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## THE SNOW IS FALLING

Lookout Pass opens Friday, other local areas will follow suit

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CAMPUS

#### Nonprofit pledges \$500K for athletic facility upgrade

#### Cody Blum Montana Kaimin

A nonprofit organization aimed at funding student-athlete scholarships recently committed \$500,000 for the improvement of athletic facilities on the University of Montana campus.

The Grizzly Scholarship Association State Board of Directors unanimously approved to match \$500,000 worth of outside donations for the construction of a new athlete academic center, weight room, locker rooms and lights for Washington-Grizzly Stadium in late October.

The Montana Board of Regents granted approval for UM to hire an architecture firm to execute the plans. A&E Architects was awarded the bid and submitted a timeline that shows complete plans for the project by the end of the year.

The Grizzly Scholarship Association is an independent nonprofit organization with more than 2,000 members across the country. The group works with

the UM athletic department to cover the large costs of studentathlete scholarships and other expenditures through contributions from private donors. Assistant Athletic Director and Executive Director of the GSA Greg Sundberg said the decision symbolizes a much-needed commitment to student athletes.

"As a leader in the Big Sky Conference, we haven't made enough of a commitment to our athletes," he said. "Though we've talked about it, we know that these facilities are a priority on campus now."

Sundberg said it's been too long since the "underbelly" of the athletic program got any attention. "We have beautiful competition facilities," Sundberg said. "It's the underbelly where student athletes spend 80 percent of their time."

Associate Athletic Director Kent Haslam works with the UM foundation alongside the GSA to fundraise for the athletic department. "I think what the GSA See ATHLETIC FACILITY, page 7

## FEATURE PHOTO Of moose and men



#### Tim Goessman/Montana Kaimin

Law students Matt McKeon, AJ Miller and Derek Oestreicher steal Bertha the moose from the Forestry building Tuesday evening. The students trashed the building, stacked up desks in massive piles and stole trophies, awards, benches, saws, signs and axes. The theft of the moose and the trashing of the Forestry building is part of a rivalry between the School of Law and School of Forestry that has been happening for nearly 100 years. In the spring the Foresters will seek revenge on the School of Law.



Hannah J. Ryan Montana Kaimin

In 2010, the University of Montana made an ambitious promise to be carbon neutral by 2020. This week, the Kaimin checks in on UM's plan to meet that goal with a proposed woody biomass boiler in a three-part series. Part Two takes a look at the global trends of biomass energy.

The University of Montana is not alone in its pur-

## Biomass energy gains steam worldwide

suit of a biomass-fueled heating system. To reduce their consumption of natural gas and carbon footprints, institutions across the nation are thinking about renewable energy.

"There is a lot of expectation for the future that 10 to 20 percent of the country's energy can be generated from biomass," said Steve Running, UM climate change scientist and Noble Prize winner. "If we get clever about it, it can happen. But we have to be smart about using wastes that would otherwise be thrown away."

That is exactly what UM's woody biomass plant proposes to do: Heat campus by using the wood scraps left over from logging or trees killed by pine beetles.

"Carbon footprints are what I study," Running said. "So a project like this is almost a no-brainer. If we aren't willing to experiment with energy alternatives, who is? A biomass plant is an example of how communities can take charge."

UM has the opportunity to lead this charge with the education facilities built directly into the biomass plant.

There will be a classroom within the building where the College of Technology's Energy Technician Program will meet. Running plans on having his students in the climate change minor do internships at the plant. College of Forestry and Conservation students could also be sees universities as the cominvolved when studying sustainable forestry.

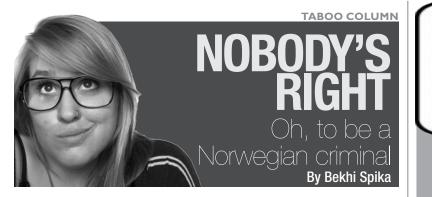
College of Forestry alumnus Charles Gale, who graduated last year with a degree in resource conservation and a minor in climate change, said he's seen the popularity of biomass spread across the

country.

Gale is currently doing research on the wood product industry for UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Using biomass is a way to manage forests and bring the benefits to the community, he said. Gale said he munity educators, and they should be the institutions spurring the change.

"At the University of Idaho, there is a biomass boiler right next to their classrooms," Gale said. "It's been there since the '80s. Why See BIOMASS, page 8





As a senior in college, my life is about as desirable as toenail fungus. I'm broke, overworked and underpaid, and seemingly always wrong. It almost makes me want to become a Norwegian criminal.

All joking aside, that really wouldn't be a bad alternative — Norway is known for its posh treatment of prisoners. Take Norway's Halden Prison, for example: It offers its "pupils" (as they are called) access to personal trainers, a professional recording studio, private bathrooms, a state-of-the-art gym, free dental checkups, music classes and a well-stocked library. Bastoy Prison, another Norwegian jewel, is built on a small island that has no fences or watchtowers and provides its inmates with tidy cottages. The prisoners tend to livestock and do farm work during the day, and can go swimming or horseback riding after chores. Norway's big focus is on rehabilitation rather than punishment, and all criminals have a maximum sentence of 21 years (but this sentence can be extended indefinitely in five-year increments if needed).

There was a lot of conflict surrounding Norway's luxurious prisons following the mass homicide in Oslo last July when 32-year-old Norwegian Anders Breivik dressed as a policeman and killed 76 people. It would horrify most Americans to think that Breivik could end up in a prison that allowed its inmates to go horseback riding or record albums. He most likely won't end up in such lavish conditions, but it still raises the issue: How can justice exist in this type of jail system?

The U.S. operates in stark contrast to Norway. In many of our prisons, inmates are treated like bacteria — once we remove deviants from mainstream society, we promptly forget about them. We prefer to leave them shoved away in a corner rather than address the real concerns their crimes illuminate, like why do we have such a drug problem in our country? Or what is the cause of all this theft?

With justice in mind, consider this: According to a study by King's College London, the U.S. has the highest number of prisoners out of all the developed nations in the world per capita (we incarcerate 743 people per every 100,000). But instead of the bad guys being behind bars, two-thirds of our inmates are petty, nonviolent offenders who simply can't make bail (according to an NPR report). Norway, on the other hand, only incarcerates 73 people out of every 100,000 and has one of the lowest murder rates in the world.

It's obvious that our system isn't working. I mean, if you slap a kid on the wrist for stealing a cookie, will he stop snatching cookies? No. He'll just be sneakier about it. With \$23,000 being invested in each prisoner every year, it would be worth our time to only incarcerate those who deserve it, and to use their prison time to rehabilitate them, not forget about them.

The convicts in jail aren't the true criminals of our society — Uncle Sam is.

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"People are going to have to start trusting me with their children sooner than they thought."

THE INTERNET IS A forum for information, and overwhelmingly the information it provides is free.

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The First Amendment gives us the liberty to publish our thoughts in words, photography or even viral videos. But, there is also a danger to this open marketplace of information, as there are groups who have used the distribution power of the Internet for less than legal activities.

WikiLeaks was founded in 2007 based on the merits of freedom of information — "an uncensorable Wikipedia for untraceable mass document leaking and analysis." It is a platform to anonymously leak classified information to shed light on government corruption.

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"Let me give you some advice, Dan. Don't turn your back on thespians."

EDITOR COLUMN

#### **ARTS+CULTURE** How free is information? By Michael Beall, Arts+Culture Editor

ber 2010, WikiLeaks exposed hundreds of thousands of classified documents on questionable military exercises in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as 250,000 diplomatic cables between the U.S. and our allies.

The cables outline U.S. spying to obtain foreign diplomats' personal information, attempts to remove highly enriched uranium from Pakistan and that North Korea is aiding Tehran's weapons program.

Since publishing the documents, WikiLeaks has been the subject of a banking embargo initiated by Mastercard, Visa, Bank of America and PayPal that has blocked all but 5 percent of WikiLeaks' funding. Essentially, these companies are refusing to process any donations that would go to and support WikiLeaks. The irony is that these same companies can be used to fund the Knight Party, which supports the KKK.

Like Wikipedia, Wikileaks relies solely on private donations to

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both receive and distribute information. Its financial difficulties are by no means due to a lack of support, but simply a fundraising platform.

Plus, WikiLeaks wasn't the only "news" organization to publish the classified documents. The New York Times, Britain's The Guardian and Germany's Der Spiegel are among the few traditional news outlets that were leaked the information and published articles.

Morally and ethically, WikiLeaks has the right to reveal these secrets. They didn't personally steal the classified information, but simply distributed it for people to see. Americans have a right to know when their government has been secretly bombing Yemen, or that Saudi Arabia pressed the United States to attack Iran, which the documents brought to light. Journalists, activists and students believe in free speech, and there's a reason the First Amendment is indeed first in the Bill of Rights.

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## Social media helps solve crimes

#### Paige Huntoon Montana Kaimin

Tips to the Missoula County Sheriff's Department have increased by 50 percent through the use of Facebook and Twitter, said Jason Johnson, the department's public information officer.

Johnson was a detective recruited by Sheriff Carl Ibsen to become the public's liaison and create the department's Facebook and Twitter pages, which launched in July. His experience volunteering in the community and giving speeches for the department made him an ideal spokesperson, Johnson said.

"One of (Ibsen's) goals was to make the department more user-friendly," Johnson said.

Before the Facebook and Twitter accounts were created,

the website used by the sheriff's department was "stagnant," Johnson said, and cases were going unresolved. But when the "Can You ID Me" posts on Facebook started, tips increased exponentially.

"(Facebook) is kind of a ready-made audience," Johnson said. "It's obviously very beneficial."

As of Tuesday, the sheriff's page had 585 "likes."

Working in tandem with the sheriff's department is the Five Valley Crimestoppers, which serves Missoula, Ravalli and Mineral counties. Keith Koprivica, board chairman of the organization, said the Crimestoppers Facebook and Twitter pages were created about two years ago, though they've been used more actively in the last six months to improve public communication. Korivica said the organization has seen about twice the amount of tips in that same amount of time, and gained several followers on Facebook.

"We gained about eight or 10 followers last week," he said.

The page had 112 "likes" as of Tuesday.

The goal of the social media pages was to get more information out to more people, and Facebook provided a way to get the word out, Koprivica said. He said smartphones help disseminate information even faster.

"It's instantaneous," he said. "That information is at their fingertips."

Koprivica said most older residents of Missoula already know about Crimestoppers, and the social media websites distribute information younger See CRIMESTOPPERS, page 7

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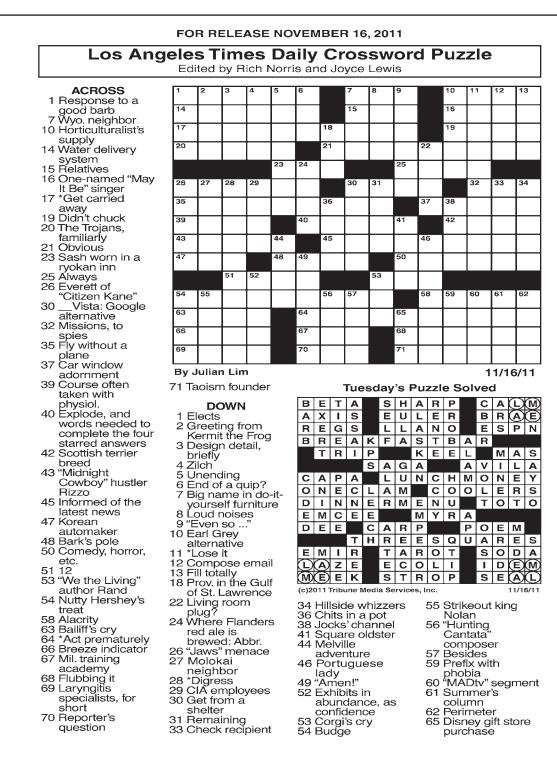
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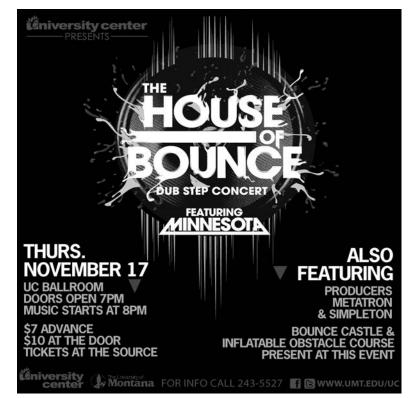
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## a Nina to make Montana a powderhound's paradise\_

#### **Brooks Johnson** Montana Kaimin

The snow might be sparse on the valley floor this week, but skiers and snowboarders can rejoice — the season is here. Winter's fury has returned with a vengeance named La Nina.

A skier's favorite weather phenomenon, La Nina means the snow should pile up and the temperatures should stay low in the Northern Rockies this winter. She's already made an impact as Lookout Pass prepares for a Friday opening.

Straddling the Montana-Idaho border, the interstate-side ski area will open one lift to the 5,650 foot summit and at least 10 runs.

"We got almost two feet over the weekend, it's snowing right now, it's supposed to snow through the week," Lookout's Marketing Director Bill Jennings said.

Last March, Lookout Pass received more snowfall than any other ski resort on earth in a seven-day period, which totaled six and a half feet, he said.

There's currently about two feet of snow at Lookout Pass with snowy forecasts through the weekend. It opens Friday at 9 a.m. Pacific time.

Snowbowl, Missoula's backyard ski area, might open Saturday, Nov. 26, said groomer operator Pat McKay.

The snow is piling up, but it's still shallow. McKay and two other groomers were packing down lower runs Tuesday in anticipation of the week's snowy forecast.

The 23-year Snowbowl veteran said last year was incredible, and hears positive predictions for the upcoming season.

"If they're right, we're going to have a repeat," he said.

Those predictions have some scientific backing, says University of Montana geosciences professor Johnnie Moore. He said current data and models indicated a La Nina pattern through January at least.

"Statistically, that means chances of cooler weather and more precipitation," he said. "So statistically speaking, it should be a good ski year. But it might not be."

La Nina occurs when the Pacific Ocean's temperature drops around the equator, sending cold weather and precipitation to the American Northwest and a warm winter to the Southeast.

This news has circulated among customers visiting local board shop Edge of the World, employee Chris Bacon said.

"We've been busy after a really good season last year and with all the hype going into this year. It's pretty cool," Bacon said. brooks.johnson@umontana.edu

#### Around the region, other resorts are preparing their machinery and training their lifties.

Big Sky Resort, south of Bozeman, and Discovery, near Phillipsburg, open Thanksgiving Day.

- Great Divide, near Helena, will open a chairlift on Sunday, Nov. 20.
- Lost Trail, south of Missoula on the Idaho border, will likely open in the first half of December, according to its website.
- Blacktail Mountain, outside of Lakeside, has picked up snow, but has no projected opening date. ٠



MONTANA

## Scandinavian wonderland

Seeley Lake looks to build world-class ski area

#### **Emily Downing** Montana Kaimin

While the snowy weather might have some skiers dreaming of the day when the lifts open, others are planning excursions of the Nordic variety.

And Nordic skiers in Seeley Lake are planning something a bit bigger.

Seeley Lake is looking at Nordic skiing to revive its dragging winter economy. A recent feasibility study on the quality of the town's 18 kilometers of ski trails indicated conditions are nearly perfect for a world-class Nordic ski area.

The problem is, Seeley Lake doesn't have the facilities needed to host world-class races. That's what Seeley Lake ROCKS, an organization which seeks to promote outdoor recreation in the area, is working on.

ROCKS — an acronym for Regional Outdoor Center for Kenetic Sports — is the brainchild of a group of local Nordic skiers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Lynn Carey, a founding member of the 19-year-old Seeley Lake Nordic Club, said the main idea is to become an attractive venue for prestigious ski races. Right now, the town hosts the 50 km OSCR Nordic race every winter, as well as a few biathalon events, but that's just about as much as the town can currently handle.

"If you hold some of these races here, we don't have the infrastructure for that right now," Carey said. "If we can get to the point where we can add more skiers, so much the better."

Once the snow falls, the Seeley Lake area should offer perfect conditions for Nordic skiing, something the feasibility study confirms. According to the report, the Seeley Lake area offers rolling terrain "reminiscent of Scandinavia" and ideal for a Nordic course. Snowfall is usually consistent throughout the winter, and the town's relatively low 4,028-foot elevation gives it a slight advantage over skiing destinations like 6,667-foot West Yellowstone and 5,945-foot Sun Valley, Idaho.

"We knew we had good snow, we knew we had grooming and we knew we had the trails," said Karen Pratt, a member of the Nordic club. "We just didn't know if we had enough."

To afford the study, the Seeley Lake community council applied for a grant from the Montana Department of Commerce. The resulting \$25,000 was used to hire Morton Trails, a Vermont-based company that deals with the planning and design of recreation trails, to complete the feasibility study. The results came back positive. With time and money—lots of money—the town could build the racing and lodging facilities and the trail distance needed to host world-class Nordic competitions and events.

The good news initiated the founding of ROCKS. Pratt said the group's present goal is to attain 501c3 (nonprofit) status. After that, they can focus on the big part: fundraising.

There's a lot to do on that front. The feasibility report states the development would cost the town \$790,000 for the lowest level of facilities, or if it wanted to go all-out, \$3.2 million.

Recently, the Seeley Lake Ranger District received a \$450,000 grant that will be used for a new trailhead and parking area for the Nordic trails. District ranger Tim Love said the Forest Service is happy to help improve use of public land through supporting Nordic skiing, something he said could become an important resource for Seeley Lake.

"Snow is a big resource we do have," he said. "When storms come in and start precipitating on the Missions, they don't take a breath before the Swan. It just doesn't stop."

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**Grizzly defensive tackle** Bryan Waldhauser (50) battles center Tyson Tiatia (65) of Weber State during their match on Oct. 29 in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Waldhauser is currently in the Master of Business Administration program at the University of Montana and maintained a 3.62 GPA throughout college.

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## Griz linemen receive academic honors

#### **Daniel Mediate** Montana Kaimin

Bobby Alt and Bryan Waldhauser have a knack for pummeling quarterbacks. They also have an affinity for earning standout grades in the classroom.

College Sports Information Directors of America recently named Alt and Waldhauser, both senior defensive linemen for this year's Montana Grizzlies football team, to the Capital One Academic All-District 7 team.

Both players will now advance to the Capital One Academic All-American Team ballot, where first and second-team All-American honorees will be selected later this month.

Waldhauser, a 6-foot-4, 260-pound native of Worden,

graduated last spring and carried a 3.62 GPA en route to earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in business. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Business Administration program at UM.

Waldhauser is the Grizzlies' fourth leading tackler with 59 stops. He leads the team with 10 tackles for loss and in sacks with 4.5. He is among the FCS national leaders in tackles for loss per game with 1.10 a game.

Waldhauser was named the Big Sky's Player of the Week on defense for his performance in UM's 28–24 win at Northern Arizona where he had 10 tackles and two sacks. He was named to the league's all-academic teams in 2009 and 2010.

Alt, a 6-foot-3, 240-pound-

er from Ontario, Calif., maintains a 3.92 GPA in sociology. He is the ninth leading tackler for the Grizzlies with 36 total tackles. He has started in all 10 games this season, and is fifth on the squad with 6.5 tackles for loss.

This is the second year in a row Alt has been named to the All-District 7 academic squad. He was also named to the conference's all-academic team last season.

Alt and Waldhauser were two of four Big Sky Conference players named to the All-District 7 squad. Also on the team was Montana State receiver Tanner Bleskin (3.95 GPA in exercise science) and offensive lineman Mason Long of Northern Colorado (3.79 GPA in biological sciences).

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#### ATHLETIC FACILITY From page I

did was step in and say, 'we are behind our student athletes'," Haslam said. He pointed out that one of the biggest steps in getting the program rolling was the support of UM President Royce Engstrom.

Engstrom wrote in a press release, "These improvements directly impact student-athlete welfare and will provide the best tools possible for UM student athletes to succeed in their competitions and academics."

The GSA is currently outlining fundraising opportunities for the coming year. The biggest one in sight is the spring football game, which the GSA

puts on every year in different parts of the state. This year, the game will be in Missoula, and all proceeds from the event will contribute to the \$500,000 the association plans to match.

The GSA and UM hope to raise \$6 million to upgrade athletic facilities, while nearly \$2 million has already been collected and pledged.

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Tim Goessman/Montana Kaimin Junior tennis player Andrew Warren lifts weights with the Grizzly Men's Tennis team on Nov. 15 in the weight room in the Adams Center. Nearly \$2 million has been committed to the improvement of athletic facilities on the University of Montana campus, which will include a new weight room.

# NEWS 7



#### **CRIMESTOPPERS** From page 3

residents and college students may not know. Younger generations aren't specifically targeted by Crimestoppers, but involving them can only help, Koprivica said.

"I think that's the future of any organization: young people," he said.

Johnson said he posted a notice of a burglary on the sheriff department's Facebook page, and received calls much quicker than if the notice had been on the department's web page or the evening news.

"Within an hour, I got a phone call," Johnson said.

Though the caller didn't have a tip and was just looking for more information, Facebook helped achieve the goal of getting information out quickly, he said.

Crimestoppers takes tips

anonymous, and offers rewards of up to \$1,000 if the information provided leads to solving a crime. However, tips are not accepted via Facebook or Twitter.

"It'll be a while before we take tips online," Koprivica said, though it is an eventual goal for the organization.

The most beneficial aspect of Facebook, Koprivica said, was the rejuvenation of the "Crime of the Week" program. It began when Crimestoppers came to the area 30 years ago, but faded into the background quickly. Like the sheriff's website, the Crimestoppers website was losing appeal and effectiveness among visitors. Facebook provided a medium that circulated the crime of the week to many more people.

"The more tips we can get, the more crimes we can solve," Koprivica said.

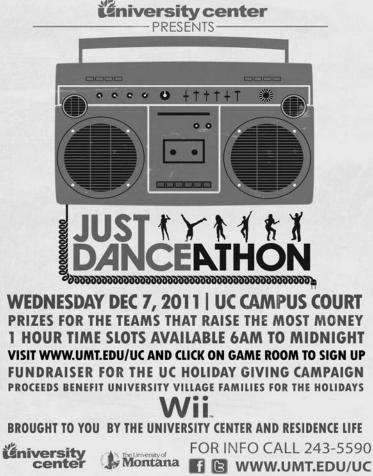
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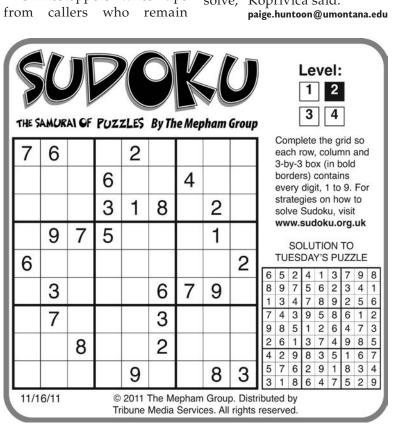
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haven't we started something like this before?"

The University of Idaho has been using biomass to heat its school since 1986, and gets its fuel from a nearby cedar-fencing mill.

Rather than woody biomass, the University of Iowa is using the biofuel of the oat hulls left over from the nearby Quaker Oats plant to supply 100 percent of their campus' heat and 30 percent of their electricity. Iowa's boiler was shipped from the Hurst Boiler and Welding Co. in Georgia.

This October, Eastern Illinois University unveiled their woody biomass plant, one of the largest in the country.

"Eastern Illinois takes a lot of pride in having one of the lowest carbon footprints per square foot for colleges in the state," said Jarrod Scherle, a senator for the student government at Eastern Illinois University, which has an enrollment of about 12,000. The previous heating system at Eastern Illinois was a coalfired plant in the middle of campus. Their biomass plant was contracted by an organization called Honeywell International.

"The new plant is clean and it will save money in the long run," Scherle said. "It gives us a real sense of how society can advance sustainably. It sets a precedent for our generation."

But not all universities that have attempted biomass projects have been successful.

#### **PROBLEMS WITH BIOMASS PLANTS AT** UNIVERSITIES

The University of South Carolina experienced a series of explosions in their biomass plant, which forced the plant's closure. South Carolina's biomass plant was also built by Nexterra, the same company contracted to build UM's plant.

Nexterra could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

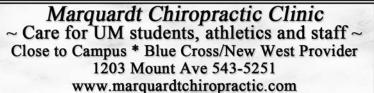
In April, Evergreen State College in Washington was forced to indefinitely halt their plans for a woody biomass plant, due to concern raised by the community on the availability of fuels and if the plant would actually reduce carbon emissions. The county where Evergreen is located approved a one-year moratorium on biomass projects.

"We were told we could never win this," said Maya Face, member of Olympia Rising Tide, an environmental organization that challenged Evergreen State's biomass project. "There have been only a few of us who stuck through, going to every city council meeting, forum and protest. But in the end, we won."

Evergreen State was considering biomass facilities from Nexterra, and had their feasibility study done by McKinstry, the same organization that UM is working on employing.

"I wish UM the best of luck," Face said. "If it comes to physically impeding the process, this is what will open others' eyes to what is important so don't give up." hannah.ryan@umontana.edu

Tomorrow, read Part Three about the costs of UM's biomass plant.





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