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Afghanistan:
A bomb attack struck a group of lawmakers Tuesday as they were being greeted by children on a visit to a sugar factory in Afghanistan's normally peaceful north. At least 28 people were killed, including five parliament members as well as children.

Pakistan:
Pakistan's deposed chief justice called on lawyers Tuesday to revolt against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's imposition of emergency rule and a crackdown on the opposition that has left thousands under arrest.

Turkey:
Tens of thousands of Turkish troops were poised Tuesday on the border with Iraq awaiting the order to attack Kurdish fighters, and President Abdullah Gul said the country will do "what it believes to be right" to tame the rebels.

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Mail-in election sees record voter turnout

Lauren Russell
MONTANA KAIMIN

Record voter turnout, the easy passage of the Iraq War referendum and two incumbent upsets highlighted Tuesday's City Council election, the county's first election conducted entirely by a mail-in ballot system.

Instead of turning out to the polls, Missoulians turned in record numbers of ballots, raising the voter turnout for a local election from about 12 percent to 46 percent.

The referendum calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq passed overwhelmingly with 65 percent of the vote. However, the bond issue to raise \$10 million in 10 years for Missoula County District 1 high schools was defeated

by 675 votes.

Ward 4 incumbent Jerry Ballas, who is an architect for planning construction in Facilities Services at UM, lost the race for his third city council term to Lyn Hellegaard, executive director of community affairs for the Missoula/Ravalli Transportation Management Association.

Hellegaard, who won by 224 votes, said that though the mail-in system increased voter turnout, it made campaigning more difficult because it shortened the amount of time she had to reach voters.

Before the election was officially called, Ballas said that in hindsight, he should have started campaigning two weeks earlier because of the mail-in ballot system. He also said

that public events were scheduled too late for voters to make informed decisions.

"With the mail-in ballots, there's really not time to get information out to everybody," Ballas said. "I'm not sure where people are getting their information."

Ward 2 incumbent and retired paper mill manager Don Nicholson also lost his bid for reelection to Pam Walzer, a substitute teacher and jewelry artisan.

Nicholson, who has served eight years on the council, said while it's good that the new system increased voter turnout, he's not sure that the new voters were adequately informed about the candidates' positions.

"I'm not sure if the new system

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affected my race," Nicholson said. "But my opponent and I are very different, so if the 30 percent of new voters knew what they were voting on, then it may have."

According to Vickie Zeier of the Missoula County Elections Office, this election was a test run to see whether the mail-in system could increase voter turnout and solve polling station staffing problems.

Though there were some kinks — 178 ballots were mailed to the wrong people and 4,800 were undeliverable — Zeier pronounced

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Incumbent Rye wins close race for Ward 3

Mark Page
Ashley Zuelke
MONTANA KAIMIN

Incumbent Stacy Rye defeated former Councilman Doug Harrison in the city election Tuesday, keeping her spot as University District council representative.

"I went and knocked on a lot of doors," said Rye, who has served on the council for the past four years. "It's all about shoe leather."

Rye works as the coordinator for the women and gender studies program at the University of Montana.

According to the unofficial final results, Rye received 1,504 votes, or about 52 percent of the ward's total. Harrison, who served for 12 years on the council through the 1980s and 1990s, garnered 1,089 votes.

Harrison had misgivings about his campaign, including how he connected with voters.

"I felt like we had articulated issues that needed to be addressed," Harrison said. "I don't think we did a good enough job of getting the message (of those issues) across."

Rye said traffic was one of the defining issues during the election. She said she didn't support raising the speed limits on Fifth and Sixth Streets, unlike Harrison.

"He has said that his idea of quality of life is not sitting in traffic," she said.

"I don't think you need to have cars moving faster."

For the next term, though, her



Missoula city council candidate Stacy Rye celebrates at Red's Bar Tuesday night as a speaker announced she was winning the vote in Ward 3. Rye said the election was a long one; "I invested a lot in Maalox," she said.

Shane McMillan / Montana Kaimin

priority will be zoning regulations — or who can build in certain Missoula areas.

Starting six months ago, the council began rewriting the regulations, a two to three year process.

"We have zoning regulations that have been on the books since 1972," she said.

"It (the re-zoning) has a lot to do with growth, a lot, a lot, a lot."

Rye said Ward 3 has one of

the highest percentages of student voters and has historically voted for the Democratic candidate. The Missoula County Democratic Central Committee endorsed the 38-year-old Rye. Harrison ran as a non-partisan candidate.

Rye said she appealed to student voters because she was able to relate to them as renters.

"I was a student before I was a homeowner," Rye said. "I can remember the days of bad landlords."

Rye said the direction the council might take in the next four years depends on the council's makeup and its staff. She repeatedly said she was more concerned with other

city council race results, especially Ward 4 incumbent Jerry Ballas' loss. Ballas was known consistently as swing vote on the council.

Harrison said he might not run again. Harrison spent some time in the hospital during his campaign dealing with a life-threatening ulcer.

"Part of this election I was down and out because of my health," he said.

About 31 percent of active voters in Ward 3 participated in the election.

"Ward 3 is extremely plugged in," Rye said.

Melissa Weaver and Ben Prez contributed to this story.

House near UM campus broken into, resident assaulted

Ashley Zuelke
MONTANA KAIMIN

Police are searching for six suspects who entered a house near the University of Montana campus Monday morning, stunned one resident with a stun gun and then struck him with the butt of a pistol.

The six suspects left empty-handed and fled on foot shortly after they broke into a house at

Sixth Street and Arthur Avenue around 1 a.m.

Why the suspects targeted the house remains unclear, said Sgt. Scott Hoffman with the Missoula Police Department.

Five of the six men were wearing ski masks, he said. The suspect who was not wearing a mask was described only as a black male. All the suspects wore dark clothing when they broke into the house, demanding money

and cell phones from the three residents who were watching TV.

An assailant stunned one of the two male residents, and hit him over the head with the butt of a pistol. Despite the assault, the resident was able to flee through a window, Hoffman said.

The suspects left without taking anything, police said.

Authorities did not know why the one resident was assaulted,

but police believed all of the residents are UM students.

Hoffman could not confirm if all of the suspects were armed, but he said if caught, they could face charges of aggravated burglary.

Peter Knox, a junior majoring in history, lives across the street from where the burglary occurred, but he said he didn't witness the crime.

However, the incident See BREAK IN, page 8

EDITORIAL

Act locally to bar duds from presidency

On Tuesday, Missoula voters decided whom they wanted to represent them on the City Council, whether to approve a high school building reserve levy, and whether to urge Congress to withdraw troops from Iraq.

The results will determine the future course of the council and may add more proof that the public no longer supports the war in Iraq, but the passing of Election Day 2007 means something else, too: The 2008 presidential election is only a year away. A year is a long time, but if you want to have a say in who the next president of the United States is, now is the time to act.

Especially living in Montana, simply voting in the primary election has little impact on deciding the nominees when the contest comes so late and gives the winner so few delegates. To make a difference in the presidential nomination process, action must be taken well before that.

Now is the time to voice your support for your candidate of choice. The Iowa caucuses are less than two months away. If a candidate is not well on his or her way to being viable now, there is little chance of that happening by January.

One candidate took a big step in the right direction this week. Rep. Ron Paul, a Texas Republican candidate, raised more than \$4 million on Monday. Paul, a libertarian, has gained a loyal grassroots following, but isn't among the top candidates in polls of the Republican candidates. While Paul's candidacy has more of a chance than long shot Democratic Rep. Dennis Kucinich, he has a lot of ground to make up in a relatively short period of time. Even if he doesn't win the nomination – which he won't – Paul has an opportunity to shape the debate and, as an anti-Iraq War Republican, can hit his opponents hard on some key issues. If you're a Paul supporter, February or March may be too late to get involved. Paul and his campaign can have their biggest effect for the next two months, until coverage focuses almost exclusively on who's winning what primary.

Now is also the time to stop a candidate you do not support. There are millions of Hillary-haters out there, but sitting around and complaining and making fun of her, while amusing, won't do much in the way of keeping her out of office. If you really hate her that much, get out there and tell the world why. If you really think she would make a bad leader – you don't just hate her laugh or her husband – you cannot stand idly by as she runs away with the Democratic nomination and the White House. Whether you like it or not, Hillary is a viable candidate and she may or may not self-destruct as early on as 2004 front-runner Howard Dean.

Montana's college students helped decide the outcome of the 2006 Senate race, but the next election will be on a much larger scale, and it won't be quite so easy to have an impact in the presidential election.

But if they start now and make their voices heard, they can have a say in who will become the next president of the United States.



Karl Krempel
News Editor

ASK A HIPPIE

Behind enemy lines

Dillon Tabish
MONTANA KAIMIN

Dude, I organized a mission to go behind enemy lines and speak with someone in the University of Montana's ROTC program. I know, it sounds like suicide for any hippie, but Veteran's Day is next week and I'm prepared to be waterboarded or tickled to death for my school.

A gentleman named Maj. Dean Roberts, who is an associate professor of military science, agreed to speak with me in person. I did a background check on this Maj. Roberts and couldn't believe what I found. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with degrees in English and Philosophy. Isn't that like studying clean water at Montana Tech in Butte?

This Maj. Roberts didn't sound like your stereotypical Army brat, which made me wonder what else I had wrong about ROTC. Just to be safe, I wore a wire. Below is the exclusive interview in excerpt form.

Hippie: What's it like for ROTC here on campus?

Maj. Dean Roberts: Well, it's great. ... We have the fifth best program in the country (based on academics, military scoring, and physical tests) and we're the second largest in the Northwest ... We're almost twice as large as Montana State ... There's a nice balance of thoughts and opinions here at the U of M, which is great. There's a liberal demographic and a conservative demographic and I'm not saying we identify with either/or. I think that is one of the big misconceptions.

H: What are some other misconceptions and stereotypes of ROTC?



Maj. R: Obviously we're in uniform, which gives us this monochromatic look. I think the stereotype we emit, and it's ironic that we get it, is people look at you like, 'Oh you're an army guy, you must be conservative and you must like George Bush; you must like war and death and dying and pain and destruction. You must not be diverse in thought and opinion. You must not appreciate arts and culture.' Baloney. Our cadets are absolutely diverse and I suspect that there might be more (cadets) who lean left in our program than lean right. We have arts majors and music majors in our program. We have law majors and pharmacy students in our program. That goes to the idea that you need diversity to make a good officer corps. We're not looking for mindless robots. We're looking for people who can bring new perspectives to new problems.

H: Is this mainly a male dominated group? Are very many females involved?

Maj. R: Here's another stat: we have the highest percentage of females of any program in the Northwest right now ... I'd say that probably more than half of our prospects who are looking at our program are females.

H: Why do you think that is?

Maj. R: I think it goes back to the nature of Montana. Our corps is about 85 percent Montana students. I think both Montana men and women understand hard work, they understand that service is maybe a part of their life. And candidly, they're just darn good.

H: Do you think making cadets cut their hair discourages hippies from getting involved in the Army?

Maj. R: Well, the Army does

still use hemp-based rope. If they do have long hair we do allow them to corn-roll it if they can make it tight.

H: Do hippies have a 'Don't ask, don't tell' policy in the Army?

Maj. R: (long pause) Well, you have the 'Don't ask, don't tell' policy, but for our hippie prospects or candidates, we reduce that policy to 'It's all good, bro.'

Why do all hippies in Missoula drive Subarus?

—Tyler, non-hipster

Bro, back in 1994 a great creation came out called the Subaru Outback. Before the Outback, hippies who wanted a party wagon had the Volkswagen bus; hippies who had to drive the kids to school had the minivan; and hippies who could barely afford rent had anything made by Nissan. Then came the Outback, a gas-friendly ride with room for either the kids in the back or friends toking up. Plus, the Outback could make it up places like Pattee Canyon with a full load of hiking or camping equipment. My buddy Nino, who makes a killer rum and Coke at The Depot, pointed out that Trustafarians in Boze Angeles think their Land Rovers make them superior Montanans. Well, Subarus allow Zootowners to pack just as many supplies while saving money that can go toward a keg of Powder Hound.

Bumper sticker of the week: I've read about the evils of drinking beer, so I gave up reading.

—Scott, non-hipster

Got a question that only a 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.

What about everyone else's salary?

I couldn't help but laugh out loud when I first read the Kaimin headline that read "UM officials' salaries below average." It was obviously written to rationalize the pay raises of our officials.

Well, all I can say is, "Ain't that rich!!" The proper headline should have read "UM Employees salaries below average" and readers could have discovered the



plight of all UM employees – that below average salaries are not an exclusive club of the officials. The article should have addressed how the employee wages have not kept up with the cost of living

for several years. It might have gone further by mentioning that UM staff pay is substantially lower than MSU or even Flathead Valley Community College, for similar positions. These other institutions all answer to the same Board of Regents, yet the officials at MSU and Flathead Valley have demonstrated the value they place on their staff by going to bat for them in good faith.

I've seen how officials at UM can deny appropriate pay for

staff, attempt to downgrade their positions, and set up unreasonable criteria when a supervisor attempts to upgrade a position. I suppose keeping expenses down is a factor in one's job approval rating.

Until the (underpaid) officials of UM demonstrate a willingness to bring us all up to "average," the unconscionably huge pay raises and benefits for our officials are a slap in the face to staff members as well as to all honest people trying to raise families and earn a

living wage in Missoula. And the rationale to draw the best applicants you need to pay top wages can be applied to all positions at UM, not just these officials.

A good dose of shame is overdue for all officials of institutions, government and especially corporate America.

—Patty McIntire
division of biological science
staff member

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RESULTS

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the election a success.

In the primary, about 11,000 ballots were undeliverable, Zeier said.

"This time, over 2,000 of the undeliverable ballots were in the outlying areas, not within the city," Zeier said. "I think it went a lot better with the undeliverable ballots this time around."

November 2007 Election Results

Registered Voters: 51,388
Ballots cast: 23,660
Active voter turnout: 46.04%

Iraq War Resolution:	Votes	Percent
For:	9,192	64.77
Against:	4,999	35.23
Total:	14,191	

High School District 1 Levy:	Votes	Percent
Against:	11,967	51.45
For:	11,292	48.55
Total:	23,259	

Seeley Lake Water District Bond	Yes:	143	50.35
	No:	141	49.65
	Total:	284	

Ward 1:	Votes	Percent
Jason Wiener:	1,676	64.24
Justin Amintrou:	887	34.00
Write-in:	46	1.76
Total:	2,609	

Ward 2:

Pam Walzer:	998	51.90
Donald Nicholson:	906	47.11
Write-in:	19	.99
Total:	1,923	

Ward 3:	Votes	Percent
Stacy Rye:	1,504	57.34
Doug Harrison:	1,089	41.52
Write-in:	30	1.14
Total:	2,623	

Ward 4:	Votes	Percent
Lyn Hellegaard:	1,506	52.93
Jerry Ballas:	1,282	45.06
Write-in:	57	2.00
Total:	2,845	

Ward 5:	Votes	Percent
Renee Mitchell:	1,220	53.51
Christine Prescott:	1,026	45.00
Write-in:	34	1.49
Total:	2,280	


Ward 6:	Votes	Percent
Ed Childers:	892	50.48
Lewie Schneller:	852	48.22
Write-in:	23	1.30
Total:	1,767	

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Staudacher a solid presence for Griz basketball

Jake Grilley

MONTANA KAIMIN

Ryan Staudacher looks as though he should be donning a helmet and shoulder pads and suiting up for the University of Montana football team.

Instead, the 6-foot-3, 210-pound sophomore from Kirkland, Wash., is running up and down the floor of Dahlberg Arena for the Grizzly basketball team.

His broad shoulders and muscular frame are all but hidden beneath a black T-shirt and his maroon practice jersey.

Staudacher said he is often mistaken for a football player.

"I get that a lot," he said. "People will tell me, 'You are too big to be a basketball player.'"

Staudacher is stepping up in his second year as a Grizzly, averaging 10.5 points in the team's two exhibition contests this season.

Staudacher, who traditionally has played shooting guard, has found himself playing mostly small forward in the Griz offense.

"The two and the three are interchangeable in our offense, so it shouldn't be too big of a difference," he said. "I think where it makes the biggest difference is on defense. I will end up guarding a bigger guy in the other team's forward."

Staudacher doesn't care where he is slotted on the court as long as he can contribute to the team. He said his goal is to stay more dialed in this season.

"Honestly, (position) really doesn't matter to me," he said. "As long as I am on the floor contributing, I don't care if I am at the two, the three or even the four. As far as this year goes, I think, just because of our lineup, I might have to play a little more three than I thought I would have before."

He said he has to make some adjustments because of his size when he plays against smaller, faster guards.

"You have to use your mind against (quicker guards), you have to anticipate where they are going to go," he said. "Just try and play smart defense and get up in them a little bit to where I can use my strength, as opposed to letting them go untouched around me."

Staudacher, who was an elite high school quarterback in Washington, said choosing basketball over football wasn't a hard decision.

"Every once in awhile you look back and miss playing football, as I do," he said. "Coming out of



Shane McMillan / Montana Kaimin

Sophomore guard Ryan Staudacher shoots a free-throw in Dahlberg Arena in practice Tuesday afternoon. After playing in 28 games last season he is coming into this season with more experience and is expected to be a strong shooter for the team.

high school and even when I was growing up, basketball was first and football was second. I just always wanted to play basketball. It was tough to stop playing football, but I always knew that is what I wanted to do."

Choosing basketball over football wasn't the only tough decision Staudacher made.

After being recruited to Montana as part of the 2004-2005 recruiting class, he decided to decline his scholarship and stay close to home to play for Bellevue Community College where he gray shirted. Unlike players

who redshirt, those who grayshirt can join the team midway through the season.

But Staudacher never played for the Bulldogs.

Head coach Wayne Tinkle, who recruited Staudacher as an assistant coach under Larry Krystkowiak,

said his backing out was hard to take.

"We took it as a slap in the face at first," Tinkle said. "We were disappointed with his decision, but I kept in touch with him."

When Tinkle was named head coach, he contacted Staudacher about coming to play at Montana.

"I let him know that some of his concerns would be taken care of and that he would be a good fit," he said. "I knew what he could bring to the table and that I could convince him that this was the place for him."

Staudacher said after watching the success the Grizzlies

were having, such as making it to the NCAA Tournament, he knew he should give playing at Montana another shot.

"Sitting on your couch and watching on TV and you are like, 'Man I want to be a part of that,'" he said. "I got to know Coach Tinkle

really well through the recruiting process; I liked his personality and the way he coached. I just wanted to be part of everything here."

Tinkle said Staudacher showed his commitment in playing for Montana when he played last season without a scholarship.

"He had a lot of options," Tinkle said. "He proved how much he wanted to be here by paying his own way last year. He wanted to prove himself all over again. He didn't want to be handed anything."

Staudacher is fitting in well in the Griz lineup. He is replacing Matt Dlouhy and junior transfer Sean Watson who was slated to start at small forward before leaving school unexpectedly in late September.

Tinkle believes Staudacher is filling the position well.

"I thought (the small forward position) might be a hole," Tinkle said. "Now it is looking more and more like a positive."

Senior guard Matt Martin said Staudacher's increased role is a great addition to the team.

"He is a great shooter," he said. "He doesn't force any shots or anything. He is the guy, if the other

team is playing zone on us, that is going to come in and knock down shots."

Coach Tinkle told Staudacher over the summer if he really wanted to play starter minutes he would have to lose some of his weight.

"I have to credit him; he went home and worked his tail off," Tinkle said. Staudacher lost 20 pounds.

Part of losing the weight meant Staudacher had to quit the activity most responsible for his football-esque physique.

"I used to lift weights a lot, but Coach Tinkle put the kibosh on that, so I can't lift anymore," he said.

Martin credits himself and senior center Andrew Strait in giving Staudacher the "Stauds" nickname that is used by both players and coaches. Martin said Staudacher prefers the nickname to what the team was calling him last year.

"We were calling him Studebaker for a while; we went down to Florida and the announcer was calling him Studebaker," Martin said. "He likes Stauds a little better."

Griz women nominated for awards

It's the most prestigious honor given to a college basketball player, and Montana's Mandy Morales is nominated for it.

Morales, a junior guard from Billings, is one of 30 preseason candidates chosen for the annual John R. Wooden Award.

The award is a national honor given to the player of the year and is named for the 10-time national championship coach at UCLA.

Last year, Morales was the Big Sky Conference MVP and was a Kodak honorable mention All-American in her first two seasons.

She was also one of 11 finalists for the 2007 Nancy Lieberman Award for the best



Mandy Morales

Tim Kupsik/Montana Kaimin

Division I point guard in the country.

The John R. Wooden Award, which was created in 1976, will be voted on by 200 sports media and basketball experts.

Morales, who averaged 32.9 points per game in 2006, is the only player from the Big Sky Conference nominated for the honor.

Soccer players honored by conference

Two Griz soccer players were named to the All-Big Sky Conference second team on Tuesday and five others received honorable mention.

Juniors Sara Aspinwall and Sara Campbell were named to the league's second team and senior Laura Nogueira, junior Rachael Mayer, sophomores Abby Grafft and Britta Bourne and freshman Kaitlyn Heinsohn were recognized as honorable mention All-Conference.

Montana soccer concluded its season with a 3-12-2 mark on Friday, finishing eighth in the Big Sky.

— Kaimin Sports

Krystkowiak has twins on the way

MILWAUKEE — (AP) Milwaukee Bucks coach Larry Krystkowiak missed Tuesday night's game against the Toronto Raptors after his wife, Jan, went into labor with twins a few hours before the opening tip.

Bucks assistant Tony Brown said he was buying groceries around 3 p.m. Tuesday when he got a text message from Krystkowiak asking him to take over.

"He is at the hospital right now," Brown said. "I don't have

any updates."

Jan Krystkowiak, a former basketball player at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, is expecting twin girls. The couple already has three sons, Cameron, Luc and Ben.

Krystkowiak also is dealing with the recent loss of his uncle, Marion Krystkowiak, who died on Sunday. Krystkowiak was estranged from his father as a youngster and came to view his uncles as father figures.

More honor for Viks rookie

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — (AP) Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson was honored as the NFC Offensive Player of the Week Tuesday for his NFL record 296 yards rushing in Minnesota's 35-17 win over the San Diego Chargers.

Peterson's 296 yards broke former Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis' mark of 295 set in 2003. The star rookie also tied the team record for most rushing touchdowns in a game with three for the second time this season. He joins Chuck Foreman as the only Vikings player in franchise history to rush for three touchdowns in a game more than once.

"It's an honor and it says a lot about those guys blocking for me in the line and the receivers doing a great job sealing the edge," Peterson said. "I'm humbled to have the rushing record, but more importantly it comes in a win that we really needed to get the second half of the season started the right way."

Peterson leads the NFL in rushing with 1,036 yards.

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Jubileers explore the sultry sound of jazz vocals

Ryan Thompson
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Drums and bass locked into a steady beat while the piano danced around a catchy musical refrain. The deep, confident voice of University of Montana Junior Eddie Tail Feathers rose into the air, achieving a haunting melody that neither he nor his fellow musicians had ever experienced.

"You just let the music enter you," Tail Feathers said, describing his improvised solo during a rehearsal session for the Jubileers, the University of Montana's only vocal jazz group.

The Jubileers will bring student vocal solos to the forefront when they perform jazz standards in the Music Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Admission is free.

"Jazz is one of my favorite musical styles because it involves creativity," said Gary Funk, Jubileers conductor and an associate professor of music at UM. "Students have to create a conversation with the music."

That conversation became wider this fall when the Jubileers added three additional female vocalists to their previous lineup of eight jazz singers.

"We had so many students apply for the group," Funk said. "(They) were very strong people, and I couldn't justify not having another three."

The added vocalists complement the group's sound, Funk said. In addition, each vocalist will perform an improvised solo, adding more music to the concert.

"It's a really moving experience playing with these guys," said Jeff Francis, a UM



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Caitlin Smith carries her vocals during rehearsal for the Jubileers, the University's only vocal jazz group, last Sunday.

senior and drummer for the Jubileers. "It's (the concert) going to be beautiful."

The Jubileers are taught in a class that meets twice a week, and the group holds rehearsals outside of class time, Funk said. The class exposes students to challenging, well-written jazz standards that will push their abilities, he said.

"In jazz, you don't know for sure what the next note will be," Funk said. "It's for students who want to push themselves beyond themselves ... the person

has to love being the center of attention."

While improvising, or making music on the spot, can be stressful, it can also be very rewarding, said Kristen Engebretson, a UM sophomore and vocalist for the Jubileers.

"I love how you can play with rhythms and notes to make your own

creation," Engebretson said.

The creative atmosphere and small class size helps bring the group together, Funk said.

"This group develops a relationship with each other," he said. "There's no competition — it's all about the music."

The Jubileers demonstrated that very sense of musical focus

and community during a practice run of the jazz standard "Take 5" in music recital room 218 on Sunday afternoon. Male and female voices rose beautifully together as the song progressed, the bass and drums playing in time with the chorus. The Jubileers swayed to the music, smiling and clearly enjoying the complex jazz piece.

"It (performing jazz) does something that nothing else can," said Meghan Righetti, Jubileers vocalist and UM senior. "It's food for your soul."

"In jazz, you don't know for sure what the next note will be."
— Gary Funk, Jubileers conductor

'Sister Mary Ignatius' delivers laughs despite stale script

Alex Sakariassen
MONTANA KAIMIN

The Montana Repertory Theatre's most recent foray into the world of on-stage satire sets strict Catholicism up for a brutal stoning, bludgeoning religious dogma with its own insensitivity on the issues of abortion and homosexuality. Foolproof, right?

So why did I walk out of the Crystal Theatre on Monday night wondering how the hell playwright

Christopher Durang won the prestigious Obie award in 1980 for his one-act play "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You"?

There's wonderful acting to be witnessed here. Leading lady Theresa Waldorf delivers a milk-through-the-nose comic performance as Sister Mary Ignatius, the predominantly patient instructor on the ins-and-outs of Catholic doctrine (just don't push her on the topic of Sodom). And Waldorf's cohorts, especially

the seven-year-old teacher's pet Thomas, who spouts catechism with the skill of a trained parrot, do their very best to salvage an out-of-date script.

But there's simply no way to save a sinking ship. "Sister Mary Ignatius" first appeared off-off Broadway in 1979 and instantly secured a place among the edgier theatrical productions of its time.

The play's no-holds-barred attack on Catholic dogma stirred protests against

additional productions in St. Louis and Boston in the early 1980s. But abortion and gay rights had already stepped into the ring of broad social concern. "Sister Mary Ignatius" was one more platform on which to raise these hot issues.

Today, however, the social commentary raised in "Sister Mary Ignatius" seems too forced. Durang clearly wrote the play intending to push serious issues into the main. Decades later, those issues have landed in the public eye,

and Durang's arguments come off as uncomfortably recycled a second time around.

All manner of credit goes out to the cast and crew of "Sister Mary Ignatius" for attempting to revive a social satire that speaks to the tunnel vision of hard-line dogma. Director Rosie Ayers has obviously put her best into this, and the more comic elements of the production sing with the irresistible absurdity of a Monty Python skit. But sometimes a classic, even a controversial one, just isn't meant to be revisited.

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Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

Aloysius, played by UM freshman Zach Smith, left, rehearses with Theresa Waldorf, who plays Sister Mary, for the Montana Repertory Theatre's comedy play titled "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You." The show opened last night in the Crystal Theatre and will continue its run Nov. 7-10. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 Tuesday through Thursday and \$15 Friday and Saturday.

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