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# Montana Kaimin

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## First Friday fashion



Ben Coulter/Montana Kaimin

Rows of tubes containing an assortment of buttons fill the storefront at Selvedge Studio on Higgins Avenue. The studio owners are sponsoring an amateur fashion design contest for the First Friday exhibit in March.

## Project Selvedge to showcase local designers' work

Erin Cole  
Montana Kaimin

Some Missoulians may scratch their heads next week when garments bearing polar bear and cherry blossom prints appear on the Hip Strip. These looks will not represent a new fashion trend but rather the results of the first spring competition of Project Selvedge.

Leah Morrow, who owns and operates Selvedge Studio with her mother, Mary Ryan, calls the prints "the unfortunate fabrics."

"It's stuff that we can't sell and don't know what to do with it," Morrow said.

"Instead of throwing it away, we challenge people to make something cute."

Morrow says she had enough fabric to fill 19 bags, which will be given to the project's contestants for the first of several weekly challenges. As of press time, 11 aspiring designers had picked up bags.

"They all have the same yardage, but they all have different combinations," Morrow said. "We just give them a bag of fabric and say, 'Make something and show up.'"

The competition, now in its fourth year, is loosely based on Lifetime's reality show "Project Runway," which

pits fashion designers against one another while one is removed from competition each week.

Morrow says the resulting clothing, which will be unveiled in a runway show on March's First Friday art walk, must exemplify the contestants as designers. Judges will rate the clothes and the designer with the lowest score will be eliminated.

Morrow said entering the competition takes a lot of courage.

"In the past, it's been really hard for us to get applicants because no

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## Workshops to highlight progress of women

Heidi Groover  
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana's Student Assault Resource Center will hold its second annual Women's Summit in the University Center today. This year's workshops will address women's relationships with themselves, others and their communities.

The event started last year because the organization wanted to "do something positive and focus on health, wellness and empowerment," SARC coordinator Kate Chapin said.

The first workshop, "Strength and Solace: Exploring Living Lessons of Hatha Yoga," will introduce those three aspects. Yoga instructor Jill Beauchesne will lead the practice, which will include basic standing and sitting poses. Beauchesne, who has taught for four of the six years she has practiced yoga, said the morning session will give "space for getting grounded for the day and for clearing your head" before the rest of the summit begins.

Two workshops at the summit will focus on the role of women in science.

Cindy Gilbert, director of University Education and program manager at the Biomimicry Institute, and Karin Riley, a geosciences doctoral candidate, will present "A Community of Science: A Workshop Dedicated to Women in Science." Riley researched the role of women in science and found significant underrepresentation among students and professors.

"With both gender and race, as things are getting more equal, these are issues that are not getting talked about as much anymore," Riley said. "We will look at approaches from different women scientists about their experiences and the things that women specifically have to offer to science."

The workshop will also address mentoring in science, which Riley said is needed to increase women's involvement.

"Because we're younger people, we tend to forget how recent it was that women came into science," Riley said. "And it's something that needs to be talked about."

Amy Kinch, program manager for the UM Partnership for Comprehensive Equity and professor

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## Student groups lobby ASUM for additional funding

Jayne Fraser  
Montana Kaimin

All campus student groups and clubs must lobby the ASUM Senate this week for next year's funds.

Formal lobbying began Monday night and will continue each night through Thursday in the UC.

ASUM Business Manager Jake Armstrong said nearly 100 organizations have already signed up to speak with the Senate this week, and he's fairly certain that represents all groups interested in lobbying.

However, he said, if the members of any group missed the deadline for the initial forms,

have questions about the budgeting process or cannot make their scheduled time for any reason, they should call or e-mail him as soon as possible.

"We don't want to punish groups for not coming," Armstrong said. "It's a busy time with midterms, but if you missed it, you've got to come to me and ask

questions."

The ASUM Senate has already prepared an executive recommendation for each group's budget. If an organization wants to seek additional funds, they will have to lobby the Senate this week before the final budgeting decisions are made.

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## EDITORIAL



Allison Maier, Editor

I've been taking the scenic route to the UC these days, meandering around the Natural Sciences building and watching people play tennis on my way to one of the UC's side entrances. I don't necessarily enjoy this brief stroll, as my trips are usually necessitated by a severe lack of caffeine. But this route has one benefit: I'm usually not inundated with fliers advertising concerts or Web sites, or told that my signature on a

## I probably don't want to sign your petition

petition is somehow vitally important in the quest to stop global warming, or asked to tell someone my opinion about a politician or universal health care.

The groups that position themselves in front of the UC's west entrance with clipboards and multicolored sheets of paper have every right to be there. And more often than not, the people shoving petitions in my face are sincerely passionate about their causes. I respect that. But they're still really, really annoying.

It's comforting, in a way, to know that I'm not the only one who tries to avoid interaction with these people. Many of my friends have adopted defensive maneuvers — taking alternate

routes, faking cell phone conversations or simply walking really fast and staring straight ahead of them.

We do these things because we don't want to be rude. We don't want to be in a position where we might be forced to sign something we don't want to sign or tell people that we don't agree with them. We just want to proceed to the UC Market and get a cup of coffee.

But it's difficult to know how to be polite in those situations because canvassing is an inherently aggressive activity, even if the people doing it aren't aggressive themselves. Anytime you ask people what they believe or try to persuade them to believe what

you believe, it's going to make the majority of them uncomfortable or mad. And much of the time, it's probably not worth it.

In high school, I was one of those people bugging others with persuasive literature and political buttons. I called people at their homes and rang their doorbells and then wondered why they hung up on me and shut their doors in my face. In my mind, I was providing them with valuable information. In their minds, I was an idealistic, arrogant kid. The only people who were happy to hear from me were people who already agreed with me. Everyone else was just pissed off. Which is why I sometimes look back at

that stage of my life and cringe.

The great thing about this country is that I was allowed to pass out campaign literature when I was 16, the people in front of the UC are allowed to ask me if I've voted and the people who are annoyed by such behavior are allowed to use various expletives to convey their contempt if they so desire.

Everyone has a voice; everyone has the ability to attempt to persuade the voices of others. Sometimes there's value in that. Sometimes it might be best to just let people be.

Especially when it's 9 a.m., and they haven't had their coffee yet.

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You wouldn't think so, but winter is upon us. No matter how unseasonably the sun shines or how early the slackliners appear on the Oval, it is still a wintery madhouse out there and everyone else is having a splendid time.

I can't enjoy a cigarette in the February sunshine without having unsolicited meteorology shoved down my thawing throat, and it's not coming from the official TV weatherman (who I can at least turn off to find reruns of "The Biggest Loser"). It's coming from the army of sno-bros who descend, still a little buzzed from pounding PBR between runs, into our quiet mountain town after a long day of kind-of-skiing, kind-of-partying at Snowbowl.

In the public mind, snowboarding has always been a bit of an outlaw sport. Coming into its own a little late in the winter-sports game, it forced its way into the national spotlight after Shaun White and all his adolescent friends started jumping over Red Bull billboards and into giant pools of money. It makes sense that they would find their place in the sea of similarly lost souls wandering around the mall trying to find the flattest hats

and baggiest snow pants. But I expected better from the skiers.

We all know you feel slighted by your little brother's meteoric rise to fame. And why shouldn't you? All snowboarders did was dig half a tunnel through the snow and throw themselves through the air only to come back down the same side. But did you have to go hijacking their look, attitude and identity to fit in?

Let me remind you, you don't fit in. There is nothing at all redeeming about an overpriced green ski jacket and matching parachute pants. So leave the embarrassment to the boarders. Their moms will call them in from playtime soon enough and make them pay their delinquent bills for the leased Subaru with dad's Yakima rack. Skiers had it made, but threw it all away for a spot in an industry of easily marketable products that will eventually go the way of hair bands, Nick Lachey and Pepsi Blue.

For over a century, skiers didn't let lame, outside forces change the way they viewed their sport. Of course, it was mainly for WASP-y elitists, but at least they had the fortitude to resist the peer

## The red-headed stepchild

## Skiers can't pull off the boarder attitude

By Josh Potter



pressure of endorsement deals, an episode of MTV Cribs (I think Shaun White was 16 on that episode) and the chance to have a signature goggle named after them. Because the skiers of those far-more-organized times were pretty snooty, I wouldn't have hung out with them necessarily, but at least I didn't have to see them if I didn't want to.

Now, they're everywhere. It's not that the modern-day skier has sold out, by any means, because they're still way less popular and cool in the eyes of females aged 18 to 24 (the only advertising demographic that really matters), and it's not that they have soul-skater roots they need to rediscover — that would mean they once had an identity that they've since moved

away from. They never had an identity. That's what made skiing so harmlessly special: It was just a couple of rich dudes sliding goofily down a groomed hill right into their chalets where hot cocoa and trophy wives were waiting for them. But now, skiing is not only acceptable, it's widely franchised, and there is unbalance in the winter-sports universe.

Advertisers are jockeying for position between Bode Miller and Gretchen Bleiler (totally hot and deserving of my attention) while turning away from the less-viral curling, which wins a gold medal at my ceremony because it's the only sport whose cousin, shuffleboard, can be played at bars and on cruise ships. They also wear turtlenecks and thus

score a perfect 10.

At its core, skiing, like snowboarding, is totally laughable. Who decided centuries ago to strap two boards to their feet and slide down a snowy slope? And then who decided it was a sport and not just a bizarre activity inebriated gentlemen did in the Alps to settle bar brawls? The whole idea of it is just plain strange, so why not embrace its alienation? Instead of lying to yourself in an effort to contend with the even-more-cartoonish snowboarding, with its garishly-heavy moon boots and Skittles-colored uniforms, just avoid Pac-Sun altogether and grow up. Or at least shut up about it and turn it back to the singles female short program. At least they make their ridiculous getups look good.

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## Clarification:

The members of Montana Equality Now that were featured in Tuesday's article titled "Student group protests The Truth Project seminar" were not protesting people's faith or Calvary Community Church. The group was protesting against the Montana Family Foundation specifically because the foundation has advocated against gay marriage.

The Kaimin invites letters to the editor and guest columns

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## Letters to the Editor

### Dennison is not that bad

I have a confession to make. I know when celebrities say this, people gasp and when politicians say this, people shrug their shoulders. Hopefully my confession will make people do neither. When I was an incoming second semester freshman, I didn't like our president here at the university, George Dennison. If I were to make a list at that time, he probably would have been somewhere between John McCain and parking tickets. I do not know the reason(s) why I did not like President Dennison all that well but such as it is in life, sometimes people or movies or certain songs are disliked and we do not have a good reason for such a feeling. This dislike continued until just recently. I

am the type of person who likes to stay engaged and socially vigilant. In other words, I like to question and I like to receive an answer. I worked in the dining hall here on campus for a couple semesters and was continually reminded of the disrepair this facility endures every school year. I wanted to know if any remodels were taking place. I contacted Mark LoParco, the Director of Dining Services and he was gracious enough to contact me back. Upon sending Mr. LoParco a letter, he (unbeknownst to me) forwarded the letter to President Dennison. President Dennison then sent me a letter in response. I was shocked to find this letter amid the stack of mail that was handed to me as I was on Christmas Break and couldn't imagine who would

be contacting me from the university at this time. Upon reading the letter I was even more shocked. Shocked not at what was written but by the gesture the letter represented. President Dennison was and still is no doubt a very busy man and for him to take time out of his schedule to do this resonates with me to this day. My thoughts about him changed that very moment. As my grandpa would always remark to me when I did something well, "You're alright, kid." Have a great retirement, Mr. Dennison.

Mike McDonald  
senior, history  
secondary education

## Around the Oval

After the U.S. Olympic Hockey Team's victory over Canada, do you fear an attack by the Canadians?



Bri Ori, health enhancement

"Oh no, not at all. I'm pretty good friends with the Canadians."

"I don't think they're much of a threat. They drink too much to be threats."



Kelsey Kottraba, elementary education



Taylor Nordby, elementary education

"I could see it happening. I mean we did beat them at their own sport, so ..."



Rob Harcharik, elementary education

"When I look at Canadians, I kind of just look at them like they're from South Park, where their faces are cut in half and they've got (flappy heads)."

Find out whether Kaimin reporter Justin Franz could make it as a Shaun White impersonator.

Watch the video version of Around the Oval at [MontanaKaimin.com](http://MontanaKaimin.com).

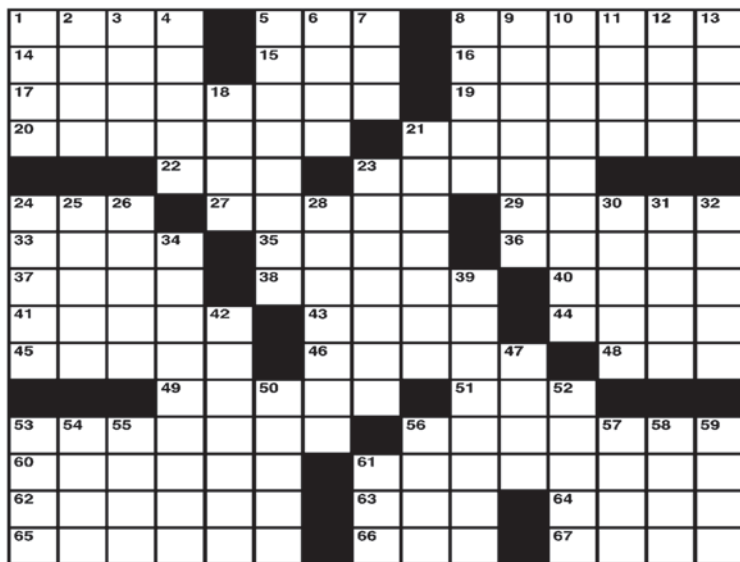
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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

#### ACROSS

- 1 Mesmerized
- 5 Medicinal amt.
- 8 Fenway Park city
- 14 "East of Eden" director Kazan
- 15 "\_\_\_ Do You Love?": Bo Diddley classic
- 16 Concert bonus
- 17 "Stable storage enclosure
- 19 They save the day
- 20 Affliction
- 21 Be scared to
- 22 Bank acct. entry
- 23 Symbol on several keys
- 24 No \_\_\_: menu notice
- 27 Company featuring cavemen in its ads
- 29 Letter-shaped hardware
- 33 Chinese currency
- 35 Play thing
- 36 It's a wrap
- 37 Mrs. Peel of "The Avengers"
- 38 Arias, e.g.
- 40 Plastic surgeon's offering, for short
- 41 "Ghostbusters" co-writer Harold
- 43 Laugh from a Stogie
- 44 In unfamiliar territory, maybe
- 45 Dandruff site
- 46 Commonly cluttered room
- 48 Maiden name lead-in
- 49 Reward for merit
- 51 Egg carton no.
- 53 Great Plains terrain
- 56 Mötley Crüe's two
- 60 Attach, perhaps with hardware that begins the answers to starred clues
- 61 \*Benjamin Button portrayer
- 62 Fellini's realm
- 63 Site of the smallest bone in the body
- 64 Lowly worker
- 65 Sleep apnea sufferer, often



By Scott Atkinson

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#### DOWN

- 1 Former gen.'s status
- 2 Jai \_\_\_
- 3 Cam's output
- 4 Sulu portrayer on "Star Trek"
- 5 Lively "Texas" dances
- 6 Cobbler's concern
- 7 Spitz-type dog, for short
- 8 Joy of "The View"
- 9 Burdensome
- 10 \*Wacko
- 11 Ren or Stimp, e.g.
- 12 Its creme may be eaten first
- 13 Hornet's home
- 18 Tolloed
- 21 Fail to finish school
- 23 Altar boy
- 24 Clinton press secretary Dee Dee
- 25 "Poison" shrub
- 26 Beta follower
- 28 Early metalworking period

#### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 30 Belted constellation
- 31 Forgetful moment
- 32 Conservative IRA asset
- 34 "Game that goes down to the wire
- 39 Sudden-braking result
- 42 "I don't want to hear the rest"
- 47 More than chilly
- 50 Iraqi money
- 52 Rock artist Frank
- 53 Cpls.' underlings
- 54 Picnic spoiler
- 55 "It will come \_\_\_ surprise"
- 56 River through southern Russia
- 57 One-eighties
- 58 Corvette roof option
- 59 Train sched. list
- 61 Blossom visitor

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## Downtown businesses evacuated after backhoe strikes gas pipeline

Mike Gerrity  
Montana Kaimin

A gas leak forced some of downtown Missoula's morning crowd to evacuate Break Espresso and Charlie B's bar Tuesday.

Joe Toth, battalion chief for the Missoula City Fire Department, said a construction worker was using a backhoe to dig in the alley behind Charlie B's when he struck a half-inch-diameter service gas pipeline. He said the man immediately called 911 when he realized what had happened.

At about 9:45 a.m., Ryan Romanelli was working in the kitchen of the Dinosaur Café at the back of Charlie B's when the construction worker came in the back door.

"The guy came in the back and ordered everybody out," Romanelli said.

Chad Preble, who was working in Break Espresso's bakery, said the same construction worker then ran into the coffee shop through the back and warned everybody about the leak.

Fire trucks arrived and lined the corner of Spruce Street and Higgins Avenue, and a large fan was brought in to force air out the front door of Break Espresso.

Meanwhile, both Break Espresso and Charlie B's were evacuated, forcing customers to wait outside. Many were unprepared like Meghan Rorick, who stood outside clutching her laptop computer, shivering in a light fleece jacket and sweatpants.

A spokesperson for Northwestern Energy said the crew repaired the gas line within an hour, and the nearby buildings were all checked out to make sure there were no traces of gas left.

At 10:42 a.m. the order came from inspectors that the area was clear of gas and people could go back inside.

Less than a year ago, a gas leak caused an explosion that killed one person and destroyed half a city block in Bozeman.

Toth said Missoula's situation was different because the gas was leaking outside into the open air, significantly diminishing any sort of threat to the building or anybody inside. The Bozeman blast was more dangerous for many reasons, Toth said.

"That was a long period of time that the gas was leaking into a confined space," Toth said.

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## The daily grind



Ben Coulter/Montana Kaimin

A skateboarder sails over the front steps of the West Auxillary Gym on Monday afternoon.

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Armstrong said groups rarely receive less than what is stated in the executive recommendation, but it can depend on the Senate's impression of how responsibly a group used its funds and whether it respectfully represents the University.

After each lobbying session the Senate opens the floor for informal lobbying or questions from 9 to 10 p.m.

The lobbying schedule is posted outside ASUM's office on the first floor of the UC.

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## SIDELINES

### WEEKLY HOME SCHEDULE

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Montana State at Montana,  
Saturday, 2 p.m.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Montana at Sacramento State,  
Saturday, 7 p.m.

### WEEKLY AWAY SCHEDULE

#### WOMENS TENNIS

Montana at Weber State,  
Friday, 3 p.m.

Montana at Utah State,  
Saturday, 11 a.m.

Montana at Idaho State,  
Sunday, 10 a.m.

#### INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Montana at Big Sky Conference  
Championships,  
Friday and Saturday

#### GOLF

Montana at Northern Arizona  
Red Rocks Invitational, Friday  
and Saturday

### BRIEFING

#### FRANK WINS WEEKLY BIG SKY HONOR

Montana sophomore Joey Frank was named the men's track and field Big Sky Conference Player of the Week Tuesday, four days after his shot put effort qualified him for the Big Sky Championships, which will be held this weekend in Bozeman. Frank, a graduate of Loyola Sacred Heart High School, broke the Big Sky standard (50-6) by throwing 51-4.5, giving him his first berth into a Big Sky championship. Frank is ranked 11th out 18 competitors going into the shot put event Saturday, which will include five Montana throwers.

### STANDINGS

#### Men's Basketball

School	Big Sky	Overall
Weber State*	12-2	18-8
Northern Colo.*	11-4	22-6
<b>Montana*</b>	<b>10-5</b>	<b>19-8</b>
Montana State*	9-6	14-13
Northern Ariz. *	7-8	13-13
Portland State	5-9	10-17
Eastern Wash.	4-10	8-20
Idaho State	4-10	7-20
Sacramento State	3-11	9-19

\*Clinched berth in postseason tournament

#### Women's Basketball

School	Big Sky	Overall
Eastern Wash.*	10-3	17-9
<b>Montana</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>13-12</b>
Portland State	8-5	14-12
Sacramento State	7-5	12-13
Montana State	7-6	14-12
Idaho State	7-6	12-14
Northern Colo.	5-8	13-14
Northern Ariz.	3-10	5-21
Weber State	3-10	9-17

\*Clinched berth in postseason tournament

## Sports Union rallies for big showing



## ASUM organizes budget as clubs lobby for money

Tyson Alger  
Montana Kaimin

Various clubs around campus this week are lobbying the university for money as ASUM organizes its spring budget.

Sports union president Mackenzie Flahive-Foro, a member of the women's rugby team, said gathering the different clubs into one room — such as Wednesday night when the sports union gathered for the formal lobbying session — is crucial in showing the University how big the club-sport universe is.

"We're trying to get the whole union together," Flahive-Foro said before the meeting. "We want to fill the room and show them how big we really are."

Around 13 teams make up the sports union, many of which are dependent on the money the university provides them.

A year ago, ASUM proposed to provide the union with \$13,000, but because of the strong lobbying by clubs, the final payout was closer to \$22,000, Flahive-Foro said.

"The \$13,000 that they originally proposed last year was honestly ridiculous," Flahive-Foro said. "We have at least 13 clubs, so that would have been only around a grand a team."

Flahive-Foro said she hopes the union will get a similar amount this year, if not more.

ASUM business manager Jake Armstrong said the money allotted for the sports union derives from a pool of about \$850,000 that goes to various campus activities like UM Productions, legal expenses and administration.

While that pool of money is directly related to the number of enrolled students — which hit an all-time high this spring — Armstrong said the sports union's stipend from ASUM depends on a

couple of factors.

Rising costs and renovations, such as the University Hall renovation, take a chunk out of the budget. Then there is the question of how much the union actually needs.

"Things like 'How many people are participating?' and 'What do they really need for funding?' are things we consider," Armstrong said. "There is only so much we can give."

In the sports union, teams are put into a three-tier system, with the top tier receiving the most money.

The top-tier teams include women's rugby and men's hockey, while the women's hockey team resides in the second tier of the sports union.

On Tuesday, the teams split up into groups to attend the informal lobbying sessions.

During these sessions, teams can meet with ASUM senators and talk about their financial needs face-to-face.

This close-up interaction with the senators is crucial in the lobbying process, said women's hockey president Stephanie Mann.

"It's more important for us to talk to them individually as the team than the formal session where everyone is there as one big group," Mann said. "I think it's good for all the clubs to participate because it creates an awareness for what clubs can do. We do a lot in the community. We represent the school. Some students even come to the school because of the clubs."

Even with the money supplied to the union from ASUM, many club teams still need to fundraise and have students pay dues in order to participate.

Flahive-Foro said once the ASUM makes its decision on how much the sports union is allotted,



**TOP:** UM Women's Equestrian team members smile and wave when introduced to the ASUM Senate members at Tuesday's meeting. It was one of many teams to dress up and represent themselves.

**ABOVE:** Members of various UM sports teams exit the ASUM senate meeting Tuesday evening. A large number of athletes dressed up and attended in support of fellow Sports Union members seeking additional funding.

Photos by Ali Vandergon

the union will hold a meeting in April to decide how much each team will get.

The tier system the union uses to allot money is similar to how ASUM divides money between various groups, Flahive-Foro said.

"It's based on how much money is needed, the community and vol-

unteer work, dues and how many games they play," she said. "The teams who are in the lower tiers are ones who either don't really show up to the meetings or they just don't need the money."

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**FASHION**

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one believes their skill set is high enough, so I've had to do a lot of convincing," Morrow said.

Sewing experience can vary among the contestants, according to Morrow. Some are beginning students taking classes at the studio while others are accomplished seamstresses who appear out of the woodwork.

"Last year, we had some very new beginners who had spent a lot of time sketching but hadn't necessarily spent a lot of time sewing," Morrow said. "Yet one of the finalists last year was an impeccable sewer."

The disparity in skill level can make the judging difficult, but Morrow says the creative portion of the score is weighted more to help balance the score. The

contestants are also judged on construction, fit on the model and the solution to the challenge.

Aimee McQuilkin, owner of the Hip Strip boutique Betty's Divine, is one of the judges.

"I judge from the retailing point of view and see how (the contestants) follow current trends," McQuilkin said. "I see if the clothes have hanger appeal."

Betty's Divine provides jewelry and handbags for the Project Selvedge contestants to accessorize their outfits.

"They have free run of the store," McQuilkin said. "Then we assess their skills as a stylist."

The contestants work with a set budget, which Morrow says is small to enhance creativity. After using the unfortunate fabric the first week, contestants can select their fabrics from Selvedge Studio for each successive challenge.

"We provide the supplies," Morrow said, "and people get to see how our fabrics look as clothes."

The competition concludes on the First Friday art walk in May with the final two designers showing a number of garments in a full-length runway show.

"We give them two or three weeks at the end to do a line," Morrow said. "They all come in and ask us lots of questions, some of them we can't answer, but we try to give them our opinion and provide support that way."

Prizes this year include \$500 worth of fabric from Selvedge Studio, a hair perm and a Downtown Dance Collective dance class punch card. The winner also has the option to expand his or her collection into a line of clothing sold at Selvedge Studio and Betty's Divine.

"We've tried doing lines in the past where we sell some of the garments that they make," Morrow said. "It's really hard to accomplish a real line that you manufacture and do different sizes, but if the designers are interested, we try and support them in that."

Since Project Selvedge's inception, the audience size has grown. Morrow said crowds for the show inside the studio have been bursting at the seams.

"We don't really have enough room," Morrow said. "We've sort of outgrown our space, so we're just working with it for now."

Last year, Morrow rented the Crystal Theatre for the show, but now the Montana Repertory Theatre rents it for most weekends.

"Before, the Crystal could give us a good deal, but now they have a really consistent business in there so it's harder for us to get it."

To make room for the audience at each week's runway show, employees must move a number of heavy racks of fabric bolts from the center of the room.

"It's a giant pain in the butt, which is why I don't do it more than once a year," Morrow said.

McQuilkin, however, likes the charged atmosphere inside the crowded store.

"The runway spills out onto the sidewalk, which is really great," McQuilkin said. "It's more fun inside a small, packed space."

While Morrow is aware of other possible venues in town, she is reluctant to move the show from its Hip Strip roots.

"I don't want to go too far from here," Morrow said. "People will just have to get here early to find a spot."

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**SUMMIT**

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Diana Lurie will continue the science theme with a workshop on PACE. Lurie is a co-principal investigator for the UM PACE program, which is funded by a National Science Foundation grant. The NSF ADVANCE program, which funds the grant,

promotes representation and advancement of women in the sciences, Kinch said. The two will discuss the background of the grant and its effect on the demographics of UM's science departments, including the 9 percent increase in female science faculty members since the University received the grant in 2003, Kinch said.

Although the PACE program

emphasizes women's advancement, Kinch said many of its policies, like faculty retention efforts and childcare improvements, also help men.

"What's good for women is good for all faculty, and that is true pretty much across the board," Kinch said.

One of the most important changes at this year's summit is the involvement of men, said senior social work and psychology major Chloe Goodman. Goodman is a SARC advocate who has helped with organization for this year's summit and will present a mono-

logue as part of the series "That Takes Gonads." The monologues will celebrate "the strengths and daring feats of strong women and supportive men," according to SARC's summit event schedule.

"I think it's very important to make sure that we build our community based on strong women and women who aren't afraid to go for what they want," Goodman said. "This year, we are including men and allowing them to participate more, which is a really good thing."

Other workshops in the summit will include women's eco-



economic empowerment, sexual nutrition, stress management and self-defense. The final event will be a panel on gender equality and feminism in the 21st century. The three men and three women on the panel will include faculty, SARC advocates, a UM graduate and ASUM President Matt Fennell.

The summit is free and runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The workshops will be in UC room 330, and all are welcome. A full schedule of workshops and biographies for speakers can be found at [www.umt.edu/curry/sarc](http://www.umt.edu/curry/sarc).

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## Sunshine melts away winter gear desires

Jessica Stugelmayer  
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The 2010 Winter Olympics may have inspired people to get outside, but Mother Nature has stopped them in their tracks.

Local outdoor sports businesses and rental shops haven't seen the boost in equipment rental and sales they expected from excitement about the winter games because of the poor snow conditions in Missoula and surrounding areas.

"It's sparking an energy around Missoula, but we don't have the snow in the area," said Mandela van Eeden, an employee with Campus Recreation's Outdoor Program. A senior in marketing at the University of Montana, van Eeden also teaches whitewater kayaking for the program.

The National Weather Service reports on its Web site that the Lower Clark Fork River area is at 68 percent of the average total precipitation received by this date. The Lolo Pass and Lookout areas are both at 50 percent of their normal total precipitation, according to the NWS site.

Natalie Hiller, a program manager for the Outdoor Program, said more people are turning to cross-country skiing and snowshoeing rather than alpine and telemark skiing because of the lack of snow on ski hills. This has been good for the program, which rents cross-country skis and snowshoes.

However, Hiller said people who rent equipment, rather than own it, need to see snow in the valley to be convinced to rent. She said people don't realize that Lolo Pass, which gets more snow, is just 45 minutes away, and offers cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

"If you see blue skies in Missoula, you get excited. But then you look outside, and there is no snow," Hiller said. "There, you get the same blue skies except you have the snow."



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Recreation program instructor Andy Ambelang hangs a pair of snowshoes at the UM Outdoor Program rental shop. The Olympics have sparked interest in winter sports, but Missoula's warm weather has kept equipment sales and rentals down.

Hiller said the program used to rent telemark skis, but this is its first year without them. She said when she looked back on the past few years' fiscal return, the interest had not been enough to warrant upgrading the equipment.

She said upgrading the inventory would cost the program thousands of dollars — money the program doesn't have. Hiller said the Outdoor Program also does not rent alpine skis because the technology keeps changing and they are already available at ski hills.

Gabe Millar, manager of the Trailhead on East Front Street, said although the Winter Olympics have been a topic of conversation, the games haven't caused a change in sales. He said he would like to think the Olympics are motivating people to get out, but he doesn't see them motivated to buy.

His opinion comes after the Trailhead just finished its winter sale. Millar said most of their transactions came from the sale of skis, but he credits that mostly to

the price reduction rather than the Olympics.

Still, Millar said he enjoys getting out in the winter.

"I'm absolutely outdoors," Millar said. "Mostly telemark and alpine touring, a little bit of Nordic to round things out."

Millar agreed with van Eeden and Hiller that snowfall plays a very important part in whether people get the gumption to go outside, but the initiative hasn't been there this year.

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## Skiers to jump for hefty purse of \$8,000

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If you haven't received your fill of spectacular feats of athleticism from the Olympics, Snowbowl will be the place for you this weekend.

The annual Snowbowl Cup Gelande Championship will take place Saturday and Sunday. It will feature amateur and professional skiers from across the nation, jumping distances of up to 200 feet to compete for an \$8,000 cash prize.

Skiers have been preparing for this event all season. If you have been up to Snowbowl recently, you have likely seen skiers testing out the narrow jump that goes between two cliffs near the Grizzly chairlift.

"I think we saw them practicing last weekend," said skier Matt Eickholt. "They go off this big jump and lean way over their skis. I was like, 'Holy shit, that was crazy.'"

Rolf Wilson of Bozeman has won the event five times and now he is one of its coordinators. This will be his 14th year competing, and he said there is more to the event than just who jumps the farthest; there are also style points.

A panel of five judges will rate each skier based on different style aspects of their jump — how they jump, their position in the air and how they land.

For nearly 20 years, at least one of the Wilson brothers — Rolf, Eric or Brent — has participated in the competition. The oldest brother, Brent, won in '96 and again in '98. Since then, one of the brothers has won the event every year. Brent, who won four times, will be judging this year instead of competing.

The youngest brother and two-time winner, Eric, won last year with a 203-foot jump. He said his longest jump ever was 360 feet,

which is the distance of a football field.

"(Eric) has become one of the great Gelande jumpers of our time," Rolf said.

Eric said this year, he is hoping for the best, but the competition will be stiff. He said some of the skiers planning to compete include a member for the U.S. Nordic Team and a member from the Alpine Developmental Squad for the U.S. ski team.

"You have to be a good skier to do this sport," Eric said, "and you have to be a little crazy too. We're all adrenaline junkies."

The Betterside rugby team will be marking where the skiers land. The team has worked the event for the last five years as a fundraiser, but vice president Brenda Taulbee said they do it mostly for enjoyment.

"It's a lot of fun to watch, and there's always a big party with

music and food," Taulbee said.

Most of the skiers in this competition will be from Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Colorado or Montana. But in some years, there have been a few skiers from the East.

Rolf said the requirements for competing in the event include a background in ski jumping and downhill racing, a helmet and health insurance.

Registration opens Feb. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Snowbowl Lodge. Entry fees are \$125 for professionals and \$75 for amateurs. The price for non-skier admittance is \$3.

Practice runs begin Friday afternoon. On Feb. 27, seeding for the amateur and professional competitions will take place. Finals will be held the following day. It is traditional for the winner of the amateur division to take a victory jump in the nude.

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## Curling slides into Western Montana

New Whitefish club grows in popularity

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You have likely seen it on TV during the past few weeks with the coverage of the 2010 Winter Olympics. It's curling, and it's growing in popularity, including here in western Montana, where the state's first organized club has started in Whitefish.

The Whitefish Curling Club got its start early last fall. In a short time, it gathered more than 30 active members in the Whitefish-Kalispell area, who play as much as they can at the Stumptown Ice Den.

"We just try to squeeze as much curling in as we can," said club secretary Will Hagin. "It's a lot of people just getting together and having a good time, so it's not really competitive."

Hagin said the club has eight active teams, each made up of four players: one person pushing a heavy stone across the ice and three others trying to control its speed by sweeping. The stone is aimed at the middle of a large target on the ice to score points. The team with the stone closest to the middle gets a point. The sport, which was introduced to the Winter Olympics in 1998, is often likened to chess on ice.

Since its appearance in the Olympics, more people have noticed the quirky game.

Mike Oehlerich noticed and joined the new club soon after seeing a story in the local newspaper.

Oehlerich was no stranger to the game, however, and his wife, who is Canadian, played when she was in high school. The first time Oehlerich played was in the mid-1990s while visiting a cousin in Calgary who played on a local team. The day Oehlerich showed up, the team was short a player, so he was invited to join.

"I did, and I had a lot of fun," Oehlerich said.

But it wasn't until last year, when he and his wife joined the Whitefish club, that he again stepped out on to the ice, or "sheet" as the players call it.

Shortly after that, Oehlerich and some other members headed north to Alberta for a day of curling and instruction from members of one of the oldest curling clubs in the Canadian west — The Leithbridge Curling Club, established in 1887.

Oehlerich said many of the members from Whitefish are new to the sport, mainly because of its lack of visibility in the United



## CURLING

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States. But with the help of the Canadian club, they were able to enjoy a full day of training and playing. Though the team could have fared better against the Canadians.

"We got slaughtered," he said. "But it was all in good fun."

That "all in good fun" seems to be the marching order for most people who play the game, Hagin said, adding that two curlers from North Dakota and Idaho came over for a weekend last fall to teach people the game and get things set up. A club from Bismarck, N.D., loaned the Whitefish club a set of

**"It's an inexpensive sport, except for all of those stones."**

John Hoepfer, Whitefish Curling Club president

curling stones, which was a big help — used stones can cost up to \$500, while the new ones seen in the Olympic Games cost almost \$1,000. Not to mention the fact that a game requires 16 stones.

"It's an inexpensive sport, except for all of those stones," said club president John Hoepfer.

But, Hoepfer said, it's a sport based in a very generous community.

"All the people we have been involved with have been so gener-

ous and helpful, and it's been so astounding to me," Oehlerich said.

And that generosity hasn't ended with other curling enthusiasts. Hoepfer said the donations from local businesses and area citizens have helped the club acquire two sets of second-hand stones from a club in Canada.

Hoepfer said the club plans on extending that generosity in the coming months and achieving its goal of spreading the word.

"It's our hope to grow interest in the sport in the state," Hoepfer said.

One of the ways to do that will be hosting a Learn to Curl event

in Missoula in late April at the Glacier Ice Rink. Hoepfer said the event is still in the works, but the club plans on bringing all of its equipment to help out for the weekend, and it is possible that, by this time next year, Missoula will have a club.

"We're very excited about the chance of expanding into Missoula," Hoepfer said.

For now, Hoepfer is focused on the club in Whitefish, which has a lot of promise.

"There is some serious competition, besides just having fun," Hoepfer said.

Hoepfer's club comes under the

umbrella of U.S.A. Curling, which oversees all of the sport's clubs as well as the Olympic team. Every year, regional and national competitions are held, and even though most of the players in Whitefish are new to the sport, Hoepfer believes that they have players with the potential of going beyond the ice in Whitefish.

"We could put a (contending) team together now," Hoepfer said. "We're ready."

For more information about the Whitefish Curling Club, visit its Web site at [www.whitefishcurling-club.com](http://www.whitefishcurling-club.com).

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## Funding for wildlife agencies swells due to fears over gun control last year

Associated Press

Wildlife officials say last year's fears that the Obama administration would enact sweeping gun control reform have translated into a windfall for wildlife agencies nationwide.

Receipts for the Pitman-Robertson Fund, funded by an excise tax on guns and ammunition, are up 40 percent across the country. Adam Brooks, federal aid

program manager for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, said that has meant a \$3.5 million increase in cash for wildlife conservation in the state.

The tax, which is collected by the federal government, is levied on firearm and ammunition manufacturers, and the proceeds are distributed based on states' shares of hunters and habitat. Brooks said Montana's \$12.5 million cut was delivered Feb. 12.

The taxes were collected

between Sept. 31, 2008, and Oct. 1, 2009, and the increase correlates with the 2008 national election, which was marked in the West by speculation that Obama would pursue strict gun control legislation.

"A lot of it is related to the run on guns and bullets right after President Obama was elected," said Ken McDonald, wildlife division administrator with FWP.

He said wildlife officials don't expect the increase to continue.

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