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MONTANA KAIMIN

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Wednesday

September 4, 2002 — Issue 2

UM President Dennison focuses on future

State of the University address outlines ongoing goals

Chris Rodkey
Montana Kaimin

While times may be tough on the financial side of the University of Montana, there is no better time to go ahead with plans for the future, UM President George Dennison said in his annual State of the University speech.

The 45-minute speech, which attracted more than 150 faculty members, students and University staff members to the Montana Theatre Tuesday afternoon, outlined how the University has had to deal with the recent shortfalls in the state budget and new goals to focus on for the next five years. Dennison also touched on the idea that public universities as a whole are in danger of becoming private institutions if trends in state spending continue.

"Because higher education has an alternative funding source from tuition and fees," Dennison said, "policy makers shift the cost to the students and explain tuition as a form of user fee."

The public view universities as a means for students to get degrees and earn higher salaries in their futures, he said. Instead, people should see higher education as an investment in society, with returns coming through skilled laborers in public services.

"This nation attained its enviable world position because of the commitment to public higher education," Dennison said.

The funding cuts coming out of this summer's legislative special session have reduced state spending on the education portion of UM's budget from 74 percent in 1992 to 34 percent for the upcoming year, Dennison said.

Instead of taking money out of academic programs, funds were cut from various areas around campus, including placing the computer

replacement plan for staff on hold for a year, reducing maintenance costs and cutting money from the contingency fund.

Students are still the University's main priority, however, and Dennison said that "so long as the students continue to perceive fair value in the exchange of dollars for education, the University will do well."

Dennison then moved on to point out the successes the University has seen in the last decade. He said those gains must be used to continue making UM stronger by listing goals for the next five years.

Dennison said he hopes to raise expectations by adjusting admissions standards to "improve the student profile" so that all students can benefit from a UM education.

He also said the University should offer programs in an outreach to communities in Montana and the region.

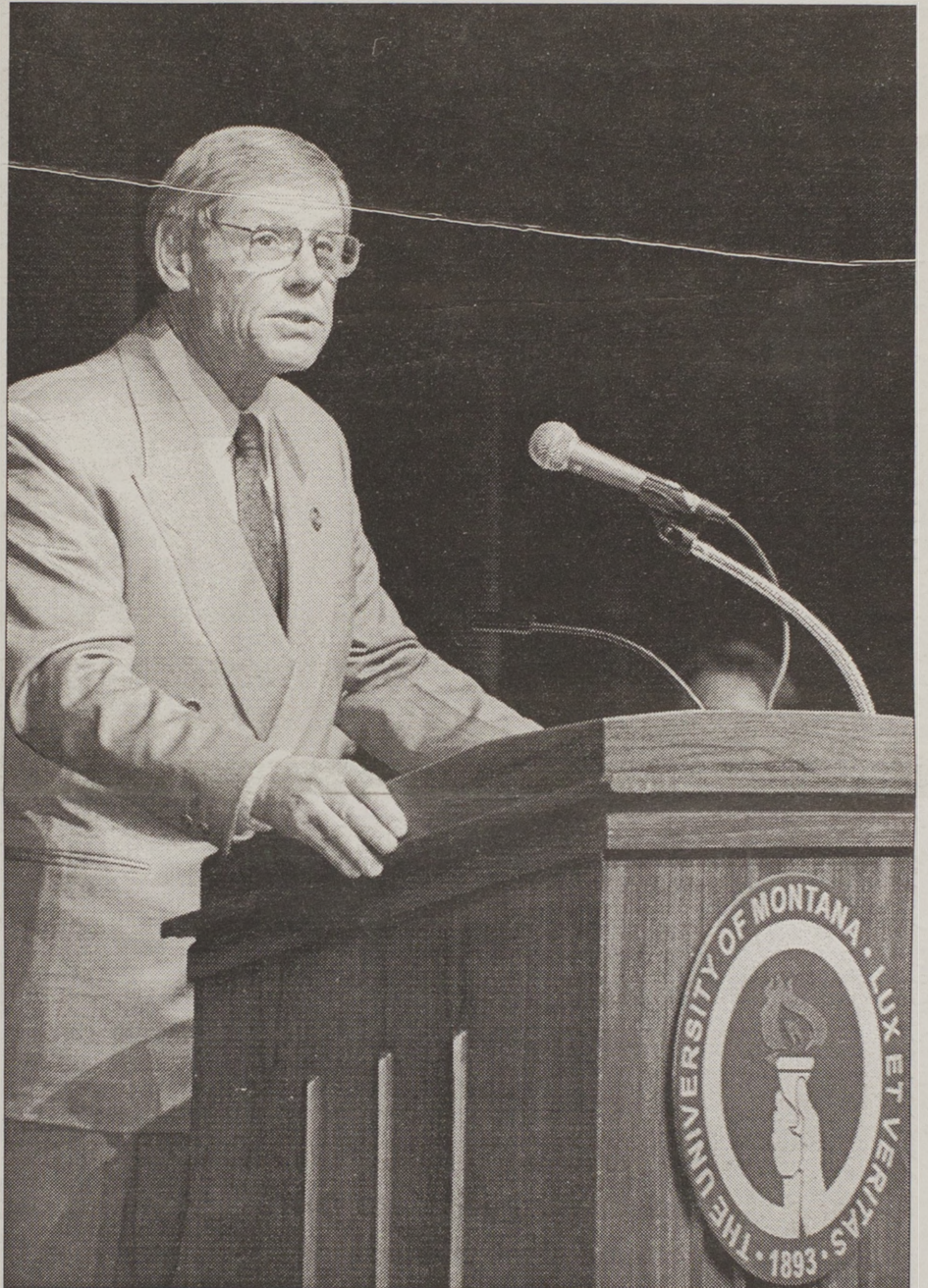
The University should also work toward Carnegie classification as a Doctoral Research Extensive University by increasing the number of doctoral programs and degrees UM offers and looking for money from external sources to support graduate research, he said.

Raising money for new renovation and construction projects on campus and raising the University's endowment to \$150 million were also mentioned by Dennison.

ASUM President Jon Swan said he was mostly supportive of the president's speech. He said the goals Dennison set forth were good, but some needed to be considered carefully. He said he hoped that student input would be considered in the decision-making process.

Swan said he thinks the state of the University is strong, but there is still much to do.

"I think the University has some battles left in front of it in terms of convincing the legislative body of the importance of higher education," he said, "but I think that UM is doing a great job of producing responsible citizens who are out to change the world."



UM President George Dennison gives his State of the University address in the Montana Theatre on Monday afternoon. Dennison discussed economic factors contributing to the University's policies. Colin Blakley/Montana Kaimin

Renter issues take center stage

New center seeks to ease student housing problems

Natalie Storey
Montana Kaimin

"Healing" the problems with off-campus housing-related issues is a goal of the new ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center and its new director, Judy Spannagel.

"I really think everyone can win," said Spannagel, a graduate of UM's School of Journalism. "The city of Missoula and the campus are married. That is just the way it is. And it is always better if mom and dad stay together. So let's

make it work for everyone. We can. I know it is possible."

The Off-Campus Renter Center opened this fall, 18 years after it was first proposed by MontPIRG in 1984. The center is located in suite 114 of the UC Center, at the ASUM Office of Transportation.

Spannagel said the services the Renter Center provides will probably evolve over time. For now, Spannagel said she hopes to create a community forum where UM renters, neighbors, property owners and managers can discuss issues related to off-campus housing for University students. The center will also offer day-to-day assistance and information to students, neighbors and other interested parties. Spannagel will be attending City

Council meetings and will track the progress of any new or existing proposed housing regulations. She will also work with various groups to encourage the creation of additional housing options for UM student renters.

According to information supplied by ASUM, UM had 8,718 students living off campus in 2000. Seventy-six percent of those rented. Of Missoula's residential rental property, 28 percent was rented by UM students.

The large number of student renters is one of the reasons why a renter center was needed at UM, said Jon Swan, ASUM president.

"This fall, with the University expecting an even larger enroll-

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UM football player arrested in dorm

Vernon Smith cited with disorderly conduct

Kellyn Brown
Montana Kaimin

A UM football player was arrested Saturday in Miller Hall and cited with disorderly conduct and obstructing a peace officer, both misdemeanors, police officials said.

Vernon Smith, a junior cornerback from San Diego, Calif., was part of a larger group that was asked to leave the dorm by a

resident assistant at about 9 p.m., said Lt. Jim Lemcke, the assistant director of Public Safety.

"The R.A. didn't believe they were allowed in the dorm," Lemcke said. "The guys believed she was incorrect and they didn't leave, so the R.A. called the police."

Lemcke would not comment on why the R.A. said the men were not allowed in the dorm.

When Public Safety arrived, the men scattered, refused to talk to police and continued to be loud and disorderly, Lemcke

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OPINION

Editorial

Get active at UM but be wary too

It's the start of a new school year at UM and everywhere young impressionable students wander there are groups looking to recruit members for their causes.

There are myriad religious, political, environmental, social and other groups that are pitching their messages or causes to the masses of new and returning students. They tell you that college is a time for getting involved, for doing something good for yourself, for your country or for the environment. Just walk through the UC today and see it for yourself.

It's true; students should be involved in something besides the day-to-day routine of classes, homework, working out and going downtown. We should all have a cause to believe in and actively support.

But use caution when choosing your cause. Some groups want you to fork over membership fees. Ask where that money goes and what it's used for before blindly pitching in. Ask for written materials that outline specifically what the group is all about and what goals they have accomplished.

Be skeptical when a representative of a group makes promises to you. Ask them to prove what they are trying to sell you on. Talk to as many members of the group as you can before joining. Then ask yourself: Is this really what I want to be?

Ask yourself why this group wants you to join. Is it for your money, your unconditional support, or to bolster their numbers so they can receive money from outside sources?

Consider this, a study released earlier this year by the Animal Liberation Front found that \$6.02 million in damage was done on college campuses last year by radical activist groups (some by the ALF). The damages included arson, vandalism and various other forms of destruction. In the post-Sept. 11 world, violent acts of protest are now being cast as terrorism by the current administration, so make sure you understand just what you are affiliating yourself with when you sign on the dotted line.

This is not a slam on student groups. There are many upstanding organizations students can join, but taking the time to fully investigate before you sign up could save you money, time and embarrassment later on.

Realize that affiliating yourself with a certain group sends a strong message to your peers, family, friends and anyone else you come in contact with. Think about how it will hinder or help you when pursuing a career or further scholastic endeavors.

Joining a solid group that has a good reputation can be a life-changing experience and allow you to do something more productive than taking bong hits or working on your tan. Or it can simply be a bullet for your resume.

Remember that propaganda is forced upon you every day, and it is up to you to sort through it all and find the truth. Feel lucky that you attend a campus that has such a thriving activist community in a generation that has been branded by the baby boomers as a lazy, uninvolved bunch of loafers. College is a time to find yourself and identify with like-minded people, so get out there, find the facts and get involved.

— Bryan O'Connor

Cerf's up

Otherworldly love, or a lack thereof

Column by



Courtesy Touchstone Pictures

Nathaniel Cerf

Well ... It's Wednesday. And if I hear, "So, what did you do over the break?" one more time, I think I'll throttle someone.

Is it because I've heard it 7,000 times in the past week?

No.

Is it because everyone's answer is exactly the same?

"I went home, got a job, drank some beer and chased around members of the opposite sex."

No, that doesn't bother me either.

Is it due to the fact that the people who genuinely care how your summer went already know, and that the people now asking are just grasping at straws to fill in uncomfortable and benign conversation?

Nah, I was just having a momentary lapse of cynicism.

The question bothers me because this summer I developed Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Ya know, the heavy duty psychological diagnosis they generally give people who go on murderous rampages in post offices and other public places.

Sure, my summer was great at first. I went home, got a paid internship, drank some beer and chased after a few women who were faster than me.

Then "it" happened while I was driving home to Missoula on I-90.

I was cruising along a vast open stretch of Wyoming late at night. There was a blinding light, which I mistook for a cockeyed, high beam from a pickup truck.

Before I knew it, Spidy — my trusty Saturn — stalled while doing 75 mph. We left the pavement and floated into the sky.

Next thing I know, I was being undressed by a mess of little grey creatures who had big black eyes.

I told them I was holding out for dollar bills, but the cheap little buggers didn't fork over any cash.

They proceeded to take me to another room and did unspeakable things to me that I can't relate in this G-rated rag.

However, the end result was my becoming the first human male to be impregnated. With the exception of an uncontrollable desire to knit booties and eat pickles, pregnancy wasn't so bad.

I eventually gave birth to the most beautiful three-legged, two-headed (it) I ever saw. (It) definitely had my baby blue eyes — four of them.

I named the left head Dana and the right head Fox.

Yet, just as I was recovering from giving birth, the little grey buggers put me back in Spidy on I-90 like nothing ever happened.

I've been in contact with the Intergalactic Civil Liberties Union (ICLU), but they haven't helped much. Their lawyers say that the grey creatures had a permit, and that the abduction season doesn't end until November.

Worse still, they had no respect for my custody rights.

I've been in contact with the Intergalactic Civil Liberties Union (ICLU), but they haven't helped much. Their lawyers say that the grey creatures had a permit, and that the abduction season doesn't end until November.

When I complained, the ICLU told me to quit my bitching, and to

be glad that the little buggers didn't put a homing device in my skin and pierce my ear with a big bright orange tag.

Meanwhile, I miss Dana-Fox something fierce. (It) was a shoo-in to win the three-legged races at my family reunions.

I'm also suffering from a killer case of postpartum depression and PTSD.

So, if you see me on campus wearing my aluminum foil hat to keep the grey buggers from reading my brain waves, please don't torture me by asking about my summer. Reliving the horror is too much, especially five to 10 times a day. Once a week with my shrink is enough.

Thanks, I knew you'd understand.

— Nathaniel Cerf is a graduate student in journalism. He hopes that the next time he is abducted it is by an attractive red-head with nice curves. He's quick to add that he'd also gladly be abducted by an attractive brunette or blonde. Any takers? We're sick of him already.



Around the Oval

The dean of the College of Technology, Paul Williamson, wants to build a hydrogen-powered campus. If you could power campus with any fuel source, what would it be and why?

•Amie Whitters

sophomore, elementary education

There's all this crap everywhere, like dog crap that people bury in their yards and people crap that we just flush. Why can't we just use all of that?

•Matt Pickett

senior, organizational communications

My favorite element is carbon. Have you ever had a good barbecue steak with a lot of carbon on the outside? To make all of the environmentalists mad, I'd use carbon, all the dirtiest carbon around.

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NEWS

Pushed potties, possible prowler, pilfered publishings

Kellyn Brown
Montana Kaimin

Friday, August 30, 6:40 p.m.

A stack of eight books was reported stolen from a student in the University Center, according to Public Safety records.

"(The student) set the books down to make a phone call and when he came back the books were missing," said Lt. Jim Lemcke, the assistant director of Public Safety.

Friday, August 30, 11:37 p.m. A possible prowler was reported in the University Villages. UM Public safety responded and checked the area but couldn't locate the suspect.

Saturday, August 31, 1:10

a.m. Public Safety responded to a report of possible drug use in Aber Hall. The residents refused to answer the door and under state law, officers can't go in without consent, Lemcke said.

Monday, September 2, 1:39

a.m. A portable toilet was tipped over near the Van Buern Street walking bridge, according to police records. Public Safety said that they didn't know who did it, and called the company that owned it to come pick it up.

"These things seem to happen between 1:30 and 2:30 in the morning," Lemcke said.

Monday, September 2, 3:10

a.m. Public Safety responded to a fight "with alcohol involved" in Elrod Hall, according to police records. No one was hurt and no citations were issued.

"Apparently, the people knew each other and they settled the altercation before we got there," Lemcke said. "They handled their own problem."

Monday, September 2, 9:44

a.m. A transient was shouting at passers-by on Kim Williams Trail. Lemcke said the subject was removed. No further information was available.

Monday, September 2, 11:00

a.m. Two small children were found unattended by an officer, and the children were returned to their parents' residence. The children were between 1 and 3 years old, Lemcke said, and the information was turned over to family services.

Monday, September 2, 4:47

p.m. Public Safety responded to a University Villages' resident requesting assistance dealing with an ungovernable 7-year-old, according to Public Safety records.

"(Public Safety) stood by while the parents called another service," Lemcke said.

Monday, September 2, 7:17

p.m. A person was trapped in an elevator on the ground floor of the UC. The subject was freed 13 minutes later.

"Most of the time people figure out they can press the door open button, and the door opens," Lemcke said.

Monday, September 2, 11:13

p.m. A mother black bear and her cub were found near the Van Buern Street walking bridge. They were each darted by Fish and Game personnel and removed from the area.

"The bear was up a tree, and after it was darted, it was removed," Lemcke said.



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New evidence uncovered in WorldCom investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two top WorldCom officials apparently were told of potential accounting problems in March, according to an e-mail released Tuesday by a House committee investigating multibillion-dollar errors in the telecom giant's books.

The March 18 message to WorldCom founder and former CEO Bernard Ebbers and ex-chief financial officer Scott Sullivan from another official cites "questions" about accounting issues related to preparation of the company's annual financial report.

WorldCom, which owns the nation's number two long-distance telephone company, MCI, became the biggest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history on July 21 — about a month after disclosing it had falsely inflated profits by \$3.9 billion by concealing expenses.

The Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange

Commission are investigating the accounting abuses. Sullivan was indicted Aug. 28 as federal prosecutors accused him of overseeing a long-running conspiracy to hide the expenses. Sullivan, who is free on \$10 million bail, could get up to 65 years in prison if convicted on charges of securities fraud, conspiracy and filing false statements with the SEC.

Sullivan's attorney has said his client was a victim of "a rush to judgment."

Ebbers' lawyers have said he had no knowledge of the allegedly fraudulent accounting decisions.

Ebbers received \$400 million in loans from WorldCom and a \$1.5 million annual severance payment for life.

Both Ebbers and Sullivan invoked their Fifth Amendment privilege and refused to answer lawmakers' questions at a July 8 hearing by the House Financial Services Committee.

Other e-mails in the group provided to the panel by WorldCom and released Tuesday show that Ebbers and Sullivan appeared to have gotten advance notice in March that investment firm Salomon Smith Barney was removing WorldCom from its list of recommended stocks.

Another e-mail indicates that Sullivan sought in April to brush off questions about WorldCom's finances from the credit-rating agency Moody's Investors Service.

The committee is investigating whether Salomon Smith Barney, which is the investment division of banking giant Citigroup, and Salomon telecom industry analyst Jack Grubman gave WorldCom special access to shares of hot new stock offerings as an inducement for investment-banking business. The panel recently issued a subpoena for documents to Citigroup.

Dow dives 355 points Tuesday

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks tumbled Tuesday as investors grew skittish over a series of developments ranging from lower-than-expected manufacturing activity to brokerage downgrades of Citigroup Inc., and Ford Motor Co. The Dow Jones industrials fell 355 points.

"We're back to work from a not-so-good August," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. "We came in with a couple of downgrades and just a general sense the economy hasn't picked up the way we would like to see it."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 355.45, or 4.1 percent, at 8,308.05, its fifth straight day of decline. Tuesday's drop was the largest one-day loss since July 19, when the Dow fell 390.23, and

it came after a 2.4 percent decline last week to break a five-week winning streak.

The broader market also finished sharply lower. The Nasdaq composite index declined 51.01, or 3.9 percent, to 1,263.84, after falling 4.8 percent in the previous week to end three weeks of gains.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 38.05, or 4.2 percent, to 878.02, following a drop of 2.6 percent.

The Institute for Supply Management said its index of business activity remained steady at 50.5 in August, below analysts' expectations of 51.8. An index above 50 signifies growth.

Analysts say investors were intently watching the release of several economic reports this week, including the ISM report, as they seek evidence that the

recovery is continuing now that accounting scandals appear to be fading.

Next week's anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and concerns about a possible war with Iraq also are encouraging some nervous investors to lock in profits now, analysts say.

"It's a series of smaller things looming up in the face of 9/11 and the fact that September is historically the worst month of the market. It's getting us off to a lousy beginning," said Tony Cecin, director of institutional trading at US Bancorp Piper Jaffray in Minneapolis.

Last week, the three major indexes fell in thin trading before the Labor Day weekend on a spate of mixed economic reports as well as profit-taking following five straight weeks of gains on Wall Street.

NEWS

'Wild Night' entertains 500 people

Mechanical bull and live music are crowd pleasers

Jeff Windmueller
Montana Kaimin

With skydivers, obstacle courses, and one crazed bull — well, mechanical bull — University of Montana students and staff worked to turn the Eleventh Annual Moonlight Mix and Mingle into One Wild Night.

The event took place at the University Center Tuesday night from 5 p.m. until nearly midnight and was created to welcome all students, new and returning, to UM. More than 500 people showed up for food, music and entertainment.

This year's Mix and Mingle kicked off with an aerial display as three skydivers jumped from 7,000 feet, linked together to form a spinning three-man star and glided over a crowd of dazzled onlookers. The UM Silvertip Skydivers signaled the beginning of a night filled with extreme-themed events.

Kayaks, tents and other outdoor paraphernalia dangled from the ceiling as students, faculty and children rushed to the front of the lines. The most popular

event was the mechanical-bull ride.

"It was slippery and my inner thighs hurt ... from squeezing the bull so hard; it was actually a lot of fun," said Megan McIntyre, a student and event staff member.

"I rode a bull for four seconds and got some free coffee, so I feel good," said Kellen Gilreath, a UM freshman from Helena.

Athletic young adults, children and parents joined in the fun as they competed in the 35-foot-wide by 16-foot-high inflatable obstacle course. Participants jumped through tunnels, squeezed by plastic barriers and pulled themselves up a steep wall before sliding to the end.

"It was fun; it was definitely worth doing," said UM student Ron Richie, after tumbling out the course's exit.

The original idea for the theme 'One Wild Night' was created by three UM students, two of whom returned this year. Katie Rykal, program coordinator for Residence Life, and Steve Langley, program specialist for UM, surveyed students last May, and began planning the immense event over the summer.

"As far as this year goes, compared to before, it has more student involvement," Rykal

said. "It's not just a dinner, there's a lot more offered."

The event was set up by about 85 people from organizations all over campus, including Residence Life, Greek Life, the University Center, Campus Rec and the University Villages. All volunteers received a T-shirt and food for the evening.

"This is the first year we've had such a diverse group of campus departments and organizations working with the Moonlight Mix and Mingle," said Jennifer Brenner of the UC's Office of Student Involvement. "All the way from planning to helping with actual events. The amount of collaboration to make this happen was huge this year."

More than 50 students handed out about 5,000 fliers and hung 250 color posters advertising the events.

"I've never seen an event that was as well planned and marketed," said Joel Zarr, director of the UC. "If there was a student on this campus who didn't know about it, I'm not sure they're really here."

The night was topped off with a live band, the Clintons. The six-member rock band from Bozeman packed the UC ballroom with listeners as they blasted chords from their new album,



A skydiver prepares to land on the Oval Tuesday evening as part of the Moonlight Mix and Mingle festivities. Nick Wolcott/ Montana Kaimin

"Who Invited Roger?"

"I wanted to see the Clintons; I'll go to see them anywhere they play," said UM student Kelsey Nugent.

"We've had an amazing turnout; there are students from all over campus, by far the wildest place in town," Brenner said.

Summit to aid poorest people, fight pollution

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — With world leaders taking the stage and demanding action, negotiators at the World Summit put the finishing touches on a global plan to improve the lives of the poor while preserving the environment.

The first of more than 100 world leaders gathered here opened their portion of the 10-day summit Monday with impassioned pleas for solutions to a litany of problems, including starvation in Africa, European and Asian floods, and financial crises in the Americas.

"Humanity has a rendezvous with destiny," French President Jacques Chirac declared. "Alarms are sounding across all the continents ... We cannot say that we did not know!"

Late Monday, negotiators resolved the last main sticking points in a 70-odd page action plan covering a slew of environmental and development woes, including energy, clean water, health and sanitation. Most of the items were geared to helping the world's poorest people without polluting.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged delegates to commit to firm action to solve problems identified a decade ago at the Earth Summit in Rio.

"The focus from now on must be on implementing the many agreements that have been reached," he said.



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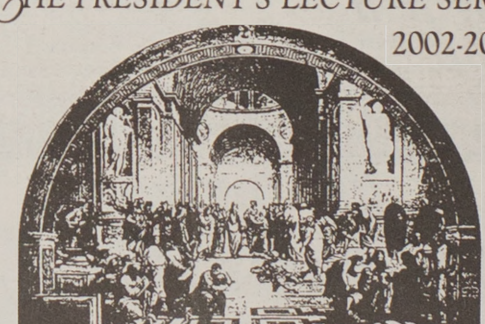
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Dean wants hydrogen-powered C.O.T.

Katherine Sather
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Since becoming Dean of the University of Montana's College of Technology last January, Paul Williamson has put much thought into the school's future.

The future, he says, is hydrogen power.

Williamson points out that many states have already invested in the development of hydrogen power, a non-polluting alternative to fossil fuels.

He believes Montana should too.

It could provide a new source of revenue for Montana by creating new jobs and ideas, he said. He believes the key to establishing Montana as a leader in the hydrogen energy economy begins at the College of Technology.

He wants to build a new hydrogen-powered campus for the school.

The 10-year project would cost \$70 million, and would be the first

in the nation.

"It would be the cornerstone of hydrogen energy, the central place for the development of the new energy resource and new jobs," he said.

Throughout the summer, Williamson worked to gather support for his ideas about hydrogen. He formed the Montana Futures Coalition, a group of about 20 state residents who support his goal, and gave several lectures to educate the community about hydrogen power.

His ideas seem far-fetched to some, he said.

"A lot of people aren't very receptive to new ideas," he said. "If you ask most people on the street, they can't tell you very much about hydrogen."

However, he believes that Montana is the perfect place to produce the fuel. The state provides all of the natural resources needed for production, including oil, gas, coal and water. In addition, Montana is home to one of the only operating platinum mines in the country. The

metal is used to produce fuel cells, which act as batteries in hydrogen power.

Ed Rosenberg, chair of UM's chemistry department, agrees that hydrogen power is the fuel of the future. Not only is it non-polluting, it saves energy. Some fuel cells are more than twice as efficient as burning natural gas, he said. "I think Williamson has a great idea," he said.

However, the production of hydrogen presents some dilemmas, he said. Hydrogen must be generated through electrolysis of water, coal gasification, or extraction from petroleum products.

Williamson questions the economics of these methods.

"What is it going to cost to make hydrogen?" he said. "You'd have to rely on solar energy or hydroelectric power to produce the fuel. That could require a big investment."

Williamson believes that once Montana makes the investment, it will repay itself by providing a boost to the economy.

He hopes to obtain federal funds as well as private, industrial, and business partnerships to build a hydrogen powered College of Technology. The college would cost \$50 million, with an additional \$20 million for equipment, he said.

While he's not yet decided on a location, he hopes to finish construction within 10 years.

"We need to establish Montana



Josh Parker/Montana Kaimin
Dean Paul Williamson displays a model of the hydrogen-powered campus that he hopes to make a reality.

as a leader in this industry," he said.

The campus would have three buildings, including a medical center, a business center, and an innovations and applications center.

"There will be a whole new level of job training available,"

Williamson said. "We want the best trained hydrogen work force in the U.S. to attract business and industry to the state."

He hopes hydrogen power will create a new economy in Montana that will provide funds for state infrastructure development.

Rosenberg supports his efforts: "I think this is exactly the kind of thing universities need to be doing: pushing the envelope in the frontiers of technology."

American sets roller coaster riding record in Germany

HASSLOCH, Germany (AP) — Windburned and weary after 104 days of gut-churning rides, American Richard Rodriguez proclaimed a new record Tuesday for continuous roller-coaster riding — his latest in a 25-year passion.

Alternately enduring temperatures of 102 degrees and pouring rain, Rodriguez spent at least 10 hours a day - or at least 1,040 hours - on the punishing climbs and 203-foot drops of the "Expedition Ge-Force" MegaCoaster at the Holiday Park in southwestern Germany.

The new record - recognized by amusement parks and roller coaster producers but not by the Guinness Book of Records - breaks the 100-day record Rodriguez set last summer at the Six Flags Over St. Louis amusement park in Eureka, Mo.

"It was the most difficult challenge by far," Rodriguez said Tuesday, stepping out of the bright yellow cars he has ridden since May 23. "I wasn't sure I would be able to stay on - the designer of the coaster gave me only 10 days."

The 42-year-old doctoral student in psychology at Loyola University in Chicago has been setting roller-coaster riding records in the United States, England, Canada and Germany since the late 1970s.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

UM Productions: New boss, new 'tude, new acts

Luke Johnson
Eye Spy Reporter

UM Productions is back for the 2002-03 campaign with a new staff, a new director and a different attitude; all of which are efforts to bring big name acts back to Missoula.

"It is our job to bring in the big shows, and that is what we intend to do," said the new UM Productions Director, Ally Ruvolo. "Students need to know that we are trying as hard as we can to get the acts to play here in Missoula."

Only four years ago, UM Productions played host to a sell-out crowd of 22,000 fans who packed Washington-Grizzly

Stadium to see Pearl Jam. Then UM Productions saw its concert-bookings privileges taken away. Last year, those privileges were reinstated.

"We're still looking to re-establish ties with promoters, and prove to them that we can handle a big show, treat the artist right and sell a lot of tickets," said Joey Parchen, graphic design coordinator. "Landing a huge act like Pearl Jam could be just what we need to get ourselves back on the map."

Already on tap for UM Productions this year are Credence Clearwater Revisited, Joe Diffie, Kenny Chesney, Tracy Lawrence, and String Cheese Incident.

"Judging by the differences of tastes in music here at UM Productions, we're going to try and bring in a diverse group of artists," said Andy Eastman, the marketing coordinator.

UM Productions is a student-funded, student-run outfit that gets its money from ASUM and uses profits from concerts, comedians and other acts to bring more shows in.

"With our ticket prices, we're just looking to break even, and anything over that we use to fund our smaller shows which don't draw as many people," Ruvolo said. "People need to understand that we are trying to do everything we can to get good acts in. We want to see

those shows come here as bad as you do."

Missoula has been losing good concerts to the likes of Bozeman and Billings. Acts such as Matchbox 20 and Incubus have played Bozeman within the past year. Most recently, Tool elected to set dates in Billings and Bozeman rather than here in the Adams Center.

"It's unfortunate," Ruvolo said. "Bozeman has a bigger venue, more seats to fill, and more people willing to pay to get in."

Last spring semester's Weezer concert in the Adams Center was only filled to about half capacity.

"If people don't buy tickets,

then we lose our popularity," Eastman said. "Some people complain about ticket prices, but a night for a student going downtown is, at minimum, going to cost \$20 and may not end up being very much fun. Students have got to be willing to put up a little bit of dough to see a good band."

Bringing good bands to Missoula takes some effort, Eastman said.

"I wish that people had a better knowledge of what it took to bring good shows here, but I'm not going to make excuses," Eastman said. "I want to stress that it is going to be a good year and that we at UM Productions plan to kick ass."

Broadway to drop by Missoula

A bit of New York culture has hurdled mountains and rivers to bring Broadway musicals to Missoula.

Season tickets for the Broadway in Missoula 2002-2003 season will go on sale Monday, Sept. 9. The University Theatre and The Theatre Council, a Chicago-based Broadway presenter, have formed a multi-year venture to bring four Broadway productions here each year.

The season will begin Oct. 25 with the Broadway Musical "Cabaret," which won four Tony Awards in 1998, including Best Revival.

On Dec. 18, "Rent," said to be one of the most exuberant and original American musicals of the last decade, will be performed after selling out theaters in New York and cities around the world.

Songs from the well-loved "Grease" will ring through the University Theatre on Feb. 4. And finally, "Lord of the Dance" will be the finale of the inaugural year of Broadway in Missoula on March 25. This production will be held in the Adams Fieldhouse.

People can buy season tickets for the shows. With the season pass, they will get personally chosen seats and will not have to stand in line or worry about sold-out shows. Buying the season pass will also save patrons almost 20 percent of the individual ticket price.

Season tickets cost \$150 and will be available Sept. 9 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the University Theatre.

—Eye Spy Staff

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Yippee Ki Yi Yay!



Ben Woody rides the mechanical bull at the Moonlight Mix 'n' Mingle in the UC Tuesday evening. The mechanical bull was part of the annual mixer, which also included music from The Clintons.

Colin Blakley/Montana Kaimin

'Rebellion' stirs masses with laughs and music

Ira Sather-Olson
Eye Spy Reporter

It's another hazy night at Jay's Upstairs.

One can observe hundreds of conversations as they bounce back and forth about this or that. Rock, punk and new wave music blast from the PA system, and there's a sort of musical intoxication in the air. Anticipation can be felt as the first band starts to set up. Then, in the coming moments, No-Fi Soul Rebellion brings on the noise.

No-Fi Soul Rebellion is composed of Mark Heimer and Lucas Tanglen. Heimer plays the bass, guitar, and apparently, just about anything else. Tanglen plays his "Soul System One," a hybrid bass

guitar with a CD player built into it.

As far as influences go, Tanglen name-dropped the Partridge Family and Weezer.

"Well-crafted pop music, such as oldies music" has influenced his contributions to the band, Heimer said.

One could tell from the very first song of their set that the band has an excellent and hilarious stage presence. Heimer even noted that sarcasm is a big part of their live shows, which made their show all the more entertaining. Both musicians fed off of the crowds energetic response to their funk influenced bass-lines and drum-breaks.

Tanglen's skills as a bassist

were shown with absolute clarity, although at times, it was hard to tell if most of his playing was done live or pre-recorded on CD. Heimer helped to bring on the humor and noise with distorted guitar riffs and James Brown-like poses on stage.

Standout songs of the night included "Let's Get Nasty," in which both musicians showed off some dueling guitar talent and quite a sarcastic enthusiasm for sex.

The song "Me and Jesus" went from a soft emo rock song to an all-out dirty, distorted rock fest. As the pair sang and screamed "I just want a companion," Heimer was given a rose by a sympathetic member of the audience, adding more hilarity to the night.

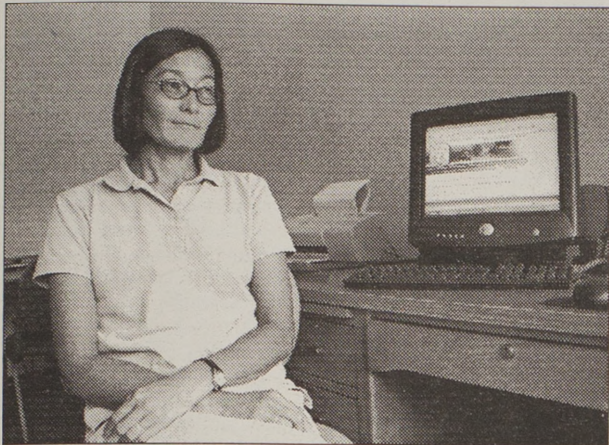
One could notice many a head nodding and hips swaying during their live show, demonstrating that they have built up quite a fan base in their supposed 160 years of being the No-Fi Soul Rebellion. The band jokes about having been in existence since 1842.

Among other things, these boys exercise great musicianship mixed with a much-needed sense of humor lacking in many bands these days.

With a full-length release under their belts entitled "The Chocolate Demos" and an EP slated for release this September, fans of this band will be sure to eagerly snatch up their forthcoming mini-album. You can check 'em out this Friday at Jay's Upstairs at 10 p.m.

NEWS

New center looks to strengthen students' technical writing skills



Nancy Mattina, the director of the Writing Center, hopes the new center will help students improve their writing.

Natalie Storey
Montana Kaimin

A new service on campus will seek to answer a question possibly more fundamental than, "How's my driving?"

The Writing Center at UM hopes to answer the question, "How's my writing?" for grammar weary UM students.

"I really see writing as a basic tool for being an educated person," said Nancy Mattina, the director of the Writing Center. "You write to learn and when you learn to write you are actually teaching yourself the content of what you need to learn."

The Writing Center will provide tutoring for UM students at no cost. It will offer drop-in tutoring, scheduled tutoring and online tutoring. The center will also provide workshops intended to improve undergraduate writing and help students access local writing resources. In addition, it will provide seminars to help students pass the upper division Writing Proficiency Assessment.

Students must pass the WPA in order to graduate. The test was implemented in 1999. Typically students take the test at the end of their sophomore or beginning of their junior years.

"We think that the Writing Center will be a great improvement in the way the (WPA) is administered," Mattina said. "We want you to pass this assessment and we are going to provide the services for you to do it."

"I think the writing center will be tremendously beneficial," said Assistant Provost Betsy Bach. The Provost's Writing Committee oversaw the creation of the Writing Center. "One of our goals is to graduate students who can write well, and this will help us do it."

The first seminar will be Sept. 10, and tutoring services begin Sept. 16.

The Writing Center is located in the Continuing Education Building.

In the past, students who failed the WPA got a letter explaining how they could hire a tutor, Mattina said. Students who fail the test will now be referred to the Writing Center where they can acquire a tutor for free.

Assessments with failing grades can be picked up at the Writing Center where a tutor will go over

and general help with writing skills.

The Writing Center is not part of the English Department. It is run by the Provost's Writing Committee, Mattina said.

Funding for the center came from a special allocation in the University budget, Bach said. The funding was requested by University President George Dennison and will be funded through special allocation for one year. The Writing Center was allocated approximately \$100,000 for this year.

The Provost's Writing Committee is also responsible for the WPA and its content.

The committee rewrote the criteria by which the WPA is scored over the summer.

"Honestly they weren't changed very much," Bach said. "I just think some points were clarified."

The criteria can be found on the WPA Web site at www.umt.edu/provost/writingassessment/.

For more information on the Writing Center go to www.umt.edu/writingcenter.

the test with the student.

The purpose of the Writing Center, however, is not to edit student papers, Mattina said.

"Tutors are not there to correct papers," she said. "They are supposed to teach the student, bit by bit, how to write. They are there to teach writing skills."

Students can receive help not only with the WPA, but also with term papers, English exit exams

Firefighter takes flight

BOZEMAN (AP) — A veteran Bozeman firefighter is putting the final touches on the plane he will use in the "Flight Across America" this week, an airborne memorial to the victims of Sept. 11.

Dave Miller, 60, will be among pilots representing all 50 states who will gather in three East Coast cities this week.

But before he gets off the ground, Miller has to get his experimental aircraft up in the air.

"When I found out they accepted me, I was doing some revamping of it," he said. "The engine was out. I had the cylinders in

California. The guys at the firehouse said, 'You got a problem. You gotta fly to New York.' And I've been working 'round the clock almost ever since."

Miller read about the flight in an aviation newsletter, and decided he'd be a good candidate since he's been a firefighter for 35 years — and knows how to fly.

"They scared the hell out of me when they accepted me," he said. "It's a mixture of tremendous honor and responsibility."

Miller is a Pennsylvania native who came to Bozeman in 1960 to attend Montana State University.

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KAIMIN SPORTS

Young honored; Pitcher set to return

New scoreboard's arrival from New York delayed

Bryan Haines
Kaimin Sports Editor

Trey Young looks nothing like Clark Kent off the football field, but on Thursday night against Hofstra, he had all the characteristics of Superman as he led a swarming University of Montana defense.

The senior safety had seven tackles, a quarterback sack, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries.

"Young had a big red S on his chest," Grizzly head coach Joe Glenn said. "He was everywhere making plays."

Paced by Young, the Grizzlies were able to end Hofstra's streak of 255 games without a shutout.

In its last three games, Montana has allowed just six points, with those coming in the national championship game against Furman.

For his efforts Thursday, Young was voted co-defensive Big Sky player of the week along with

Montana State's Kane Ioane.

The Bobcat safety had 21 total tackles, including 13 solo take downs. Ioane also forced a fumble and recovered another one.

Offensive player of the week honors also went to a Bobcat — workhorse running back Ryan Johnson. The bruising back had 216 yards rushing in the Bobcat's 27-24 win over Saint Mary's.

Eddie Johnson of Idaho State was named the special teams player of the week after averaging 52.3 yards per punt in the Vandals' 48-7 win over Western Montana.

After missing last week's opener against Hofstra because of offseason shoulder surgery, defensive end Ciche Pitcher has been cleared to play in this Saturday's home opener against Albany, N.Y.

"The good news is that Ciche is going to play," Glenn said. "How much he plays though depends on how he feels."

Pitcher had surgery after last season to mend a torn labrum in his shoulder. He wasn't fully

recovered and was forced to sit out last week, but was cleared for full physical contact by the team's training staff.

Having Pitcher back will give a boost to a defensive line that played well against Hofstra, but is a little thin depth-wise.

Jon Varona will miss this entire season after having the same surgery as Pitcher on his right shoulder, and Curt Colter is still not 100 percent after having a preseason knee surgery.



The screen that will be handling the replays during Saturday's game will only give fans a preview of what they can

expect. That is because the screen is only a loaner from Datronics while the main one UM purchased is moved from New York City to Missoula.

"The only difference in the screen will be the size," UM Athletic Director Wayne Hogan said. "It is a little bit smaller than the one that will be permanently installed, but it has all the video

capabilities."

Hogan had hoped to have the permanent replay screen installed by the first home game, but delays in bringing the screen to Missoula stalled the process. Officials had trouble obtaining permits to remove the screen, which was hanging in Central Park in New York City.

All the people walking below made it difficult to bring in machinery to take the screen down, Hogan said.

Griz fans will probably have to wait until Homecoming for the main screen to finally be installed.

"In a perfect world, it could be installed and ready to go by the second game," Hogan said. "More than likely though, it won't be ready until the third game. But it will be up by then."

DIVISION I-AA POLL

School	Points
1. Montana (85)	2,146
2. Northern Iowa	1,932
3. Lehigh (2)	1,834
4. Furman (2)	1,680
5. Appalachian State	1,667
6. McNeese State	1,651
7. Eastern Illinois	1,511
8. Youngstown State	1,502
9. Delaware	1,369
10. William and Mary	1,353
11. Maine	1,271
12. Georgia Southern	1,148
13. Portland State	1,109
14. Sam Houston State	821
15. Villanova	816
16. Northwestern State	710
17. Eastern Kentucky	658
18. Grambling	593
19. Montana State	585
20. Hofstra	542
21. Florida A&M	529
22. Western Kentucky	411
23. Hampton	400
24. Jacksonville State	363
25. Harvard	221



Nick Wolcott/Montana Kaimin
Lance Spencer practices blocking drills Tuesday afternoon at Washington-Grizzly Stadium as the Grizzlies prepare for Saturday's home opener against the Great Danes.

Intramurals introduces forfeit fee

\$30 fee designed to reduce the number of forfeits

Chelsi Moy
Montana Kaimin

If you are looking to relive the glory days of high school sports, or possibly just love the thrill of competition, then run, jump and lunge over to the Fitness and Recreation Center to sign up for intramural sports.

Campus Rec will be offering a variety of sports with co-recreational, men's, and women's leagues.

However, it doesn't come without a small price.

The forfeit fee of \$30 is being reimplemented. It was taken out of effect a year ago due to the administration's difficulty with returning

money to team managers. Without the fee forcing teams to show up for games, Intramural's Coordinator Lheni Garza said she noticed a significant decline in team organization.

"A lack of team management increased," said Garza. "It can ruin a whole league if a team consistently forfeits games. People just want to show up and play. We are just trying to make that happen."

The forfeit fee is not the only new policy to get people to their games. All teams are now required to have 12 members on their team instead of eight. "People are going to have things come up at the last minute," said Garza. "Hopefully, this way teams won't get left short-handed."

Rosters for outdoor soccer, touch football and co-recreational ultimate frisbee will be due at the front desk of the Center by 5 p.m. on

Wednesday, Sept. 11. There will be a mandatory manager's meeting Thursday, Sept. 12.

For teams interested in participating, a twilight tennis tournament, 3-on-3 co-recreational sand volleyball tournament, and Fall Classic Golf Tournament are also part of the intramural's fall agenda. The tennis and volleyball tournament is free of charge and rosters are due by Friday, Sept. 13. Rosters for the golf tournament should be turned in by Tuesday, Sept. 18. It is \$15 per person.

The intramural staff is also catering to students' demands by adding new fall events, such as a bench press contest and badminton tournament. Both events are in November and are free of charge.

Rosters for volleyball, squash, racquetball and co-recreational soccer are not due until the end of September.

Old pros Madden, Michaels on 'MNF'

NEW YORK (AP) — They've tried a comedian and old quarterbacks. Now, with John Madden and Al Michaels, "Monday Night Football" is turning to two old pros who promise an emphasis on games, not gimmicks.

ABC Sports lured Madden from Fox for its football franchise this season, pairing him with Michaels, who has been in the "Monday Night Football" booth since 1986.

After working three exhibition games, the new ABC team makes its regular-season debut Monday with an attractive matchup: the Pittsburgh Steelers against the defending champion New England Patriots in a rematch of the AFC championship game.

"I feel like I've worked with John for 10 years," Michaels said Tuesday. "It's that comfortable, it's been that easy, it's been that enjoyable."

ABC has a lot riding on the new team. Ratings for "Monday Night Football" have dropped seven straight years, more than 15 percent during the last two years. But with the network's prime-time collapse over the past year, the show is still one of the most reliable programs on its schedule.

Madden and Michaels say they hope the network's fortunes improve. But they weren't ready to take ABC on their backs.

"All we can do is prepare as perfectly as possible to make the best of every game we can," Michaels said. "There's really nothing we can do to bring up the ratings except be as good as we can be. Everything else would just be a trick. It wouldn't last very long."

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Potential isn't everything

Column by



Bryan Haines

Potential.

No single word dominates the sporting world like this one does. If you are an athlete whose scouting report includes the line "has tremendous potential," then you might as well figure on landing with a team no matter what you do in your career.

Athletes with potential always seem to turn up on a team, no matter how terrible their previous stints with teams have been. This is similar to a buddy who repeatedly dates a girl whom you and your friends can't stand. You could be sitting on your couch watching football with him, and as though Scottie beamed her down, there she appears. Your buddy can't explain it. He just simply says, "This time will be different. She's changed, trust me."

Need proof?

Ryan Leaf, Laurence Phillips, Lamar Odom, Isaiah Rider and my personal favorite Darryl Strawberry all had the tag of "can't miss talent, with great potential" stuck on them throughout their careers. They also shared

the dubious distinction of having off-the-field behavior as acceptable as passing gas in church. Drug use, violence toward women, arguing with coaches and teammates, suspensions and basically being idiots were trademarks of this group and many others.

With the exception of Odom, all of these players are out of professional sports after bouncing around from team to team as general managers took a chance on them simply because of their potential.

Unfortunately, general managers seem to look past current playing ability, trying instead to foresee the future of a player. And, like Miss Cleo, the results are usually suspect at best.

Guessing on a player's potential has cost the San Diego Chargers a quarterback who, at times this preseason, looked like the team's best option.

Saturday afternoon the Chargers released Dave Dickenson, leaving the 5-foot-10 quarterback searching for a job. The decision to cut Dickenson left he and his agent, Ken Staninger, greatly disappointed and a little confused.

Dickenson appeared to outplay Seth Burford, the rookie the Chargers kept in his place. But the intelligent managing brass in San Diego didn't think so.

Fortunately for Dickenson, he

didn't have to look very long for another job. Monday afternoon the 29-year-old quarterback was signed off the waiver wire by the Seattle Seahawks. Dickenson will sit third string again this season. However, he will be in the backup role for a brief stint behind Matt Hasselbeck, who took over when Trent Dilfer went down with a knee injury. With the Seahawks current starter playing less than stellar during the preseason, Dickenson could finally see some playing time if Hasselbeck can't get it done at the start of the season.

Of course when Dilfer gets healthy, whoever is starting at the time, be it Dickenson or Hasselbeck, will be sent back to the bench. Of course, Dilfer has won the last eight games he has started, so that move is a no brainer.

While I don't wish Hasselbeck any bad luck, I hope Dickenson gets a chance at some point this season to prove to the NFL what he can do.

No, he isn't 6-foot-3 with a cannon on his right arm. What he is, though, is a winner. Dickenson has won at every level he has played on. He guided C.M.R. of Great Falls to a class AA Montana championship in high school, then carried the Grizzlies to their first I-AA championship back in 1995. He excelled in the Canadian Football League and has played well in basically every preseason NFL game he has been in.

Hopefully Seattle will give Dickenson a chance to do what he has done every time he has stepped out on the football field — win.

More than likely though, Dickenson will be pushed aside for a yet another young stud that possesses a rocket-arm and the glorious "potential" tag.

Guessing on a player's potential cost the San Diego Chargers a quarterback who, at times this preseason, looked like the team's best option.

Grizzly volleyball remains unbeaten

Ladies sweep by Gonzaga to improve to 4-0

Brittany Hageman
Montana Kaimin

The Grizzly volleyball team took Tuesday off, and rightfully so. After winning four matches in a span of four days, including the Ruby's Montana Invitational and a game against Gonzaga on Monday, head Coach Nikki Best gave her team a day to rest and recoup.

"I was a little concerned that we might be tired, or fatigued from the weekend, and we were," Best said.

The team had only Sunday to rest between the tournament and Gonzaga.

But the Griz's mental toughness kicked into overdrive as they downed Gonzaga in three straight games, 30-26, 30-27, 30-19.

During the match, Best wanted to focus defensively on the Zags 6-foot-2-inch middle blocker, Abby Cullen.

"We knew if we could limit her ability to kill the ball, then we could beat them," Best said. "She's the kind of player who can really go off and get a lot of kills in a short amount of time."

The Griz took Cullen out of the game by serving tough. This started a chain reaction that made the Bulldogs' passes sloppier and their sets less precise, which translated into more difficulty killing the ball.

Best assigned Mary Forrest, a 6-foot junior, to brick-wall everything Cullen put over.

"Mary did a terrific job of shutting her down and getting a piece of everything she hit over," Best said.

Cullen, who normally leads her team in kills, ended the game with only six and had an attack percentage of around 12 percent.

Because Cullen couldn't get into her rhythm, her team couldn't either, Best said.

On the offensive side of the game, Griz outside hitters Lizzie Wertz and Whitney Pavlik combined for 27 kills.

The Thompson sisters, Claire, a junior, and Diana, a freshman, combined for 47 UM assists.

Game two was the closest, and Best said she gave the players a little pep-talk in the locker room between games two and three.

"I told them to go out during the third game and be aggressive and attack so we could get out of there and go home to rest our bodies," Best said.

The Griz responded by pounding down enough kills to tally a hitting percentage of more than 50 percent. That means more than half the balls they hit over the net hit the floor.

"Apparently they really did want to get home and get rested, because they put an exclamation point on the match," Best said.

The win puts the Grizzlies record at 4-0, and it's been almost 10 years since the Griz started the season off on a four-game winning streak.

Best said she hopes to keep the momentum rolling this weekend as the team travels to San Diego for a tournament on Sept. 7.

Seahawk's Hasselbeck to start against Oakland

Dickenson will be second string after Dilfer injured

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Trent Dilfer's knee is still not healed so Matt Hasselbeck will be the starting quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks when they open their regular season Sunday in Oakland.

Coach Mike Holmgren said Tuesday he's uncertain of Dilfer's status. Dilfer was in uniform, but not in pads, and did not take part in Tuesday's 90-minute practice.

"Little by little, he's getting better every day," Holmgren said. "As far as exactly where he is and when he can come back and play, no one can exactly tell me that."

Dilfer sprained his right knee in the Seahawks' exhibition opener Aug. 10 and Hasselbeck started the last three exhibition games. The injury was supposed to keep Dilfer sidelined four to eight weeks.

Demoted by Holmgren when the Seahawks re-signed Dilfer as a free agent during the offseason, Hasselbeck did not have a good exhibition season. He had a 40.3 quarterback rating, throwing five interceptions and one touchdown pass.

He was intercepted twice in Seattle's 31-0 loss in its exhibition finale in Denver last Thursday

night. The Seahawks finished the preseason 1-3.

If Hasselbeck gets hurt in the Seahawks' opener, Holmgren's replacement quarterback would be either Dilfer, if he's healthy enough to play, or newly signed third stringer Dave Dickenson.

"I'd consider dressing him, yeah," Holmgren said of Dilfer.

The Seahawks signed Dickenson as a free agent Monday after waiving 1992 Super Bowl MVP Mark Rypien, 39. Dickenson, 29, was released by the San Diego Chargers.

Rypien was with the Seahawks 15 days after being signed as insurance because of Dilfer's injury.

"Dickenson became available and we like him," Holmgren said. "We just went for a younger guy who's a little more mobile who, if inserted into a game, can maybe get out of trouble if he had to get out of trouble."

The Seahawks also could be without two other starters for the Raiders' game: Pro Bowl defensive tackle John Randle (knee) and linebacker Anthony Simmons (knee).

Randle, who missed training camp and the exhibition season after offseason surgery on his left knee, wasn't even on the practice field Tuesday.

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NEWS

West Nile Virus kills transplant patient

ATLANTA (AP) — Government health officials confirmed Tuesday that the West Nile virus had killed one transplant patient and infected at least two others, raising concern that it can spread through transfusions and other medical procedures. Federal officials said they were speeding development of a West Nile blood test.

Until now, the virus had been thought to be transmitted to people only through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the victim died in Atlanta after receiving an organ from a Georgia woman who was killed last month in a car accident.

Three other people also received organs from the woman. The CDC said two of them have the virus and have developed encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain. West Nile has not been confirmed in the third person, who is recovering from a milder infection.

Health officials said the organ recipients could have contracted the virus from mosquitoes, but it is unlikely. The cases are believed to be the first West Nile infections from a medical procedure.

No blood test exists to detect the virus, even in people who show symptoms. Instead, patients are diagnosed based on their immune response to the virus, which takes about 15 days.

Coming up with a quick blood test is a priority, said Dr. Lester Crawford, acting commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, which regulates the

nation's blood supply.

"We are discussing with the secretary possible strategies to stimulate the development of these tests," Crawford said before meeting with Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

The CDC said the organ donor received blood parts from at least 60 people, making it extremely difficult to find the source of the virus. She could have also gotten the virus from a mosquito bite, authorities said.

Even if a test is developed, health officials said they were skeptical that all blood would be tested for such a rare disease.

"On the list of things I'd be worried about going wrong in a blood transfusion, West Nile's way down at the bottom," said Dr. Louis Katz, president-elect of America's Blood Centers, an association of independent community blood centers.

Many health officials say a practical screening test is months, maybe years, away, and the risk of catching West Nile through a blood transfusion is remote.

"We're getting way, way ahead of ourselves. We don't even know for sure whether it's possible to transmit West Nile through transfusion or organ donation," Dr. Jay Epstein, the FDA's top official for regulating blood products, said before the transplant infections were confirmed.

The news came as six probable West Nile deaths were reported in three states: Tennessee, Illinois and Kentucky. If confirmed by the CDC, the deaths would bring this year's toll to at least 37.

Wadin' out the semester



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Matt Pickett (left) and Wes Temby keep cool on the Oval as they welcome students back to school Tuesday afternoon.

Group lawsuit claims public school funding from state inadequate

HELENA (AP) — A group of school districts, joined by the state's largest teachers' union and some parents, filed a lawsuit Tuesday claiming the state has failed to fund public schools adequately in violation of the Montana Constitution.

"The inequities and disparities that have historically and persistently existed under Montana's school funding system result in unequal educational opportunities among students in Montana's public schools," said the suit, filed in state District Court here.

The complaint, which has been threatened for months, asks District Court to make the state determine what is needed to have the constitutionally required "basic system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools" and then properly pay for it.

"Every person is entitled to a free, quality education," said Jack Copps, executive director of the Montana Quality Education Coalition and a key player in promoting the suit. "And the responsi-

bility for that constitutional mandate falls squarely on the Legislature. It is a mandate that represents the will of the people. It is a mandate that is not negotiable."

Linda McCulloch, state superintendent of public instruction, had not seen the suit and had no immediate comment.

Governor Judy Martz called the suit premature. An advisory group is studying school funding, but her administration has had a chance to recommend changes based on its work. She also warned that more money for schools will mean more taxes on Montanans.

"We got into the funding formula by a lawsuit, so I'm not sure that that's always the answer," Martz said.

In 2000-01, schools received about \$546 million from the state, or about 54 percent of their total funding, according to the Legislative Fiscal Division. The remainder came from the federal government and local property taxes.

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NEWS

McDonald's touts healthier frying oil

CHICAGO (AP) — McDonald's plans to use a new cooking oil for french fries and other fried foods that it says will do less damage to your diet.

Nutritionists call the fast food giant's effort to reduce trans fatty acids a good first step but say the change doesn't make french fries a health food.

"They're still french fries, and they're still high in fat," said Kathleen Zelman, a registered dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. "But if people are going to eat them anyway, we can at least reduce the saturates which are artery-clogging."

The Oak Brook-based company says the new oil, which will be used to cook all of its fried foods, will halve the trans fatty acid levels in its french fries while increasing the amount of the more beneficial polyunsaturated fat.

Trans fatty acids increase the body's levels of bad cholesterol while simultaneously reducing its levels of good cholesterol, said Dr. Meir Stampfer, professor of epidemiology and nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health.

"People don't have to change their habits, they don't have to exert willpower, without doing anything

they would be eating a healthier diet," he said.

McDonald's worked with its long-time supplier Cargill to develop the new oil, which a few restaurants will begin using in October. All 13,000 domestic restaurants will use the oil by February.

Company executives say McDonald's is the first national fast-food chain to set a goal of eliminating trans fatty acids in oil.

Phil Sokolof, president of the National Heart Savers Association, said McDonald's announcement would give consumers a false sense of security when eating fast food.

U.S. Senate to consider Homeland Security plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate kicked off a contentious debate Tuesday on President Bush's blueprint for a Homeland Security Department, with Democrats flatly rejecting White House demands for greater management flexibility over the agency's estimated 170,000 employees.

The White House responded with a statement repeating Bush's vow to veto the Senate measure, largely over the worker dispute.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle called Bush's proposal "a power grab of unprecedented magnitude" that would undermine the nonpolitical government civil service system and threaten labor union rights and protections for one third of the workers.

"We're not going to roll over when it comes to principles and beliefs we hold to be very, very important," said Daschle, D-S.D.

The White House and its Republican congressional allies also dug in their heels. Tom Ridge, the president's point man on homeland security, said the new department needs broader powers

to hire, fire, promote or demote and pay employees — and waive union rights in matters of national security — to meet emerging terrorist threats.

The president met Tuesday with GOP senators at the White House to reinforce his demands for the new Cabinet agency and planned similar sessions later this week with Democrats.

"I don't recall the term veto being used by the president but he made it very clear that the bill had to be acceptable to him, that he wasn't going to accept some — these are my words — weak compromise," Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., told reporters afterward.

Later in the day, however, the White House issued a statement stating that Bush would veto the Senate bill "in its current form." In addition to the personnel issues, the statement said Bush objects to the bill's "intrusive" new White House Homeland Security Office with a Senate-confirmed director.

As the battle lines hardened, the Senate voted 94-0 to proceed to full debate, which could take two or three weeks.

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Montana jobs to be eliminated as trucking company closes

(AP) — Consolidated Freightways Corp. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Tuesday in a going-out-of-business move that will cost 36 jobs in Montana.

Nationally, about 15,500 employees are affected.

Corporate officials in Vancouver, Wash., said about 80 percent of the affected employees will receive termination notices in the next few days and remaining management positions will be eliminated.

Workers in Butte said they called a provided toll-free number for information and got a recorded message saying the company was closing immediately.

The company also has terminals in Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell and Missoula.

Roger Hegel, CF terminal manager in Great Falls, has worked for the company for 11 years.

"It's sad to see it go down the way it did. It was pretty tough. You feel for your employees," Hegel said.

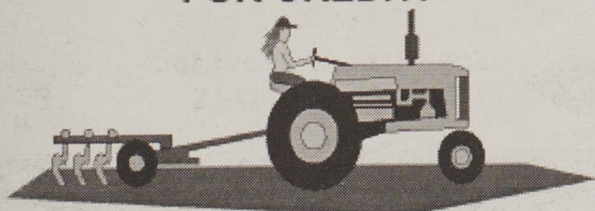
The company was one of the top three shared-load trucking companies in the country. CF and similar companies handle mixed loads of freight from customers whose cargo is too heavy for shippers like the U.S. Postal Service, UPS and Federal Express.

Shared-load trucking companies carry an estimated 60 percent of intercity freight.

Chapter 11 bankruptcy is traditionally intended to let companies continue operating, but CF spokesman Kevin Toon said, "It's an 11 with the intention of liquidation."

CF was sold in 1996 by Michigan-based Conway Transportation Services, Inc. Conway spokesman Joe DeLuca said CF had a proud history, and its end was a shame.

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NEWS

Stones kick off U.S. Tour 40 years after forming

BOSTON (AP) — The Rolling Stones launched a 25-city tour Tuesday night with "Street Fightin' Man" as their first song as if making a statement that after 40 years they're still in fighting shape.

Newly knighted Mick Jagger, grizzled guitarist Keith Richards and the rest of the band have billed their "Licks" tour as their most elaborate stage show ever, with eye-popping special effects.

"There's nothing so exciting as starting an American tour and there is nothing so exciting ... as starting here in Boston," the 59-year-old Jagger told the concertgoers packed into the FleetCenter.

It's the hottest ticket in rock; industry analysts expect it to be the year's top-grossing tour. Most tickets — some selling for up to \$350 — were snapped up for the 40-show tour shortly after they went on sale. The band will not only play arenas and stadiums, but cozy concert halls as well.

Tour director Michael Cohl said that like the "Voodoo Lounge" and "Bridges to Babylon" tours of the 1990s, the stadium shows will be heavy on Stones staples such as "Jumpin' Jack Flash," "Honky Tonk Woman," and "Brown Sugar."

By contrast, the arena shows — like the one in Boston — will include a large collection of less familiar songs culled from the band's 40-year history.

Tuesday night, the Stones followed their opening number with

"If You Can't Rock Me" and "It's Only Rock 'N' Roll," during which Jagger, dressed in tight black pants, shed his blue jacket to reveal a white T-shirt underneath.

During the fourth song, Jagger played guitar on "Don't Stop," one of four new numbers from the Stones' forthcoming album "Forty Licks." The collection of their greatest hits will be released in October.

Two hours before the Stones took the stage, crowds of mostly middle-aged fans — some wearing shirts with the Stones' famous lips and tongue emblem — waited for the doors to open.

Steve Mulcahey, 50, a police dispatcher from Warwick, R.I., said the Stones were worth the wait.

Why? "The music and the fact that they can still perform it live onstage," he said, and "the electricity in the air."

This was his 17th Stones concert and Mulcahey planned to attend three others on the current tour.

"I've got the tattoo on my butt. I'm all set," Mulcahey said of the Stones emblem.

While the number 40 might be a theme of the band's tour, the Stones would clearly like to stay clear of discussing another number: 60. That's the age Jagger and Richards will be by the end of next year. The third original member of the band, drummer Charlie Watts, is already 61.



Judy Spannagel, the new director of the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center, discusses off-campus housing in the UC Monday morning.

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Smith

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said.

"Smith did not cooperate with police officers and continued to yell obscenities," Lemcke said.

Smith was then cuffed and arrested, according to Lemcke.

Residence Life Director Ron Brunell said he would not comment on the issue.

UM head football coach Joe Glenn said, "we will let things shake down and let the authorities figure it out."

Smith refused to comment when questioned Tuesday after practice.

Housing

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ment — approximately 12,000 some — and with perhaps more than 8,000 students needing to find off-campus rental housing, it seemed only responsible that we offer a full-time resource to our student renters, to the neighborhoods and to Missoula's property owners and managers," Swan said.

"There has been a need for this for a long time," Spannagel said. "There hasn't been a place for a forum where students, neighbors

and property owners can express their concerns."

The information desk in the UC Center will still be providing a list of available rental properties in the Missoula area, but it will not be offered through the Renter Center.

The funding for the Renter Center came from ASUM and the UM Office of Student Affairs. The start-up budget is estimated at \$50,000, Spannagel said.

Spannagel said she will be looking into a number of what she calls "good ideas" that will possibly provide remedies to the off-campus student housing problems.

One of those "good ideas" is

the possible creation of University co-operative housing. Students would buy a share in a housing unit and live with students who have common interests. Spannagel said she would also like to explore adult group housing opportunities, and begin dialogue with developers on how to build low-cost housing developments in the Missoula area, which would be designed for group housing.

"I'm just hoping to find ways to connect people," said Spannagel. "I would like to create avenues so that these people can truly become neighbors."

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