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Graduate student Ricky Swatek studies in the Mansfield Library Tuesday afternoon. Swatek says he likes the convenience and quiet.

CAMPUS

## Curry faces \$4M renovation vote

Amy Sisk

Montana Kaimin

Curry Health Center will seek approval this week to renovate the interior of its facility since it has maxed out its ability to serve an increasing student population, said Director David Bell.

He and University of Montana administrators will make a trip to Bozeman to ask the Board of Regents to approve a \$4 million renovation project that could begin as early as next spring and last 18 months. The regents, who govern the state's public higher education institutions, will discuss the proposal Thursday and vote Friday.

"The requests haven't necessarily stopped, but the number of actual visits into the health center plateaued because we're at capacity," Bell said. "We don't have the capacity to be able to continue to provide the same level of access that we really value and students

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## BIOMASS SERIES 3/3

Hannah J. Ryan

Montana Kaimin

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

It may be difficult to imagine \$16 million. But the University of Montana is asking students and the Missoula community to think about that much money with the school's proposed woody biomass boiler plant.

The plant could mostly replace natural gas as the fuel source heating campus in an effort to reduce

## Cost of proposed biomass plant still volatile

UM's carbon footprint. Yet natural gas prices are sitting at a 13-month low, according to a report this week by CNBC.

UM currently has a \$6.5 million budget for utilities, and spent \$1.8 million of that on natural gas to heat campus last year. The biomass plant is estimated to save \$1 million.

Tyler Abrams, a senior sales executive at Nexterra, said right now natural gas prices are low, but that's not guaranteed to last.

"Who knows where the price of natural gas will be in the future," Abrams said. "What makes these projects work economically is that they depend on the low, constant fuel of biomass. Biomass fuel is renewable and there is much less of a swing in its price."

Nexterra is the company UM hired to build the million-dollar biomass plant. Nexterra is a Canadian

biomass boiler manufacturer, and UM selected it after studying eight energy firms.

"Boilers have been around for a long time," said Tim Tolman, Montana's representative for McKinstry, the energy consulting firm overseeing the UM biomass project. "Nexterra is learning and developing new practices on an old system and applying them."

For every year the plant is maintained, McKinstry would receive a measurement and verification fee of about \$110,000 from UM. McKinstry's guarantee is that the biomass plant will save as much money as the company determined it would in its feasibility study — \$1 million.

"As we've worked through this we've had to add scrubbers and all this environmental stuff that has jacked up the price so that we can say in good faith that we've a clean project," UM

Vice President Bob Durringer said.

Hugh Jesse, UM director of facilities, said the boilers currently heating UM were installed in the '60s. The lifespan of these natural gas boilers will be extended because the new biomass-fueled boilers will do the majority of the work. The natural gas boilers would only be used for backup, when maintenance is needed and during peak heating needs during the winter.

### Biomass costs questioned

Yet, some question the economic feasibility of biomass fuel over natural gas.

"Unless prices go up dramatically, I don't think biomass will ever compete with natural gas on a cost basis," said Scott Nichols, president of Tarm Biomass, which is a company in New Hampshire that distributes biomass boilers. "But biomass competes in other ways, like its emission reduction possibilities and that it is a renewable

resource that comes from this country."

Natural gas is a good fuel for right now, he said, as people are still trying to figure out what to do when fossil fuels run out.

In May, Mike Burke, chief engineer at UM's heating plant, wrote the Montana University System Board of Regents, which oversees all high education in Montana, offering his concerns about the biomass plant. Part of his opposition to the plant included the financial aspects of the project.

"I don't think there is \$1 million savings in this project to be gotten in the differential between gas prices and wood," he wrote in his letter. "The current scenario is 'rosy' in the assumptions being made."

Burke wrote that McKinstry cannot guarantee the future cost differences between biomass and

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ENVIRONMENTAL COLUMN

## THE SANE ENVIRONMENTALIST

A sparkling scam

By Cody Wooden

Water, as we know, is essential to life. As Americans, we have government bodies like the Environmental Protection Agency that promise that clean water flows from our taps. So why do we pay for bottled water?

A bottle of all-natural, sparkling, glacier spring water might sound tasty when your mouth is dry. Unfortunately, those pictures of mountaintop waterfalls shown on that little plastic wrapper falsely capture the beauty of your bottled water source. Granted, it is pretty hard to make a tap seem appealing when the water flowing out of it doesn't come in a nifty square bottle.

Here in Missoula, we are lucky to have a constant supply of delicious water right underneath our feet in the form of the Missoula aquifer. Comparably, our tap water is damn good. In places like my hometown of Phoenix, the tap water is hard and gritty, making it tough to drink. Bottled water is the norm there, and I'm the crazy one when I fill up my Nalgene from the tap.

Personally, I think bottled water is a scam. According to Fast Company, Americans spend more than \$15 billion a year on bottled water — an expense that could easily be avoided by drinking tap water. Sure, bottled water might taste better sometimes, but would it surprise you that most bottled water is actually tap water? Nestle, the name I always associate with quality water, was sued over false advertising claims in 2003. Their spring water brand, Poland Spring, actually came from ground water in New England that had been heavily treated, not a spring outside Warsaw.

The most interesting part of the bottled water issue is that it's not just one argument environmentalists beat to death — bottled water is unsustainable in other ways too. The World Wildlife Fund estimates that 1.5 million tons of plastic are used globally for bottling water every year, and when it's estimated that nine out of 10 bottles end up in the garbage, that is a lot of plastic waste. For bottles that were only meant to be used once before they are pitched, this is nothing short of an enormous waste.

If we are talking about safety and purity, bottled water and tap water rival each other for overall quality. In many countries around the world, including Mexico, drinking the tap water is a bad idea, thus, bottled water is the only option if you want to avoid Montezuma's Revenge — a local name for an illness travelers contract by drinking tainted water. But in a country like ours where tap water is so tightly regulated and filtered, spending money on bottled water is absurd, especially as the average American throws away 170 plastic bottles every year.

The solution? Your sink. Saving money and helping the environment might be as simple as giving tap water a chance the next time you find yourself utterly parched.

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### UM's brand should focus on good education, good teachers

Inspired by the UM administration's recent announcement of a \$200K investment into a "brand strategy development initiative", I put on my thinking cap. Borrowing from playwright Arthur Miller, and perhaps a little from authors William Kittredge and Annick Smith, here's my one-million-dollar idea: brand UM as a place (the 'last best place?') to receive a quality education!

To ensure fulfillment of the promise for years to come, pay the professionals who deliver that education respectable salaries — in contrast to the sub-living wages of many support staff and last-in-nation salaries of many faculty. Maybe I should have been a professor of Marketing instead of holing up in my mathematical tower.

Mark Kayll

Professor of mathematics

It's the one Saturday a year in Montana when you are one of two things: a Montana State Bobcats fan or a Montana Grizzlies fan.

This year's contest in Bozeman between the No. 1 Bobcats hosting the No. 7 Grizzlies on Saturday at noon is going to be a war for all the marbles — just the way football fans want it.

Here's a breakdown of the game:

#### Quarterbacks

Montana sophomore quarterback Jordan Johnson has emerged as a leader in his first full season playing, despite being hampered by injuries. But the advantage goes to Bobcats' QB Denarius McGhee. The versatile Texas native can extend plays with his arm or feet.

#### Wide receivers

Bobcats' wide receiver Tanner Bleskin is a physical pass-catcher who has a knack for getting under defenders' skin.

The Grizzlies have the advan-

# LETTERS to the EDITOR

### Veterans Day doesn't just recognize old vets

I walked into a coffee shop in Missoula on Nov. 11 and heard an older man speaking loudly to two other older men, in order to make sure all the students with their laptops out would hear. "For being such a liberal school, I don't know why they take Veterans Day off." I immediately walked right over to him and said, "Perhaps it's because more than 10 percent of the student population are veterans." He shut up and nodded. What I want to hear are some older gentlemen that can at least acknowledge the fact that it is a different

generation that has been fighting a 10-year-old war. These are not 60 and 70-year-old men on the battlefield. Some respect, for everyone, would go a lot further in honoring veterans. Isn't that what we fought for?

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Army Paratroopers  
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EDITOR COLUMN

## SPORTS

Downtime with Daniel: Griz-Cat

By Daniel Mediate, sports editor

tage with a slew of talented sure-handed WRs. Led by senior Jabin Sambrano, the Grizzlies have too many threats to shut down.

#### Running backs

UM has a corral of tremendous ball carriers. It's just a matter of them being healthy.

MSU's tailback tandem of Kirk and Robinson has piled up impressive numbers. Kirk has amassed 1,188 yards and 14 scores, while Robinson has gained 571 yards. The advantage favors MSU on this one.

#### Defense

Montana State's defense has blanketed the field this year, but has struggled with injuries. Both the Cats and the Griz are surrendering about 21 points a game, but UM is led by a crew of smash-

mouth defenders. Bryan Waldhauser, Trumaine Johnson and Caleb McSurdy should make an impact on the Bobcats' run-and-gun offense.

#### Special teams

Bobcat Jason Cunningham has nailed kicks all season. Likewise, Griz Brody McKnight recently turned in a six field goal performance. McKnight has been named the Player of the Week on special teams three times this season. He'll be looking for a fourth.

#### Intangibles

The Bobcats have the No. 1 ranking and home-field advantage. But this season the Grizzlies have avenged losses to Cal Poly, Eastern Washington and Weber State from last year. MSU is the last team on their hit list.

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## More than just a 'poor college student'

**Emily Creasia**  
Montana Kaimin

Micah Nielsen was laid off twice this year and lives below the poverty line as a full-time college student.

Nielsen is an Associated Students of the University of Montana senator and chair of the ASUM Student Political Action Committee, which is hosting a panel Thursday called "The Politics of Poverty."

Nielsen said her focus on social issues, paired with her personal experiences, triggered her interest in politics.

She's tried to get food stamps, but said since she only works 16 hours a week

instead of 20, she doesn't qualify.

The ASUM committee is also putting a petition together asking Congress and

“It's a common thing in our society for people to assume if you can afford college then you can afford books, food, rent (and) living expenses.”

Micah Nielsen, ASUM senator and Student Political Action Committee chair

President Obama to make food stamps available to more college students.

Nielsen said it's not okay for students to have to choose between funding college and basic needs.

“Do I choose between paying all my rent, or buying food?” Nielsen asked. “My cell phone and Internet bills, or books?”

Nielsen, a senior from Billings studying political science, said people shouldn't be embarrassed talking about poverty.

“It's a common thing in our soci-

ety for people to assume if you can afford college then you can afford books, food,

rent, living expenses,” she said. “We write it off as being a 'poor college student' but it's not okay.”

State Representative and former executive director of the Poverello Center Elsie Hill, D-Missoula, plans to take part in the panel and said students have the abil-

ity to create change just by paying attention to state and local politics.

“The cuts that are being made are a reflection of our community values,” Hill said. “Students need to pay attention to the people who are making decisions about

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- 1 Big picture
- 6 Title holder?
- 10 Bean used in Asian sauces
- 14 Protective layer
- 15 "Salome" solo
- 16 Piece of mind?
- 17 Pirates' home
- 19 Complete, in Cannes
- 20 Committed to
- 21 "Divine Comedy" poet
- 22 High-tech printer capability
- 26 Group working on tips?
- 28 Playwright Pinter
- 30 Six-pack muscles
- 31 Laundry room brand
- 32 About half a million square miles of Asia
- 35 Dept. of Labor arm
- 39 Bugs, or what's literally found in 17-, 26-, 48- and 59-Across
- 42 Caesarean infinitive
- 43 It parallels the radius
- 44 John Barleycorn
- 45 "Sera, Sera"
- 47 One with goals
- 48 Jersey Shore city popularized by Springsteen
- 54 Pol. convention attendees
- 55 Swing vigorously
- 56 Flexible wood
- 58 Down the drain
- 59 Trudeau comic
- 64 Largest of the Near Islands
- 65 Ornamental vases
- 66 Aqua \_\_\_: alcohol
- 67 Singer who said, "Men should be like Kleenex—soft, strong and disposable"
- 68 Enlightened response
- 69 Frost and others

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By Gary Cee

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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 2 Israeli gun designer — Gal
- 3 Turn bad
- 4 Exterminator's target
- 5 Diminished state
- 6 Brown
- 7 Robin's weapon
- 8 Traces
- 9 "That's rich!"
- 10 "Everything's fine for now"
- 11 Write a 16-Across
- 12 Gossipmonger
- 13 Final word at Orly
- 18 Give a little
- 21 Add (in), as music to a film
- 22 Piece of the pie
- 23 "The Stranger" writer
- 24 Most Egyptians
- 25 Conclusion that doesn't follow
- 27 Scott of "Happy Days"
- 29 Back muscle, for short
- 32 Hair goop
- 33 Have
- 34 Uplifting garb
- 36 Cursed

- 37 Not brown or blue, perhaps
- 38 Australia's — Rock
- 40 One of three duck brothers
- 41 Letters after C or MS
- 46 www address
- 47 Arcade game starter
- 48 Company with a spokesduck

- 49 A deadly sin
- 50 Moistest while cooking
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- 59 SADD focus
- 60 Theater program item
- 61 Colorado native
- 62 Informer
- 63 Celebratory cry

**DOWN**

- 1 Clean, in a way

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# LADY GRIZ BEAT TECH

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Jordan Sullivan of the Lady Griz is fouled as she goes up for a shot against Montana Tech Wednesday at Dahlberg Arena. Sullivan finished with 7 points in the 76-45 Lady Griz win.

**Alexandria Valdez**  
Montana Kaimin

Coming off two close losses last weekend, the Lady Griz basketball team looked to notch a win.

The women raced out to an early lead and never looked back as they defeated the Montana Tech Orediggers on Wednesday night 76-45 in Dahlberg Arena.

Coming into the second half the Diggers were down 25 points to the Griz. Freshman Montana Tech guard Mandy Machinal led the team in points the first half, with five, and teammates fresh-

man Brianne McClafferty and sophomore Kelsey Dewitt chipped in three points each.

As the game progressed the Diggers began playing more aggressively than they did in the first half, making steals and knocking the ball away from Griz players.

Montana junior guard Kenzie De Boer combated Montana Tech's pesky play, getting two steals and contributing eight points in the second half.

At the 16:17 minute mark Montana had one of its largest leads of the night at 28 points, but the last ten minutes Montana Tech tried to

chip away at the Lady Grizzlies' advantage.

Sophomore guard Danielle Devenny scored two 3-pointers in 46 seconds, making the difference in the game 23 points. Montana answered back with freshman Kellie Cole at 9:50 with a jumper.

"I thought we did a lot of things well," Montana head coach Robin Selvig said. "I think obviously we took control the first half and I think Montana Tech has a good team. They run good things and they have some good players, but we jumped on them and they never really

got going."

Sophomore Jordan Sullivan scored the opening points for Montana with a jumper in the opening moments, and Montana Tech answered with a 2-pointer by junior Shay Murphy. The smallest point difference the whole night

would be two points before the Griz quickly ran away with the game.

"We played tougher defense," junior guard Kenzie De Boer said. "I mean, we got tons of steals and in the

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# Brawl of the Wild

**Court Weston**  
Montana Kaimin

No matter how a season is going or what may be on the line, there is nothing like defeating a rival.

Rivalries are sports' greatest traits. They draw the most attention, signify the most meaning and cause emotions among all people involved.

When it comes to college football, there are few better rivalries than the "Brawl of the Wild," which features the Montana Grizzlies and the Montana State Bobcats.

Come Saturday, the 111th meeting between the two schools will be played out in Bozeman.

"If you're from Montana, you're born into the rivalry," UM senior defensive end Ryan Fetherston said. "Whether you're for the Bobcats or the Griz, it sticks with you for life."

The UM-MSU rivalry dates back to 1897, Montana's inaugural season. Through 110 meetings, the Grizzlies hold a 69-36-5 advantage.

"I think it's the eighth-biggest rivalry in the nation," Fetherston said. "And you know that everyone in the state Saturday will be filled with watching this game."

If the usual hype surrounding the Cat-Griz matchup was not enough, the 2011 version offers more significance than most. This year's "Brawl of the Wild" will determine the Big Sky Conference champion.

With an unscathed conference record of 7-0, the Bobcats (9-1 overall) hold sole possession of first place. The Grizzlies are currently second at 6-1 in Big Sky play and 8-2 overall.



Tim Kupsick/Montana Kaimin archive

**Sophomore wide receiver** Tyler Palmer misses a pass from Cole Bergquist in the second quarter against Montana State on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, in Bozeman.

"When it comes down to it, you're playing for a championship," Fetherston said. "Ultimately, we want a national championship, but beating the Cats and winning the Big Sky is one of our goals, and has been since day one."

After starting the season 2-2, Montana has won six straight and are ranked No. 7 in the Football Championship Subdivision. Montana State is No. 1 and has racked up nine straight victories.

Each team comes off a bye week, which is usually thought to

be an added advantage for teams.

"I'd rather have seven days to deal with this lead-up than 14, to be honest," MSU head coach Rob Ash said. "There is so much hype surrounding this rivalry game that I'd like it to come quicker."

UM second-year head coach Robin Pflugrad agrees with Ash but for different reasons.

"You like to have a bye week for health reasons," Pflugrad said. "But when you have some momentum going, you want to go out and keep it going."

Not only does the winner of Saturday's contest keep its winning streak intact and claim the Big Sky crown, it will maintain its

momentum into the playoffs.

If the Bobcats win, they will most likely maintain their No. 1

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**BRAWL**  
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ranking, which would seemingly grant them the first seed in the playoffs. Montana is looking to rise in the rankings with a win and better its play-off seeding.

Being ranked No. 1 in the FCS could make a team a target for all other opponents and cause a team to panic under pressure. However, Ash said he does not see his team's ranking as any added stress, but as a deserved

accomplishment.

"I don't consider it a bull's-eye at all," he said. "I don't think that's a factor at all. I take it as a compliment for my football team."

Regardless of record or ranking, Fetherston says the Cat-Griz rivalry is about something more.

"Even without the rankings, this game means a lot," Fetherston said. "I know they are number one, but we're number seven, and that's pretty good. We're not looking at rankings;

we just want to beat the Cats.

"It's my senior year, so it's about pride. We want to have bragging rights, and it would mean a ton to end my collegiate career having beaten MSU one last time."

Fetherston is optimistic about his team's chances at avenging last year's 21-16 loss at home to Montana State.

"I'd say we have a lot of confidence," he said. "We're really meshing as a team, playing as a unit. The interesting thing is, I've never seen team coordina-

tion like this, so it's exciting to experience."

Although it is Fetherston's final year, signs are pointing to Pflugrad continuing his stint as UM head coach.

"I've been learning a lot of things throughout this year," Pflugrad said. "One thing that I knew coming in, though, was that this is a tremendous rivalry. It's as good as there is in the country."

Both Montana and Montana State realize what's at stake. Both teams have had

two weeks to prepare for each other. Yet, both teams know to prepare for the unexpected.

"It's going to be hard to throw a shut out for either team with these great offenses," Fetherston said. "Or it could be 2-0. That's what's so great about rivalries; you never know what's going to happen."

And as a rivalry with a championship on the line, it's sure to make for an entertaining weekend.

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first half we held them to 15 points, which is awesome. Coming off of last week's losses it was just good for us to get out there and play strong this week."

De Boer was referring to the team's trip over the week-

end where they traveled to Chicago to open their season at the Maggie Dixon Classic tourney. The team fell to Samford University 59-45 and Saint Mary's on a last second basket 67-65.

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**POVERTY**  
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their lives, from the subsidies they are getting for student loans to tuition and education funding."

Nielsen said she's using her loan to pay her rent in the Lewis and Clark Villages and doesn't have a savings account anymore.

In 2009, 47,204 college students nationwide identified themselves as homeless, according to the Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth.

"I was risking eviction last year because I couldn't pay rent," Nielsen said. "I have an extremely generous roommate that buys groceries for both of us ... we eat a lot of Top Ramen and

noodles and food bought in bulk."

Nielsen said there's a difference between absolute poverty and relative poverty. Absolute poverty is a global standard of people living on \$1.25 a day. Relative poverty is poverty as it applies to your local community; in Missoula, that's \$4.50 a day, which she said is less than \$11,000 a year.

ASUM Senator Topher Williams, who also plans to participate in the panel, said homelessness directly affects students at UM.

"We have students here who are homeless," Williams said. "They might be couch surfing or staying with friends, but when it comes down to it, they're homeless."

Williams said students don't need to give homeless people money to help them.

"Ask them what they need," Williams said. "Do they need a burger? Maybe they need tampons or toothpaste or a toothbrush."

Hill said as Thanksgiving approaches, people should appreciate what they have.

"What I've learned as a state legislator is that the impoverished don't have a lobbyist," she said. "No one is standing up for them."

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## BIOMASS From page 8

natural gas. Tax payers and students are the ones who will be making up the difference in the end.

Burke wouldn't comment or elaborate on his letter for this article.

Woodam Chung, a researcher

in UM's College of Forestry and Conservation, studies the sources of woody biomass, how it can be collected and in what ways it can be used to make energy that's worth its price tag. His research is independent from the university's biomass project.

"It's all about economic viability," Chung said. "How can we bring what

used to be waste to a place where it can be processed to produce energy cost-efficiently?"

To make biomass projects feasible there has to be a place close to where trees are harvested as well as the location where the fuel will be turned into energy to ensure that making bioenergy pays off, he said.

Chung said he would not comment on UM's proposed biomass plant because he wants to keep his scientific research separate from his employers projects.

Making biomass feasible is not an easy task, he said. There are many social and environmental issues to address: wildlife habitat, different

land ownerships, forestry management objectives and the available technologies.

"Someday we'll be there," he said.

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**Look for coverage of the final hearing on the biomass plant's air quality permit on Friday.**

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Environmental groups file second appeal on air permit

### Oct. 10 2011

President Royce Enstrom approves the plant's Environmental Assessment

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The Air Pollution Control Board hears appeal and postpones decision

## CURRY From page 1

really value."

He added that students will not see an increase in fees to pay for the renovation. Curry staff have already saved \$1 million to fund the project and are seeking approval to apply for a \$3 million INTERCAP loan from the state government. Bell said the loan would be paid off over the next 15 years.

The proposed renovation comes at a time when some students have resorted to extreme measures to

gain access to Curry's services.

Sophomore Chelsea Niewald made appointments at Curry several times over the past year and still had to sit for hours waiting for a doctor. When she and her roommate came down with the flu last spring, she called to make an appointment and was told all openings were filled for the next two weeks.

So the pair decided to walk to Curry to see if they would have better luck in person by exaggerating their symptoms. In the past, Niewald was turned away after being told that unless the condi-

tion was life-threatening or dangerous, the health center could not fit her in.

"We told a little fib that we were feeling faint and had rapid heartbeats just so we could get in and get medication to stop the vomiting so we could make it to class," she said.

The two were able to see a doctor and receive medication, but their difficulty making an appointment is not a unique case.

Bell said dental appointment slots for the entire semester fill up within the first few weeks. He added that counseling and medi-

cal services face similar scheduling problems, which the renovation should help to ease.

"It will take poorly utilized square footage inside the building and put it to good use," he said.

The health center was originally built with an infirmary containing a full commercial kitchen that has not been used in years. Additionally, the hall next to the dental clinic and health enhancement area actually led to a hospital ward in the 1960s. The hallway had to be constructed wide enough to accommodate stretchers, which are no longer used in

that part of the health center.

Curry's last remodel took place 15 years ago, but some portions of the building have not seen a facelift for more than three decades.

The next step is to find an architect to draw up final plans and then collect bids from contractors, Bell said. To minimize impact on Curry's operations during the construction process, he said he would look to the architect and builders for advice on where to temporarily relocate services.

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