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# The University of Montana Montana Kaimin

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Kaimin is a Salish word for messages

Friday, March 1, 1996

## UTU, governor agree on contract mediation

**Molly Wood  
Kimberly Robinson  
Kaimin Reporters**

HELENA — The University Teachers' Union avoided possible arbitration after meeting with Gov. Marc Racicot and education officials Thursday in the governor's office.

Faculty and officials agreed to continue talking about problems raised by the contract, but did not set a date for future meetings.

Frustration and confusion over the UTU contract has sparked controversy in recent months, with faculty saying they are being asked to teach more than the contract requires.

"We'd rather settle it at a

table than in front of an arbitrator," said UTU Secretary Dick Barrett.

The governor agreed, saying he doesn't want to use arbitration as a "safety valve" because it goes against the spirit of collective bargaining.

Racicot agreed there are problems with the contract.

"The sticky wicket is that we have a contract that is interiorly inconsistent," he said.

The problems lie in determining how many hours faculty are currently teaching and in how many hours they should be teaching to reach productivity goals spelled out in the contract.

The agreement calls for an 11 percent increase in teaching hours over the next two years with another 9 percent increase

over the following two years. But Jim Flightner, dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, said faculty are already doing more work than they receive credit.

Faculty Senate Chair Randy Bolton agreed. "Faculty are concerned and really want to demonstrate exactly what they do and get credit for what they do," he said.

Independent studies, labs, graduate advising and specialized classes are part of faculty workloads that do not count toward meeting productivity goals in the contract. So, said Barrett, "it is possible for faculty to meet these workload requirements but the number of contact hours doesn't go up."

Racicot agreed, saying "that the target of 11 percent is high-

ly unrealistic because it is outside the bounds of the contract."

Student representatives Dana Shonk and Jason Thielman said the real problem for students lies in accessibility of classes. They said faculty should try to add more lower-division classes.

The contract, Thielman said, is "designed for students, to get students in and out in four years. The complaint I hear most is access. It's the basic, required classes that students have difficulty getting into," he said.

UTU President Dick Dailey said he wanted to "emphasize that we are not opposed to trying to get more courses taught." However, he said, if faculty are asked to simply teach more classes, the integrity of the con-

tract could be compromised.

"We are trying to find a fair, reasonable, equitable way of both complying with the contract and getting more classes taught," Dailey said.

Both Dailey and Barrett offered the caution that teaching more classes does not necessarily mean students will take more credits and get out faster. Many students take light loads because of other responsibilities, Barrett said, but just adding classes will not increase graduation rates.

The governor expressed his willingness to continue talking about the problems with the contract.

"I don't mean to diminish this challenge," he said, "but I don't think we should feel like we're on the final abyss here."

## Productions director says:

## Pub would leach funds from UM Productions

**Erica Curless  
Kaimin Reporter**

Operating the proposed campus pub could cost about \$27,000 and jeopardize UM Productions' programming, director Virginia Jones said Thursday.

"It'll cost \$27,000 a year just to make alcohol available, one-third of (productions) budget," she said. "The programming will suffer."

Jones wrote a cost projection for the Study Brake after ASUM Vice President Dana Shonk requested the report.

According to the projection, if the pub was open Monday through Thursday, advertising, the coordinator's salary, entertainment, equipment and security would cost \$27,180 a year.

If the Study Brake was only open two nights a week, operating costs would total \$15,090 annually.

ASUM Accountant Marlene Hendrickson verified the projections were accurate. "They might be conservative even," she said Thursday. But ASUM President Matt Lee said the projections are bogus.

"It's ridiculous is what I think it is," he said.

Lee said the coordinator's salary, advertising costs and entertainment prices were inflated.

Jones estimated the coordinator would work 10 months, but Lee said the person would only be needed for eight months, a \$600 savings.

The biggest exaggeration was entertainment costs, Lee said. For example, renting a television from the University Center for Monday night foot-

ball would cost \$65 a night.

"The game room said they'd let us use their big screen TV," he said Tuesday. But the game room doesn't own a television, supervisor Steve Langley said. Langley also said Lee never asked him about the television.

"The TV is definitely rented," he said. "He was up here to play foosball and we didn't talk about that."

Other equipment like microphones and sound systems would also cost the pub. Providing sound for one open mic is about \$210, Jones said.

Lee told about 100 students at an open forum in the University Center Feb. 23 the pub could use Productions' equipment. But Jones disagreed.

"Why should UM Productions use equipment like this when we're not receiving a profit," Jones said. "We have to make a big loan payment on it. We need revenue."

Jones also said the Productions' sound system wouldn't adapt to the second-floor space.

The Study Brake could request money from ASUM accounts to buy its own sound equipment, Lee said.

Even if equipment costs were omitted from the estimate, the pub would still need \$19,980 a year, Jones said.

According to Lee's proposal, the Study Brake would generate about \$12,600 a year in profit.

Dining Services would cover the remaining costs, Lee said.

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Brent McCann/for the Kaimin

JACKIE TAYLOR pulls her older sister Misty along with her friends Tommy, Sammy and Leah Snyder Saturday on the tennis courts at Bonner Park. Sammy said he would keep rollerblading until the nets go up and then he'd go back to playing tennis.

## Computer fee to fund campus projects

**Erica Curless  
Kaimin Reporter**

Computer fees paid by UM students will no longer fund projects benefiting Montana's university system, Higher Education Commissioner Jeff Baker said Monday.

About 10 percent of the computer fee is reserved for the state system but this year, the money will stay at UM for campus projects because of a complaint the ASUM President Matt Lee made to the Board of Regents in January.

Most schools in Montana's university system reserve 10 percent of their computer fee for the state. But only about 5 percent of the funds are normally collected, Baker said. The remaining money funds schools' individual needs.

Lee told the Regents student computer fees should benefit individual campuses, not Montana's entire university system, he said Monday.

Deputy Commissioner Richard Crofts responded to Lee's complaint in a Feb. 21 letter, which stated the commissioner's office will not collect a percentage of campuses' computer fees in the 1996 fiscal year.

"This means you have 5 percent more of your money you pay for computers going to enhance the academia on campus."

—Matt Lee  
ASUM President

"This means you have 5 percent more of your money you pay for computers going to enhance the academia on campus," Lee said.

The policy will remain but

students will have involvement in the decision-making process if future funding is needed, Crofts wrote.

The state university system probably won't need students' money because it is connecting to Summitnet, Montana's information super highway, Baker said.

"As we see needs are not there, it makes sense to read just what we're doing," Baker said.

This year, UM students paid about \$350,000 in computer fees or \$1.50 per credit up to 12 credits. About \$35,000 could have gone to the state university system, Information Technology Director John Cleveland said. Instead, the student computer fee committee will include the money in its budgeting process.

How much money other campus, like Montana State University, will retain because of this decision was unavailable.

# Opinion

## Prison time won't rehabilitate Braun

When District Judge Ed McLean sentenced Jared Braun to 20 years in prison for beating a man over the head with a beer bottle, he said Missoulians should be protected from people like Braun.

But what kind of person will Jared Braun be after 10 or 20 years in prison? What kinds of tricks will he have learned there, and how much harder and angrier will he have become?

Braun's conviction is an attempt to set an example for budding gangsters around the community, but we at the Kaimin believe the method of consequence is misguided.

Twenty years in prison will not rehabilitate Jared Braun. And the threat of prison time is not much of a deterrent to underage would-be gangsters.

If the juvenile justice system has failed to turn Braun's life around and make him a better citizen, why will prison do any better? If the argument is merely to keep Braun off the streets then perhaps we are merely postponing the release of a more hardened criminal.

Missoula has a history of strong reactions to delinquent youth. Graffiti in our fair city is rewarded with community mural paintings, and the "tags" and drawings of spray-paint vandals have long been hailed as the harbingers of Bloods and Crips.

Gang activity is a frightening prospect in any town, but extreme prison sentences, intolerance and lack of understanding are not the best way to deal with that fear.

Cities across the U.S. have come up with gang prevention literature and programs, some of which have worked. In Minneapolis-St. Paul communities host mid-night basketball in areas known to have high crime rates late at night. Studies have shown lower crime rates during the times of the basketball games.

There have been successful gang prevention programs in New York using theater and the arts, and mediation programs have been attempted in Southern California.

Communities all over the country have been faced with the threat of gang activity and have responded in a variety of ways. Some of those ways have been effective and some haven't, but we think that prevention is better than draconian sentencing, and that intervention is better than waiting for the other shoe to fall.

Jared Braun may have had a long history of delinquency and crime, but he's only 19, and there may still be hope. Will we be able to say the same thing after he's served his 20 years?

Molly Wood

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## Kids, don't try this at home

I'm slowly recovering. I figure it'll take another two or three days of severe relaxation and Herculean attempts at all-out sloth (as well as a battery of defense attorneys) to sort out this mess.

(Suddenly the paper in front of you goes swimmy like the screen used to during dream sequences on Gilligan's Island...and then snaps back into focus as the recollection takes hold.)

It all started Sunday evening with the alarming realization that not only did I have two midterm exams early in the week, but also a pair of brief, though pithy papers due Monday morning. Needless to say, I leapt to action: I percolated a pot of coffee, devoured a banana (for potassium, of course), and fired up the ol' Macintosh, pausing only momentarily for a dozen games of Tetris.

I finished my papers with but seconds to spare the next morning, having worked the length of the night with a diligence and spirit that vampires—real or the kind who chew the fat all night at 4B's—would be hard pressed to imitate. After a fitful mid-morning nap, I felt confident that I could easily do without

### Column by



Jason Vaupel

sleep for another two days if that's what it would take to ace my upcoming exams.

Flash to 3:30 a.m. Tuesday: out of real coffee, I was forced to indulge in modern man's greatest vice. No, not crank (or methamphetamine, as the Hep like to call it), for I had lost San Francisco Jim's phone number. Rather, I relied on, yes, INSTANT coffee. Instant? Yes. Coffee? Certainly not.

After several cups of the brown swill, I returned to the land of biochemistry, where I continued to live for the remainder of the morning and most of the evening...ah, nothing like a nighttime exam to rip the heart out of a man, I say. Nonetheless, I exulted briefly upon leaving the five-page "cellulose/graphite analysis" on my prof's desk.

My celebrations were fleeting, for the realization that I had another exam in less than 12 hours never knocked me on my ever-lovin' booty. But, I managed to recover in time to grab a Mountain Dew and return to the books...where I met nothing but failure: total brain-fry, inability to concentrate, wandering thoughts. At one point, I read the same para-

graph five times before I realized what I was doing. Unfortunately, this trend continued through my developmental biology test at 8 a.m. the following day.

By 8:30 a.m., I was a wreck. I had gone without sleep for three days and had nothing to show for it but two scribbled examinations (one a marginal success, the other an absolute, curve-jacking Franklin) and a short fuse.

Which, incidentally, was ignited seconds after I slouched behind the wheel of my sleek ride and powered up the stereo in anticipation of hearing Bill Shatner's innovative take on "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds." Alas, the CD player was frozen solid, so I tried a little of "Missoula's Best Rock and Roll," in hopes of finding something equally soothing. Let it be known that Bob Seger warbling about ramblin' to the capital of Nepal fails to tame the caffeine-addled heart.

(The newsprint again zooms out of focus and back to real-time.)

I take no responsibility for what happened next; also, my attorneys would just edit it out anyway. Let us just say that squirrels, pedestrians and stray dogs now understand that "Missoula's Best Rock and Roll" and caffeine dementia do not make for placid bedfellows.

Jason Vaupel is not proud.

## Letters to the Editor

### SARS coordinator thanks survey respondents

Editor,

The Sexual Assault Recovery Services is distributing a needs assessment survey entitled "Unwanted Attention Survey." The survey was an insert in last Wednesday's Kaimin, and we've already received an encouraging number of responses. We'd like to thank those members of the campus community who have taken the time to fill out and return the survey to SARS.

SARS was created on cam-

pus to be a service for students who have experienced sexual assault, relationship assault, stalking and other related issues. Over the years that SARS has been on campus we have had requests from individual students for information, support and resources regarding the issue of sexual harassment as well, and we are in the process of developing materials and programming on this issue. The survey results will be used to aid us in this process and to help give us a better idea about who might be interested in further programming from SARS.

We are hoping to offer a workshop this spring for

those interested in learning more about this issue, and your responses will help us address the areas of greatest interest. In the mean time, those looking for support and resources on sexual harassment, as well as sexual and relationship assault can contact SARS. Advocates are available 24 hours a day by calling 243-6559.

Sincerely,  
 Cathy Joy  
 Coordinator, SARSEditor,



## March is National Women's History Month

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## UM promotes diversity through cultural events

Sonja Lee  
Kaimin Reporter

With the help of UM's Diversity Advisory Council students will have the opportunity to take in an assortment of multi-cultural events in the next few months.

UM's Diversity Advisory Council allocated \$3,000 Friday, Feb. 23 to help sponsor five activities for spring semester focusing on promoting diversity, Jon Stannard, director of Upward Bound said Tuesday.

The DAC is providing funds to help support guest lecturers such as Eldridge Cleaver, a former Black Panther, who will address the civil rights movement, and other conference speakers to discuss tribal regulation of Native American environmental resources. The DAC is also helping to support the production of the fifth annual international student festival and food bazaar, hate free campus-based panels and presentations, Samite of Uganda's music production and the planting of the Diversity Tree on campus.

Stannard said the council has a set of criteria based on three principles to decide which proposals will be funded. The council considers proposed activities by looking at the size of the audience that

will be impacted, the actual diversity of the activity and the availability of other funds to co-sponsor the activity.

Since the diversity council started three years ago, Stannard said, some goals have been reached. He said UM is currently at the stage of creating awareness.

"Once we have created awareness we can employ it to see changes," he said.

UM law professor, Ray Cross, chair of the diversity council, agreed the council has been successful in increasing the visibility of minority groups.

"But there is still much to be done," Cross said.

The DAC is made up of students, administration, faculty and staff. Each year every campus committee and department chair is asked to submit a proposal with ideas for promoting diversity, Stannard said. This year the committee received 10 proposals.

The Board of Regents in 1990 asked Montana universities to establish programs to promote cultural diversity, Stannard said. In response President Dennison appointed the council with the task of promoting multi-cultural diversity by helping sponsor programs and events to enhance diversity.

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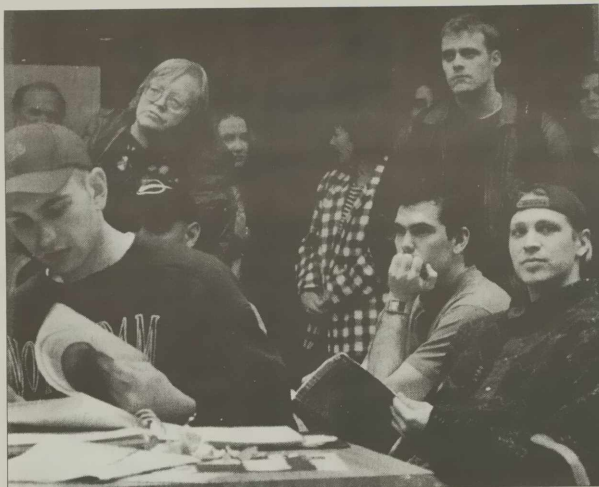
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ASUM PRESIDENT Matt Lee and Sen. Jeremy Hueth address questions about the proposed pub at an open forum discussion in the UC last week. About 100 people attended the forum.

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## Pub:Money can be found, Lee says

"Deals can be made with Dining Services to come up with these costs if they're the ones coming up with this money."

Dining Services' current alcohol contract says it receives 25 percent of sales while the alcohol vender gets 75 percent. Dining Services director Mark Lo Parco said these percentages could change.

Lo Parco said he has had no discussion about added costs with Lee.

"From my standpoint it's too early to be talking," he said. "My job, dining services, is to make that space successful. I have nothing to do with programming."

Lo Parco also said the pub is a moot point if money isn't found to furnish the second-floor space. No designated

funding source is known, he said Wednesday.

If the pub becomes a reality, Jones said Productions doesn't want to use its funding to facilitate the pub because the programming would suffer.

"You will not get the St. Petersburg Ballet, you won't get Sonic Youth," Jones told students at last week's forum. "It's much more than having alcohol on this campus."

So much for so little. Read the Kaimin.



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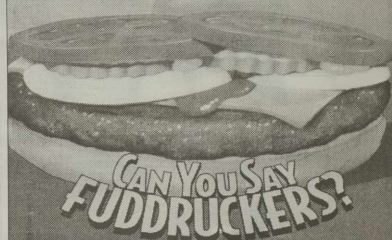
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# Arts

## Children's theater celebrates anniversary

**Morgan Sturges**  
*Kaimin Reporter*

A little girl named Megan begins the improvisation: "Can I have two candies? No, make it five. No, make it three..."

"Freeze," shouts Eric Prim, production coordinator for "Hansel and Gretel." Another girl joins the first.

"Olive is your color, it brings out the eyes," she says to Megan.

"Freeze!" "It doesn't look like a wheel," a third says.

"Ok, so it's mustard," the fourth retorts.

An audience of cross-legged children applaud wildly then get into a circle, as per directions, do the hokey pokey, quote Shakespeare, stretch and scrunch up their faces, and begin to rehearse.

Jim Caron never thought it would go this far. The executive director and co-founder of Missoula Children's Theatre only stopped in town 25 years ago to get his peace-symbol laden VW bus repaired. He was on his way to an Oregon wedding, saw an audition poster for "Man of La Mancha," got the part he wanted and, he says, has been waiting for that VW part ever since.

This week MCT is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its first production, "Androcles and the Lion" on February 27, 1971. MCT is both a community theatre and a touring children's theatre that uses the youthful talents of the communities it visits to produce a play in one week. It also tours an "Issues & Awareness" team that brings plays about AIDS, substance abuse and persons with disabilities to school children. And, according to Caron, without the

past and present support of the University of Montana Drama Department, it might not exist.

"My incentive to stop in Missoula, Montana, was a production at the University of Montana," Caron said in an interview Tuesday. "That was the beginning of an incredibly supportive relationship. We've had our ups and downs, but in general, this organization would not exist without the support of the University of Montana. And especially the current administration."

Before coming to Missoula, Caron tried his hand at acting in New York City, but hated the lifestyle and was looking for something to do when he happened upon Missoula.

"I ended up finding a place instead of a thing," Caron said.

Caron and co-founder Don Collins began a children's theatre because the area had a lot of theatre, but nothing specifically for children.

"We thought that might be a way to get audiences," Caron said.

That thought blossomed into 650 week-long residencies in 46 states and five countries as well as more than 36,000 cast members next year alone.

The idea of a touring theatre company was there from the beginning; using children as actors came later.

"We started with a company of actors doing plays for children, not with children," Caron said. "For a couple of years we toured the state... We were doing 'Snow White' and we were using kids for dwarfs and we got a call from Miles City. They wanted 'Snow White' and we jumped on it... and then we realized that seven of our actors were in the 4th grade."

Caron notified the school to let them know they needed kids for the show and when they arrived at the auditorium 450



Seanna O'Sullivan/Kaimin

JUSTINE MARCH, 9, and DANIELLE PASZKO, 8, practice a bad dream scene for the Montana Children's Theatre upcoming production of *Hansel and Gretel*.

kids were waiting to audition.

"We thought, 'hmm, we may have something here,'" Caron said. "We sat around wondering if this could be done on a bigger scale where we would do a whole show in a week with just a couple of actors and all the rest from the community."

The tour actors, usually two per team, are trained in theatre, Joe Martinez, MCT's administrative assistant said.

"They are actors who have gotten their bachelor's or their master's degrees in theatre or they're teachers," Martinez said. "They're from both walks of life."

Valerie Lyons, a former tour actor who is now a member of the Missoula home staff, said "you do it because you love kids."

According to Caron, MCT

offers life-skills training and helps to improve a child's self-esteem.

"I think we offer kids the opportunity to learn how to act (but) that's the frosting on the cake," Caron said. "The substance of what we do is teaching life-skills."

"We've had a couple of kids that have gone on to careers in the theatre and we've had a couple or three on Broadway or see them in movies once in a while. But for us the real deal is when we find out that a kid got his first job because he could stand up and be articulate in front of an employer."

Caron said he sees the touring project getting "bigger and bigger."

"I see us working more directly with handicapped kids," he said. "I see us working more

directly with high school kids in places where there are no drama teachers. I see us teaching teachers who are not academically trained in theatre, how to do theatre in schools."

This summer, ground will be broken for a new community theatre twice the house size of the Front Street Theatre and with a bigger backstage than the Wilma. The theatre is scheduled to be ready for the '97-98 community theatre season.

"It's hard to believe it's been 25 years," Caron said. "It's half my life."

Besides the concrete plans for MCT's future, Caron said he'll keep his eyes open.

"MCT was kind of built on when a window of opportunity opens we jump through it," he said. "So, we'll see what windows open."



Photo courtesy of International Music Network

LES BALLETS AFRICAINS, the National Dance Company of the Republic of Guinea, presents "Heritage," a production demonstrating Africa's cultural heritage, Sunday, March 3. "Heritage" combines traditional music, dance, comedy and acrobatics. Tickets are \$12 for students, \$13 for faculty/staff, \$15 for general public and \$5 for youths. They are available at all TIC-IT-EE outlets or by calling 243-4999.

## Arts Calendar

The rockabilly sounds of V.T.O. will highlight the grand opening of Missoula's newest bar, the Moose, with a 9:30 p.m. performance. Also playing is Soul Deep, and there's no cover and no cigarettes.

**Cold Beans and Bacon** will be at Jay's Upstairs tonight.

UC Programming presents the Philadelphia trio **Maggi, Pierce and E.J.** for a free concert tonight at 8 p.m. at the U.C. Campus Court.

The UM Department of Music will present a senior recital featuring **Carla Mar**, soprano, accompanied by **Patricia Muller**, piano, tonight at 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. She will be assisted by **James Nelson**, tenor, and **Barbara Simon**, harpsichord. Admission is free.

There also will be a student recital featuring **Stephanie**

**Washington**, soprano, Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. Pieces by Chausson, Richard Strauss, Mozart, Rossini, along with a little jazz will be featured. Admission is free.

**Mudhole and Hive** will rock Jay's Upstairs Saturday night.

The **University Orchestra**, under the direction of Joseph Henry, will perform a free concert Tuesday, March 5, in the Music Recital Hall. "Between Continents," an art exhibit of landscape and figurative drawings, opens Monday, March 4, in the UC Gallery. **Ben Hoggett**, a native Montanan, and **Renuka Pillai**, an Ethiopian, display an intimate look at the art of two different cultures. There is an opening reception Thursday, March 7, from 4-6 p.m. in the Gallery. The exhibit runs through March 20. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Sports

# Lady Griz hoopsters reach home stretch

Thomas Mullen  
Kaimin Sports Editor

If last weekend represented a setback of any kind for the UM women's basketball team, head coach Robin Selvig said he isn't worried about its impact on his team's last set of regular season games this weekend. And with Montana playing that pair of games at home, where they have won their last 25 games, he probably couldn't even fake a decent case of concern about having the effects of last weekend haunt his team.

Following a weekend road trip that saw UM lose both its first conference game to Boise State as well as starting point guard Skylar Sisco to a knee injury, the Lady Griz (20-4, 11-1 Big Sky) return to Dahlberg Arena for the first time in almost three weeks to finish their regular season with two weekend games against Eastern Washington and Idaho.

With the Lady Griz playing host to the Big Sky Conference tournament next week, tonight's game against Eastern Washington kicks off a home stretch for UM that Selvig said has his team in high spirits that aren't dampened in the slightest by their recent loss in Boise.

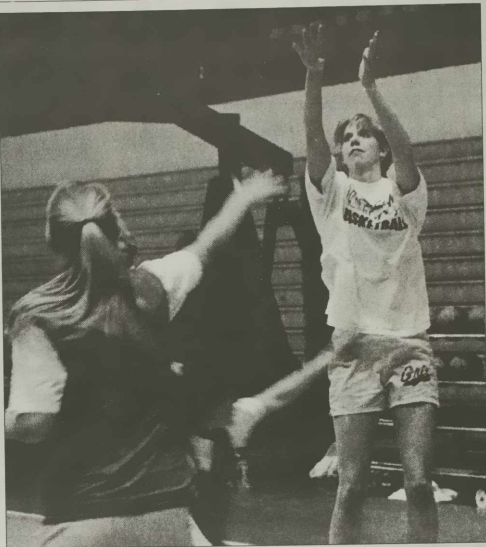
"I'd like to have been 30-0 this year, but it doesn't work that way," Selvig said. "People seem shocked when we lose games — and they shouldn't be. We've had losses before and you bounce back."

For the weekend at least, they'll be doing that bouncing without Sisco, though Selvig said the possibility that she will be back for the tournament is

"looking pretty good." In Sisco's absence, Carla Beattie will fill in at the guard position normally held by Sherri Brooks, with Brooks moving over to Sisco's point position. With 23 points last weekend's games, Beattie has become UM's fourth-leading scorer, and she will be filling in for Sisco this weekend against a team not without some late season bang-ups of their own.

Idaho (7-17, 4-8) was without leading scorer Mindy Rice when they were swept at home last weekend by Northern Arizona and Weber State. And Selvig said Rice, a senior who has been battling a foot injury for most of the season and could play against UM, could have made all the difference in the Vandals' two recent losses. Still, on the road the Vandals are a mere 2-8 this season and haven't beaten the Lady Griz in Missoula in more than 10 years. A win Saturday night against the Lady Griz would further the fight of the seventh-place Vandals to advance to the conference tournament, which takes the top six Big Sky teams. The team currently in sixth comes to Missoula tonight in the form of Eastern Washington.

The Eagles (7-17, 5-7) were also swept at home last weekend by Weber and Northern Arizona, but, with a big win over Boise State earlier in the season, the Eagles hold a tie-breaker that puts them in good position as far as their tournament hopes go. Selvig said that nothing striking stands out about the "solid" Eagle squad, though their leading scorer, senior forward Kristy Missall, tallied 46 points and 21 rebounds in EWU's two games last weekend.



Jordan LaRue/Kaimin

LADY GRIZ Forward, Greta Koss, pops a jumper during a team scrimmage Thursday. UM closes out the regular season this weekend with games against Eastern Washington and Idaho.

She will undoubtedly be busy if the Eagles can keep with Montana, which had a 12-game win streak snapped in the loss to Boise. By allowing Boise a season-high 72 points, the Lady Griz defense dropped from first to third in the country, allowing opponents just 55.1 points per game. Another factor that must make the Boise loss seem harmless in the midst of this weekend's games: the Lady Griz swept both

the Vandals and Eagles on the road earlier in the season, beating Eastern 73-47 and Idaho 79-51 on February 2-3.

"We played great on that road trip — probably as great as we've played all year," Selvig said. "Hopefully we'll play that good again, but they're both good teams and they're certainly capable of beating people."

Both games tipoff at 7:35 p.m.

## Griz beat Eastern Washington 79-69; Big Sky Conference race still toss-up

Anna Maria Della Costa  
Kaimin Sports Reporter

Eastern Washington had the right game plan against the Grizzlies last night — just hang around and wait for a chance to pull it out at the end.

The Eagles followed that plan pretty closely Thursday night, except for when they had to — at the very end of the game.

It was another classic Grizzlies-Eagles battle in Cheney, with the Griz winning decisively 79-69 to give them a 20-win season.

EWU was down by only five with a minute remaining in the game, 72-67. The Eagles missed an opportunity late when they stole the ball, only to have a three-point attempt miss the mark. Montana hit three straight free throws in the final seconds to come away with the victory.

Senior center Nate Covill led the Griz with a career-high 19 points. Covill hit 7-of-7 from the floor. Senior guard Shane Belnap hit 3-of-3 from the three-point arc and moved to seventh on the UM's career assist list with five assists during the game.

At halftime, the Grizzlies went into the locker room with a 40-31 lead and led by as many as 11 points in the second half. But Montana's offense fell out of sync and the Eagles went on an 11 point run to take a 46-45 lead

around the 14 minute mark.

For a few minutes, EWU had the momentum until forward Chris Spojia found Covill in the middle of the key, with Covill nailing the bucket and drawing the foul to put the Grizzlies back up for good.

With 10 minutes to play, forward Shawn Samuelson and Kirk Walker hit back-to-back 3-pointers to extend Montana's lead. UM led by as many as nine points going into the final stretch.

Montana is now 20-6 overall and 10-3 in Big Sky Conference play. They are still tied for first place in the conference with Montana State, as the Bobcats won their game last night at Idaho 81-78. The Bobcats will be playing for their share of the championships tomorrow night against Eastern Washington.

If both UM and MSU win their games the two will flip a coin to decide who will host the Big Sky Conference tournament.

Montana takes on Idaho in their final game of the season Saturday night. Idaho is 4-8 in conference play and 10-14 overall. Idaho has lost seven of its last eight games including a 94-68 loss to the Griz in Dahlberg Arena. Idaho is led by junior guard Reggie Rose who averages 13.4 points a game.

The game will start at 8:05 p.m. (MST) Saturday and will be aired live on KPAZ-TV in Missoula.

## Eleven men, nine women represent UM at Big Sky track championships

Brian Crosby  
Kaimin Sports Reporter

When the UM track team travels to Bozeman for this weekend's indoor track finale, they could very well claim familiarity of the turf as one of the factors aiding them.

Eleven men and nine women from UM will travel to the home-like surroundings of the MSU campus for the third time in four weeks for the Big Sky Conference Championships today and Saturday at the Brick Breeden Field House.

Although UM is not sending as many athletes as they have had in the past to the Championships, the Griz have plenty of room to improve upon last year's finish, where the Griz finished last and the Lady Griz finished seventh in Moscow.

"I think we'll improve upon our point totals from last year," said Head Coach Dick Kootz. "What that will do for as far team placings is undetermined."

The Griz should score more points this year from individuals who have the possibility of winning individual championships. Last year the Griz didn't have one individual conference champ, although Senior Brenda Naber was second in the high jump and Senior Dave Macaluso was third in the pole vault.

This year Macaluso and Naber both have legitimate shots at winning their

events along with sophomore Troy McDonough who has this season's fastest 55-meter hurdle time.

"We have a lot of potential individual conference champions," said McDonough. "It is tough to say how we will do as a team, but we will definitely improve."

The men have chances to score well according to Kootz. Besides Macaluso and McDonough, sophomore Todd Hering could score some points — he has won three 55-meter dashes this indoor season. Senior Dave Kelle also will run in the 55, and freshman Tyler Bucklin will be competing in the long jump and triple jump.

The Lady Griz have been battling injuries all year, and come into this weekend's championships hoping to improve on last year's showing. Juniors Angie Remington and Cathy Schwend are the only women competing in two individual events: Schwend in the 55-meter hurdles and long jump and Remington competing in the long jump and shot put. Senior Heather Tweet and sophomore Lisa Oyen will both be in the triple jump, and Nikki Traina will be running the 400-meter.

After this weekend's championships, almost a month separates UM's track teams from their first home meet of the outdoor season, which takes place March 30 at the second annual Al Manual Invitational.



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# Commissioner leads fight to save regents

**Kimberly Robinson**  
Kaimin Reporter

The Commissioner of Higher Education announced Wednesday he will advise a committee which will fight an initiative that proposes to eliminate the state's Board of Regents.

Jeff Baker added however, he will log-off from his job as commissioner while battling

the initiative to avoid a "conflict of interest."

A group of Montanans are forming a committee to campaign against C-30, the initiative being placed on the November ballot.

The initiative proposes to replace the state's autonomous board that governs Montana's university system by 2001 with a state department of education and an education

commission.

The initiative was brought to the legislature by the Governor's Task Force to Renew Montana Government in 1994.

The Montana Education Association and Montana Federation of Teachers have both signed on as committee members although they have endorsed the governor in the gubernatorial race.

"We can't expect every legislator to be pure on every issue," said MEA President

Eric Feaver. "This governor came to bat and hit a number of home runs for labor," he said, referring to recent salary increases for university system faculty.

Other committee members include former state legislator and 1992 gubernatorial candidate Dorothy Bradley, former regent Bill Mathers of Miles City, Missoula attorney and 1994 U.S. Senate candidate Jack Mudd and Roosevelt County Commissioner Dorothy Cody.

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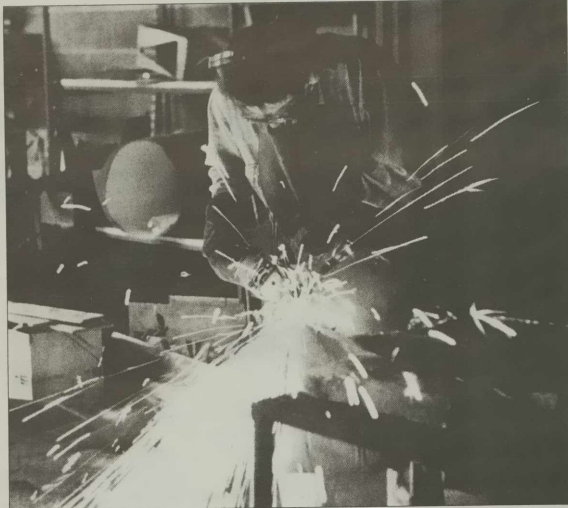
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GEORGE YGARRA, a Senior in Art, grinds the welded seams on his art piece "Woven Stone," in the Art Annex recently. This piece will be a part of his BFA series presented in March.

## Graduate Student Association formed

Karen Chávez  
Kaimin Reporter

With more graduate students enrolling at UM every year, but fewer actually graduating, students have formed a new group to improve the quality of their programs.

Angelika Longacre, a graduate student in biology, is the driving force behind the Graduate Student Association. She led the group's second meeting to help GSA set some goals. They include accessing faculty evaluations, increasing funding for their research and teaching assistantships, improving advising and making it easier for students to obtain in-state status.

Longacre said the idea for the group, which would be formed by a representative from every graduate program on campus, germinated at an open forum held last April.

The forum was spurred by a campus-wide survey of graduate students, administered by the Graduate Council to assess UM's change from a Doctoral I to a Doctoral II university.

Doctoral I status, retained by a university that graduates at least 40 doctoral students a year, hasn't been held by UM since the 1970s, said David Strobel, associate graduate dean. He said it is important to maintain UM as the "flagship" university in the state, bringing in more money for research and getting higher salaries for faculty.

"There is a paradox here," Strobel said. "There has been an increased number of doctoral students enrolled from

1973 to 1996, but a decrease in the number who graduated."

Graduate Council Chairman Randy Skelton said the campus-wide survey revealed three main inhibitors to program completion: lack of money, inadequate advising and trouble getting the necessary courses.

"A lot of students just fall through the cracks," Skelton said.

Longacre said these are problems that can be remedied by having a united group of graduate students. Much as ASUM is the voice of undergraduates, the GSA can be the voice of the 1,200 graduate students, which include master's and doctoral candidates.

One of their goals could be to elect a graduate representative to ASUM and become recognized by the senate, giving them more leverage to get money. "We pay graduate fees but get very little back," she said.

Provost Robert Kindrick, dean of the Graduate School, also he supports the group. "They can profit a lot from association with other graduate students, and by making their general concerns known," he said.

Longacre said she is still trying to get representatives from all graduate programs to attend GSA meetings. The next one is on Friday, March 15, at 4 p.m. in Room 211 of the Business Administration Building.

She encourages all graduate students to attend or to contact her with questions at 243-5891, or e-mail her at longacre@selway.unt.edu.

## Grad group backs faculty in UTU dispute, founder says

The Graduate Student Association, a newly-formed campus group, supports UM's faculty in the controversy surrounding the UTU contract, said Angelika Longacre, who is leading the group.

The conflict involves the amount of teaching hours faculty are responsible for, which doesn't give them credit for time spent preparing for classes, research and advising students, Longacre said.

A survey of graduate students last spring found the biggest obstacle for not graduating on time, after money, was inadequate faculty advising.

At the Feb. 16 meeting of the GSA, graduate students said they wanted more faculty advising but felt the faculty should get credit for it.

Longacre said the Graduate Council is now writing a report on how the university can regain its Doctoral I status. They plan to include a recommendation that says faculty should get credit for time spent on advising and graduate research.

—Karen Chavez,  
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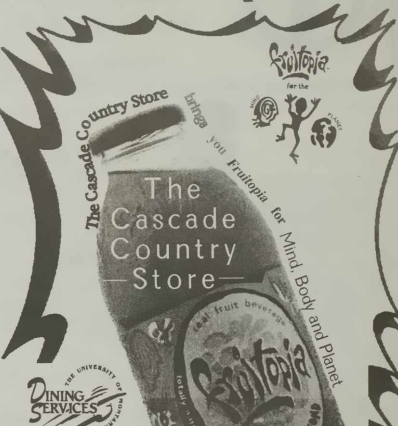


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