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MONTANA KAIMIN

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Third assault suspect appears in court, faces robbery charges

ZACHARY FRANZ
MONTANA KAIMIN

Police arrested a third suspect on Friday in the Higgins Avenue beating of two UM students, according to the Missoula County Attorney's Office.

Ryan Wade Albiston appeared in justice court on Friday to face charges stemming from the Oct. 15 assault. Albiston was charged with one count of felony robbery, and his bail was set at \$100,000. Robbery carries a minimum sentence of two years in prison and up to a \$50,000 fine. A preliminary hearing was set for Nov. 17.

Albiston joins Brian David Gunderson, 19, and James Steven "Joby" Kelly, 18, as suspects in the apparent unprovoked beating of UM students Wally Catton and Marcus Chebul. Gunderson and Kelly appeared in justice court on Thursday, and were charged with robbery and aggravated assault. Both suspects also had

bail set at \$100,000.

According to court documents, Catton and Chebul, both 21 years old, were walking down Higgins Avenue just south of the bridge late on the night of Oct. 15. A red Chevy Blazer drove by the two, and the men inside the vehicle yelled homosexual slurs at Catton and Chebul. Chebul and Catton are not gay, but a multi-colored hat worn by Chebul apparently prompted the comments.

Catton and Chebul continued walking, but moments later the Blazer pulled up near the two and five males emerged, including Gunderson, Kelly and Albiston. Gunderson and Kelly approached Catton and Chebul and attacked the two, causing serious injuries. Albiston is not accused of taking part in the beating, but admitted to police that he was wearing Chebul's hat during the assault.

No other charges have been made in the case, though Deputy County Attorney Kirsten LaCroix said more might arise.

Apple could donate 50 iPods for use in Music School

DANNY BOBBE
MONTANA KAIMIN

Some students take their iPods to class, much to their teachers chagrin. Next semester, students in the music department may not only be encouraged to bring their iPods to class, they'll be issued one as a learning tool.

Although the ink is not yet dry, it appears that Apple Computers Inc., will be donating 50 iPods to UM for a spring semester trial run.

"There is a good chance of it happening next semester," said Ryan Alter, Information Technology director at Montana.

James Randall's History of Western Music II will be the first UM class to try out the popular gadget as part of a scholastic curriculum. The projected plan will give students the ability to access an iPod containing all the music needed for the class through the Mansfield Library.

Randall's class is normally responsible for purchasing or borrowing around six CDs for about \$84.

"It's a chunk of change," said Randall, assistant professor of music history.

He hopes that incorporating iPods will bring that cost down. Before that happens though, legal issues must be addressed.

The Mansfield Library, UM Bookstore and IT department are working closely together to address musicians' rights and copyright laws, Alter said.

Alter does not foresee problems in this area because the library has been loaning copy-written material for a while.

Incorporating the iPod would only change delivery methods.

"It's very similar to issues already addressed," Alter said.

Randall agreed that legal issues must be ironed out before the iPods are integrated into classrooms.

"Obviously we don't want to break copyright laws," he said.

Other universities, like Duke, have already taken the step of incorporating iPods for educational purposes.

The Mansfield Library will play a major role in checking out iPods to students and monitoring where they are. The library will also provide tech support and a large portion of the musical content that will be placed on the iPod, Alter said.

Alter said this type of deal between Apple and UM is rather unique.

"This is not typical for universities in general, this is pretty special for us," Alter said.

The test semester will be closely monitored to see if

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CHAINSAWS FOR CHARITY



Eleena Fikhman/Montana Kaimin

Sophomore Corey Barr jumps out at a group of unsuspecting trick-or-treaters at the Sigma Phi Epsilon haunted house Monday night. Proceeds from the event go toward the Cancer Walk and food donations will be given to the Missoula Food Bank.

UM enrollment up, projections down

ERIN MADISON
MONTANA KAIMIN

After University of Montana enrollment numbers came in below budget this year, administrators are expecting the trend to continue, causing tuition revenue to fall \$2.1 million short of next year's budget.

The contingency fund, which was created to lessen the impact of low enrollment or expensive, unplanned repairs, will be able to absorb the shortfall, said Bill Muse, director of planning budget and analysis, at a strategic planning and budget committee meeting Friday.

The contingency fund is rough-

ly 2 percent of the University's operating budget. Next year there will be about \$2.4 million in the fund. Each year it is replenished when money comes in from tuition.

Administrators are still expecting enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year to be about 235 students short of what they originally projected. Instead of expecting 12,413 students as originally planned, they have scaled back the number to 12,178; that's 123 more students than this year.

"We're still calling for a slight increase over this year," Muse said. "It's not shrinking. We're not declining. It's just not growing as

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EDITORIAL**Cancer prevention, abstinence:
two separate issues**

Leave it to conservatives to be, well, conservative.

A new vaccine that protects against cervical cancer by stopping the sexually transmitted disease, human papilloma virus, has turned into a flashpoint for conservatives to push their abstinence-only ideals.

Conservative medical groups, such as the Christian Medical and Dental Associations, the Family Research Council and others are opposing widespread distribution of the vaccine because they say it could encourage sexual activity among teens.

In the United States more than 14,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and nearly 4,000 of those cases prove deadly, according to the National Cervical Cancer coalition. HPV is the primary cause of cervical cancer and is only transmitted through sex.

Because the new vaccine is virtually 100 percent effective against strains of HPV that can cause cervical cancer, health officials are anxious to administer the treatment by making it mandatory for young women to be vaccinated before entering high school.

This, social conservatives say, will encourage teens to have more sex.

Abstinence-only groups are quick to jump on anything that might encourage teens to rampant sexual escapades. These same health organizations have opposed sex-romp promoters like the distribution of condoms by high school nurses, and sexual education courses, both well known for their stirring effect on the teenage libido.

Administering the vaccine through school mandates could greatly reduce the number of cases of cervical cancer in our country. Mandatory vaccines for school children have been effective disease-fighting tools for decades.

It should not be forsaken just because the disease is transmitted through sex.

Abstinence-only approaches to teenage sexuality seem to mean anything that might prevent STDs or pregnancy when teens do the inevitable and have sex must be opposed. It seems conservatives want teens to learn lessons the hard way: Make whoopee, get a disease.

Promoting abstinence among teens is commendable, but relying on abstinence to the exclusion of other preventive measures is an unrealistic approach to teenage sexuality. In addition to being told about the wonders of abstinence, teens should be given as many options for disease prevention as possible.

Every effort should be made by health organizations to get this vaccine distributed through school mandates. The makers of the vaccine hope to have school children receiving the treatment as early as next year. According to the Washington Post, in the next few weeks, several of the largest abstinence-only organizations are meeting to decide their official stance on the vaccine.

As for the conservative claims, are we really to believe that vaccinating children will lead them to unsafe sex? When administered as part of the standard roster of shots schoolchildren receive each year, the vaccine will be just another shot in the arm—hardly a reason to jump in the sack with the next available person.

Abstinence-only groups tend to get worked up over anything involving teenagers and sex. While their cause may be valiant, the effect this vaccine could have on disease reduction should not be stifled by their agenda.

—Dylan Tucker, Editor

**“We are who we are”**

Since the inclusion of the marriage amendment to the Montana Constitution there seems to be an overwhelming display of violence and harassment toward the gay and perceived as gay populations here in Montana. I am speaking about the assault downtown on two men who were perceived as gay by people in a passing truck, as well as the continued harassment of the UM student in Elrod Hall.

Because of the marriage amendment, the gay and lesbian population of Montana are being looked at as second-class citizens. This statement should be a no-brainer! For those of you who think that it is a choice to be gay, ask yourself if you chose to be straight! The answer should be a rational “No, I did not!”

Furthermore as an openly gay person I would like to say that I did not choose to be gay, it is part of who I am! Do people actually rationalize that I just woke up one morning when I was 17 and said “Hey, I think I want to be a part of a hated and oppressed minority that would one day become a second-class citizen and be afraid to leave my house for

ANCIENT MARINER**Riding U-Dash with hookers, men in diapers**

ALEX SAKARIASSEN

MONTANA KAIMIN

Streetlamps glide past the tinted window, piercing hundreds of raindrops with streaks of orange light. The rumble of an engine and the hiss of hydraulics rend the drone of conversation. Staring around the crowded U-Dash bus, the Ancient Mariner is transfixed by the odd assembly of students and winos. He shrinks away from the thick woolly arm on his right and meditates on the force that brought together such a diverse herd at 12:30 a.m.

Public transportation frightens me. It isn't that I think I'm superior, or that I wish to live in ignorance of society's after-midnight underbelly. For the meek, the buses of Neurotica are a haven to physical and psychological intimidation. Claustrophobia, germaphobia, and boozier-phobia reign supreme in these mobile palaces of irrational unease.

Missoula's bus system, particularly the nightly U-Dash, attracts a unique social set. The thundering behemoths offer ozone-conscious hippies, motor-denied students, and resident ne'er-do-wells alike varying degrees of comfort and convenience. But the friendly atmosphere surrounding these kind, occasionally inebriated souls can quickly evaporate when your neuroses don't stay on the curb.

Provided you're able to decode the enigmatic bus schedule, a journey on the Mountain Line or U-Dash begins with the foreboding hiss of closing doors at your back. Prime seating can be found somewhere between the blotch of Juicy Fruit gum and the smear of Milky Way caramel, improvisational improvements to the eye-offending 80s-style upholstery. Germ-ridden handholds allow the rest of the world to stand, but only provide neurotics an excuse to fret about the possibility of pit-stains.

The scene that greets you upon entrance to the bus depends heavily on the time of day. Stoic businessmen and old women armed with knitting needles give you a sense of security during daylight

hours. These urban angels disappear in the evening, however, making room for burly drunkards and ladies of ill repute.

Few bus patrons seem familiar with the notion of personal space. Even on an empty bus, the next person to step on will undoubtedly take the seat next to you. Each sharp turn increases your intimacy with someone's collection of earwax, and obsessive-compulsiveness ensues as you try desperately to remember if you swabbed your own ears this morning. Shoulder bumps and leg taps constantly contribute to the paranoia of a mugging or a covert butt-squeeze. But it's often what you see, not what you feel, that scars you for life.

I boarded the U-Dash bus at 10:30 p.m. last Friday night, destined for a friend's apartment. It had taken me a full ten minutes to figure out the schedule, and an additional half-hour of waiting, so I took the first gum-stained seat available. As the bus roared back to life, I glanced around at the 20 or so costume-clad partygoers. Two hookers, a handful of pirates, and a group of Halloween transvestites occupied the seats at the back. Across the aisle from me sat the driver's partner, a street clothed bar-hopper, and a scruffy faced man in a tight shirt and giant terry-cloth diaper.

His state of intoxication was evident even before I caught a whiff of whiskey from his breath. Huddled against the window, he gazed at the passing lights and shivered violently from the cold. The only break in his passive demeanor came when he turned his head, letting loose a string of choice phrases that would make Johnny Knoxville blush.

Wrangling in my anxieties, I observed the diapered man in a humorous light. This lightened up



the mood, and afforded me a distraction from the constant fidgeting of the vampire sitting to my right. All humor fell away, though, when the man got up to leave.

Stumbling toward the door, he reached the front of the bus and shot a grin of drunken cunning backwards. It was then that I noticed the placement of his hands, one on either hip. With slow and painful inevitability, the grease-stained towel slipped farther down the man's backside. In one simultaneous motion, all heads on the bus turned back to avoid the oncoming horror. A unified cry of disgust escaped our lips, and a few eyes lingered on the front of the bus, trying to discern the reality of the event. Afraid of how a glance back might be interpreted, I locked eyes on a window smudge and waited for the bus bouncer to evict the overgrown toddler.

While the absurd fears that stem from riding the bus are countless, there are few alternatives for car deprived college students. A long walk or a wet bike ride can't compare to the relative efficiency of public transportation. Overcoming or controlling one's neuroses is a daily battle fought on all fronts. It's one that we lose as often as we win.

The Ancient Mariner tugs the stop cord, and the bus groans to a halt in response. Maneuvering between clustered bodies, he struggles to reach the doors before they close. He's so intent on escaping the pungent smell of garlic and the mops of oily hair that the wad of chewing gum stuck to the seat of his pants evades his attention.

fear of my life! SIGN ME UP!" Of course not. Who would?

We are who we are and we do what we do. Is it ok for people to assault you for who you are? Is it OK to be harassed on a daily basis for who you are? Is it OK to assume that everyone you meet is straight? Is it OK to assume that an effeminate man is Gay? Is it ok to assume that a masculine woman is a Lesbian? The answer to all of the above is NO! Treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve, and forget about the gender and sexual orientation stereotypes that plague our country as “normal” behavior. Everyone is a Human Being and should be treated like other fellow Human Beings. In short, to all those who feel that it is OK to belittle and harm those who have a lifestyle that they don't or refuse to understand, KNOCK IT OFF!

—James DeHart

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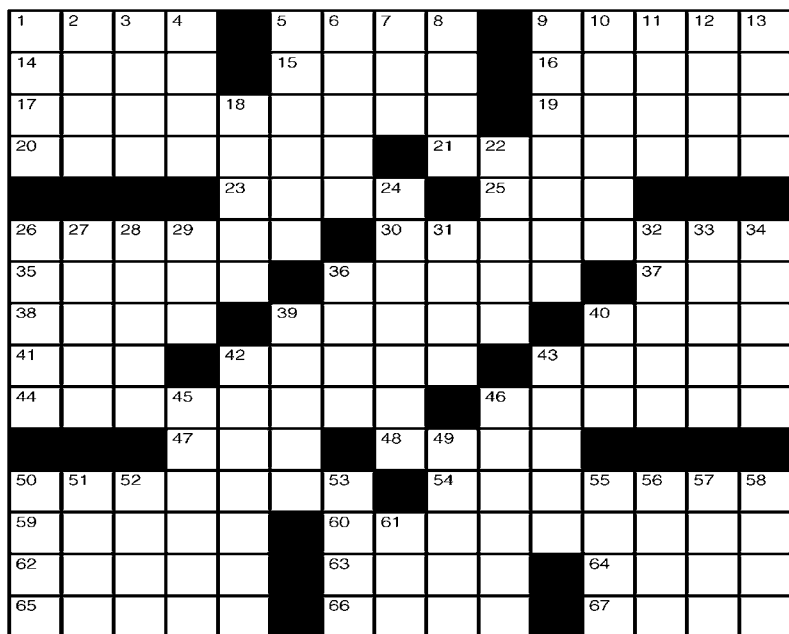
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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nearly round
 - 5 Sudden pain
 - 9 Bikini, for one
 - 14 Roman fiddler
 - 15 Bear in the sky
 - 16 Where Pago Pago is
 - 17 Boorish quality
 - 19 Puppeteer Lewis
 - 20 Righteous Brothers hit
 - 21 Discolored
 - 23 Shuttle grp.
 - 25 Humble abode
 - 26 Each
 - 30 Serling's Zone
 - 35 Hit from the tee
 - 36 Incline
 - 37 Fish eggs
 - 38 Gordie of the NHL
 - 39 Does ushering
 - 40 Gyro bread
 - 41 Eggs
 - 42 Meager
 - 43 Walking sticks
 - 44 Persistent
 - 46 "___ in the Wind"
 - 47 Moray ___
 - 48 Out yonder
 - 50 Quarrelsome, informally
 - 54 Waste time worrying
 - 59 Wynonna's mom
 - 60 Height-measuring device
 - 62 Type of renewal
 - 63 Welfare
 - 64 Play divisions
 - 65 Narrow valleys
 - 66 Easter bloom
 - 67 "___ Darn Cat"

- DOWN**
- 1 Twice preceder
 - 2 Part of speech
 - 3 Part of U.A.E.
 - 4 Sort of soul
 - 5 Hot-fudge creation
 - 6 Kilmer poem
 - 7 Blockhead
 - 8 Low pitch
 - 9 Violent attack
 - 10 Papeete's location

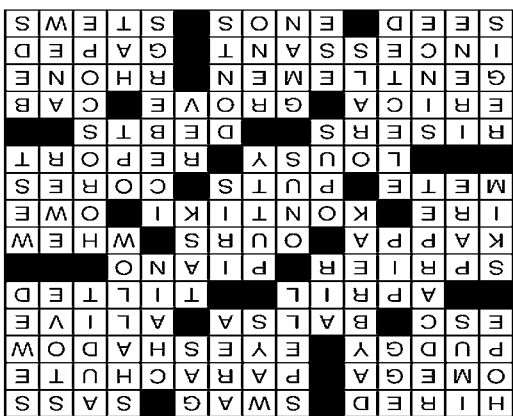


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- 33 Temporary residence
- 34 Make fun of
- 36 Actor Penn
- 39 Dandruff source
- 40 "Peter ___"
- 42 Old-time underwear
- 43 Billiards shot
- 45 Sailor



- 46 With wariness
- 49 Deadly
- 50 Cozy
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- 52 Judge's attire
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- 55 Shipshape
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Daily Astrology

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (11-01-05)

You are about as lucky as it gets this year. Everything you touch turns to gold. Be careful, and frugal. This won't last forever. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Today is a 6 _ Your money's growing, but that's not a good excuse for a spending spree. Gain more security first.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Today is a 7 _ You have strong opinions, but you're unlikely to convince your partner. Save your breath for a time when the odds are a little more in your favor.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21)

Today is a 4 _ There's plenty of work for you. Too much, even. It isn't fair, but that's just life. Keep checking things off your list.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Today is a 10 _ You're very attractive now. That could become a problem. Don't even flirt as a joke. Somebody you love wouldn't think it's funny.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Today is a 7 _ Being in love and putting down roots are very natural now. Commitments made now will last, and promise to be exciting.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Today is a 7 _ You're a genius now. You can concentrate well and remember what you learn. Unfortunately, you're also plagued by persistent distractions. Hang in there.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23)

Today is a 5 _ You seem to have more than you need, and more coming in every moment. Don't spend it until you've paid off your debts, however.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Today is an 8 _ You are very powerful, there's no doubt about that. You still have to take somebody else's needs into consideration. Don't be a bully.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Today is a 7 _ There's a lot going on behind the scenes. There could even be a change in your upcoming priorities. Be watchful.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Today is an 8 _ You're very busy with an important project you've taken on. Don't overlook your family, though, or there will be trouble.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Today is a 5 _ There's a controversy raging, and you can change the outcome. You can help people lighten up, and believe there's something bigger.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Today is an 8 _ Don't go dashing off, even if you want to. There's something nearby that needs attention first.

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UM given funds to remove asbestos

EMMA SCHMAUTZ
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During winter break, men in space suits will descend upon the fourth floor of the University of Montana's Science Complex.

They are not astronauts arriving to conduct research for lunar landings, but maintenance workers contracted to remove asbestos located in the fire retardant coating of the fourth floor's structural beams.

Perry Brown, dean of the forestry school, said the approximately \$750,000 removal process is now set to begin because the University has finally received state funding for the maintenance project. Faculty and students from the College of Forestry occupy 90 percent of the Science Complex's fourth floor that houses offices, laboratories and one classroom.

"It was always recognized as something Facility Services wanted to do," Brown said. "But you must have the money to do it."

Kevin Krebsbach, the director of the removal project, and other members of the Facility Services department who are dealing with the asbestos problem were in meetings all Monday and were unavailable for comment.

Asbestos removal is a complicated and costly process due to the hazards of the fiber and often involves installing a "negative air" machine that draws air from the contaminated area and filters out the asbestos fibers.

Workers are required to wear special "space suits" to ensure they don't inhale asbestos dust that may become air-borne when the fire retardant coating is disturbed.

Asbestos, a fibrous material that is fire and acid resistant, was commonly used in structures built prior to 1960 before its health hazards became well known.

Inhaling asbestos fibers has been known to cause lung cancer, gastrointestinal cancer and mesothelioma, a rare cancer of the thin membrane lining the abdominal cavity and surrounding internal organs, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

But Brown assures students and faculty that the asbestos found in the Science Complex is not a hazard.

"Experts have told us that there is no danger," Brown said. "There has never been an air reading that is at or above the standards for danger."

Still, whenever asbestos is involved, people become nervous.

"People have had concerns," Brown said, "particularly early on when we didn't have information."

Since traces of asbestos were found falling from the walls, numerous tests have been conducted to determine if asbestos fibers have polluted the air.

While fibers were found on a fourth floor desk, no amount of air-borne fibers have reached a danger level.

"There are several different kinds of asbestos," Brown said. "The kind that was used in the [fire] retardants is judged to be the most benign. It is very different than the situation up in Libby."

The tragedy in the mining town of Libby, Mont. is one of the nation's worst asbestos related disasters.

Since 1990, over 200 miners and their family members have died, while hundreds of others have faced serious health issues due to asbestos fibers released into the air from the W.R. Grace Zonolite vermiculite mine.

While the asbestos in the Science Complex does not pose the same threat as the asbestos from the Libby mine, Brown said that it is still important to remove the material to eliminate any possible future problems and ensure there is absolutely no hazard to people occupying the building.

The asbestos problem was first brought to attention last summer when the assistant of a faculty member who was overseas came in to clean the professor's office. The office had been closed for many weeks and the assistant noticed fibers of dust on the professor's desk.

Facility services determined the fibers to be asbestos material and began making plans to remove all the retardant coating containing asbestos from the building.

"They are not sure what caused the fibers to fall in the first place," Brown said. "It could even be a strong wind that shook the building."

The project, which will start in January, is expected to last six months and be completed by the start of next year's fall semester.

The entire floor will be closed for the remainder of the academic year after winter break. "Everybody that is located on that floor is being relocated to some other place on campus or other facilities," Brown said.

They hope to have the building operational for the beginning of the 2006 fall semester.

Wildlife officials kill nine wolves

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DILLON, Mont.

Federal wildlife managers killed nine wolves, in just over a month, for attacking or killing livestock in the Big Hole Valley and Gravelly Mountain range in southwestern Montana, a state wolf official said. The wildlife officials acted on the orders of the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Wolf advocates said Monday they are concerned with the recent kills and believe the state should be putting more focus on non-lethal ways to control them.

"There needs to be emphasis on protecting wolves, not killing them every time they get into trouble," said Suzanne Asha Stone, the Northern Rockies representative for Defenders of Wildlife.

Steve Pilcher, executive vice president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, said he understands Stone's position but argues with the effectiveness of non-lethal measures. The loss of a single calf could cost a rancher hundreds of dollars, he said.

"How would you feel if every week I went up and took 500 to 600 dollars from your billfold?" he said.

Carolyn Sime, who coordinates Montana's wolf program, said the lethal removal of the wolves shows that state officials, who have taken over more wolf management duties from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Montana, are willing to deal with problems wolves while ensuring a sustainable wolf population.

"We've not been bashful about making difficult decisions," she told The Montana Standard. "That

was a pretty aggressive response in the Gravelly Range."

Wildlife officials shot six wolves from the Freezeout Pack that were in the Gravelly Mountain range, after wolves attacked cattle and dogs in that area, Sime said.

Officials also killed three wolves from an apparently new pack of wolves west of Jackson, after two heifers were killed, Sime said.

Ed Bangs, the wolf recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said Monday he is not concerned with the number of wolves being killed by state officials.

He said September tends to be the month with the most depredations. That's because bigger pups need more food and wild game can be tough to come by, he said.

This time of year, such losses drop "to about zero," because the gut piles left by hunters provide food for hungry wolves, he said.

State officials evaluate each case individually when deciding whether to have wolves killed and consider factors such as whether the wolves have attacked livestock before, what type of livestock and what the potential is for future problems. They also want to ensure they're killing the right wolves when they make the decision to use lethal control, Sime said.

Montana has taken over the management of wolves following federal officials' approval of its management plan for the animals, which were reintroduced in Yellowstone ecosystem over a decade ago and have dramatically increased both their range and numbers.



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Burns backs Alito, Baucus not as sure

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Montana's republican senator reacted enthusiastically to President Bush's pick for the Supreme Court Monday, while the state's Democratic senator said very little.

Bush nominated veteran judge Samuel Alito on Monday after another nominee, White House counsel Harriet Miers, withdrew her nomination Thursday. Conservatives had criticized Miers' lack of experience — she had never been a judge — and for what they felt was her shallow record as a lawyer.

"Judge Alito is extremely qualified for a position on the United States Supreme Court," said Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., who never said whether he supported Miers. "He has exemplified superior academic qualifications and professional achievements, and is committed to interpreting the law and not legislating from the bench."

Democrat Max Baucus was more reserved, issuing a statement very similar to the one he sent out when Miers was nominated.

"I will base my decision on Mr. Alito's credentials and by my litmus test for judges that only the brightest and most objective minds shall serve on the bench," Baucus said.

Both Burns and Baucus voted to confirm Bush's first Supreme Court pick, John Roberts. Roberts was confirmed as chief justice, replacing the late Justice William Rehnquist, in September.

Alito, 55, is of Italian descent and is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School. He has served as a judge on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals since 1990.

If confirmed by the Senate, Alito would replace retiring justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a decisive swing vote in cases involving affirmative action, abortion, campaign finance, discrimination and the death penalty.

Hubble discovers two new Plutonian moons; 10th planet possible

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BALTIMORE - Pluto has three moons, not one, new images from the Hubble Space Telescope suggest.

Pluto, discovered as the ninth planet in 1930, was thought to be alone until its moon Charon was spotted in 1978. The new moons, more than twice as far away as Charon and many times fainter, were spotted by Hubble in May.

While the observations have to be confirmed, members of the team that discovered the satellites said Monday they felt confident about their data.

"Pluto and Charon are not alone, they have two neighbors," said Hal Weaver of the Johns Hopkins University Applied

Physics Laboratory.

Follow-up observations by the Hubble are planned in February. If they are confirmed, the International Astronomical Union will consider names for the objects.

Earlier this month another group of astronomers, who claim to have discovered the 10th planet in the solar system, also said that body had a moon. (Whether the group actually discovered a new planet has not been confirmed.)

Both Pluto and the new, so-called planet are found in the Kuiper Belt, a disc of icy bodies beyond Neptune. In fact, about a fifth of the objects observed in the region have been found to have satellites, and the percentage could grow as more are found, said Keith Noll, an astronomer at the Baltimore-based Space Telescope Science

Institute. The institute coordinates use of the orbiting telescope, but Noll wasn't part of the Pluto team. He believes Pluto team's finding is convincing.

Weaver said Pluto would be the first Kuiper belt object found to have multiple satellites. Depending on how reflective the surface of the moons are, the newly found moons are estimated to be between 30 and 100 miles across, he said.

Further observations of Pluto and the two new bodies will help astronomers more accurately determine the mass and density of Pluto and its large moon Charon, said team member Alan Stern of the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo.

The jury is still out on the impact additional moons will have on the ongoing debate over whether Pluto is actually a planet.

While having a moon is not a criteria — Mercury and Venus are moonless — having more can't hurt, Stern said.

"Just on a visceral level, the fact that Pluto has a whole suite of companions will make some people feel better," Stern said.

Montana troops back from Iraq

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MONTANA—More than a dozen members of the Montana National Guard's 163rd Infantry Battalion returned home Saturday, greeted by tears, hugs and waving flags in Belgrade, Great Falls and Helena after nearly a year in Iraq.

"It's unbelievably good," Sgt. Doug Stream of Belgrade said of being home. "It's almost supernatural."

"Most of us left 16 months ago yesterday," he said.

The 163rd Infantry Battalion mobilized in April 2004 and spent several months training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and at Fort Polk, La., before departing for Iraq. The battalion's mission was to maintain order through the elections in Iraq and the vote on the new constitution.

Three battalion members returned to Helena on Saturday.

More than a dozen more landed at Gallatin Field airport that afternoon, and six arrived in Great Falls.

"It's been a horrible year," said Adrienne Christman, whose fiancé, Daniel Christianson, was called up in July 2004. "He's been home twice, once in November and once in February, but now he's home for good, thank God!"

More soldiers were expected to arrive Sunday at Fort Lewis, Wash., where they were to be greeted by Gov. Brian Schweitzer. They will spend up to a 10 days there demobilizing in shifts before heading back to Montana in the coming weeks.

Sgt. Michael J. Bailly was met in Helena by his wife, Kristi, and two sons, 5-year-old Mason and 8-year-old Cole, who could hardly wait until Monday to go trick-or-treating with his father by his side.

"It's nice to be back," Bailly said, adding that after more than a year in the desert, it was good to see grass again.

The 700-member 163rd was the largest single force to deploy from Montana since World War II.

With its return, Montana will still have two units serving in Iraq: the 189th Aviation Battalion from Helena and the 3669th GF Maintenance Company out of Kalispell.

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Lady Griz end season with 1-0 loss to Portland State

SARAH SWAN

MONTANA KAIMIN

With one swift kick of the soccer ball into an open net, the University of Montana women's soccer team's 2005 season came to a close.

In an equally matched game against the Portland State Vikings Sunday, the Griz saw their season end in a 1-0 loss when the Vikings scored in the 80th minute of the game.

Senior goalie Sarah Braseth, who regularly leaves her goalie box to clear balls or help out her teammates, had come out too far in anticipation of a shot. A Vikings forward kicked the ball hard and lobbed it above Braseth's head and into the open goal.

"That's one goal," head coach Neil Sedgwick said. "We have to be able to create opportunities and score more than one [goal]."

The loss put the Griz out of the running for the Big Sky Conference playoffs - the first time in the soccer team's history

that they have not attended.

The Griz out-shot the Vikings, 12-9. Six different Griz players divided up the 12 shots, including freshman Sara Campbell, who had a team high four shots. Senior forward Saraid Faville, junior forward Lindsay Winans and freshman midfielder Rachel Mayer each took two shots.

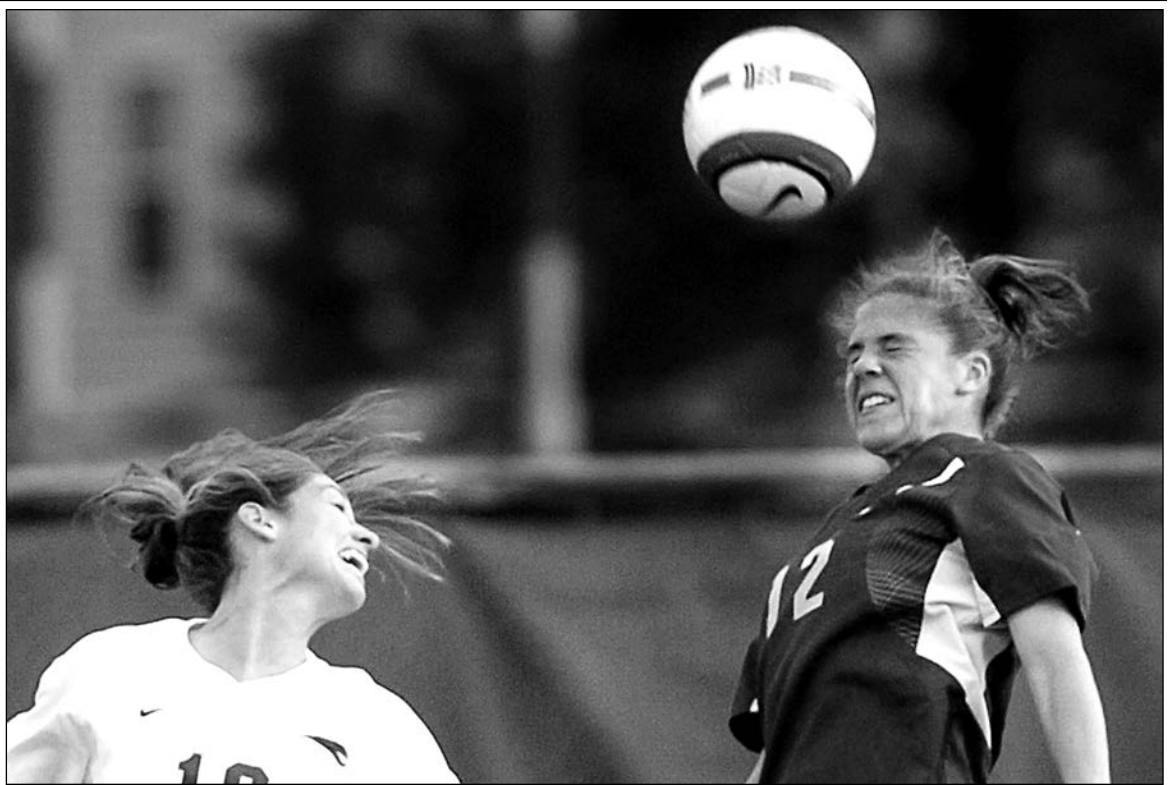
Even as the sun set on the Montana soccer season, the women's soccer team put up a tough fight until the end.

Braseth finished her senior career with a spectacular game. Like a superhero, she jumped, sailed, blocked and fought to defend the Griz goal.

There were some moments when it appeared that the Vikings would score, but Braseth punched her hand into the air just in time to block the ball from entering the goal.

Braseth finished her season with four saves against the Vikings and 59 total saves for the 2005 season.

Passing among the Griz forwards was more direct and created several opportunities for the Griz in front of the goal.



Grizzly freshman Sara Campbell heads the ball toward the Portland State goal Sunday at Dornblaser.

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The Griz defense also proved to be a tough line for the Vikings to break. They continually cleared the ball and stopped the Viking forwards from charging the goal.

"We came out very professional and just treated it like any other game," said junior defender MacKenzie Murphy. "We just wanted to play hard for our fans and for ourselves."

In a developing year in which the team had only three seniors,

Montana ended its season 3-13-1 overall and 1-5 in the Big Sky.

"They'll get stronger and better conditioned," Sedgwick said, looking ahead to the 2006 season. "Technically, we'll just continue to grow as players and principally just focus on getting stronger."

Murphy said she and her teammates will look to improve on their mistakes in the future.

"We can use this [time off] to rest and heal our bones," Murphy

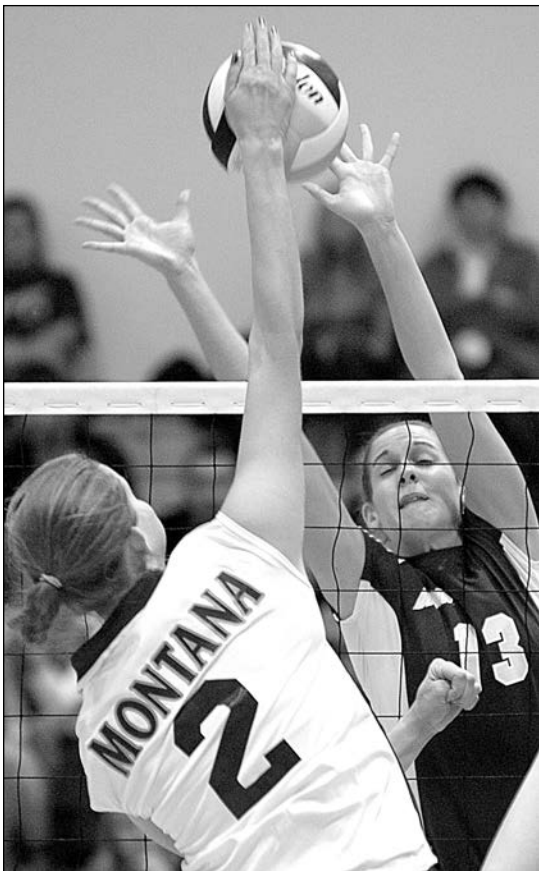
said.

Junior forward Winans, who led the Griz this year with six goals, said she expected Portland to put up a hard fight, and that the team can take each game won or lost and learn from it.

"We're taking every game as a learning experience," Winans said after the game on Sunday. "We had a young team this year, but I think they've overcome that youth."

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Audrey Jensen hits the ball between the hands of a North Dakota State defender Friday night at the West Auxiliary Gym. Jensen had a season-high of 15 kills and three blocks helping the Griz to their 3-1 victory over North Dakota State.



Montana slams North Dakota State, 3-1, in 13th win of the year

DANNY DAVIS

MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana volleyball team wrapped up its non-conference schedule Friday with a 3-1 victory over North Dakota State.

More intriguing than the 30-22, 31-33, 30-27, 30-23 box score or how Montana wrapped up its 13th win of the year was the line-up card it used, as junior outside hitter Claudia Houle and sophomore libero Jackie White swapped positions for the night.

UM assistant head coach Dave Best noted that Houle went into the match with a conference high 1,085 kill attempts and that workload was one reason why the unorthodox switch was made.

"The biggest thing we've run into this year was having Jade (Roskam, a freshman outside hitter) and Claudia take all the outside swings and on any given weekend that creates about 80 to 90 jumps between the both of them," Best said. "What we tried to really do tonight was free Claudia up to gain some of her strength back."

Because of the commandments established by the volleyball gods, Houle, who leads UM with 4.19 kills per game, was unable to attack at the libero position but tallied a team-high 20 digs. White, in her first match at outside hitter since late-August, collected eight kills and 10 digs.

With Houle anchoring the defense, a triad of middle blockers led Montana offensively. Junior

EvaLyn Whitehead had a career-high 16 kills while senior Audrey Jensen and sophomore Jessica Petersen each added 15 kills apiece. Petersen's 15 kills were also a career-best.

NDSU senior outside hitter Kim Hebl led the Bison (1-25) with a match-high 18 kills.

Montana (13-12; 2-8 BSC) will continue its quest to make its first conference tournament since 2000 when it travels to Eastern Washington and Portland State this weekend. With only the top six conference teams granted invitations to the season-ending tournament, Montana has some work to do. UM currently sits in seventh place, a half game in front of Northern Arizona and a full game behind Idaho State.

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Griz rout Vikings; time to hit the road

TIM DAILEY

MONTANA KAIMIN

Monte wasn't the only one streaking on Saturday.

The Grizzlies' 37-16 victory over the Portland State Vikings extended their streak of winning seasons to 20 straight.

Montana's streaks of seven straight Big Sky conference titles and the Division I-AA record of 12 consecutive playoff appearances are a lot closer to being extended after Saturday's win.

Monte's physical act of streaking poked fun at the bizarre naked fan of the previous Cal Poly game. But, the light-hearted tomfoolery of the UM mascot was made possible by the casual and comfortable second-half ambiance that was created by a first-half 24-3 dominance over the Vikings.

The great showdown between two of the nation's best running backs never came to fruition because the Grizzlies jumped out to an early lead.

PSU senior running back Joe Ruben, the nation's leading I-AA rusher, did get 101 yards rushing but was limited to 20 carries.

UM junior running back Lex Hilliard, who is second in rushing to Ruben in the Big Sky, was held to 78 yards on the ground.

Early in the game, it appeared that Ruben might run wild on the Griz defense. His first-quarter 10 carries and 59 yards were on pace with what he has been doing to defenses all season. The Vikings could not find the end zone, however, while the Grizzlies got there three times in the first half.

"When we did run we were successful," Ruben said. "But, we put ourselves behind the eight-ball."

Hilliard's two scores and a punt return touchdown by junior cornerback Tuff Harris had the Vikings out of their game plan.

The Grizzlies took the lead that would last all game when Hilliard ran it in from the 1-yard line. Redshirt-freshman Cole Bergquist hit his sophomore receiver Ryan Bagley on two passes totaling 43 yards setting up the score.

The Griz defense then held the Vikings and set up Harris, who

was named the Sports Network Division I-AA special teams player of the week, for his touchdown punt return. Harris took the punt 74 yards straight up the right hash. Only the PSU punter Andrew Levers stood between him and the goal. Rather than running around the punter, Harris just ran him over and then spun around and resumed his gallop to Griz glory.

"I'm not used to juking and jiving," Harris said. "I didn't know whether to go left or right so I just went straight and lowered my shoulder."

Not only did Harris punish the PSU punter, his return also delivered a blow to the Vikings, which they never recovered from.

PSU Head Coach Tim Walsh said he couldn't remember the last time his team gave up a punt return for a touchdown. Harris couldn't remember exactly the last time he had returned one all the way, but knew it was in his high school days at Colstrip.

Walsh had a hard time remembering his offense's last turnover as well. And though the Vikings only committed one, it cost them dearly.

Late in the second quarter sophomore safety Torrey Thomas intercepted PSU junior quarterback Sawyer Smith's pass.

Smith said he didn't see Thomas.

Thomas happened to be in the wrong place at the right time.

Thomas said he bit on the run fake and was just trying to get back into pass coverage when the ball was thrown right at him.

The Griz offense took over driving the ball down field, but was faced with a tough decision near the end of the half. With 23 seconds remaining in the half, it was fourth down and two on the PSU 4-yard line. Opting not to kick it, UM Head Coach Bobby Hauck took a gamble that paid off. Hilliard got three yards and the first down. Three plays later Hilliard crossed the goal line for his second 1-yard touchdown.

"We wanted to get six," Hauck said. "I thought to myself 'If I was them, what would I want us to do and that's kick the field goal.' So, we went for it."



Junior halfback Lex Hilliard charges his way through the PSU defense to score on a 1-yard run during the early first quarter of Saturday's game. Hilliard scored twice while picking up 75 yards on 18 carries helping the Griz clinch their victory over PSU.

Ryan Brennecke/Montana Kaimin

PSU senior linebacker Joey King was not surprised.

"I've played against Montana enough times to know they have the mindset — they want to try and jump all over people, especially at home," he said.

The Grizzlies then played keep away for most of the second half.

Sophomore kicker Dan Carpenter added two field goals to accompany his first half boot. Like the team, Carpenter has a streak of his own. He is perfect in his last four games kicking nine field goals.

The Vikings were able to finally find the end zone in the fourth quarter. Smith scored on a quarterback sneak and later found senior receiver Shaun Bodiford for a 5-yard touchdown completion. But, it was too little, too late.

Bodiford, PSU's top receiver, was held to just 19 receiving yards.

Meanwhile, the Grizzlies' Bagley had his third 100-plus receiving-yard performance of the season with 122 yards on eight catches.

Bergquist benefited from another solid performance from his offensive line. He passed for 165 yards and ran for 38 more.

"I had a lot of time back there to go through my reads and guys just popped open," Bergquist said.

But, on Bergquist's final play of the game, it didn't go quite like that. Midway through the final quarter, Bergquist was hit blindsided. He had one defender clinging to his legs when junior defensive end Jimmy Ko nailed him from behind.

"I got hit in the back of the head," Bergquist said.

He did not re-enter the contest, but was able to attend the press conference after the game and did not appear to be seriously injured. "We don't have anyone on our team that's 100 percent right now," Hauck said.

But two seniors, whose returns were doubtful, were able to make it back for senior day and their last regular season home game.

Receiver Jon Talmage and defensive tackle Alan Saenz played despite their injuries.

"I could not keep myself from playing in this game," Saenz said.

Talmage was the same way, Hauck said.

But senior defensive end Lance Spencer wasn't able to return.

"Not having our senior captain makes a difference for sure,"

Hauck said. "But if a guy goes down somebody else has to pick up the flag and lead the charge. It was Dustin Dlouhy's day."

The junior defensive end led the team with eight tackles and harassed Smith for most of the game.

The No. 4 Grizzlies (6-2, 3-1 BSC) are atop the Big Sky, tied with Montana State. They end the season with three road games — Northern Arizona, Sacramento State and Montana State.

"We don't like to look at the national rankings," Saenz said. "But, at the same time (it's) there in the back of your head."

The ranking affects seeding in the playoffs. If the Grizzlies win out it is likely they would get to host their playoff games.

All four of Montana's national championship appearances have followed three home playoff games each year.

The season is certainly far from over, but there are no more regular season games to be played at Washington-Grizzly Stadium this season. The playoffs could provide Griz fans with at least one more home game. First, however, it's off to Flagstaff, Ariz., to take on the Lumberjacks this Saturday.

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ENROLLMENT

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fast as it has in the past."

Enrollment can be thought of as a giant chess game, said Bob Durringer, vice president for administration and finance.

Administrators can still change the future between now and next year, he said.

"We're not in trouble," he said. "I think there's still some room for optimism."

Because the Montana legislature only meets every other year, the University of Montana makes a two-year budget. Next year's budget was made this spring.

"We know the dilemma we're in," Durringer said. "We have plans, but we have to adjust to the current reality."

This year, enrollment at the College of Technology was 74 students more than projected.

Next year administrators expect COT enrollment to be 94 students more than their original estimate.

The COT is basically at capacity with 9,365 undergraduates, Muse said. However, its open

enrollment policy won't let students be turned away.

"Most of our programs are full; some of them have waiting lists," Paul Williamson, COT dean, said. "But we still try to take care of as many students as we possibly can."

Programs like general education and associates of arts and business are easily expanded to include more students by adding sections, he said.

Other programs, like diesel equipment technology, welding and heavy equipment, are dependent on the amount of equipment the college has.

Health programs can only admit as many students as clinical sites in the community will support, Williamson said.

"All of our health programs are full," he said.

The COT is having a hard time finding the resources it needs, Muse said.

With more students also comes the need for more professors.

Williamson requested the strategic budget and planning committee to approve a recommendation to fund 100 additional instructors at the COT.

While the request failed to pass through the committee, if there's money left in this year's contingency fund it could be near the top of the priority list.

Although there will be fewer students than originally projected next year, administrators said that doesn't mean there will be fewer students than the year before.

School administrators updated their 2006 projections for residential undergraduate enrollment to be up 70 students from this year, but below the original projection by 294 students.

Non-resident undergraduate enrollment should be higher than this year by 62 students, but also less than original projections by 18.

This year, UM accepted 83 more Western Undergraduate Exchange students than they planned. WUE students, non-resident students, pay 150 percent of resident tuition, which is substantially less than non-resident tuition.

Next year, administrators plan to decrease the number of WUE students by eight students.

Administrators expect the number of graduate students to stay about the same as this year, but 20 students fewer than original predictions.

iPOD

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it provides benefits worth spending money on in the future and is something worthy of UM pursuit, Randall and Alter said.

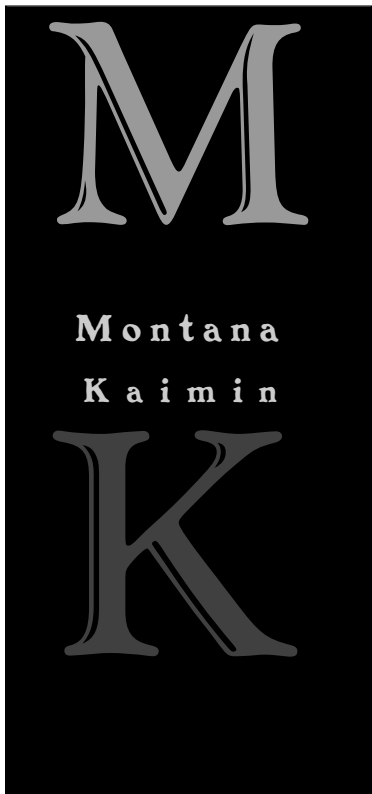
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UM will have to return the iPods after the semester if professors choose not to use them in the future.

Another bonus the iPod can give a class is the ability to pod cast, which is similar to radio on demand.

Randall hopes to make pod casts for his class that contain musical examples grouped around certain themes.

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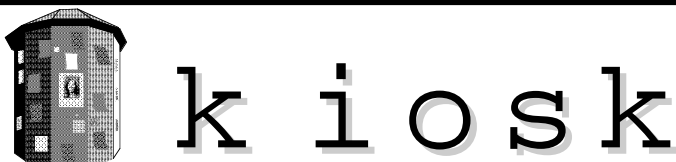
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