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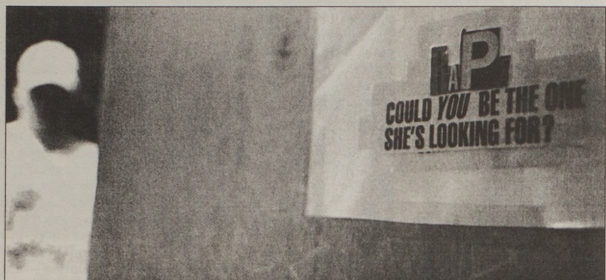
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# The University of Montana Montana Kaimin

Our 97th year, Issue 83

Kaimin is a Salish word for messages

Friday, March 3, 1995



Seanna O'Sullivan/Kaimin

**FRESHMAN IN PSYCHOLOGY** Eric Buehler says he believes former Miller Hall dormmate Mike Johns was wrongfully charged with two counts of rape. "In Mike's case it wasn't the rape, it was just someone out looking for Mike. ... It's just bad luck," Buehler says.

## Rape case draws poster protest

**Tara Tuchscherer**  
of the Kaimin

In the section of Miller Hall where a woman says she was raped in October, patchwork posters line the narrow corridor in silent protest.

"The Rape of Mike."  
"Rape ... Could You Be The One She's Looking For?"

The signs on the first floor of Miller's north side are blunt testimony to what Michael Johns' floormates believe happened between him and the two women who accuse him of rape. Behind the posters, his supporters aren't so quiet.

"We support him, the whole hall supports him," Tim Rooney, Johns' neighbor, said. "He's getting hosed."

Miller residents Rooney, Eric Buehler, Matt Robinson, Matt Cleveland, Paul Jenkins and Leo Rosenthal — along with friend Andy Liedberg — say Johns is suffering so UM and the judicial system can make an example of him.

Johns, 19, was charged with rape in late January and again in February, stemming from two separate incidents.

In January, a woman reported that Johns raped her in his room in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house. Another woman came forward later and said Johns

raped her in his Miller Hall room, where he was living in October.

Friday is the deadline for Missoula County Prosecutor Dan Safransky to file a report detailing why he thinks the judge should accept the case.

But Johns' floormates have no doubt that the judge shouldn't.

Johns, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is a perfect candidate for the rape charges, Rosenthal says, just because he's Greek and he likes to party. "If they aren't going to string up a football player, it's going to be a frat member," he said. "It's a textbook scenario."

Johns' former floormates are also angry at the Montana Kaimin for printing accounts of his arraignment and his picture, even though he hasn't been convicted. To be fair, the names of the women should also be printed, they said. Kaimin policy is to not publish the names of victims of reported rape.

"Rape is a sexual thing, a sexual thing involves two people. Mike didn't do anything by himself. You should have her picture in the paper too," Buehler said. "The story we get is his, but the part everybody else gets is the girl's."

The students say they are also frustrated with the fine

line of what constitutes sexual consent.

"This kind of thing scares us away from being a man," said Buehler, whose door is adorned with "Rape ... Could You Be The One She's Looking For?"

Matt Cleveland said sex is becoming one-sided, that it's totally up to the female's discretion. "They got us by the balls," he said.

Buehler says Johns calls them daily from his house in Missoula for updates on their school life. "He's doing well," Buehler said, "Mike's got a good state of mind, he knows he's innocent."

Johns' friends say that although he is coping with the charges, he is also dealing with the fact that his life will never be the same.

"Any thoughts of college are over," Rooney said. Johns was suspended from UM in February. Dean of Students Barbara Hollmann Thursday night declined to say whether he'd been readmitted.

"He wanted to be a wildlife biologist, all he wanted was to work at a fishery, and now he's grouting floors," Jenkins said.

Johns' supporters are all anxious for it to be over. "As soon as it's over we're all going to take him out and get him drunk," said Buehler.

## Advocate keeps faith in anti-obscenity bill

**Matt Ochsner**  
of the Kaimin

One of the staunchest supporters of a pending anti-obscenity bill said Thursday he's confident the measure will pass despite a "no" vote from a Senate panel.

The Senate Judiciary Committee Thursday sent House Bill 83 to the full Senate with a "do not pass" recommendation.

"We're going with it," said Dallas Erickson at UM. "I

think we've almost got the vote in the Senate, if we can first defeat the do-not-pass motion."

Erickson's Montanans for Decency Through Law pushed for GOP Rep. Jack Herron's bill that

would extend Montana's obscenity law to include adults. Right now, state law bars only minors from material deemed obscene.

The bill would also add to Montana law the Supreme Court's definition of obscenity as "material that is patently offensive to the average person, that lacks any serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value, or is solely appealing as sexual interest."

Erickson, who says he supports HB 83 as a deterrent to sexual violence toward women and children, was in Missoula to argue in favor of the bill in an obscenity discussion at UM's Law School.

Samantha Sanchez, Montana's American Civil

Liberty Union president, and Jeff Renz, UM law school professor, denounced the bill as a violation of free-speech rights. Obscenity doesn't cause sexual violence, they said.

"We're only looking at the people who commit sexual crimes and have dirty magazines in their homes," Sanchez said. "But what we don't know about are the people who have the dirty magazines and don't commit these types of crimes."

Renz said the bill is a step in the wrong direction.

"By blind-folding people, rather than educating them, it turns the issue around," he said.

Rodney Smith, UM law school dean, supported Erickson's belief that

obscenity spurs sexual violence.

"It takes far more liberty for women and children to recover from sexual assault than the liberty it takes away from citizens who titillate themselves with this material in their homes," he said.

Erickson said obscenity shouldn't be tolerated anywhere.

"I look at obscenity as being more dangerous than a loaded gun in my home," he said. "It should be treated like a contagious disease."

He promised to fight for similar laws in Montana communities should the full Senate accept its Judiciary Committee's 6-5 vote to not pass the bill.

## Daytime speed demons should pay, says senator

**Erin P. Billings**  
Kaimin Legislative Reporter

HELENA — Heftier fines would put the brakes on speedier drivers in Montana and possibly save lives, a Billings Republican said Thursday.

Sen. Al Crippen, R-Billings, is co-sponsoring Senate Bill 129, a measure that would jack Montana's \$5 speeding fine up to as high as \$80 for daytime pedal-pushers.

The House Highways and Transportation Committee will hear public testimony on the bill Friday. A closely divided Senate endorsed the bill last month 27-23.

Under the measure, anyone caught driving as fast as 75 miles per hour in a 65-mph

zone would still pay the current \$5 fine. Those driving 76 to 80 mph would pay \$10, 81 to 85 mph would pay \$20, 86 to 90 would pay \$35, 91 to 95 would pay \$60 and anyone exceeding 96 would pay an \$80 fine.

Crippen said the measure is a good compromise that would only crack down on the 5 percent of drivers who speed.

"You really get to the point where the faster you go, the more likely it is you'll have an accident," he said. "The [fine] is still, far and away, the lowest in the country."

Connecticut has the highest average speeding fine at \$200.

Col. Craig Reap, chief of the State Highway Patrol, says

See "Speed" page 8

## ASUM lands 58 decal parking spots

**Tom Lutey**  
of the Kaimin

Hold onto those quarters — ASUM and UM's administration have reserved 58 pay-parking spaces east of the University Center to compensate for the construction of a new parking garage.

The university closed the parking lot east of the Mansfield Library Tuesday so construction crews could start a 224-space parking garage scheduled for completion before Fall semester.

ASUM cut a deal with President George Dennison two weeks ago that opened 58 pay parking spaces to

motorists with decal parking stickers. ASUM had to pay \$1,869 to compensate Facilities Services for money lost from hourly pay parking. Facilities Services is in charge of all parking on campus and must make its own revenue.

UM Vice President Jim Todd said the deal was necessary to keep the school's Parking Department up and running.

"Parking is a self-supporting system," Todd said. "It has to generate revenue for itself. It's just a separate checkbook."

Facilities Services pays for renovations like the \$923,000 parking garage and the redesign of the parking lot next to Pantzer Hall by selling

decals, writing tickets and charging motorists 50 cents an hour for pay parking.

ASUM Sen. Rod Souza said that while the deal benefits students with parking decals, it's a loser for hourly pay patrons.

"It kind of shafts students that use hourly pay, but we're concerned about decal parking," he said.

Fifty-three hourly-pay parking spots are being ripped up in the construction. The lane of parking closest to the east side of the UC remains hourly pay. Campus workers are also vacating parking east of the football stadium so students with decals can shimmy in.



# Opinion

## Dennison is in touch, but will it continue?

George Dennison, is that really you?

Earlier this week, the UM president axed a proposed library fee that would have charged undergraduate students \$2 per credit hour and graduates \$3 per credit hour.

The fee was proposed by the Montana University System and would have taken effect this fall. That means, for 12 credits, undergrads would pay \$24. Graduate students would pay \$36.

"Students are saying they're being feed'd to death, and I agree with them," Dennison told the Kaimin this week. "I have made a commitment that we won't add any more fees for students for the next two years."

With one long-overdue move, President Dennison has shown that maybe — just maybe — he understands that UM students don't want to keep doling out more bucks for services the state should provide.

Yes, this is the same President Dennison who supported adding a \$30-per-semester athletic fee to our bills after it was rejected in a student vote. And yes, this is the same President Dennison who's talking about raising our tuition for what seems to be the gazillionth time.

Dennison's reasons for chopping the fee may be somewhat political — after all, our fees keep rising and the man responsible has been none other than he. But whatever his motives are, we won't complain if he makes attempts to keep our fees at a minimum.

Karen Hatcher, dean of the Mansfield Library, was obviously in favor of the fee that would have raised more than \$400,000 for the library. No one can argue that the now-strapped library could use more books, periodicals and computers — the resources that the fee money would have bought.

But it's not the students' responsibility to pay for these resources. It's the state's. Especially when students already pay arms and legs for textbooks.

Student fees should be reserved to pay for student groups and student causes.

Besides, as Dennison pointed out, the library is getting an additional \$125,000 per year for the next four years.

So, kudos to President Dennison for axing a fee that would have further-strapped our already shal-low pockets.

But Dennison must now prove to his detractors that this wasn't just a token move. He must continue to prove that he really is concerned about students and the fees they pay for things the state should cover.

One decision is a step in the right direction, but it's not the only step Dennison should take.

Kimberly Benn

## Corrections

Last Thursday's Montana Kaimin reported a statement that Editor Kyle Wood made about the financial status of the Missoula Independent as he spoke before the ASUM Senate. That statement was made speculatively and without documentation.

The Kaimin Fee proposal pending before the ASUM Senate is for \$2.50 per semester. A separate bill would reduce the ASUM Activity Fee by \$1 if passed. The amounts were reported incorrectly in Thursday's Montana Kaimin.

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## Tupac or not Tupac, is that a question?

*'Twas the night before last  
And all through the house  
people was buggin'  
especially The Boss.*

Salt N' Pepa received a Grammy only moments after combining their hit songs, "Whatta Man" and "It's None of your Business" (containing the lyrics here loosely paraphrased, "If a home girl som'nerother [nonsic] freakin' on a weekend"), into a spell-binding medley, during which all three members of the duo, I believe, grabbed ahold of at least one of the male dancers' crotches.

Upon accepting their trinket, Salt thanked Jesus.

This got me wondering who she was talking about. Jesus Smith? I rarely get to converse with either Salt N' Pepa or Jesus Christ, although I did blow an opportunity to see one of the aforementioned live when he they opened for the Fat Boys in 1986 — I ain't saying which.

Boyz II Men won a Grammy for their song of chivalry, "I'll Make Love To You." A little ditty which selflessly proclaims, "all you have to do is get everything ready

and take your clothes off (pour the wine, light the fire) and I'll take care of the rest. No, no. I know, that's okay, I'm just that kind of guy. I'll make love to you, if you want me to (if not, I guess it'll just be rape)."

When the metamorphosing quartet accepted their award, one broke out of his homococoon, stepped forward and said roughly, "thanks to our personal savior, Jesus Christ."

So all this Jesus thanking got me thinking maybe I'm in the wrong religion. Maybe "musical Jesus" or more widely, "entertainment Jesus" is the man to be down with.

These folks were getting action and, instead of feeling guilty or hiding under lead-sheeted beds, like I do, they were thanking the big man for throwing it all their way.

"Let's see what's on the docket, Chechnya. AIDS. And, oh yeah, when was the last

time Spinderella got herself a fine piece of ass?"

Another plus of Boyz II Men's spirituality is illuminated in the song "On Bended Knee," in which they sing about praying on said angular appendage. My right knee is kind of whack, so it hurts me to kneel. This therefore seems like a solution — only going down on one

knee. I just hope the Boyz weren't getting praying to God mixed up with a chalk talk from one of their high school athletic coaches.

Tupac Shakur couldn't be at the Grammys, because his bullet-ridden body was in jail for sodomizing a woman who apparently did not want him to. He has happily, however, chosen to renounce "Thug Life." It's amazing what a little sodomy can do.

*—Shecky Daly is learning Spanish through The Rosa Lopez School of Comiendo Pie.*

### Column by



### Shecky Daly

## Letters to the Editor

### Need not access needless programs

Editor,

I am writing to fulfill my obligation of doing a good deed each and every day. Today I think I will help The University of Montana save money and put a little truth behind these words. For years, UM has promoted itself to diverse groups of students with disabilities. These students with disabilities as a group are as diverse as all other students as a whole. I say this because I want to emphasize that students with disabilities may choose any major; a disability in no way limits a person from desiring to go beyond the school's access.

Still, access barriers exist to the degree that UM cannot achieve greater than 15 percent access on the entire campus. To me, if UM can't achieve programmatic access, cut the program. For example, take the inaccessible third-floor writing lab in Corbin Hall. If a student with a mobility or print impairment can get through school without using the writing lab, then certainly "normal" students can get by without it as well.

As for the following programs, which are inaccessible, get rid of them. Ask the Board of Regents: Anyone can be a success at the U of M. Under this assumption and knowing students with mobility impairments go without the luxury of these programs every day, these programs should be eliminated as soon

as possible:

—Chemistry 4th floor labs  
—Communications Studies lab

—Native American Studies

Program

—Botany labs

—Inaccessible classrooms in the Field House, including Annex

—Wood Products lab

—Education Labs in

Liberal Arts

—Language Labs in

Liberal Arts

Sincerely,  
David Donaldson  
freshman,  
business administration

### Read with care

Editor,  
Jeff, learn to read. I wrote not about God, but about the disagreement between what the people of the U.S. say they believe (brotherhood and compassion) and what they do (selfishness and narrow-mindedness).

Over Christmas break a high school senior gave birth to a child, then threw it out of her bathroom window. Is this the alternative to abortion that the Christian right wants? Is this the result of the right-to-life movement, that desperate people are reduced to killing their children?

How can anyone who calls themselves Christian refuse people the right to health care? What is Jesse Helms, who is Conrad Burns?

I apologize that my writing is not easy to understand, that people can't understand

parallel structure and irony in writing. I'm embarrassed to know that you are a college senior, Jeff, but still can't read.

I fear that you are all that you have pinned on my writing, you who crush my opinion with your own. Who around here is the Nazi who attacks rather than searches for understanding? I recommend that you analyze your fear of the term God and try to read the contextual meaning of all writing.

Sincerely,  
Graham Winke  
Wildlife Biology

### Kaimin is welcome sounding board


Editor,

I'm writing this letter in support of the tuition raise to support the Kaimin so that it will continue to run as it presently does. I understand that without it, the paper will only be published twice a week. The Kaimin is the voice for the students, and two days a week aren't enough to cover all the important events and issues that come up. Last semester, I wrote letters to the editor concerning Columbus Day. In this way, the Kaimin is one of the few sounding boards that we have for opinion and debate, two days a week won't do.


Eric Thompson  
senior,  
anthropology



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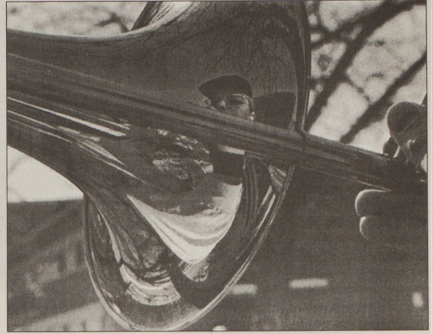
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Gary Thain for the Kaimin

**TOOT YOUR HORN!** Sophomore Aaron Schendel tunes his trombone Thursday afternoon in anticipation of Friday's concert. The UM Jazz Band Winter Concert begins at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre.

## Jazz Band bops through UM

The UM Jazz Band will entertain Missoulians Friday night with a medley of jazzy tunes from '30s swing to '50s bebop to modern jazz-rock. The band will perform its Winter Concert at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre.


UM's Jazz Director Lance Boyd tries to choose the types of jazz that appeal to everyone — students, young professionals and senior citizens.

The ensemble is made up of Jazz Bands I, II and III. Bands I and II are students with different levels of experience. Players from Band III come from all walks of life. George Goodrich, 61, has taken time off from his full-time career in law to blow trumpet for the band the last six years.

The band's vice president, Steve Roberts, said people play because it fulfills their passion for the music.

—Siok Hui Leong/Kaimin


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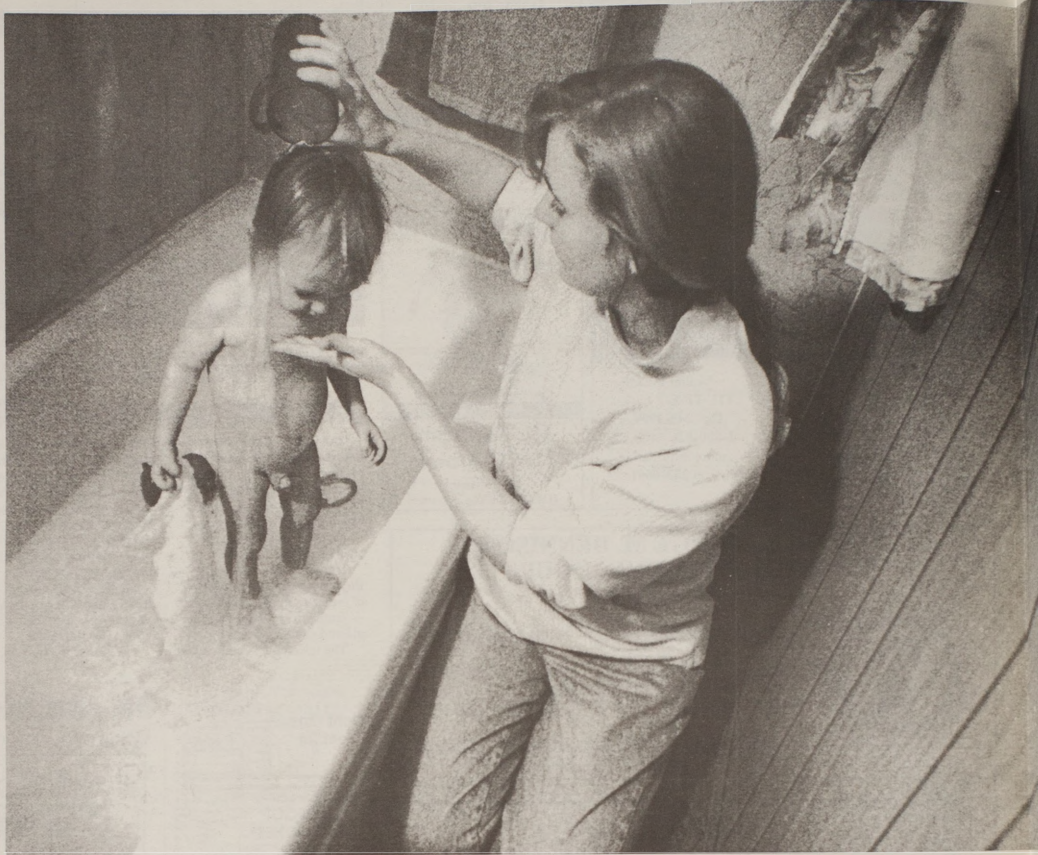
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UM STUDENT KARLA YOUNG gives her son, Hunter, a bath before leaving for daycare and morning classes. Karla takes care of most of her schoolwork while Hunter is at daycare the bulk of the rest of her days and weekends caring for her son.

## Just the Two of Us

*Single parent Karla Young juggles books, tests and the trials and joys of raising her son on her own.*

**K**arla Young's son, Hunter, was not the result of poor planning. On a road trip in the southern states, Karla and her boyfriend decided to have a baby. While making the decision to commit herself to motherhood for the rest of her life, Karla's instincts told her that the commitment didn't extend to her boyfriend. By the end of the trip, Karla and her boyfriend were no longer a couple.

Instead, they were parents.

Two years later, Karla, 25, and her 19-month-old son Hunter are living in a cramped two-room apartment near UM. Hunter's highchair sits in the living room, his crib squeezed against his mother's bed in the bedroom. The bright blues, yellows and reds of Hunter's abundant toy collection create a cheerful contrast to the apartment's dark, old-fashioned decor.

Karla plans someday to move her family into a place with more room. But as she glances around, her eyes moving from overflowing bookshelves to pictures hanging on the wall, she smiles contentedly.

When Karla moved into the apartment, she was pregnant and had just ended her unhealthy and exhausting relationship with Hunter's father. For the first time, Karla was able to enjoy her pregnancy and start planning a life with her son.

Karla became accustomed to the freedom she felt from leaving him turned into confidence, and any doubts she had about raising Hunter on her own were forgotten.

Karla readily confesses that her son wasn't born into the easiest of situations. But she dismisses the perception that as a single mother in school, her situation is one primarily of struggle and frustration.

Because of grants, loans, subsidized child care and welfare, Karla is able to commit herself to a full classload and her son. She intends to finish her studies in the social-work program in less

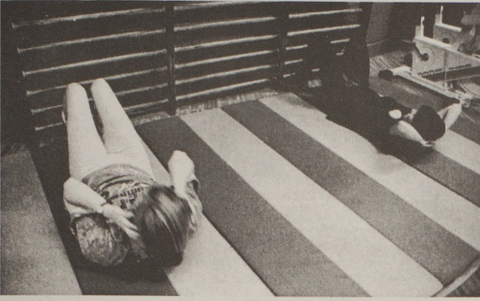
than two years and plans to use her experience as a welfare recipient to help make the system more efficient.

Karla is familiar with problems and abuses in the welfare system. She strongly believes in reform, but her suggested changes do not include cutting nutrition, education and daycare subsidies for children. She wants to see those programs prioritized, and believes strengthening the programs will provide solutions to the inefficient system.

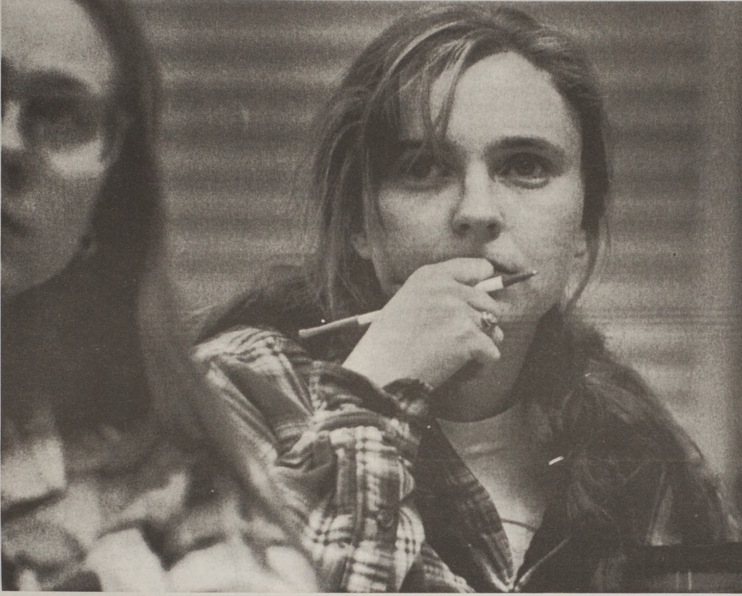
**K**arla is an early riser; her alarm wakes her when it is pitch black and Hunter is still sound asleep. She opens her journal and covers the pages quickly. Writing has become her therapeutic approach to a hectic day. Since she forces herself to write even before helping herself to a cup of coffee, references to her slow dripping coffee-machine often make their way into her "morning pages."

Once Hunter wakes, the tranquility of a quiet morning disappears. Hunter needs to be bathed, dressed, fed and packed for his day at Luv-N-Care, a day-





KARLA makes it a point to work out in the gym at least twice per week to deal with stress and to keep in shape.



TODAY, Karla woke up when Hunter did at 3:30 a.m., making coffee a necessity during her afternoon classes.



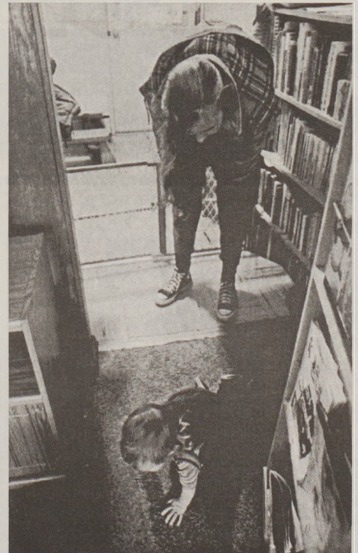
HUNTER fusses impatiently while Karla cools his cereal. This is the first time he shows interest in food since becoming sick with the flu a few days before.

care arrangement provided through ASUM. In the extra time reserved for the walk, Hunter insists on making each step his own.

Karla picks Hunter up after her last class and they rush home together to catch the second half of "Star Trek." When the show is over, Hunter is again bundled up as they hurry outside to play in the fading light. On their afternoon excursion, they walk down by the river with a mandatory cookie detour

at Bernice's. Hunter stops every few steps to pick up leaves and stones and hands them to Karla, who does not dare toss them away. Hunter watches with a wary eye as she puts his latest find in her coat pocket.

By 7 p.m. Hunter's eyes struggle to stay open, but the fresh air and busy day get the best of him. Karla lays him down to sleep. She makes herself a cup of tea and opens her books to prepare for tomorrow's classes.



HUNTER scampers away from Karla at daycare. He's usually not quite ready to go home at 4:30 when she comes to pick him up.

Written by Tara Tuchscherer  
Photographed by Chris Jacobs



# Sports

## Lady Griz lose to EWU

The Lady Griz suffered only their second loss of the season at the hands of Eastern Washington, 62-59, at Cheney, Wash., Thursday night. Montana was led in scoring by Lora Morast's 13 points and Greta Koss' 12 points and nine rebounds. Kristy Langton also tossed in 11 points. The Lady Griz finish the regular season Saturday at Idaho.



## THE FINAL LINE



Montana Grizzlies (18-7, 9-3) vs. Eastern Washington (5-18, 2-10)

•Friday March 3, Dahlberg Arena (9:06), 7:30 p.m.

•Montana beat Eastern Washington 74-65 in Cheney earlier this year. The Grizzlies lead the all-time series 20-4.

•Frontcourt: The Eagles are not very big or deep up front.

Six-foot-8 center Melvin Lewis leads the team in scoring and rebounding, and sophomore Kevin Groves can score as well. UM center Matt Kempfert is playing as well as anybody in the conference, and Shawn Samuelson and Chris Spojia have come on. The Grizzlies just have too much depth and talent for EWU up front.

•Edge: Montana  
•Backcourt: UM boasts the best outside shooter in the

league in Jeremy Lake, and J.R. Camel and Kirk Walker almost always provide a spark off the bench. The Eagles' backcourt has struggled. D'Mitri Rideout has played well at times, but the other starter, Brett Thompson, hasn't produced this year.

•Edge: Montana  
•Overall: Montana has a championship to play for. The Eagles? They are playing for pride. That won't be enough Friday night. The Grizzlies will win easily on their way to the showdown Saturday against Idaho.

•The Final Line: Montana 77, Eastern Washington 59



Jeremy Lake

## Big Sky injuries scramble standings

Tom Lutey  
of the Kaimin

The dust is clearing from regular season Big Sky Conference men's basketball, and members say they're now seeing what sports prognosticators couldn't last fall — the hard knocks.

In men's basketball, both coaches and members of the press corps predicted Idaho State to take the Big Sky, and Boise State was selected to take second. Coaches picked the UM Grizzlies to place third while the press chose Weber State. Then the boobies began.

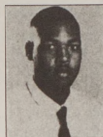
"We were hit with injuries early in the year," Brad Larrondo, sports information director for sixth-place BSU said. "We lost Steve Shephard in our first game to a knee injury."

Shephard, a point guard, was the Big Sky Conference Freshman of the Year in 1993-94 and Boise's third-leading scorer with 11.3 points a game. Then on Feb. 24 and 25, BSU (6-7) took a giant step down in the rankings, losing to UM and Montana State, after John

Coker, the Big Sky's only 7-foot player, suffered a stress-fractured foot a couple of weeks before. BSU beat UM on Jan. 27 in Missoula, before Coker's injury. Larrondo said Coker should be ready to play in the Big Sky Tournament next weekend.

BSU also lost Darnell Woods — the team's morale-booster — to a knee injury for a game, and forward Bernard Walker was kicked off the team following his arrest on charges of using someone else's credit card. BSU also

lost walk-on Greg Lords, who died in a diving accident last summer.



Steve Shephard

Idaho State excelled in the preseason with 17 wins, then stumbled on Feb. 4 at home against Boise after sophomore center Nate Green injured his back. Both Montana and

Montana State trounced ISU in the following weeks.

Northwestern Arizona, now ranked seventh in the conference, has also suffered its losses, but none worse than the death of junior forward Brad Snyder. Snyder died in a car wreck on Feb. 19 after NAU (4-9) lost to

Idaho State. Snyder shot two last-second free throws to beat UM on Jan. 22.

On Saturday, the Grizzlies will face off against the University of Idaho (6-6). Idaho is looking to sneak in the tournament with a fourth-place bye. The Vandals forced Weber into a tie for first place with UM by defeating the Wildcats in Moscow by one point. They could also spoil UM's down-to-the-wire tie for first place this weekend.

"We had some minor injuries at the beginning of the season, but nobody sat out more than one game," Sean Johnson, UT's sports information director, said. "We were at our worst when we played Montana at home. Right now we're playing our best ball of the season."

One-time absences nipped the Griz earlier when sophomore forward Chris Spojia missed UM's home loss to Weber on Feb. 9, and when senior forward Matt Kempfert was sidelined with an injury at NAU Jan. 12.

Weber State — half a game ahead of UM for first place — has remained healthy all season.

The MSU Bobcats (6-6) are tied for fourth with UI, one spot ahead of where coaches and the press predicted.

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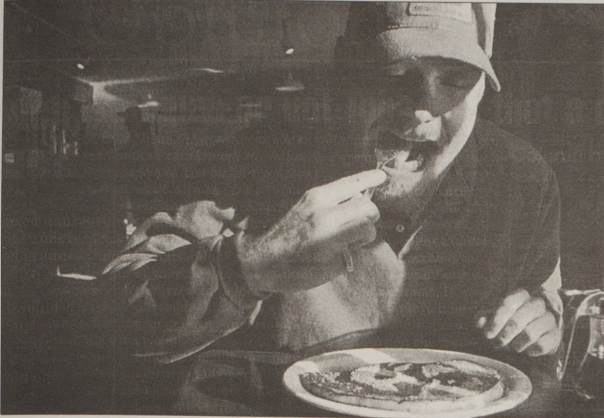
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IN HONOR of National Pancake Week, Brady Meltzer, a senior in communications and Food for Thought employee, enjoys a pancake Thursday morning. Meltzer said he likes the FFT pancakes because "They're light. And they're free." The rest of us, though, have to pay \$1.50.

## Concerning U

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**Concert** — Jazz Bands, 8 p.m., University Theatre, \$2/general, students-free.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** — CORNERSTONES Group, 12:10-1 p.m., University Center Room 114 or as posted.



**Basketball** — Grizzlies vs. Idaho, 7:30 p.m., Dahlberg Arena.

**Senior recital** — percussionist Jerome Slobojan, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall.

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**Faculty Recital** — "An Evening of Love Songs," featuring Stephen Kalm, Professor of Voice and Director of Opera Workshop, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall.



## Budget shafts Missoula, say some local officials

Nancy Gardner  
of the Kaimin

The Republicans' proposed balanced budget amendment was rejected by the U.S. Senate Thursday, but the issue will re-emerge this fall and require solutions, a group of panelists from Missoula said Thursday night.

Missoula County Commissioner Fern Hart said that if the balanced budget amendment passes, Montana and Missoula County will be big losers since Montana receives significant grants from the federal government.

"The Missoula City/County Health Department alone receives 38 percent of its funding from the federal government," said Hart.

Hart said if the federal government distributed a set amount of money to each state, the states could use the money more effectively. Currently, the federal government determines how each state spends its federal grants.

The amendment would require the federal government to balance its budget each year by fiscal year 2002. If passed, the amendment would need at least 38 states to ratify it within seven years after its submission.

The national debt is \$5 tril-

lion. The deficit this year is projected to be \$200 million.

"Ratification in even 30 states would be difficult to achieve, especially in large states that receive more federal aid," said Professor and acting Associate Provost James Lopach, who supports the amendment.

"The future of the present belongs to we, the people, and if there's a need to change it, we should accept that change and take action," said Lopach. "We should use the constitution as our means of responding to the problems of the present."

But Political Science Professor Michael Laslovich called the amendment "a nebulous solution to serious problems."

"There's a danger to altering a constitution in such a fashion because it won't work, and it will trash the constitution in the process," he said. "It will increase the amount of cynicism the public has for the government."

Economics Professor Richard Barrett criticized the amendment, saying it relies too heavily on future economic projections.

"The balanced budget amendment is shorthand for expenditure cutting, not balancing the budget," Barrett said.



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# Writer erases national borders

Author Wiebe unites Canada with states on common ground

Dustin Solberg  
of the Kaimin

Canadian writer Rudy Wiebe gave a lecture and reading Thursday night that spoke a regional language that transcended the artificial border between us.

Wiebe explained how his roots in spirituality and the landscapes of northern Saskatchewan and southern Alberta that are so vitally linked are expressed in his writing.

Wiebe has published 17 books, two of which won Governor General's awards, the Canadian sister of the

Pulitzer.

"The spirituality of the aboriginal people was profound and strong," he said to about 100 people gathered in the Urey Lecture Hall. It is not a logical approach to relating to one's surroundings, said Wiebe, but a mystical one.

Wiebe, who said he's now in his seventh decade, said a degree in theology helped him understand the inextricable link between the landscape and the mystical.

Wiebe writes of a region that's been intersected by an international border that has separated the immigrant people of the United States and

Canada. This border, Wiebe said, "doesn't exist in aboriginal terms." The Blackfoot of Browning, Mont., and the Blackfoot of Brootet, Alberta, are still the same people, he said, even if the border has proved an obstacle for some.

UM's Center for the Rocky Mountain West, directed by Bill Farr, is making steps to cross this international boundary by sharing stories of a common landscape, and Wiebe praised this new effort.

The international boundary has made people of the same landscape but different nations "mutually invisible," Wiebe said.

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## Speed: Highways 'built for higher speeds'

higher fines will deter drivers from speeding and lower the number of highway accidents.

In 1994, 202 people were killed on Montana's highways, and 25 have already died this year, he said, adding that 20 percent of those deaths were speed-related.

Foes of the measure say the \$5 fine is a tradition in Montana, and higher fines wouldn't stop speeding.

Sen. Daryl Toews, R-Lustre, said most highway accidents result from drinking, not speeding, adding that the state's roads can handle faster drivers.

"Our highways are built for higher speeds like 65 and 75 mph. They aren't built narrow and skinny for 55 mph," he said.

Reap said that last year alone law enforcement issued 55,000 speeding tickets.

Half of the money generated from fines goes to the state general fund and the other half goes to county governments.

Under the bill, higher fines are estimated to raise an additional \$360,350 in 1996 and \$423,855 in 1997.

Nonetheless, Crippen predicts the measure will fail. Past Legislatures have considered and rejected similar bills, he said.

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