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MONTANA KAIMIN

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GOP students keep faith

CHANDRA JOHNSON
MONTANA KAIMIN

With the Democrats taking the reigns of Congress for the first time in a dozen years, Republicans are adjusting to being the minority. But members of the University of Montana College Republicans are undaunted in their support for their administration.

Even with President Bush's approval ratings dipping to a low of about 40 percent this month and the controversial announcement of the deployment of 21,500 more troops into Iraq, College Republican state chair Will Selph isn't sweating.

"In the Republican Party, there are different shades of red," Selph said. "You'll see people within any party separating themselves from the president at the end of any administration."

Thursday was a recruitment day for the College Republicans, and despite setbacks the party suffered in recent months, many with the party say they are not discouraged and still support the president. Selph said he thought the changes of the last election were the results of the conservative base staying home.

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Muir continues to collect provost salary

JESSICA MAYRER
MONTANA KAIMIN

Despite being removed from her provost position nearly 10 months ago, Lois Muir is still collecting her former annual provost salary of \$110,328.

Muir, who recently accepted a

job as a provost in the United Arab Emirates, was slated to teach two psychology classes this semester but is now on a leave of absence.

However, in spite of her departure from University of Montana, Muir's contract legally obligates the University to continue paying Muir her former salary, said Rosie

Keller, associate vice president of Administration and Finance at UM.

The average beginning salary for a tenured professor at UM is \$47,175.

Muir's vacancy was filled earlier this month by visiting instructor Linda Frey. Frey says she scram-

bled to get the classes together at the last minute, but members of the Psychology Department have eased her transition.

"Without their help it would have been really, very, very difficult to do," Frey said.

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Re-Takin' out the trash



Tim Kupsick/Montana Kaimin

Sophomore Drew Robinson takes the recyclable paper from Main Hall on Thursday. The University employs 12 student workers who empty and sort recycling containers around campus.

UM Recycling Program falls short of goal

ORIANA TURLAY
MONTANA KAIMIN

Custodian Carey Lemer runs in from checking on a water spill in the Clapp Building. With the radio on his belt blaring loudly, he ducks into the recycling office to check who is out picking up the days recycling.

His special project, and daily commitment, is keeping the University of Montana Recycling Program up and running. Lemer has seen the amount of materials recycled double since he became the recycling supervisor four years ago.

But despite the commitment of Lemer and the 12 paid UM students who make up the recycling crew, the recycling program at UM still isn't where they want it to be.

The existing program at UM was created to

satisfy a House bill passed in 1991, which required all state agencies, universities included, to create a waste-reduction plan.

The plan UM came up with included a goal of recycling at least 25 percent of the school's waste by Jan. 1, 1996.

As of Jan. 1, 2007, UM stood at about 18 percent.

President George Dennison said UM set an unrealistic goal.

"It just takes time to change the culture and get the people to understand," he said. "Behavioral changes are hard to do; cultural changes are hard to do."

People have to be individually committed to change their habits, Dennison said. The same reason the program hasn't met its goal, he said, is the same reason people don't turn off their

lights when they leave the room, or shut down their computers at the end of the night: They just don't think about it in their everyday routine.

Shannon Kuhn, environmental studies major, is the only recycling intern on campus. She said the program hasn't met its goal because it doesn't have enough support from the administration.

"Our administration is behind (the program) in terms of environmental consciousness," she said, "but it's not in the back of their ear all the time, so they forget about it."

On Earth Day in 2002, Dennison committed the school to promoting sustainable development, recycling included, by signing the Talloires Declaration. The declaration is a worldwide effort by university presidents to slow the destruction of the environment.

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Props and Pimp Slaps

Some days you just got to stop and take a minute to say what needs to be said. To give **Props** where they are needed and **Pimp Slaps** where they are deserved. So, without further ado...

Props to Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.), who entered the presidential race Saturday with a speech voicing opposition to President Bush's plan in Iraq and saying all of the right things to members of the Christian Right, of which he is a proud member. Maybe Brownback doesn't share your politics, but in a party that has been so closed-mouth about criticizing bad policy, he is a welcome change — no matter what his stance on the big "A." And while we're here, a big Props to the rest of the Pachyderm Party members willing to step out of line. It takes guts to side against the party base.

There's a **Pimp Slap** in order for the new Democrat-controlled House. A bunch of "non-binding resolutions" sounds like something that would come out of an ASUM meeting, but these people are in a real government. Awesome "100 Hours" Nancy. Maybe those years as minority party were wasted...

A female duck in Florida that was shot and spent two days in a refrigerator before it was discovered ALIVE is deserving of Kaimin **Props**, because that's hardcore, no matter what species you are. The duck is currently recovering in a wildlife sanctuary.

President Bush has earned himself a massive **Pimp Slap** for not mentioning New Orleans in his State of the Union Address. Was it because, "Wow, things are just totally f—ed up right now," wouldn't fit in with the rest of the speech?

Who better to give **Props** to than all of us here in Missoula. USA Today released a list of the 100 Best Communities in America Wednesday (in no particular order), and we made it for providing "healthy and safe activities for students during non-school hours." And the bars are pretty cool too, but that didn't seem to matter.

Internet magazine Insight — owned by that toilet paper stand-in The Washington Times — is deserving of a serious **Pimp Slap** for reporting that Sen. Hillary Clinton's staff was spreading rumors that Sen. Barack Obama was once educated at a school for Islamic radicals while living in Indonesia (1967-1971). This, of course, was a lie. Obama was educated in a school attended by Christians, Muslims and Confucians.

Some much needed **Props** will go to Mozart, an iguana in Belgium that will have its penis amputated in the next few days because he's had an erection for over a week. The Props are because iguanas have two penises. Lucky!

An angry **Pimp Slap** to the Academy Awards for not finding any love for "Snakes on a Plane." Shun Samuel L. Jackson all you want, but Keenan Thompson totally deserved a Best Supporting nod.

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Question 1: Former provost Lois Muir got demoted to professor last year, but is still earning a provost's salary even though she's on leave. What would you do if you were getting \$110,000 a year to do nothing?

Question 2: What could UM do with that money?



•Ryland Branam
freshman, radiology

Q1: "Wow, man, I wish that was true. I'd probably do some traveling to New Zealand, and give some of the money to my family."

Q2: "Give out more scholarships, and help fund some of the clubs here."



•Matt Fennell
sophomore, radiology

Q1: "Give the money to something charitable and try to find meaning in my life."

Q2: "Fight poverty in Montana"



•Jamey Pettersen
sophomore, business

Q1: "I would travel all over Europe."

Q2: "Give it back to the students."



•Maggie Connors
junior, art

Q1: "I'd buy everyone a puppy!"

Q2: "There's many departments that have no money, so give it to departments that need it."



•Rob Beeson
sophomore, media arts & marketing

Q1: "I'd start a nightclub chain in Miami, L.A. and Seattle. The one in Miami would be called 'Heat,' the one in L.A. would be called 'Ice' and the one in Seattle would be 'Rain.'"

Q2: "Anything but give it to the football team."



•Owen Budd
sophomore, Native American studies

Q1: "Eat at Sushi Nara and flint knap."

Q2: "Finish the construction projects on campus."

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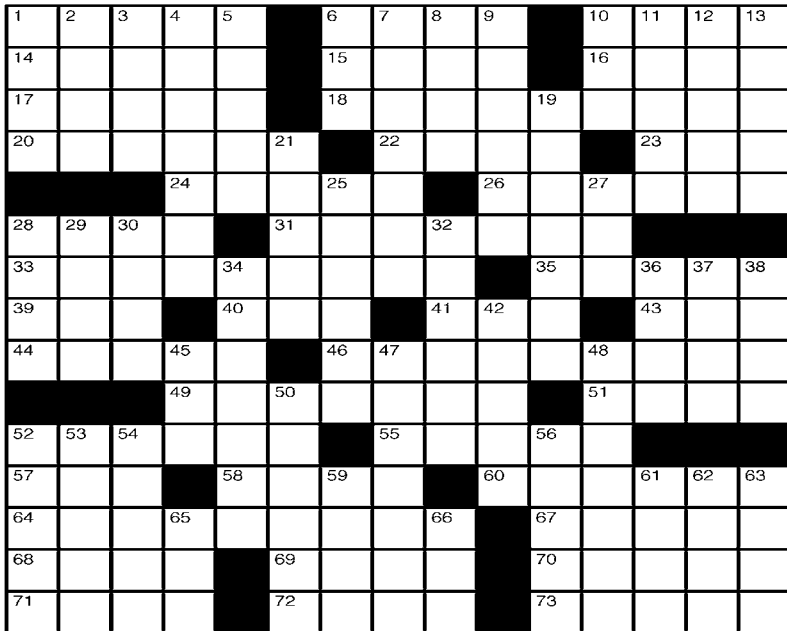
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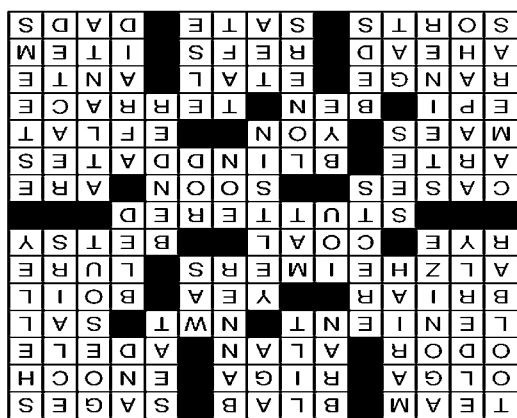
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Fundraising slow for Native center

ANNE KAZMIERCZAK
MONTANA KAIMIN

Plans to erect a Native American Studies center are still in the fundraising stages, with only one-sixth of the necessary funds raised, according to organizers.

Unlike other academic buildings the new structure aims to be a comprehensive cultural center, academic building, and gathering place for native students – a sort of home away from home.

But the planned building comes with a price tag of \$6 million. Only \$1 million has been raised so far, in an effort that began in 2003. Julia Horn, development director at the UM Foundation, said the University needs \$5 million in hand before groundbreaking can occur.

Identifying and garnering access to large donors is the hardest part of the process, Horn said. "Buildings are one of the hardest things to raise money for," she said.

States generally don't fund construction of academic buildings. The money has to come from private sources. Most new academic buildings rely on alumni or those with a vested interest in their programs to succeed in their funding goals. Without that base, "we have to find people with money who are willing to part with that money," said Horn.

In an effort to drum up support, both Horn and University Tribal Liaison Linda Juneau visited Montana's seven reservations in December. "They were all very enthusiastic," said Horn, but noted Montana tribes do not have large coffers. Still, all the tribes pledged support, with some offering in-kind donations such as a bison hunt on the Fort Peck Reservation to be auctioned to the highest bidder.

Horn hopes to expand fundraising outreach to out-of-state tribes with large gaming revenues, as the center will serve students from all

over the country. UM is home to tribal students from 22 states across the country. Even so, "identifying prospects is probably the hardest part of this job," she said.

The new building is an effort to provide Native American students a cultural center of their own.

"I think it's a great idea," said Adrian Bear Don't Walk, a Crow business student. On campus two years now, Bear Don't Walk said of his initial encounters with UM, "I didn't see enough Crow. I (still) miss hearing the language."

That sense of being out of place drastically affects Indian student retention, said Salena Hill, a counselor for American Indian Students Services. "It's very important that our students have a place to go," she noted. The AISS offices are currently housed in the Lommasson Center, but "we have no confidentiality," Hill added. The three small rooms open onto each other, disallowing the privacy necessary to council students in crisis, she said. Hill said her organization serves over 250 students per semester.

Right now, Native student organizations have no set meeting place, either, despite the fact that most clubs meet weekly, said Hill.

The new building, designed by Little Shell architect L.A. Olsen, should change all that. UM Foundation's Julie Horn is coordinating the capital campaign to fund construction. She said the center will be the first of its kind.

"It will be a one-stop shop," she said, with rooms for classes, meeting spaces, counseling services, and cultural activities such as dances and ceremonies. The building, which will be located just east of the Lommasson center, will be a 20,000 square foot wedge, with a unique glass-enclosed circular front designed as a performance/gathering space. A miniature amphitheater, designated the "story-telling place," will be located outside of the building.

Laptop looter, decorative drive-by

ZACHARY FRANZ
MONTANA KAIMIN

Jan. 18, 2007 9:30 p.m.

University of Montana personnel discovered that \$54 and some gray wristbands had been stolen from the Adams Center Sky Club during the Lady Griz basketball game that evening. There are no suspects at this time, said Capt. Gary Taylor with the Office of Public Safety.

Jan. 19, 2007 2:30 a.m.

A resident of University Villages reported that someone had been driving in the grass around the Coloma Court apartments. The driver hit two cars, causing minor damage, and knocked over a decorative tree, Taylor said.

Residents were unable to provide a detailed description of the vehicle and the driver hasn't been caught, Taylor said.

Jan. 20, 2007 10:09 p.m.

A driver failed to negotiate the curve at the junction of Sixth Street and Maurice Avenue near the Adams Center parking lot. His vehicle went off the road and struck a tree. The driver was cited for various driving infrac-

"People think all the guys on the floor are cool," Taylor said. "Yeah, right. One of them is a thief."

Jan. 25, 2007 1:47 a.m.

A patrolling officer reported that the trees around the School of Law had been toilet papered. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 22 7:01 p.m.

A resident of Miller Hall reported that his laptop had been stolen from his dorm room. The room was unlocked when the theft occurred.

Police Blotter



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tions, and police are awaiting the results of a blood test to determine whether alcohol was a factor, Taylor said.

Jan. 22, 2007 7:01 p.m.

A resident of Miller Hall reported that his laptop had been stolen from his dorm room. The room was unlocked when the theft occurred. Such thefts are not uncommon, Taylor said, and students should keep their rooms locked when they are away.

REPUBLICANS

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"The country's in a state of flux," Selph said. "I don't think the country knows which party it stands behind, and it will really define itself in the next election."

Party member Candice Bergum said she supports the president.

"Behind everything he's doing I think there's a logical reason. There has to be," Bergum said. "Some of it does scare me and I think informed voters and citizens should question, but I do think there's a

definite need for more troops in Iraq."

David Knobel, state Web master for the College Republicans, said too often media outlets concentrate on controversial issues like the troop increase, when actually the increase is only one aspect of a three-part plan President Bush outlined for victory in Iraq.

"The first is a political solution that includes incentives to disarm militias, amnesty and national reconciliation to stop sectarian violence, and also incentives to get Iraqi Shiites and Sunnis a fair representation in government," Knobel said. "The second is an economic

solution that would share oil revenues with every Iraqi and create jobs. To do these things, we need a stabilization and to do that we need a military increase."

Knobel also said he doesn't think most Americans were focused on the war in Iraq.

"I think the top issues for most Americans during this election were corruption and minimum wage," Knobel said. "They voted Conrad Burns out because he was perceived to be corrupt. If policies had been the main focus, he probably would have won."

Opinions differed on the future of the Republican presidency.

"In the next election I think it will be very difficult for a Republican to win," Bergum said. "In wartime I think it's always hard for an incumbent party to win."

"I don't foresee a Reagan-type situation in 2008, but I think we have a good chance of a moderate Republican winning," Selph said.

"We absolutely have a chance in 2008," Knobel said. "Right now we have to educate people on the issues, because if we do that they'll elect the right person and the right person will ultimately be a Republican."

The College Republicans will host a semester kick-off on Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in UC 330.

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MIKE GERRITY
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For five years, Americans have found themselves imperiled by a new war that has left a cataclysmic wave of terror in its wake.

No, not that war, but the war of the video game consoles.

In the fall of 2001, the Playstation 2, Nintendo Gamecube and X-Box were unleashed on the gaming public, resulting in tarnished careers, broken relationships and thousands of lives lost (assuming most of them had lives to begin with).

The consoles struck U.S. soil once again with the release of Microsoft's X-Box 360 in November 2005, and this past holiday season with the Nintendo Wii and Sony's Playstation 3.

During the first few days of classes, many University of Montana students could be found huddled in their dorm rooms, immersed in the next-generation consoles they acquired in their hometowns.

One system that has found a multitude of homes at UM is the Nintendo Wii, a system that has received praise aplenty for its innovative motion-sensitive Nunchuk controllers. UM freshman Alex Benjamin was able to get his mitts on the viciously hunted game machine over the holidays.

"I bought it from a guy who was selling it back in my hometown and met him up at a place and I exchanged money for a Wii. It was \$50 over the sale price, but it's better than waiting two months to find it," Benjamin said.

Since he has been back at his dorm room in Duniway Hall, his room is almost always filled with floor mates taking turns at bowl-



Krista Miller/Montana Kaimin

Alex Benjamin, left, boxes Richard Klein using the new Nintendo Wii Thursday in Duniway Hall. Benjamin bought the Wii over Christmas break for around \$250.

ing or doubles tennis via Wii Sports.

UM freshman David Leslie has been a frequent visitor since Benjamin came back with a Wii.

"I actually spend more time playing the Wii, because everybody else is always playing my (X-Box) 360," Leslie said. "I like the 360 because it has a lot of games and variety but I like the concept of the Wii. It's a whole new aspect to the gaming system and it's a lot of fun to play."

Freshman Molly Jensen grew attached to the Wii through constant visits to her friend's apartment for bowling on Wii Sports.

"My favorite game on it right now is bowling. I'm the only one of my friends who figured out how to throw it backwards," Jensen said.

She feels that in the end, the Wii will go on to outperform its direct competitor, the PS3.

"I think the PS3 is going to flop. They put in a whole bunch of hard drives and stuff that's brand new and breakthrough, but people don't care. They just want a game," Jensen said.

The coveted Playstation 3 has also found its way to campus and has gained infamy for its \$600 price tag, lackluster availability

and an incident in Putnam, Conn., on launch day when two armed robbers shot a man waiting in line who refused to give up his money.

UM freshman Jason Squires came upon one over the holidays after failing to acquire one on launch day.

"I was in Helena and looking around in Hastings, and I didn't think there would be any there, but I went around looking at the games and I looked down, and there was one just sitting there," Squires said.

Squires was sold on the PS3 because of its ability to play high-definition Blu-Ray DVDs.

"A standard Blu-Ray player costs a thousand dollars, and this one is \$600," Squires said. "You wouldn't think (Blu-Ray) makes much of a difference, but it does."

The physical aspect of the Wii's gameplay has resulted in dozens of reported injuries as well as a slew of broken windows and impaled flat-panel TVs. Even UM has seen its Wii casualties, as freshman Jared Mullaney witnessed at his friends' apartment in Missoula.

"We were playing one of the Wii sports games, the baseball one, and he swung and broke the strap off of his wrist and threw the remote against the wall and smashed it into five pieces. He freaked out because he didn't have the money to pay for a new controller," Mullaney said.

With a total of four Wii's in its basement floor, Duniway Hall has its share of occasional Wii-cidents.

"I hit some people in the head a couple times playing tennis," Benjamin said.

Over-stimulated gamers in mass numbers have also posed noise issues, as resident assistant for Duniway Hall and UM senior Eric Stadler recalls.

"On our floor in particular, there's a lot of Wii going on. They get really into it, so I gotta close a few doors and tell people to stop yelling," Stadler said.

The common consensus regarding the Wii's safety, however, seems that it really is all a matter of personal responsibility.

"I like to think that I'm not retarded, so I haven't destroyed any furniture or caused any physical injuries," Stadler said.

"If you're not stupid, then you should be all right," Benjamin added.

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JACOB BAYNHAM
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Something wasn't right. The cherry trees of Washington D.C. were bursting at their buds. But it was early January, a whole three months before the National Cherry Blossom Festival, the annual celebration that commemorates them. Locals wondered at the warm days – one, in December hit 75 degrees – while, at their feet, yellow daffodils yawned into bloom.

It wasn't until Jan. 10 that winter snow finally came to New York City, the latest ever in the 129 years that records have been kept. And it was only a dusting. Average temperatures there were six degrees warmer than usual.

And yet, national temperatures were hardly warming everywhere. Mid-western and western states, for example, have been hit with relentless and snowy cold fronts. In December, three major snowstorms buffeted Colorado, dumping almost three feet of powder on the city in the third snowiest winter in its history.

In early January an ice storm swept across six midwestern states that caused the death of 41 people. Icicles are hanging from the oranges in the California, the fruit-basket of America and the entire citrus crop looks to be threatened. It doesn't take an old-timer tell you it ain't like it used to be.

But Dr. Rachel Loehman, a researcher monitoring ecosystems at the Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group at UM's College of Forestry, is hesitant to jump to conclusions.

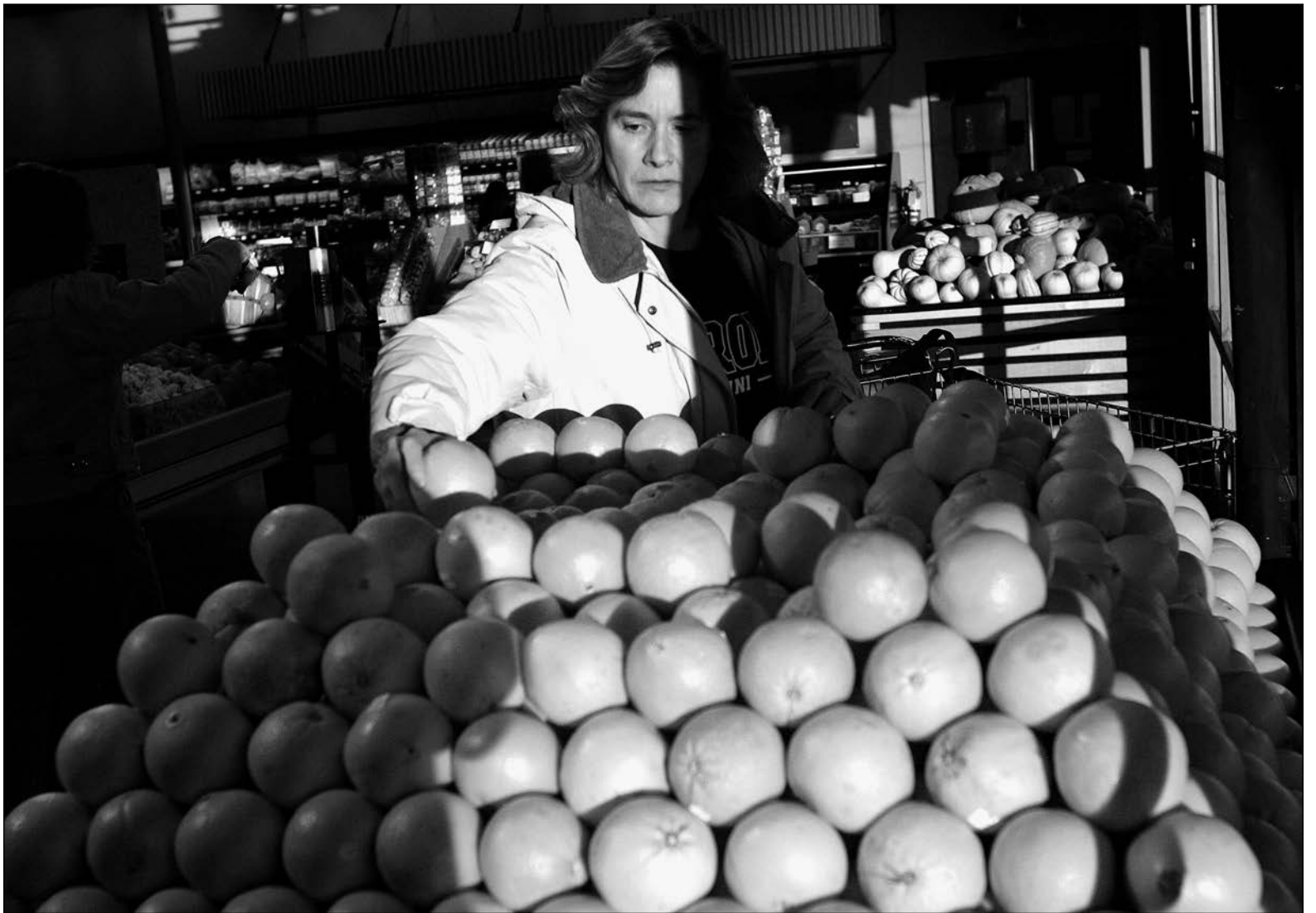
"Single events can't be attributed to a climate pattern," she said. "Ten years or more constitutes a climate pattern."

That said, she does believe there are indications of changes afoot. Examples of shifting patterns in global climate range from area locals complaining of the mildest winters in their lives, to the rising intensity in the hurricane season, to an increase in wildfires. Sometimes the changes land right at our doorstep.

"In Missoula we've had an increase in growing season," Loehman said. "That's indicative of a general warming trend."

That may bode well for farmers in the summer months, but now, the extreme weather in growing states are leading to price increases in Missoula grocery stores.

"A lot of the crops are freezing," says Jason Drake, who works in the produce department of a



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ABOVE: Missoula resident Joan Trudnowski picks some unsprayed California Naval Oranges at the Good Food Store on Thursday. Stores around the country have seen inflation in oranges from freezing temperatures in California. **BELOW:** Dr. Rachel Loehman is researching for the College of Forestry and Conservation. Loehman is skeptical about the immediate effects of global warming, but definitely sees trends in climate change.

Missoula Albertson's. "It's causing prices to increase on certain things. California oranges, for example went up from 99 cents a pound to \$1.99."

A sign hangs above the produce rack in the store, warning customers of higher prices due to the extreme cold weather in California, Arizona and Mexico. Albertson's fruit supplies from farther afield, however, places like Chile and other parts of South America are unaffected.

The Good Food Store produce department warns that this weather will affect prices for the next six to seven months. Avocados, greens, strawberries and citrus fruits will experience the most price increases.

The freak storms that have hit these states this winter have often been explained through the phenomenon of El Niño, a periodic warming of the Eastern Pacific Ocean known to affect moisture levels in global airflows, resulting in dramatic weather fluctuations. But that too, says Dr. Loehman, may be an unwanted child of general warming trends.

As ocean surface temperatures warm, she explains, more water can evaporate. Warmer air, in turn, can hold more moisture. The result is that when these air

bodies suddenly cool, the level of precipitation can be enormous – like three feet of snow dropping on Denver – for example.

"It's complex," Loehman said. "There's a tendency for people to attribute everything to global warming, which isn't right, but when you start seeing patterns, that might indicate climate change."

These patterns concern Bill Pfeiffer, campus organizer for the student environmental watchdog group MontPIRG. Pfeiffer says that the planet is currently experiencing some of the highest levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide in 160,000 years. Scientists point to this carbon dioxide as the leading cause of increased global temperatures. And according to Pfeiffer, the United States is far from blameless in its production of the gas.

"The U.S. is the biggest producer of CO2 pollutants in the world," Pfeiffer said. He cites America's dependence on its transportation-based economy and the burning of coal for electricity as the reason for this.

Although Pfeiffer was encouraged to hear President George W. Bush's concern for global climate change in his Jan. 23 State of the Union Address, he is yet to be convinced that things will change.

"Up to this point we haven't seen any commitment from the President to change this, or even admit to [the problem] at all."

Pfeiffer says that as a group, MontPIRG focuses on how these



environmental changes will affect Montana. The group has an "ambitious legislative package" ready to push lawmakers to control carbon dioxide pollutants. Global warming is of particular importance to Montana. Pfeiffer says that in 50 years the ice that makes up Glacier National Park's namesake will have receded into

extinction. And the snowmelt that Montana relies upon for its water may be inadequate in future years. All of this means more urgent work for his group.

"We try to show students how they can be involved in telling people about the problem, but also how to be a part of the solution," Pfeiffer says.



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Schweitzer stresses economy, energy, in State of State

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HELENA (AP) – Gov. Brian Schweitzer touted gains in Montana’s economy during his State of the State address on Wednesday, telling a joint session of the Legislature that his initiatives can expand energy development and improve key programs while cutting taxes.

Schweitzer’s speech, his second State of the State address since taking office, stressed his plans to develop new energy with the aid of tax cuts, make education more accessible, and expand health insurance programs.

Schweitzer reminded lawmakers of the state’s low unemployment rate and said Montana has added 1,000 jobs a month since he took office. The Democrat also said wage growth in Montana is the third fastest among the states.

“In my last (State of the State) speech, I proclaimed to you ‘Montana is open for business.’ Do you remember?” the governor said to applause. “And boy are we open for business. During the last 24 months, we have created more than 24,000 jobs. ... Our unemployment is the lowest in history – 2.8 percent.

“There are more people working in Montana today than at any time in the history of Montana,” Schweitzer added. “Montana is open for business and on the move.”

He told lawmakers his budget is careful with the state’s projected \$1 billion surplus, saying he is investing \$600 million in programs and ongoing services, while \$400 million will be saved or returned to taxpayers in rebates or tax cuts.

The governor used the speech to advance his “Square Deal” legislative agenda – including a request for tax breaks for “clean and green” energy development and a \$400 tax rebate for Montana homeowners.

“It is time for Montana working families to get a break and that is what that \$400 represents,” he said.

The governor rolled out the tax breaks alongside one of the biggest initiatives of his administration: attracting new technology development of plants that turn coal into a liquid fuel that can be used to either power vehicles or to make electricity.

He said property tax reductions for transmission lines for “clean and green” energy, coal gasification plants, and facilities that make biodiesel, solar, wind and other alternative energy, are needed.

Energy development has been a staple of Schweitzer’s agenda, and it was also a focus of this speech. He pointed to new wind farms like the one at Judith Gap, and plans by energy companies to expand refineries and energy transmission lines.

“Montana, we are on the move,” the governor repeated several times in his 45 minute speech.

Education was one of the first topics Schweitzer addressed, with the governor saying his “education for life” plans would add full-time kindergarten and put more money into higher education to keep tuition affordable. Full-time kindergarten, he said, had been shown through numerous studies to be key to children being successful later in school and in life.

“That’s the best education we can provide in Montana,” the governor said.

The governor has asked for roughly \$100 million more for corrections, part of a plan to get more prisoners out of jail and into reform programs. Part of that initiative will include more treatment for mental health and substance abuse programs in a joint effort between the corrections and public health departments, he said.

“We will have more people in our communities more productive and fewer people in our corrections system that has become a bloated part of our budget,” Schweitzer said.

Two years ago, in his first State of the State, the governor said he would grow the state’s economy and improve health care and education without raising taxes. This time he promised tax cuts.

In addition to encouraging lawmakers to adopt his \$400-per-

homeowner rebate, he asked them to approve his plans to raise the ceiling on the business equipment tax to exempt more small businesses from it.

He also touted the \$170 million he plans to spend on long-term building projects rather than by using government bonds. The money will be used to update the state’s core computer center, the crime lab and in other areas.

“This is the most fiscally responsible budget in the history of this state,” Schweitzer said.

Schweitzer signaled a bipartisan tone in his speech, drawing quotes from famous Republicans and Democrats alike.

“Please do not allow the most partisan among us to destroy the good intentions of the majority of Montana,” Schweitzer said.

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Really, the only important question is: How depressingly hip are you?

A score under 40 points means you have to forfeit your Decemberists, and Belle and Sebastian records

IAN GRAHAM
MONTANA KAIMIN

Hello, loyal readers, and welcome to the first Arts Page Quiz of the year. No, you don't need to stand and cheer; that might make your Poli-Sci professor cranky. Instead, take this little refresher quiz on "Hipsterism."

We all know that after a long break it takes a week or two to get back into the rhythm of campus life (class, beer, roommates, beer, etc.), so we at Kaimin Arts have developed this test to make sure you're still cool enough to dye your hair black and look down to everyone.

1) I don't listen to Modest Mouse anymore because:

- a) I don't listen to any band on a major label. Sell-outs.
- b) What do you mean? "Float On" is the dopest song!
- c) Aren't they coming out with a new album?
- d) My DJ roommate ruined my "Lonesome Crowded West" vinyl with exclusive b-sides.

2) The new Shins album, "...Winning the Night Away," came out Tuesday. You say:

- a) It can't be as good as "Oh, Inverted World." It never is.
- b) Those guys from "Garden State"? Awesome, bro!
- c) I've been listening to the "Phantom Limb" pre-release on MySpace for months.
- d) Does that mean everyone can stop playing "New Slang" now?

3) It's a sunny spring afternoon. You're busy doing what?

- a) I'm sneering at the guy in the next answer.
- b) After ultimate Frisbee, I'm going to have some brews at home with the bros.
- c) I took some cool pictures with Photobooth on my new BLACK MacBook.
- d) I'm listening to the Smiths while I browse records at Ear Candy.

4) Your hair is:

- a) Black.
- b) I just got this stuff that gives it that really cool bed-head style.
- c) Long in the front, and swept to the side
- d) Kinda long, I might need a haircut soon.

5) Finish this line: "Sue me if I go too fast...":

- a) The 80s were so lame. Except Joy Division and Bauhaus, they were cool.
- b) Um... that isn't Dave Matthews, so I don't know.
- c) "But the sons of his opponents wish that he were their dads."
- d) "But life is just a party and parties weren't meant to last."

6) Your clothes look worn out ... why?:

- a) I bought it at Joey Ramones' estate sale
- b) I don't know why Abercrombie did this, but the ladies love it ... I swear.
- c) I got knocked down at a Sharktopus show.
- d) I bought these pants when Kurt Cobain was still alive. Remember? Nirvana? That band with the Foo Fighters guy?

7) Your milkshake brings all the boys to the yard and their life is _____?

- a) As meaningless as any other Gap-wearing conformists' life.
- b) ...better than yours! Damn right, it's better than yours! I could teach you, but I'd have to charge! Wooooo! I'm so wasted!
- c) God I hate country music.
- d) The only good thing Kelis did was Ol' Dirty Bastard. And maybe Nas.

8) And finally, punk rock is about:

- a) The sadness and despair of life. The government sucks, girls suck — life sucks. I am cutting myself with the Kaimin.
- b) Piercings and bad clothes?
- c) Getting back at the girls who wouldn't go out with me in high school.
- d) Whatever you want it to be?

Scoring: A = 10 pts, B = 0 pts, C = 2 pts, D = 5 pts

0-20 - To be honest, I'm surprised you read the Arts Page. Weren't you supposed to go get some beer and recite "Family Guy" episodes as you watch the new DVD over and over again?

21-40 - Sweet MySpace profile. It totally reflects the inner anguish you suffer because you're too shy to ask girls out. But maybe if you keep listening to My Chemical Romance and Panic! At the Disco, you'll feel better.

41-60 - Did you model your life after Rob in "High Fidelity," or is it just turning out that way? At least you're keeping your hipster snootiness subtle as you pick out Elliott Smith bootlegs.

61-80 - Congratulations, you are the most depressing person in the world! But, because of your collection of CD-R releases by local bands and your complete derision for anything that could sell more than a few hundred copies, you're the hippest person we know. Feel free to let the cynicism and bitterness flow outward.



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DYLAN LASLOVICH
MONTANA KAIMIN

Author's Note: I have a confession. It's been haunting me for months and I can't seem to make it stop. Sometimes I drop the proverbial ball and fail to inform you of great albums that have been released. Here is my cheap attempt to make amends with you.

Have you heard the one about the two Arizona natives who got together and decided to form a band in 2001?

Sam Means and Nate Reuss, The Format, released their sophomore album, "Dog Problems," last summer and it's brilliant.

Basically everything on this album is about Reuss' flailing, and ultimately failing, relationship with a girlfriend. The album is full of emotional content, but instead of being a slow-paced, dark and depressing journey (think Bright Eyes), Dog Problems is full of pop-rock tracks that sound more like a sunny day then a gloomy night.

The Format is at their best when their upbeat melodies drastically differ from the content of the song. They might be singing about an unfaithful girlfriend who repeatedly ruins Reuss' life, but the playful piano and horn section makes the song danceable.

On the title track, Reuss poses the question, "Was it worth it when you slept with him?/ Did you get it all out of your system?"

With very little instrumental backing, this is one of the few times the music fits the desolate mood and things take a generic emo turn. Then suddenly, horns blare and cymbals crash as Reuss goes from rock bottom to leading an upbeat "go to hell you she-devil" sing-a-long.

"Dog Problems" got its name because every time Reuss and his estranged girlfriend/muse started dating again, they'd get a new canine.

In "Time Bomb," Reuss lets listeners in on some extremely personal information that shaped the album's creation. When he sings,

"Five years and you fell for a waiter/ I'm sure he says he's an actor/ So you're acting like/ You never tried to take your life."

At the song's conclusion, he takes one more suicide-related shot at the song's target. Underneath the main vocals and instruments he quietly asks, "Was it worth what you did to your wrists?"

(Note to self: never infuriate a brutally honest and direct recording artist.)

This self-released album comes after being dropped by major labels for, supposedly, not writing radio hits. This sour relationship with the major music industry led the duo to write the track "The Compromise," which keeps in line with their moniker — a slight at major labels for only signing bands that fit a structured "format."

The joyous and celebratory feel of "Dog Problems" almost makes me want to have a terrible relationship where my girlfriend cheats on me and my world is shattered over and over again.

Almost.



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If you were born after 1984, you missed Aerosmith. Now I know what you're saying. You're saying, "I know about Aerosmith, jackass." What I mean to say is you missed out on Aerosmith before they were terrible. The overwhelming majority of the gritty and rocking Steven Tyler-Joe Perry songs were released in the mid-70s. Oh, what about "Janie's Got a Gun," you say? What about "Janie's Got a Gun"? That song is dreadful. And do not try to count 1998s "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing." Just because it reminds you of your junior high love interest doesn't mean it was any good. What music do kids at that age actually dislike? For god's sake, we greeted "The Macarena" and "Tubthumping" with open arms. In 1993, Aerosmith got some of their grit back with "Cryin'" and "Crazy," but it was just a tease. Those songs couldn't possibly make up for the rest of the filler that surrounded them on "Get a Grip." Steven Tyler will always remind me of a poor man's Mick Jagger, which is actually the nicest thing I have to say about him. Aerosmith is overrated and they haven't been decent since before most of us were born. The only reason they have any notoriety is because people treat them like their grandfathers and ignore all the downsides.

-By Dylan Laslovich

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Lady Griz move into second with win over NAU



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Lady Griz center Sara Gale drives for a layup against Northern Arizona University forward Ashley Hardin on Thursday. The Lady Griz beat Northern Arizona 78-64.

SARAH SWAN
MONTANA KAIMIN

Coming off a tough weekend loss, the University of Montana women's basketball team wasn't about to be chopped down by the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks, dominating their home court in a 78-64 win.

The win moves Montana ahead of NAU to second place in the Big Sky Conference.

"Just coming off a loss (64-49 to Weber State on Saturday) you want to get back out on the floor and get after it, and I thought we played pretty hard," UM head coach Robin Selvig said.

Montana maintained control of the court the second that sophomore guard Mandy Morales sank a jump shot in the first minute of the game.

NAU only got as close as tying with the Griz 11-11 with 12 minutes left in the first half. From there, sophomore forward Britney Lohman received a pass from Morales and sank a 3-point shot that set the Griz en route to the win.

At halftime, Montana still led, but NAU proved they weren't going down without a fight when NAU guard Sade Cunningham made a jump shot with two second left on the clock to make the score 32-28.

Back for the second half, Morales lit up the court, scoring 10-straight points for Montana in a four-minute span, highlighted by back-to-back three pointers.

From there, Montana coasted to the victory and UM junior Johanna Closson sealed the win for Montana with a 3-pointer with 12 seconds left in the game.

"I thought that it was a competitive game," NAU head coach Laurie Kelly said. "I thought that in the game, when they needed to, Morales hit some pretty big shots in the second half."

Morales led Montana in scoring with 20 points and eight assists. Junior center Tamara Guardipee scored 12 points and Lohman came off the bench to nab her first double-double of the season with 12 points and ten rebounds.

"She boarded strong, and they're a good athletic club to rebound against," Selvig said.

Lohman said she was frustrated that NAU out-rebounded Montana 24-18 in the first half.

"I was like, 'When I get out there, I'm going to rebound offensively and defensively,' so I just came out and tried to get as many boards as I could," said Lohman, who helped Montana finish with a 39-35 rebounding advantage.

Selvig said he was pleased with the overall defense against the Lumberjacks, especially on NAU guard Kim Winkfield.

"We did a good job on her, she shot the ball well from the three," Selvig said. "I thought our defense was good."

Even with four of NAU's players scoring in double digits, they were still unable to match Montana's 50.8 percent shooting percentage. Winkfield led NAU with 16 points, 10 of which were in the second half.

NAU was minus their leading scorer Alyssa Wahl, who is currently serving a three game suspension for disciplinary purposes.

"She's a big asset to the team, and she gets a lot done," Guardipee said. "She's pretty good in the middle, so I can't wait to play down there (Feb. 22) and match up against her."

With another win behind them, Montana is now preparing to face the unknown- Northern Colorado. The game against the Bears on Saturday will be first time Montana has ever played the newly inducted Big Sky team. Not being sure what to expect, Lohman said the win against NAU is just what the Lady Griz needed to help them prepare for Saturday.

"NAU is a great team, so to come out of that one with a win really helps us get in the mindset for the weekend and just helps us get the steam rolling," Lohman said.

Montana (17-2, 5-1 BSC) matches up with the Northern Colorado Bears at home in the Dahlberg Arena at 7:00 p.m.

Old Lady Griz return to cheer on team

AMBER KUEHN
MONTANA KAIMIN

The women wearing the uniforms weren't the only Lady Griz in the building Thursday night, as a couple of former players turned out to show their support.

Julie Deming, who played for Montana from 1999-2004 and Skyla Sisco, 1994-1998, were both prominent during their playing days and in the crowd to see the Lady Griz defeat Northern Arizona 78-64.

UM head coach Robin Selvig said it's great that former players are able to get out to the games.

"I've always said that every Lady Griz should feel like they're a part of what's going on," he said. "It's a program

deal, it isn't just the team that's playing now."

Sisco is 10th on the UM career scoring list and in 1998 she led the team in points, assists, free throws and steals.

Deming led the Lady Griz in points in 2004, and in 2002 she was the team's leading three-point shooter. Both she and Sisco are regular participants in the annual Déjà vu exhibition game.

Deming is currently working part time for the Forest Service and taking radiology classes at the College of Technology, but said she still tries to make it to as many games as possible.

"I've made it to most of the games this year," she said. "I think they are doing really well. At the beginning of the season it seemed like Mandy (Morales)

was putting up most of the points, but now it seems like everyone is really contributing."

While she notices a few similarities between the team now and the team she played on, Deming said there are a couple of characteristic differences.

"This team has a lot faster tempo than we did," she said. "They get out and run and it's really exciting to watch. They put up a lot of points."

Deming said she enjoyed the game, and was impressed with NAU's ability to continue climbing back into the game.

"NAU stayed with them, but good job to the Lady Griz," she said. "They seem to be playing a lot better as a team."

Dana Conway said it's nice to get positive feedback from former players.

"That's the great tradition about Lady Griz," she said. "We're always supporting one another. It's an awesome feeling."

Johanna Closson said she noticed the former Lady Griz in the stands.

"It's cool that they come back and see how we're doing," she said. "They were really great players."

While Closson and Conway agreed it's the tradition of Lady Griz basketball that keeps people coming back, Selvig joked that there might be another reason his former players return to Dahlberg Arena.

"They're probably just back to yell at the coach," Selvig said with a laugh.



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UM indoor track teams off to a running start

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The University of Montana's indoor track and field team is off and running. And throwing. And jumping.

Last week in Bozeman at the non-scored, season-opening Montana State Open, the men's and women's teams combined to qualify 13 athletes for the Big Sky Conference Championships, slated for Feb. 23-24, also in Bozeman.

"Initially, we are looking to qualify as many people as possible," UM head coach Tom Raunig said.

UM doesn't have an indoor track and field facility. As a result, the team uses the auxiliary gyms in the Adams Center, opening the separating doors and laying a rub-

ber mat through the two gyms to serve as a track.

While the athletes generally prefer the outdoor season, there are some advantages to competing indoors.

"I used to like outdoor a whole lot better," junior sprinter Loni (Perkins) Judisch said. "But indoor has grown on me. At least there's always good weather."

In the preseason Big Sky coaches' poll, the men were projected to finish fifth, a drop from their fourth-place finish last season.

"We feel like we can do better than fourth," Raunig said.

The women's team was voted to finish in seventh place, which is where it ended up in 2006.

"They have us ranked pretty low, but I think we have some sur-

prises," Judisch said. "I don't think they know some of the freshmen and transfers we have."

Raunig said the team is excited to be back in action.

"I think everybody - especially the people that are the true track athletes that didn't run cross country - are really chomping at the bit," he said.

"It seems really good this year," junior Baily Cox said of the women's team. "I think we could only go up from last year - as a team we weren't too strong. Lots of people are excited."

Gone for the men's team is standout jumper Jas Gill, who graduated last spring. Filling the role of team leader in the jumps has been sophomore Ryan Grinnell, who established himself last spring

during the outdoor season, winning conference championships in the high jump and triple jump.

Chris Mosbacher should also be competitive in the triple jump. The senior placed seventh at the indoor championships a year ago.

Junior sprinter James Brown, a transfer from Bethany College in Kansas, has impressed early. Brown posted a time of 6.48 seconds in the 55-meters last week.

Judisch highlights the women's team, which qualified six for the championships in Bozeman, in the sprints.

"Loni was a conference champion last year in the indoor 400-meters," Raunig said, "so we're looking for her to do well."

Cox, who qualified in Bozeman in the long jump and 55-meter

hurdles, and sophomore Amber Aikens, who won the long jump competition in Bozeman, are also considered strong contenders for the Griz.

The team has a "strong group in women's distance," Raunig said. Junior standout Allie Brosh is red-shirting this season to nurse shin splints, but the unit will be carried by seniors Shannon Johnson and Ashley Colbrese.

The combined teams will travel to Washington this weekend. Most of the team will be in Pullman for the Washington State Open, but Robb Hollenbeck, Dan Bingham, Grinnell and Judisch will make the trip to Seattle for the Washington Open.

Strait scores 23 in Griz win over NAU



Andrew Strait

Andrew Strait was nearly perfect Thursday night. Strait, a 55.2 percent career free throw shooter, was one missed free throw away from a flawless statline during the University of Montana's 74-71 win over Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, Ariz. Strait was a perfect 11-for-11 from the field but missed one of his two free throws en route to a game-high 23 points.

Montana never trailed after senior Matt Dlouhy hit a three-pointer to put Montana up 45-43 with 17:01 left in the second half. However, UM was unable to stretch its lead past eight points and had to outlast a missed 3-point attempt by NAU senior guard Stephen Sir at the buzzer to ensure the victory.

Tyrone Bazy led NAU with 18 points.

On Saturday, Montana (10-10; 4-3 Big Sky Conference) travels to Northern Colorado while Northern Arizona (10-10; 5-4 BSC) hosts Montana State.

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Stomach grumbling? Have a Patern-O!

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) - Penn State fans can double up on their Joe at breakfast.

Football coach Joe Paterno's likeness will appear on boxes of "Super Donuts" and "Super Buns" cinnamon buns made by R Super Foods. It's a Pittsburgh company owned by NFL Hall of Fame running back Franco Harris, one of Paterno's former players.

Paterno's picture is part of a promotion to honor sports figures that have "immersed themselves in their local communities, providing initiatives and community service that helps others," Harris said at a

State College supermarket, flanked by Paterno's wife, Sue.

"I couldn't stop at just one," she joked about snacking on the food. "Joe has more discipline."

Sue Paterno said her 80-year-old husband still attends rehabilitation a couple times a week as he recovers from a broken left leg and torn knee ligaments suffered during a sideline collision in November. He can walk without a cane, she said.

Joe Paterno has been traveling in recent weeks wooing high school recruits.

Paterno has been featured on food products before, including

Wheaties and loaves of Italian bread. A portion of proceeds from the sale of each box of the Paterno-edition Super Donuts and Super Buns will be donated to an endowment fund for the university library that bears his name.

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GETTING CREATIVE WITH CLAY



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Melinda Hikida, left, Jack Bennett, and Aya Kadono sculpt a model for a ceramics class Thursday in the Art Annex. The class hosts models regularly, and is working toward an exhibit later in the semester.

RECYCLING

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Kuhn said this was a nice gesture, but it doesn't mean anything to just sign it.

"The administration could be taking a much more active role if they were really serious about this issue," she said.

UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley is optimistic about the recycling program.

"I would guess literally the goal (of 25 percent) will be met in the next few years," he said.

In December, Foley said starting January 1, 2007 the university would introduce the First Right of Refusal. This is a program that requires all UM staff to do all their printing through university printing services. However, according to Ken Price, director of Printing and

Graphic Services, the program has yet to go into effect.

Foley said that under First Right of Refusal the university can monitor what kind of paper is being used (recycled or not), how much is being wasted and in turn meet, and hopefully exceed, the 25 percent goal.

Besides better efficiency, Kuhn says that convenience for students is imperative. In a study done by the UM sustainability council, it was found that 95 percent of students recycle because it is convenient.

"We need more recycling bins," she says, "but it comes down to not having adequate funding."

Vickie Watson, chair of the recycling committee, said the goal should be met through economic change.

"Go ahead and price virgin materials higher," she said. "Then people will choose to recycle because

it's cheaper."

Students need to pay more attention- bring a Nalgene or a coffee cup from home instead of buying a new paper cup of coffee a few times throughout the day, Watson said.

"We all like convenience," she said, "but it all transfers to waste."

If all students and teachers were to do this, Watson said, it would help the waste problem immensely. But it keeps not happening. If the price of all these single-use containers went up in cost, people would pay attention to recycling, she said.

Lemer, Dennison, Foley, Kuhn and Watson all agreed that education needs to be the backbone of future success for recycling.

Kuhn is currently working on a program called the Waste-Wise Education Program. Kuhn said she wants to create a ripple effect within the university community.

Starting this semester, she will show pictures of how much waste is dumped into local landfills, create recycling relays to show what and where materials can be recycled and compliment all this with more recycling bins in the dorms.

"We're going back to the basics," she said. "Our main goal is to educate, engage and inspire residents to make environment ethics and sustainable living a part of their daily routine," Kuhn said.

This kind of education is the most important thing for recycling, Lemer said, and it's also what was missing in the old program.

Lemer said he wishes recycling could be acknowledged by the mainstream instead of being a second thought.

Meanwhile, day-to-day operations of UM recycling continue to grow steadily. What began as a dumpster-diving endeavor to fish out recyclables, now has its own

shed across from Washington-Grizzly Stadium and has recycled about 2.5 million pounds of materials, earning money to provide jobs for 10 UM students.

Recycling crew members pick their own hours. Occasionally, they find random treasures mixed in with the recycling.

"There is a bunch of stuff that people throw away that is really cool," said Heather Granbois, a recycling employee majoring in fine arts, as she tore the cover off of a magazine and stuck it in her pocket.

Their only request: Please read the signs.

"It really sucks when people throw trash in the bins," said Granbois. "It makes the job harder than it already is."

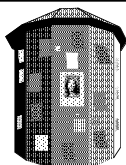
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