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UM gets high marks from PETA

BRENNA MOORE
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana was recently voted one of the country's top vegetarian-friendly schools by a division of the organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA.

PETA2, which is PETA's youth division, nominated UM for the honor last week.

The organization compiled its data on campuses around the country through its 100,000 active members who are signed up to be involved within the PETA2 division and help update the group's online message boards. It also received information via e-mails to the organization, through MySpace and Facebook feedback and by visiting college dining Web sites to get further information on the school's vegetarian and vegan meal options, said Pulin Modi, PETA2 college campaign coordinator.

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Mark Maher/For the Montana Kaimin

Jon Tester receives an update on poll numbers by Tester campaign spokesman Matt McKenna, during a live MSNBC interview early Wednesday morning at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls, Mont.

Tester declares victory over Burns as Dems take control of Congress

Burns yet to concede defeat; awaiting vote counting completion

SEAN BRESLIN
MONTANA KAIMIN

Nearly 14 hours after the polls closed, Democrat Jon Tester declared victory over Republican incumbent Conrad Burns in the hotly contested race for Montana's junior seat in the U.S. Senate.

Tester's victory – coupled with Virginia Democrat Jim Webb's victory over Republican incumbent George Allen – gave Democrats control of the Senate. Democrats also picked up at least 29 seats in the House, well more than the 15 needed to gain control. "It was a thumping," President George Bush said during a press conference Wednesday.

Although Burns has not conceded the election to Tester, national media outlets including the Associated Press and CNN have called the election in Tester's favor. Burns issued a statement Wednesday afternoon saying the state should allow the vote-count-

ing process to continue.

As of 6 p.m. Wednesday, Tester led Burns by about 2,500 votes, according to unofficial results on the Montana Secretary of State's Web site.

Tester began the night with a comfortable lead over Burns, but as the night progressed Burns gained on Tester, eventually reducing the margin to less than one percent.

The race between Tester and Burns was characterized by mudslinging from both sides of the aisle. Tester repeatedly accused Burns of being in the pockets of Washington lobbyists, citing Burns' association with lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who was convicted of fraud, tax evasion and conspiracy to bribe public officials in January.

Republicans, on the other hand, denounced Tester as a tax happy liberal who was weak on issues of terrorism and national security.

But even with all the negativity,

voters came to the polls in abnormally high numbers for a year without a presidential race. About 404,000 ballots were cast this year, compared to roughly 450,000 in the 2004 election.

While Burns hasn't admitted defeat, UM College Republicans president Seth Patterson says he isn't holding his breath for a last-minute turnaround.

"I'm a little disappointed with the outcome of this election," Patterson said. "I wish Montanans had realized how much Senator Burns has done for this state."

But UM College Democrats president Denver Henderson isn't surprised at the outcome, he said, attributing Tester's victory to Burns' shortcomings.

"This is the result of six years of legislative mediocrity on a national level," Henderson said. "I think things turned out the best they could have."

World reacts to Rumsfeld resignation

PAUL HAVEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID, Spain – Politicians, analysts and ordinary citizens across much of the world welcomed the electoral rebuke given President Bush's Republican Party and the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Wednesday.

Against the broad mood of satisfaction, however, there were voices of concern that a power split between Democrats and Republicans in Washington might mean uncertainty in crucial areas like global trade talks.

On Iraq, some worried that Democrats could force a too-rapid retreat, leaving the country and the region in chaos. Others said they doubted the congressional turnover would have a dramatic impact on Iraq policy any time soon, largely because the Democrats have yet to define the course they want to take.

But from Paris to Pakistan, a repeated theme was hope that the Democratic takeover of at least one house of Congress would force Bush to adopt a more conciliatory approach to global crises, and teach a president many see as a "cowboy" a lesson in humility.

"Americans are realizing that you can't found the politics of a country on patriotic passion and reflexes," said French schoolteacher Jean-Pierre Charpentier.

"You can't fool everybody all the time – and I think that's what Bush and his administration are learning today."

Italian Premier Romano Prodi said Rumsfeld's surprise resignation underscored the depth of what has happened in America.

"Even though U.S. politics had already started changing, Rumsfeld's resignation means an accentuation of this change,"

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UM workers look forward to wage hike

TY HAMPTON
MONTANA KAIMIN

After Initiative 151, which will raise Montana's minimum wage, passed with 75 percent of the vote in Tuesday's election, some University of Montana student workers are looking at a \$1 raise in 2007.

"Will the minimum wage raise affect student wages? Absolutely," said Byron Drake, assistant director of cash operations for Dining Services. "Exactly when and how much, we aren't sure yet." Dining services is the No. 1 student employer on campus.

The ballot measure, effective Jan. 1, calls for Montana's minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour, the federal minimum, to be raised to \$6.15, with annual cost-of-living adjustments. Drake estimates that the raise transition will not take place at UM until next fall.

"It would be pretty difficult for us to make that big of a change to our current budget in January, but if that's what the law says then we will make it happen," Drake said. January is in the middle of UM's 2006-07 fiscal year, making it difficult for many University employees to make the transition on time.

"Our main thing is to take care of our student employees, so we've been getting behind raising the minimum wage, and we take that responsibility to the students very seriously," Drake said.

ASUM, the second-largest employer of students at UM, including through agencies such as UM Productions, is considering an across-the-board \$1 raise for all ASUM employees regardless of their current wage rates, said Andrea Helling, ASUM president. Helling added that ASUM agencies do not currently pay less than \$6 per hour.

"We're doing modeling for the change now so hopefully it can take effect in January," Helling said. "I think it's an exciting thing for the state and the University, and I hope working students will see a difference in their paychecks soon."

Derek Duncan, ASUM business manager, was not quite as optimistic about the change. Duncan said that right now ASUM's budget for the current fiscal year is set, and that decisions to move money from other funds would have to go through ASUM senate discussions before they come to a solution for 2007.

Duncan added that I-151 was a double-edged sword for ASUM. He said the senate passed a resolution in support of the initiative because they believed that working students needed the extra help, but knew that, as one of the University's biggest employers, the initiative would cost ASUM as well.

"I still think everyone here is really glad that this thing passed, even though we're going to have to cut bigger checks," Duncan said.



Question 1: Donald Rumsfeld resigned this week. Did you ever start anything you couldn't finish?

Question 2: If one of your college friends ends up as president what position would you want to be appointed to?



•A.J. Smith
junior, pre-nursing

Q1: "I didn't finish the Bozeman Nursing School program."

Q2: "The president's intern ... Monica."



•B.J. Moore
non-student

Q1: "Absolutely, I just started cleaning the bathroom and I didn't finish that."

Q2: "Silent partner."



•Aric Burt
freshman, parks and recreation management

Q1: "Actually, I started to make this garden in my backyard and there's still wood and shit all over the place."

Q2: "Secretary of Defense."



•Bethany White
senior, art

Q1: "Well, I started college seven years ago and I couldn't finish, but I came back."

Q2: "The speech writer; I think that would be cool. Most of the blame goes on the president anyway."



•Craig Chambers
junior, sociology

Q1: "Sometimes I'll have homework and I just can't bring myself to finish it."

Q2: "Vice president would be the best because you still have a lot of control, but none of the blame and if something goes down I'll be the first black president."

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FOOTPRINTS IN AFRICA

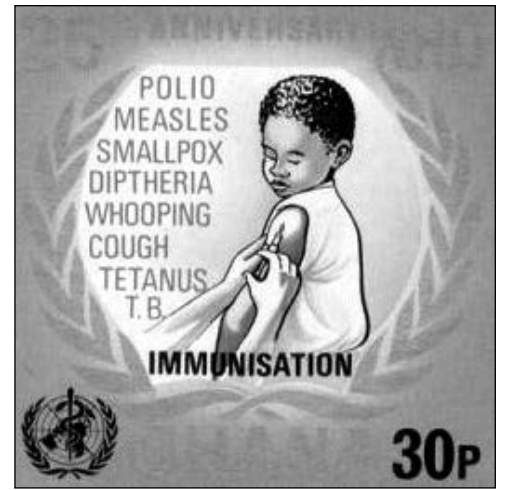
Saving sub-Saharan children from perils of polio and measles

The screams, at first piercing, soon become humorous. The squirming legs and rolling tears soon fail to pull at one's heart. Before I knew it, I am chuckling at the repetitive scene before me – a child, flailing with fear and misunderstanding, is restrained, grabbed and pulled. His or her arm is exposed among pleas for mommy. "MepaakyAw, mepaakyAw," they often shout. "Please, please," in Twi. The nurse then plunges the needle into the exposed arm. The child either intensifies their scream and flails with renewed fervency or immediately cease crying in realization that the injection doesn't really hurt. When it is over, some are contented, some continue crying. Others are sickened and vomit. The latter case is hard to watch – not because the little ones are so overwhelmed by sickness, but because they are vomiting up the oral polio vaccine given immediately prior to the measles injection. In such cases, I watch helplessly as one more kid remains unprotected against polio. "At least they can't vomit up the measles vaccine," I grumble to the nurse.

How many times this scene was repeated during Ghana's National Measles-Polio Campaign 2006 I cannot count. Hundreds, even thousands, of kids were vaccinated at the Madina clinic alone, where I and several other University of Ghana students volunteered. With clinics spread throughout the nation, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of kids were likely immunized – all free of charge. At once, I feel both illuminated with hope and discouraged with circumstance. Hope because Ghana, with the help of international aid, is working for a healthier nation; the building blocks of a stable society. Discouragement because I cannot ignore the fact that, for much of the population, these free immunizations dispensed in back-alley clinics and unpaved parking lots are the only health care many of them will ever see.

Sure, I've had my share of the African experience. Currently, and for the second time, I have hookworm in my foot. Cuts, scrapes, bites, blisters, fevers, parasites, food poisoning and nausea – all of these come with the territory. But what would it be like to live in perpetual exposure to malaria, polio, tuberculosis, measles and AIDS, without the means to protect oneself? Many families cannot afford mosquito nets, let alone prophylactics. Who would pay for condoms if they could barely pay for food? And the only thing I can do about it is hand out free mosquito nets to kids under 2 after they get immunized. Even then, countless times I turned away a 3-year-old and their mother without a net because we didn't have enough resources to supply kids any older. And that is just the way it is. Too little to go around, so preventable disease is perpetuated; one more kid dies because the \$5 it costs for a mosquito net, or the pocket change it costs for antibiotics and common immunizations, isn't there. We're talking about the price of a cheeseburger at McDonald's, a latte from Starbucks, a gallon of gas exchanged for a life.

It would be too ideal to ask for an exchange of the



two, a burger for a life, because only pennies on the dollar ever reach the intended recipients. Politics, middlemen and corruption ensure this. Suppliers, manufacturers, governments and distributors all take their cut. The circumstance of the stereotypical African state ensures this. Even those pledged to service the cause – several of the local volunteers – stuffed two or three mosquito nets each into their own bags to take home for themselves. We hadn't enough for others, but somehow we seemed to have enough for ourselves. Beyond that, even those we were helping were a contradiction. On the first day of the campaign, it was noted that many of the poor who collected the free nets in turn sold them on the street for a marginal profit. Thus, they had food money for a few days, but their children were without a net to sleep under and were again exposed to the nocturnal malaria mosquito. After that, all nets that were given out were opened, seals broken, in an attempt to prevent further sale. But people probably sold them anyways, only getting a portion of its worth.

As the campaign comes to a close, I find myself conflicted. It seems, in the face of what is actually achieved against what is left to be done, that it is a hopeless fight. Money, other resources and trained manpower is lacking. This is coupled with the fact that, according to a report by Time Magazine, nearly half of the drugs sold in sub-Saharan Africa are manufactured fakes. There was a case where Belgium doctors immunizing locals against meningococcal meningitis discovered the vaccines they were using were nothing but saltwater pawned off by a Nigerian pharmaceutical company. But, there is progress. No matter how many kids threw up the polio vaccine during that week, there were more who kept it down. No matter how many mosquito nets were sold, some were kept and used. There exists a generation of kids in Africa who will grow up healthier because of what is going on right now. And maybe, just maybe, they'll turn around and do a better job than we did the first time around.

– Ian Bassingthwaite is a UM creative writing major studying abroad in Ghana.

Warm thanks for bringing accessibility issues to light

I would be remiss if I did not extend thanks for the many who assisted my students in getting a hands-on education into accessibility issues on campus. The list is in alphabetical order because it would be impossible to list equals in a hierarchical order, although Freckles would be at the top of any list for seeking out my students and giving a "laying of paws" saying "I see you" :)



Alliance for Disability and Students at UM
Dan Burke
Disability Services for Students
John Douglas, chair of the department of anthropology
Harrington Surgical Supply

The Kaimin
The Learning Tree
Kim May and Freckles
James McKusick, dean of the Davidson Honors College
New Directions
Jon Pielat and Sebastian
Shelby Soots
All students
Michael West

I apologize for any name I did not mention. Again, Thank you all for assisting my students, and me, in getting a different view of the campus.

– Garry Kerr,
department of anthropology

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Liberals not the only ones against Iraq War

This letter is in response to Tim Ockler's letter; "Republicans right on U.S. security," dated Nov. 3. Tim, you acted like you were defending the troops in your letter and ended the letter with "just back off them." Well, my ignorant little friend, I spent 17 months in Afghanistan and Iraq with the Army's 1st Airborne Ranger Battalion. I received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for my actions in combat and your letter completely infuriated me. What gives you the right to make comments like "war is the business of killing people, period," and "oh soldiers died... like I said earlier that's war."

How the hell would you know what war is or isn't like? How dare you make statements like that when you have no idea what it is like to experience the perils of war. In making those statements, you completely disregard the sacrifices that our men and women



make everyday. They are doing a hell of a job, but if the mission itself is flawed then all of their heroic sacrifices will be in vain.

You said that you are "sick and tired of these damn extreme liberals ... saying the Republican Party is messing everything up." Well, guess what cupcake, it is far more than a few extreme liberals saying this war has been thoroughly mismanaged. Numerous Republican Senators, Democrats, Colin Powell, scores of retired generals and many other prominent figures have shown their dissatisfaction with the war's management.

Like them, I believe there have been some serious mistakes in this war. But that isn't the problem. The nature of combat is highly conducive to rapidly changing sit-

uations and mistakes. The problem is the administration's refusal to admit their errors and learn from them. There are far too many to list here. However, there is a reason that only a few days after Bush's statement last week that Donald Rumsfeld is "doing a fantastic job," the Army, Navy, and Air Force Times published a joint editorial calling for his resignation.

Tim, I'll tell you what I am tired of: La-Z-Boy generals who watch a couple of hours of Fox News each week and think that they know what the situation is on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan. And more seriously than that, a group of ill-advised NeoCons have hijacked our nation's foreign policy; depleted our nation's ability to fight the "War on Terror;" and destroyed our great nation's standing in the world.

— Seth Whitfield,
junior, Middle Eastern studies,
criminology and Arabic

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'Harvard' not proof of integrity

I must say that it is tiresome to respond to the malicious ranting of Richard Paup, but such drivel cannot be allowed to pass without an answer. First, Paup is simply wrong in his assertion that Linda Frey, Stewart Justman and I failed to present "one supporting fact" in our criticism of Stephen Walt. Given the limitations of space, we could not be as specific as we would have liked, but we did point out, for example, that Walt and his co-author, John Mearsheimer, quoted David Ben-Gurion out of context and abused the work of Benny Morris. For further information, we referred readers to Morris' article in The New Republic and Michael Massing's piece in The New York Review of Books.

Second, Paup repeats the feeble defense offered by Richard Drake that Walt is at Harvard. Being at Harvard is no defense against bigotry or sloppy scholarship. The very notion that a position at Harvard provides a bulletproof defense against bigotry is idiotic. Martin Heidegger was at Freiburg; he was still a Nazi. What's more, Harvard has a long and distinguished history of anti-Semitism; for much of the 20th century Harvard restricted the

number of Jewish students it admitted. As for whether holding a position at Harvard provides a guarantee of scholarly competence, I would observe that professor Drake thinks very little of Daniel Goldhagen's work, and he is at Harvard.

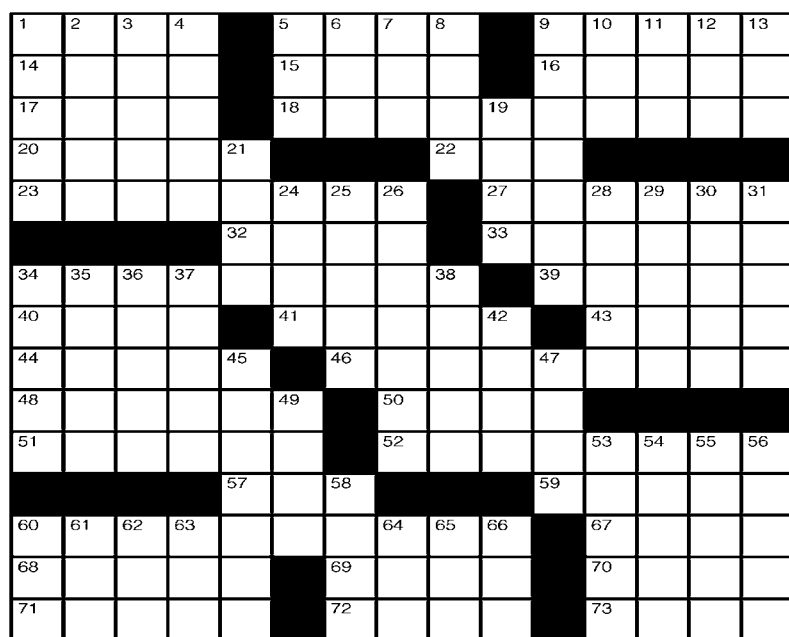
Finally, contrary to Paup's assertion, I did not criticize professor Drake for bringing out Andrew Bacevich, who was a graduate school classmate of mine and is a friend. I criticized professor Drake for bringing out three speakers last year solely for the purpose of attacking the current administration and its foreign policy, specifically the war in Iraq, and for bringing three more speakers this year for precisely the same purpose. That constitutes an abuse of the President's Lecture Series to advance professor Drake's agenda, particularly in the absence of any speakers to present a contrasting view. Since I did not claim that every speaker was chosen for that purpose, citing some speakers who had nothing to do with such matters is meaningless. (I realize that such a distinction is difficult for someone like Paup.)

— Michael S. Mayer,
professor, history

Montana Kaimin Inconceivable!

Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Carries a tune wordlessly
 5 Computer info
 9 "Battlestar Galactica" role
 14 Single thing
 15 ___ the Red
 16 Dressed like a judge
 17 Unclothed
 18 Saarinen and Wright
 20 Disciplined training
 22 Wrap up
 23 American relative?
 27 "My Living Doll" star Julie
 32 ___ podrida
 33 Secret plan
 34 Mayberry's Barney Fife
 39 Like Cheerios
 40 Sermon signoff
 41 "I've ___ Be Me"
 43 Act as banker
 44 Great reviews
 46 Guardians of the flock
 48 Dom DeLuise film
 50 Surface size
 51 ___-Davidson
 52 Removes tangles
 57 At least one
 59 Legs junction
 60 Wildlife attendant
 67 Wrinkled fruit
 68 Shade of green
 69 Top-drawer
 70 Cadence
 71 Actor O'Toole
 72 Ooze
 73 Moves in a curve



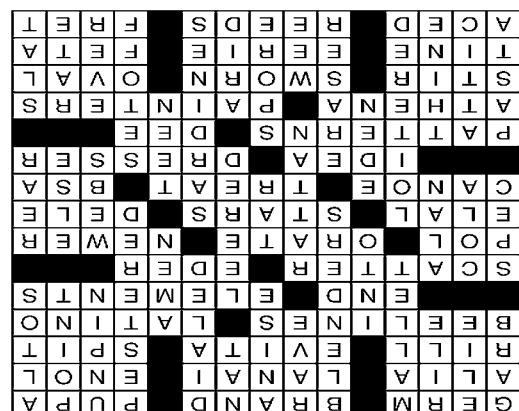
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 2 Driver's about-face
 3 Battlefield doc
 4 Give off an odor
 5 Narc's org.
 6 JFK notice
 7 ___-tac-toe

- 8 Belly or heart follower
 9 Erte's style
 10 Fawn's mom
 11 Alphabet start
 12 Encountered
 13 Classifieds
 19 Travel lodges
 21 Boxer Spinks
 24 Trudge along
 25 Choir singers
 26 "Grumpy Old Men" star
 28 Marine mammal
 29 Parking machine
 30 Make minor alterations
 31 Tears
 34 Villainous Vader
 35 City near Offutt AFB
 36 "___ on Sunday"
 37 Prepare to pray
 38 Back of a boat
 42 Simians
 45 One gym shoe
 47 String up
 49 Unit of force

Solutions



- 53 Island off Venezuela
 54 Mudd or Moore
 55 Spring bloomer
 56 Hissy fits
 58 Those in favor
 60 Republicans
 61 Flagon filler
 62 Cambridge sch.
 63 Holiday brink
 64 "William Wilson" writer
 65 Vane dir.
 66 Agt.

Concern should be why we are at war in Iraq

In response to Tim Ockler's letter, which attempted to invalidate dissent towards recent Republican policies, I would like to point out to Tim that his letter failed to address the real concerns of Bush critics even more than it failed to use the English language in a manner that is even close to correct. Mr. Ockler, I'm very happy that you can find such comfort in the moral and intellectual superiority you get from blindly supporting our recent administration. However, I wish you would at least take into consideration the real reasons that so many people are upset with our government's policies during the past five years.

Our concern is not with the fact that we're at war, but rather with the questionable (at best) reasons for why we're at war. You seem to believe, as 34 percent of Americans still do, that the war in Iraq is a legitimate retaliation to the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The fact is that none of the terrorists who attacked us on Sept. 11 were Iraqi, and to this date, as even the president recently admitted, there is no evidence that Saddam Hussein had anything to do with Sept. 11. I don't necessarily advocate immediate withdrawal from Iraq, due to the profound instability caused by our invasion, but it would sure be nice if we'd never

started the war to begin with. Perhaps then our military wouldn't be overextended in a time of real threats, such as Iran and North Korea.

Aside from such careless foreign policy, many of us are concerned with this administration's grossly irresponsible fiscal policy. Since Bush has been in office, our national debt has increased by a factor of 150 percent (from just short of \$6 trillion in 2000 to more than \$9 trillion today). Because of this, over 25 percent of our tax dollars must be used just to pay the interest on the national debt. The unbridled spending of the past administration, which directly contradicts even Republican philosophy, has put our country at a financial disadvantage that will take decades to recover from. These, Mr. Ockler, are the real concerns of the vast majority of Bush critics.

Thomas Jefferson once said that, "Dissent is the highest form of patriotism." It's great for you that you can feel so patriotic about supporting recent policies based on an obviously shallow understanding of the real matters at hand. But, please, Tim, learn the English language and the real facts before you decide to write another angry letter.

— Sean Wisner,
sophomore, business

Group may have found Oaxaca exchange alternative

HANNAH HEIMBUCH
MONTANA KAIMIN

University of Montana staff and students are closer this week to deciding how to proceed with an annual study abroad program in Oaxaca, Mexico, after five months of protests and street fighting have led to at least nine deaths and continue to cause major unrest in that city.

"I think we're probably going to call off Oaxaca," said sophomore Sena Strenge. "Hopefully the University of Guanajuato will take us; that way we'll for sure have a place to go in January."

Violence and demonstrations in Oaxaca include gasoline bombs, vandalism and car fires. On Oct. 29, Mexican President Vicente Fox sent in hundreds of federal police, armed with water cannons and armored vehicles, to drive protesters from the city plaza they'd been occupying.

According to Strenge and the other students who've been planning and studying for the Oaxaca trip this semester, their professor, Clary Loisel, and the Office of

International Programs are considering the University of Guanajuato in central Mexico as a safer alternative. Though it is not a language institute like Oaxaca, Guanajuato is one of UM's university exchange partners. Strenge said that an e-mail from Loisel indicated that he had contacted the University of Guanajuato and that it looked like they would take the group for spring semester.

Students said they expect to discuss their options and will likely make a choice during class today. "We've got to act on it pretty fast because we need to buy plane tickets," said third year student Megan Sherer.

Sherer said she's fine with the detour as long as the trip goes through.

"I think the whole class is really excited to just go to Mexico," she said. "We were bummed that we weren't going to go in the first place. We just want to learn Spanish."

At the Office of International Programs, Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry, assistant director for UM study abroad programs, said

her office is doing what it can to find a suitable alternative and to keep plans in motion. "We're starting to do that now," she said. "We need to try to finalize all of this as soon as we can, and make sure the students will find an option."

The possibility of a different destination has eased the concerns of some parents, who didn't like the idea of sending their children to a rioting city.

"I guess a specific concern would be that it's hard to know what the environment is, and are we going to get an accurate picture and are the students safe?" said Kellie Woodhouse, whose son Murphy Woodhouse plans to make the trip.

"We want him to have an incredible experience, but not to have these underlying uncertainties," she said. "I think the challenge of living in another country can be enough excitement."

She said she knows her son is eager to go to Oaxaca regardless of its current dangers, but she's glad UM is reconsidering.

"He's disappointed," she said. "But the University needs to make

a decision that's best and safest for the students going."

Other parents shared the same concerns.

"I'm kind of glad that they're not going," said Angie Sherer, Megan's mother. "I think my primary concern is the safety of all the kids. And there's always the right time, and this may not be the right time."

Angie Sherer said the new option may not be a win-win situation, because some of the valuable language instruction might be lost in the change.

"Not going to Oaxaca means they won't be going to the language university, they'll be going to a different kind of university," she said.

But students like Strenge don't think the difference will hinder the benefits of the long-planned trip.

"For me it'll be just as fun," Strenge said. "I think it sounds like a pretty cool town. I think I would rather be around other Mexican students, whereas the other would have been just foreign kids."

"We're excited about the opportunity for her to do this," said

Megan Sherer's father, Bob. "If we knew that it was a little more stable we would be 100 percent for it, but with the turmoil that's going on, we do have some concerns."

Bob Sherer said the Guanajuato option does help.

"As long as we knew well in advance so that we can see that there isn't the unrest and the turmoil going on, then yeah, I think my wife and I think that we would be a little bit appeased," he said.

If the group does swap Oaxaca for Guanajuato, changes in cost and time may stand to benefit the students. Spring semester in Guanajuato doesn't end until mid-June, adding several weeks to their stay. Also, because of the Mexican university's partnership with UM, students would only be paying UM tuition and not an additional program fee — a savings that could fund those extra few weeks.

Megan Sherer said that's a good thing.

"The more time in Mexico, the more time we get to practice Spanish," she said.

PETA

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PETA2 kept track of all responses about the country's college dining services, whether positive or negative. The organization keeps an eye out for institutions that constantly offer vegetarian options, as well as the quality of those options.

"I think (UM) really makes a good effort in the cafeteria and options around campus, but there's always room for improvement because (the options) get kind of monotonous," said Cora Crececius, a vegetarian and a junior majoring in anthropology.

UM's campus has long been one of the best in the country for vegetarian diets, said Marya Bruning, UM's registered dietitian of Dining Services.

"I know we're one of the best (vegetarian-friendly schools) in the country, but I didn't need (PETA2) to tell me that," Bruning said.

"It's hard to make a comparison because I haven't been to other schools, but UM definitely does a good job," Crececius said.

On PETA2's Web site, UM is listed as offering "veggie burgers, stir fries and tacos." But in reality, UM has unique dishes like "Tangy Tomatillo Seitan," a spicy Mexican dish that is full of protein, or a vegan paella, a vegan twist on a traditional Spanish mixture of meat and seafood, Bruning said.

In addition, UM Dining Services offers ratatouille, vegan Reuben sandwiches and roasted vegetable pizza, without cheese or dairy.

"There is a unique example of foods you find here at UM that

you probably wouldn't find elsewhere in the country," Crececius said.

PETA2 is announcing the winner of the contest sometime next week, Modi said. It is asking for students and non-students to vote for the school that has the best options for a vegetarian diet on its Web site, www.peta2.com/college. Each person who votes will also be entered to win a \$100 Visa gift card.

"There is not a single school who hasn't received support," Modi said.

Modi said another reason for this contest is to get the message out that choosing a vegetarian diet is a healthier option and a compassionate way to save the lives of animals.

"The choices that people make are saving hundreds of animals' lives every day," Modi said.



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UM junior Allie Brash gets dinner from the vegetarian line in the Food Zoo on Wednesday. The University of Montana was recently voted one of the country's top vegetarian-friendly schools by a division of PETA.

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STUDDED TIRES

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"On ice, they actually work pretty well," said Abe Jindrich at Missoula Bicycle Works, "but on a dry surface, they are pretty slick." Jindrich added that the chip sealing used in road pavement provides decent traction for studded tires.

At the Bicycle Hangar (1801 Brooks) they make their own 80-stud tires for \$25 each.

"We started with roofing nails and have gone on from there," said owner Rick Kern.

Kern has made studded tires for more than 20 years, and now uses hardened self-tapping screws with rounded heads for studs. He said that tread design is important, with big knobs along the side to hold the screw and provide turning traction. Keeping tire pressure up, lining the tire with a flat inner tube "guttled like a fish," and using thorn tubes will keep homemade studded tires rolling, Kern added.

Because the shop does not make much profit off the tires, Kern said advice on how to make them and what tires to use is freely given. He also recommended using studs on just the front tire.

With all studded tires, the studs will wear out, especially when ridden on dry surfaces. Chris Larson at Big Sky Cyclery said some people have multiple sets of wheels or separate bikes with and without studs, while Jindrich recommended changing tires seasonally.

"If you rode them in the winter and took them off in the summer, you can probably get two to three years on them," Jindrich said.

FENDERS

Until Dalmatian fur comes back into style, most riders will want to avoid having their clothes speckled with mud and motor oil. One widely available fender (Planet Bike; \$25 each) is made of plastic

and firmly attaches to the wheel skewer and frame with metal stays.

"These are the only way to go for day-to-day commuting," Larson said.

For bikes used in both commuting and mountain biking, he recommended a lighter fender with a quick-release attachment (Topeak; \$15 each).

Missoula Bicycle Works also carries a road bike fender that attaches to the frame with rubber grippers (Planet Bike; \$29 each). Jindrich said they are made for both design and image: the low profile fits in the narrower space between wheel and fork on a road bike and is less conspicuous than a mountain bike fender.

"When you are on a \$5,000 road bike, people are more picky about how they look," Jindrich said.

The cheapest commercial fender (Apex; \$10 each) is available at both Big Sky Cyclery and the Bicycle Hangar. The flimsy plastic extending over the wheel has a single metal attachment to the frame, which Kern warns might not work on all full-suspension bikes.

LIGHTS

Along with being a good idea for safety reasons, bike lights are also required by Missoula city ordinance.

"The law is you need a red rear and a white front light, and they

need to be attached to your bike," Jindrich said.

All the lights sold at Missoula Bicycle Works feature LED bulbs and range from \$15 to \$30, while Big Sky Cyclery offers lights with halogen bulbs, LED or both. Larson said the shop provides the cheaper halogen lights (Cat Eye; \$15) to make this necessity affordable.

"In town, you can see a pothole just fine and cars will be able to see you," Larson said.

But at the Bicycle Hangar, which also only sells LED lights, Kern is a firm believer in the new light technology.

"The world of lights has completely revolutionized in the past five years," Kern said. "If you have a light over five years old, throw it away."

While his choice is one of the most expensive lights on the market (Cat Eye; \$38), the five LEDs provide 1,000-candle power for more than 30 hours on a single set of batteries, compared to about 160-candle power for six hours with a regular halogen lamp.

A bright light up front fulfills only half of the requirement; a blinking red light in the back will also alert motorists to a biker's presence. Taillights that attach to the seat post or frame usually run for less than \$10. Missoula Bicycle Works also has a red light that attaches to the back of a bike helmet (Planet Bike; \$13).

CLOTHING

"Feet, ears, hands – if you keep them warm, you're fine, if you get any one of them cold, you're in trouble," Kern said. For bicycle shoes, which are usually designed to maximize cooling airflow, with cleats for clip-in pedals, neoprene booties (Potenza; \$19) will keep toes toasty. Big Sky Cyclery has a helmet strap cover to protect ears, cheeks, and neck (Activa; \$8), while all the shops carry various cycling gloves with more dexterity than ski gloves.

"Riding on snow and ice with your hands in your pockets to keep them warm is never a good idea," Jindrich said. He also recommended wearing bright colors for visibility and a helmet.

"A helmet is good because you are more likely to take an unexpected spill in the winter," Jindrich said.

For long bike rides, Kern said an extra set of dry clothes should be brought along to replace sweat-soaked, hypothermia-inducing wet clothes.

Until they start making heated bike seats and handlebar defrosters, winter biking will continue to be a chilling challenge. But special equipment can at least make it an enjoyable one.

"The joy of riding in the cold is a hoot, an absolute hoot," Kern said.

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Prodi said. "We'll see over the next few days what the new direction will be. But certainly we have a political structure ... deeply different from that of a few days ago."

In an extraordinary joint statement, more than 200 Socialist members of the European Parliament hailed the American election results as "the beginning of the end of a six-year nightmare for the world."

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who has consistently railed against the Bush administration, called the election "a reprisal vote."

Bush is deeply unpopular in many countries, with particularly intense opposition to the war in Iraq, the U.S. terror holding facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and allegations of Washington-sanctioned interrogation methods that

some equate with torture.

Many said they thought the big gains by Democrats signaled the beginning of the end of Bush's tenure.

In Copenhagen, Denmark, Jens Langfeldt, 35, said he didn't know much about the midterm elections but was opposed to Bush, referring to the president as "that cowboy."

In Sri Lanka, a country divided by war, some said they hoped the rebuke would force Bush to abandon a unilateral approach to global issues.

"The Americans have made it clear that current American policy should change in dealing with the world, from a confrontational approach, to a more consensus-based and bridge-building approach," said Jehan Perera, a political analyst. The Democratic win means "there will be more control and restraint" over U.S. foreign policy.

Passions were even higher in Pakistan, where Bush is deeply

unpopular despite billions in aid and support for President Gen. Pervez Musharraf.

One opposition lawmaker, Hafiz Hussain Ahmed, said he welcomed the election result, but was hoping for more. Bush "deserves to be removed, put on trial and given a Saddam-like death sentence," he said.

But while the result clearly produced more jubilation than jitters, there were also some deep concerns.

In Denmark, Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen told broadcaster TV2 he hoped the president and the new Congress would find "common ground on questions about Iraq and Afghanistan."

"The world needs a vigorous U.S.A.," Fogh Rasmussen said.

There was also some concern that Democrats, who have a reputation for being more protective of U.S. jobs going overseas, will make it harder to achieve a global free trade accord. And in China,

some feared the resurgence of the Democrats would increase tension over human rights and trade and labor issues. China's surging economy has a massive trade surplus with the United States.

"The Democratic Party ... will protect the interests of small and medium American enterprises and labor and that could produce an impact on China-U.S. trade relations," Zhang Guoqing of the state-run Chinese Academy of Social Sciences said in a report on Sina.com, one of China's most popular Internet portals.

The prospect of a sudden change in American foreign policy could also be troubling to U.S. allies such as Britain, Japan and Australia, which have thrown their support behind the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Asked whether the resignation of Rumsfeld signaled a new direction in the war that has claimed the lives of more than 2,800 U.S. troops, Bush said, "Well, there's certainly going to be new leader-

ship at the Pentagon."

"The problem for Arabs now is, an American withdrawal (from Iraq) could be a security disaster for the entire region," said Mustafa Alani, an Iraqi analyst for the Gulf Research Center in Dubai. He said the Middle East could be left to cope with a disintegrating Iraq mired in civil war, with refugees fleeing a failed state that could become an incubator for terrorism.

It was unclear, however, whether the American election would bring a major shift in Iraq, in part because the Democrats have not come ahead with a clear action plan, said Michael McKinley, a political science professor at the Australian National University.

"There would have been some concern in policy making circles here if the Democrats had said, 'We are definitely going to withdraw by Christmas,'" McKinley said. "But they're not able to say that."

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After big gains in West Democrats look for more

JENNIFER TALHELM
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WASHINGTON – The Western Democrat is apparently no longer an endangered species.

Democrats in the Mountain West rode a national Democratic wave Tuesday to key victories in Montana, Colorado and Arizona, picking up seats in states long thought to be solidly Republican.

The wins reinforce what Western Democrats have said for years – that the region is a new frontier for the party, which has had to scrounge for electoral votes in the last two presidential contests.

The victories also left Democratic leaders in the region positive that the national party would hold its 2008 convention in Denver instead of New York. Party leaders will decide a location soon.

“The West is now the beacon for the Democratic Party,” said Democratic New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. The election gains show “the West is the most fertile area to bring Democratic gains in 2008.”

As of Wednesday, Democrats hold the governor’s mansions in five of the eight mountain states, a majority of House seats in Colorado and half the House seats in Arizona.

Perhaps the biggest win was in Montana, where Democrat Jon Tester defeated three-term Republican Sen. Conrad Burns in contest that was so tight Burns had not conceded as of Wednesday afternoon.

Tester’s win comes two years after Montanans elected popular Democratic Gov. Brian Schweitzer, a rancher and farmer. Tester will join fellow Montana Democrat, Sen. Max Baucus, in Washington. Next year, conservative Montana will have a bigger Democratic presence in its top jobs than Sen. Ted Kennedy’s Massachusetts does right now.

“This is a huge change,” said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo.

Nationally, Democrats won a majority of seats in the House. Control of the Senate hinged on a down-to-the-wire Virginia race.

Democrats defeated a number of powerful Republicans, including House Resources Committee Chairman Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif. Pombo’s proposals to sell

public land and loosen endangered species rules may have helped turn some voters in the Mountain West against the GOP.

But DeGette said Western voters were motivated by the same things that caused voters across the country to oust Republicans.

“The voters of America and the voters of the West have realized the Republican Party is no longer the party of fiscal responsibility ... and also that the Republicans have a failed policy in Iraq,” she said.

The question now is whether Democrats will be able to hold onto their new seats in the West. Not for long, some Republicans said Wednesday.

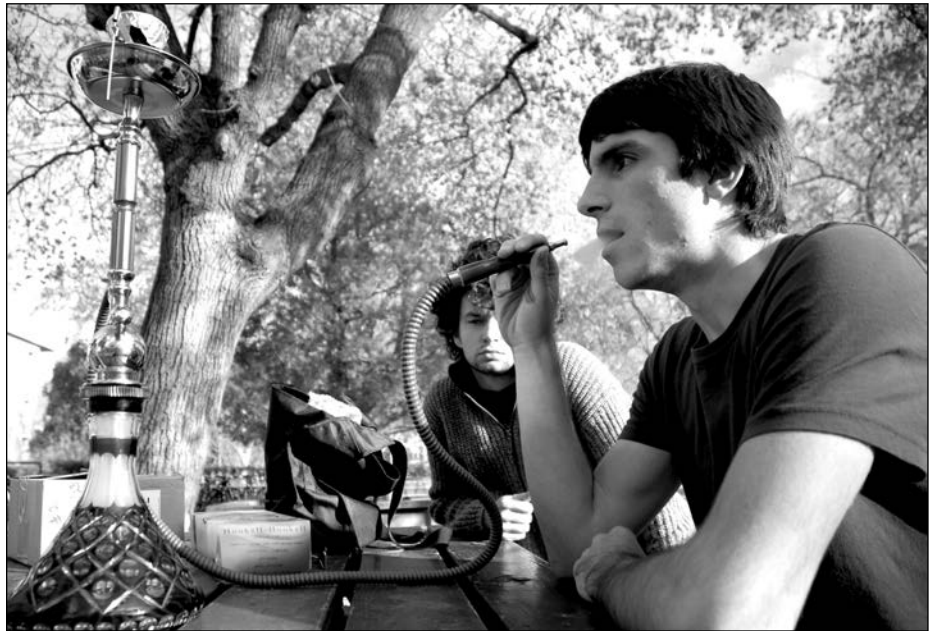
“Last night’s election was not a revolution, nor was it an endorsement of a true or real Democrat alternative,” said Arizona Republican Rep. John Shadegg. “It was a rebuke of the way Washington has conducted itself as of late.”

The Democrats’ victories in the West build on 2004 victories for Schweitzer in Montana and brothers Sen. Ken Salazar and Rep. John Salazar in Colorado. The wins were bright spots in an otherwise dismal year for Democrats.

Independent political consultant Eric Sondermann of Denver said Western states have become more attractive for Democrats looking to pick up victories in national races. Part of the reason, Sondermann said, is what he sees as a backlash in the GOP to the socially conservative and religious strains of the party.

“That seems to a more fitting value system in the South than necessarily the frontier-based, anti-government, libertarian” values of the West, Sondermann said.

HAPPY HOOKAH



UM freshman Max Dorsi takes a puff off of his hookah outside Knowles Hall on Wednesday before his Arabic class. Dorsi and two other freshmen from Knowles chose to smoke a vanilla-cake flavor of tobacco for their afternoon session.

Student punches teacher at Park High in Livingston

LIVINGSTON (AP) – A Park High School student has been suspended and may be expelled for punching a teacher in the face, Principal Eric Messerli said Wednesday.

“This is all on the heels of serious instances with guns and fights,” said Messerli, who himself was suspended for six days last month after giving a student a wedgie. “Things are out of control at this school, and as administrators, we’re trying to cool things down.”

Administrators held an all-school assembly Wednesday, a day after the teacher was punched by a freshman boy. The school did not identify the teacher or the student.

Livingston Police Chief Darren Raney said the student accused of punching the teacher on Tuesday could face misdemeanor assault charges. He said the case is still being investigated.

Recent problems at the school include the October expulsion of another freshman for bringing

handguns to school and the suspension and possible expulsion of another student for allegedly shooting a BB gun at other students and having a high-powered rifle in his vehicle on Nov. 1.

“The primary concern is to keep this a safe place to be,” Superintendent Hannibal Anderson said during the assembly. “Safety depends on everyone – everybody is responsible.”

“The school cannot operate in a disrespectful environment,” he said.

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The World in Brief

Mental-health crisis overwhelms the few working hospitals in post-Katrina New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mental health problems soared after Hurricane Katrina, just as the city's ability to handle them plummeted, creating a crisis so acute that police officers say they take some disturbed people to a destination of last resort — jail.

Because of the storm damage, only two of New Orleans' 11 hospitals are fully functioning. What's more, one of the closed facilities is the sprawling Charity Hospital, which police officers had relied on to drop off people at any hour.

"You knew they were safe. You knew they would get the care they needed. You don't know either of those things now," said James Arey, a psychologist who commands the police crisis negotiation team.

People who need medication can't find it or can't afford it, and the storm's aftermath has made life more stressful, as well, Arey said.

"Life is hard in this town now," he said.

A federally funded study published in the Bulletin of the World Health Organization found that mental health problems in the region roughly doubled in the months after Katrina, to 11.3 percent.

Mexican leader assails border fence plan before meeting Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preparing for a meeting with President Bush, Mexican President-elect Felipe Calderon made clear Wednesday his unhappiness with U.S. border security measures, saying the two countries need "bridges for progress and not walls that isolate and divide."

U.S. steps to stem the flow of migrants across the border were expected to dominate Bush's discussions with Calderon, who takes office Dec. 1.

Mexico has been highly critical of the U.S. plan to build a 700-mile fence along the border. Bush signed the law authorizing the fence on Oct. 26.

Calderon noted that barbed wire is also part of the U.S. border control apparatus.

The border region "should not be a zone of barbed wire but a zone of opportunities," Calderon said, according to a translation of his remarks.

He spoke to a gathering of some 200 Hispanic leaders here. He meets with Bush on Thursday after a breakfast meeting with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Also scheduled to attend the breakfast were Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

Calderon acknowledged Wednesday that illegal border-crossings into the United States are an unpleasant issue for both countries.

"Migration is not a desirable issue for anybody," he said. "It awakens enormous sensibilities in the United States and was at the center of the debate in the (Tuesday) elections.

And, he said, "it takes away the most daring part of our population and divides our families."

In a statement issued Wednesday from Mexico City, U.S. Ambassador Antonio Garza said Bush and Calderon planned to discuss border problems caused by criminals and narco-traffickers.

Other possible topics, Garza said, include further reductions in limits to free trade and finding ways to ensure "how both people and goods can cross our border in a legal, orderly, and more efficient way."

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DECEMBERISTS

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It's been a few years since The Decemberists have been in Missoula, having vowed never to play here again. But that's in the past now, as Colin Meloy and company plan their return Nov. 16 at the Wilma.

Meloy, a Helena native and UM Alum (Class of 1998), formed his now famous band Tarkio while a student here. Tarkio broke up in 1999, Meloy moved to Portland, Ore., and the rest is music history.

After kindly asking Capitol Records for an interview with Meloy, the Kaimin was granted phone time with Decemberists bass player Nate Query. Disgruntled, we called Capitol to inform them that we are the University of Montana's newspaper. Capitol then saw the fallacy of their ways and scheduled us an interview with Meloy.

Montana Kaimin: I have a couple of Missoula-based questions for you.

Colin Meloy: Some Missoula questions? Ah, hit me. I'm eating a bagel.

MK: Ok, so this isn't the first time the Decemberists have played in Missoula. Right?

CM: No. I think it was our first tour that we played at the Top Hat, and I think maybe the next tour the next year that we played at The Ritz, which was an infamous show that we swore afterwards that we would never play Missoula ever again [Laughs].

MK: What happened at The Ritz?

CM: It was like a total drunken free for all. Apparently, if you paid \$5 over the cover charge that night you could drink for free, and as a consequence everybody in the club was so totally wasted. People were crawling all over the stage and attacking our instruments. It was general mayhem. So the next time we played in Montana we played in Helena, but now we're returning to the safe confines of Missoula, of the Wilma. Hopefully people will stay relatively sober.

MK: Well the Wilma only has a beer and wine license.

CM: Right. There we go.

MK: During your solo tour this summer you did some Tarkio songs.

CM: [Mouth full] Mmm hmmm.

MK: Are they going to be worked into shows?

CM: Well. Sorry, I'm fully eating a bagel and being rude... No probably not. The rest of the band doesn't really know the songs and we've never really learned many of them. I might play a few solo, but I don't think we'll play them as a whole band.

MK: All right, now to the Missoula questions. What was your bar or place?

CM: Definitely Charlie [B's]. Is that still a place where people go? Do you go there?

MK: No. It was weird when I went there.

CM: Is it really? Why?

MK: Last time I was there, there were just a lot of weird old, old crazy people.

CM: Oh really?

MK: Yeah.

CM: Oh. Well back in my day, Charlie's was kind of the arty kid hang out.

MK: I like the Rhino.

CM: Really? The Rhino was kind of a frat bar when I was there. It was just a step away from Stocks. I used to like Al's and Vic's. Go see shows at Jay's, but now that's gone.

MK: Are there any references to Missoula that we're missing outside of "The Apology Song" when you talk about the Orange Street Food Farm?

CM: I think that might be the only one that has really blatant references to Missoula. Sadly. I mean there were obviously a bunch of Tarkio songs that made a bunch of references to Missoula, but as far as Decemberists songs that's the only one.

MK: Were you buying beer there yourself at the time?

CM: [Laughs] I can't remember what I was buying, but likely I think. I often bought beer there. Didn't they call it the Beer Farm? Probably still do.

MK: What's the current album and

book you're immersing yourself in?

CM: I'm reading David Mitchell's "Cloud Atlas," and we'll say I'm listening to Neko Case album "Fox Confessor Brings the Flood."

MK: I read you had 22 tracks recorded during "The Crane Wife" sessions.

CM: Yeah.

MK: What is going to happen to those other 11?

CM: Well, it's kind of cheating a little bit because at the time we were counting "The Island" and "The Crane Wife" as separate songs. So what it boiled down to is that we have six or seven songs left over and they'll just kind of make their way into the world via b-sides and singles.

MK: I'm sure you must have been asked by everyone from Pitchfork on "How's being on Capitol?" So I'll just ask how the amount of interviews is going?

CM: Today you are the first of 16...

MK: Wow.

CM: And I did a similar amount on Friday. This is just the regional tour press, the weeklies and college papers and stuff like that. It's rough, man. It's rough. This life is not all it's cracked up to be. Stay in school.

MK: You stayed in school. You graduated.

CM: Yeah. Well, then, get a normal career.

MK: Do not be a rock star?

CM: Don't be a rock star. Is Big Dipper still going?

MK: Yeah, Big Dipper is still going.

CM: Nice. My favorite Big Dipper flavor is Tangerine Sorbet.

MK: Oh great—

CM: Now that's news worthy

MK: Now Big Dipper is going to have a run on Tangerine.

CM: Well you have to get it fresh when they make it. When it's been sitting around for a couple of days it kind of loses its freshness a little bit, but it's always good you just can always tell a fresh batch. I became a bit of a connoisseur.

MK: Do you miss anything about Missoula?

CM: Yeah. I miss the really good walks to anywhere in like 10 minutes. I miss walking down to the Farmer's Market on Saturday and seeing everybody you were out with the night before. Hikes, St. Mary's, having the mountains around. Stuff like that.

MK: Where did you live in Missoula?

CM: I lived in a few different places. It seems like I was moving every six months. I lived in a little apartment on Connell Street next to the University. I also lived in this brick house on Arthur right across the street from the school. I lived in a house on Woodford near Rockin' Rudy's Vinyl Heaven. 727 Woodford. I lived in a little gray house on Front Street right next to the library.

MK: Should people cut bricks out of any of these residences and sell them on eBay?

CM: They should. They should immediately. Although the Front Street house if you cut a chunk out of that, it would probably collapse so I would not advise doing that.

MK: Great. Now we're going to get sued when someone says, "I live in that house."

CM: [Laughs]

Capitol Rep: Hey Pat, I'm going to have to steal Colin away from you. He's going to move on to the next interview.

MK: OK.

CM: Thanks a lot man.



Colin Meloy

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Kevin Hoffman/ Montana Kaimin
Junior wide receiver Ryan Bagley scores a first down in the final minutes of Saturday's game against Cal Poly, edging the Griz closer to their 21-yard field goal in the last five seconds. Bagley also scored the only touchdown of the game.

UM football heads to grief-stricken Greeley in search of ninth-straight title

Saturday's game pitting the University of Montana football team against Northern Colorado will be all about the number nine. A ninth-straight victory for Montana, which at 8-1 hasn't lost since its season-opening 41-7 loss to Iowa, would give UM its ninth-straight Big Sky Conference title. A win will clinch at least a share of the title, which Montana can win outright with a win over Montana State next week.

The Griz are coming off a 10-9

win over Cal Poly last week. Montana is led by its defense and its conference-low 18.8 points per game. Senior Mike Murphy became the third UM defensive end to pick up the Big Sky defensive player of the week honors.

UM is 5-1 all time against Northern Colorado, which has struggled to a 1-8 record in its first season in the Big Sky Conference.

The Bears are dealing with yet another tragedy this season as the program is mourning the death of former running back Adam Matthews, the No. 2 all-time rusher in school history who died Nov. 2. The 25-year-old Matthews was

the brother of current Bears linebacker Asa, who is second on the team this year in tackles. Matthews' death came six weeks after 21-year-old Sam Safken, a former UNC defensive lineman, died of cancer and nearly two months after UNC's backup punter was arrested for allegedly stabbing the starting punter Rafael Mendoza in the leg.

Former UM coach Joe Glenn will be inducted into the UNC hall of fame at halftime. Glenn, who coached Montana to a national championship in 2001, coached at UNC from 1987-99, leading them to the title in 1996.

Griz to face Eagles with tourney seedings on the line

The University of Montana volleyball team will wrap up its 2006 regular season with a pivotal road match against Eastern Washington on Saturday. The Griz are currently in third place in Big Sky standings, one game ahead of Eastern Washington, and with the conference tournament on the horizon, seeding could be of the utmost importance.

Montana (12-12, 9-5 BSC) lost 3-0 to the Eagles (16-8, 8-6 BSC) in Missoula on Oct. 7.

Before their marquee matchup Saturday, the Griz will be in Portland tonight to face the Vikings of Portland State, who beat UM 3-1 on Oct. 5, while Eastern Washington hosts Montana State.

After unimpressive exhibition games, defending champs open up season

The University of Montana men's basketball team will open up its 2006-07 season with a game on Friday night against Montana State University-Northern. Game time at Dahlberg Arena is set for 7.

Montana, the two-time defending Big Sky champion, will host an NAIA school team that went 19-13 last season. The Griz went 2-0 in its exhibition games but struggled at times in close wins over Concordia and Rocky Mountain College.

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Garbage political ads are gone, but KPAX football coverage fills void

Note: Memo to Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer: First off, sir, lay off the bottle. The speech, which I am going to assume involved some alcohol, that you gave at the Tester Fest on Tuesday night made you seem less like an innovative governor and more like a frat boy. Secondly, start exploiting children like a normal politician and leave your dog out of it. Sure, we get your precious pooch if Tester sucks it up in Washington, but what are we supposed to give you if you win - a bottle of Jack Daniel's?

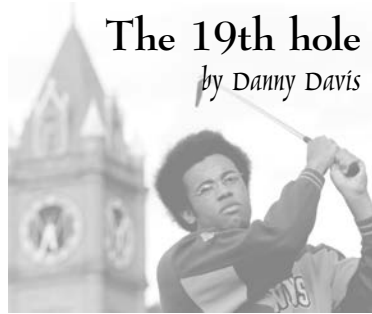
Side note: Britney, call me.

Whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, you can probably agree on one thing: Political advertisements are lame. For the past two months in Montana, our favorite commercials about Lucky Charms and Dodge trucks were replaced by he-said-she-said advertisements filled with depressing music that is supposed to depict evil, unflattering pictures and enough crap to fertilize the entire state of Nebraska (and probably parts of Colorado and Kansas, too).

But now that the election season is over, don't expect your TV to be garbage-free, just yet. The University of Montana football team travels to Northern Colorado this weekend, which means that UM fans will have the privilege (and what a privilege it is) to

watch the game on the local CBS affiliate, KPAX.

This means a few hours of watching football that will be vocally illustrated by the voice of Jeremy Jorgenson, KPAX sports



director, which is about as appealing to the ears as rusty nails on a chalkboard or a Celine Dion album. But don't fear, KPAX games can be fun: Just play a drinking game and take a shot every time Jorgenson says something dumb, and by halftime you'll be too drunk (or dead) to even notice. Also, the KPAX camerawork at times has been so off that it leads one to wonder if the camera operators have been playing the Jorgenson drinking game with Schweitzer.

However, for the most part, the coverage should be appreciated by most UM fans, as a full-season TV deal is unheard of for most I-AA schools. Also, for a team that is as loved across the state as the Griz are, it gives fans who can't make it to Missoula a chance to root on

the maroon and silver.

My problem with KPAX doesn't come from a fan's perspective; it comes from a journalistic viewpoint.

The local CBS affiliate KPAX, which has the motto: "Fair. Accurate. To the Point." However, listening to two seconds of a Griz broadcast is all it takes to find that these broadcasts are neither fair, accurate nor to the point.

The station uses Dave Guffey, the Athletic Department's information director, as both a sideline reporter and a color commentator, and Jorgenson, at times, kisses up so badly that it almost seems like he's dating Griz head coach Bobby Hauck. The commentary is incredibly biased and you are probably more likely to ace your chemistry test than you are to hear anything bad mentioned on air about the Griz.

Take, for example, UM's 33-30 win over Weber State a few weeks ago. While trying to score a touchdown, UM running back Reggie Bradshaw slipped and his knee hit the ground before he could get across the goal line. Now, a blind man who had just been beamed probably could have made this call, but Jorgenson and Guffey remained in opposition to the call, despite looking at the play numerous times on instant replay.

How do you fix a problem like this? It's tough since I am sure that KPAX isn't bringing in a lot of money with these broadcasts, but

it is also journalistically unacceptable to use UM employees and former Griz players in their coverage, and also to accept the broadcasting style of Jorgenson, who represents a prominent branch of the news station. Unless, of course, KPAX wants nothing to do with objectivity, which makes one wonder why it is even in the news business.

Fortunately, the lack of skills up in the broadcast booth got me thinking about the general role of the media in regards to the UM Athletic Department, which now brings me to the Kaimin.

It's incredibly easy to sit here and poke fun at Jorgenson and the rest of the KPAX team and fail to look in the mirror. Is the Kaimin much better? Are we guilty of the same biases that we often are so critical of when it comes to ethics classes and just in general discussions?

I mean, we do put out a weekly football magazine called GameDay Kaimin, which I edit, that includes profiles, rosters and other gems but often fails to mention anything negative.

However, GDK, while admittedly not full of hard-hitting news, isn't packaged as a department brochure, and we do our best to steer our football-beat reporter away from the light-hearted articles, thus avoiding a conflict of interest, something that KPAX does not do well. And realistically, if we, as students at UM, can do a

decent job at steering away from being too pro-Griz, than so can a station full of so-called professionals.

So what is the role of the media when it comes to athletics? Should sports be considered news or entertainment? Are sports departments literally the toy stores of their respective papers?

You can debate those aforementioned questions as much as you want, but when it comes down to it, we are still journalists, and as journalists we need to be as objective as possible, even when it comes to covering Bobby and the beloved Griz. Sure, it's hard not to catch Griz Fever in a town like Missoula, but we run into huge problems when we intermingle our personal lives with what we do at work.

The media and athletics are like that squabbling married couple who hate each other, but are unwilling to separate. The media needs the athletes to sell its papers, while the athletes need the media to sell their program. Trust me, somewhere Ike and Tina are laughing at our dysfunctional relationship.

So for God's sake KPAX, clean up your act and start acting like "Montana's News Station." Sure, your buddy-buddy relationship with the football team might get you those exclusive interviews, but really, should your credibility and journalistic obligations have a price tag?

Lady Griz open up title hunt against MSU-Billings

The Lady Griz basketball team will look to rebound from a titleless 2005-06 season when they open their 2006-07 campaign Sunday against MSU-Billings. Montana is coming off of a shocking 71-69 loss to Northwest Sports in its final exhibition game on Monday.

After winning two straight conference titles, Montana went 21-7 least season and was bounced from the Big Sky tourney with a 73-66 first-round loss to Idaho State. The Griz return the bulk of their players, including guards Mandy Morales and Dana Conway, but will have to replace three-point specialist Katie Edwards.

MSU-Billings lost three starters

from last year's squad but return the services of forward Michelle Lieber, who was the co-player of the year in the Heartland Conference last season. Sophomore guard Alira Carpenter, with her conference-leading 36.6 percent three-point shooting and 11.7 points per game, is also returning.

UM runners head south for regionals

The University of Montana cross-country teams will be in Albuquerque, N.M., this weekend for the NCAA Mountain Regional Championships hosted by the University of New Mexico. Teams from Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico will make up the 31-team field.

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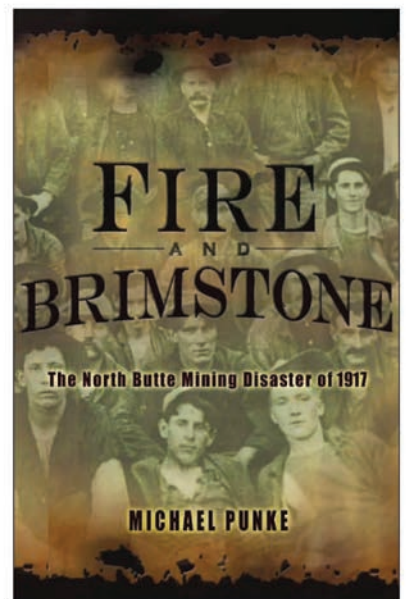
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ASUM gives support to non-sweatshop apparel

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ASUM voted unanimously Wednesday to support joining a program that would ensure that all official University of Montana apparel sold will not be made in a sweatshop.

The resolution, proposed by senator Tara Ness, states: "ASUM supports the University of Montana affiliating with the Worker Rights Consortium and adopting the Designated Suppliers Program to ensure ethically responsible practices in regards to its apparel process."

The WRC is a nonprofit organization created by university administrations, students and labor rights experts.

Svein Newman, ASUM senator and sponsor of the bill, said the University currently has no way to verify how its apparel is made. He added that if UM joined the WRC, its apparel would be sweat-free due to monitoring by the organization.

According to its Web site the WRC's purpose is "to assist in the enforcement of manufacturing Codes of Conduct adopted by colleges and universities; these Codes are designed to ensure that factories producing clothing and other goods bearing college and university names respect the basic rights of workers."

The annual price of associating with WRC is \$1,000 or 1 percent of gross licensing revenue, whichever is greater.

Newman said this is a small price to pay to insure UM goods are not made in sweatshops.

"Even if our profits (on apparel) doubled, we would still only be paying around \$5,000," he said.

ASUM senator Eric Schultz was pleased with the decision.

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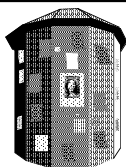
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