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Montana Kaimin

Wednesday

October 31, 2007

Forecast

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Low 31 F



Weekly
World Kaimin
Real fake news

Sports
Dancing sisters

On Campus Today

•Ecology Seminar Series
UC Theater, 4:10 - 5 p.m.

•ASUM Senate
UC 330 - 331, 6 p.m.

•Basketball: UM vs. Great Falls
Dahlberg Arena, 7 p.m.
- *UM Events Calendar*

Around the World

West Bank:

The chief Palestinian peace negotiator raised the stakes Tuesday for a U.S.-sponsored peace conference, saying there will be no talks with Israel unless it agrees to set a deadline for establishing a Palestinian state.

Kenya:

A U.S. Navy destroyer helped sailors who retook control of their vessel Tuesday in a deadly battle with pirates after the North Korean-flagged ship was hijacked in the piracy-plagued waters off Somalia, the American military said.

Iraq:

The monthly toll of U.S. service members who have died in Iraq is on track to being the lowest in nearly two years, with at least 36 troop deaths recorded as of Tuesday, but the military cautioned it's too early to declare a long-term trend.

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UM officials' salaries below average

Ashley Zuelke
MONTANA KAIMIN

The majority of University of Montana administrators, a handful of professors, and the head football and basketball coaches earn more per year than Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

Even though University administrators' salaries might seem high to most Montanans, they remain far below the national average.

As the chief executive of Montana, Schweitzer earns an annual salary of \$100,120, excluding his use of the governor's mansion, a state airplane and vehicle for no charge.

Communications Director for the governor's office Sarah Elliott

said the governor is content with what he's making.

"He didn't get in it for the money," she said.

Schweitzer's salary is determined by averaging the salaries paid to governors in Idaho, Wyoming, North and South Dakota and Montana.

Before last year, the salaries of university system officials were determined the same way, said Kevin McRae, director of labor relations and personnel for the university system. Last fall, the Board of Regents decided that administrators' pay should be based on the average pay for similar positions at similar schools nationwide, McRae said.

Under the change, Dennison received a \$40,000 raise, and

now earns \$197,925 per year. He also lives in a home the state provides.

McRae said the university system needed to base its administrative salaries on a national average to offer competitive wages.

"Because we recruit nationally, it's probably not wise to just look at five states," McRae said.

However, she said university system administrators are "significantly behind" compared to officials at similar schools, making only 70 percent of the national average for peer institutions.

The good news, McRae said, is faculty wages are just a little below the national average.

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Top University of Montana Salaries*

- President George Dennison: \$197,925
- Provost Royce Engstrom: \$165,000
- Vice President for Administration and Finance Bob Durringer: \$149,000
- Vice President for Research and Development Dan Dwyer: \$145,900
- School of Law Dean Edwin Eck: \$144,550
- Vice President for Student Affairs Teresa Branch: \$139,700
- School of Business Administration Dean Larry Gianchetta: \$136,691
- Regents' Professor of Law J. Martin Burke: \$134,488
- College of Arts and Sciences Dean Gerald Fetz: \$131,729
- Head football coach Bobby Hauck: \$128,547

*Salaries include an increase for the 2008 fiscal year that the Board of Regents approved at their September meeting.

Nope, no ghosts here



Shane McMillan/Montana Kaimin

Philosophy student Larry McKay leaves Jeannette Rankin Hall Tuesday afternoon. Jeannette Rankin Hall is rumored to be haunted by a whole ghostly class attending a spectral lecture. Other haunted buildings on campus include Brantley Hall, occupied by the ghost of a student who committed suicide; Main Hall, where you can hear blood-curdling screams on the third floor; and the University Theatre, home to the ghost of a dog and a theatergoer. Spend the night to find out if these stories are true.

Rocket Man returns to campus in April

The Rocket Man himself, Sir Elton John, will be jetting back to Missoula for a second performance on April 11, 2008, in the University of Montana's Adams Center.

According to a release received by the Montana Kaimin early this morning, tickets for the concert will go on sale at noon on Nov. 5. Ticket prices will be \$72 and \$102, and a four-ticket limit will be enforced. So far, no other Montana appearances have been slated on John's 2008 tour.

Tickets will be available at the Adams Center Box Office, as well as GrizTix outlets at Worden's Market, the Source in the University Center and Southgate Mall. Concert hopefuls will be assigned individual numbers at each ticket outlet at 8 a.m. Nov. 5, and a random number drawing at each outlet will determine the first person to purchase tickets. As with the wristband system used in the ticketing process for the last John concert, a number does not guarantee tickets. Visit www.griztix.com for further information.

- Kaimin staff

Native Students to receive research labs

Lauren Russell
MONTANA KAIMIN

As soon as the mothballs and old petri dishes are cleared out, University of Montana's American Indian science students will have two research labs of their own - the first labs developed for hands-on training of Native students in the nation.

The University of Montana recently announced that Skaggs 263 and Health Sciences 505 will be devoted specifically to advancing research opportunities for American Indian undergraduate and graduate students in biological and biomedical sciences. There will be three graduate positions

and eight undergraduate positions available in the labs.

UM contracted Michael Ceballos, research assistant professor in the Division of Biological Sciences, to help develop the Native American Research Laboratories as facilities where Native students can learn to use modern research equipment and methods in a comfortable environment.

"The whole idea is to provide cross-disciplinary, hands-on basic science research opportunities for Native undergrad and graduate students and also international and non-Native students," Ceballos said. "We hope to maintain a cross-cultural atmosphere."

Mary Kamensky, administrative

associate at the graduate school, said that the idea for the labs came out of a brainstorming meeting with several groups on campus, which was meant to address the needs of 2005's 14 Sloan Scholars, a scholarship program for American Indian students in math and science.

Kamensky said Ceballos took the lead in developing the labs by submitting a proposal for a facility about 7 months ago. He is also using his two active research grants to purchase new equipment for the labs, including a fluorometer priced at about \$65,000.

Ceballos, a former tribal college science faculty member and a Sloan Scholar, said that many Native students come to UM from

tribal colleges or economically challenged communities where faculty expertise and access to modern equipment is limited.

These conditions, Ceballos said, sometimes put Native students at a disadvantage in undergraduate science programs and when applying for graduate research positions. The new facilities are meant to help UM retain Native graduate students.

"We want all Native grad students to feel that they are competitive," Ceballos said. "We are not attempting to replace traditional grad programs, we're trying to prepare our students for

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EDITORIAL

Pass on the partisanship, please

Gov. Brian Schweitzer's push to harvest tons of Montana's coal for fuel, process it, and pump the resulting ozone-depleting gasses underground is pitting environmentalists against big business, again.

Almost everyone agrees importing oil is expensive and dangerous. But few of us agree on how to fix the problem.

The debate over how to solve our energy bind is often superficial and dictated by individual pre-existing political leanings.

The political left generally sticks to one argument: digging big messy holes and burning the gunk we get out of those holes is bad. On the flip side, pro-industry folks argue jobs and energy security are essential, maintaining the gaping black holes aren't all that dirty and global warming isn't really all that bad.

But these rote rants don't get us anywhere. And, as the energy crisis becomes more acute, we need open minds and a dialogue more substantial than pre-programmed rhetoric.

Schweitzer's plan to turn coal into liquid gas, dubbed the Fischer-Tropsch Process, has been used on and off around the world for 70 years. South Africa now produces nearly 200,000 barrels of fuel a day using Fischer-Tropsch, MIT reports.

Coal is inherently dirty, and Montana, with its long history of companies acting as bad land stewards, has a reason to be wary of mining. But if, as the Governor says, our 120 billion tons of a coal can be burned cleanly, or even semi-cleanly, we should at least look beyond the rhetoric into the science of tapping our coal resources.

Coal is just one piece in an increasingly complex energy puzzle. Ultimately, we need to change our consumption-oriented lifestyles in favor of conservation.

But as the presidential elections creep closer, it will be increasingly harder to sift through the rhetoric to find the complexity and depth needed to make informed decisions.



Jessica Mayrer
News Editor

Your reefer rights

Last Tuesday, ASUM, the ACLU, and others put on a "know your rights" event. As evidenced by the row after row of empty seats, most students had a better use for their time, and rightfully so. It was a valid effort and I believe the intent was merely to inform students on a wide range of issues that they might be interested

in learning about. But, between the "nonpartisan" ASUM student political action director's ranting that conservatives did all in their power to stop Native Americans for voting in the last election and the decision of many conservative friends to simply chat outside, I knew what lay ahead inside the UC Theater would surely register a few laughs and scoffs. My assumptions proved correct!

The Kaimin accepts letters to the editor and guest columns.

Letters should be 300 words or fewer, and columns should be about 700 words. Please e-mail both to letters@kaimin.umt.edu, or drop them off in Don Anderson Hall 208. Make sure to include a phone number where we can reach you.

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ASK A HIPPIE

28 Drinks later: Cougars attack

Dillon Tabish
MONTANA KAIMIN

(My favorite part of Halloween is the scariness, even though squirrels scare me. This week I decided to tell a scary story that will undoubtedly scare all of you. It is real and happened to me a couple Octobers ago. It could happen to any of you, so be careful out there. And for everyone who has sent questions in, don't think I'm ignoring you. I take extreme seriousness in answering these dire questions and will get to some next week.)



It was a cold October night in the quiet suburb of Newton, Massachusetts. Not a good place for a young hippie like me. I hurried down the dark sidewalk past dimly lit mansions with cats staring out the windows. I had just gotten off the train and was headed to a bookstore for a reading. People told me to be careful in the suburbs, but I didn't listen.

After the reading was over, everyone was told they could have a free drink at the bar down the street. Being a hippie, I couldn't say no.

I got my free drink and found an empty table by the window. The wind was blowing leaves through the street. That's always scary. I looked around the bar and noticed how fancy it was. Almost too fancy, I thought. The people were all dressed like it was prom. It felt like the Overlook Hotel in "The Shining."

Suddenly, the hair on my neck-beard stood up and my heart started pounding. I took a sip from my rum and Coke and thought to myself, "that

bastard made me a weak drink."

Like zombies smelling young flesh, three middle-aged women with tight skirts and high heels barged through the front door. Two of them had freakishly perky chests that would make Freddie Krueger blush.

The third one looked like the Bride of Frankenstein after she had sucked on a lemon for an hour. I recognized them instantly: Cougars. How could I not see it coming? I had just turned 21 and was from Montana – East Coast Cougars dream of finding innocent young bucks like me.

Before I knew it, the three Cougars had sat down at the table next to me. I slowly looked up from my virgin rum and Coke and realized they were staring right at me with their dark eyes and blood-red lips. I froze and wondered if they only saw their prey when it moved. "Hey, are you old enough to be in here?" asked the perky-breasted predator. Be cool, I told myself. Remember that movie "Risky Business."

"Of course," I answered, "What about you ladies?"

As soon as the words came out of my mouth I could see I was done for. They smiled devilish smiles. Soon enough I was at their table and they were buying me every drink I could think of. I started sweating and tried to stay calm, but I'd never dealt with so many winks and innuendos in my young life. When Cougars have their prey in sight, they don't mess around. One by one they told me about how their ex-husbands couldn't "satisfy" their needs. Or how sitting around on their money all day leaves them frisky and ready to "live."

At about midnight, it was a full moon and I realized I was seriously toasted. Eerie shadows lurked out in the bright moonlight. One of the Cougars had established herself as the leader of the pack and every time she cackled, a shudder went down my back. I couldn't tell if they had drugged me or if I was just really drunk. Then, right as the dominant Cougar was about to pounce, a cell phone began ringing and saved my life. The lead Cougar closed her phone and looked up. "Yeah, my daughter is sick so we gotta go, honey."

As we walked outside together, a pumpkin-shaped cloud crept over the moon and darkened their shiny luxury automobile. They looked back at me with their devilish smiles and said goodbye. The lead Cougar looked me in the eye and winked, nearly killing me right then and there.

They drove off and left me standing there – stunned, out of breath and completely wasted. I looked down at my watch and realized I had missed my train by an hour. I walked five miles, through extreme Cougar country, to get home that night and tried to imagine what had almost just happened to me. The possibilities haunt me, forevermore.

Bumper sticker of the week:

Frodo failed, Bush has the Ring.
—Krista, hipster

Got a question that only a down-to-earth hippie can answer? How about a sweet bumper sticker you want to show the world? Send an e-mail to ask.hippie@gmail.com with your name and whether or not you consider yourself a hipster.

Letters to the Editor

However, the laughs were reminiscent of the type generated by an elderly or handicapped person slipping on a sheet of ice. It's only funny until you realize the severity and impact of such actions and that you were sick and mistaken to chuckle in the first place. Maybe I missed something but it seemed as if lighting it up was a prerequisite to attending. Drugs are illegal and it's a crime to have them. Right? Kinda, but now I and dozens of others know the best way to keep them from detection. Thanks to the panel for that information. The Board of Regents should probably

establish a drug course because it's such a priority. Of course, we don't discriminate here. Why should sex and rock 'n' roll receive all the state money and full classrooms? Between pointless ballot initiatives that waste thousands of dollars, letters to the editor, flashy UC tables, and ruining a "know your rights" event; the pot-smoking block on this campus holds entirely too much influence. Go ahead and continue to smoke some reefer in the basements of grungy house "parties", but please refrain from making this drug and others a controversial, even important issue at this institution of higher learning. Please take up personal beefs with the FDA. I'm sure they would love to hear how your rights have been violated lately.

Unless you occasionally light up, the "know your rights" event

was an almost complete waste of time (see: free speech zones). Officer Lemcke had to feel like an evangelical at a daily Kos convention. Both the panel and students made the police force out to be a wolf in the sheep's pen from the outset. One student had the nerve to ask whether officers should be required to obtain college degrees. After attending this exhibition, I understand why any such American hero/protector would not want to be educated in such a way.

Think asking whether Miranda Rights were necessary and appropriate would have been a fair question? So do I, but somehow I don't think I'd have made it out of there.

—Dan Stusek, Junior, Political Science

Domo arigato UM students

Dear Kaimin Editor,

We, the students and instructor of one of the high-intermediate writing classes at the English Language Institute, want to first of all thank you for covering our "Mix and Mingle" event at the Davidson Honors College on Thursday, October 25.

In the article, you write that international students are "insecure" and "resist" interacting with American and even other foreign students. In fact, most international students are quite brave and adventuresome. We may be shy at times; may have a smaller vocabulary than native speakers; and may still stumble over our grammar; but in general, we are curious about our fellow international students as well as American students. We would welcome any native speaker who would have time to sit down with us and talk. We would encourage that interaction, not resist it.

Thank you again for coming to our event and for putting us on the front page of the Kaimin.

We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all native speakers to stop and talk with us if you see us in the UC, on the Oval, passing by in the hallways in between classes or anywhere else our paths may cross in and around Missoula.

We are so happy to be here in Missoula and would love to make as many friends as possible during our time here. Thank you.

- Sincerely,*
- Saad Alassaf (Saudi Arabia)*
Mohammed Alshuwaier (Saudi Arabia)
Quan Quan Dang (Taiwan)
Saad "Alex" Alajmi (Saudi Arabia)
Jae Su Jung (South Korea)
Kanau Kuroda (Japan)
Ai Sugawara (Japan)
Akira Teresawa (Japan)
Firdavs Valiev (Tajikistan)
Hsiao Chi "Claire" Wang (Taiwan)
Naoki Takada (Japan)
Julie Brown (USA)

ASUM Bureaucrat betraying students

In a recent Guest Column (titled "Kaimin harming students' interests") Sen. Sean Morrison, a well-known B.U.T. (bureaucrat under training) made the ridiculous statement that the Kaimin "threatened the interests of students" by publishing an article that made the B.U.T.s and their allies look bad (for what was obviously a screw-up of epic proportions). Now don't get me wrong, I support UM Productions and their continued ability to have a student-run organization that provides entertainment to our community. Unfortunately for Mr. Morrison, what I don't support is incompetence. If someone makes a mistake, they are to take responsibility for that mistake, admit it, and correct it. While UM Productions is not entirely

to blame for them Elton John ticketing debacle, it does bear some responsibility in this matter and should be hounded until the issue is fixed.

Now if one were to believe Mr. Morrison, this is a private issue that the campus community has no right to even know about. Well-spoken Mr. Morrison, once you complete your bureaucrat training in ASUM, you'll be well suited for a nice cushy job in the 24 percent approval U.S. Congress where you can waste taxpayer money. In fact, your B.U.T. training has gone so well that you're even already adept at attempting to silence the press when something you don't like gets published. You do realize that students are also forced to pay an "involuntary fee" to your organizations? By trying to silence our sole source of information regarding our own mini-bureaucracy, not only are

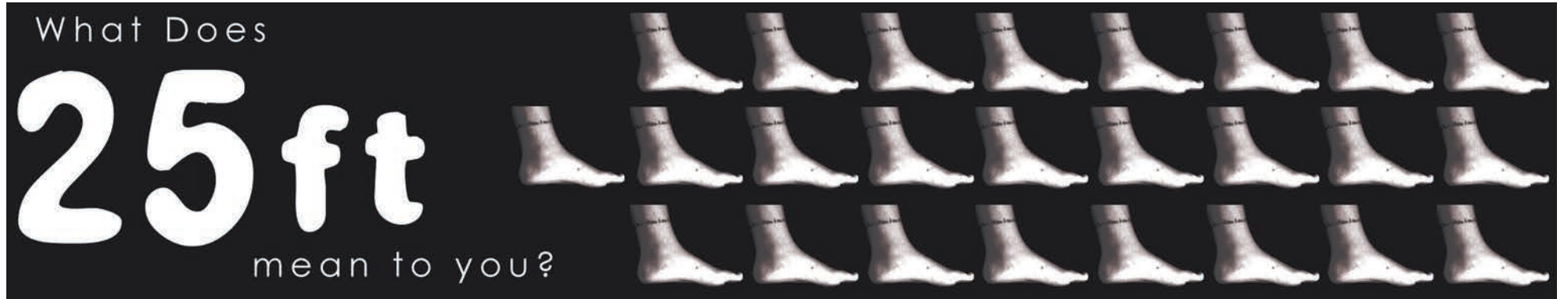
you harming our interests, but you are setting yourself on a path that leads in to a head-on collision with the Constitution. Something all B.U.T.s would be wise to avoid.

P.S. In an article published September 6th, 2007 in the Kaimin ("ASUM endorses World AIDS Day") a perhaps once wiser man said "I would never tell the Kaimin what to report." Take a guess who said that? That's right, ASUM Sen. Sean Morrison. There are real issues on this campus that this senate and this administration have promised to fix and yet failed to do so. Sadly, instead of resolving these issues, we are fighting over what a newspaper can and/or should publish. Attack the issues, Mr. Morrison, not the press.

- Ryan Stevens, sophomore, undeclared

Correction:

The Oct. 30 edition of the Montana Kaimin incorrectly stated that there were 10 of 12 City Council candidates present at the City Council candidate forum. There were 12 present at the forum.



Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Run-down
 - 6 Small boys
 - 10 Summit
 - 14 Embankment
 - 15 Disembarked
 - 16 Roe source
 - 17 Scene of the action
 - 18 "Fame" star
 - 19 Kong, for one
 - 20 Great weight
 - 21 Carl or Rob
 - 23 Otherwise
 - 24 Biting fly
 - 25 Advanced on all fours
 - 27 Rue
 - 30 Part of a dance
 - 31 Plaits
 - 32 Veteran
 - 37 Distinctive doctrines
 - 38 Random choice
 - 39 Brood
 - 40 More than miffed
 - 43 Ascended
 - 45 Ceases
 - 46 Aerie builders
 - 47 Legal permit
 - 51 Model Moss
 - 52 Adam's grandson
 - 53 Straying
 - 55 Like Abner
 - 58 Pauper's plea
 - 59 Pronto letters
 - 60 More than miffed
 - 62 Notoriety
 - 63 Bill of fare
 - 64 Roof overhang
 - 65 Type of dive
 - 66 State of irritation
 - 67 Quantities of paper
- DOWN**
- 1 Louver piece
 - 2 Saarinen of Finland
 - 3 Tied
 - 4 Winter quarters
 - 5 Pined
 - 6 Unspoken
 - 7 Arkin or King
 - 8 As the crow flies
 - 9 Played lead
 - 10 To one side
 - 11 Cold snap

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- 36 Cincinnati's nine
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- 41 Coop parent
- 42 Pants
- 43 Playwright
- 44 More malicious
- 47 Toronto team, tersely

- 48 Acquired family member
- 49 Bottom half of a semicolon
- 50 German industrial city
- 51 Inoperative
- 54 Delhi princess
- 55 Volcano output
- 56 News piece
- 57 Not quite as much
- 61 "Norma ___"

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ASUM to debate extension of Worker Rights Consortium

Mark Page

MONTANA KAIMIN

The anti-sweatshop labor campaign at the University of Montana will be heating up next week, when the ASUM Senate introduces a resolution for debate supporting an extension of the Worker Rights Consortium.

The upcoming ASUM resolution is in support of the Designated Suppliers Program, an extension of the Worker Rights Consortium. It is essentially an agreement between the University and university apparel suppliers.

If signed by UM administrators, it will require all factories supplying university apparel to operate with a certain standard of labor rights in place, including paying a living wage to employees and allowing collective bargaining agreements.

"Essentially, the Worker Rights Consortium isn't workable unless you have the Designated Suppliers Program," said ASUM

Vice President Tara Ness. "The Designated Suppliers Program is kind of the action arm for the Worker Rights Consortium."

University President George Dennison signed the WRC pact on May 18, allocating \$2,500 to the organization. Now the WRC is gathering reports on the labor conditions of all factories producing garments used or sold by the University. UM joined 175 other campuses that have signed this agreement.

"Before it was created, a number of universities had to band together and say this was important to us," said Svein Newman, a member of Students for Social and Economic Justice and United Students Against Sweatshops representative on the WRC Governing Board. "The WRC grew out of this."

Student representatives are elected to positions on the WRC Governing Board to ensure student interests remain central. The

board also includes University administrators and independent labor rights experts. Newman was elected at the beginning of this semester.

"The WRC and the DSP have largely come out of student efforts," Newman said. "For that reason, students have a powerful interest."

Last year, Members of SESJ staged several protests against the use of sweatshop labor, which culminated in their members crowding around Dennison's office while playing loud music, dancing and refusing to leave.

After the semester ended, Dennison signed the WRC agreement.

"We view this as an important step in the University of Montana's long-term commitment to human rights and our institutional mission," a letter from Dennison to the WRC said.

There is information on the WRC Web site about every

company involved in UM apparel and every factory they source from. This includes 346 companies and 3,472 factories.

Before the University signs onto the DSP program, they have asked SESJ to provide them with more information to clarify the affects the program will have on the University.

"Main Hall has a number of concerns they would like to see addressed before we move forward," Newman said. "I don't think they are deal-breakers though."

Newman said there would not be any significant increase in costs to consumers. However, the agreement requires the University to pay factories a large enough sum for their apparel so the workers receive a living wage.

The cost of most clothing items would rise about 25 cents, Newman said, but the companies supplying the goods to the University may absorb this cost. Only about 1 to

3 percent of garments' costs go to workers' pay, he said.

Factories and companies around the globe will be forced by the DSP and universities with their huge purchasing power to change their business practices, Newman said. If a factory is found to be non-compliant, it could lose a huge chunk of business.

"When universities put this sort of pressure on, licensees tend to change the way they do business," Newman said.

The benefits are not only for the workers, though; the factories get secure contracts out of the bargain. One of the DSP requirements is that contracts are signed with source factories for a minimum of three years and with a minimum volume of goods that must be purchased.

"Orders to factories aren't stable," Newman said. "The DSP ensuring contracts to factories are for three years provides stability."

LABS

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traditional graduate programs."

Wade Davies, the chair of the Native American Studies Department, said that the dedication of the labs is important both academically and symbolically for Native students and the Native community.

American Indians, Davies said, have been the focus of scientific research for a very long time, and not always for ethical reasons. He

said that examples of exploitation of Native lands and sacred remains, along with the use of research to justify racism, have occurred in the past.

"It is important to have a facility that stresses that it's for Native peoples to guide that research themselves," Davies said. "Having a place dedicated for American Indian research is telling Native students and travel communities that they matter."

The School of Journalism also offers a facility dedicated to American Indian journalism students.

The Native American Journalism Center, located on the third floor of Don Anderson Hall, functions as a classroom and meeting space for Native News and ReZnet, projects intended in part to attract more Native students to the journalism program and profession.

Circular in design, the room contains seven lodge poles representing the eight reservations and tribal groups in Montana and is meant to honor both Native journalism and Native university students.

"The J-School has had a long history of covering stories that center on Native issues," said Peggy Kuhr, dean of the School of Journalism. "It's been an important part of our journalism program and we wanted to have a space where we were putting focus on those topics."

An even bigger building project for the 523 UM American Indian students is in the planning stages: a

Native American Center, to be located on the Oval by the Mathematical Sciences Building.

Julia Horn, director of development for the project, said plans for the approximately \$6 million building began in 2002. With construction slated to begin next summer, the building will house the Native American Studies Department, American Indian Scholar Services, Native American club rooms, a student lounge and a large gathering space.

The idea for the center, though, was presented to UM by the Kiyoy Native American Student Association. The club wanted a place

to go for meetings and a general gathering space for Native students, Horn said.

"Having a place dedicated for American Indian research is telling Native students and travel and communities that they matter. — Wade Davies, chair of the Native American Studies

"It's got a very strong component of being a social and a gathering place," she said.

Being away from home can be hard for Native American students who have left their reservations for the first time, and having a gathering place will help ensure their success at UM, Horn said. Davies said that the center will be for everyone on campus, not just Native students.

A ceremonial ground breaking is scheduled for April 2008.

President George Dennison said the Native American Center will help the University recruit and retain Native students, while also showcasing the importance of Native culture.

"This center is important to the University because Native American history is central to the heritage of Montana," Dennison said.

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Getting flu shot could be crucial

Katie Michel
MONTANA KAIMIN

As winter nears, cold temperatures, snow and the flu season come with it.

"Generally, for protection, we consider the flu season running from the beginning of October to the end of March," said Gina DiGiusto, the Medical Services Director for Curry Health Center.

Influenza, more commonly known as the flu, is a viral infection that affects between five and 20 percent of people in the United States each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"It can be very serious," DiGiusto said. "I have seen people die from pneumonia as a complication from influenza - young and old alike."

Flu shots, DiGiusto said, are one of the easiest ways for people to protect themselves against the unpredictable flu.

"Getting flu shots is one of the best things you can do. It's one way to reduce your risk," DiGiusto said.

Although flu shots usually protect those vaccinated, it doesn't necessarily guarantee a person won't get the bug because of the many different strains that exist.

Scientists track how the flu affects various parts of the country to develop a flu shot that will work against the strain most expected to come to the United States, DiGiusto said.

"I've seen years where they've totally guessed wrong or the virus mutated in unexpected ways," DiGiusto said. "They're good at it but they're not perfect. But, more often than not, the vaccine is pretty on."

Stephanie VanderHeyden, a senior majoring in Japanese, said she got the shot because she's from a town near the large city of Seattle, where flu spreads quickly.

"I think it's important because in more populated areas it's easier for viruses to spread," VanderHeyden said.

Flu symptoms include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, sore

throat and muscle aches.

"Really, the after-effects can last up to two to three weeks," DiGiusto said.

"We don't consider you done with the flu until you get rid of all the symptoms," DiGiusto said. Extreme tiredness is the most common long-standing symptom, often the hardest for flu sufferers to overcome.

Along with getting the flu shot, DiGiusto suggested people frequently wash their hands, especially after sneezing or coming into contact with germs, eat healthy, and get enough sleep to keep immune systems strong enough to fend off the virus.

"The influenza virus is in the droplets, and that's where you're really passing that germ along," DiGiusto said. "Close contact does increase your chances."

DiGiusto also said factors like the frequency of people traveling to Missoula from other places and bringing new germs with them, along with weather conditions influence how widely it is spread.

"It (the virus) really likes kind of that damp, not really freezing, not really warm environment. "If you have a really, really cold snap it tends to slow the virus down," DiGiusto said.

While she suggested that everyone gets flu shots, DiGiusto said people with a high risk of getting sick should especially protect themselves with the shot. High-risk groups include children, people over 65 and those with chronic illnesses.

VanderHeyden said the flu shot is important to get because there are so many people on campus - and germs spread fast.

"I think I've had it every year for a long time," VanderHeyden said. "I think it's important to use preventative measures to make your body healthy, and make sure you don't get sick."

Curry Health Center will sponsor a flu shot clinic on Nov. 6 and 7 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the UC Atrium. It will be \$14.50 for those who have paid the Curry Health Fee and \$19.50 for Fee-For-Service students, faculty and staff.

Lommasson Lockdown



Kristine Paulsen/Montana Kaimin

Halloween decorations grace the Human Resource Services office in the Lommasson Center Tuesday afternoon. Every year for Halloween various departments in the building compete with one another for best decorations.

No tricks, treats at annual Calif. street party

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - City officials want the hundreds of thousands of people who usually flock to an annual Halloween street party here to stay home or go elsewhere after several episodes of violence in recent years.

Officials have advised would-be revelers through fliers, public service announcements and juvenile probation officers that they won't find many treats in the Castro District, home in past years to the largest Halloween happening in the San Francisco Bay area.

What they will find are hundreds of extra police officers, shuttered restaurants, stepped up sobriety checks and no bus or train service after 8:30 p.m.

"This is really a public safety decision," said Supervisor Bevan Dufty, who represents the Castro and spent the better part of a year trying to arrange an alternative city-sanctioned gathering. "I'm disappointed my message is one of, 'Please don't come.'"

The festivities started decades ago as a homegrown celebration for San Francisco's gay and lesbian community, but has drawn a scarier element in recent years. In 2002, five people were stabbed. Three years ago, someone wandered the crowds wielding a chain saw.

Last year, nine revelers were shot when a confrontation between two groups of young people erupted into

gunfire, despite amped-up security. No one has been arrested in the shooting.

People should come to the Castro only if interacting with police is their idea of a good time, said Nathan Ballard, a spokesman for Mayor Gavin Newsom. A city-financed Web site lists dozens of other events elsewhere.

"The residents of the Castro are fed up with having a large, regional

party in the Castro, and frankly, anyone who thinks it's a good idea to have a large, regional event in the Castro on a weeknight needs to have their head examined," he said.

To reinforce that the welcome mat has been officially rolled up, the city arranged to have probation officers throughout the area tell their young clients that going into San Francisco will be considered a probation violation.

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Kaimin Arts is proud to announce that the Great Kaimin Pumpkin-Off the 2nd was a complete succ... well, we're just glad it actually happened. A total of five student entries were turned in, and 15 children from ASUM Children's Learning Center I graciously donated a portion of their Monday afternoon to serve as honorary guest judges for the jack-o-lanterns. Thanks to everyone who helped us bear the legacy of the Kaimin Pumpkin-off another year.



Submitted by Catherine Martin senior, sociology



Submitted by Stacie Evans junior, wildlife biology



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Flesh eating beetles storm UM campus

Paulie Pabst
WEEKLY WORLD KAIMIN

A genetically enhanced colony of flesh-eating beetles escaped from the workshop of a Lolo taxidermist and were last seen headed for the University of Montana campus.

"They're loose, they're hungry, and they're mad," said Bud Ballantine owner and manager of Bud Ballantine's Bare Bones Trophy Emporium.

Museums and taxidermists regularly use the so-called dermestid beetles to clean animal skulls and bones so that they can be used as trophy mounts and western style decor.

Under normal conditions, a box full of dermestid larvae can completely clean a deer skull of its flesh in a day and a half.

Ballantine several years ago began trying to produce more potent and voracious dermestid beetles, so he could clean skulls and bones more quickly and thereby produce greater profits.

"You might say things got a little out of hand," said Ballantine, noting that, during one experiment several months ago, the superbreed of beetle larvae he produced managed to remove all the flesh off his right hand while he was taking a 30-minute nap.

"If I hadn't woked up, they woulda gnawed my whole arm off," he said.

The beetles are only dangerous until they reach the adult stage, he noted. As adults, they stop consuming flesh and focus on reproducing.

Ballantine said approximately 25,000 beetles escaped from his workshop in Lolo, south of Missoula, earlier this week.

Subsequent reports placed the angry hordes of beetles at Wal-Mart, then a Brooks Street casino and, later yet, outside a pizza shop less than one-fourth mile from the 13,000-student campus.

"Them beetles have a preference for younger flesh," Ballantine said, adding that he wasn't surprised they were heading for the University.

A campus police spokesman said precautions were being taken even though there were no confirmed reports that the beetles had reached campus.

"Our early warning system is in place, and we feel certain that word will eventually reach our 13,000 students ... What's that? Oh, make that 12,200 students ... What? Wait a minute..."

Giant octopus sticks pumpkin on Main Hall



In the face of imminent danger, brave sophomore Kenna V. Balgruv still managed to snap this image on her cellular phone, before having to flee from the slimy, squelching beast.

Beast believed linked to recent fish-stick caper; Missoula area now on alert

Randy Rainier
WEEKLY WORLD KAIMIN

A University of Montana Halloween tradition was continued last week when a 30-foot octopus scaled Main Hall and impaled a pumpkin on the clock tower's spire.

According to an eyewitness report, the giant cephalopod appeared on the Oval from the Skaggs Building area at 2:37 a.m. Thursday, climbed the clock tower with gourd in tentacle, then disappeared in the direction of the Adams Center.

"At first, all I heard was this weird squelching sound, like when you walk around the house in wet socks," said UM

sophomore Kenna V. Balgruv. "When I saw the thing crawling past the honors college, I totally freaked out. Almost dropped my joi ... I mean, cigarette."

Balgruv managed to snap a grainy photo of the creature on her cell phone before retreating to the Liberal Arts building. By the time campus safety had been alerted, the octopus had escaped into the night.

Local peace officials said they scoured the Clark Fork River all weekend searching for clues, but it appears the octopus fled up the Blackfoot River.

"It could be anywhere by now," said campus safety officer Ben K. Glunvrava. "The trail runs cold at Johnsrud Park.

Honestly, we have no leads."

One UM student was particularly incensed by the incident. "Rag," who asked the Weekly World Kaimin not use his real name, has been responsible for placing the pumpkin on Main Hall for the past two years. He had planned to execute the tricky climb after his Introduction to Multimedia class Wednesday evening, but was held up due to food poisoning.

"It really sucks, cause I'd rented all the equipment from the Rec Center and everything," Rag said. "Kinda ironic, though. I got the food poisoning at dollar sushi night."

Rag guessed the beast had

been scheming to usurp his role as official campus pumpkin-placer for months, but said he has no idea what the motive might be.

"Maybe the chicks," he said.

Peace officials encourage anyone who sights the octopus to call local authorities immediately. The fine for pumpkin-placing on Main Hall is \$1,200, and campus safety suspects the octopus may be linked to several unsolved crimes this semester.

"The Food Zoo had three tons of fish sticks go missing in September," Glunvrava said. "This time, thanks to the photo, I think we caught him red-tentacled."

Disclaimer!

This year, Halloween marks not only that oh-so-favorite time of year when Goth becomes normal and adults scare the bejeezus out of small children guilt-free, but the near two-month anniversary of the death of a media legend. For those

of you who haven't been paying much attention in the Albertson's checkout line, America's beloved *Weekly World News* ceased publishing after its last issue on Aug. 27. So, to celebrate the legacy of a 28-year-old tabloid, the

Montana Kaimin has put together the sensational ... the earth shaking ... the memorial *Weekly World Kaimin*. Please bear in mind, as you browse these stories and photos during that snorey class in Urey Lecture Hall, that

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One of the Weekly World Kaimin's staff paparazzi sneaked up close to catch this tender moment between a man and his squirrel Tuesday afternoon on the Oval.

Man falls for campus squirrel

Horatio Hamms
WEEKLY WORLD KAIMIN

A nutty story emerged on the University of Montana campus this week.

Filbert A. Corn, a zoology graduate student, announced in a memo he posted on campus trees, that he has fallen for the charms of a squirrel he claims is named "Allison."

Corn, a Nebraska native, has been spotted around campus in recent days serenading Allison, gazing at her lovingly on the Oval, and even buying her nuts and, oddly, tampons in the UC Market.

"This guy is seriously nuts-o," said Cole Gate, a Market employee.

"The first time we thought it was a gag or something, but he kept coming back. Apparently his squirrel-friend really wanted his nuts."

Allison was unavailable for comment, but the husky Corn – he is 6-foot-2 and 234 pounds – was quick to defend his love.

"I don't care if people don't understand. They've shouted things at me. But, I love Allison. She's as sweet as candy," Corn said.

The two have not had sexual intercourse, Corn said. "Only heavy petting," he insisted.

Besides that, Corn says Allison is an entertaining

conversationalist.

According to the Weekly World Kaimin's research, no other human has ever actually heard squirrels speak; yet, everything Allison says is music to the ears of Corn, he said.

Public Safety officials say they have been contacted about inappropriate behavior on campus between Allison and Corn, but say there is little they can do. "Basically, the same rules apply to boy and squirrel as to boy and girl," said Sgt. Lester Reen. "Until the guy breaks the law or something is reported to SARC (the Squirrel Assault Resource Center), he's not doing anything wrong. Personally though, the guy is sick. He's always just lusting after that damn squirrel."

Corn maintained he is not a stalker.

"If lovin' is a crime, then baby, I'm a felon," he said, adding that he and Allison are planning a February wedding in San Francisco.

Yet, some on campus are wary of the precedent Corn and Allison's nuptials could set. "God teaches us that marriage is between a man and a woman, not a man and a rodent," said student Oral B., who requested his last name not be used. "If you let dudes marry squirrels, what's next?"

UM Prof clones, then abuses self

Clone's health hangs by a thread

Kenneth Keystone
WEEKLY WORLD KAIMIN

A University of Montana geneticist was arrested last night after having a violent argument with a clone he had engineered of himself.

Dr. Remington Winchester, of the University's Department of Genetic Bio-engineering, was being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail, police said.

Police responded to calls from neighbors of a loud argument and foul language emanating from Winchester's home.

Upon reaching his doorstep, officers heard the man police believe to be the clone using foul language,

while the actual Dr. Winchester was objecting to the clone's use of bad language.

Just as police entered, Dr. Winchester pushed the clone, causing him to tumble down a flight of stairs, police said. Police summoned an ambulance to the scene at once, and the clone was taken to St. Patrick Hospital for emergency treatment. Winchester was escorted to the police station for further questioning. The clone is currently in critical condition, with a concussion and numerous fractures.

Dr. Winchester was charged with making an obscene clone fall.

The King hits campus

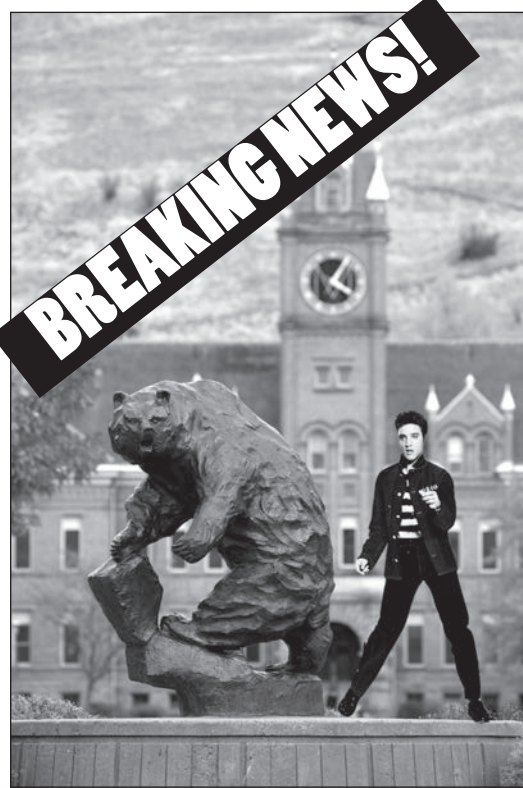
Elvis returns from outer space to play one-time Missoula show

Michelle Miller
WEEKLY WORLD KAIMIN

Thirty years after digging his way out of a tomb in Graceland, Elvis Presley has returned to Earth for a special appearance at the University of Montana.

The King's spaceship touched down Monday in Washington-Grizzly Stadium, followed by 70 semi-trucks hauling a massive 10-story stage. Tickets for the performance will be sold using a wristband system.

"I'm very excited to be back here on Earth to perform again," Presley told the Weekly World Kaimin. Presley said he couldn't remember ever hearing of Missoula before he



Elvis, fresh off the mothership, rocks out on the Oval.

departed from the planet in 1977, but nonetheless called Missoula fans the most loyal and dedicated he'd ever known.

"Missoula? Oh, you mean Missouri. Yeah, it's great," he said. "Gimmie another one of them fried whatchamacallits ... Rocky Mountain Oysters."

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It's a sister act for the Grizzly Dance Team

Jake Grilley

MONTANA KAIMIN

Head coach Kelsey Meier typically assigns the University of Montana dance team a routine to work on toward the end of practice.

Abby and Megan Majerus have an advantage over their team members. The two sisters from Hobson, Mont., know their dancing partner is only a phone call away.

"I will call up Abby that night," Megan said. "And I will say 'you step right and then...' and she will finish it. We can do an entire dance standing in the living room on the phone."

That is not the only way Megan and Abby use being sisters to their advantage. The two can often work in routines that the sisters have done together for years.

"I will show it and Megan will be doing it right behind me," Abby said. "Everyone wonders, 'how does she already know it?'"

According to Megan, her older sister has always seemed to blaze a trail for her to follow in. Throughout their childhood she would try the activities Abby participated in, such as studio dancing, dance team and basketball, and try to do them better.

Megan confessed, however, without her big sister's direction, she might not have tried dancing at all.

"She had the initiative to do it in the first place," Megan said. "I learned a lot from her."

It was during her second year at Montana when Abby made yet another path for her sister to follow in when she made the UM Dance team.

"I remember my first year on the team and what it was like calling (Megan) up and telling her 'you have to do this,'" Abby said. "And she would say 'I don't really know, dance isn't my thing.'"

Both girls came to Montana for academic reasons: Abby for

sociology-criminology and Megan for applied health science. But, as usual, Megan couldn't resist following in the footsteps of Abby.

"I pretty much just followed her," Megan said. "I didn't think I was going to dance in college, I just kinda tried it out and made the team."

Megan's statement is a rather humble one considering the two sisters have been dancing nearly all their lives.

"I started dancing when I was 3 years old," Abby said.

"Me too," Megan chimed in. "I was probably about the same."

Their experience, combined with each being highly motivated, makes them a critical part of the dance team.

Coach Meier called them her leaders.

"They are my go-to girls as far as asking for anything extra," she said. "And they make it contagious."

Abby is a fourth-year captain on the team during her fifth and final year at Montana. Abby said her sister, a third-year member of the team, helps her gauge exactly how the team is doing.

"It can be hard to figure out what all the members of the team want," Abby said. "I guess they aren't as apt to come to me. But they look to Megan and I can ask her 'What do the girls want?' or 'What have they been saying.'"

Just as any pair of sisters, Abby and Megan admitted it is hard being around each other all the time.

"We definitely have our scuffles too," Abby said.

The sisters have a similar arbitrator for settling their disagreements.

"I feel bad for my mom, it just usually depends on who gets to the phone first after practice," Megan said.

"Mom used to take the time to call the other one and tell us to 'be



Kristine Paulsen/Montana Kaimin

Abby Majerus and her sister Megan practice dance sequences in the Adams Center Tuesday afternoon. Both the sisters are members of the University of Montana Dance Team.

nice to your sister," Abby said. "Now she just lets us work it out by ourselves."

The sisters agreed they love being out there each and every game dancing beside one another.

"It is fun to be out there, especially in line-up because we stand next to each other," Abby said. "My aunt will call up and say 'I saw you both on TV.'"

Coach Meier was even hesitant in putting the two sisters next to one another.

"I was worried at first that there would be bickering," she said. "But it is not like that at all, they both are true positive energy."

First-year dance team member Amanda Conley agreed with her coach.

"They both help each other out," Conley said. "If Abby gets caught, Megan is there. They call out each other and work together. Their connection strengthens everyone else."

The sisters attribute that ability to being on the same page.

"The way we think things through in our head is the same," Abby said. "So even though it might sound like gibberish to someone else, she can pick up on it and know what I am talking about"

The similarities are also apparent in their dancing.

"It is kind of like a she-finishes-my-sentences sort of thing," Abby said. "We definitely (show the same style) a lot of the time. That

is the big thing about collegiate dancing, is to look like one entity when you perform."

Megan still sees her sister as her role model.

"She has so much spirit and she cares so much about what she is doing and who she is supporting," Megan said. "As she would say and says all the time, she bleeds maroon."

Both Abby and Megan agree dance team can be draining and consuming, so the sisters have set aside a time to get away.

"We have lunch together once a week and we try to leave dancing out of it," Megan said. "If dancing comes up, we are just like 'oh well.' Everything just leads back to it anyway."

Griz kick off season with Argonauts

The University of Montana men's basketball team's exhibition season continues tonight when the Griz host the University of Great Falls at 7 p.m.

Last week, Montana held its annual Maroon vs. Silver exhibition, and tonight's game will be the team's first chance to compete against another group of players.

Head coach Wayne Tinkle said Tuesday, games against teams like the NAIA Argos often present problems, using speed to

counter size. However, Tinkle said, this year's UGF has size as well.

Tinkle said the game will be an opportunity to try different schemes with his team.

Montana has one more exhibition game—Sunday against Whitman—before it's preseason schedule takes off Nov. 9. Montana's tough schedule kicks off against Colorado State. Games at Gonzaga and a Thanksgiving-week tournament at Washington State highlight the rest of the November slate.

Cowboys cement Romo's spot on team

Dallas (AP) – Wearing jeans and an untucked Dallas Cowboys golf shirt, Tony Romo treated Tuesday as if it were any other day of work.

Well, there were a few differences. Such as the fact he brought mom and dad to team headquarters.

And the six-year, \$67.5 million contract he showed up to sign.

On one of the biggest days of his life, Romo remained the average guy he's been since joining the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent five years ago. He said he was humbled by the \$11.5 million signing bonus and by cementing a spot in the lineage of Don Meredith-to-Roger Staubach-to-Troy Aikman, but he also insisted

the only thing that's going to change is his tax bracket.

Want proof? He's even planning to keep his apartment – and his roommate – despite having the third-highest annual salary among NFL quarterbacks, ahead of Tom Brady and Brett Favre.

"I never really thought this was a goal along the way. I still don't necessarily perceive it as a goal, but it's something really neat that I get to experience," Romo said, flashing the dimpled aw-shucks grin that's helped him land dates with actresses and singers.

"It's special just to be a part of this. The best feeling by far is that the organization, the Jones family, our coaches and everyone say, 'Hey, you're our guy. You're

the guy we want to go to the next level with. We want to get back to the Super Bowl around here and win these things.' That means everything, more than the money ever could."

If Romo's attitude seems too good to be true, there's a good reason for it. The story of how he got to this point fits the same description.

Undrafted out of college, he turned down \$25,000 signing bonuses elsewhere and took \$10,000 from the Cowboys because he liked his chances of beating out the competition. Before last season, his fourth, he still hadn't thrown a pass, but asked for a multimillion-

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dollar contract as a challenge to his bosses, telling them the more they paid him, the more likely they were to play him.

He got the deal and, eventually, the playing time. The contract numbers show he's made the most of it.

"You can either do this or you can't," he said. "I didn't know if I was, but I put myself in position to succeed."

Romo thought about what the big contract means while sitting in bed Monday night. It was still on his mind when he woke up Tuesday morning. By the time he met the media in the afternoon, he

had it sorted out.

"It almost feels like we accomplished something here today, but it doesn't," he said. "This sets you up financially and does all the things that you somewhat hoped for in life, but you don't set it out as a goal when you start out as a football player. This is something that more or less comes along the way."

Team owner Jerry Jones called Romo "the man for the 2000s," adding, "I wouldn't have done this if I didn't think he gives us a chance to win Super Bowls."

It took a while for him to come to that conclusion.

Jones' hesitations started during the 2003 draft, when then-offensive coordinator Sean Payton lobbied hard for Romo.

Jones figured it was because they went to the same school, Eastern Illinois.

Once Romo arrived, the Cowboys went through Quincy Carter, Chad Hutchinson, Vinny Testaverde and Drew Bledsoe before turning to him last October.

Romo started 5-1, setting records and turning heads. He got Dallas into the playoffs, then knocked the team out by flubbing the hold of a short field goal in Seattle. He revealed more of his character with how he responded: crying and apologizing to teammates that night, then weeks later asking to be the holder at the Pro Bowl.

By then, Jones believed in Romo enough not to draft Brady

Quinn when he had the chance in April -- but not enough to offer a big contract without seeing him play more.

Forced to earn his money, Romo did. The Cowboys are 6-1, tied for tops in the NFC, and have the conference's No. 1 offense. Romo has the most yards passing and touchdowns in the NFC.

"It is a feel-good story," coach Wade Phillips said. "The best part of the story is he's a great person, a great guy to be around. He doesn't have an ego bigger than the team. The great ones I've been around -- the John Elways, the Jim Kellys -- it's the same way."

Romo has shown off his arm with a club-record four 300-yard games and his feet with a wild

scramble for a first down on a snap that went over his head and rolled 33 yards behind him. He also found a way to win in Buffalo despite committing six turnovers.

Jones also likes that Romo has remained grounded while holding one of the most high-profile jobs in U.S. pro sports. Don't believe it? Well, "Entertainment Tonight" sent a reporter to Tuesday's news conference to ask Romo about bumping into Britney Spears in Los Angeles a few days ago.

"Having all the adulation and interest, how do you handle that? I've seen doctors, lawyers, older, more-seasoned people blow their whole families up over a little success," Jones said. "He's handled it really well."

Curt Schilling might be finished with the Sox after this season

Boston -- (AP) "A one-year deal is all I'm looking for," Curt Schilling said in his weekly radio appearance while driving to Fenway Park for the parade. "If truly, physically, I was at the end of my rope, this would be the ultimate way to walk away. I don't think I'm there."

Schilling, who turns 41 next month, was a key part of both of Boston's World Series championship teams in this

century. He said in spring training he would return for one more year at his current salary of \$13 million, but the Red Sox wanted to see how he performed this season while adjusting to life without a 90 mph fastball.

Schilling went 9-8 with a 3.87 ERA, and went 3-0 with a 3.00 ERA in the postseason.

Joining him on the market is Bobby Kielty, a backup outfielder who hit what turned out to be the

homer that provided the winning margin in the title-clinching game of the World Series. Matt Clement, who didn't pitch at all this season because of a right shoulder injury, and spare outfielder Eric Hinske also filed on Tuesday as the 2007 World Series champions began their transition to 2008.

"I actually broke out a pen and paper the last couple days and wrote letters to some people here, just to say goodbye," Schilling said on the radio, apparently before he filed for free agency. "There's a very realistic chance I won't ever play with them again."

The other big Boston player eligible for free agency is third baseman Mike Lowell, who reached career highs with a .324 average and 120 RBIs and then was selected as the World Series MVP.

"Fortunately, he made his worth here extreme," Schilling

said. "He'll make the best decision for Mike Lowell and his family. I don't think that Mike will be bought, but at the same time Michael's not going to say, 'Yeah, I love it so much here, whatever you want.' He doesn't have to."

"He deserves everything he gets."

Lowell repeated Tuesday that he enjoyed playing in Boston but said, "Now is not the time. I will think about it in the next couple of days."

Schilling said the only team he would not consider is the Yankees. But he expected Lowell to draw interest from New York, where he started in the minor leagues in 1997. Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, the likely regular-season MVP, declared himself a free agent during the final game of the World Series.

"I was actually very surprised that Michael didn't buy his own jet

right after the sixth inning when A-Rod announced it and fly home on his own. Because all I heard was cha-ching, right after I heard A-Rod opted out," Schilling joked.

"Let's do the math: When you're a free agent and the Yankees are not only in the mix, but now one of the potentially most interested suitors, the price changes. And that's not a bad thing for him."

Schilling said it did not bother him that Rodriguez's announcement came during Boston's coronation. But he seemed to relish the opportunity to take a shot at the Red Sox rivals' disappointing season.

"It wasn't unexpected," Schilling said. "Between them and the Yankees making sure we were updated every 15 minutes about when they were actually going to name their manager, I didn't give a crap. Bottom line was they're playing golf and making organizational decisions and we're still playing games."

Schilling's comments came on WEEI-AM, which has a promotional arrangement with Schilling's charity, Curt's Pitch for ALS. He also wrote a 2,108-word posting on his blog and promised to update fans on the status of his free agency.

"If October 28, 2007, was the last time I ever wear this uniform, thank you," Schilling wrote. "It was an honor and a privilege [sic] to be allowed to play here."

Catcher Jason Varitek wasn't ready to say goodbye.

"I hope it's not the last time I see these guys," he said at Fenway Park before the parade. "I'd like to see Curt retire in this uniform."

But first baseman Kevin Youkilis wasn't in the mood to think about the future. Asked if any players were saying goodbye in the clubhouse, he said, "Next question."



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Bill Muse, UM's associate vice president for University Planning, Budgeting and Analysis, cited data consistently showing UM faculty, administrators and staff wages are well below national and regional averages.

"In spite of the significant commitment of state resources recommended by the Governor, and appropriated by the legislature, this remains a critical

issue for higher education in Montana," Muse said.

For the 2008 fiscal year, UM will spend about two-thirds of the money it receives from the state on salaries. UM administrative wages make up about one third of that \$77 million budgeted for salaries, Muse said.

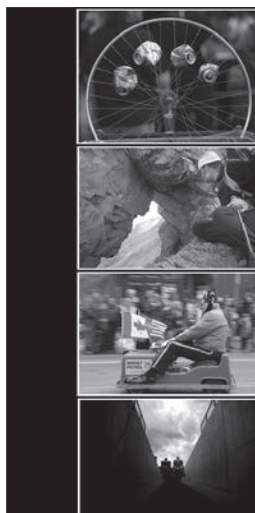
Regent Clayton Christian, who chairs the board's Staff and Compensation Committee, said the governor's college affordability plan put some "much-needed" money into the university system, but a large part of that money goes toward

salaries.

Hiring and keeping the best administrative staff, Christian said, really comes down to dollars. The balance between the amount the university system receives from tuition and state funding and what it spends on salaries each year will remain a "top concern," he said.

"It's the balancing act the board looks at all the time," Christian said.

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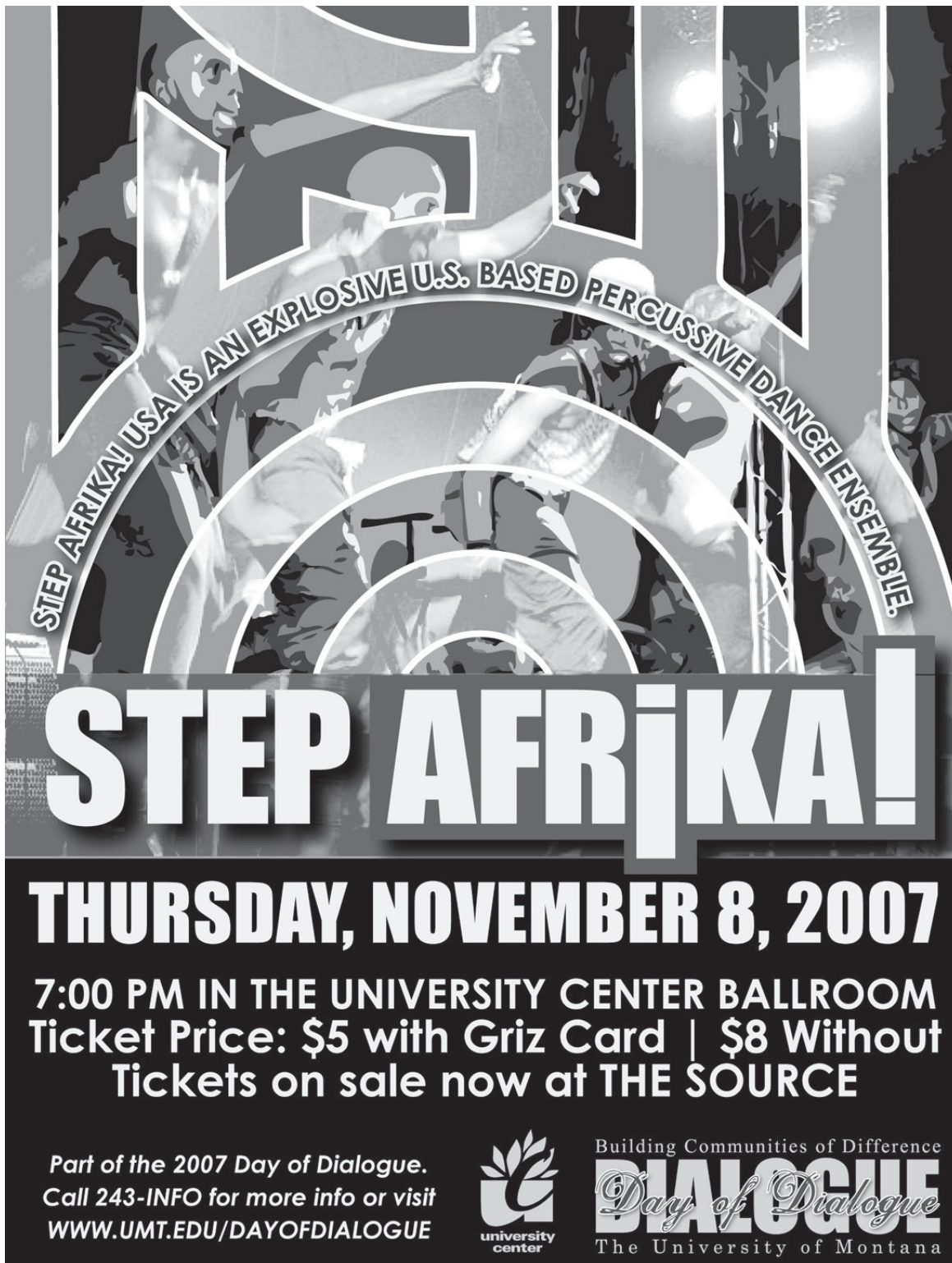
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