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MONTANA KAIMIN

Kaimin is a Salish word for paper

Thursday

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Six Sigma Nu members fess up to vandalism

Fraternity tribunal to decide on repercussions

Kellyn Brown
Montana Kaimin

Six members of the Sigma Nu fraternity admitted Wednesday to vandalizing the Sigma Chi fraternity house.

The repercussions could range from a one-semester suspension from the fraternity for the perpetrators to the loss of UM's Sigma Nu charter.

The names of the six men were not released Wednesday.

The 5-foot brick wall bordering Sigma Chi was spray

painted with derogatory references to homosexuals and drawings of male and female genitalia Monday night. There were more than a dozen slogans, including "I eat ass," "Sigma Chi are fags," and "We love cock." Additionally, the fraternity's glass "Jordan Standard," which is the code that Sigma Chi members follow, was shattered, and the lawn was damaged.

"Right now we are getting a tribunal moving swiftly, but as carefully as possible," said Eldridge Moore, Greek Life adviser.

The tribunal, which is made up of members from UM fraternities not involved in the incident, will decide what pun-

ishment should be handed down.

The tribunal will be held by Friday, Moore said.

"City police have been notified that the gentlemen have turned themselves in," Moore said.

He added that the police will decide after the tribunal whether to take further steps to punish the six men. The offense for graffiti and vandalism is criminal mischief, and could carry a sentence of up to six months in jail or a \$1,000 fine.

Tyler Chapman, the president of Sigma Nu's UM chapter, apologized for the vandalism.

"Several actions have been

taken by Sigma Nu and the Greek system to punish a few individuals whose actions have misrepresented Sigma Nu and the Greek community," Chapman said.

The paint on Sigma Chi's wall will be cleaned off by Thursday morning, Chapman said. In the meantime, the slogans were covered with white paper.

Sigma Nu is taking the proper measures to prevent future pranks, Chapman said, and will return Sigma Chi to its previous condition.

"I am sorry on behalf of a few who have negated the efforts of our neighbors, University and community," Chapman said.

Man charged with indecent exposure

Man masturbating in Mansfield Library, witnesses allege

Kellyn Brown
Montana Kaimin

A man accused of exposing himself Tuesday night on the fifth floor of the Mansfield Library was arrested and charged with indecent exposure.

James Hopson, a 34-year-old with an extensive criminal record, is not a University of Montana student.

Two women in the library allegedly saw Hopson on the floor masturbating and reported the incident to library employees, said Lt. Jim Lemcke, the assistant director of Public Safety.

Public Safety responded at 9:43 p.m., according to police records.

When officers arrived, Hopson was sleeping on the floor and didn't offer any resistance, Lemcke said. He was detained and taken into custody.

This is not the first time something like this has happened, said Erling Oelz, the director of public services in the library.

"We are fairly close to the interstate and have a lot of people accessing the library," Oelz said.

The building is open to the community, not just students, faculty and staff, Oelz said this makes it difficult to identify suspicious characters.

"If it is decided someone is a repeat offender, the school restricts their access to campus facilities," Oelz said.

Officials at the library e-mail all of its employees to notify them of incidents of this nature. And, Oelz said, there is an emergency procedure in place to deal with problems that arise.

He said the library makes a practice of first notifying Public Safety.

Lemcke said Public Safety would like witnesses to come forward to help with its investigation of this case.

Public Safety asks anyone with information about the incident to call 243-6131.

Small-town dreamer still reaches for the stars

Rocket scientist speaks about perseverance

Kristen Inbody
Montana Kaimin

Homer Hickam Jr., whose autobiography became the movie "October Sky," came from humble beginnings, he said Wednesday before a crowd of about 200 that included a liberal sprinkling of children clutching autographed copies of Hickam's book.

When he was born, his father pronounced him the ugliest baby he had ever seen. His mom named him after his father in spite, he said.

Then came the day he let down the whole town of Coalwood, W. Va. He represented his school at the "Golden Horseshoe" competition and became the first Coalwood boy in years not to win the award and knightship from the governor (Forty years later, in recognition of his literary and scientific achievements, the governor knighted him as a recipient of the Golden Horseshoe).

His older brother, a football star in a "football factory" of a town, introduced Hickam as his sister.

His father ended his second-grade boys' club known as the "Coalhicans" — Hickam loved the book "The Last of the Mohicans" — when his father's miners kept showing up late after they were "massacred" every morning on the way to work.



World famous author Homer Hickam Jr. (left) signs 11-year-old Nathaniel Krause's T-shirt during a presentation and book signing in the University Theatre on Wednesday. "I didn't have any books (for him to sign) and I've waited a lifetime to see him," Krause said.

The Coalhicans later became "those rocket boys," as they were disparagingly referred to by the rest of the town.

In October 1957 Hickam found a new reason to get thrown out of town: rockets. He watched the Russian satellite Sputnik blip across the sky.

"I knew I wanted to be a part of it," he said.

Though "about everyone in Coalwood showed up to watch it with me," his dad refused, saying "President Eisenhower would never allow anything Russian to fly over Coalwood,"

Hickam said.

"That brief interlude, to see that twinkling star passing overhead, changed my whole life," he said. "I wanted to be a part of it, and the only thing that came to my 10th-grade brain was: 'I guess I better learn how to build a rocket.'"

The Coalhicans, who changed their name to the Big Creek Missile Agency, built a rocket that launched pieces of his mother's rose garden fence through the air in a brilliant flash of light.

"If my mother had walked

out that moment and killed me, not a jury in West Virginia would have convicted her," he said.

Instead, she asked him if he really could build a rocket, despite the evidence. If so, she said, she might be able to convince his father to let her use the money she saved to send him to college. Wives couldn't write checks without their husbands as co-signers, he said.

The Big Creek Missile Agency set to work building

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OPINION

Editorial

Israeli legislation
less than capital

The one thing about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that can be universally agreed upon is that it doesn't need any more complications.

On Tuesday, President Bush signed a law that essentially says the United States recognizes Jerusalem, which is disputed territory, as Israel's capital. It's written in kind of dicey language — it says official U.S. documents that deal with money must identify Jerusalem as Israel's capital and it urges that the U.S. embassy be moved to Jerusalem — but the effect is the same.

Adding fuel to an out-of-control fire is generally a bad idea, and pretending fuel isn't fuel doesn't make it so.

After signing the law, Bush has been talking it down and just adding to the mess even more. He says he only views the law as a recommendation and that he doesn't intend to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Last time we checked, laws are more than a recommendation, and once they are signed they must be obeyed. Why would Bush sign it if he wasn't interested in following through with what it calls for? This inconsistency makes us, and the rest of the world, nervous because Bush is either extremely confused or he's not being honest about his intentions.

Plus, even if this were just a "recommendation" and not a law, it sends a strong message to the Palestinians that the United States isn't interested in letting the two parties work out a solution. In the past, we've stayed out of the debate about who should control Jerusalem. Even though the millions of dollars we send to the Israelis each year show which side our country supports, at least we haven't shoved our nose into the debate about what should be done about the city that both sides want to claim as their capital.

Palestinians have reacted strongly, saying that this U.S. move undermines the peace process. And it does. Control of Jerusalem needs to be negotiated between the feuding parties and the United States picking sides in this tense debate just adds to the confusion of it all.

It's not just the Palestinians who say this move is bad. The U.S. State Department said both Tuesday and Wednesday that the status of Jerusalem needs to be worked out by the Israelis and the Palestinians. It's trying the best it can to cover up Bush's mistake and let everyone know that there will be no change in U.S. policy.

The Israelis and Palestinians are having plenty of problems without the United States adding confusing laws and foreign policy statements into the mix. The new law only adds yet another ingredient into a dangerously volatile cocktail.

—Jessie Childress

Guest Column

Nothing for something: Bottled water

Column by
Frances Carr

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. —

Imagine yourself in a non-descript convenience store. You just pulled into this Mobil-Mart or A-Plus because you are parched and are craving a water to quench your thirst. You approach the clear glass refrigerator that holds those sleek water bottles, lined up ever so carefully and strategically.

You are looking for an Aquafina, your favorite water. There is something so refreshing and cool about the fancy blue design on the bottle.

"If I can just find myself an Aquafina to drink, I can be refreshed and cool and fancy too," you think to yourself. Who cares if it isn't actually spring water? The marketing geniuses that masterminded the graphics make it seem as though it is something more than simply tap water. And what a name, what a fitting Latin translation: fine water or end water, the water to end all waters!

Unless you've ever questioned the source, based upon the graphics that allude to something else, you just assume that this water came from a crystal clear spring somewhere high atop a snow-capped mountain. Images can be misleading.

Sorry to burst your bubble, but a lot of the time there is no mountain, no flowing spring. The source, in Dasani's case, is a Coca-Cola plant. If you consider this corporate summit a mountain, then climb on.

One quarter of all bottled water comes simply from the tap. So how do these companies get away with splashing a little bit of processed municipal water, that they access for free, into pretty little bottles and sell to thirsty consumers for a gross yearly profit of \$4 billion? Reverse osmosis, the process by which water is filtered to remove any significant levels of anything that could be bad for you and also to

remove whatever taste may be present. But here's a newsflash: free water goes through much more testing for contaminants than any bottled water, including spring water.

You should drink a lot of water. According to my doctor, about a gallon a day, minimum. But, we aren't all rolling in dough and those \$2 bottles add up. Imagine that you drink a bottle a day, well under your recommended allowance, for argument's sake. After a year, you will have spent a completely unnecessary \$730 for something that is automatically delivered to your house for a few cents. Save some money, buy a Brita filter; it does the same thing.

And, by the way, if tap water is too dirty to drink, it is way too dirty to clean ourselves with it (I once read that Demi Moore bathes in spring water) or for that matter wash our dishes or laundry with it. Where will it end?

In a new series of commercials, Aquafina at least has the decency to be straight with consumers when it comes right out and says, "We promise nothing." Or for its spin on fruit water, "nothing and more." It is telling us the contents of the cute little bottle are worthless, and we are rushing out and scooping it up. I'll bet the members of the

bottled water industry are having a hearty laugh at our expense, not to mention getting a big heap of money.

At the rate the bottled water industry is growing and the demand for the neatly packaged tap water is increasing, will the same phenomena rise up between Dasani and Aquafina as it has between their respective parent companies, Coke and Pepsi? Will the future hold water taste tests, or to-the-death loyalty to one company or the other? Or, will people finally see the stupidity in throwing their hard earned money into 12 ounces of nothing?

Careful consumers: Bear in mind that while, yes, it is healthier than its sugary convenience store counterparts, water is also free and there's an infinite amount at home.

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This week in UM history

1973

The Kaimin reported that B parking decals would be made available to students for \$3. The B decals could be used for night parking and certain lots during the day. The A decals — which allowed unlimited parking — were selling for \$9 a year.

1963

UM president Robert Johns pledged his support for building a new student union building at UM. He stressed that the bulk of the funding would come from student fees. He told the Kaimin: "The time will come, when you're going to have to fish or cut bait."

1950

The Kaimin reported that the Grizzly football team upset the Idaho Vandals in Moscow, 28-27 to capture the Little Brown Stein. The Grizzlies were set to play the Oregon Ducks at Eugene, Ore., the following Saturday.

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NEWS

Old frat tries for new start at UM

Kristen Inbody
Montana Kaimin

The men of Alpha Tau Omega have returned with hopes of colonizing UM.

Two years after UM's ATO chapter lost its house and its charter, the national fraternity is once again trying to get a foothold at UM.

The recruitment drive began with 2,000 letters sent to freshmen, sophomores and transfer students with a 3.0 GPA or above, said Chris Owens, ATO director of expansion.

"Certainly you don't have to have a 3.0 to be in ATO, but these are guys that have proven themselves academically," Owens said.

For the next two weeks, ATO is hosting a series of informational meetings at the UC. Five men attended Wednesday's meeting, including Kyle Engelson, a freshman in business administration.

"I wanted to find out how ATO works," Engelson said.

The ATO closed its UM chapter in fall 2001 because of dwindling numbers, Owens said.

"The guys weren't doing a great job recruiting," he said. "They couldn't afford rent on

the house. Once the house was taken away, the group fizzled."

A group of ATO alumni from UM own the house at 501 University Ave. A Christian fellowship group now uses the house.

The chapter couldn't move back into the house until fall 2003 at the earliest, Owens said. First they have to form bylaws, develop programs and recruit, he said.

"A lot of undergraduates think a house makes a fraternity. Our mission is to explain that it's the actions and positive things the men do on campus in brotherhood that makes a fraternity," he said. "The house is just a structure, but it is the men living the ideals of the fraternity that make a fraternity."

Refounding the chapter will succeed now because the majority of the guys in the chapter when it closed are gone, Owens said.

"With the resources we now have as an expansion team, we're recruiting quality guys who agree to the substance-free rules and want to be part of the Greek system but haven't found one for them," he said.

Kris Plam, the vice president of the Inter Fraternity Council,

said rebuilding ATO would make for a stronger house than ATO had before its closure. Chapters are cyclic, he said, "every couple of years there are times of high or complete lows emotionally and number-wise."

Owens said, "The biggest draw is in starting their own traditions. There's no negative associations with this group because it's starting new."

Engelson said he liked the idea of helping found an ATO chapter at UM because there would be no precedent, he said. "We get to decide how it happens."

Across the street from the Christian house, the Phi Delta Theta chapter is also rebuilding, though they retained their house and charter.

Instead of creating another house competing for members, re-founding ATO could improve PDT, too, PDT vice president Garrett Johnson said.

"We could help each other out since we're in the same position," Johnson said. "We could do functions together and recruit as a group to draw members to us both."

As the Greek system bands together, it will draw more members to it as a whole, Johnson said.

The two fraternities would likely draw different types of men, PDT member Josh Archey said.

"Not everyone is made for

one fraternity or another," he said. "There's a frat for everyone, but not everyone fits every frat. Get my drift?"

The new Greek adviser, Eldridge Moore, said the two fraternities would not be in competition for members.

"UM has well over 5,000 men," he said. "That's enough to support another fraternity."

UM supports the return of ATO, Owens said.

"The University is looking for a fraternity with something different to offer," he said. "On every campus there's a fraternity who gets into trouble. This fraternity is for those guys that want to be part of the system but don't want to be in one that's painting on the walls."

No alcohol will be allowed at UM's ATO house, Owens said.

"ATO is looking for guys interested in ... getting out of the fraternity the things you're supposed to get out of a fraternity: friendship and leadership development. Our tagline is 'America's Leadership Development Fraternity.'"

Engelson said, "It will be a good leadership opportunity for me to help develop one that's not already on campus. It's a good opportunity for later on."

The fraternity, founded on Sept. 11, 1865, was the first founded on Christian principles, though members don't have to be Christian, Owens said.

Oscar winner to speak on cultural rifts

Jeff Windmueller
Montana Kaimin

A winner of the Emmy Special Award and an Oscar for the Arts Endowment will speak at the University of Montana Thursday about the effects of globalization and culture.

Frank Hodsoll's lecture, "America and the World: Clash of Cultures," will be held at 7 p.m. in the Montana Theatre of the PARTY Center. It is a joint effort by the World Affairs Council of Montana and the Missoula Cultural Council.

"What the council wanted to do was to step back after 9/11 and look at some of the questions people asked like, 'Was this caused by the so-called clash of civilizations?'" said Mark Johnson of the World Affairs Council of Montana.

Johnson said WACM hopes Hodsoll will answer questions like, "Why do certain people hate Americans?" and "Does globalization necessarily mean Americanization?" and "Which civilization do terrorists like Osama bin Laden belong to?"

Hodsoll told the Kaimin on Wednesday, "It is important for Americans to continually get different perspectives of foreign interactions."

Hodsoll won the awards during his years as chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts for creating an initiative to preserve old films and television shows in 1985.

Hodsoll has international experience as a trader in Asia, a former infantryman in the U.S. Army and the president's chief financial officer in the Office of Management and Budget from 1989 to 1993. He is currently the chairman of the Center for Arts and Culture, a Washington, D.C.-based organization.

"The U.S. needs to help countries move toward democracy, free markets, and a more civil society," said Hodsoll.

At noon on Friday, Hodsoll will present a keynote address, "Strengthening Communities Through Culture," at the new conference facility in St. Patrick Hospital. The luncheon costs \$15 at the door.


The programs coincide with National Arts and Humanities month.

"It's our opportunity to call the public's attention to the importance of cultural activities and organizations in Missoula," said Mark Martin of the Missoula Cultural Council.

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NEWS

ASUM passes resolution to lower surcharge

Administrators to issue response by Friday

Natalie Storey
Montana Kaimin

ASUM passed a resolution Wednesday night that would drastically reduce spring semester's tuition surcharge if implemented by administrators.

The resolution, drafted by ASUM president Jon Swan, suggests administrators use \$300,000 from the University of Montana's contract with Coca-Cola and \$800,000 from the University's enrollment contingency fund to reduce

the tuition surcharge to \$3.12 per credit. The surcharge is slated to increase to \$10 per credit next semester.

The tuition surcharge was implemented after a special session of the Montana Legislature this summer reduced UM's budget by more than 10 percent.

UM's contingency fund was created two years ago as an emergency resource in case the university did not meet enrollment projections.

UM's contract with Coca-Cola is a seven-year agreement that will bring \$400,000 a year to the University.

Only one ASUM senator, Rob Welsh, voted against the

resolution.

"I agreed with what they were generally trying to say, but I thought it was just too

strong of a statement," Welsh said.

Senator Alex Rosenleaf voted for the resolution.

"This is a symptom of a growing problem, which is the fact that we haven't been consulted on anything," he said.

"This is a step in the right

direction of getting our voice back because this is our university and everyone should have a say in how it's run."

Other senators agreed.

"The administration was faced with a deficit, and they put it on the backs of students instead of taking it out of a fund that was

created for dealing with that very situation," said ASUM business manager

Heather O'Loughlin. "I guess it just seems frustrating."

Swan said he will bring up the resolution during his meeting with UM President George Dennison later this week.

Administrators said earlier this week that they will issue a response to the resolution by Friday.

In other ASUM business, a resolution to create an African Week at UM was passed unanimously. When African Week will occur at UM has not yet been decided. ASUM resolutions are not legally binding, but are suggestions to administrators who make decisions about budgeting.

“This is a step in the right direction of getting our voice back because this is our university...”

Alex Rosenleaf,
ASUM senator

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direction of getting our voice back because this is our university and everyone should have a say in how it's run."

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KAIMIN SPORTS

UM volleyball's 'best hitter' leads from experience

Brittany Hageman
Montana Kaimin

Lizzie Wertz was a bratty teenager. Between the ages of 12 and 16, she was awful to her parents. A self-proclaimed spoiled brat, Wertz constantly locked horns with her father and got into trouble at school.

But when Wertz turned 17, all of that changed.

During Wertz's junior year of high school in Forefront, Calif., a suburb of Oakland, she got lambasted with the news her mother, Janna, had breast cancer.

In a few brief moments, Wertz transformed from terrible teen to doting daughter.

Instead of blowing off sixth and seventh periods at school to go to the mall and take in a flick, Wertz took the last two periods off to help run her mother's daycare.

Wertz would go to school from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., then work at the daycare, called Club Janna, until 5 p.m. After 5, she'd head to the gym for volleyball practice, then squeeze in time at night for dinner and homework.

But Wertz doesn't regret the sacrifices she had to make to keep her mom's daycare in business.

"When she got sick, I never gave it a second thought," Wertz said. "I've admired her so much for being a single mom and supporting three kids, I felt like it was my chance to return the favor

to her."

Her mother's cancer is now in remission, and Wertz said the experience has groomed her into a more mature person.

"When I turned 17 and all that happened, that's when I became responsible and stopped being a little brat," Wertz said.

The love and support of Wertz's two brothers, John and Garret, and her father, Tony, also massaged the growing pains.

With two brothers in the house and a passion for sports in her blood, Wertz grew up a tomboy.

An interest in sports, particularly volleyball, sparked when Wertz's mother started the Grass Volleyball League for neighbors and friends to leisurely play near a lake in Oakland.

"No one really took it seriously; they called it one-handed volleyball because they'd play with a beer in one hand," Wertz said. "But that's how I sort of started getting hooked on volleyball."

With her 36-inch vertical leap and muscular physique, it's hard to believe Wertz didn't compete in track or basketball in high school.

However, Wertz did compete in a powder-puff football league, and in one game during her senior year, she crushed the competition.

After trying to referee a squabble between one of her teammates and an opponent, Wertz got cold-cocked.

"The girl from the other team hit me, and I was like, 'No way.

You didn't hit me,'" Wertz said. "I grabbed her and I knocked her out, breaking her jaw — and that was the end of that."

Basketball coaches even tried coaxing Wertz to try out for the team, but she wanted to stick with volleyball.

"I'm really bad at basketball, actually, and the coaches would try to recruit me," Wertz said. "I'd be like, this is a bad idea, you don't understand, I can't do anything."

But if bouncing is what Tiggers do best, Lizzie Wertz must be from the 100 Acre Woods (or at least a relative of Tigger) because she can jump out of the gym — a nice skill to perfect if you want to be a strong side outside hitter for Montana's volleyball team.

"She's the best hitter we have on our team," said UM head coach Nikki Best. "She wants the ball in clutch situations; she gets the team riled up before the game; she's a great team leader."

Although Wertz and teammate Claire Thompson lead the team in "boogie sessions," rocking out to rap music in the locker room before games, Wertz said she likes to assume a less vocal leadership role.

"I'm not that great at giving pep talks or saying how I feel, so I try to lead by example and hopefully that gets the point across," Wertz said.

But last year when stress fractures set in on Wertz's legs, she was sidelined and out of the spotlight for nearly half the season.



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin
Junior Lizzie Wertz takes a breather during practice Wednesday afternoon in the Western Auxiliary Gym.

"I always want to help, and to know you can't go out there to contribute something ... that was hard for me," Wertz said.

Wertz wanted to help out so badly her freshman year that she made the coaches take her off red-shirting to play the second half of the season.

"I regret that now because I wish I had another year of eligibility, but I just wanted to help them win."

Wertz's winning attitude not only makes her a threat on the court, but in the classroom as well.

Majoring in business, Wertz takes school very seriously as she hopes to follow in the footsteps of her father and become a real-estate agent.

Not only does Wertz want to sell houses someday, but she

already owns her own house.

"In the long run, owning a home is such a better investment because when you try to sell, you get all your money back," Wertz said.

Currently flitting around Wertz's house is her furry friend, Carmella, a black and white cat that terrorizes the residence.

"She's such a psycho-cat," Wertz said. "She'll sleep all day, then freak out at night."

A third-generation UM student, Wertz said she chose to come to the University because of her family heritage. Though Wertz's grandfather died the summer before she came to Missoula, she thinks he'd be happy to know she was enrolled as a Grizzly.

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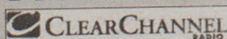
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Golfers struggle in Idaho tourney

Injury sidelines Pitcher for season

A week after finishing fourth in her first college golf tournament, University of Montana freshman golfer Mary Hasselberg struggled in her second, as the UM women tied for seventh place at the University of Idaho Invitational.

Hasselberg shot a three-round score of 254 Monday and Tuesday at the par-72 course to finish 55th.

Nicole Keller of host Idaho University won the individual title with a three-round total of 221, seven strokes better than her closest competitor. Nevada cruised to the team title with a combined score of 929. Five Grizzlies combined to shoot a team score of

990 to finish at seventh.

Hasselberg was not the only UM golfer who struggled in the second event of the fall season. Jasi Acharya was the only UM golfer who placed in the top 25, finishing 24th with a three-round score of 243. Brianne Woods had a three-round total with a 247, good for 35th, while Jennifer Cavanagh tied Hasselberg with a score of 254 for 55th place. Jenna Redfern finished 64th with a score of 257.

UM has almost two weeks off before hitting the road again, this time traveling to Northern Arizona University for the NAU Invitational, Oct. 13-15.

— Kaimin Sports Staff

The same shoulder injury that Ciche Pitcher played with last season has cost him the rest of this season, as the defensive end is set to have a season-ending shoulder surgery Oct. 14.

Pitcher originally tore his labrum early last season, but played the rest of the year before having it repaired last spring. He was held out of spring drills and missed the season opener at Hofstra.

Pitcher started the last three games for the Griz, recording 17 tackles and two sacks. He re-injured the same shoulder two weeks ago during the Idaho State game.

Pitcher does have a red-shirt year available,

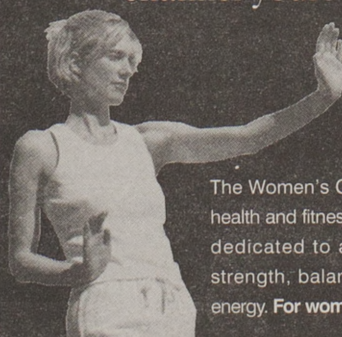
and UM will appeal the NCAA for a medical hardship red shirt for the Anaconda native.

"It is a real tough deal for Ciche, but we expect him to come back and have two more great seasons at Montana," said Grizzly head coach Joe Glenn. "Now we have to have players perform in his absence."

Pitcher's loss thins what many thought would be a two-deep defensive line at the start of the season. Jonny Varona suffered the same injury as Pitcher and had shoulder surgery at the start of this season. Curt Colter is also out recovering from a knee injury.

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Column by



Liam Gallagher

There I sat, a gangly prepubescent puke, staring, eyes wide and

jaw dropped at the boob tube's flashy images of the future. The year was 2015. The setting was Hill Valley. The star was a young Michael J. Fox. The movie was "Back to the Future 2." And while the movie was awash with futuristic gadgetry, I had my sights fixed on one item — Fox's coveted pink hoverboard. It was the future of board sports and I had to have one.

It wasn't long before the hoverboard became the primary object of obsession, debate and rumor among my cohorts and I. It seemed that every week brought a new story of a friend of a cousin of a classmate who had a hoverboard, but his mom wouldn't let anyone ride it. Then there was the story of the kid in Kansas who died hoverboarding, and his parents subsequently sued the makers of the famed boards, which led to the discontinuation of production.

It was a somber day on the playground when this news hit the swings.

Nevertheless, I held on to

the ideal that one day we would be hovering around to our hearts' content. No longer would I be burdened by curbs, cracks in the concrete or my own clumsy nature. I envisioned myself making it big on the pro hoverboard circuit and maybe serving as Fox's body double in the next "Back to the Future" flick.

I planned to never set another foot on the earth again.

As you can imagine, the coming years were a bit of a letdown.

And now, a

couple years

deep in the

new millenni-

um, we're still

without any

sort of vehicles that hover. We

were promised gravity-defying

skateboards that would travel

at breakneck speeds, and we

got aesthetically challenged

moto-scooters that can barely

break the speed limit.

The future looks grim.

But fear not tech heads,

futuristic freaks and anyone

else holding out for a hover-

board, our days of waiting may

come to an end in the not so

distant future.

In the 25th anniversary

issue of "Outside Magazine"

they lay out the gear of the

future. The guide appeared in

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The piece provides a "look at the shimmering swag of tomorrow" with previews of products set to hit the shelves as early as later this year, and some that are still being sharpened up on the old drawing board.

Among the more notable products is the new line of bug repellent regalia made by Ex Officio. The garb is treated by a coating developed by an Aussie chemist, and Outside reported that in tests the duds lowered the frequency of bites through cloth from 10 per minute to almost none. But at about 60 bucks for the shirt and 70 for a pair of britches, you've got to wonder if those mosquitoes won't find their way to your skin through the hole the hefty price tag leaves in your pocket.

Another product to note is the super ski binding set to

slide the slopes sometime in 2004. Black Diamond is testing prototypes of their multi-function binding that serve as both a telemark and downhill binding. Uh oh, how on earth will elitist free heelers the world over be able to set themselves apart if their bindings are no different from those of their downhill nemesis? Well, at \$1,000 a pop, chances are the only teletubbies rocking these binders will still have their trust funds, Land Rovers and self-repairing ski jackets to set themselves apart.

That's right, jackets that mend themselves. Researchers at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are said to be developing a material that, once torn, fixes itself. Say you snag your coat on a sharp tree limb, rock or your 24-carat diamond-coated Rolex and your coat rips. "A plastic compound embedded with a chemical catalyst and tiny capsules of a resealing agent" springs into action, creating a gooey substance, that if pressed together will reattach to itself. Duct Tape stockholders beware.

Those same investors should also drop any investments they might have in Cabelas, Orvis or Filson, because come 2010, the camo they so abundantly produce may be obsolete. Outside reported that a team from Philips Electronics is developing a digital suit that could make hunters, fishermen or any other camo clad out-

doorsmen virtually invisible to the outside world. The new technology could be "painted" onto clothing by spreading a mixture of liquid crystal and plastic-building molecules over an electrode-studded Lycra surface. In turn, the fabric's surface could match anything from the mucky waters of the Clark Fork to the forested slopes of the Bitterroot mountains. Now if that doesn't put the wild in wilderness I don't know what does. Doesn't that just take the sport out of sportsman?

Although Outside's gear list of the future might seem a bit far-fetched, chances are it won't be too long before these items are commonplace in households of affluent outdoor enthusiasts worldwide.

Why? Well, most likely it will be because they saw them in the pages of Outside and felt they couldn't brave the elements without them. These space-age accessories are sure to become "must-haves" among the YUPPIE population. The delineation between outdoorsmen and city slickers will continue to be blurred. The never-ending battle between man and nature will become less and less of a real battle.

These products isolate outdoor adventurers from the outdoors. In essence, they strip the wild right out of the wilderness.

I say to hell with all this technology; I'm holding out for a hoverboard.

SCAPEGOAT WILDERNESS CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Several years ago, I made a tricky scramble up the loose rock of an avalanche chute to the summit of Scapegoat. I needed to concentrate intensely, so there was no time to admire the scenery on the way up. I was thus doubly surprised to find myself eyeball-to-eyeball with a large mountain goat only a few yards above me. Minutes later I spotted two circling golden eagles — one of the few natural predators of goats — which are otherwise secure in their cliff domain. On the way down I jumped a pair of large muley bucks at the jumbled head of the Dearborn. A grizzly turning rocks in the talus for insects and pikas would have made the day complete, but he was nowhere in sight.

Bill Cunningham,
author of "Wild Montana"

Will Cleveland
Montana Kaimin

Thirty years ago, the citizens of Montana wouldn't take no for an answer. The United States Forest Service told them no, so they went directly to Congress.

In the process, these concerned citizens made history when they persuaded Congress to declare the Lincoln backcountry as the Scapegoat Wilderness, overriding the authority of the U.S. Forest Service and slapping "Big Brother" in the face.

"The Scapegoat Wilderness is the first citizen-designated area to become a federal wilderness area against the recommendations of the Forest Service," said Bill Cunningham, wilderness advocate and author of "Montana Wilderness."

Cunningham will speak Monday night about the 30th anniversary of the wilderness area.

The Scapegoat Wilderness, which sits about 40 miles northeast of Missoula, is part of the larger Bob Marshall Wilderness. The entire area consists of 236,936 acres with the highest point being the 9,202-foot-tall Scapegoat Mountain.

Monday at 7 p.m. in the Union Hall upstairs theater at 208 E. Main St., Cunningham will present a slide-show presentation detailing the 30th anniversary of the Scapegoat Wilderness and demonstrate how citizens of Montana were able to make it possible.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Montana Wilderness Association and the University of Montana Wilderness Institute. The MWA is a grassroots organization started in 1958 that concerns itself with the preservation and conservation of unpaved Montana Wilderness.

The MWA was instrumental in the passage of the 1964 Wilderness Act and

has since worked to protect wildlands, including the Bob Marshall, Rattlesnake, Great Bear, Anaconda-Pintler and Scapegoat Wilderness areas.

Cunningham is also the author of "Wild Montana," and he writes a regular column, "Wild Country," for Montana Magazine. He has recently taught wilderness courses at UM, and he holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in forestry from UM.

It could be said that the wilderness is in his blood.

"Every spare moment I can justify, I spend in the wilderness," Cunningham said.

"There are many obstacles for conservation," MWA communications coordinator Leeann Drabenstott said, "especially under the current administration. This

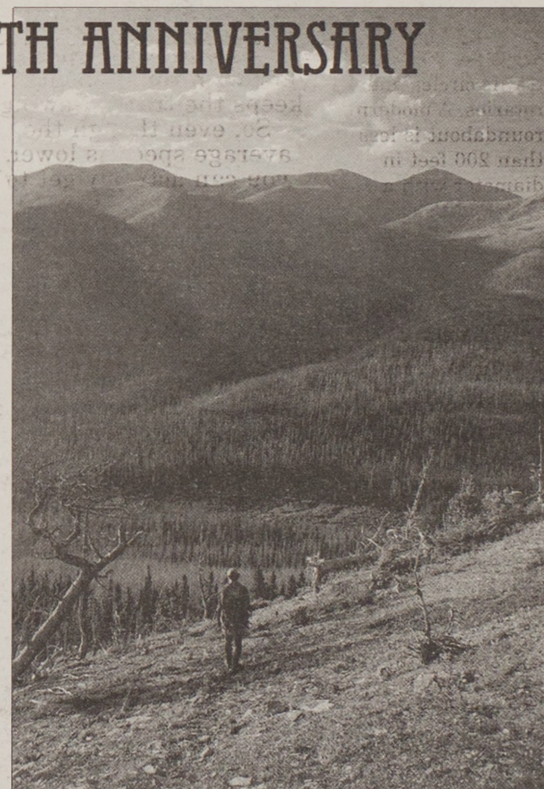


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A lone man hikes on Red Mountain in the Scapegoat Wilderness.

is a call to get folks involved and look at the Scapegoat as an example for conservation."

Cunningham said he wants to paint a positive picture of what a small group of concerned citizens can do when it truly believes in the cause.

"A lot of people are bummed out about the current state of things, and I want to show people how they can make a difference and learn from positive experience," he said.

OUTDOORS

Roundabouts may help control intersections in Missoula

Casey Trang
Montana Kaimin

There may be a roundabout idea for reducing traffic congestion in Missoula.

"Right now, today (Tuesday), there is a team from Missoula looking at roundabouts in Golden, (Colo.) and Avon, (Colo.)," said Bob Giordano, director of the Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation. "This team includes city engineers, state department of transportation officials and federal highway administrators."

Roundabouts are circular intersections that are an alternative to stoplights and traffic signs. They are more prevalent in Europe, but have made appearances in such U.S. cities as Bend, Ore., and Golden, Colo.

Some may think of the circular intersection that Clark Griswold gets stuck driving around while sight seeing in "National Lampoon's European Vacation," but that's not a modern roundabout.

In Missoula the concrete circles in the University area are not roundabouts, but are traffic circles used to calm traffic, similar to the effect of a speed bump.

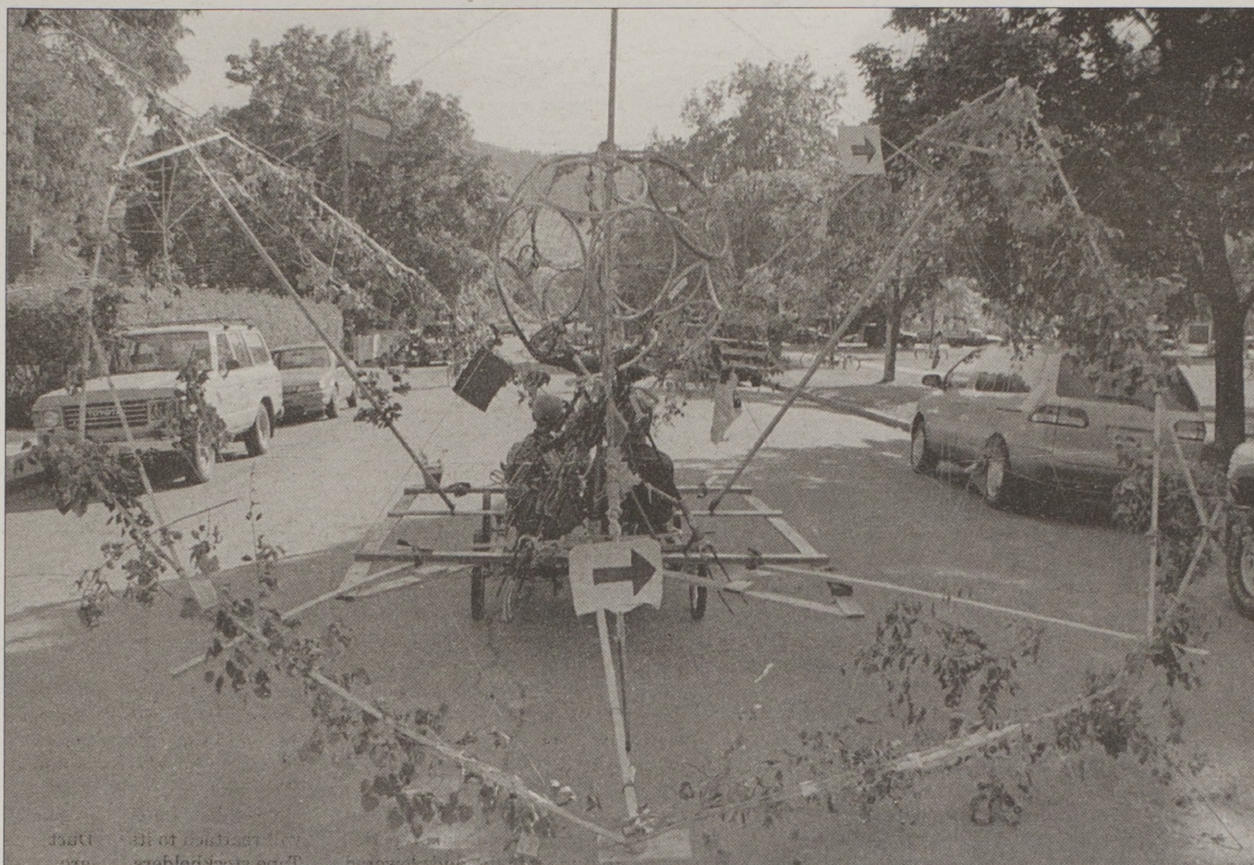
"Roundabouts are meant to be on through streets," said Phil Smith, the Missoula Bicycle/Pedestrian Program manager.

Although similarities exist, modern roundabouts are different than traffic circles and rotaries. A modern roundabout is less than 200 feet in diameter with a speed limit less than 25 miles per hour.

Smith said one option for building these types of intersections in Missoula is to place multiple roundabouts down Russell. He said the reason for this is so the city doesn't keep adding lanes to streets that run through town.

"We don't want to expand them so major highways are running through neighborhoods," Smith said.

City engineer Steve King said



Bob Giordano and Tim Wheeler pedal the "Rolling Roundabout" through Missoula's streets. The bike was built by Giordano and Wheeler to "promote awareness about roundabouts." The bike took about three days to build and has been seen at the Tour de Fat, the Homecoming parade and around UM's campus.

Liam Gallagher/Montana Kaimin

that seven roundabout intersections are being considered on Russell between South Avenue and Third Street, but he added that roundabouts are just one option for restructuring Russell.

Smith said it depends on the decision of the city and public comment whether such intersections are built.

Roundabouts are said to have some major advantages over traditional intersections. They reduce traffic congestion while reducing travel time as well.

"If you can keep speeds low with roundabouts it keeps the traffic flowing," Giordano said. "So, even though the average speed is lower, you can actually get to places quicker."

Another advantage is that roundabouts reduce the number and severity of accidents, Giordano said.

Three possible movements can happen at a four-way intersection: the driver can turn left, turn right or go straight. At a roundabout the driver can only turn right.

Smith said at traditional intersections most crashes are either head-on or "T-bones."

"You can't have those at roundabouts," Smith said.

In a recent Insurance Institute for Highway Safety study of 24 U.S. intersections that were replaced by roundabouts, there was a 39 percent reduction in overall crashes, a 76 percent injury crash reduction and a 90 percent fatal crash reduction.

Kansas State University researchers studied a roundabout that replaced a four-way stop and determined that roundabouts can be good alternatives to four-way stops. After three years of monitoring the intersection, the researchers encountered only one minor traffic crash, a third of the average prior to construction.

"There are some other good choices where they could work," said Keith Belden, a Morrison-Maierle Inc. engineer and office manager.

Belden said that the intersection at Bancroft Street and South

Avenue, a four-way stop intersection, would be a good example of an area where a roundabout would work.

"It's big and open; it has generally equal traffic on all the legs," Belden said. "At times, Bancroft carries one heck of a lot of traffic going down past the school."

Belden said that although roundabouts in certain areas can be helpful, Belden doesn't think they're appropriate for all intersections.

He said the city has looked at roundabouts as an option near the University area, but added that he is skeptical of building roundabouts in some locations.

"The downside of roundabouts is that they're not very pedestrian friendly if you have a lot of traffic," Belden said.

The first roundabout in Missoula is currently being constructed by a private developer at the Hellgate Meadow Subdivision, which is a couple of blocks west of Home Depot on Union Pacific.

"We could have a roundabout in Missoula within a year," King said. He added that it's the first one in western Montana that he knows of.

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NEWS

Hickam

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rockets. They enlisted the help of the miners, who built the parts they needed, and their teacher, who gave them the book, "Principles of Guided Missile Design." He would later see that book, which required a working knowledge of calculus and differential equations, used in doctorate programs at universities.

After three years, the budding scientists finally figured out what made the rockets fly. Their project won first place at a national science fair, and "people stopped reminding me of the Golden Horseshoe, finally," he said.

Before the boys departed for college or the Air Force, they had one final grand launch at "Cape Coalwood." He calculated that the missile reached a height of six miles. That was the first time his father attended a launch.

From three years of experiments and adventures he learned the three Ps: passion, planning and perseverance.

"We wanted to make them fly, but to know why they worked," he said. "Learning was our passion."

The plan was to get through college, and perseverance was how they accomplished that, Hickam said.

"We persevered for three years, no matter how many rockets we blew up, no matter how many people called us 'those rocket boys,' no matter how many times my dad kicked us out of town," he said.

His passion for rocketry led to a fruitful career with NASA. He worked on many projects, including the Hubble telescope. He said he still has hopes of going into space himself, which is why he keeps saying nice things about NASA, he said.

When he was teased by the men of the Apollo missions about having never gone to the moon, he explained to them that without him they never would have gone either.

Before his days with NASA, even before his college days, he picked out an orange suit to wear to the science fairs. He wore the suit to a speech by John F. Kennedy Jr., who was then campaigning for the presidency. When JFK asked for questions, he raised his orange-clad arm and was "noticed right off."

He asked the future president what he thought we should do in space. JFK responded with a question, and Hickam

suggested going to the moon. "Why?" Kennedy asked. Hickam looked at the crowd of coal miners and suggested mining the moon. The miners got excited — "We can mine anything" — and JFK got excited too.

"Well," Hickam told the Apollo guys, "you wouldn't even be here if I hadn't asked JFK that question."

Writing was Hickam's other great passion. Long before he became a NASA engineer, he was a reader who dreamed of being a writer.

His first foray into writing was at a newspaper he established in his childhood. At the Coalwood News, "we gave people what they wanted to hear.

That's the trick." One of his news gathering techniques was to follow women as they shopped in the general store and detail everything they bought.

The paper folded when Hickam wrote an embarrassing story about his mother.

Hickam wrote five books, including "Rocket Boys," the basis for "October Sky." The movie title is an anagram of the book title.

The book is now taught in schools across the country, Hickam said.

"I love that it's taught in both English and science classes," he said. "Try that, To Kill a Mockingbird."

Reading is the key to learning, Hickam said.

Hickam's speech, sponsored by UM's NASA-funded Earth Observing Education Project, ended by quoting a Coalwood preacher nicknamed "Little Richard." The preacher carried with him a copy of the Declaration of Independence in his Bible. His grandfather had been a slave, though he said he never was really a slave because he could read. "No man or woman can be a slave if they can read, especially the Bible and the Declaration of Independence. That means we still have slaves in this country ... slaves of their own ignorance."

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