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MONTANA KAIMIN

Kaimin is a Salish word for paper

Friday

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Drug summit: Get active, work to legalize pot

Marijuana advocates inform UM gathering about U.S. drug policies

Kristen Inbody
Montana Kaimin

In his 15 years as a defense lawyer in Missoula, John Smith said he has never defended a case where a bunch of partiers high on marijuana got into a fight resulting in maiming, shooting or stabbing.

Instead, in such instances, the arrested partiers were inevitably high on another substance: alcohol, he

told the approximately 75 people — mostly UM students — who attended the first day of the Montana Drug Summit.

Even so, the laws regulating marijuana are harsher than most college students realize, so harsh Smith said he should "stand on college campuses and preach" until college students understand the laws.

An eighteen-year-old who passes a pipe to his 17-year-old friend in an apartment across the street from a school could face two years to life for distributing to a minor, three years to life for distributing within 1,000 yards of a school, one year to life for "selling, bartering, exchange-

ing or giving away a drug," Smith said.

In Montana, even trying to pass a bag of parsley off as marijuana could result in five years in a federal prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Advertising the parsley for sale as an "imitation dangerous drug" doubles the fine and prison time, Smith said.

"Only the second time of having a little bud, and you're in jail for a felony," he said. "That means you lose you're right to vote, own a firearm, participate in the jury process."

"Where do they come up with this stuff?" he asked.

Lawmakers justify the stringent

laws by saying they are deterrents, but "where's the deterrent when only crazy lawmakers like me know about these laws?" Smith said. "Why don't they have billboards every five miles on I-90?"

Speaker Heather Masterson warned college students that drug charges can also result in suspension of financial aid, as 87,000 students nationwide find out every year. In fact, it's the only offense that results in suspension of financial aid. Not rape, murder or arson, she said.

Marijuana is not a gateway drug, Smith said. That fallacy is a govern-

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Monte in a contest of his own

Grizzly mascot needs your help to make ESPN squad

Kellyn Brown
Montana Kaimin

Mascots don't win Heisman Trophies.

But if there is a prestigious award that goes to dancin', back-flippin', sweatin' animals that range from Terrapins to Hawkeyes, this is it: the ESPN All-Star Mascot Squad.

Monte, the University of Montana's very own headband-wearing bear was nominated to the squad following a second consecutive win at the Universal Cheerleading Association's Mascot Competition in Salt Lake City.

"I think it's probably his dancing skills," said Spiker Communications Mario Schulzke, who is helping promote the bear's bid. "The show he puts on hasn't been seen in a Monte for a few years."

Now Monte needs the student body's help to get on the squad, and possibly be featured in those kick-in-the-pants ESPN commercials with the network's anchors.

"What I'm really psyched about is getting our sports teams some recognition," Monte said in a phone interview.

Monte takes his job seriously. He said he constantly works on his dancing, gymnastics and theatrical skills.

"Some days I'll sit on the tailgate of my pickup and brainstorm funny things to do in a bear suit," Monte said.

When he took over as the Grizzly mascot and added so much physical activity to his routine, the suit had to be altered so it wouldn't hinder his performance.

"We had to change a lot about the suit so the head doesn't fly off and mess with some kids heads," Monte said.

"My favorite is when he dances with the refs," Schulzke said "I thought that was hilarious."

Apparently so did ESPN, which normally nominates mascots from larger universities.

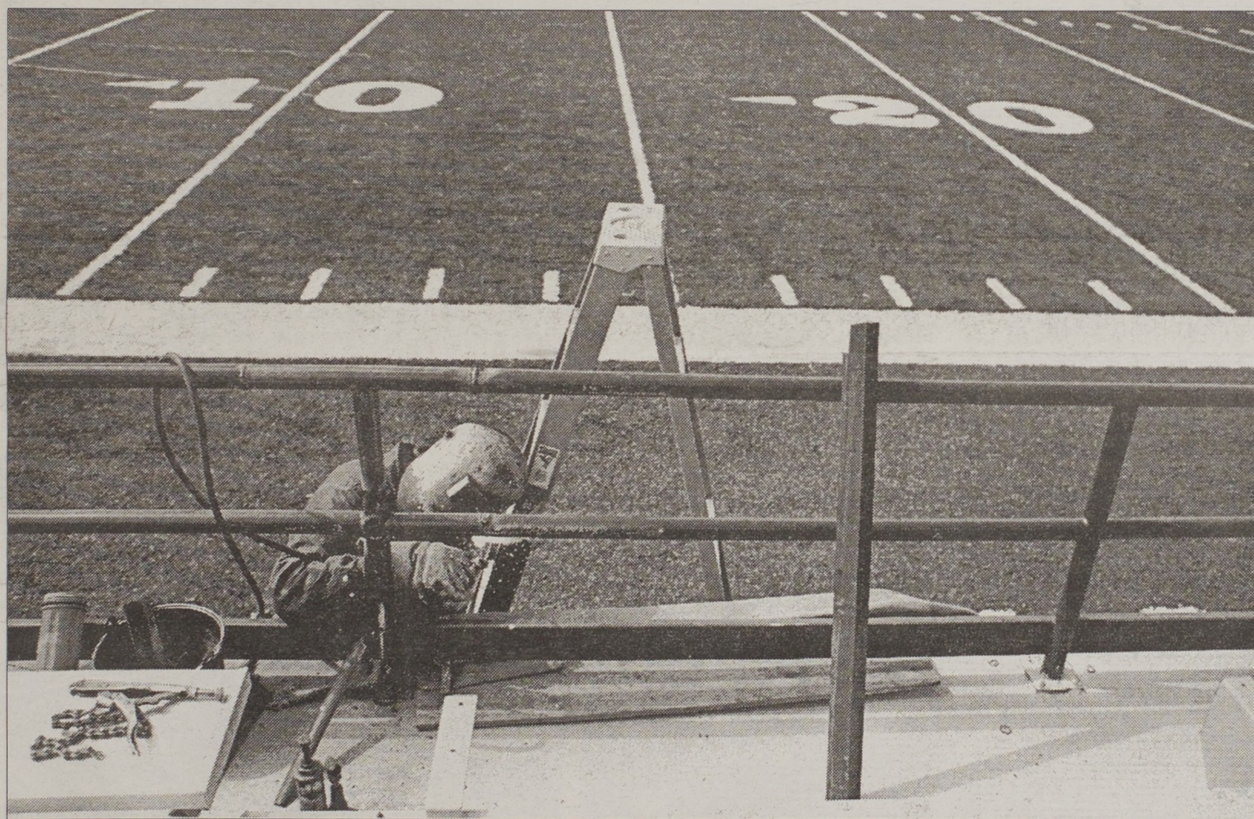
"It would be awesome if he could go out there and kick some ass and get some recognition," Schulzke said.

Monte wants you.

He wants pictures and footage from last season only — this was Monte's first year. He is currently putting his portfolio together for ESPN's consideration and encourages anyone who would like to submit materials to send them by Sept. 11 to Mario Schulzke at

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Sure-fire preparations



Russ Clark welds a rail at Washington Grizzly Stadium in preparation for Saturday's home opener.

Colin Blakley/Montana Kaimin

UM, Missoula join to pave Dornblazer lot

City donated equipment, labor to the project

Ramey Corn
Montana Kaimin

Three weeks ago the parking lot at North Dornblazer field got a major makeover and neighbors, students and staff will attest that the improvements were much needed.

"It was crap," said Tanya Gardner, a senior in criminology, and a Park-N-Ride user for three years. "You would park and get in and out of your car in mud holes."

Thanks to the efforts of UM and the city of Missoula, the dusty or extremely muddy lot (depending on the season) and mammoth pot holes have been smoothed over with asphalt, and 150 parking spaces have been created in

addition to a new bus stop for UM's Park-N-Ride and Mountain Line buses.

According to Ken Willett, director of Public Safety, the University received a letter from Shannon Theriault R.S. of the Missoula City-County Health Department on April 22, 2002, in which she stated that there had been many complaints from neighbors about the amount of dust being generated by the dirt in the parking lot. The letter also drew attention to the fact that the lot was violating the Missoula City-County Air Pollution Control Program, and if the problem was not solved, UM could be fined up to a \$10,000 a day.

"There are two concerns with air pollution; what comes up from the cars, and what gets dragged into the street, ground up into particulate by cars driving over the debris and gets into the air," Theriault said.

After the University received the letter, Willett said that he knew it was

time to take action. Although both the city and UM had been aware of the problem for a while, with the letter from Theriault they were forced to come up with a solution.

"The dirt lot has been a point of our attention for a while," Willett said. "It was kind of like we knew and they knew, and then it was just a matter of seeing what we could do."

The next step was then to begin looking into the budget to see where the money would come from. Because the original estimate to pave the lot was more than \$200,000, Willett said that UM decided to use millings, (ground up asphalt) that would suppress the dust for the time being. However, according to Bruce Bender, Public Works Director for the City of Missoula, because the city also had a vested interest in the lot, they were able to work with UM to see the project through.

UM agreed that it would still allow

Missoula residents to park in the lot, and in return, the city agreed to donate the labor and the equipment required for the project. As a result of the compromise, the cost of paving the lot dropped to around \$80,000.

UM's Department of Public Safety took out a five year loan to pay for the project.

"We really want to thank the city for their help on this project," said Nancy McKiddy, Director of ASUM's Office of Transportation, and the Park-N-Ride coordinator.

Since Park-N-Ride began in 1999, the number of those riding the commuter bus has steadily increased each year, McKiddy said.

On Wednesday a record setting 517 people boarded the buses, McKiddy said. Anyone is able to park in the lot and to ride the Park-

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OPINION

Editorial

Events on Snake River may foreshadow progress

It's the same "dam" question every time; should what is best for the economy take precedent over what is best for the environment, or vice versa?

It's a question Americans seem to be facing with greater and greater frequency. Missoula residents are facing this question right now in the form of the Milltown Dam. One side argues that with dam removal there is nothing to lose, and the other argues that everything will be lost.

A similar situation has emerged on the Snake River.

The debate over the fate of four dams that block the free flow of the Snake River has taken center stage in the environmental arena.

On Wednesday, RAND, a non-profit research and analysis organization, found that, contrary to the Bush administration's belief, the dam removal process would create upwards of 15,000 jobs and leave the Northwest economy unharmed.

But more importantly, the removal would help save the fleeting number of Sockeye Salmon that make the mighty Snake their home. Since 1992, the Snake River Sockeye has been on the endangered species list, and many believe this can be changed by removing the dams.

Former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt is one of the many who've stepped into the ring. In a recent press release he wrote, "The RAND report tells us that we can change that mistake ... This report demonstrates that by removing the dams, we can both improve the regional economy and save the salmon. There is no conceivable reason for the further delay in removing the dams."

As can be imagined, Babbitt's sentiment is shared by environmental organizations and activist groups nationwide, including quite a few from right here in Montana.

The reason why so many Montanans are interested in the fate of the Snake River is clear.

The similarities between the situation on the Snake and that of our very own Clark Fork are strikingly similar. In both cases, it's simply a question of environment vs. economy. One side feels they've got a lot to lose, and the other side is trying their hardest to show them they've got everything to gain.

With RAND's recent findings, the Environmental Protection Agency's research and recommendations on the Snake and the overwhelming public support behind the removal of the dams, it looks as if the Sockeyes may once again be free to navigate their native waters. And it looks like the economy won't suffer either.

If we're lucky, and the Snake's dams fall and RAND's research is proven correct, we can only hope that those opposing the removal of the monstrosity in Milltown will realize their folly. Then the Milltown Dam could be the next to go.

So keep your fingers crossed that the concrete comes crashing down and the rivers rage once again, because while the debate over economics and environment is sure to last longer than any of us, we can only hope the lessons these rivers can teach flood the minds of Americans for generations to come.

— Liam Gallagher

Guest Column

Saying goodbye to a friend, mentor

Column by

Marc Hatten

On May 8, 2002, professor Michael Laslovich of the political science department died of a heart attack at age 47. The Kaimin had already completed its last edition for the school year, thus his death went largely unnoticed at the University of Montana, outside the circle of faculty and students of the political science department. I wish to rectify this and pay tribute to a man, a teacher and a friend.

I am not the most qualified person to submit these words of remembrance.

I wasn't a personal friend or a lifelong acquaintance. I was simply his student, who like many other students had the privilege of attending several of professor Laslovich's classes. But in the short time I knew him, his wisdom, his commitment to excellence and his sense of humor made me realize what an indelible asset and respected professional professor Laslovich was at UM.

For those of us who were lucky enough to know him, words are futile to explain the gift he possessed as an instructor. One cannot capture his command of the complex constant enigma of the political arena, and his gift at making what can be very dry and mundane topics seem vibrant and interesting. His willingness to meet with his students, to assist their learning, push their limits and challenge their intellectual capabilities was undertaken out of a sincere interest in their future success in life.

For those who never had the opportunity to take a course from professor Laslovich, your experience here at UM will be inevitably diminished. When you took a course from him, you took a trip through time. His students were not only well educated on the subject at hand, but were regaled with about the greatness of Bob Dylan and entertained by stories of days gone by, all relevant in some fashion to the lesson of the day. And if he con-

cluded his lecture early, he would continue with the "Michael Laslovich story," a self-deprecating, somewhat fictionalized, and yet grandiose recounting of his youth and life. He'd accentuate a lecture with political commentary on past and present politicians and government officials, all with an obvious "tongue in cheek" slant. Though he left no doubt which side of the fence he stood on, inevitably, after a tirade against an individual or policy, he'd always conclude with his trademark tagline, "or some have said." It was professor Laslovich at his best.

As stated, I wasn't a "friend" in the traditional sense of the word. I never had lunch with him, never went to his home, never rode Harleys with him and never knew as much about him as he shared with his family and traditional friends.

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Being somewhat older than the average student, I am often referred to as a nontraditional student. I suppose in regards to professor Laslovich, I was a non-traditional friend. However, a friend as defined by Webster's Dictionary is "a person attached to another by feelings of affection or personal regard." That criterion was more than met.

Professor Michael Laslovich had many friends in life, some more obvious and close than others, and many that he likely never knew considered him a friend. I am honored to be among them. This institution was honored by his presence and his commitment to education. Though the world is a little darker and colder without him, he would be first to remind us of the words of that great American poet, Bob Dylan, who wrote, "When the storm clouds gather 'round you and heavy rains descend ... Just remember that death is not the end."

Goodbye professor Laslovich ... you will be missed.

Marc Hatten is a graduate student in political science.



Around the Oval

Are you planning on trying out the new UM nightclub? What are your expectations for the club?

•Christina Nyberg
freshman, pre-law

Yes. I expect it to have lots of dance music. It has to be something where people can actually dance, unlike the typical dance scene here in Montana.

•Morgan Johnson
sophomore, physical therapy

Yes. I hope it's fun, and I hope there's stuff I can dance to.



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FEATURE

Finally, it's the weekend



Andy Merryman, a junior in zoological science at UM, and Laci McDowell, a freshman in English at Montana State University in Bozeman, bump and grind at the Green Room and Red Light Bar in the Wilma Building downtown. The Green Room and Red Light Bar closes down at bartime to clean all the alcohol out and reopens so that all-ages can boogie till 4 a.m. — alcohol free, that is.

Where do I go to cut loose?



Shoppers mill around at the Saturday morning Farmer's Market, located near the Xs at the north end of Higgins Avenue Saturday, August 31. The Farmer's Market is a popular destination for Missoulians and will continue until October 19th.

Photos and text by
Olivia Nisbet



Tim Neumann, (left to right) a freshman computer science major, Robert Fister, a sophomore English/creative writing major and sophomore psychology major Johann Johnson read motorcycle magazines and play around on a laptop at Finnegan's Family Restaurant on Friday, August 30. Finnegan's is a popular all-night studying and early morning munchies restaurant. "This is the ultimate hangout," Johnson said. "This is where everyone goes."

So, you're new here. That's okay, we won't hold it against you. In fact, we remember all too well being a freshman, sitting in the dorm scheming on where to go to have some age-allowable fun (wink, wink) that we've decided to get you on your way with a few suggestions: Here's where to go when ...

... you just want to kick up some dust and cut a rug. Since we're assuming all you freshman only want to participate in activities that won't get you into trouble, but will still make you feel like you've

finally left high school, might we suggest the Green Room and Red Light Bar in the Wilma Building downtown. After bartime it reopens into an 18-and-over club so that all of you with way more energy than most of us can boogie till your feet pop.

... you are starving after boogying or have an all-night study session looming before you. One choice that's close to campus is Finnegan's Family Restaurant. Almost any veteran student has had the experience of the Finnegan's bottomless pitcher of coffee and 2:30 a.m. pigs-in-a-blanket. It's economic, friendly and surprising nice to slightly bar-effected students.

... you want to experience a Missoulaesque environment. Wear sandals, shorts, sunglasses and head out toward the north end of Higgins Avenue. There you will find the Farmer's Market exploding with farm-fresh veggies, baked goods, hand-cut flowers as well as crafts and all sorts of this and that.

But, we must warn you that this weekend activity is only available until October 19, then you'll have to wait for next summer. Suggestion: Bring a big bag to carry your treasures home.

So go out, enjoy your weekend because next week, school really starts.

NEWS

Res. Life hangs up free phone policy

Tiffany Aldinger
Montana Kaimin

Students living on campus may find it's a little harder to order those late-night pizzas.

Beginning this fall, the University of Montana is no longer providing phones for dorm rooms. Phone service will still be provided, but students must purchase their own phones.

"We found students weren't using the phones," said Ron Brunell, director of Residence Life. They would try to return them to the front desk or throw them in the back of the closet, he said.

Most students were purchasing phones with the extra features they wanted, such as an answering machine, he said.

The University has been installing a new network backbone dorm by dorm for the past four or five years, Brunell said.

With the new network, each double dorm room is equipped with a cable TV outlet, two data ports and a telephone line.

When the backbone was installed in Craig Hall this summer, the University would have had to buy 250 new phones for about \$25 each, he said.

This spurred the decision to stop providing phones.

"Why not use that money for something else?" Brunell said.

Elrod Hall is the only dorm that doesn't have the new backbone installed, and the University is still providing them with phones for now.

About 1,000 phones were removed and placed into storage.

They are being sold at the front desks of dorms to students who need them, Brunell said, adding that the phones will continue

to be sold over the next few years until they are gone.

Some students are buying the phones; about a dozen phones have been sold in Aber Hall, said secretary Cheryl Messerman.

The phones are selling for \$15.

"Some of our returning students were surprised," she said. But most people came with their own phones, Messerman said.

Dorm residents were informed of the change by mail, and the news was also available on the Residence Life Web site, Brunell said.

Jessica Kouba, a freshman in general studies, said she didn't mind the decision not to include the phones in the dorm.

"We bought our own phone," she said. "You have free choice over what phone you want. I probably would have gotten my own phone even if they provided one."

Mark Schwomeyer, a freshman in wildlife biology, also said he didn't mind the change.

"I probably would have bought another one," he said. "It wasn't a big deal."

But not everyone was happy with the change.

"First of all, I was unaware they weren't providing phones," said Ainsley Boan, a sophomore in psychology. "The only phone I have is a cell phone, and that's a long distance call for anyone here."

Since Boan doesn't have a car, it is hard for her to get off campus to buy a new phone, she said.

Currently, she is using her cell phone and doesn't have a phone in her dorm room.

Boan said she doesn't want to buy a phone that was provided for free last year.



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin
Junior Joanna Himer walks on the freshly paved Dornblaser parking lot Wednesday morning to catch the Park-N-Ride to campus.

Dornblaser

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N-Ride to UM. The ride takes roughly 10 minutes, and the shuttle runs every 15 minutes.

Although the parking lot is paved, Willett said that there are still some unfinished improvements that will need to be made in the future, such as adding lights, and finishing the landscaping in the islands.

While the new lot might not be

completely finished, many agree that the improvements made are a step in the right direction.

"We're teaching people that they can get out of their cars, and get somewhere quickly," said McKiddy. "It's a baby step toward mass transit."

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NEWS

Seating finite at lecture about infinity, universe

Ramey Corn
Montana Kaimin

If theories of quantum cosmology and primordial plasma send your eyes rolling and your mind doing cartwheels, then Jeffrey Weeks' lecture "The Shape of Space" was probably not the place to be on Thursday night.

Or was it?

The lecture, held in UM's Music Recital Hall, was overflowing with more than 1,000 people. Attendees ranging from middle schoolers to grandparents had to sit in the aisles and lean against walls after the seats filled up, and smaller children were even asked to sit on the stage to make more room for the adults.

Weeks, a renowned mathematician from Canton, N.Y., kicked off the University of Montana President's Lecture Series with his speech.

Weeks' theory on the shape of space is that space wraps around itself. He demonstrated his point by tearing his lecture notes in half and curving the paper until the two ends met.

"The idea really is simple," Weeks said.

Tom Ferguson, a local optometrist, wasn't intimidated by the complicated theories being discussed.

"It's a fun topic," Ferguson said.

The question that Weeks and other

astrophysicists have been studying may be answered in the next six months as data returns from a NASA satellite currently collecting information about Weeks' theory.

From that data, potentially two conclusions will be made, Weeks said.

The first conclusion is that the universe is infinite.

The second conclusion — the one Weeks is hoping for — is that the universe will be found to be finite, and thus proving Weeks' theory of space wrapping into itself is true.

But Weeks said that even if the satellite data shows that the universe is infinite, that may not be the final answer.

Because the data and equipment gets better every year, in ten years new evidence could support his theory, Weeks said.

"No is probably never no, but a yes is a yes, and yet if we get a no then we'll just keep looking for the answers," said Jim Hirstein, Chair of the Math Department.

While Weeks is in Montana, he is also participating in the 8th annual Big Sky Conference on Discrete Mathematics, which started Thursday and runs through Saturday at UM.

Weeks began his talk with games of tic-tac-toe, chess, and a jigsaw puzzle in order to help teach the audience



Jeffrey Weeks explains his multimedia presentation on the size and shape of the universe to a packed house in the Music building Thursday evening.

Nick Wolcott/Montana Kaimin

about flat tones and torus universes. A torus universe is one where a person sees them self from behind when they look forward, and when they look to the right they see their left side, or vice versa. Weeks made the kids and

parents compete against each other when playing these games in order to help them understand the theory of contained universes.

Brenden Bailey, a senior at Big Sky High School who was receiving

extra credit from his physics and math teachers for attending the lecture, felt it was time well spent.

"The lecture was pretty interesting, and I really didn't know the theory of finite space," Bailey said.

Monte

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Spiker Communications, Box 8567, 229 E. Main, Missoula, Mont., 59807.

Monte considers himself a subplot in the main action at a football game, and he can be seen this weekend riding 4-wheelers, surfing the student section and dancing frantically.

"When 19,000 people are watching you," Monte said, "you just don't mess up."



Monte leaps across the end zone during last year's playoff game against Northern Iowa. Peet McKinney/Montana Kaimin

Nine MSU horses die from heat, dehydration

BILLINGS (AP) — Nine horses at a Montana State University research farm near Bozeman died of dehydration after the creek that provided their water went dry, MSU officials said Thursday.

The dead horses were among 20 that grazed at MSU's Fort Ellis Research farm.

Of the 11 survivors, four were taken to a Belgrade veterinary clinic and seven were moved to another MSU farm nearer the campus. Three of those seven remained under close observation by veterinarians.

Employees checked on the horses about once a week, but that doesn't mean they checked the level of the creek running through the pasture that often, said Mike Tess, head of MSU's Department of Animal and Range Sciences.

"The last time they checked, the horses were not by the creek, and they had no reason to go down and check the creek," Tess said Thursday. "I

don't know how long it was dry."

Six horses were found dead Sept. 3, when workers went to get the animals to bring them to a farm nearer campus, Tess said. The horses were used for horsemanship classes.

A team of experts was called to the pasture. Six horses were taken to a local veterinarian's office and the others were treated onsite. A seventh horse died that evening, and two of the animals taken to the clinic died later, he said.

Employees each week checked the horses to "ensure they looked healthy" and "functional," Tess said.

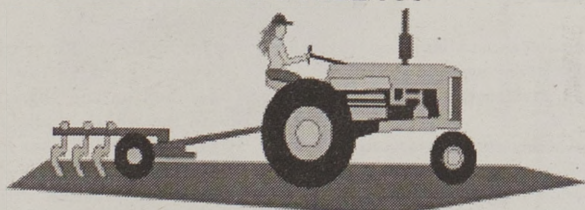
When found, the horses were "very sick animals, very listless and gaunt," he said.

But Tess said there was never reason to believe that water would run out, and that the creek had not run dry in more than 50 years.

He said officials were still trying to determine the cause and ways to ensure the situation isn't repeated.

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With bar stools flipped upside down on the bar, the future looks uncertain for the Blue Heron. There is a possibility that it may be shut down by year's end.

Blue Heron still airborne — for now

Ira Sather-Olson
Eye Spy Reporter

The closure of the Blue Heron has been bemoaned by many in the Missoula music scene in recent weeks.

However, the downtown club's owner said no definite decision on whether to stack up the chairs and unplug the stage lights has been made. Yet.

Owner Kevin Head said that the Blue Heron has been in financial trouble for the past few

months.

"Policies in the way we were promoting shows were eating away at the money we had," Head said.

He also noted that putting on shows costs his business between \$500 and \$600 to pay for sound, production staff, and other things. Lately, he has not been making that money back.

Another source of lost funds for the Blue Heron is the lack of an all-beverage license, which Head said would bring in more

revenue than sales from just beer and wine. With relatively high ticket prices and a lot of competition downtown for the "entertainment dollar," one gets an idea of where the trouble started for this small business.

But music fans shouldn't shed any tears just yet. The Blue Heron will be booking shows through November.

Head wanted to stress that input from younger people was helpful for the club and the show-goer. He also said that

self-promotion by bands through the Blue Heron is a plus. He charges \$200 for bands to put on a show at the Heron. That money pays for power and cleanup after the show.

The future of the Blue Heron is up in the air, but Head said if more shows turn out to be successful, they might not close their doors after all.

For students who want to save the Heron, attending shows over the next few months could help keep this small business in flight.

Calendar

Friday

•Club Nocturnal:

The University Center's new dance club will have its grand opening at 10 p.m. The club is on the second floor of the UC and is open until 2 a.m. Beer and wine will be served from the Bistro. The cost is \$2 at the door. Take your Griz Card and driver's license if you want to drink.

•"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone:"

will play at 7 p.m. at the UC Theater. "Spiderman" will be shown at 9 p.m.

•Faculty Music Series:

Margaret Schuberg opens the series with a flute performance at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. Admission is \$4 for students.

Saturday

•Hemp Fest 2002:

Workshops, food, tarot readings, speakers, and tons of info will be available at Caras Park from noon to 11 p.m. Oh, and don't forget the music featuring Elysium, The Revelators, Signal Path, Mountain Fueled, Cold Mountain Rhythm Band.

•Movies: see Friday.

Sunday

•Horses Galore:

A dozen Lipizzaner Stallions and their riders will perform an equestrian ballet at the Adams Center at 2 and 6 p.m. The cost is \$19.50.

Gimmicks and sucking-up may get your band on this page

Column by



Candy Buster

Isn't coming back to school exciting?

Well, maybe not all your classes are that exciting ... or waking up early, or studying late, or paying hiked tuition fees and outrageous textbook prices.

But other than that, college is awesome! In the Eye Spy pages this semester, we will try to cultivate your artistic side and let you know what is going on in the arts and entertainment world so you can take a break from the drudgery of school.

We hope to inform you about all kinds of art, including music, dance, visual art, nightlife at bars, food, poetry, literature and anything else that will help you lead a richer and more colorful life. We hope you will return the favor by keeping us up-to-date on events, too.

Sadly, we cannot cover everything, but we will try to do our best.

One of my biggest regrets about our one- or two-page section is that we can not write stories or do reviews about all of the zillions of musical groups and bands

that crop up in Missoula or pass through on a tour.

Because of the perpetual flood of mail, press kits and CDs that the Eye Spy department gets, I thought I would give you a few tips to give you a one-up on the competition.

Because, after the cover of Rolling Stone, the Kaimin Eye Spy section is the place to be if you have an up-and-coming band and are trying to make the big-time.

These are some things you can do to get the Eye Spy staff of the Kaimin to notice you and your band:

1. Send press releases and other mail decorated with lots of stickers and colorful markers or crayons. If your mailings are too boring looking, they might accidentally get tossed out with credit card applications and all my parking ticket notices.

2. Don't send us anything in those tiny manila envelopes that would make it look like a parking ticket.

3. Write letters of praise or "Ode to the Arts Editor" poems and enclose with them

information about your group. If you actually made the poem into a song, that would be even better.

4. Another envelope-decorating trick that will surely get attention is to cut out letters from magazines for the address so it looks like a ransom note. It might scare me at first, but at least you know I'll open it and read carefully.

5. Do a little serenade. Come to the Kaimin office with your band and equipment. Give us a preview of the goods.

6. Get a gimmick. Biting heads off doves worked for Ozzy Osbourne. Tearing chickens apart worked for Alice Cooper. Playing chain-saws worked for Jackyl. I myself am an animal lover, and chain-saws could be dangerous, so I would not recommend any of the said gimmicks. But perhaps wearing outrageous costumes or doing gymnastics on stage would do the trick.

7. Give a CD to the people who live on the second floor of my apart-

ment building. I don't know who they are, but they love to turn that boombox up and share their music with the whole block. If they like it, I will be sure to hear the album for at least 18 hours a day (at least until Eminem comes out with another new album).

8. Don't send me your CD if it sucks.

9. Become my friend. I am quite low on friends these days, so it doesn't take much. Of course, don't let me know of your intentions about getting publicity for your band until at least a few days into our friendship. By that time, our friendship should be well cemented and you will have given me your phone number and address so you will never be able to avoid me. Keep in mind I am a journalist, so I am quite resourceful and skilled in the art of stalking.

10. Streak through the Oval naked while playing one of your new songs. That might even skip over the Eye Spy section entirely and make the front page of the Kaimin, which is even better than Rolling Stone.

If your mailings are too boring looking, they might accidentally get tossed out with credit card applications and all my parking ticket notices.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



Courtesy of the Montana Museum of Art and Culture

C.M. Russell meets Picasso in art exhibit

Luke Johnson
Eye Spy Reporter

A renowned local artist's marriage of cowboy art to Cubism is on campus and free to view, but many people aren't aware of the display, or even the museum it's in, for that matter.

Currently on display at the PAR/TV Building is an exhibit titled, "George Gogas, A Retrospective." It includes 43 of the Missoula painter's works.

"Gogas was born to a Greek immigrant family here in Missoula in 1929, and he was always fascinated with cowboy art," said David C. Earhart, director of programs and publications at the Montana Museum of Art and Culture. "Then out of nowhere he became this great Cubist artist even while it was going out of favor. If you just met him off the street, his art is not at all what you'd expect."

Gogas taught high school art classes in Missoula for 28 years. His work has been exhibited all over the Pacific Northwest, as well as in Mexico, Germany and China.

"Gogas is very well-respected in and out of the community," Earhart said. "Artists just love him."

Among Gogas' most famous works are his Judith Basin Encounter series in which he mixes old cowboy art with cubist shapes and vivid colors.

"In his work, 'When Charlie and Pablo Went Into Business Together,' Gogas gives us an unlikely marriage of art contemporaries," Earhart said. "In it he takes a typical Charlie Russell painting and paints it as though Pablo Picasso had done it. The result is amazing ... I wouldn't have thought anybody could do it, but this guy has."

He added, "Gogas' art is a really great testament to the power of art to cross boundaries."

Gogas will be at the exhibit to meet his audience Sept. 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the PAR-TV Building.

The Montana Museum of Art and Culture works out of two galleries on the main floor of the PAR-TV Building. It rotates about eight exhibits per calendar year, usually featuring regional artists and drawing from the extensive University collection which features over 9,000 original works. With the limited amount of space available in the PAR-TV Building, much of UM's permanent collection never sees the light of day.

"We can only fit about .5 percent of the collection in the space we're given," Earhart said. "However, much of our collection is now viewable at umt.edu/partv/famus. Granted, it's not the same as seeing the works in real life, but it's a start."

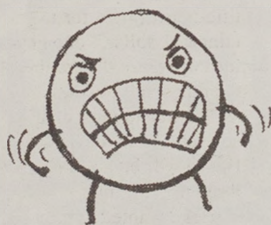
The museum's goal, as laid out by UM President George Dennison, is to focus on three areas of art in Montana.

"It is our job to seek out Montanan art and its history and culture as well as Native American art and Asian art, which each have a big influence here on campus," Earhart said.

"Whenever I tell people that I work for the museum, they assume that I work downtown," said Earhart. "I have to explain to them that the University does in fact have a museum on campus even though we don't have our own building at present."

This painting is entitled "Judith Basin, When Charlie and Pablo went into Business Together." It is an acrylic on canvas, 47 1/2 by 69 inches painted by George Gogas. The painting is displayed at the PAR/TV Building.

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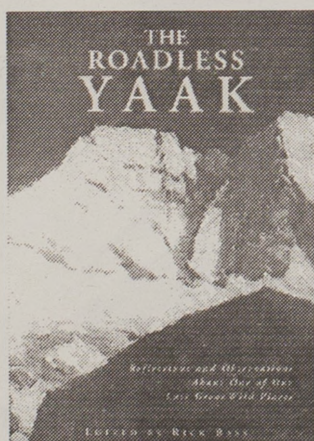
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West Nile strikes nine more horses

BILLINGS (AP)—The state Livestock Department has confirmed nine more cases of West Nile virus in horses, bringing the total number of stricken animals to 24.

The Montana Department of Livestock confirmed nine more cases Wednesday, said spokeswoman Karen Cooper. Of the two dozen afflicted horses, eight have died from the virus, she said. West Nile has been found in animals in 15 counties in eastern Montana since it was first detected on Aug. 22.

The virus is transmitted through the bite of infected mosquitoes.

The affliction cannot be passed from horse to horse, or horse to human, officials said.

There is no medicine which fights the virus directly. Veterinarians treat the symptoms with anti-inflammatory drugs injected directly into the animal's bloodstream. But there are other factors in the illness, said veterinarian Cara Voss of the Miles City Veterinary Service.

"Vets all over the country treat it (the virus) the same way, so no matter where you go, the treatment is the same," Voss said. "It's all in how bad or virulent the strain of the virus is."

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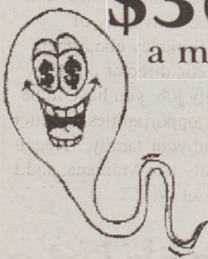
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KAIMIN SPORTS

Volleyball faces tough test in San Diego

UM will play two nationally ranked teams at tournament

Brittany Hageman
Montana Kaimin

Montana volleyball players are hoping big-league talent won't squelch their perfect season this weekend as they take a trip to sunny Southern California.

The Griz will take their unblemished 4-0 record with them on the road this Friday and Saturday to the San Diego Invitational, where they will compete in a round-robin tournament against nationally acclaimed North Carolina, Northwestern and University of San Diego.

"The teams we will play this weekend play at a higher level than any other team we have played before," head coach Nikki Best said. "It will be a challenge to see whether or not we can respond to that challenge and increase our level of play."

No one is sure who will have the edge since every team going

into the tournament has an undefeated record, Best said.

Northwestern, San Diego and North Carolina are all 3-0.

The Grizzlies will take on San Diego and North Carolina for the first time in school history. Montana has played Northwestern only once, in 1982, when Northwestern came away with a 3-0 victory.

And playing Northwestern this time could cause a rift in the Pavlik family, who have one daughter playing for Northwestern and one for the Griz.

Freshman hitter Whitney Pavlik has become an integral part of the Grizzly lineup, averaging 4.54 kills and 3.31 digs a game.

Lindsay Pavlik, Whitney's older sister, is a red-shirt sophomore for the Wildcats.

Despite the reunion, the sisters may not get to play against each other on the court, as Lindsay has been battling injuries and is not completely healthy.



Nikki Best

The scouting report on North Carolina and San Diego reveals two very class-act teams. North Carolina is ranked 23rd in the nation, as the Tar Heels boast both veteran players, height at the net and depth.

The San Diego Toreros are also a polished, disciplined squad who are just coming off winning the Time Warner Cable Texas Invitational last weekend.

San Diego was 22-9 last season and advanced to the second round of the

NCAA Tournament.

Junior transfer Iwona Lodzik has been fueling the Wildcat offense, averaging 4.77 kills and 3.78 digs per game.

Although Montana's volleyball program seems a little small when compared to the mid-major teams it'll be taking on this weekend, Griz players are up for the challenge.

"Sure, we know those teams are all big time," said UM middle blocker Teresa Stringer, "But to get better, you have to play with the best, right?"

Injury-depleted Griz soccer in search of its first victory

Marina Mackrow
Montana Kaimin

It's redemption time for the University of Montana women's soccer team. Coming off two disappointing home losses, the 0-2 Grizzlies will have two chances to pick up a win at the University of California Irvine - Nike Tournament in Irvine, Calif., this weekend.

Friday afternoon, the Grizzlies take on the UCI Anteaters of the Big West Conference. The Anteaters finished the 2001 season with an overall record of 7-9-1 and head into this weekend 1-1 on the season.

"(Irvine) is a strong, physical, hard-hitting team," head coach Betsy Duerksen said. "I'm concerned with our freshmen who will need to play physical soccer."

The Anteaters are led by the Big West co-Player of the Week, Robyn Piotrowski. Last Saturday she scored UC Irvine's only two goals of the game in the first half of the Anteaters 2-0 win over Eastern Washington in the Soccer Town Classic. UC Irvine out-shot Eastern Washington 21-9 for the game.

Two days later, Montana will take on the 2-0 Titans of Cal State-Fullerton, also of the Big West

Conference. The Titans will be coming off their tournament victory at the Soccer Town Classic last weekend where they beat Eastern Washington and UC-Irvine.

The Grizzlies and the Titans have only met once, a 5-0 UM win at the Brigham Young tournament in 1997. Fullerton ended last season with a 13-7 record.

"Fullerton is skillful and fast," Duerksen said. "They will be a challenge."

Also attending the UCI Nike Tournament will be Saint Mary's, ranked 13th in the country.

The Grizzlies are starting fresh this weekend and putting last weekend's embarrassing 8-1 loss to Washington State behind them.

"Our goal is to improve and become a better team," Duerksen said. "We have more talent than we showed."

With four starters out with injuries, Montana's freshmen will be filling the empty spots. This will force Duerksen to experiment with the team's game plan in order to find a system that works with the healthy players Montana has.

Communication and leadership on the field will be vital to Montana's success this weekend, Duerksen said.

Man pleads guilty to stalking Williams

German man tried contacting Serena by phone and e-mail

NEW YORK (AP) — A German man pleaded guilty Thursday to stalking top-ranked tennis player Serena Williams.

Albrecht Stromeier, 34, entered the plea to fourth-degree stalking — a misdemeanor — in criminal court in Queens. He is expected to be placed in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Judge Suzanne Melendez told Stromeier to stay away from Williams and her family and at least 1,000 yards from any WTA Tour or U.S. Tennis Association tournament, including the U.S. Open.

"My absolute concern is the safety of Serena Williams and her family," the judge said.

Stromeier waived his right of appeal and agreed to get psychiatric treatment in his hometown of Frankfurt. An Oct. 23 hearing was scheduled to review the case; Stromeier is not required to attend.

"This is the outcome that my client wanted," said Gerard

Savage, Stromeier's Legal Aid attorney.

Savage also apologized on behalf of Stromeier, saying, "In his mind, it was a love story. It was romantic poetry."

Stromeier's brother and cousin attended the hearing; no member of Williams' family came.

The judge denied a request by Stromeier to speak in court.

"His family has assured us that he will receive appropriate psychiatric care and that every effort will be made to prevent him from engaging in this kind of conduct in the future," Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said.

"Today's disposition will hopefully get Mr. Stromeier the help that he clearly needs and will assure that he is kept far away from Ms. Williams and other members of the women's tennis tour," Brown added.

Following his plea, Stromeier was to be placed in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Stromeier was arrested Saturday at the National Tennis Center and held on \$3,000 bail. He was charged with two counts of stalking after police spotted him watching through a fence as

Williams, the reigning Wimbledon and French Open champion, played her third-round match against Nathalie Dechy.

Williams has been traveling with a bodyguard since May.

Stromeier admitted in a written statement to police that he had been following Williams around the world. He was arrested outside the gates of Wimbledon in July after scuffling with police and told the officers he loved her and would never hurt her.

In May, Stromeier was ordered to leave Italy after police at the Italian Open received word of his history of harassing Williams. Two months earlier, Stromeier walked into an Arizona hotel-resort where she was playing and asked to see her. When he was turned down, Stromeier began undressing in front of the desk clerk. He was charged with disorderly conduct and indecent exposure.

Williams' mother, Oracene, also reported seeing Stromeier at a Berlin tournament in May and at the French Open in June.

Stromeier, who lives with his parents in Frankfurt and whose mother is a psychiatrist, allegedly has tried to contact Williams by phone and e-mail several times.

Hogan to stay at UM; OSU hires from within

Bryan Haines
Kaimin Sports Editor

Oregon State University replaced its athletic director last week, but not before contacting current Montana athletic director Wayne Hogan about the position.

Hogan said that he was one of several non-released people that the OSU search committee talked to about the job that came open after former Beaver athletic director Mitch Barnhart resigned to take the same post at Kentucky in late July.

"They talked to me and asked if I was interested," Hogan said. "Anytime you get a Pac-Ten opportunity it is a good deal."

Although he was contacted by the committee, Hogan said that he probably would not get the job. Oregon State hired Bob DeCarolis, who was serving as the interim AD after Barnhart retired,

was the school's associate AD while Barnhart was at Oregon State.

"I never really felt like I would get the job," Hogan, who is entering his seventh year as Montana's athletic director, said.

"I felt they were going to go with a guy who was already there, so it was not a good opening from that standpoint."

This was not the first time that Hogan



Wayne Hogan

has been contacted by a larger university in the West. Last year, the former Florida State interim athletic director was contacted by the University of California-Berkeley about their vacant athletic director position.

"Like any job, you have to be looking for opportunities to better yourself and your family," Hogan said. "I really like Montana, and I like being out West."

Man charged with death of Golden Gopher athlete

MINNEAPOLIS — A man was charged with murder Thursday in the death of University of Minnesota football player Brandon Hall, who was shot Sunday in downtown Minneapolis.

Jermaine Octavious Stansberry, 28, of Minneapolis, was charged with second-degree murder. He also was charged with aggravated robbery and felony possession of a firearm.

Stansberry was being held on \$1 million bail. His first court appearance was scheduled for Friday.

Another Minneapolis man, Raymond Hardimon, Jr., 23, was

charged with aggravated robbery for an alleged attack on Gophers' player Damian Haye.

According to the criminal complaint:

Around 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Haye was robbed and assaulted in a downtown parking lot. A gold necklace was taken in the robbery. Haye, who was with a woman and other teammates, suffered a cut lip and head injuries but refused medical or police assistance. Witnesses later identified Stansberry as one of the two suspects in the robbery.

About 20 minutes later, police responded to a verbal altercation between a group of Haye's team-

mates and Stansberry and Hardimon. Police dispersed the crowd.

Other football players arrived about 2:20 a.m. but decided to leave because Haye's assailants were no longer around. Before they left, a witness saw Stansberry, Hardimon and another individual by a white van near about seven Gophers players.

Stansberry pulled out a gun. The players ran but Brandon Hall stopped running and tried to convince Stansberry that he was not with the other players. As Hall turned Stansberry shot him from 10 feet away.

The bullet went through Hall's left arm, entered his chest and pierced his heart.

Police arrested Stansberry, Hardimon and another man at the scene. Police found a gold necklace in Stansberry's pocket. Haye later identified it as the one stolen in the attack.

The third suspect, a 31-year-old man, was not charged because there wasn't enough evidence against him, said Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar. She said the investigation continues and there could be further charges.

"It was an intentional crime," Klobuchar said. "It grew out of the

robbery and the altercation after the robbery, but at the moment he killed (Hall) he did it intentionally.

"Brandon Hall was doing nothing. He turned around and was trying to talk to him. He was completely innocent."

Minneapolis police Inspector Rob Allen said some of the Gophers players unknowingly parked their cars near the van used by Stansberry and Hardimon, which led to the final confrontation.

A memorial service for Hall was scheduled for Thursday night on campus. His funeral was set for Monday in Detroit.

NEWS

Assassin misses Afghan leader; bombs rip through Kabul market

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — An assailant dressed in the uniform of the new Afghan army fired on a car carrying President Hamid Karzai on Thursday, hours after an explosives-packed car tore through a crowded Kabul market, killing at least 10 people.

The violence was the most serious challenge to Karzai's government, which has been struggling to bring order and security to a country racked by decades of bloodshed.

Afghan officials were quick to blame Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network for the violence, which came less than a week before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Terrorists are behind both attacks, there is no doubt about it," said Foreign Minister Abdullah. "And terrorists in this region are led by Osama and his associates."

The government offered no immediate evidence of bin Laden's involvement, and others blamed the rising anger of the Pashtun majority toward a government controlled by Americans and dominated by rival Tajiks from the north.

The British Broadcasting Corporation said the attacker came from a former Taliban stronghold.

President Bush expressed relief that Karzai was safe, and administration officials pledged to keep helping rebuild the country.

"We're not leaving," Bush said. "We want to help democracy flourish in that region."

The assassination attempt occurred soon after Karzai, who was in his hometown of Kandahar for the wedding of his youngest brother, finished evening prayers at the city's historic Khalqa Sharif mosque.

After the prayers, Karzai and his party were given a tour of the governor's mansion, located across the street from the mosque. Karzai's motorcade was preparing to leave the governor's compound as hundreds of well-wishers were pressing against the gates to catch a glimpse of the president.

"We were standing at the gates and saw Karzai wave," said Sardar Mohammed. "Then I saw one guard point a Kalashnikov at Karzai and fire. There was a kid behind him, and he grabbed the gunman from behind."

Kandahar security chief Dur Mohammed said Karzai's U.S. military bodyguards immediately opened fire, killing the assailant and two others. The presidential motorcade sped off within moments of the attack, while gunsmoke lingered over the mansion's grounds. The governor of Kandahar, Gul Agha Sherzai, was grazed in the neck and Karzai was unharmed.

In its report, the BBC identified the attacker as Abdul Rahman, who had joined the security forces

of Sherzai less than three weeks ago.

The BBC said he was from Kajaki in the province of Helmand, an ethnic Pashtun region west of Kandahar. Helmand is one of the areas where

U.S. forces searched for the fugitive Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar.

In Washington, a Pentagon official said one of Karzai's bodyguards was wounded. The injury was not life-threatening and he

was reported in stable condition at the U.S. military hospital at the city's airport, officials said.

After the attack, Karzai returned to the governor's compound, where he is staying, and said he was fine.

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NEWS

Dining Services takes over concessions at games

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Students may someday be able to use their meal plans to purchase snacks at Grizzly games now that Dining Services has taken control of concessions at football and basketball events.

Although there may not be many changes in store for this year, next fall sports fans may see, among other things, a new food court in Washington-Grizzly Stadium and food vendors selling hot dogs and drinks in the stands, said Mark LoParco, director of Dining Services.

The year-long wait is meant to allow the new management to see how things are currently working in concessions and what suggestions customers have.

"It's not good business to just walk in and change everything," LoParco said. "Mostly, we're going to jump in here, get in the saddle, see what's going on and then get ready to really make some things happen for next year."

For now, LoParco wants to listen to customers and make changes slowly. For example, since fans complained about proper beverage service at football games, LoParco is going to make sure there are cold beverages on hot days and warm beverages on cooler days.

Don't expect prices to go up any higher, LoParco said. Additionally, vendors like Pizza Hut will remain in the food stands.

"Presently we have some real good contracts with those guys, so we don't want to change that," he said.

The move, which went into effect this summer, clears up the management confusion that plagued concessions for the last few years, said Lawrence King, UM concessions manager.

Previously, concessions fell under the direction of UM Athletics and later the Adams Center. By folding into Dining Services, King said, he will be able to buy supplies in larger quantities and get better prices.

Also, employees can be hired through Dining Services, which provides great benefits, King said.

Concessions currently takes in \$400,000 a year, King said, and provides food to thousands of famished fans at each Grizzly football game.

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Police arrest mauling victim

BOZEMAN (AP) — An animal rights activist who was mauled by a grizzly bear near West Yellowstone while tracking a bison is being returned to Ohio where he is wanted on multiple charges of failing to pay child support.

The man identified himself as Jesshua Amun at the time of the mauling on Aug. 25.

Police in Butler County, Ohio, said his real name is Jeffrey Scheu, a jailer at the Bonneville County jail in Idaho Falls, Idaho, told the Bozeman Daily Chronicle on Thursday.

"He's in the process of being shipped out to Ohio," the jailer said.

A sheriff's deputy in Idaho Falls arrested Scheu, 36, at the hospital Tuesday after Ohio law enforcement officials contacted his office.


"I don't know how they got onto him," said Detective Warren Hudman, who made the arrest.

Scheu's picture, featuring his mutilated face, appeared in newspapers across the country after the mauling.

Officials said Scheu is wanted on six counts of failing to pay child support in Ohio.


He and three other members of the Buffalo Field Campaign, a group that protests state and federal actions that harass or kill bison when they leave Yellowstone National Park, had been tracking a bull bison north of West Yellowstone that day when they surprised the bear.

Scheu, who tried to run from the bear, needed hundreds of stitches to close his facial wounds. His companions were unharmed.



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NEWS

Drugs

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ment tool to raise support for the drug wars.

Freshman Nick Wallingford, a business major who attended Thursday's meeting echoed this sentiment.

"I disagree with the marijuana laws and wanted to see what the meeting was about," said Wallingford, who has tried marijuana.

"(Marijuana) is less harmful than drinking because you can't function if you're drunk, but if you're stoned you can still drive and communicate. It should be legal with an age restriction, like tobacco ... It's not a gateway drug."

Smith likened people imprisoned on drug charges to political prisoners.

"My advice to you is, don't make yourselves political prisoners ... work legislatively or with the ACLU," he said. "None of you deserve what the law can give you."

Another speaker at the Montana Drug Summit said the drug war has rendered her brother a political prisoner.

Nora Callahan, founder of the November Coalition, a Washington-based organization, championed the cause of prisoners incarcerated on drug charges.

Her brother, Gary, was sentenced to 27-and-a-half years in prison, with no evidence, only the testimony of a "scared friend" to convict him, Callahan said.

The federal government wins 97 percent of its drug cases, she said.

"Is that because they are all guilty?" she said. "No, it's because they don't need any evidence. They need nothing! Nothing! Nothing! Not one shred of evidence, just a frightened friend."

She said the nation's drug laws are the "harshes world has ever known regarding substance abuse."

Keeping clean is the ideal way to prevent arrest, she said. "(But) sometimes laws are wrong, and they have to be changed."

The war on drugs is today's witch trials, Vietnam, and persecution of Quakers, she said.

Kevin Zeese, president of Common Sense for Drug Policy, asked Thursday's crowd, "Does anyone here think we've won the war on drugs?"

When all he got was 75 shaking heads, he asked, "Does anyone think more of the same will work?"

No, again, was the response.

Nationwide, a Gallop poll indicated that 15 percent of Americans believe the US can win the war on drugs. Roughly the same percent showed they believe that Elvis Presley is still alive, Zeese said.

The war on drugs has resulted in intensifying the problems it hoped to correct and an overcrowded prison system, he said.

"In the United States, we have a quarter of the world's prisoners — in the land of the free," he said.

It's also a racist prison system, Zeese said.

"It's a brown and black prison system for a white problem," he said.

The drug war is a tool for maintaining a racist society, he said.

It's also leading to the erosion of American values, he said.

"Our Taliban — Mr. Ashcroft — is out there undermining our democracy and picking on drug patients," he said.

It's even screwing up our foreign policy and the environment, Zeese said. Along the Amazon — "the most precious area of our hemisphere" — the US comes in with spray planes to wipe out peasant farms of food, and a little coca, too. Then the FARC terrorist group comes in and asks, "What can we do for you?"

Who do you think is winning the hearts of the Colombians, he asked.

No matter what issue you care about, it's related to the drug war, he said. He encouraged attendees to form their own Common Sense for Drug Policy chapter.

"Please get active. We really need your help," Zeese said. "If you're not active, you're being silent. If you're being silent, you're being complacent."

Voting is one such way to get involved. In fact, "Toke and Vote" was the slogan of summit efforts to increase voter registra-

tion among those likely to be supportive of drug policy change.

Another way to get involved is the with Montana chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Scott Crichton of the ACLU said. In particular, the Montana ACLU is interested in speaking with anyone who has been denied financial aid because of a drug conviction.

Crichton said legalization is the way to make sure "hard prison beds are for hard criminals."

Making marijuana legal would lessen the spending on incarceration and increase funds available for treatment, he said. Funds for treatment programs were among the cuts made in this summer's special legislative session, he said.

"We're saying not only are you going to be in [prison] longer, but we're not going to do anything to help you get over your addiction."

Speaker Cliff Thornton called the war on drugs "the most

important social problem we'll ever face."

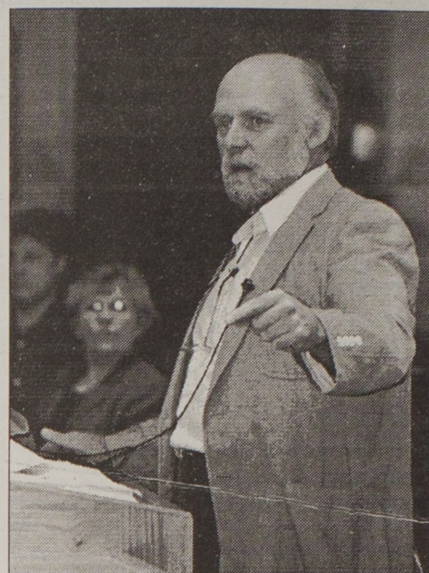
"It's a problem created and sustained by the very laws hoping to solve it," he said. It's the illegality of drugs creating the problem, while "in comparison, the drugs themselves are relatively harmless."

"Legalize marijuana and tax the hell out of it," Thornton said. "What's wrong with having a community regulate the substance?"

Thornton said, "There is no drug known to man that is safer when its production and distribution is handed over to criminals."

The Montana Drug Summit will continue with speakers and a showing of the movie "Grass" tomorrow.

The event is co-organized by John Masterson, director of Montana NORML (the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), and Frances DeForrest, a local nurse.



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Scott Crichton of the Montana American Civil Liberties Union explains why he believes the War on Drugs is a failure as part of the Montana Drug Policy Summit held in the North Underground Lecture Hall Thursday evening.

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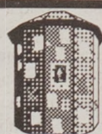
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