Sacred Earth
Blackfeet drum up support for fight against exploration

By Tamara Mohawk

Mother Earth is sacred.

That was one of the main messages from Blackfeet spiritual traditionalists and a conservation group Thursday in a rally protesting planned development of the Rocky Mountain Front.

About 300 people marched from the University of Montana to the Federal Building and the Missoula County Courthouse during the rally.

Several people said they marched to show they want greater protection for the wild lands.

Robert Rockwell, a local conservation group that filed an appeal to the Forest Service plan, said the Badger area—100,000 acres of roadless forest land—is a "wildlife treasure" and must remain unspoiled.

By Melody Perkins

Vice president to cut areas 2.6 percent

The University of Montana vice presidents must cut 2.6 percent from their portions of the 1985-86 budget and submit their reductions to President James Koch before Thanksgiving.

Koch and Donald Habbe, vice president for academic affairs, presented the plan to cut about $891,000 from UM's budget at a Faculty Senate meeting Thursday.

Koch said that Habbe, Glen Williams, vice president for fiscal affairs, and Michael Easton, vice president for university relations and student affairs, will work with the departments and offices in their jurisdictions to draw up reduction plans.

Koch will review the proposals and prepare an overall plan to present to the Board of Regents at its Dec. 11 and 12 meeting in Billings.

The regents must give their approval to the state budget Office by Dec. 19.

UM will lose about $542,000 because of Gov. Ted Schwinden's 2 percent cut in state funds and about $348,000 because of a 10 percent decline in UM's out-of-state tuition revenue.

Habbe told the Faculty Senate that academic affairs must cut $337,000 from its budget.

Habbe said fiscal affairs and university relations and student affairs must cut from their budgets $147,000 and $68,000, respectively.

Koch said that outside those three areas, UM will cut about $141,000 from funds not tied up in fringe benefits, faculty salaries, fee waivers or utilities.

"We're really getting down to the final gasps in which to find money," he said.

Losing about $891,000 reduces UM's "meager" budget by 3.1 percent, Koch said in a memo that he gave to the vice presidents and the Faculty Senate.

Habbe told the senate he did not know where the actual cuts would be made "at this point we're going to consider everything," he said.

For example, he said, the university will consider reducing the library's purchasing money and reducing student services and campus maintenance.

It may have to leave all vacancies open and lay off staff, teachers' assistants, and, in cases where the University Teachers' Union contract allows, tenured professors, he said.

The university may also offer faculty members voluntary leaves without pay, he added.

Sitting in a dimly lit basement lecture room in the Liberal Arts Building, members of the Faculty Senate responded to Koch's and Habbe's announcements with signs of depression and frustration.

Several faculty members spoke out against intercollegiate athletics.

A proposal to declare intercollegiate athletics unaffordable was met with rapturous applause.

Koch said dropping the intercollegiate athletic program is not a "realistic option this year" because scholarships awarded to students and season tickets sold to spectators are contracts that can't be broken.

However, he said changing athletic divisions or eliminating all intercollegiate sports are options that could be pursued next year.

He pointed out that the UM men's basketball program earns money for the university.

Several senators then suggested that the people who attend the UM sports events pay more for their tickets to raise money for UM.

Members voted 22 to 3 in favor of a resolution requesting that the administration consider raising the price of general admission tickets to all athletic events.

In an interview after the meeting, Koch said the administration is going to find out if ticket prices can be raised.

Any money raised from an increase in ticket prices would support something "very visible and obviously academic in nature," he said.

That would make people aware of how badly UM needs money for its academic programs, he added.
Altem education views to avoid 'national suicide'

A proposed "Marshall Plan" for higher education in the United States envisons an academic utopia that will never be realized until our leaders change their attitudes about education.

A panel of educators, business leaders and government officials recently prepared an optimistic, 53-page report, titled "To Secure the Blessings of Liberty," for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

The report, headed by Terrel H. Bell, former U.S. education secretary, decided the future of our country rides on the ability of the nation's colleges and universities to better educate the masses. "Nothing short of a creative state-by-state effort to strengthen education at all levels, comparable to the Marshall Plan in scope, cost and dedication, can ensure the preservation of our democratic legacy for the 21st century," the report states.

According to the report, printed in the recent issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education, the nation's educational organization would require higher education to:

- Guarantee that 35 percent of U.S. adults have college degrees by 2001. Only 19 percent of those over 25 have such degrees today, according to the Chronicle.
- Ensure that colleges and universities train the additional 1 million teachers expected to be needed in the next 10 years. Those now train only half of the teachers needed.
- Help reduce the high-school dropout rate by 50 percent within the next decade.

The panel also urged states to keep tuition at a minimum so more low-income people could afford college. State colleges and universities should also offer expensive remedial programs but work with high schools to reduce the need for such budget-draining courses.

Sounds ideal. But the panel neglected to determine the cost of implementing its recommendations or deciding who was to pay for this perfect educational system.

However, Terrel Bell has the answer.

He told the Chronicle that he expected most of the costs to be "borne by the states."

"The only area where the federal government needs to spend more is on student aid," he added.

He was right in saying that the government needs to spend more on education, but most states cannot absorb the costs involved with such a system.

Montana's share of implementing this nationwide plan would go unpaid. According to state legislators, the state's general fund will be $50 million to $60 million in the red this year. Montana is not alone in its economic plight.

The only way the nation's colleges and universities could accomplish all this is to have the federal government pump the money into the education system as a blue-chip investment in the nation's future.

Federal and state leaders should heed the warning issued by the panel:

"Public officials who propose budget reductions in education at a time when the republic is handicapped by the burden of an underequipped populace are unthinking abetters of an act of national suicide."

Kevin Twidwell

Irruption of Intolerance

In northern California there grows a diminutive, inconspicuous flower called St. Johnswort.

It lives in cool, moist gullies, rarely straying to the sun-baked grassy hills. A few decades ago, this seeming botanical trifle threatened to take over the range.

A non-native, introduced plant (much like our spotted knapweed) it was without any natural enemies to impede its growth, it thus spread rapidly over the countryside.

Then came a beetle. It ate St. Johnswort in the plant's native homeland and was released to California hills to serve as a biological control.

The insect carried out its mission admirably, eliminating the flower everywhere - except in shady areas and moist canyons. There, because conditions were not suitable for the beetle, the little weed flourished.

If St. Johnswort had been exterminated everywhere (in the conventional view: if the beetle had been completely successful at its task), the insect probably would have gone extinct and the grassland flora would be without protection from the very few weed seeds or dormant shoots that were exempt from beetle attack.

Today, an uninformed observer would likely assume that moist ravines were the preferred habitat of St. Johnswort, and never realize that a small bug keeps vigilance on the plant pest, promptly subduing errant weeds. The weed probably will never be fully eradicated, but because it is "tolerated" in low densities, it is not likely to take over the natural community again.

There is perhaps a lesson here for the human community as well.

It seems to me there has been a recent irruption of intolerant factions in our society: groups that not only push a particular point of view but also strive to completely suppress other philosophies or lifestyles.

As we have seen here in the Northwest states, "hate" groups are becoming more visible, and their stance - so far as any rational person can determine - is the simple obliteration of anyone who wears a different color than their own, or worships a god with a different name.

The same can be seen elsewhere - in our own country and around the globe.

It is, of course, a disgrace that such prejudice and ignorance still skulks in the dark corners of our so-called "civilization.

Indeed, it often seems that incoherence and intolerance better characterize our behavior than charity or forbearance. But in one sense, these lesser outbreaks of humanity serve a useful purpose.

They are rather like inoculations against a disease, forcing us to remain alert, shaking up our complacency, reminding us that total oppression and subjugation of peoples and ideas is not only a possibility, but an actuality in many places.

We are better off, I think, to be capable of tolerating intolerance in our society, so long as it remains a minor - if pernicious - component of the whole.

Our human community must have "controls," - like the beetle that keeps St. Johnswort to the narrow gullies between the California hills. But we cannot be so vociferous in our counterattack that we completely eliminate (so we think) the undesirable weeds.

There will always be seeds left to germinate. And by maintaining a place (however confined) for all points of view, we make our community more stable, durable, perhaps even, a little more thoughtful.

Mollie Matteson is a senior in zoology

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British writer J.G. Ballard probes the dark side

By Tom Kipp

J.G. Ballard, best known for his sci-fi short fiction, has been the subject of a concerted campaign of release recently. Novels and collected stories have met with striking acclaim from such redwoods as Anthony Burgess and Susan Sontag (who calls Ballard "one of the most important, intelligent voices in contemporary fiction"). Why then is Ballard so obscure and why is this a crime? Well, I'll grant that Britishness, personal reticence and the lingering stigma around SF have their place in the equation. But the central reasons concern the intensely disturbing qualities of his subject matter and the RADICAL stylistic breakthroughs he's achieved since 1963.

Razor-edged technonovels like Crash (1973) and Concrete Island (1974) share a milieu that's cold, impersonal and potentially barbarous—namely the megalopolitan present. Vaughan, Crash's protagonist, explores the psychosexual subtexts of auto "accidents" with a TRULY obsessive eye for detail, deviating in the end his own "ideal car death scenario" with, as he puts it, "the film actress, Elizabeth Taylor."

Here, and in stories like "The Atrocity Exhibition" and the astonishingly prescient "Why I Want to Fuck Ronald Reagan"—in which he outlines nearly every teflon-coated aspect of the Reagan years, Ballard mixes familiar icons with arcane medical/technological concepts and language to create a netherworldly landscape that defies categorization.

Ballard comes closer than anyone to actually describing what it's like to live in our chaotic, gadget-driven, data-mad world. He's a writer for the most important age in history. This one.

Public art events set

Saturday is Public Art Day in Missoula, and a full calendar is obligatory. Spokane artist Harold Balazs addresses the faithful at the Missoula Museum of the Arts at 10 a.m., which remarks are followed by a no-host luncheon at the Depot Restaurant, leading eventually to the formal dedication of sculptor Taag Peterson's "Crossings" at 1 p.m. The controversial piece, dubbed "inroaded" by no less an authority than City Judge Wallace Clark (according to John Stromnes of the Missoulian), is downtown at the confluence of Higgins Avenue and Railroad Street. Public "comment" is encouraged following the dedication in the Missoula City Council chambers. Bring a camera and some mace.

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Gridders to end season against Portland State

By Fritz Neighbor

The Grizzlies go after football win number six this weekend, as they finish up the year at Portland State University.

UM will play the Vikings at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in PSU's 25,762-seat Civic Stadium.

The Grizzlies enter the game 5-4, having finished their Big Sky Conference season 4-4, which translates to 3-4 in the league standings.

UM's two wins against Idaho State were each worth half of a game in the standings.

The NCAA Division II Vikings are currently 6-4 this season, coming off a 34-0 loss to California State Northridge.

A win against CSN would have given Portland the conference lead.

UM head coach Don Read said the Vikings will present a tough matchup.

Many of the players at PSU — where Read was the head coach last year — are players that he recruited.

Leading those recruits is sophomore quarterback Chris Crawford, who Read said was "the best high school quarterback in the state of Oregon that I've seen in a long time." Crawford has completed more than 60 percent of his passes this season, and has thrown 15 touchdowns and almost 2,600 yards.

USA Today has compared Crawford to former record-setting quarterback Neil Lomax.

Crawford has some talented receivers to throw to also. Tight end and runningback Barry Naone leads the team with 57 receptions, but the man Read is most worried about is senior Brian Coushey, who he said is "a definite pro prospect."

Coushey has 40 receptions for almost 700 yards and six touchdowns.

The Vikings lost their top runningback, senior Kevin Johnson, who had rushed for 902 yards in nine games before being injured.

But Read said that losing Johnson won't affect Portland too much.

"They've got a good bunch of running backs," Read said. "What they're short on is offensive linemen."

UM's pass rush, led by defensive end Pat Fosler, could decide the outcome of the game.

The Grizzlies also have depth at the runningback position. Freshman Jody Farmer has "slowly moved up" throughout the season, Read said.

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Spikers go for MWAC title

By Dave Reese
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The University of Montana volleyball team begins Mountain West Athletic Conference championship play tonight at 6 in Post Falls, Idaho.

The Lady Griz, seeded third in the tourney, will face second-seeded Boise State University in the opening round.

UM enters the MWAC championship with a 20-10 overall mark and a 6-4 conference record.

Six of the non-conference losses were to teams that are ranked in the nation’s top 25 teams.

The Mountain West losses were to the other two top three MWAC teams—second ranked Boise, fourth-seeded Eastern Washington University and twice to top seeded Idaho State University.

UM placed second in the MWAC tourney last year behind Portland State University, and Lady Griz head coach Dick Scott said his team has the talent to win the championship this year.

“All we have to do now is regroup mentally,” he said Monday, adding that his team won’t change its playing style for the tournament.

“We’ll do the same things that got us here,” he said. However, he said he might make some changes in blocking assignments against Boise State.

But junior, All-American candidate Cindy Pitzinger will probably be in the blocking line-up.

Pitzinger leads the Lady Griz in blocks for the season with a 1.48.

She also has the most kills and service aces on the team, with 406 and 42, respectively.

Junior Allison Yarnell is next best to Pitzinger in kills with 307, and leads the Lady Griz defense in digs per game.

Sophomore Michele Hall is among the conference leaders in assists with an average of 10.75 per game and has a 350 hitting percentage.

By Dave Reese
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The University of Montana wrestling team opened its season Wednesday night in Havre with a 34-10 loss to Northern Montana College.

Because of injuries, UM forfeited 24 points.

The Grizzlies won three and lost three of the matches, with Brian Waddell (134 pounds), Rob Bazant (167) and Lynn Curry (197) all winners.

Bliss gave credit to the NMC team for wrestling with more intensity than UM, but he also took part of the blame for the loss.

Wrestlers lose 34-10

“I haven’t prepared them for competition,” Bliss said. He also called UM’s performance against NMC “absolutely terrible” and the poorest performance in two years.

But, he added, “It’s a long way until March,” when the Big Sky Conference championship will be held.

Bliss said the loss “shook us up” because four of UM’s wrestlers — Waddell, Jeff Castro, Bazant and Vince Hughes — are ranked in the NCAA Division I Top 20 preseason rankings.

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UM law students make finals of national contest

By Jeff Shippee

Sisterhood:

Students from the University of Montana Law School are once again heading to New York City for their day in court.

For the fifth time in the last seven years, UM will be represented at the Moot Court Competition Finals, which will be held in January at the House of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Last weekend, the UM team of Colleen Ambrose of Missoula, Dick Sampson of Helena and Kelly Willis of Sun River placed second out of 12 teams in a regional moot court competition held at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. A team from the University of Washington won the competition.

The team of third-year UM law students will join the UW team in competing in the national competition.

A second team of third-year UM law students, Jo Mickelson of Great Falls, Deanne Sandholm and Glenn Tremper of Missoula, made it to the quarter finals before being eliminated.

"It is really quite impressive that this law school has been able to place two teams in the finals as often as it has," J. Martin Burke, a UM law professor, said Thursday. "I suspect that you would find very few law schools in the country that have such a record."

Burke and Bari Burke, associate professor of law, coach the two teams involved in the competition.

J. Martin Burke has been coaching since 1977 and Bari Burke has been involved since 1981.

According to J. Martin Burke, the Moot Court Competition, which involves some 175 law schools across the country, is the most prestigious of any of the national law competitions.

The competition is split into two sections. The first is the written or brief section in which teams are given a subject of national importance not yet decided by the United States Supreme Court. The team must write a professional brief arguing a position.

The second part of the competition is the oral section where the team must argue its case in front of a panel of legal practitioners who judge the competition.

Briefs are 40 percent of the total score while the oral arguments count for 60 percent.

Burke said the teams spent about eight weeks preparing the briefs this summer adding that the time taken from summer jobs and vacation has paid off.

"We obviously have good students," Burke said.

Burke added that Montana is one of the smallest law schools in the country entered in the competition.

"We're probably the second or third smallest A.B.A. (American Bar Association) law school in the nation," he said.

"Assuredly we will be the smallest represented in the finals," he added.

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