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Boo!

Watch out
for things that go
bump in the night

Once again, students in the guises of ghosts, goblins and ghouls are gearing up for a gratifyingly ghastly event, known as Halloween.

Pumpkins and parties will proliferate in Missoula tonight, yet few celebrating students are aware of Halloween's long and lively history.

What is now known as Halloween has been celebrated in one form or another throughout the world for centuries. The holiday marked the transition between summer, signifying light, love and life, and winter, signifying darkness, doom and death.

In the ancient religion of Druidism, practiced by the Celts of Gaul, Britain and Ireland centuries before the birth of Christ, the transition was so important that Nov. 1 marked the beginning of the New Year.

To celebrate New Year's Eve, the Druids held a festival honoring Samhain, Lord of the Dead. On this night, it was believed that Samhain sent the souls of all the people who had died in the past year back to earth to be entertained by the living. If the entertainment—food, drink and shelter—was not sufficient, the spirits terrorized the living.

In fear of such haunting, mortals went to great efforts to placate the dead. Some even disguised themselves as ghosts and goblins, hiding amongst the returning spirits to avoid their ghoulish wrath. It is from these traditions that many of today's customs arise.

Christianity got into the act when Celt met Roman Catholic in the eighth century. At that time, it was the custom of the church to assimilate well-established pagan traditions. Conquered people were allowed to continue their celebrations, but had to offer them to one of the saints.

Halloween first came to America with the Irish. On the day known as Snap Apple

See 'Halloween,' page 8.



Staff photo by Michael Moore

TRICK OR TREAT? Will Kaimin columnist Richard Venola, left, perform a tonsillectomy on Charles E. Hood Jr., dean of the University of Montana School of Journalism, or will Hood gladly approve Venola's graduation at the end of this quarter? Stay tuned.

Dorm fires investigation continues

Two fires on the fourth floor of Jesse Hall earlier this month still are under investigation by the Missoula Fire Marshal and the Missoula Police Department.

No suspects have been named in connection with the fires.

The investigation into the fires, which occurred Oct. 5 and Oct. 8, was intensified after two threatening notes from the supposed arsonist were discovered soon after the fires were started. Ron Brunell, University of Montana housing director, would not say

what type of threats the notes contained.

Both fires occurred on the fourth floor of the dormitory, the first in a study room and the second in a utility room. No estimate was available on the damage done by the fires.

Another note was found in the Jesse Hall elevator Oct. 16, after the Montana Kaimin printed an article about the fire investigation. The message suggested that everyone on the fourth floor of Jesse Hall would die within three months.

Brunell said no other fires or threats have been reported. Investigators have talked to a few people in connection with the fires, he added.

Evidence from the fires was sent to the state crime lab, according to Les Johnson, Missoula fire marshal, but the lab has not yet returned the results.

Because no suspect has been arrested, the results are not considered priorities. The results may not be returned for a few months depending on other evidence and cases the crime lab is handling, Johnson said.

ASUM to pay Burford full lecture fee

By Michael Kustudia

Kaimin Reporter

Despite missing a press conference and showing up late for her speech, Anne McGill Burford will receive her full \$3,500 lecture fee from ASUM.

Although Burford's lecture Oct. 25 at the University of Montana did not draw enough people to cover expenses, ASUM Programming Director Melissa Smith called the lecture a success for another reason.

Smith said yesterday that lectures are held to educate students, rather than to make money.

The Burford speech, she said, increased public awareness of what went on during the time Burford served as director of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The money lost on the lecture, Smith said, "won't throw us in the hole."

Burford originally wanted \$4,000 plus expenses for her lecture fee, but was talked down to \$3,500 with expenses included. Smith said \$3,000 to \$4,000 is a "good figure" for a nationally prominent speaker.

Mike Black, ASUM lecture coordinator, said 151 people paid \$2 each to attend the lecture. Of those, about 60 were students in reporting and advanced reporting classes, according to Carol Van Valkenburg, a UM journalism school visiting assistant professor.

Smith said Burford, who failed to show up for a 3 p.m. news conference Thursday, had verbally agreed to attend the conference. She said the agreement was considered legally binding, and that ASUM had considered withholding part of Burford's fee but was unable to do it without taking the matter to court. Smith said ASUM decided not to pursue the matter.

Beyond exploitation

Until recently, Montana's economy and resources have largely been exploited by outside interests. The result has been a cyclical history of boom and bust as one resource after another was developed and played out.

While realizing that economic development is essential, incumbent Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ted Schwinden has worked to reduce exploitation and to put Montanans in control of their economy.

Schwinden wants to bring in small businesses that can use the state's resources in order to prevent the resources from being exported.

Schwinden is a proponent of the state's 30-percent coal-severance tax, which ensures that Montana's resources will not just benefit someone else and also helps pay for such things as schools and highways. The coal-tax trust fund, which Schwinden also supports, ensures that the state will still have money when the coal is gone.

Editorial

Schwinden's two-year-old Build Montana program, designed to create jobs and stimulate the state's economy, is a step toward economic growth and diversity.

On the other hand, Schwinden's opponent, Republican Pat Goodover, favors developing Montana's resources to stimulate the economy. He would move to reduce the coal severance tax in order to promote outside development, a return to the days of rape-and-ruin economics.

Schwinden has been a good manager and has reduced the size of state government. In the past two years, Montana has ranked first in the ability to control spending. Ted Schwinden deserves to be re-elected.

Moving toward leadership

It would be hard to find a Congressman who has served his constituency better than Rep. Pat Williams. Energetic, accessible and effective, the three-term Democrat is moving toward a leadership role in the House.

Williams is a staunch supporter of education, believes in protecting the environment and opposes Ronald Reagan's nuclear buildup, believing that the solution to building a good defense is not through a blank check, but through production of conventional arms and better management of the Pentagon. Williams also believes that western Montana's beleaguered economy can be improved by reducing federal spending, and thus interest rates, and not by waiting for money to trickle down.

Williams' opponent, Republican Gary Carlson, is another of those candidates trying to get elected by supporting Reagan's policies. Carlson, a Marine Corps lieutenant and former teacher, started his campaign late and has no experience to match Williams' impressive record.

Pat Williams has earned the support of western Montana.

Enthusiasm is the difference

Anyone who has taken a class from UM history professor Harry Fritz knows he is an enthusiastic and captivating speaker. The fact that Fritz is able to follow in the footsteps of the late K. Ross Toole and attract several hundred people to his class "Montana and the West" is a tribute to his teaching ability.

Fritz, the Democratic candidate in State House District 56, has good ideas to go along with his ability to communicate. He favors using a variety of non-traditional ways to help the state's economy, is pro-education and favors protection of the environment.

His opponent, Betty Haddon, a moderate Republican, does not differ far from Fritz on most issues and would make a good representative.

The difference is Fritz' effervescence and knowledge of Montana history.

Tim Huneck



Carrying On — by Bill Thomas

When you wish upon a star

You might call it the Jiminy Cricket factor. Just shut your eyes real tight and make a wish with all your might. It'll come true if you forget your doubts.

If you were somehow deprived of Walt Disney movies in your tender youth, you might refer to 'metafacts.' Nigel Calder defines metafacts as "matters believed to be true even if false, or if there is no conclusive proof either way."

If you're a psychological type, you might call it, more descriptively, 'magical thinking.' It's the same idea, a belief in something that has no basis whatsoever in reality. Maybe even, so it seems this year, in spite of reality. Whatever label you care to hang on it, this phenomenon is playing a major role in this year's election.

What else could explain the popularity of an administration that has engineered a massive transfer of wealth from the middle class and the poor to the rich and the privileged? The statistics are right there in the library or, better yet, just take a stroll through one of Missoula's 'downwardly mobile' (we're so polite) neighborhoods. You'll find, for the most part, senior citizens living on Social Security and young families trying to make it without full-time work. Sure isn't much trickling down around here.

Or, what strange contortion of cogitation allows many students to overlook the efforts to cut back every single program of financial aid to higher education? What about an administration that came into office promising to balance the budget, but instead has run up the largest peace-time deficits ever?

What mental gymnastics are required to regard a president who seems to be substituting short-term military muscle for long-term peace and stability as a man of peace? What of the fact that until now every American president in recent times, Democrat and Republican alike, has been able to negotiate at least some progress on nuclear-arms limitations?

Magical thinking has its roots in myth. We have a myth in the U.S. that allows us to see the president as somehow larger than life, in fact a demi-god. We have been disappointed in this myth in recent times by the reality of Kennedy, shot and killed; Johnson, disgraced by Vietnam; Nixon, resigned under threat of impeachment; Ford, an ineffective interlude; and Carter, unable to make headway with Congress, OPEC or the Iranians.

Then, in 1980, from out of the West, to end the malaise, more powerful than an eastern liberal, faster than a speeding feminist, able to leap commie missiles in a single bound, the rescuer, the star of the show, Ronald Reagan.

Consequently, we suffered through the most vicious recession since the Great Depression and failure after failure in foreign policy. But a lot of people seem more than willing to believe that if we ignore the unpleasant facts they'll just go away and everything will be A-OK. It's those terrible naysayers and unbelievers, the 'doubting Thomases' (sorry, Mom), who are the problem.

We want to believe this fairy tale so strongly that we're willing to overlook any amount of pain inflicted on the less fortunate, any corruption, any diminution of freedom and any of the voluminous evidence that runs contrary to the myth. No doubt allowed, remember?

Ronald Reagan's script writers and stage managers are more than happy to accommodate our magical thinking. The president has been shut away from the real world and the presidency has been transformed to a fabulous story hour.

I'd like to be able to say that, well, the world won't end if Reagan gets back in there. But with the world the way it is and Reagan the way he is, it's a real possibility. You see, I remember the old fairy tales, before they were sanitized by Walt Disney; they usually ended in disaster.

Forum

Not enough words

EDITOR: Three hundred words are just not enough to express our concern with Eric Williams' Oct. 19 editorial.

Williams seemed to object mainly to MontPIRG's work on utilities. Rising utility rates have been the number one concern expressed by UM students in issue poll after issue poll conducted to help set the organization's direction. Because of this interest, the organization has worked in the area of utility reform by testifying in the Mountain Bell rate-increase hearings last fall and the Montana Power rate-increase hearings last spring.

This fall we worked to increase the role of residential utility consumers on matters relating to energy pricing and planning. In this effort we are joined by more than 40 Montana citizen organizations and local governments. Research by students is the cornerstone of our argument for a Citizens Utility Board (CUB) in Montana. Our research won the support of a Missoulian editorial which said, "By setting up a CUB, a mechanism would exist to collect, into a responsible channel, consumer anger over rising utility rates.... It's a timely idea that deserves support now from Montana consumers." (Missoulian Opinion, Feb. 17, 1984).

As shown, MontPIRG does not act blindly on an issue. It first researches a problem of concern (as Williams should do before taking pen in hand), then it acts on a problem after it has been identified. Colstrip 3 is a case in point and an apparent bone of contention with Williams. After many months of study, our board of directors decided to take a position that Colstrip 3 is neither used nor useful to Montana. That was a similar position of many elected bodies, citizen organizations and corporations here in Montana.

The Colstrip 3 decision by the Public Service Commission was based on many months of testimony for and against the rate increase, not simply based on MontPIRG's objection. In the final analysis, the PSC determined that Colstrip should not be paid for by Montana consumers. Savings will be felt by students, the poor, the wealthy and the businesses of Montana. This bipartisan elected body made a decision that MontPIRG and all of the various groups can be proud of. The results of the decision have not caused

the effect that Williams suggests nor do economists foresee any devastating long-term effects. We also could find no evidence that direct employees of Montana Power have been laid off as a result of the decision.

MontPIRG's position on utilities is clear. Consumers should be getting the most efficient, effective service for their dollar. Such a position is not against the interests of these monopolies but is to insure good management and fairness to consumers.

Williams must realize that although editorials are the expressed opinion of the writer or the paper, they should be based on fact to promote intelligent, informed discussion.

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Sports

Sideline

A Cure for the Blues

By Doug Whittaker
Kaimin Sports Editor

The flurries are swirling in a gusty wind, but they aren't sticking. You can't see the mountains for the clouds; it's dark at five. Three midterms, a pair of papers and a speech await, and Thanksgiving break is still a month away. Melancholy days are here—welcome the November blues.

You need a cure, or at least a distraction. Hunting? Sure. But what else? There is too

much snow for hiking and too little for skiing. Too damn cold for football, too many wet leaves to wipe you out when cycling, and the pool costs you bucks. You need something else.

Pick up basketball is the game.

I've been playing buckets for a long time, and due to my miraculous inability to win most games, I've watched it being played for a long time

also. There is no other winter sport better designed to wipe away depression.

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plause.

There doesn't need to be any. This game is pure.

There are no time clocks, coaches, referees, and not a hell of a lot of rules in pick up. Most people like it that way.

Games go to 11 or 15, one point for a bucket, and you have to win by two. You call your own fouls, and not very often. Folks come to play the game, not talk about it. (And

complainers tend to meet more than their share of elbows.)

I like the lack of pretense about the sport, about the competition. A win means you get to stay on the court, no more. You play to keep playing, and win for the sake of victory. No other incentives needed.

And yet you don't even need to win to enjoy it. When I walk into the gym, I'm not thinking about making notches in my high tops, I'm looking to waste some energy, to sweat the dust out.

I like to charge all over the floor, dive for a few loose balls, trade a few elbows. There is nothing better than to take the ball to the hoop and power it in, or to sink a 25 footer.

That is what pure sport is about. When it's done you don't have much left. You make it home and sink into a sofa. For a couple of hours you might not move.

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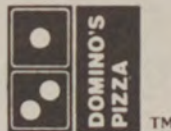


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Toilet trouble truly traumatic

By Robert Marshall
Kaimin Reporter

A first-floor bathroom in the Craig-Duniway hall was closed by the University of Montana Residence Halls office for almost 10 hours last week due to "improper use" of the facilities.

Dormitory residents, angered by the closure, immediately started a petition to force the re-opening of the facilities. The petition, signed by about 40 floor residents, was presented to Michael Easton, UM student and public affairs vice president.

Ron Brunell, residence halls director, said vandalism and intentional mess provoked the closure.

"Some of the things that were done to the lavatories were ridiculous," he said, but would not specify what sort of vandalism had occurred.

However, Nikos Pastos, Craig Hall presidential candidate, said some problems were caused because someone blocked the toilets and then flushed them, allowing them to overflow. Brunell said he discussed the situation with both head residents of the complex. He said they suggested the facility be closed to bring attention to the problem. No warning was given to the residents, Brunell said. Both head residents refused to comment on the action, and neither the dormitory nor the housing office released their names.

First-floor residents were angry at the lack of notice, according to Pastos.

"When they closed the bathroom, that left 40 guys to use only two showers," he said.

However, he added, "We didn't feel the janitors should clean up the facility. We would have offered to help if we had been given the chance."

"We went past the resident

assistants (with the petition) because they were the people who had been responsible for the closing," Pastos said.

He speculated that, since Craig and Duniway are main halls and get a lot of foot traffic, the damage could have been caused by people other than residents.

"We (the floor residents) doubt that it is anybody living here doing the damage."

Pastos added, "We were of-

fended that they closed the bathroom without just warning. We didn't like the way it was handled, the RAs just closed them (the bathrooms) all of a sudden."

According to Brunell the petition was successful because the bathrooms were opened after the petition was presented to Easton. Brunell said his office wanted the residents to acknowledge the problem.



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Meetings

- Intermountain Fire Council Session, 8 a.m., University Center Ballroom.
- Intermountain Fire Council Exhibitors, 8 a.m., UC Mt. Sentinel Room.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Narnia Coffeehouse, basement of The Ark, 538 University Ave. Open to anyone with interest or problem related to any mood-altering substance.
- Phoenix, noon, UC Gold Oak Room.
- Circle K Club, 4 p.m., UC Montana Rooms.
- Montana Masquers, 5 p.m., UC Montana Rooms.
- Intermountain Fire Council Cocktail Hour, 5:30 p.m., UC Montana Room & Ball Room Foyers.
- Intermountain Fire Council Banquet, 7 p.m., UC Gold Oak Room.

Dissertations

- David Paris will hold his dissertation defense on "The Effect of Crime, Age of Eyewitness, and Juror Informedness on Mock Jury Decisional Outcome," 8 a.m.-10 a.m., Clinical Psychology Center.
- Brady Rhodes will hold his dissertation defense on "Kinematics, Metamorphism and Tectonic History of the Spokane Dome Mylonitic Zone, Southern Priest River Complex, northeastern Washington and northern Idaho," 2 p.m., Science Complex 333.

Interviews

- Bigler, Kohler & Obendorf, Anchorage, Alaska, and DeLoitte, Haskins & Sells, Seattle, will interview graduating students interested in accounting careers. For more information, call the Office of Career Services, 243-2022.

Lectures

- Women's Resource Center Brown Bag Series, "Creating Alternatives," noon, UC Montana Rooms.
- Physics: Poetry and the Nature of Things, by Gordon Brittan, Jr., chairman of the Montana State University Department of Philosophy, 7:30 p.m., Science Complex 131. Free. Sponsored by the Montana Committee for the Humanities and the Philosophy Forum.

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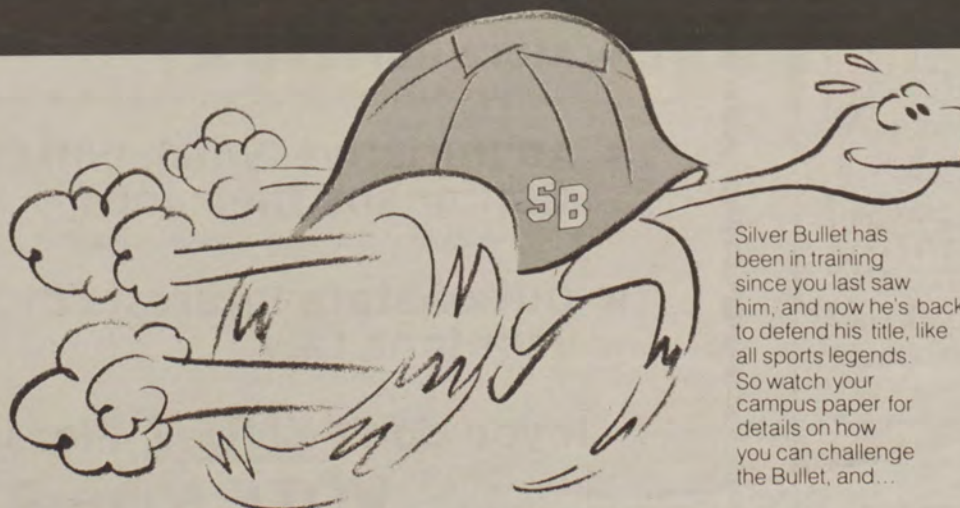
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Halloween

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Night, or Nutcracker Night, Irish immigrants gathered at farmhouses and bobbed for apples or bit apples suspended from strings.

The jack-o-lantern is another invention of Irish folklore. According to myth, an Irishman named Jack had incurred the wrath of both St. Peter and the Devil, was denied entry into either heaven or hell and was forced to carry a lighted lantern about

the earth for eternity.

With the influx of Irish immigrants into the United States in the 1840s after the Great Famine in Ireland, Halloween gained popularity. Customs and traditions spread to other groups and new traditions evolved, among which were trick or treating and the playing of mild pranks, such as soaping windows and pushing over out-houses.

Today Halloween is celebrated

mainly by young children and college students. All Saints Day is still a holy day of obligation in the Catholic religion.

Halloween parties and a festive atmosphere still exist, but some of the happiness of the occasion has been tainted in recent years by malicious acts. Razor-blade-laden apples and LSD-laden candy bars have caused many communities to restrict trick or treating

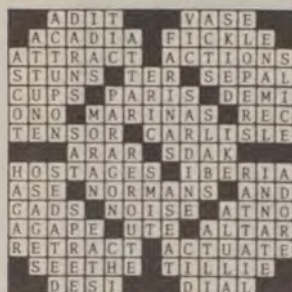
or to ban it completely.

According to Capt. Don Millhouse of the Missoula Police Department, trick-or-treating has fallen off in Missoula in the past few years, as churches and other civic groups substitute parties for the traditional candy gathering. Millhouse said police have been going to kindergartens and elementary schools and telling children not to eat any candy their parents have not looked at first.

In addition, he said, the police department has been handing out reflective tape for children to put on their costumes so they can be seen by motorists at night.

Millhouse said little vandalism occurs in Missoula, mainly because of the efforts of local citizens with CB radios. These citizens patrol local schools and other buildings and radio police if they see suspicious people in the area.

Solution to Oct. 30 crossword puzzle



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