and wasn't unlocked until Monday morning, Morin said.

Morin said that Corti assured her that the substance creating the scent wasn't toxic at the level of concentration found in the room.

Lemcke asked that anyone with information about the smell should notify Public Safety at 243-6131.

"It's sort of a mystery, but we'd like it to stop," said Morin. "It's annoying."

## Regents may fill administration's personal pockets through private funds

Bryan O'Connor  
Montana Kaimin

In an effort to keep top Montana University System executives from going elsewhere in search of more money, the Board of Regents is considering a "golden handcuff" approach, financed by private money.

Under a plan proposed last week, money donated by private entities would be put into a special trust for university presidents and chancellors, which would be paid out when the executives complete their terms. Ed Jasmin, vice-chairman of the regents, brought the proposal to last week's meeting in Havre.

"The goal is to not only keep

the talent we have," Jasmin told the Kaimin Monday. "It's to stay competitive when attracting new presidents."

Jasmin said Montana University System presidents make about 19 percent less than their peers in other Northwestern states. Schools like the University of Idaho and Washington State have implemented plans similar to his to try to keep good leaders from moving elsewhere.

The proposal enables Montana schools to use the plan but does not require them to do so. UM President George Dennison said if the proposal passes, it will ultimately depend on donations.

"Even if it is adopted on a permissive basis," Dennison said, "it's really up to the (UM)

foundation board to determine if there's any money to do it."

Student Regent Christian Hur raised some concerns about the program detracting from other fundraising efforts. Dennison flatly disagreed.

"The answer to that is no," Dennison said. "What people give money to is what moves them. If someone wants to give money for a scholarship, then that's where it goes."

The plan passed the submission agenda with Regents John Mercer and Mark Semmens dissenting. One concern that some of the regents raised was that presidents may feel as if they must serve two masters due to part of their salary coming from the state and part from a private entity.

"We don't want to put the

president in a situation like that," Jasmin said.

Jasmin said Foundations that put the incentive money in trusts will not be allowed to call the shots, nor take money out of the trust if they do not agree with a decision a president makes.

"The president will be allowed to maintain complete loyalty to the university system," Jasmin said.

If the plan passes, Jasmin said it will be up to each university to negotiate a contract between a Foundation and a president, which the regents will then have the authority to approve or not.

Dennison said he is paid less than people who have as much experience as he does in the same position, and Jasmin's plan addresses that problem

without using general fund money.

"It hasn't been possible and it is not likely to be possible to use state money to address that," Dennison said. "So what he wants to do is find another way."

Dennison and MSU president Geoff Gamble each make \$138,448 a year. Dennison said he and Gamble discussed the idea briefly at the meeting in Havre and they both liked the idea.

ASUM President Christopher Peterson said all the staff and faculty deserve to be paid fairly.

"I think there are a lot of underpaid folks in the Montana University System," Peterson said. "We should try and retain them as well."

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## KAIMIN SPORTS

# Top recruit reconsidering commitment to Grizzlies

**Bryan Haines**  
Montana Kaimin

The top men's basketball prospect in the state, Mike Chavez from Browning, is rethinking his decision to come to the University of Montana after the news that head coach Don Holst was fired Sunday night.

Chavez, regarded as the top high school basketball prospect in the state in several years, was recruited by Holst and his coaching staff and signed a national letter of intent to play for Montana next year.

But with the firing of Holst, Chavez now doesn't feel so sure about whether or not Missoula is the right place for him.

"I am a little uncertain right now on coming to Missoula because Holst was the coach who recruited me," Chavez said in a telephone interview.

Monday morning, athletic director Wayne Hogan said that he was going to call Chavez and assure him that he was going to do everything he could to get a quality coach.

"I certainly hope this decision does not make him change his mind," Hogan said. "I hope we get a chance to get in touch with him to assure him that we are going to go out and make the best choice for the future of this program."

If Chavez chooses to leave Montana, he would face the prospect of losing two years of college eligibility. NCAA regulations require transfers to sit out two years before being able to play at another university and forfeit two years of eligibility. However, if UM granted Chavez a qualified release, Chavez would only have to sit out a year and lose one year of eligibility.

Another road Chavez could take would be to file a petition through the Collegiate Commissioners Association for a full release. UM does not have to grant Chavez a qualified release

if he chooses to leave.

Chavez was not contacted about the decision to fire Holst, saying he woke up Monday morning and read it in the newspaper. The decision surprised Chavez since the Grizzlies made the NCAA tournament this year, and he thought that Holst would be brought back for another year.

Although Holst will not be coaching next season, Chavez said he would like to see the assistants kept because they know his abilities and there is a comfort zone with them.

"I am going to have to wait and see what they do with the assistant coaches," Chavez said. "It would be nice if the assistants were retained."

As with Holst, the contracts of his three assistants, Todd Schmautz, Wayne Tinkle and Jim Sampson, were not renewed. However, one or more could be retained by the new head coach.

"In many cases a new coach coming in would opt to retain one or more of those assistants," Hogan said. "But it is up to the new head coach."

Despite the fact that Holst was the coach that recruited Chavez, he said that the hiring of the new coach would only play a partial role in his coming to UM.

"The hiring of the new coach will play a little role in me coming to Missoula," Chavez said. "(But) I still like Missoula because of the town and the fact that I know a lot of people here."

Hogan was confident that Chavez will be in Missoula next fall.

"I suspect that he chose the University of Montana because he wanted to be in Missoula. He wanted to play in this arena and he wants to be a part of this program," Hogan said. "I am going to tell Mike Chavez that my intention is by the time he gets done playing here is to have the team deep in the NCAA tournament."

## Holst

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that while it was great for the Griz to make it to the NCAA tournament, he wants the team to be real contenders.

"I want someone to come in and instill some immediate enthusiasm and I hate using a football metaphor for basketball, but we need someone to do for basketball what Joe Glenn has done for our football program," Hogan said.

Hogan said Holst did a good job coaching from the standpoint of finishing the season strong and mentoring his graduating seniors, but Hogan wants new blood in the system.

For the last fifteen years, an assistant coach within the Grizzly program has taken over as head coach for Montana. While this creates continuity within the system, Hogan said UM would benefit from a new coaching idea.

"Our program has been inbred for a long time and it has reached the point where we feel like we need something different. We need a breath of fresh air," Hogan said.

But Holst doesn't see the close-knit coaching staff as inbred at all. What Hogan called a tired-out staff, Holst called tradition.

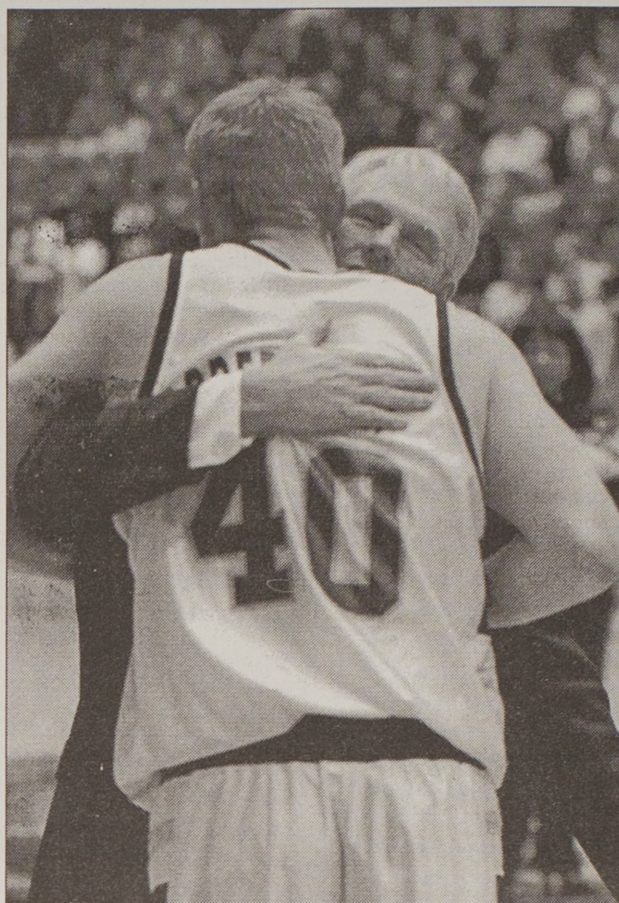
"I've been a part of four of the five teams that have made it to the NCAA," Holst said. "Four out of the five, and I guess that just doesn't stand for as much as it should."

In addition to Holst's dismissal, the contracts of assistants Wayne Tinkle, Jim Sampson and Todd Schmautz will not be renewed as of June 30.

It will be up to the new coach coming in if he wants to keep one of the assistants to smooth over the transition.

Although Hogan alluded Monday to the type of person he was looking for to fill the position, he would not mention any specific names.

"I want someone who can come in and get everyone excited about Grizzly basketball again," said Hogan. "We need to get people back in the seats cheering."



Former Griz head coach Don Holst hugs junior Travis Greenwalt during senior night ceremonies earlier this year.

Holst did say that at the end of last year's season he and Hogan met to discuss the low attendance at the games.

"With the wins you get attendance, but you have to have the attendance, the support, to boost your program, so the two go hand-in-hand," Holst said.

Hogan said he's already had a lot of calls inquiring about the position, including interest from assistants and head coaches that have been consistently deep within the NCAA tournament. Hogan said that he will spend this week talking to coaches during the NCAA Final Four in Atlanta. Basically every basketball coach in the country attends the clinics at the Final Four, and Hogan said he will be able to talk to quite a few interested people.

"The people in this community are going to be surprised at some

of the names that are going to come forward in the next few days," Hogan said.

One thing could make it difficult for Montana to retain a coach. UM hires coaches for one-year contracts which makes job security shaky.

As for Holst's next career move, he said he was unsure as to whether he'd coach again and he didn't know what his next step would be. He also did not rule out taking another coaching job if one was offered to him.

Holst did have one last thought for Hogan as he was preparing to meet with his team for the final time Monday afternoon.

"Wayne, I can leave your office knowing that our kids finished on a very high note — the best in the conference — and no one can strip that from us," Holst said.

# Players react with mixed emotions, surprise

*Concern expressed over timing of decision*

**Bryan Haines**  
Montana Kaimin

Disbelief and shock continue to rattle members of the University of Montana men's basketball team as they come to grips with news that UM handed head coach Don Holst a pink slip.

"I thought someone was playing a joke on me since I was a red-shirt," freshman Chris McKay said. "Even now, when I know it is true, I still don't believe it."

McKay's reaction is similar to others on the Grizzly squad. "I walked into my room Sunday night and there was a message on my machine saying Holst was fired," junior David Bell said. "I was pretty surprised when I heard the news."

"I can't believe it happened,"

Victor Venters said.

Although players were startled at the firing of Holst, they have agreed to remain together as a team and no one will be leaving the program.

"We have to keep an open mind about this and stick together," junior Brent Cummings said. "It is something we can't control and we have to accept and make the best of it."

Players said that they found out about Holst's firing Sunday night through a series of phone calls from teammates. Sophomore guard Matt Luedtke was one of the first to hear the news, finding out about the firing from Marie Porter, associate Athletics Director. Luedtke then got on the phone and immediately started calling his teammates.

Many of the players were unhappy with the way the news concerning the termination of Holst was handled.

"It was interesting how the

news broke," Cummings said. "It was Sunday night when I found out, and many of us had just gotten back from spring break. It would have been easier on the team if we could have gotten together as a team and heard the news from our coach Monday."

UM athletics director Wayne Hogan said that he met with UM President George Dennison Sunday morning, and the two talked for a couple hours about the direction of the program. Once the decision was made to fire Holst, he contacted the coaching staff and informed them that they also would not be retained and then released a statement to the media.

Hogan met with players Monday and talked to them about the future of the program.

"I feel that the meeting went really well," Hogan said. "I think they all walked out of the meeting with a good sense of where the program was heading."

Players said they speculated because the team finished with the regular season mark of 13-14, that the sub .500 record might have been the main reason that Holst was fired.

"There is pressure to win, it is the nature of college basketball," Cummings said. "Everyone likes success."

Venters said another blow to Holst's chances of being brought back were the two 20-point blow-out losses to Montana State during the regular season. "Those two games stick out to me," Venters said. "Especially the one on senior night and we got crushed at home."

Still, despite the struggles in the regular season, the Grizzlies put together a strong run in the Big Sky Tournament and made it to the NCAA tournament. Because of that, many players believed that Holst was going to be back next year.

"It doesn't really matter how the season went, we won the Big Sky Tournament and that

was our goal," Venters said. "It is hard to fire someone after making the NCAA tournament."

Players pointed to the run in the Big Sky Tournament and the last part of the regular season as signs that the team was finally coming together. Montana won five of its last six games before losing in the tournament to the Oregon Ducks, finishing with an overall record of 16-15.

"He coached good and we couldn't have ended the year better," Cummings said. "He proved he could win games."

The run was too little too late for Holst, and now returning players will be playing for a new coach. Despite the shock of Holst's firing, the team has agreed to keep an open mind about the prospect of a new coach.

"You have to have to keep an open mind about a new coach and not go by reputation or anything like that," McKay said.



## KAIMIN SPORTS

# Surprise surrounds sudden shelving of Holst

Column by



Ian Costello

Seventeen nights ago, I sat alone in my room listening to Mick Holien on the radio — half screaming, half crying with joy — calling the last minutes of the Grizzlies improbable upset over Montana State in the Big Sky Conference Tournament. Man, was I surprised.

The next day sitting at Flipper's watching ESPN, I saw the underdog Grizzlies knock off their third opponent, a streak that lasted a little more than 40 hours to claim the Big Sky Title. Again, I was surprised.

When the headlines the next day didn't read "Don Holst saves job," I was a little surprised. It's safe to say that a good handful of things in my life — Santa Claus, Elton John and Nate Schweber — do surprise me. But I haven't been surprised like this since, well, I don't know?

The way Grizzly basketball recruit Mike Chavez found out that the head coach he had agreed to play college basketball for, Don Holst, had been fired was the banner headline on the

front page of the Missoulian, and that surprised him.

Current players were surprised the firing took place on a Sunday afternoon.

It seems as though I'm not the only one more than a little surprised and confused that this happened. So far, the only person who doesn't seem to be surprised at all is athletic director Wayne Hogan, who fired Holst Sunday.

As far as things go, nobody should be that surprised by Hogan's lack of surprise with the decision to remove Holst.

Not surprisingly, Hogan wants Montana basketball to enter the big time, following in the unlikely footsteps of schools like Gonzaga and most recently Southern Illinois and Kent State, other mid-majors who have made significant noise in the NCAA Basketball Tournament in the last years.

Hogan maintains that a goal of going deep into the NCAA tournament is not a "pipe dream." The next time a team from the Big Sky Conference makes the Sweet Sixteen, I will most certainly be surprised. I'll be more surprised if it's Montana.

I am surprised that anyone can honestly refer to the Big Sky Conference as a mid-major. I'll be surprised if Montana ever becomes the recruiting base for the

Grizzlies that Chicago provides Southern Illinois or Seattle and Portland provide for Gonzaga. That won't change no matter who may be coaching here.

At the root of the decision, Holst didn't win enough. Holst was never flashy enough or big time enough for the pipe dreams of Hogan. It's not surprising that Holst may have just been too nice of a guy.

It won't surprise me if Hogan is able to lure a fairly big name coach to Missoula to lead the Grizzlies. It would surprise me if it winds up being former Hellgate High School boy's coach Eric Hayes or former Griz great Larry Kristkowiak. Current assistant coaches Greg Graham at Oregon, LeRoy Washington at Wyoming and Bill Grier from (surprise) Gonzaga wouldn't be surprising choices.

Whoever ends up coaching men's hoops here at Montana will probably be less surprised they got the job than Holst and everybody, except Hogan, were

when he was fired.

It doesn't surprise me that the returning players have decided to stick together and stick it out. It won't surprise me if they lose a lot of games next year.

As surprising as this all has been, no one could say they didn't see it coming

three weeks ago, before the Grizzlies surprising run through the Big Sky Conference Tournament.

And in the end, it's not surprising that Holst wasn't Hogan's man, yet it won't be surprising when students and supporters

rally Wednesday at noon in front of UM President Dennison's office and say Holst was their man. It will surprise me greatly if it makes much of a difference.

It is a surprise that Holst was fired. Chances are he will again be successful before Montana basketball is. That won't surprise me at all.

## Short list of potential successors kept quiet

Although it has been less than 48 hours since Don Holst was fired as the head coach of the Montana men's basketball team, Wayne Hogan, Griz athletic director, stresses the search to find a replacement is already under way.

Hogan would not release specific names that may already be on a short list of candidates but did say he was interested in talking to at least a few specific candidates.

Since Holst's removal, rumors have been circulating about the possibility of former Hellgate High School head boy's coach Eric Hayes or current Old Dominion assistant and former Grizzly great Larry Kristkowiak being offered the job.

Hogan said he plans to talk to several coaches and possible candidates for the job this weekend at the Final Four in Atlanta.

Current assistant coaches Greg Graham, Oregon; LeRoy Washington, Wyoming; Bill Grier, Gonzaga; and Bob Bender, formerly the head coach at the University of Washington, have been mentioned as possible candidates for the opening.

—Kaimin Sports Staff

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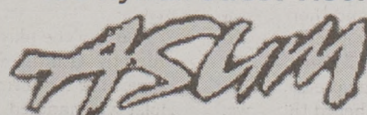
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Primary elections are held for senators only if 40 or more candidates run for office, but since this year's total is one short, all 39 candidates will appear on the final ballot. Twenty senators are then elected to serve for a year-long term.

However, there are enough presidential/vice-presidential candidates to require a primary, and voters will narrow the field to two pairs during primary

elections on April 3.

Following the primary will be two candidate debates, one for senators and another for officers on April 10 and 11. General elections will be held April 17 and 18.

This year 14 senate candidates are running under the "Progressive Coalition Party," a new group of candidates with a unified platform, said Matt Jennings, senate candidate and member of the Progressive Coalition.

Jennings said the new party is still figuring out its platform, but formed with common concerns dealing with higher-education spending, environmental issues and general concerns of the student body.

"We felt that by running some people with common interests together, we could bring a little bit more cohesiveness to the senate," Jennings said.

By running as a party, the senators have the advantage of campaigning as a group and bringing a familiarity of their issues to voters, he said.

Jenkins said so far the campaigning has gone without a hitch. All petitions to run for office had the student signatures verified, and nobody tried to sneak in a fake name, he said.

"I'm hoping there won't be too many mistakes," Jenkins said, "but I'm sure at some point somebody will make one and it will be brought forward."



Colin Blakley/Montana Kaimin

Sophomore Matt Christensen (left) checks out the various campaign posters of candidates for ASUM senate in the UC Monday afternoon. Christensen complained that the posters didn't say what the candidates thought of the issues and said that they didn't influence his vote.

## Blind woman's guide horse agitated in the UC by in-line skaters

Paul Queneau  
Montana Kaimin

A blind woman's miniature seeing-eye horse caused a disturbance in the UC last Tuesday after being spooked by a group of inline skaters, police officials said.

The miniature horse, which the woman was using as a guide animal similar to the way dogs are used, became uneasy when some teenagers on inline skates entered the UC, said Public Safety officer Randy Schuelke.

Schuelke estimated the horse was 36 inches "at the very tallest."

Schuelke said he became involved after the woman, who he thought may have been from Washington state and was estimated to be in her late 40s, asked workers at the UC Market to call authorities.

"The lady was a little sensitive because her horse was sensitive," Schuelke said.

Niki Payton, a barista at the UC Market, was working Tuesday as the situation unfolded.

"She came in with her little

pony and asked us to call campus security," said Payton. "She said (the inline skaters) were distracting her horse."

Payton said the woman had entered the Market on several occasions that day with her horse, garnering attention and questions from bystanders. At one point, Payton said the woman had reprimanded the horse for trying to leave the market, and the horse was startled.

"It tried to run through one of the windows," Payton said. "It crashed into the glass pane. (The horse) was just kind of spazzing out a little bit."

The horse was not injured by smashing into the glass, and the window wasn't broken,

said Payton.

As for the incident with the inline-skaters, Schuelke said the situation turned out to be relatively blameless.

"They were just walking with their blades on," Schuelke said. "My impression was that there was no malice there."

At least one of the kids apologized to the woman for spooking her horse, Schuelke said.

Rebecca Taylor, a UM grad student in wildlife biology, is also professional assistance dog trainer with the Great Plains Assistance Dog Foundation in Jud, N.D. She said she had read a magazine article about miniature horses being used as assistance animals.

"People have started train-

ing them recently and claim that they are good," Taylor said. "According to the article) one major advantage of horses over dogs is that their life spans are substantially longer, and that's about all."

Both Schuelke and Payton said the woman claimed her horse was one of only two like it in the country.

"It had a little banner on it identifying it as a seeing-eye horse," Schuelke said. He said it also had special shoes covering its feet to protect the floor from its hooves.

Schuelke said he thought

the woman may have been traveling and had stopped on campus to give her horse a bathroom break.

Payton said she felt that the woman may have been overly sensitive about the inline skaters.

"I think she made a bigger deal of it than it probably was," Payton said.

Regardless, Payton said it was day she wouldn't soon forget.

"It was definitely one of the stranger things I've seen come thorough the UC Market," Payton said.

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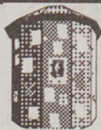
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A new free report has recently been released that reveals information every car accident victim should have before they speak to anyone. Research shows that even a "fender bender" can cause pain, headaches, loss of energy, fatigue, irritability and even arthritis. Many car accident victims worry more about their car than they do their rights. If you have been involved in an auto accident, listen to the toll-free recorded message by calling:

1-800-800-4960 ext. 9893.  
The call is free and so is the report.

**Car Accident Victims**

The Kaimin assumes no responsibility for advertisements which are placed in the Classified section. We urge all readers to use their best judgment and investigate fully any offers of employment, investment or related topics before paying out any money.



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### LOST & FOUND

LOST: Electronic organizer in black leather case. Make: Visor Handspring, blue. PLEASE call 549-6970.  
FOUND: In Forestry Bldg: single key, SLC Olympic pin, cream knit gloves. Claim at reception desk.

### PERSONALS

FOXGLOVE COTTAGE B&B Griz Card Discounts for your guests. 543-2927

Hey Guys! Be a good lover. Get checked for infection. Medical Clinic at Curry Health Center for an appointment. 243-2122.

Are you uneasy about how your date turned out last night? Maybe you said no, but your date wouldn't take no for an answer. SARS at CHC can help sort things out. 24-Hour Hotline: 243-6559

TAMING YOUR TEST ANXIETY SEMINAR! Saturday, March 31st, 9:00 - 12:00 at the Curry Health Center. FREE! Call the Counseling and Psychological Service 243-4711 to register.

Remember the night...Avoid drinking games.

Jewish students welcome to attend community Passover Seder, Thursday, March 28 at 6:30pm. Call 523-5671 for information and reservations.

FEAR, PANIC, WORRY...Learn to manage your anxiety. Led by Sherry Ellis, LCPC, and Kerry Maier, LCPC. Anxiety is an everyday reality for many people. This group is designed to assist those who would like to understand and learn skills to manage anxiety and panic. Beginning Thursday, March 28th, from 9am-10:30 am. If you are interested in attending this group, please call the CAPS office at the Curry Health Center at 243-4711 for a brief interview.

ADSUM - Alliance for Disability and Students of The University of Montana, a non-profit student organization presents Griz on Wheels, a wheelchair basketball tournament on April 13, 2002. The tournament is open to everybody. To enter your team, call 243-2636 or e-mail adsum@selway.umd.edu Registration is \$50 per team of 6 players with free t-shirts for each player. All proceeds go to bringing Serena's Song back to Missoula.

### HELP WANTED

BE A BARTENDER. Must be 18 yrs+. Earn \$15-\$30/hr. 1-2 week program. Job placement. Flexible hours, get certified. 1-406-728-TIPS (728-8477)

Missoula Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for summer positions as park maintenance, urban forestry, tennis staff, sport coaches and officials, playground leaders, aquatics staff, cashiers, ropes/teams course facilitators and outdoor program staff. Deadline April 5 or until positions are filled. Postings and applications available at Parks and Recreation, 100 Hickory or http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/ParksRec. No phone calls, please. EEO/AA, M/F, V/H Employer

\$250 a day potential/bartending. Training provided. 1-800-293-3985 ext. 417

Wildland Fire Training 543-0013  
Gift of gab? Courtesy callers/doors. GREAT \$\$\$ Info 728-7022

Summer Jobs - Yellowstone KOA Campground West Yellowstone, MT, Guest Service, Housekeeping, food service & maintenance. Great place for the summer. Affordable housing available. 406-656-7703 or online www.coolworks.com/yellowstone-koa

Part time Tuesdays and Thursdays \$8/hr. Domestic Housekeeper/Gardener needed. Within walking distance of campus. Call 543-0003 between 1:00pm and 4:00pm

### KATMIN CLASSIFIEDS

The Kaimin runs classifieds four days a week. Prepayment is required. Classifieds may be placed at Journalism 206 or via FAX: (406)243-5475 or email: kaiminad@selway.umd.edu.

Student/Faculty/Staff Off Campus \$3.00 per 5-word line/day RATES \$1 per 5-word line/day

LOST AND FOUND: The Kaimin runs classified ads for lost or found items free of charge. They can be 3 lines long and run for 3 days.

### SERVICES

CARPET CLEANING Average apartment \$35-\$45. Call Ken 542-3824. 21 years experience.

Carpet Cleaning Av. Apt. \$35.00-\$45.00. Licensed/Insured. 26 yrs Exp. Call Steve 543-5342 for free estimate.

Self-Defense classes start THIS THURSDAY! Sign up at the UC Box Office or risk being caught unawares! Experimental College 243-6187

### FOR SALE

Sega Dream Cast. 5 games, 3 controllers, 2 memory cards, 1 rumble pack, \$175. 829-0654

91 Jetta, furniture, m.bike equip., camping, ski & board, yakima equip. whatever. Call Brian 829-9724

### FOR RENT

ROCK CREEK CABINS WEEKEND CABIN \$22-\$55/night. 251-6611 www.bigsky.net/fishing

Spacious 3 bdrm apt in 4plex, central location, no pets. 543-6713

### ROOMMATES NEEDED

Female Roommate needed. Call 728-5862

### BOOKS\*BOOKS\*BOOKS

QUARTER MOON BOOKS sells, trades & buys great used books. 1 block from campus @ 1221 Helen Ave. 728-3016

### CLUBS AND STUDENT GROUPS

FRATERNITIES \* SORORITIES \* CLUBS \* STUDENT GROUPS Earn \$1,000-\$2,000 with the easy Campusfundraiser.com three hour fundraising event. Does not involve credit card applications. Fundraising dates are filling quickly, so call today! Contact Campusfundraiser.com at (888) 923-3238, or visit www.campusfundraiser.com

### POTTERY CLASSES

DANGER! CERAMIC FEVER! No known cure. Not fatal. Pottery classes help symptoms. 7 sessions, \$39.00. Begin week of March 24. 543-7970