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MARTIN BALUKAS, freshman in environmental studies, weaves a basket out of willow sticks on Jacob's Island Wednesday. It takes Balukas about two hours to finish a 12-inch basket.

Revised state budget leaves \$9 million hole

HELENA (AP)—A revised state budget, still scarred by an estimated \$45 million deficit, heads to the House floor for debate Thursday afternoon. The Legislature has yet to consider two major money-raising bills that would fill about \$36 million of the hole. That would leave a \$9 million gap, without the \$11 million surplus the Stephens administration wants to have.

"It looks pretty good," Senate Minority Leader Bruce Crippen, R-Billings, said Wednesday night. "We're on track. It depends on what we can do in the Senate."

House Bill 2, the budget measure, is expected to reach the Senate Finance and Claims Committee for a day-long hearing Saturday, the sixth day of the special legislative session.

House Speaker Hal Harper, D-Helena, was less optimistic about the budget-balancing act so far. He said the Democratic majority will push for deeper cuts in administrative positions throughout state government and will attempt to lessen the \$15 million spending cut given higher education.

"We're looking to make cuts at administrative levels and not at service levels," he said. "I'm not convinced enough money has been taken out of the right places in the budget and I don't think education should have sustained the amount of cuts it has."

Total cuts in education programs, including the Office of Public Instruction and higher education, are \$16.4 million.

Harper said House Democrats are particularly unhappy that the prospect of the reduction for the university system budget will result in an increase in tuition for college and vo-tech students next fall. Higher education officials have said they are considering a \$9.4 million increase through tuition hikes to offset some of the decrease.

"We just don't want to put that on the students," he added. "You can look for more money to go into the university system to relieve that."

Meanwhile, Crippen also said Wednesday night he will ask legislative leaders to spend the next year searching for a solution to Montana's lingering financial problems.

At a meeting of House and Senate leader planned for Thursday, the Billings Republican will ask them to form a select committee that will seek a long-term answer to the state's money shortage through major changes in the tax system.

"We've got to have some type of plan to present to the 1993 Legislature," he said. "We need some type of proposal the leadership can endorse."

Crippen wants the group of leaders to consider all parts of the tax system: income, property and sales taxes.

He acknowledges that won't be easy since Democrats generally view the concept of "tax reform" as a move toward a general sales tax and Republicans fear increased income taxes.

Late last year, Crippen suggested the special session raised needed money by passing a temporary income tax increase that would be replaced by a sales tax for a time. Then the public would be asked to vote on which money-raising method they prefer.

He abandoned the idea, saying he realized it had no support.

Semesters may hurt, but could be worse, says dean

By Karen Coates
Kaimin Reporter

The combination of an expected tuition increase next fall, a shorter summer and switching to semesters may cause financial problems for UM students, UM Dean of Students Barbara Hollmann said Tuesday.

Yet Hollmann said the situation could be worse. MSU students lost a month of summer when they switched this year, and the Board of Regents has agreed to cut one week from both Spring Quarter and next Fall Semester so UM students will have only two fewer weeks to earn tuition money, she said.

However, the House Appropriations

Committee agreed Tuesday to cut \$15 million from higher education, and in-state students can expect to pay up to \$500 more in tuition. Out-of-state students may face a \$1,300 increase.

Hollmann said she expects some students will have to take time off from school to earn the extra money. But when she was in college, she said, financial aid was not very common, and students, who didn't have cars and CD players, scrimped and saved for tuition money. "They found ways of getting it," she said.

Bob Snyder, assistant registrar at MSU, said fall enrollment decreased from 10,392 students last year to 10,111 students this year. He said he attributes the decrease to the switch to semesters and he expects the

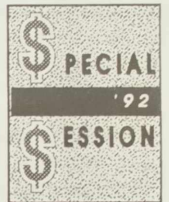
same thing to happen at UM.

Jim Lopach, UM political science professor, said he has read a study of several universities that converted from quarters to semesters, and most suffered a short-term decrease in enrollment. However, Lopach said switching to semesters may pose other problems for students, and the Faculty Senate has authorized a Semester Complaint Committee to respond.

Students who have difficulties getting into classes they need to graduate or who think they will have to stay in school longer because of the semester switch can fill out a formal complaint and appear before the committee. Lopach has published a brochure outlining the guidelines for filing complaints.

Newest idea: Demos propose tax capping

By Karen Coates
Kaimin Reporter



Some state Democrats have an idea that could generate more than \$20 million for higher education and offset proposed tuition increases for next year: capping the deduction of federal tax payments on state income tax returns.

But it could be a waste of time because Republican Gov. Stan Stephens would surely veto the proposal if introduced without strong support from Republicans, several officials said Wednesday.

State Rep. Jim Elliott, D-Trout Creek, said a first proposal would limit taxpayers to deducting \$10,000 in federal taxes from their Montana taxable income, and a second proposal would set the limit at \$15,000. Currently, Montana is one of 11 states that allows taxpayers to deduct federal taxes from state income taxes, and one of only five states that does not limit deductions.

The first proposal would generate \$22 million coming from 9,020 Montana tax-paying households, Elliott said, while the second proposal would bring in \$18 million from 4,823 households. The plans would affect between 1.5 percent and 3 percent of all Montana households, he said, with the majority of money coming from households with incomes of at least \$150,000 per year.

The money would be earmarked for higher education, offsetting the \$15 million the House Appropriations Committee agreed Tuesday to cut from the higher education budget. In-state students can now expect tuition increases of up to \$500, and out-of-state students may be hit with a \$1,370 tuition raise.

ASUM lobbyist Pat McCleary, in Helena for the special Legislative session, said most Democrats support the proposal, but are holding off on introducing it for fear of a certain veto by Stephens, who has pledged to not raise taxes.

"We don't support it," said Victor Bjornberg, the governor's press secretary. The 10 percent of Montanans who pay the most income taxes account for 53 percent of all income tax money in the state, he said, and that percentage has grown from 43 percent 10 years ago. Wealthy people in Montana are not that easily found, and to tax them more will not solve the state's budget problems, Bjornberg said.

"There aren't a lot of rich people in Montana, and to keep focusing on that is really a red herring," he said.

Stephens has proposed converting 30 state-owned liquor stores to state agency liquor stores, which could bring in \$4 million for higher education. However, there is little support for the proposal from Democrats, who control both legislative houses.

House Speaker Hal Harper, D-Helena, said it would be fair to raise the money from the state's wealthy by capping tax deductions, rather than place the burden on students in the form of significant tuition raises. He said he sees little hope for the proposal in the special session, but said it would come up again in the Legislative session in 1993.

Elliott said Stephens would veto the proposal, and Democrats, without Republican support, would not be able to override the veto.

McCleary said the proposals would put the responsibility in the right places.

"It's a fair tax burden," he said. "It's the very wealthiest of the citizens of Montana."

McCleary and Harper agreed that the best thing for students to do would be to travel to Helena on Friday to lobby for the proposals.

Firm wants to sell steam for heating

UM could save millions with power plant, says facilities services director

By Sarah Silberberg
Kaimin Reporter

The University of Montana may get a new power plant and save \$9.2 million in heating costs over the next 20 years, if the Montana Power Co. approves a proposal submitted last month, UM's facilities services director said Wednesday.

Hugh Jesse said UM was approached by InterCoast Energy Co. to build a power plant on campus. The company would sell steam for heating to UM at a reduced rate. In addition, InterCoast would sell electric power to Montana Power for an agreed-upon price.

If the proposal is accepted the company would run the plant for 20 years. Then the university would have the option of renewing the contract, buying the plant for its market value or having the plant dismantled.

The new power plant would be located at the extreme east end of the physical plant.

Plants such as this are called co-generation plants and are used in

hospitals and universities throughout the country. The proposed design of this plant is a popular one and should help when Montana Power decides on the proposal, according to Montana Power engineer Tom Worring.

Jesse said that he expects no jobs to be lost because InterCoast will probably employ the same people since they would still need to run the old boiler plant for two weeks a year when the new plant is down for maintenance.

The plant would burn natural gas in a turbine, and the waste heat from the turbine would fuel a boiler, which in turn would run a steam turbine. The electric power would come from the turbines and the steam heat for the university would come from the steam turbine exhaust. The design would have a minimal impact on the environment, according to Jesse.

Michael Gembol, the head of energy project development for InterCoast, said his company has been involved in several co-generation plants, including a solar plant in the

Mojave desert and a gas turbine plant at Brandeis University.

If built, this would be the company's first such plant in Montana. Gembol said that the proposed plant would be able to handle UM's heating demands even in the most severe weather conditions.

During the hotter months, it would be necessary to dissipate the heating steam by running it through a dry cooling tower or a cooling system using ground water, according to Gembol. The water used in the cooling system would be heated, but no chemicals would be added to it, Gembol added.

Gembol said the company would comply fully with all federal, state and local environmental laws.

Montana Power Co. has received 76 bids for co-generation plants from all over the state, including similar proposals from Montana State University and Montana College of Mineral, Science and Technology.

The final decision on the proposals will not be made until December, Worring said.

Pro-choice activist quits

NEW YORK (AP)—Faye Wattleton, a leader of the fight for abortion rights, resigned Wednesday as president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Wattleton told the executive committee in a conference telephone call that she was resigning after 14 years as president to be the host of a syndicated television talk show.

"The Faye Wattleton Show" will be produced by Tribune Entertainment and taped in Chicago, she said.

"I leave with very mixed emotions, it's been 14 real incredible years," Wattleton said.

"I leave with sense of appreciation, sad to leave the most wonderful people in the world, yet excited about the new opportunity the type of which doesn't come often," she said.

She said the show will deal with a range of topics, including women's rights, current events and political issues.

Dr. Kenneth Edelin, chairman of Planned Parenthood's board, said Wattleton's resignation came as a surprise. "There was a gasp all the way from Texas that everyone

clearly heard," he said.

He said Wattleton's contract requires her to give two months notice, making her resignation effective "the first week or so of March."

Edelin said the federation will put together a search committee for a new president.

Wattleton, 48, was hired as executive director of the Planned Parenthood affiliate in Dayton, Ohio, in 1970. Eight years later, when she was 34, she was chosen to head the national organization.

With Wattleton at the helm, Planned Parenthood became one of the most forceful proponents of abortion rights. It has 900 clinics across the country and a budget of well over \$300 million.

"(Her) departure is a significant loss to the choice community," said Arthur J. Kropp, president of People for the American Way, a non-partisan constitutional liberties organization.

"Her political savvy and her remarkable ability to communicate difficult issues have made her a giant in the ongoing battle to preserve Americans' fundamental liberties," he said in a statement.

Storms strike western U.S.

(AP)—Highway crews dug out Wednesday after a storm plastered parts of Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska with nearly 2 feet of snow and 6-foot drifts, and hundreds of travelers hit the road after being stranded overnight.

Some major mountain roads in Southern California were open again Wednesday after being closed by a surprise storm.

A flash-flood watch was issued for parts of southeastern Texas, already sodden from three weeks of flooding, as showers and thunderstorms pounded the area. But forecasters did not expect the rain to cause any new serious problems.

Nebraska road crews reopened a 125-mile stretch of Interstate 80 from the Wyoming state line to Ogallala on Wednesday morning. About 130 miles of I-70 in eastern Colorado and a short section of I-25 in southeastern Wyoming also had been reopened after Tuesday's storm.

Task forces to explore UM housing options

By Bill Heisel
Kaimin Reporter

A decrease in the number of students applying for on-campus housing has relieved the dormitories for Winter Quarter and further improvements are being implemented, the UM housing director said Wednesday.

Ron Brunell said 1,844 students have checked into the UM dormitories. This number is down from the 2,135 students who poured in and spilled over the 2,043 person capacity space Fall Quarter, filling up the larger two person rooms and forcing some to stay in basements in the dorms. All students who applied for campus residence were in rooms by the second week of Fall Quarter, he said.

Brunell said some students were exempted from spending their first year living on campus to ease the strain of overcrowding in the dorms.

"There is no question that there is a shortage of housing in Missoula," explained Brunell, "and the university, of course, is a part of that."

In anticipation of another influx of students next fall, two task forces have been formed to take a complete inventory of the space available on campus and in the Missoula community. The

groups will also explore housing development, said Brunell.

The first project on the agenda is a new family housing unit. With more than 400 students on a waiting list for family housing, Brunell believes the UM should allow a private investor to build a facility on university land.

The owner could then rent out rooms to students and eventually return the building to UM ownership once the business had recovered its investment.

The UM Housing Office may allow a property management firm to open an office in the UC, Brunell said. Another option is to have a clearinghouse in the UC of housing lists for students, he added.

The residence halls have not been forgotten, though. Despite university budget problems, the Housing Office is still able to make improvements on the dorms.

"Housing does not receive any money from the state Legislature," said Brunell.

"All money comes from the housing fees that come in and are allocated out of the auxiliary fund," he explained.

In December, UM spent \$40,000 on painting, refinishing and updating fire safety features in Elrod Hall.

Tuition could rise about \$400 in fall, says ASUM president

By Randi Erickson
Kaimin Reporter

UM students will be able to weather the storm this year, but will suffer next fall because of the state Legislature's cut of \$15 million from the higher education budget, the ASUM president told the senate at Wednesday's meeting.

"We're safe this year but next year we're really going to get hit hard," Galen Hollenbaugh said. The cut could raise tuition by a minimum of \$420 per quarter for all students and add a charge of \$35 per credit for out-of-state students.

Hollenbaugh said he instructed ASUM lobbyist Pat McCleary to support "any and all funding mea-

sures" for higher education, including a proposal to cap state deductions from federal taxes in Montana.

That proposal, which may come before the Legislature Friday, could generate more than \$20 million for Montana university systems, he said.

Hollenbaugh encouraged senators and students to travel to Helena on Friday as unofficial lobbyists for the measure, adding that those interested can contact Student Legislative Action Director Krystin Deschamps at the ASUM offices about transportation.

Hollenbaugh announced that candidates for the two vacant senatorial seats will be interviewed by the full Senate rather than a search committee. Interviews begin Jan. 21.

Forestry's new door raises questions

By Sarah Silberberg
Kaimin Reporter

The Forestry School's administrative office has a new door, made out of a tropical hardwood, which was bought to match the old doors in the building. Unfortunately, the door, which Assistant Director of Facilities Services Kevin Krebsbach said "didn't cost more than \$500," doesn't match. In fact, it is several shades darker than the old doors and is a different design. The door has a veneer made from a hardwood which is normally found in rain forests.

The veneer is teak, and it probably came from a plantation rather than a rain forest, according to Sidney Frissell, dean of the Forestry School. Teak, which only grows in tropical environments, is the type of wood that is being clear-cut in the rain forests around the world.

When the new door was installed as part of

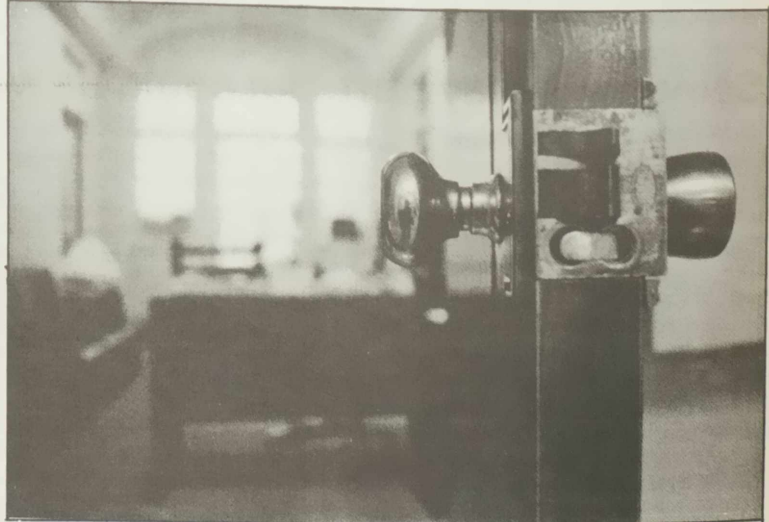
a remodeling project at the school last quarter, former ASUM Sen. J.V. Bennett was concerned about the implications.

Bennett told the Kaimin in November that by buying a teak door the university is "fueling an economy where the profits don't go back to the population." In addition, Bennett said, buying such a door helps to fuel deforestation of tropical hardwoods.

"UM is supposed to be an environmentally conscious campus and it is particularly inappropriate for the forestry school to have the door," Bennett said then.

Frissell said the school had no part in deciding to buy a teak door.

"We would have been just as happy with a door made in Missoula made with Montana wood," he added. Frissell said Associate Dean Ed Burke, who is an expert in wood, looked at the growth rings and said the wood appeared to have been grown on a plantation.



A BRASS door knob and teak wood veneer grace the door to the forestry offices. The exotic wood on the door is a sliver under the skin of environmentalists on campus.

John Youngbear/Kaimin

Only foresters can party on ball's last night

By Bill Heisel
Kaimin Reporter

After 75 years, the Foresters' Ball has maintained an enormous level of popularity and the ball's chief push said Wednesday she believes that the changes being implemented this year will only make it better.

For the first time since the ball was opened to the public in the 1930s, Saturday night has been set aside exclusively for forestry students.

"So many of us spend all our time keeping things under control at the ball, and now we will finally get a chance to really enjoy ourselves like everybody else," Suze Decker, the ball's second female chief push, said.

"We are also trying to change the image of the ball," Decker said. "It used to be a drunken brawl, but

I don't think that getting so trashed that you can't even dance is part of the tradition at all." Alcohol Awareness week has been moved this year to the week of the Foresters' Ball.

Forestry Club member Paula Rosenthal speculated that, as in past years, more than 2,000 hours of labor will go into temporarily renovating Schreiber Gymnasium. On the night of the ball, ticket-holders will cross the bridge that carries people into the gym and ride down a slide into the middle of a logging town.

When they aren't dancing to the country-western music of the Billy Bair Band, ballers can visit the Museum of Foresters' Ball History or get themselves hitched in the church.

A professional photographer will be taking old-fashioned photographs, and the general store will be selling hats and t-shirts. For the

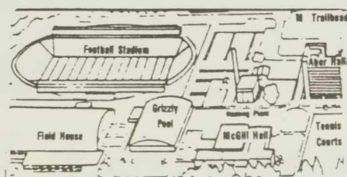
second year, the jail is being dedicated to Tony Christman, a sophomore forester who died in a motor vehicle accident in the summer of 1990.

Instead of destroying all the materials used in the facade, the forestry club will build permanent fronts that will be stored and reused every year.

"This will be more ecological and more economical," Decker said. She has also made a deal with the city Park and Recreation Department to allow the foresters to use some of the old Christmas trees collected by the city.

For the general public, the ball begins at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23 and Friday, Jan. 24. The ball lasts until 1 a.m. The tickets, on sale Jan. 20, cost \$20 per couple.

On Jan. 25, the final day of festivities, the foresters will hold a banquet for forestry school alumni.



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Bertha!

Moosenappers only want Foresters' Ball tickets

By Bill Heisel
Kaimin Reporter

Terrorists claiming responsibility for the September moosenapping of Bertha, the moose-head from the UM School of Forestry, met with a frightened Kaimin reporter behind closed doors Wednesday.

Calling themselves the Large Mammal Task Force and using strong language, two men detailed their plans for the trophy and laid out the script behind this wretched drama which threatens to devastate the 75th Foresters' Ball, as it does every year.

"The big motivation here is bragging rights, and nobody can take that away from us," said the larger of the two LMTF members.

His leaner and down-right meaner partner consulted with him, then added, "Considering the circumstances and how we did it. I think that it puts us up there with all the criminal greats."

Instead of waiting until the preordained November date when the doors to Forestry Room 206 would have been left open and the moose left unlocked in appeasement to the devils of tradition, these moosenappers stole the head before school even started.

Suze Decker, the Foresters' Ball chief push, discovered the damage on Sept. 25. Decker was amazed at the immaturity of the LMTF.

"The reason they have always gotten her kidnapped is for publicity," she said, "but we really don't need publicity anymore."

She immediately filed a report with the campus police. After they were through laughing at her, she said she filed a report with the city police, who quickly got cracking on this perplexing case. Decker said she will drop the police report when the perpetrators repair damage done to the property.

"Stealing is shitty. It's a shitty thing to do," said the Big One, "but we knew when we brought the hack saw that we would have to replace the lock."

The LMTF broke into the forestry building, entered room 206 and sawed through the special bolt lock in committing the crime.

They insist, however, that they took extreme measures to keep Bertha from undue harm. Their only goal is glory and free Foresters' Ball tickets. If the forestry club complies with these simple demands, they promise to return Bertha on Wednesday, January 22 at 12:15 pm.

"We are going to bring that son of a bitch back on the oval right in front of God and everybody," said the Big One. The Small One nodded his approval.

To give God the proper press when he steps down to witness this event, the LMTF have contacted ABC news, the Missoulian and four local radio stations.

"Foresters have a tradition of being intolerant," said the Small One after consulting with his cohort. "This is going to be a very humbling experience for them."

Bush becomes ill in Japan, but continues trades talks

TOKYO (AP)—President Bush collapsed to the floor at a state dinner Wednesday, felled by what the White House said was stomach flu.

After a night's sleep, he was reported "up and about" and ready to resume his schedule for the final day of his Japan trade mission.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Bush still was suffering "some weakness" from his illness but did not require further medication and planned to keep most of his schedule, including a one-on-one meeting with Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa.

Fitzwater refused to say whether Bush lost consciousness after vomiting and sliding to the floor during the incident at a state dinner hosted by the prime minister.

"He fainted. All his vital signs were normal. That's all I'm willing to say," Fitzwater said.

The Bush spokesman said that after Bush awoke Thursday in Japan "he joked he might have a large dry cleaning bill."

Bush planned to attend another state dinner Thursday night, Fitzwater said.

Meanwhile, thorny U.S.-Japanese trade talks bogged down over sales of American cars and parts in Japan on Wednesday. The White House said Japanese officials were balking at demands that they buy more from U.S. automakers and suppliers.

However, President Bush, in a television interview before his collapse, said, "We're making progress."

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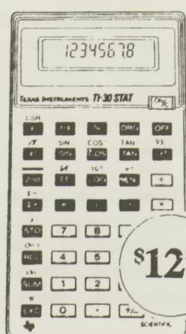
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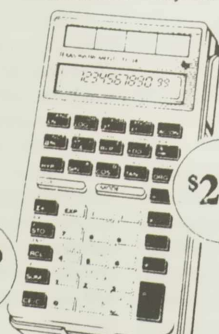
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What? A safe ride home?

"Friends don't let friends drive drunk."
"Drinking and driving can kill a friendship."
Blah, blah, blah and blah.

With the holiday season over, we have just made it through another storm of "Don't drive drunk" propaganda. This is all very well and good. It attacks a serious problem at the root. But before we make the slogans into meaningless cliches, maybe we should come at the problem from a different angle:

"Bartenders don't let drunks drive."

Now that is a slogan not heard very often. This is not to say that taverns and bartenders encourage intoxicated people to drive. Rather it is meant as a slogan to make more taverns aware that they can help the drinking and driving problem.

Missoula has two transportation alternatives for people who have had too much to drink. Home Free Missoula is a non-profit program through which bars may purchase vouchers for yellow cab rides. For \$200 a year, a tavern receives 100 "free rides." Additional vouchers can be purchased at \$2 apiece. A ride is available from participating taverns anytime the bar is open.

Since Dec. 20, the Milk Run Shuttle, a bus service funded by UM, Mountain Line Bus Service and several businesses, has served the downtown area, campus and the Highway 93 strip. UM students, faculty and staff ride for free and others can ride for 25 cents. The bus makes hourly runs on Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

With these two options and the fact that bars can be held liable for actions people take after they leave a bar, one would assume that taverns would encourage the alternatives to driving.

Some do. Twenty-five alcohol-serving establishments are members of the Home Free Missoula Program. At least these bars, while not assuming full responsibility for their drunks, are nevertheless concerned about them.

But here are what a few people who work at popular downtown Missoula taverns who don't subscribe to Home Free said yesterday when asked if they had the phone number for the service.

"Bob, do you know what the number for Home Free is?" Pause. "I'm sorry we don't have it."

"Oh, gee, I think we have it around here." After a brief search she returned without the number.

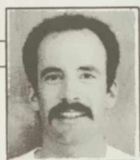
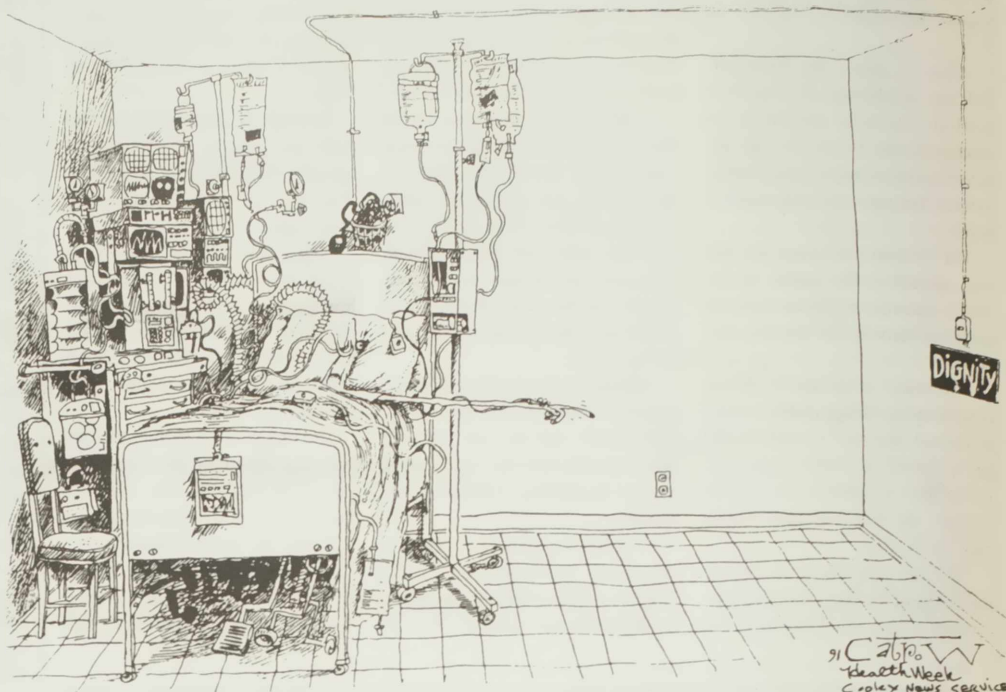
"Uh, no. I suppose we do, but the boss isn't here and he would be the one that knows."

"The what? No, I don't think so."

Lonie Parson, the secretary of Home Free Missoula, said "we care about keeping a drunk driver off of the road."

So should the bars. "The what?" Indeed.

—Joe Kolman



Column by Dave Ojala

Live it up before you reach 30

Thirty. 30. The big three-oh. Three decades. Three decades more and I'll have reached six.

Why is there such a stigma attached to turning 30? After all, it's just another year, just another number. I'm only 365 days older than I was last year at this time, so why do I think so much more about my age?

Part of the reason may be the inexorable gain in altitude of my hairline. Like the slow climb of the snow level on the surrounding hills in the spring, there's nothing I can do about it. The genes I've inherited are telling my hair to leave, and their departure will only speed up in the coming years.

My daughter has added to my age anxiety by carefully pointing out each new white hair that appears, whether it sprouts on my head, in my moustache or on my hands. Having a five-year-old that I helped create point out these harbingers of middle age makes me realize that I'm not a carefree twentysomething anymore.

Most of the anxiety over my age, however, is happening because that number 30 is like a highway mileage sign. Turning 30 is like driving back

from a skiing road trip to Bozeman and seeing a sign saying Missoula is only 80 miles away. Time to stash the beer and sober up, place the last few days of fun into memory and get on with the daily routine of life.

The feeling I've had since my birthday reminds me of a late afternoon on a summer Sunday. The weekend of fishing, camping, drinking and napping was fun, but it's almost over. Work starts tomorrow, and even if the fish are still feeding and the beer is still cold, the fun seems somehow diminished.

I feel an ugly anticipation on those afternoons, a sense that REAL LIFE is going to be taking over soon. Guilt can even creep in to the psychological stew such days induce, making me think that fishing, camping and drinking are useless pursuits, that they produce no tangible result. But the guilt usually doesn't last very long.

Part of my anxiety may be due to the fact that I spent most of my life up until about five years ago pursuing the sports mentioned above and skiing in the winter. Instead of reaching for the tangible results (material

goods, or stuff as like to call it) that our society seems to judge a person's worth by, I was playing my favorite games.

Do I think it was a waste? No, I'm glad I took the opportunities when they came. Daily fishing jaunts and two-month-long ski trips are impossible now, but the days I do get to play seem to mean a little more since they're so precious.

Friends try to make me feel better about my age by dusting off the old cliches we've all probably told our parents.

My favorite is "You're as young as you feel."

What a beauty. I feel like I'm 22 or 23 quite often, especially after a few round brown sandwiches, but that doesn't magically change the date on my birth certificate. If it did, I'd probably be in one of those drug and alcohol clinics by now.

So what's the moral of this rambling discourse on my anxiety at turning 30? I wasn't sure myself when I started, and I'm still not too clear on it, but I feel better.

I guess if there's any information of value here, it's to live it up while you can. Enjoy life until it's too late, and don't feel guilty about it. Play your favorite games.

Letters to the Editor

Government needs to tighten belt

Editor:

State institutions and agencies are extremely wasteful. I am not in favor of increasing student tuitions or decreasing student services. Rather, institutions and state agencies should be required to conduct their operations in a more efficient manner. The employees are not concerned with these matters because they do not have to pay the bills. I will list a few examples below. Perhaps you could pass this

information along to a lobbyist for information to the Legislature.

Utility bills for electricity could be reduced by a large amount (thousands of dollars per month) if employees would turn off lights when not needed. Outside lighting could be reduced by at least 50%. Installation of sensors to turn lights on and off (such as streetlights use) would result in great savings. The prison's electricity bill is outrageous. (Make an inquiry as to the amount-you'll be shocked.) Perhaps half of this amount is wasted and unnecessary.

53-30-102 MCA mandates that a prison warden have education and experience in directing a training, rehabilitation or custodial program in a penal institution. However, in fact,

this is not being followed. Right after the lockdown ended which had followed the September uprising in maximum security, Curt Chisholm, Director of Corrections and Human Services stated, in a front page article published in the Montana Standard, that the warden did not have the experience and education for his position. Chisholm stated that he was going to hire another person with such expertise to assist the warden in his job. Why should the taxpayers pay two people to do one's job?

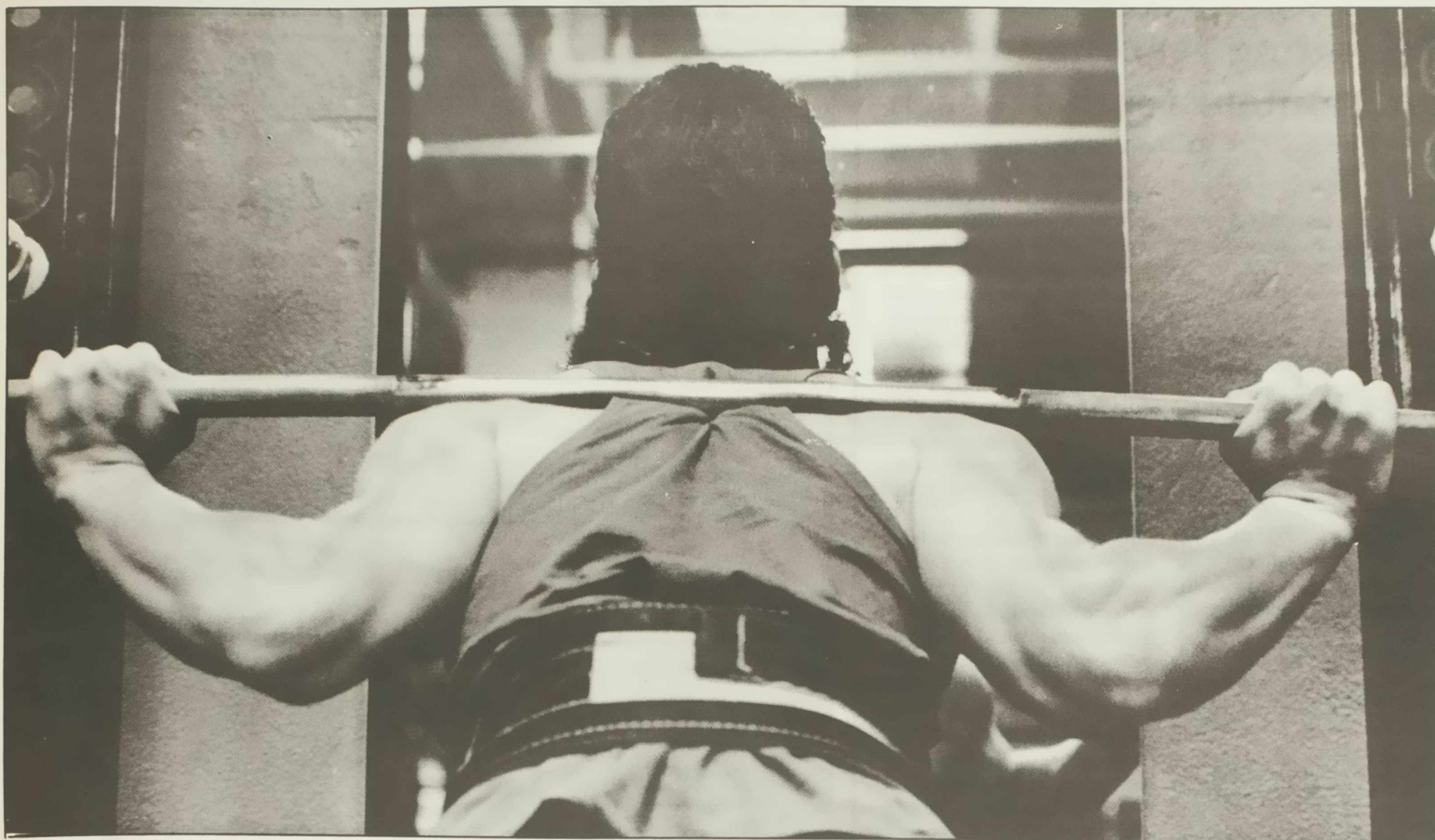
If these persons were aware that they may have to pay from their own funds for their wrongdoing they would be more careful in their actions.

Gary L. Quigg
Deer Lodge, Mont.

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"When I get up to a 600-pound squat, I think violent thoughts," explains Paul Houston (top). "I think about being beat up, and the people have no faces." Eggs provide the best protein for human needs, so Paul eats 36 of them, just whites, every day (inset). Discussing religion, politics or Paul's future job as a certified public accountant, Paul Sr. and his son take a long walk together every morning when Paul is home from college (above).

Story and photos by Bill Heisel

Pumping iron just part of the regiment Student takes life to extremes

The future can be a monster of uncertainty, waiting to devour the confused adolescent who blindly wanders into its gaping jaw. But Walter Paul Houston has stalked the beast, taken it by the fangs and broken its back. Not only does he know exactly what he is doing tomorrow, but he has an operational schedule for the next 50 years.

"One of my goals is to disprove the age-old myth, that you have to be old and frail in your sixties and seventies," says Paul. He is preparing himself for a long and vigorous life.

"When I do die, I'd like to be buried very large. Extreme muscularity," he says.

Paul drives at this goal every day of the year. He wakes up at 3:30 a.m., completes a run by 4:30 and then starts pumping hard iron at 6:30. This isn't an aerobic workout. It's a full assault on himself. His drive is internal.

"I don't have an overwhelming drive to hurt anybody anymore," says Paul. "I just think violent thoughts because they motivate me."

"I used to compare myself to everybody. Now I have a better sense of direction."

As of January, Paul's measurements were: chest 41.5 inches, thigh 21.25 inches, biceps 15.25 inches and neck 15.75 inches.

Paul's locomotive regime needs plenty of fuel to keep it running. He ignites with two cups of coffee in the morning and keeps the furnace stoked with six meals during the day, including a total of one dozen hard boiled egg whites. His mother Kathy worries about his diet. "I sometimes wish he wasn't so disciplined," she says.

Paul also lifts a heavy load of classes each quarter, mainly business courses, and maintains a 3.9 G.P.A. His brother Zach recalls saying to him: "Paul, you're brilliant. Go save the world!" And Paul would always reply: "I want to be a C.P.A."

"Basically, I graduate, and I start working for my dad doing just basic work," explains Paul. "Then I get my C.P.A., complete my internship at my dad's, become an employee of the firm, and

eventually become a partner and work there for the rest of my life," he continues.

The Houstons deeply feel the absence when Paul is away at college, especially now that his younger brother Zach is attending UM also. The youngest boy, Benjamin, has developed a fear of losing

anything old because he associates the loss with his older brother leaving. On Sundays the whole family catches up on each others' activities over the phone.

Paul especially enjoys the time he shares with his father, who is his future employer and his present friend. The elder Houston admits that he has difficulty understanding what makes his

son tick. He admires Paul's motivation, though, and says his son began pushing himself at an early age.

He took 12-year-old Paul to karate class for the first time, and the instructor told the class, "Only one person out of 100 achieves a black belt." While father and son were driving home that night, Paul told his dad, "I'm the one."

Maintaining the values that were passed on to him from his parents, Paul attends Mass every Saturday night at Christ the King Catholic Church.

"My faith gives me something greater to work for, the ultimate goal, heaven," says Paul.

He says faith carries him through the rest of the week as well. He asks for guidance in facing each new problem.

"Before a heavy lift, I always say a little prayer," says Paul, "but once I get into the process, it's hard for me to think violent thoughts and think of God at the same time."

The juxtaposition of aggression and inner peace is but one example of how Paul lives out his theory.

"You have to take things to the extremes to get results," he says.

Whether he is pressing weights in the gym or confessing his sins in the church, Paul pushes himself to the limit.

Whether he is crunching numbers for statistics class or munching eggs for weight gain, Paul takes a step farther than most.



Recruiting year-round job for Montana football coach

By Mike Lockrem
for the Kaimin

Every year thousands of sports fans cheer for their favorite sports team.

Whether it is a professional franchise, a college program or even a Little Grizzly football club, people like to see their favorite team win.

In college athletics, producing a winning team is a lot different than at any other level of athletics. In college, coaches have to go out and recruit athletes to come to their school.

For Griz head football coach Don Read and his staff, recruiting is a year long effort.

"We will begin recruiting for next year the day after we sign this year's recruits," Read said.

Read said that this year's signing date is Feb. 5, and on the following day the coaching staff will begin recruiting players for the 1993 football season.

Read explained that recruiting for Division I schools is broken down into four time periods: contact period, evaluation period, quiet period and dead period.

The NCAA guidelines for recruiting define a contact period as a time for face-to-face encounters with a prospect. The evaluation period is defined as any off-campus activity used to assess the academic qualifications and athletic ability of a prospect without any face-to-face encounters with the athlete.

The quiet period is used for campus visits by the prospects. During

the dead period, there is no in-person contact or off-campus activity with the prospect. However, phone calls and letters are allowed.

Read said that he and his staff will start sending out letters Feb. 6 to high school and junior college coaches in the Northwest and California, UM's recruiting area, asking for names of athletes that they think could play Division I football.

Read said this generally amounts to 500 or 600 names and that this process takes place during the dead period.

Read said by summer the list of names is reduced to about 300, after determining which athletes can be accepted academically to UM and whether they fit into the Griz football program. Read said the coaches then send for game films of the athletes at their high schools or junior colleges.

"We go into the fall with a football rating of each kid and the idea of whether or not they fit into our place," Read said.

Read said when fall football is over, the number of prospects has been reduced to 150 for the evaluation period during the month of November.

By December, final football ratings of the prospects are made, and the coaches begin traveling to recruit players.

Read said, "Most of the work is done before the player gets here" to visit the campus.

Read said he and his staff hope to sign around 20 new recruits on Feb. 5.



Jerry Redfern/Kaimin
PAT DANLEY, a freshman in history, makes the big effort...and misses as his friend Greg Walter, sophomore in HPE, cheers him on. The bomb was thrown by Tim Reuss, a sophomore in general studies.

Boards key to Griz success

By Kevin Anthony
Sports Editor

Status quo.

That's what Griz head basketball coach Blaine Taylor said he wants from his team Saturday night in Cheney, Wa., when UM takes on the Eastern Washington Eagles.

"If we play well and do what we want to do, we'll be in good shape," Taylor said.

The Eagles open up their Big Sky season tonight when they play host to Montana State. Eastern is 3-8 in pre-conference play, but, Taylor said, with losses to Nebraska, Gonzaga and Northeast Louisiana, the Eagles are a lot better than their record.

"We have had some very good games with Eastern Washington," Taylor said. "They've been a real thorn in our side."

Last year's 11-16 EWU team lost both games to Montana by a combined score of three points, with one of the contests going into overtime.

Taylor said that if the 13-1 Grizzlies are to win, they will have to play good defense and control the boards.

"If they out-rebound us, we'll be in trouble," he said.

UM is second in the Big Sky in rebounding and first in rebounding defense. The Eagles are fourth in clearing the boards,

but drop to seventh in defense and have been out-rebounded by their opponents by one a game. The Griz lead the league in rebounding margin at 11 a game.

EWU starts four players averaging double figures in scoring. Senior Miguel Johnson, a 6-4 guard, leads the team with a 14.8 average. Carren Wilson, a 6-2 sophomore guard, is second in scoring with 13 and leads the Eagles long-range bomb squad, averaging 2.6 a game.

Justin Paola, a 6-6 junior, is dangerous off the bench. He lit up Portland with seven treys Nov. 26 and led the Eagles in scoring with 15 against Gonzaga last weekend.

Austin Layton is EWU's big man in the middle. The 6-7 junior leads the team in rebounding (7.8), blocked shots (1.6) and is third in scoring (12.4).

A major weakness in Eastern's game is turnovers. The Eagles were very charitable in their last two games, giving away the ball a total of 46 times.

Taylor said he hopes to take full advantage of any chances the Griz have to open up the game.

"If we can run," he said, "you know we will."

Lady cagers put streaks on line against Eagles

By Greg Thomas
Sports Reporter

After five straight road games, the Lady Grizzly basketball team returns to Dahlberg Arena to defend its 23-game home winning streak against scrappy Eastern Washington.

The Lady Griz (9-3, 2-0) will also put a 58-game conference winning streak on the line Saturday night.

In the Eagles (5-6, 0-0), Lady Griz head coach Robin Selvig said he sees a team capable of ending both streaks.

"We're going to have to play great defense to win because Eastern's always good offensively," Selvig said. "They run a lot of different sets, and they're not easy to defend."

The Lady Grizzlies will have to pay close attention to Eagle forward Vanessa Jones.

Jones, a 6-0 senior, was hot in two games last weekend. She had 14 points and 11 rebounds in a victory over Portland and busted out for a season-high 31 points and snared seven boards in a loss to Portland State. Jones is averaging 12.2 points and six rebounds a game.

"Vanessa Jones is capable of scoring a lot of points on any given night," Selvig said. "But so are (Missy) Chubb and (Nancy) Taucher."

Chubb, a 6-3 senior center, is averaging 10.7 points and 8.2 rebounds a game and is leading the team in blocked shots with 14 for

the season. Last year, Chubb led the Big Sky Conference with 60 stuffs.

While Chubb and Jones provide an inside threat for the Eagles, Taucher, a senior forward, and freshman point guard Keri Schwenke sting defenses from long range.

Taucher, first team All-Big Sky last year, leads the Eagles in scoring with a 12.5 average and has hit 13 three pointers this season. She scored 20 points, nabbed five rebounds and dished out five assists in the victory over Portland. Last season Taucher was sixth in the conference in scoring with 15.4 points a game and was in the top five in three-point percentage, three-point goals, free-throw percentage and assists and leads the team in assists again this year.

Schwenke, sister of UM volleyball star Ann Schwenke, will try to control the tempo and feed the ball to Jones, Chubb and Taucher for easy buckets. Schwenke averages eight points, better than two assists, and more than one three-pointer a game.

Selvig said he has respect for EWU's freshman backcourt and does not see it as a weakness for the Eagles.

"Their freshmen are playing real well," Selvig said, "and they've got three seniors on the court with them, so they're not really inexperienced."

Selvig gave no indication that the Lady Griz would pressure the Eagle's freshman backcourt more than usual.

"We'll just need to play good, solid defense and occasionally throw a press at them," he said.

Knox named L.A. leader

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Chuck Knox returned to the Los Angeles Rams as coach on Wednesday, 19 years after the team hired him to his first head coaching job and 14 years after the parties went their separate ways.

His appointment was announced by Rams owner and president Georgia Frontiere, whose late husband, Carroll Rosenbloom, let Knox go after the 1977 season.

As the successor to John Robinson, Knox became the 14th head coach in Rams history. He is the sixth-winningest coach in NFL history with a 171-114-1 record.

Knox said he agreed to a four-year contract with the Rams. Terms weren't announced.

"I'm extremely excited about the commitment I've received from Georgia to do what has to be done," he said. "We're not going to rush into anything and make any snap decisions. Acquisition of talent is the name of the game. I certainly think there is some talent here."

Knox, 59, resigned as the Seattle Seahawks' coach on Dec. 27. The Seahawks were 7-9 this season and 80-63 during Knox's nine years as coach.

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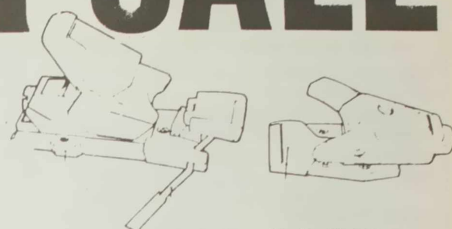


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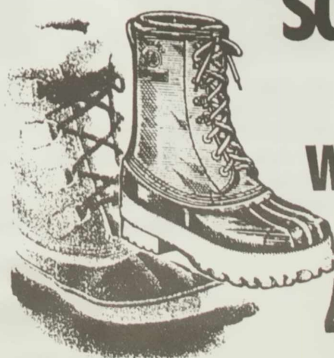
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