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MONTANA KAIMIN

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Thursday

September 19, 2002 — Issue 11

Recent UM grad found dead in Texas

Police suspect foul play in death of Abilene reporter

Kellyn Brown,
Paul Queneau and
Courtney Lowery
Montana Kaimin

A 2002 UM journalism school graduate, Jennifer Servo, was found dead in her Abilene, Texas, apartment Wednesday.

Abilene police have not released much information but told several news organizations that they have found some indications of foul play and are questioning people who knew her. A preliminary

investigation found her death was due to head trauma.

Co-workers, friends and professors remember Servo, a reporter for Abilene TV station KRBC 9, as a sweet but savvy journalist with a relentless work ethic and a knack for connecting with people. She moved to Texas in July for her first reporting job out of college.

Servo's co-workers went to her apartment after they were unable to contact her for several days. An employee of her building reportedly saw her Monday or Tuesday, and a neighbor reportedly saw her Wednesday morning, according to the Abilene Reporter-News.

Investigators found no signs of forced entry.

Denise Dowling, one of her professors in the radio television department, remembers Servo as a "spark" at UM.

"She was one of those bright faces you had in your classroom," Dowling said. "I always knew she would be engaged and have something to contribute. She was just one of those students who you knew would make it. She had it."

Bill Knowles, the chair of the R-TV department, worked with Servo throughout her career at UM and, most recently, when she was associate producer of the senior documentary project, "Montana

Gambling: Hold it or Fold it" last spring.

Servo was the student who came up with the name for the documentary, which won her a dinner with Knowles and his wife. He remembers her excitement at that dinner right before she left for Texas.

Just Wednesday morning, Knowles was telling his senior class about Servo's success.

"It's a great loss for all of



Jennifer Servo

us," Knowles said. "Denise and I were talking and it really feels like we've lost one of our own kids."

Servo came to UM in 1998 and finished her degree in broadcast journalism in May. Among her many projects at UM, she co-anchored a post-Sept. 11 KUFM newscast that won a regional Edward R. Murrow award last spring. She also worked with Montana Public Radio, co-anchored KUFM newscasts and interned as a reporter at Missoula's local TV station KECI 13 before moving to Abilene to take a reporter position with

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EPA hosts Clark Fork cleanup meeting

Agency to take public comment on plan to fix river

Casey Trang
Montana Kaimin

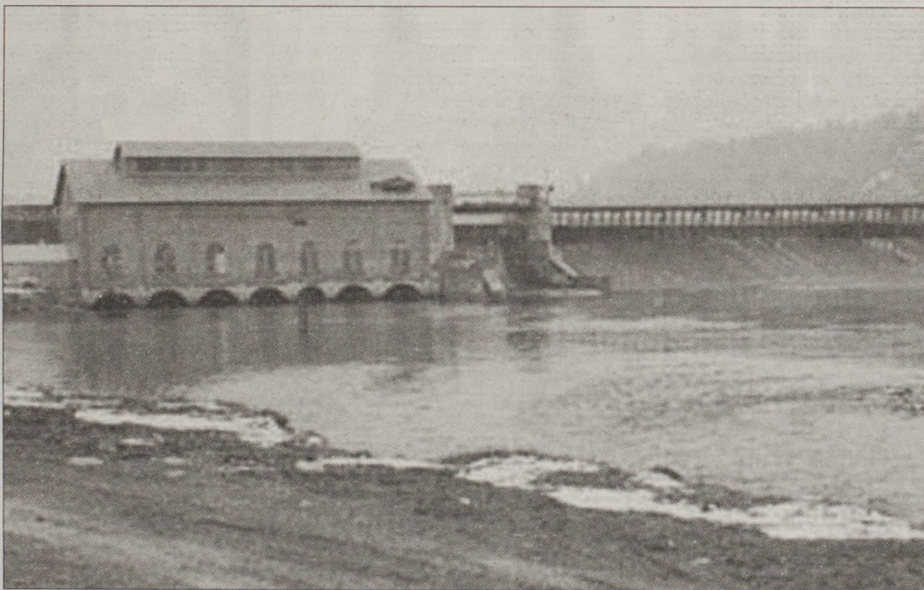
Officials from the Environmental Protection Agency will be in Missoula Thursday night to explain the proposed cleanup plan for the Clark Fork River. Officials will answer questions and hear public comment at the meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Parkside.

"The majority of the meeting is basically open for public comment," EPA spokeswoman Wendy Thomi told the Kaimin.

The proposed plan involves 120 miles of the Clark Fork River. It recommends that toxic sediments be removed on land between Warm Springs and Milltown and that the land be treated.

"The stuff they're planning to remove is barren vegetation," said Chris Brick, staff scientist for the Missoula Clark Fork Coalition.

The treatment of the land includes stream bank re-stabilization, removal of impacted soil areas where vegetation cannot grow well, and other less impacted areas to be treated in places where conditions are good enough for plant growth.



Toxic metals, including 2,100 tons of arsenic, were first discovered in the Milltown Dam reservoir in 1981. The dam sits downstream of the confluence of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot rivers.

"The metals that are in there are there to stay," Thomi said. "Unless you remove them."

The EPA usually has only one of these meetings concerning a project but because of the size of the cleanup they are conducting two meetings and extending the deadline for public comment from Oct. 13 to Nov. 13. The other meeting was held Tuesday in Deer Lodge, where about 75 people showed up, Thomi said.

The main opposition to the proposal came from

landowners and the Atlantic Richfield Company, which purchased mines responsible for the damage from the Anaconda Company in the late 1970s.

"They (the EPA) have been working with landowners a lot," Brick said.

Not all landowners are against the cleanup, but some are against people they don't know on their land.

"One thing we missed in the proposal is that landowners are against being told what to do on their property," Thomi said.

Thomi said that before

any work is done the design phase would have to start. The design phase would include landowner involvement in the planning of the cleanup of their land.

Thomi said the cleanup is expected to last 10 years, but the crew will only be on each individual property for one to two seasons. Because of the size of the project, the team cannot work on all of the properties at the same time.

"Ultimately, it would have the effect of improving the land," Thomi said.

ASUM dishes ice cream on Sunday

Natalie Storey
Montana Kaimin

Twenty-one gallons of ice cream are slated to be handed out to students and neighbors for free in the University area Sunday afternoon.

ASUM and a loose organization of University area neighbors, called "Thoughtful Neighbors," have organized Missoula's first-ever ice-cream social welcoming both students and neighbors. The social will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the 400 block of University Avenue, which will be blocked off for the event.

"This is not a rally," said organizer Don Simmons, former chairman of the music department and associate dean of the School of Fine Arts at UM. Simmons now lives in the University area. "It is just an exercise in neighborliness."

Organizers are expecting to feed about 200 people. All students are welcome.

"We want to show that there are neighbors in the University area who like living there and like having students live there too," ASUM business manager Heather O'Laughlin said.

At Wednesday night's meeting ASUM discussed handing out flyers to University neighbors.

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OPINION

Editorial

Homecoming tradition should be dethroned

What do the homecoming king and queen and yearbooks have in common?

They should both become obsolete when our high school careers are over.

Well, here at the University of Montana it is obvious that some people feel differently about dropping the great tradition of homecoming royalty.

For those of you who didn't know, this weekend is UM's Homecoming. Alumni from around the country will descend into Missoula for a weekend of Grizzly revelry.

So what does this mean? For most of us, it just means another Saturday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium as the mighty Griz take on the Bengals of Idaho State. But for the student organizations that nominated candidates and the people proud enough to nominate themselves for the prestigious title of Homecoming king and queen, this weekend is huge — or so they think.

All the action begins at the big pep rally Friday evening in front of Main Hall and continues with a parade Saturday morning.

Doesn't this remind you of those wonderful teenage years when the only advantage of congregating in the gymnasium the Friday before the big game was that you didn't have to be in class?

So why continue dragging ourselves through a tradition that most of us aren't terribly interested in? I have lived in Missoula for five years and have never heard anything about the Homecoming royalty — until this year.

It just seems that we're taking the popularity contest to the collegiate level. A popularity contest for an event that isn't all that popular.

Listen to this. At the University of Montana, the king and queen aren't even chosen by the student body as a whole. This is probably why many of us haven't heard about the crowning. They're selected by a panel of seven judges, consisting of alumni, community members and a few students. This should tell you something — it isn't important to most students.

After talking to the Alumni Association, it became clear that the selected royalty seem to be used as public relations officers. The king and queen become somewhat like university ambassadors. They are used to meet and greet people at campus events like class reunions. Granted, there is a need for people like this, but we could just hire some qualified people. Why do we have to crown a king and queen to do this?

Some people, for whatever reason, want to take part in crowning the king and queen, and it's not all bad. Here's why: Last week more than 100 students participated in a blood drive where they could donate blood in the name of the king or queen of their choice. This helped the nominees accumulate points that would be considered in the democratic selection of their royal seat. Granted, giving blood for any cause is admirable, but there have certainly been better ones than homecoming royalty.

The concept of royalty is outdated, and by-and-large UM students don't even have a say in the outcome. Even if they did, we would venture that voter turnout would be meager. Take a look at the turnout for ASUM elections.

Traditions are important, but like monarchies and their royalty, it's time for our tradition of Homecoming royalty to step down from the throne.

— Josh Parker

Guest column

PETA unfairly targets heavy individuals

Column by

Christopher
Mikesell

(U-WIRE) HONOLULU — Leave it to the animal rights activists to dehumanize actual people to get their point across.

PETA, or the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, has just begun running a new ad campaign aimed at the overweight portion of our population. The message is simple: "Don't pay for two seats. Go vegetarian."

The ad's message is then struck home with a graphic of a large gut hanging out of a man's shirt while the rest of his body sits uncomfortably wedged in a woefully undersized airline seat.

Another ad linked to the PETA site has an agitated woman shrieking, "I hate men's guts!" Needless to say, most of the ad's emphasis was devoted to the last word of that slogan.

PETA wants all overweight people to know that they don't have to be fat, obtrusive, discriminated against and ugly because they can easily lose weight on a vegetarian diet! Isn't that just a special and heartwarming message?

"If you happen to be a part of the 60 percent of Americans who happen to be overweight your troubles — as a big, undesirable and, above all, a space-consuming victim of social ostracism with no sex life to speak of — are over if you stop eating meat and lose weight! That's right friends, you don't have to be pigs forever! Amazing, but true!" According to PETA, at least.

This is downright appalling. Does PETA really think it is drawing positive attention to an otherwise worthy cause by preying upon the insecurities of fat men and women?

It is inexcusable and credibility-shattering for PETA to take advantage of the vulnerability of some of the worst victims of discrimination in the nation to further their own agenda.

These ads only attempt to associate being overweight with being inferior, which is fundamentally wrong to do to any other group. Racist groups and religious fundamentalists use similar ideology, except they substitute the words "black" and "unbeliever" for "fat person."

Apparently, it is still socially acceptable to poke fun at, and take advantage of, fat people, just as we haven't stopped demeaning gays and lesbians. These are supposedly lifestyle choices, and people that say it's OK to discriminate against such

groups say it's because they have a choice, as if that were an excuse for prejudice.

Yes, the overweight can starve themselves and homosexuals can stop having same-sex relationships, but is it anyone's place to bully them into living how other people think they should live?

It may be noble and good-intentioned, but a noble agenda is still an agenda, and PETA is no different than folks like the wonderful Jerry Falwell in its perpetuation of socially acceptable discrimination.

While Falwell harps on liberals, homosexuals and non-Christians, PETA has the fat people covered. This is certainly not the position a so-called progressive group should be taking.

PETA's ads only serve to reinforce the notion that fat people are unattractive slobs with little or no social skills. This should be an outrage to every stout person out there, but even if you are not quite up on the scales, you should be wary.

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Anyone who doesn't fit into the waif standard of beauty imposed on us by society might be next. If you're not thin enough for the vegetarians, then your social life might suffer and maybe people will look at you differently, negatively even.

You see the principle in action every time you hear a thin woman

call herself fat, and when you realize she actually believes it. It's sad, but almost Orwellian in its implications; try reading "1984" and watch what happens to the fat men. It's not pretty.

PETA might have meant well, but there is a thing called tact that should bridle foolishly honest people. Telling a fat person to his or her face that they are fat and that they could stand to lose some weight by changing what they eat is not only extremely heartless, but an imprudent thing to say to someone you want support from.

Are there no fat people in PETA? Maybe their vegan (and subsequently thin, according to the data on PETA's Web site) bias led them to overlook how fat people would react. This is a shame, because they do fight for a decent cause and should not be shooting their own campaign in the foot.

But the damage has already been done. The best PETA can hope for to regain the support of the overweight community is a quick recall of their anti-fat ads and a sincere apology, which, I have no doubt, they are capable of.

But while they are fighting for the rights of animals, perhaps it would do them well to remember that people are animals too. Let PETA know what a mistake their ad campaign is; visit their Web site at <http://www.PETA.org> and tell them.

Correction

In Wednesday's Kaimin, David Earhart was referred to as the director of the Montana Museum of Arts and Culture. Mr. Earhart is actually the director of programs and publications at the museum. The museum currently has no director. The Kaimin regrets the error.



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Around the Oval

If you could elect anyone as UM's Homecoming royalty, who would it be and why?

•Megan Bailey

junior, nursing

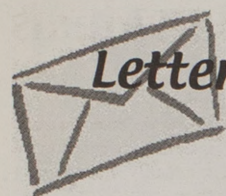
What is Homecoming? I didn't know there was a homecoming, so I would nominate Tom Brokaw and Connie Chung. They would have made it sound interesting on the news, and I would of known about it.

•Clark Peeler

junior, nursing

Trees and concrete, because that's what Missoula is. It's the biggest marriage of concrete and trees I've ever seen.

OPINION



Letters to the editor

Be happy with what you have

OK folks, this is college — pop quiz: Who is wealthier, the millionaire today or the millionaire during the Depression? Anybody?

OK kids, that's not a tough one.

Now, let's scale it down a bit. Who is wealthier — an administrator making \$138,448 in Montana today or one making the same, say, ANYWHERE ELSE? Yet again, not a tough one.

So why the heartache, Mr. Crofts?

Crofts is quoted as saying, "If you don't have competitive salaries, you have a much harder time recruiting the faculty administrators

and staff that you want."

Is it just me, or does it seem scary that we are recruiting administrators that can't grasp simple economics? If a candidate for a position of power at an institution of higher learning cannot understand that \$140,000 is a hell of a lot of money in this third world we call Montana, then why would we want them running our school?

Let us weed out these morons.

Mr. Crofts doesn't get this concept. That's OK! He fell through the cracks. Let's just remember to screen more carefully the next time his position is up for grabs.

Mandy Allen
senior, liberal studies

FBI warnings are important to us

This letter is in response to Candy Buster's editorial on 9/12/02 regarding "FBI Terror Warnings Wearing Thin." In it, Ms. Buster argues that the FBI is "scaring the pants off of everybody" and that it should "lay off the warnings until there is a tangible threat of danger." She also compares terrorist attacks to shark attacks, drunk drivers and second-hand lung cancer. There are differences between the attacks of Sept. 11, shark attacks and lung cancer. Shark attacks do not kill 3,000 people, and lung cancer, while it may kill 3,000 people, does so in a year, not an hour and a half.

True, we cannot predict when a terrorist may strike next, but we have to try. I don't look for suspicious characters on the street, but I might be on the alert if I was flying, or working in government offices. Recently, two flights were diverted because someone spotted suspicious behavior. It turned out to be nothing, but what if it hadn't been? We don't want Sept. 11 to be an annual event. The FBI has never issued a "red flag" for imminent terrorist attack, but you can be sure that people will be paying attention if they do. If they don't, well, they can't say they weren't warned.

There was, and remains, a tangible threat. Our lives were forever changed by Sept. 11, and this is one of those annoying things that we have to put up with now, just like tightened airport security. I for one am glad that someone in the FBI isn't asleep at the switch. Too many were last year.

Benjamin Donnelly
graduate student, history

Use common sense, don't limit housing

The exact consequences of the occupancy standard that was voted on Monday night are impossible to quantify, but a few things are certain.

There are households of college students in the

University district with more than the occupancy standard's limit of unrelated housemates. Although the proposal also has occupancy standards for other parts of the city, they are less strict than in the University district, which will cause students to migrate away from that area.

What the remaining students in a house will do is harder to judge. Either they remain and pay higher rent, or they move out as well. If they move out a few rental units will free up for families, low-income or not (rents will increase all over the city, so it's hard to see how low-income renters would benefit).

The end result is, on average, students will live farther from the University area, and possibly more people with no connection to the University will live near it. More students will be forced to drive to school and back than before, while at the same time, more University district residents will be traveling in the opposite direction to and from their jobs, schools, etc., out in the Missoula valley. This will cause more traffic jams, more air pollution, more strain on the Mountain Line and bio-bus systems, greater demand for non-existent parking at the University, increased fossil fuel usage, and more time spent stuck inside vehicles.

It is simply more efficient for students to live near their college, which benefits not only the students but also the community they live in.

If anything, only students, staff and faculty should be allowed to live near the University. But you won't hear anyone proposing that to the City Council.

Barak Nelson
post-baccalaureate, physics

It's about community, not numbers

The decision by the City Council on occupancy standards is a misrepresentation of the real issue. The real

issue is about "community" not numbers.

In choosing to be part of a neighborhood, there are reasonable and unwritten expectations one should evaluate before signing a lease or mortgage agreement. Looking around to evaluate how to "fit in" should be part of the decision about where to live. Homeowners who lease randomly or provide housing for their children should set up expectations. Reasonable watering and mowing of the lawn, garbage disposal, noise management, pet control, parking allotment commensurate with the driveway and lot boundary, and personal communication skills are "where it's at" if neighborhood living is the residency choice that seems suitable for the age and maturity level of the occupant.

No one expects university students to abandon their youthfulness or to sacrifice academic pursuits. The decision to become part of what makes Missoula an attractive community is a choice. To make it work involves a commitment that is both a privilege and a responsibility of new members as well as established members of the community.

An alternate choice for independent living where grass is mowed, garbage is disposed of, parking is decal oriented, and where a limited age range of neighbors exists is the dorm.

When a level of community is desirable such that the privilege and responsibility that accompany that choice are worth sacrificing a little time for, our neighborhoods will roll out a welcome mat.

Occupancy standards aren't really about numbers; they are about sharing a well loved community with those who have the maturity to invest in the spirit of community. How can the Council regulate that? Sadly, the standards are reduced to a discussion of numbers instead of a discussion of integrity.

Mary Anne Smith
Missoula resident

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NEWS

Kyrgyz military students come to UM

Kellyn Brown
Montana Kaimin

Five Kyrgyz students visiting from Russia's military academy were quick to point out the similarities between Montana and their home country, Wednesday.

The terrain and weather are the same. The hospitality reminds them of home. The nightlife is similar.

And, the differences are minor at most.

"The food is not really tasty," Erlan Serikbaev said.

"I like your beer better," Erkin Zakirov said.

In 1991, the year Kyrgyzstan achieved independence from the Soviet Union, a relationship initiated by state leaders and the national guard formed between the country and Montana.

The result is an exchange program that brings elite students studying at the military academy in Moscow (Russia's version of West Point) to the University of Montana to study international law for two weeks.

Along with Serikbaev and Zakirov, Andrew Chechel, Chingyz Beboev and Elena Topoeva, whose father is the minister of defense of the republic of Kyrgyzstan, arrived

in Missoula on Sept. 15 and will be here until Sept. 28.

"Kyrgyzstan is a newly emerging democracy," said David Aronofsky, UM legal counsel. "Their economic system is changing, and it takes a long time when a country has as modest resources as Kyrgyzstan."

Aronofsky, along with the national guard, developed an educational seminar for the visiting cadets.

"I have integrated them into my military science class, American defense establishment (class)," Maj. Rick Kostecki said. "The main objective is to see how military supports democracy and civil authorities."

The program has been successful, Aronofsky said, and became essential in the weeks following Sept. 11.

"In large part, because of the relationship between the state of Montana and Kyrgyzstan, they agreed to let the U.S. Air Force base there," Aronofsky said.

He added that this was crucial given the country's proximity to Afghanistan.

The students are all in their fourth year of the five-year Russian academy and are committed to 10 more years when they finish. The five said that when their contracts expire with the



Macall McGillis / Montana Kaimin

Kyrgyz military students, Erlan Serikbaev, Elena Topoeva and Andrew Chechel discuss the differences between their culture and that of the United States on Wednesday in a conference room on the second floor of the UC.

academy they all plan on continuing their career in the military.

Their nations military differs from the United States' in weaponry, structure and discipline.

"The military enjoys a lot of freedom in this country," said

Ramses Ruziev, a grad student from neighboring Tajikistan. "In Kyrgyzstan they are strict ... the military is more authoritarian, but you freely choose that path."

The visiting students said they preferred their strict system over the U.S. system, but added

that they enjoy the training at UM and the people of Missoula.

"I'm really happy to be a part of this," Aronofsky said. "The Central Asia kids are terrific. They are incredibly smart and incredibly nice."

Ruziev called it "Central Asian hospitality."

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KAIMIN SPORTS

UM cycling team plans demonstration

Marina Mackrow
Montana Kaimin

Following an impressive finish at the team road nationals in May, the University of Montana cycling team is putting on a demonstration and a race this month.

Mark Legg, Stevie Roark and Kathleen Jones led Montana to a fourth-place finish out of 28 schools. Adding merits to the high finish is the fact that UM was outnumbered, Legg said. It was a disadvantage because final placing was based on the overall team finishes in three

racers. Teams could bring up to eight riders, but UM had only three.

The three different races were the criterium, the road race and the team time trial.

Legg, the team captain, was the men's defending champion in the criterium. But racing while battling allergies hindered his ability to race the race he wanted, and he finished second.

The criterium is a fast, one-mile circuit on a city street that lasts about an hour. Legg said a criterium is traditionally flat, as was the course he won on the year before. However, this year's

course had a hill with a 15-percent gradient, or a "very steep hill."

"The race was decided by that hill," Legg said. "I had no oxygen with the allergies, but I won the sprint for second."

In the women's criterium, Jones crossed the line in fourth place. Legg said fourth was a good finish for her because medals were awarded for the top five.

Roark took second in the road race, Jones finished 14th and Legg placed 19th. The road race was a 63-mile race that finished with a two-mile hill climb of about a 20-percent grade.

The men and the women used the same course for their separate races. However, according to Legg, there are noticeable differences in the men's and women's times.

"It's not like running where you run as fast as you can," Legg said. "Road race is very tactical. You go from riding easy to riding 100 percent. But the women's times can be 10 to 15 percent slower."

The final race was the team time trial, which involved two to four riders per team riding as fast as they could. Since UM only had one male rider, there was only a women's team for that event.

"The girls were up against teams with more riders," Legg said. "But with all our combined points, we finished fourth place overall."

Between 20 and 25 students form UM's cycling team, which is sponsored by UM.

"We wouldn't be able to go

without the University's help," Legg said. "It's been tremendous and greatly appreciated."

The group competes as a Division-II school against other university teams around the region from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The divisions are based on the total number of students at the school. More than 15,000 students classifies a school as Division I and having less than 15,000 makes a school Division II.

"It is not based on ability," Legg said. "It's based on school size."

This October, Legg will travel to Seattle, Wash., to compete in the national cyclocross race where he is sponsored by Bianchi, a bike manufacturing company, not UM.

Cyclocross, according to Legg, combines road racing with mountain biking and is a spectator sport that is very popular in Europe and gaining in popularity in the United States.

Legg will not be able to participate in the mountain bike nationals that same month, but three of his teammates will.

Legg says UM rider Neil Davis could bring home a medal at the mountain bike nationals.

In between national competitions, the UM team trains together with group rides. Cyclocross training is open to anyone interested, and Legg says it is a way to try it out without being in a competitive situation.

"With cycling, anyone can ride or race," Legg said. "You don't have to qualify to make

the team. Anyone can race for the University of Montana."

Legg says collegiate cycling is the best way to try out road racing because it is categorized, keeping amateurs from racing against veterans.

On Sunday at noon, Legg will hold a cyclocross clinic at Fort Missoula. The UM cycling team will put on a cyclocross race at Fort Missoula on Sept. 29 to raise funds for the team's trip to the cyclocross nationals and to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the African American Bicycle Corp.

The course will be two to three kilometers around and will consist of pavement and off-road. "For good fun," Legg said, there will be 40-centimeter-high barriers that the riders will have to get off their bikes and run around. For even "more fun," the course will have a run-up, where the rider will have to shoulder the bike, run up a hill, and then jump back on the bike and continue the race.

"This is very intense," said Legg. "It's only one-hour long so you go as hard as you can for an hour. It's a spectator sport because they'll be close to the course and can see the riders suffering."

Legg is proud of what he and the other UM riders have done for cycling in Missoula.

"We've turned this small town into a well-known cycling area," he said.

For more information regarding the team or their races contact Legg at velokiwi@aol.com.

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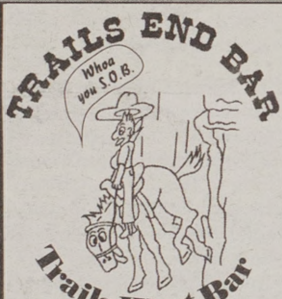
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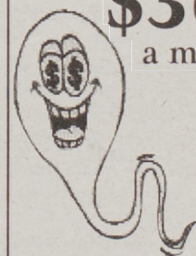
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KAIMIN SPORTS

Best ready to win after 2-year rough start

Column by



Bryan Haines

What a difference a year makes.

At this time last season, University of Montana volleyball head coach Nikki Best was sitting in her office looking at a 3-4 team stripped of players due to injuries. The season would only get longer, as UM won just two more matches and finished 5-16, with a 2-12 record in the Big Sky Conference.

Not exactly the season Best was hoping for in her second season at Montana.

Wednesday morning Best was all smiles as she talked about the prospects of this year's squad— and with good reason.

With a record of 6-4, the Grizzlies have already surpassed last year's win total. The ladies have wins over Mississippi and Central Florida and have competed against nationally ranked North Carolina. Most importantly, UM is healthy, with only one major injury to complain about.

"We still are not a finished product," Best said. "We still have a lot of ways to grow, but I feel really strongly that this group has unified in a special way."

This was not the case when Best and her husband Dave first took over the program in 2000.

Best was named the head coach after Colleen Frohlich was not rehired after coaching for one season. Frohlich had been an assistant to Dick Scott, who coached at UM for 20 years, but was put on a leave of absence a week into the 1999 season. Scott never returned, and Frohlich guided the team the rest of the year.

Best was the third coach in three years for many of the women on the team, and Best said that it was hard for both the coaches and the players to mesh.

Montana didn't exactly struggle that first year, going 16-14 with an 8-8 record in Big Sky play. But that team never gelled together because three seniors on the team were accustomed to doing things one way, and Best and her staff were introducing a new philosophy.

"The girls were not in a very good place emotionally," Best said. "It took that whole first year just for everyone to get comfortable."

Following her first season at UM, Best said, she was looking forward to her second season. For the most part the players were beginning to buy into Best's way of doing things, and there was a level of trust being forged between coaches and players. But before they could get off the ground and running, injuries started happening at a maddening rate. Katy Kubista and Natalie Jacksha were lost for the season before the team's first match. Then Teresa Stringer tore her ACL during

the first week of Big Sky play and missed the rest of the season. And then Lizzie Wertz missed time with a stress fracture.

The absence of bodies forced Best to play freshmen who weren't ready to play and juggle different starting lineups night after night.

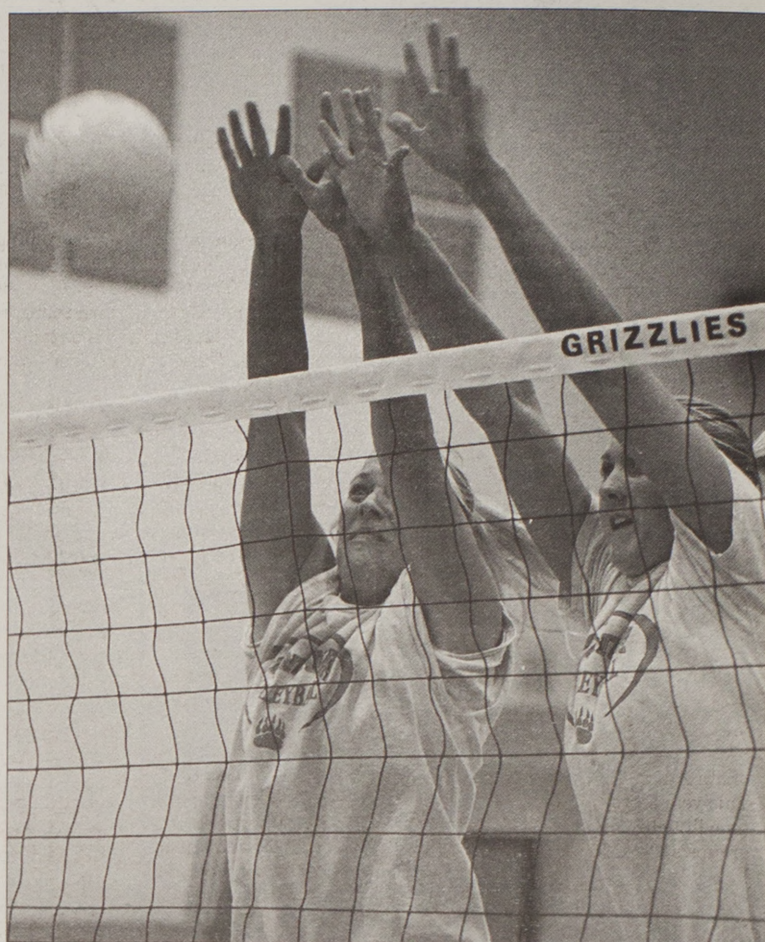
It was a trying year, but Best said that her team and the coaching staff learned a lot from last year's struggles and the uneasy transition in her first year here.

"We are starting to see the results of going through some hard times these last two

years," Best said. "Now, that ultimately made us stronger."

Although so far her third year has gone close to perfect compared to her first two, Best knows there are still hurdles to overcome.

A Big Sky Conference title is in Best's view, along with trips to the NCAA tournament. Instead of just competing with top-25 teams



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin
Junior Lizzie Wertz (right) goes up for a block with junior Claire Thompson during practice Wednesday in the Western Auxiliary Gym.

like North Carolina, Best wants Montana to be in the top 25.

Wins though, aren't everything to Best. If they were, she probably would not have made it through her first two years her, with all her hair intact. She will admit wins are nice and wanted, but how the team matures and how her players improve as peo-

ple on and off the court are just as important.

"For fruit to grow on a tree, you need a solid root system," Best said. "For us, fruit is a win, but if you don't have solid roots, you are not going to win much."

After two years of planting roots, it looks as though the tree is finally ready to produce fruit.

Missoula to host ESPN dog trials

ESPN's Super Retriever Series will host its first super-dog event Oct. 10-13 in Missoula.

Each made-for-TV Super Retriever Series event serves as a qualifier for the ESPN Great Outdoor Games, held each July.

This year's events include an expanded four-day format featuring 50 of the nation's top retriever/handler teams and an open competition in the "big air" category. Missoula's Maloney Ranch will be the setting Thursday for the first day of retriever qualifying. The competition then shifts to the Western Montana Retriever Club Friday and Saturday for the televised part of the competition. There will be 25 teams competing for a place in the TV coverage.

Competition is set to begin at 7 a.m. Thursday and Friday and then 8 a.m. on the weekend.

The unique Super Retriever Series format is designed to simulate a true hunting scenario that tests each dog/handler team and pushes natural instinct and train-

ability. The team that can retrieve the allotted number of birds with the fewest penalties, using time as a tie breaker, will take home the championship and earn a trip to the Great Outdoor Games.

"There is no question we are going to have the best retrievers in the world competing this season," said Justin Tackett, ESPN Great Outdoor Games and Super Retriever Series organizer, in a press release. "We are just thrilled to be heading to Missoula to give the teams out west a chance to get to the Great Outdoor Games."

A big air competition will also be held and will be an open invitation event. Any people who wish to enter their dogs in the long jumping competition can register on site Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Western Montana Retriever Club. Preregistration is also available online at www.SuperRetrieverSeries.com. Cost to register is \$25.

—by Kaimin Sports Staff

UM rodeo teams riding high

Chelsi Moy
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana women's rodeo team is roping, riding and tearing up the competition as it nears the end of its fall season.

These cowgirls are ranked second in the region with two rodeos left. The region consists of seven other schools: Western Montana College, Montana State University, Miles City Community College, Dawson Community College, Montana State University-Northern, Little Big Horn College and Northwest College in Powell, Wyo.

Four UM women, Joey Fleharty, Megan Ruhkala, Heidi Wilkinson and Hollis Lusse, are in the top 10 of the goat-tying event.

Coach Kevin Nordaul said that everyone is contributing to the team's success.

"None are doing better than another," Nordaul said. "They all do the best they can, and they try really hard."

The rest of the girl's rodeo team includes Melanie Schuler, Dawn Odom, Lacy Fleharty, Ashley Rolshaven and Meaghan Houlihan.

The men's rodeo team is in fourth place in the region, but

UM's Billy Burt is holding the top spot in the bull riding event.

The men's team includes Ross Eickhoff, Dustin Headley, Calvin Peterson, Troy Ruhkala, Warren Adams, Justin Krause, Sean Krei and Chuck Luke Meyer.

Not only do the men's and women's rodeo teams score high marks in the arena, but they also take pride in scoring high marks

in the classroom. The rodeo team's average grade point last spring was a 3.25, UM's second-highest team GPA behind women's golf.

"The main objective here is to go to school," Nordaul said.

The teams will travel to Miles City this weekend. They will finish up their fall season in two weeks in Dillon.

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OUTDOORS



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Calling all cruisers, the third annual Tour de Fat comes to Bonner Park on Saturday.

"It's a bike carnival, so to speak," said Ron Setzer, the Montana, Idaho and northern Wyoming regional director for New Belgium Brewing Company.

Tour de Fat is a noncompetitive fund raiser for local non-profit cycling organizations.

This year's profits will help groups such as Low Impact Mountain Bicyclists of Missoula,

Missoula in Motion and Missoula Urban Development.

New Belgium has donated more than \$10,000 in kegs and prizes, tour commissioner David Kemp said.

Proceeds from previous

events have helped pay for new trails and trail maintenance around Missoula.

The event begins at 9 a.m. with a morning bike ride at Bonner Park. The hub-bub starts shortly after the morning ride with the tapping of the kegs at 11 a.m. Those attending can sign up for events such as the paperboy challenge — a cruiser obstacle course where participants throw newspapers at targets.

Other competitions during the event include the rim toss, slow ride, ghost ride and the

mini-cruiser race.

Participants in the competitions have ample opportunities to win prizes and New Belgium Brewing paraphernalia.

Live music from local bands and food from Grant Creek Deli,

Tipu's Tiger and The Bridge Pizza will also accompany the event.

"It's kind of a coming together of the bike scene," Kemp said about the festivities, which he describes as an

event to celebrate the history of the bicycle.

The tour is also sponsoring a cruiser rally for the Homecoming parade where the infamous beerstream, a 1963 New Belgium modified airstream trailer, will make an appearance. Individuals with cruisers who are interested in

riding in the parade can meet to decorate their bikes for the "Call of the Wild" Homecoming theme, Friday at 9 p.m. at Sean Kelly's.

The event also features stunts performed by Safety Team, a local group of riders who formed at the first Tour de Fat. Safety Team will be

flying off jumps and drop-offs and doing everything in between, team member Eric Cline said.

For those not sure whether to attend, Cline only has one message:

"If you know how to have a good time, you're sure to find it there."

“If you know how to have a good time, you're sure to find it there

Eric Cline,
bicycle aficionado



Photo courtesy of New Belgium brewing

Bikes are fun. Beer is fun. Tour de Fat is fun.

Skateboarders are a force to be reckoned with

Column by



Liam Gallagher

The first signs of winter descend upon the streets. Gray skies cloud the horizon. Rain falls and the streets turn dark and slick. The masses are driven indoors. Some work, some sleep, some mope and others twitch, squirm, shake and wait.

These anxious souls know the wrath of that Spaniard in the sky — El Nino — better than most. These are ones with worn shoes, torn jeans and sweat-soaked shirts. They have greasy hair, sweaty brows and masochistic mindsets. They're seen in towns

the world over as punks, nuisances, degenerates and dirtbags. Yet, they're image is "X"-ploited daily by big business fat cats looking to make a buck. They're a subculture all their own. Scratch that — they're a culture all their own.

They are skateboarders, and they are a force to be reckoned with.

No more are the days of skateboarders being little more than prepubescent punks pushing themselves around cities and into people, problems and inevitably, police. They're real athletes with real ambitions and more dedication than most.

Today, there are an estimated 16 million skateboarders in the good old U.S. of A and more than 20 million worldwide. The skateboarding industry did more than \$1 billion in business last year.

And, according to information

from the National Consumer Product Safety Commission, skateboarders are less likely to require emergency medical care than participants of more traditional sports like baseball, basketball, football, soccer and volleyball.

The myths and misconceptions are being dispelled.

Unfortunately, a lot of uptight suit-and-tie types, politicians and police forces have always seen the skateboard population as rebellious punks without concern as to the "damage" or "danger" they cause.

But that seems to be changing.

Want proof? Visit www.skateboardingiasc.org.

What you'll find is a recently written statement about the successful letter-writing/e-mail campaign the International Association of Skateboard Companies led. For years now, the IASC has had its sights set on keeping the laws that keep skateboarders off their skateboards from being set in stone, or rather concrete. Their most recent victory came just over a week ago, when the California Legislature voted in favor of SB 994, which releases the state from any liability in any skate-

board-related personal injury claim, in turn allowing the state to build outdoor skate park after beautiful skate park without worry of impending lawsuits.

Jim Fitzpatrick of the IASC wrote on the Web site, "Seven years ago, when IASC first began to develop, I compared the

process of attempting to organize skateboarders to what it would take to organize earthworms. I was wrong because as it turns out, organizing skateboarders actually was easy because of one elemental aspect — passion."

Fitzpatrick went on to com-

mend all concrete surfers for their true convictions and continued involvement in IASC's campaigns. Thousands of shreds sent letters, e-mails, made phone calls and impressed upon California's senators that they need be taken as seriously as any other sector of society.

SB 994 is proof that we're beginning to get the respect we deserve.

However, the California skate communities' success is still far from the norm. Here in Missoula we are blessed with a community that opens its arms to skateboarders as widely as it opens them to patchwork, pilsner and

peace signs. But in cities across the country skateboarders are given about as much respect as a whino with a just emptied bottle. They're treated as criminals, chased out of town and ultimately driven to "skate and destroy." These communities breed resentment among the youth, who, in turn give little thought to the destruction of property or the disturbance of peace.

Enter the cliché skateboarder.

It doesn't have to be like this. The IASC knows this. Missoula's citizens know this. And soon enough (god-willing), squares in cities everywhere will know this.

Now don't get me wrong; the day skateboarding goes mainstream is the day it dies. But if shreds around the world continue making their presence felt in non-confrontational ways, skate parks will begin sprouting up with more frequency, laws against skateboarding will be tossed aside, and hell, maybe one day skateboarders will be free to roll wherever their wheels take them.

If we all shred with a conscience, respect and appreciate the freedom of the streets and own up to our actions and attitudes we will begin to change things. If we keep liability forms and the lawsuits that have ruined many a public park out of the picture and continue to skate and destroy the preconceived notions of skateboarders, chances are skateboarding will go places the Z-boys, Tony Alva and your parents could've never imagined.

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OUTDOORS

Forest officials scramble to salvage land trades after ruling

LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) — A federal appeals court ruling that blocked a timber sale on the Gallatin National Forest also means lost funding for a land swap project, forest officials say.

All the money from the timber sale, estimated at \$900,000, was to be used to help buy private land in the Taylor Fork drainage south of Big Sky, which property conservationists and wildlife experts say is valuable as wildlife habitat and for recreation.

"It was the highest revenue-generating sale on the Gallatin National Forest," said Bob Dennee, a land specialist for the forest. "It's a big loss."

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Monday that the fed-

eral government must do more environmental studies before the Darroch-Eagle timber sale near Yellowstone National Park can proceed.

The decision overturned U.S. District Judge Jack Shanstrom.

The appeals court, based in San Francisco, said the government approved the logging plan although it violates local rules limiting the amount of miles of logging roads.

Also, the court said the government did not adequately review the plight of grizzly bears, which are listed as

threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The court's action blocks any logging until new environmental studies are conducted.

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Bob Dennee,
land specialist

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Gallatin.

The Forest Service, however, has only until the end of 2003 to come

up with the \$4.5 million it agreed to pay MacDougal for his property in the Taylor Fork drainage.

Dennee said Congress has been asked to help, and timber sales on other national forests might provide some of the needed money.

As a last resort officials could trade the land for other Forest Service property, he said.

Hank Rate, a member of Bear Creek Council, one of the groups that sued to halt the timber sale, said the council supports buying the land in the Taylor Fork but not at the expense of potential damage elsewhere in the forest.

The Darroch-Eagle timber sale was "in the wrong place," he said. "It was too much (timber) coming out."

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KBGA plans big birthday bash

Jeff Windmueller
Montana Kaimin

With beer and bands, the University of Montana's campus radio station will celebrate its sixth birthday this weekend.

KBGA's Birthday Bash will be held Friday and Saturday nights at the Blue Heron, starting at about 10 p.m. It costs \$5 to get in and is open to anyone over 21.

After the success of last year's bash, KBGA employees are excited about this year's celebration.

"Last year, the second night was so packed we were at capacity and had to start turning people away," said Scott Kobold, general manager. "This year will be just a mob scene."

Friday's rock bands include Sasshole, the International Playboys, The Oblio Joes and the Fireballs of Freedom. Saturday will feature Zoe Wood, Organic Elements, Carlos Washington and the Amazing Giant People.

There will be an after-hours party at the Blue Heron Saturday night featuring local DJs such as DJ Beyonda, DJ Lien and Chris Abbott.

"Last year's party was just crazy for six or eight hours," said Dave Prody, KBGA's network administrator. "Even the after-hours party was near the limit."

Volunteers from KBGA will be manning the doors and selling merchandise to raise money for the station. Merchandise includes T-shirts and the sta-

tion's newest CD, "KBGA Copperwire," a compilation of recordings taken at live Missoula shows.

There will be a raffle for prizes including a Trek mountain bike donated by Open Road Bicycles, two snowboards from Board of Missoula and Element, two \$150 Painless Steel tattoos, and a 1989 Chevrolet Celebrity with about 200,000 miles on it from Bitterroot Motors.

People attending should anticipate loud music, hot temperatures and a good time.

"Every square inch of the floor will be covered in beer and sweat," Kobold said. "I feel sorry for the swabber after our birthday bash."

Judge weighs questioning of workers in drug center

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A judge Wednesday closed to the public a hearing to determine whether workers at the drug rehabilitation center where Gov. Jeb Bush's daughter is being treated must answer police questions about her.

Police received a report last week that Noelle Bush had crack cocaine in her shoe, but workers at the center have refused to cooperate with the investigation citing privacy concerns. Prosecutors have subpoenaed four workers to compel them to answer questions.

Judge Belvin Perry closed the hearing, citing public

health laws that protect people in drug and alcohol treatment programs. Perry said he would rule next week.

Police said 0.2 grams of crack cocaine were found in Noelle Bush's shoe last week after they were called to the center by another patient. She was not arrested because officers couldn't get sworn statements from staffers at The Center for Drug-Free Living.

Bush was put in a court-ordered rehabilitation program in February shortly after she was arrested for allegedly trying to buy the anti-anxiety drug Xanax with a fraudulent prescription.

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Appeals court halts timber sale

LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) — A federal appeals court ruling that blocked a timber sale on the Gallatin National Forest also means lost funding for a land swap project, forest officials say.

All the money from the timber sale, estimated at \$900,000, was to be used to help buy private land in the Taylor Fork drainage south of Big Sky, property conservationists and wildlife experts say is valuable as wildlife habitat and for recreation.

"It was the highest revenue-generating sale on the Gallatin National Forest," said Bob Dennee, a land specialist for the forest. "It's a big loss."

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Monday that the federal government must do more environmental studies before the Darroch-Eagle timber sale near Yellowstone

National Park can proceed.

The decision overturns U.S. District Judge Jack Shanstrom's ruling.

The appeals court, based in San Francisco, said the government approved the logging plan although it violates local rules limiting the amount of miles of logging roads. Also, the court said the government did not adequately review the plight of grizzly bears, which are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The court's action blocks any logging until new environmental studies are conducted.

The timber sale was one of 11 being used to fund the purchase of about 2,500 acres from the Big Sky Lumber Co. and one of its former partners, Mel MacDougal. That land is the final component of a larger land swap totaling 55,000 acres in the Gallatin.

The Forest Service, however, has only until the end of 2003 to come up with the \$4.5 million it agreed to pay MacDougal for his property in the Taylor Fork drainage.

Dennee said Congress has been asked to help, and timber sales on other national forests might provide some of the needed money.

As a last resort, officials could trade the land for other Forest Service property, he said.

Hank Rate, a member of Bear Creek Council, one of the groups that sued to halt the timber sale, said the council supports buying the land in the Taylor Fork, but not at the expense of potential damage elsewhere in the forest.

The Darroch-Eagle timber sale was "in the wrong place," he said. "It was too much (timber) coming out."

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NEWS

Experimental College ready to rock

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Students can shake their groove things or learn a number of useful practices at the Experimental College, but they have to hurry because sign-ups have begun and classes fill up quickly.

Every year the college holds classes at UM to help people have a good time, learn something new and hopefully improve themselves. Don't worry, there are no grades and tests, just a fun time.

There are 17 classes including a number of dance programs ranging from the newest Afro-Brazilian to the classics, belly dancing and swing danc-

ing. Also, students can learn to play instruments like the banjo and guitar, study foreign cultures with international travel, take cooking classes, or learn the relaxing values of feng shui, yoga and black-and-white photography.

"I try to find classes that appeal to everyone's interest," said Katie Jensen, student coordinator for the Experiential College.

The classes start Oct. 1 and continue through the semester. Most classes usually meet once a week.

"I want to do funk dancing again," sophomore Sherry Nelson said. "The college will let me try things I can't do in class."

Naturopathic medicine, a new

class taught by Dr. Mark Kelly, will give students an overview of natural medicines and take-home procedures along with a history of the diseases that can be treated with the ancient science.

"It is over thousands of years old and is very useful," Kelly said.

Registration is at the box office/information desk in the UC, and costs range from \$12.50 to \$30. The rates are cheaper for students than the general public costs.

Dance classes fill up especially fast, and students who register more than three days in advance receive a discount.

For more information on the Experiential College call 243-6187.

Afghans don't buy U.S. report on attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Afghan government rejects the findings of a U.S. military report that cleared an American warplane crew in the deaths of dozens of civilians at a wedding party, but it doesn't plan to press the matter because of its sensitivity, officials said Wednesday.

Tribal Affairs Minister Mohammed Arif Noorzai, who headed a joint Afghan-U.S. team that conducted a separate investigation of the July 1 attack, said the American raid was "a mistake."

"All our people reject this report. Anybody with any common sense would reject this report," he told The Associated Press.

Afghan authorities say 48 civilians were killed and 117

wounded when an Air Force AC-130 gunship strafed five villages in Uruzgan. The dead included 25 members of an extended family celebrating a wedding, the Afghans said.

A summary of the U.S. military inquiry, released Sept. 6, said American authorities confirmed 34 dead and about 50 wounded. The U.S. report acknowledged the dead were civilians, but said the attack was justified because the plane had come under hostile fire.

Afghan officials and survivors, however, say celebrants at a wedding party were firing rifles into the air — a tradition in Afghanistan — when the Americans flew over and mistook it for an attack, unleashing a hail of return fire.

Police arrest Internet drug dealers

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a clamp down on Internet drug dealers, federal, state and local authorities said Wednesday they have made arrests and conducted searches in dozens of U.S. cities where traffickers have used computers to sell the "date rape" drug GHB.

Investigators conducted more than 150 searches and made a number of arrests in a law enforcement sweep in more than 70 U.S. cities, marking the first-ever probe of its kind involving the Internet and GHB, said a federal law enforcement official.

The official said about 25 dealers were considered primary targets in the investigation, which began two years ago.

The traffickers operated their own Web sites where customers could log on and put in their orders for GHB and similar drugs, which would then be delivered via the mail.

Attorney General John Ashcroft and Drug Enforcement Administration Director Asa Hutchinson planned to detail the operation at a news conference Thursday.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Customs Service and the FBI also participated in the probe.

GHB is a mixture of common industrial chemicals that Congress outlawed several years ago. The drug and its derivatives, GBL and 1,4 BD,

act as central nervous system depressants and cause drowsiness, dizziness, nausea and loss of inhibition.

Education efforts by law enforcement agencies and the government have been aimed at warning women about predators who could spike their drinks with the drug.

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NEWS

Disability group sues Montana

HELENA (AP) — The state has broken the law and violated the Constitutional rights of developmentally disabled Montanans by failing to adequately fund community programs for them, a lawsuit filed Wednesday claims.

The complaint, filed in District Court here, contends the lack of money forces providers of community services to pay such low salaries and benefits to employees that the programs are in jeopardy.

Without the money to hire and keep qualified staff, the private, non-profit organizations have trouble both serving the people already using community-based programs and expanding to meet additional demand, according to the suit.

The result is that those relying on community services may be forced into state institutions, and people in those facilities will not have a chance to live in less-restrictive settings, it argued.

The suit was filed by the Montana Association for Independent Disability Services Inc., which represents 34 organi-

zations supplying community services to about 3,000 people.

Dave Eaton of Livingston, president of the association, estimated \$20 million is needed in order to make pay and benefits equal to those provided employees doing similar work in state institutions.

Joe Mathews, who heads the state Disability Services Division, said the 2001 Legislature approved a \$3.8 million increase for workers providing direct care in community programs.

"The Legislature tried to do as much as it could," he said. "The providers apparently just don't think it's enough."

The suit does not ask for a specific amount of money, but rather requests a court order requiring the state to erase the wage-and-benefit gap between employees in state institutions and community-based programs such as group homes and workshops.

The suit estimates that direct-care and professional staff in state institutions make 23 percent to 38 percent more than their counterparts in the private operations.

The gap makes it tough for the community programs to hire and retain the kind of quality staff needed, and some organizations have annual turnover rates of 120 percent, the suit said.

State law creates a government policy that ensures that the developmentally disabled live in the least-restrictive settings as possible, but the state's funding of community programs contradicts that mandate by depriving people access to community programs, the suit alleged.

"These people are our most vulnerable citizens, and we have a mandate to serve these people," said Rhoda Miller, spokeswoman for the association filing the suit. "If it gets to the point where we can't get a quality staff and pay them decent wages, we have to reduce our caseloads and, worst-case scenario, they may have to be re-institutionalized."

The suit said that predicament deprives citizens of their constitutional rights to personal dignity and the pursuit of safety, health and happiness, the suit said.

Miller said the 14.5 percent

increase provided by the Legislature was too little to correct the problem in pay and benefits. "We've been dealing with this issue for years and years and years."

Eaton called the suit a last resort.

"It's sad that we have to beg and now to sue for additional funding to compel attention to this harmful trend of unfair wages, but our first consideration must be for those individuals and families that we serve."

Mathews said state officials were warned the suit was coming.

"This is an attempt to try to demonstrate the fact that human services is being cut pretty substantially," he said. "They're trying to see if there's a way through the judicial system to affect higher rates for the people that serve our clients out there."

But, Mathews said, the state does not have the money wanted by the community-service providers.

"The budget isn't there and, for the foreseeable future, it doesn't look like it's going to be there," he said.

Bombing suspect arrested

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's government announced the arrest Wednesday of a Pakistani suspected of masterminding the May 8 car bombing that killed 11 French engineers and three other people — the deadliest terrorist attack on foreigners in Pakistan this year.

A government statement said the suspect was among seven Pakistanis seized in raids throughout Karachi, and a large quantity of weapons was also seized. It did not identify the suspect.

A senior police official said the suspect was also believed to be involved in the June 14 car bombing at the U.S. Consulate in Karachi and two attempts to kill President Pervez Musharraf. Twelve Pakistanis were killed in the consulate attack.

Some of the arrests were made near a Karachi convention center where Musharraf visited Tuesday, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

All those arrested were believed to be members of an offshoot of the al-Qaida-linked group Harkat-ul-Mujahdeen, a militant organization fighting Indian rule in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

The announcement followed the arrest last week in Karachi of about a dozen al-Qaida suspects, most believed to be Yemenis. They included a key organizer of the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States, Ramzi Binalshibh.

He and four others were handed over to U.S. custody Monday and flown out of the country. The arrests prompted Musharraf to declare that security forces "have broken the terrorist network" in Pakistan.

The May car bombing led to an exodus of foreign diplomats, businessmen and their families from Pakistan's largest city.

The French victims were engineers at France's state-owned naval construction service who were building a second Agosta submarine Pakistan purchased from France. They were preparing to board a bus to go to work when the car bomb exploded.

Suspicion fell on Islamic extremists seeking revenge for Musharraf's decision to abandon support for the Afghan Taliban and back the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

There was also suspicion that al-Qaida fugitives may have been involved, because of the sophistication of the bomb and because Pakistani extremist groups had no history of suicide attacks.

Western and Pakistani security officials believe al-Qaida operatives fleeing Afghanistan linked up with Pakistani extremists to stage attacks against foreigners and Pakistani leaders.

Bush pressing Congress for OK to attack Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration pressed Congress to take the lead against Iraq as it prepared to send lawmakers a resolution Thursday authorizing the use of military force.

The White House talked tough Wednesday as the U.S. campaign for a strong new U.N. resolution was undercut by Saddam Hussein's offer on inspections. At the same time, United Nations weapons inspectors began planning their return to Baghdad.

"It serves no U.S. or U.N. purpose to give Saddam Hussein excuses for further delay," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld asserted.

Iraq's announcement that it would accept the return of international weapons inspectors nearly four years after they left divided the Security Council. The United States and Britain pursued a resolution to force Iraq to disarm. But Russia and France were opposed, as were Arab nations.

Secretary of State Colin Powell on Wednesday brought President Bush a progress report on U.S. efforts at the United Nations. He was due back at the White House Thursday morning for more strategy-plotting on the administration's next moves with wary allies, a senior White House official said.

Rumsfeld, in testimony to the House Armed Services Committee, and Bush, in a White House meeting with top congressional leaders, dismissed the Iraqi leader's 11th-hour overture as a stalling tactic.

"He's not going to fool anybody," Bush said.

Rumsfeld suggested that Iraq had concealed evidence

of its weapons programs in a labyrinth of tunnels and other elaborate hiding places, certain to complicate and prolong any new inspection effort.

While United Nations officials in New York prepared for the inspectors return, the United States and Britain began working on a new resolution aimed at authorizing use of force should Baghdad fail to comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Western diplomats said the U.S.-British draft would likely include new instructions for weapons inspectors and a timetable for disarmament that would be tighter than one laid out in an existing resolution passed in December 1999.

U.S. officials said they did not intend to let Iraq's maneuver blunt their efforts for such a resolution.

"I see nothing to suggest that the timing has changed for what the United Nations Security Council is considering," said Bush press secretary Ari Fleischer.

Still, Iraq's invitation to give international inspectors unfettered access to suspected weapons sites after a four-year absence divided the Security Council and prompted the White House to step up its pressure on both allies and Congress.

"Only certainty of U.S. and U.N. purposefulness can have even the prospect of affecting the Iraqi regime," Rumsfeld said. "It is important that Congress send that message as soon as possible — before the U.N. Security Council votes."

Rumsfeld testified as the White House put the finishing touches on its proposed congressional resolution.

Students interested in participating in the Four Bear Program must attend ONE of the following six meetings (all meetings will be held at the Urey Lecture Hall):

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Social

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"The point of this is to have a positive welcome back for students," said former ASUM senator Matt Jennings. Jennings resigned after being hired as ASUM's student political action director. "And, everyone likes ice cream."

A variety of flavors will be provided during the social. Baskin-Robbins 31 Flavors Ice Cream and Big Dipper Ice Cream are providing the food at cost as well as equipment that will be used to distribute the ice cream.

Organizers estimate the event will cost \$200. The "Thoughtful Neighbors" will be picking up the bill.

The Mudflaps will be playing

at Sunday's social, and Grizzly football head coach Joe Glen will be speaking. UM President George Dennison will also be in attendance.



Matt Jennings

Hiring Jennings as the ASUM political action director was approved unanimously by the senate during Wednesday night's meeting. Jennings' resignation will bring the total of empty senate seats to four. ASUM will most likely fill those positions by next week's meeting, said senator Averiel Wolff, chair of the interview committee.

"We recommended Matt

(Jennings) be hired because of his knowledge and background," said Wolff. "And because of his extensive volunteer work at the special session. We knew he was the one we needed to fill this position."

Jennings' job will include getting students to register to vote and to hit the polls during elections, a goal he has already made considerable progress on.

ASUM has registered 200 students to vote this year, compared to 461 total last year.

Jennings will also be in charge of helping students make educated decisions once they reach the polls and keeping students up to speed on local, statewide and national politics.

"Of course, I am very excited," Jennings said.

reserve," Dagenhart said.

"That's just the type of person she was. She was such a hard worker."

Servo adjusted to her first full-time reporting job well, Dagenhart said, and made friends in the small newsroom of 22 people quickly.

Knowles said Servo was the kind of student he knew was bound for a major market career.

"She was the quintessential television reporter," he said.

"She knew how to find the right people to tell a story."

Freimann agreed.

"She was able to connect to her interviews one on one, person to person, not reporter to person," Freimann said.

"She was able to just talk, just to be herself and to smile. She got stuff out of people that I wasn't able to get because they felt defensive. (With her they felt) comforted. She was real."

Servo would have turned 23 this coming Monday.

hard as she played and was good at her job.

KRBC canceled its 5 p.m. newscast on Wednesday and the only story that was reported at 6 p.m. was news of Servo's death. KRBC then went silent for the rest of the half-hour newscast. A photograph of Servo, her date of birth and presumed date of death was displayed until regular programming continued at 6:30 p.m.

Toby Dagenhart, the news director at KRBC, said, "This is the biggest tragedy that we have faced in this newsroom. Everyone here, the whole staff, is going to miss her."

Servo joined the U.S. Army Reserve in 1996 and remained an active reservist. During her service, she rose to the rank of sergeant and received a Humanitarian Medal and an Overseas Medal for her work.

"When I interviewed her she was doing her two-week training in the army

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After a few days of construction, Palmer Electric spent Wednesday installing the screen on the new Jumbotron at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Servo

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NBC affiliate KRBC 9.

Servo grew up in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1998, said Dara Freimann, Servo's close friend and former co-worker at KECI 13.

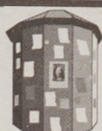
Servo had worked at KECI from May 2001 until last June.

"There was nobody at KECI that didn't like Jen," Freimann said. "Nobody. Everyone who knew her is going to miss her, and KECI is no exception."

Servo always had her arms in the air, Freimann said, like she was riding a roller coaster or going to throw her arms around someone to hug them.

Freimann remembers her friend as a free spirit and a hard worker, who always teased that her cat, Mr. Binks, was the main man in her life. She said that Servo worked as

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