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Kaimin is a Salish word for messages

Tuesday, January 27, 1998

Former Sigma Nu member plea bargains in rape case

Sentenced to two-year probation, \$1,000 fine

Kim Skornogoski
Kaimin Reporter

Former Sigma Nu fraternity member Geoffrey Morris pleaded guilty Monday to a pair of misdemeanor charges and prosecutors dropped a felony count of statutory rape against him.

Morris, 20, pleaded not guilty in August to the charge that he had sex without consent with a 14-year-old girl who had consumed alcohol at his fraternity house.

He pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and endangering children.

Morris received two years probation, a \$1,000 fine and

100 hours of community service. He owes \$140 in restitution and is prohibited from contacting females under the age of 18 without the permission of their parents. The rape charge carried a minimum five years in prison.

The same plea bargain is being offered to former Sigma Nu member Robert Erickson, who also pleaded innocent to raping a 15-year-old girl in August. Erickson, UM's 1995 Homecoming King, has until Wednesday to accept or reject.

According to the case affidavit, the two girls, called Mary Roe, 14, and Jane Doe, 15, went to the Sigma Nu house May 26 with Doe's

cousin to pick up the cousin's ex-boyfriend. While the girls were in the house, Erickson and Morris drove away in the cousin's car.

When Morris and Erickson returned, they apologized for taking the car and invited the girls inside again, where the girls were given alcohol. The girls then told Morris and Erickson their ages.

The girls then went up to Morris's loft with Morris and Erickson. Roe told the police that she was in the loft kissing Morris when he touched her breasts and penetrated her vagina with his fingers. Doe told the police that Erickson had intercourse with her.

Deputy County Attorney Fred Van Valkenburg said his chances of winning a conviction in court were damaged when the prosecutors discovered a witness, Doe's cousin, had lied about committing a burglary.

The cousin previously had burglarized her ex-boyfriend's house, whom she had driven to see that night at the fraternity. Later she lied and said she knew nothing about the burglary. Van Valkenburg said the lie established motive — the cousin wanted further revenge on the fraternity by accusing Morris and Erickson of rape.

Testimony from a police officer who said he believed the girls were 16 also hurt Van Valkenburg's case.

Morris and Erickson said

they thought the girls were 16. In Montana kids younger than 16 can't consent to sex. But if the accused believe the girls are 16 or older and the girls are between the ages of 14 and 16, it can be used as a defense.

"We had to salvage something," Van Valkenburg said. "It made it a likelihood that if a police officer felt they were 16, why wouldn't these guys believe they were 16?"

Morris's attorney, Craig Shannon, said he was surprised by the offer to plea bargain, but believed all along that his client would not be convicted because Roe's story was "medically impossible" and "unbelievable."

Shannon said Morris plans to finish school, but not necessarily at UM.

Former UM student denies rape charges

Kim Skornogoski
Kaimin Reporter

Former UM student Paul Thunder Belcourt pleaded innocent Monday to charges of rape and intimidation, stemming from a Dec. 30 incident involving his former girlfriend.

The following account is according to the affidavit:

An 18-year-old woman, Jane Doe, reported that at 4:30 a.m. on Dec. 30, Belcourt entered her house in East Missoula and that, out of fear, she consented to intercourse. Later, Belcourt became angry and pulled out a gun, forcing Doe to perform oral, vaginal and anal sex.

Doe, a UM Tech student, and Belcourt had previously dated for four to five months, living together sporadically.

The couple had broken off relations a month before the incident, but were trying to patch things up.

After an hour of consensual sex, she got dressed, but Belcourt did not. She reported that she got upset, irritating Belcourt, and he started to threaten her.

He took out a gun and began waving it around. He then attacked her, hitting her in the face and choking her. She said he grabbed her by the hair, forcing her to perform oral sex, despite making it clear that she did not want to do so.

He then tore her clothes off, scratched and bit her and proceeded to sexually assault her, even though she cried out "no."

After an hour, she started
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Two-percent raise leaves heating workers cold; threaten to strike

Sonja Lee
Kaimin Reporter

Employees at UM's heating plant are threatening to go on strike, after having unsuccessfully negotiated for a new contract since July.

The six UM employees are members of the International Union of Operating Engineers, which has been negotiating with the Montana University System for pay increases and changes in their insurance plans.

System-wide, there are about 30 university staff members in the union threatening the strike, said Sue Hill, director of labor relations and personnel for the commissioner's office of higher education. They are joined in their threat

by an additional 23 union members at Montana's technology schools.

"We are taking the strike threat seriously," Hill said.

The union is requesting pay increases in 1997 and 1998 for 2 percent of their base salary plus an additional 60 cents to 80 cents an hour, according to a campus memorandum. The university has proposed a 2 percent increase with a lump-sum bonus.

The proposal by the union is for a higher percentage increase than other skilled craft workers or classified employees have received, according to the memorandum.

But Chuck Cashell, assistant business manager of the
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Sam Dean/Kaimin

Notes already, even on the first day of class. Non-traditional student Patricia Dunkum makes sure not to miss anything in her Latin American Novel and Film class.

Non-trad spices up classroom

Lisa Ronald
Kaimin Reporter

Gray-haired grandmother Patricia Dunkum may not appear to be a seasoned cosmopolitan or a UM student, but she is both.

Dunkum is in her 21st year at UM as a non-traditional student in the Golden College, which gives older Montanans the chance to take classes at a fraction of regular tuition. Enrollees pay 20 percent of in-state tuition.

"Non-traditional students bring to the classroom a range of experiences most 18-22-year-olds don't have," said Professor Rafael Chacon, who recently had Dunkum in his Latin American art class. "She's well traveled so her presence deepens the discussion."

Although Dunkum is 73

years old, "she's only 20 inside," said Rhea Blanchard, an administrator in Fine Arts where Dunkum volunteers as a department secretary.

Dunkum began taking a variety of cultural classes in 1976 after she and her husband retired, returning to Missoula from a "gypsy sort of lifestyle" which took them throughout the United States and all over the world.

"I'm learning about the places I lived — after the fact," she said.

Dunkum, a native Missoulian, first began traveling after she attended Smith College in Massachusetts. After earning an English degree in 1946, she spent six years working for the Forest Service, both in Missoula and in Washington, D.C. In Washington she also worked for the Department of Defense.

She later met her husband and they lived in San Francisco and Atlanta. Then the couple began to venture overseas.

Travels with her husband have since taken her to Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, France, Spain, Turkey and on a trip across the Andes.

Staying in school and taking classes in English, African literature, South American culture, art history and foreign languages have allowed her to continue seeing the world without leaving Missoula.

This semester Dunkum is taking a course titled Latin American Novel and Film as a means to experience Latin America.

Dunkum isn't sure when she'll take her next trip there.

"We've got to pay off the last one," she said.

Opinion

State senator should wise up and eat his obtuse threats

Daryl Toews is a pretty happy man right now. After the Republican senator from Lustre earlier this month attacked UM's decision to offer a course covering gay literature, the school has been forced to cancel the class because of low enrollment. Toews was one of the first to applaud. "Let's just say it doesn't hurt my feelings," Toews told the Kaimin last week. "It was the idea that you were getting college credits for the course and it was also promoting acceptance of the lifestyle." Toews claimed that by offering the three-credit course, which would have examined "literature by and about gay males, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender individuals," UM would have jeopardized its state funding. And by teaching such an outlandish course UM would have threatened the funding of every higher education campus in Montana, he added.

Kaimin editorial

So much for beating around the bush. And so much for academic freedom. Misguided at best, Toews' statements make an already edgy relationship between the Legislature and the university system even more flimsy. Even worse, Toews claims there are other state legislators out there who agree with him and are equally as ready to give university funding the ax in 1999. This is not exactly what a university system battling for bucks as well as academic freedom wants to hear. What Toews and crew need to remember is that this university course, like UM classes that teach students about Buddhism or communism, was offered to educate students, not to convert them. UM officials have done everything right here, even asking the students who signed up for the course to fork out \$240 apiece so they could eliminate the need for state support. But apparently that's not enough. State universities have already fought and won these battles for academic freedom years ago so they could teach their students about racial issues or about evolution. The last thing they need is more closed minds threatening their pocketbooks if they refuse to take a step backward. At least for now UM is refusing to give into these threats, all but promising to offer the course again if enough students show interest. That should give Toews and company more than enough time to recognize their own stupidity and give UM a break.

Matt Ochsner

Concerning U

Request from the registrar's office: Students intending to drop classes by Dial-Bear should do so as soon as possible to free up classroom space.

Tuesday, Jan. 27
Concert — The UM Chamber Winds, conducted by Steve Bolstad, with guest artist Professor Fern Glass Boyd featuring works by Dvorak, Strauss and Bernard, presented by the UM Department of Music, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free.

Film — "Mrs. Evers' Boys," with Alfre Woodard and Laurence Fishburne; film detailing 1932 syphilis treatment program where African-American men were given the disease by the government to study its effects,

7 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 28
Film — "From Danger to Dignity," celebrating the 25th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, 7-9:30 p.m., Gallagher Business Building, room 122.

Concert — "Live in Missoula," featuring Slobberbone, 7-8 p.m., Copper Commons, free.

Workshop — "Spiritual Economics, A Path of Right Livelihood and Supply," by Rev. Dale Blackford of the Spiritual Enrichment Community of Missoula; every Wednesday night from Jan. 28 to March 4, 7-9 p.m., Missoula Children's Theatre Building, 200 N. Adams, room 105.

Thursday, Jan. 29
Meeting — Women's Center meeting, UC, room 210; call 243-4153.

Friday, Jan. 30
Student Recital — featuring Eric Askeland and Jocelyn Rice; singers will perform songs, arias and duets by Caccini, Bowles, Hahn, DeFalla, Puccini, and Gilbert and Sullivan; presented by the UM Department of Music, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free.

Saturday, Jan. 31
Student Recital — featuring Jonathan Meek and Rebecca Meek; presented by the UM Department of Music, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free.

Around the Oval

Question: how do you feel about the recent allegations against President Clinton of an affair with Monica Lewinsky?



Geoffrey Aguirre

"If she was going to bring it up she should have brought it up a long time ago. Either she just got the nerve or she's looking for her picture on the front page."



Carl Beatty

"It's an unfortunate mess but he does have a history. This country has made a lot of gains under his leadership so I hope this doesn't lead to impeachment, but it might."



Tim Brown

"Like most of us I don't know if he did it, but it seems very possible because of allegations in his past. If he did it he shouldn't have but there's more important stuff going on than an affair."

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So much for so little. Read the Kaimin

Burger chains vie for UC space

Sonja Lee
Kaimin Reporter

Officials from an unnamed fast-food burger joint will be on campus Friday to see if UM is hungry for a taste of their business.

"We do have a viable candidate," said Mark LoParco, director of dining services. "And we are encouraged at this time."

Dining services collected proposals from burger chains in

December and is also collecting proposals from Mexican-food franchises, LoParco said.

"We're certainly going to explore both options," he said.

If an acceptable proposal is presented, the Grizzly Grill in the UC Food Court would be converted into a burger franchise that could open as soon as this summer.

In September LoParco reported that Burger King, McDonald's, A&W and Taco Bell

were interested in coming to UM. But LoParco said he could not release the names of the restaurants who made formal proposals.

The proposals will determine how profits would be divided with the university if a fast-food franchise moved into the building.

The El Paso Mexican food station currently in the UC could also be converted into a fast-food Mexican restaurant.

By bringing in the national chains, traffic in the UC could increase and so could the revenue coming in to UM's Dining Services, LoParco said.

Mike Omland, chair of the UC Board, said he was pleased to see fast-food franchises looking at bringing in business.

"I think there's a lot of plus-es," he said. "I think it'll be popular with students."

Letters to the Editor

Give our planet a well-deserved break

Dear editor,
May my purpose in life be to act as yet another nagging environmentalist to all of you who just don't see an environmental crisis occurring. I'm an ant pushing a rock up a hill, but soon enough you shall see that it is your obligation to jump aboard and push with your mightiest tenacity. A little more awareness and action wouldn't take much from everyone.

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• Call or browse the second hand shops for your material needs. Reusing helps reduce the need for extraction and saves you money in the long run.

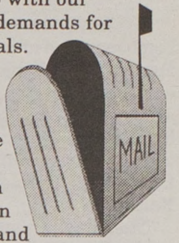
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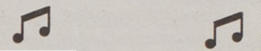
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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A bomb exploded at a Hewlett-Packard Co. office in the northern Greek port city of Salonica, and responsibility was claimed by a previously unknown group apparently supporting Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski.

The Sunday blast, caused by a device containing canisters of camping gas and gasoline, caused no injuries, but seriously damaged the office and a neighboring video shop.

Police found a similar unexploded bomb outside the offices of an insurance company in the same building.

A previously unknown group calling itself "Revolutionary Faction to Overthrow — Commando Unabomber," called state television claiming responsibility for the blast.

Last week, Theodore Kaczynski, a former University of California-Berkeley math professor, pleaded guilty in Sacramento to being the Unabomber responsible for an 18-year anti-technology bombing campaign in the United States that killed three people and wounded 29.

Media reports said Monday the group has also threatened to begin a letter bomb campaign. There was no reason stated for the attack.

The bombing came as police in Athens began a crackdown on a series of arson attacks by anarchists who have struck around the city.

Undercover police on scooters, in taxis and unmarked cars were patrolling Athens by night to try to combat the arson spree.

At least 45 cars or buses have been torched recently — the

majority after police arrested 28-year-old Nikos Matziotis on Jan. 13 on suspicion of heading a leftist ring blamed for a series of bombings.

About 1,000 undercover special forces and anti-terrorist police officers now patrol the capital's streets at night, the public order ministry said.

It is one of the biggest efforts in recent years to clamp down on terrorists and vandals by Greek authorities worried that the rash of attacks could encourage even more serious incidents.



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Student pleading innocent in Schreiber vandalism

Kim Skornogoski
Kaimin Reporter

The crimstopper who identified UM student Benjamin Fitch as the person who vandalized Schreiber Gym will not testify in court. But five UM police officers who say they heard Fitch confess will.

Fitch, a senior in drama, pleaded innocent to charges of burglary and criminal mischief Dec. 29. He allegedly broke into Schreiber Gym with his friend Gabriel Adoff and turned on the fire hose, warping the floor and causing \$34,000 in damages.

The two also allegedly discharged chemical fire extinguishers.

UM Police have pictures of two different shoe prints as their only evidence in the Nov. 30 crime.

But an anonymous caller told Missoula Crimestoppers she overheard Fitch bragging in a Missoula bar that he had broken into the gym through a bathroom window.

Fitch faces 30 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine if found guilty.

On Dec. 5, UM Police Sgt. Charles Gatewood interviewed Fitch, advising him of his rights, at which time Gatewood said Fitch admitted to illegally breaking into the gym.

Gatewood also said Fitch identified one of the shoe prints as his own.

Gatewood said Fitch admitted that "enormous amounts of alcohol was involved" and that he wanted to show off where he worked to his friend visiting from Portland.

Facility services custodians cleaned up the water that accumulated from approximately 3 a.m. to 6 a.m.

The \$34,000 used to refinish the gym floor and to sand and paint the ceiling could be just the beginning.

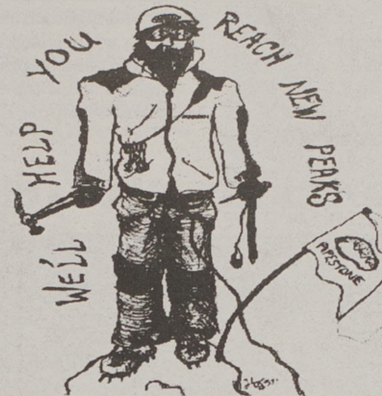
In March, UM's insurance company and Campus Recreation will decide if the floor should be replaced. If they choose to replace it, the work would be done this summer and could cost \$100,000. But for now the gym is open for classes.

Vice President for Student Affairs Barbara Hollmann couldn't comment on any specific actions that the university is taking against Fitch, but said if UM has enough evidence it will pursue disciplinary action.

Fitch is not registered for spring classes.

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Sports

Cats sink Griz 93-73

Ben Harwood
Kaimin Sports Editor

The state's men's basketball bragging rights are headed east, as Montana State downed the Grizzlies 93-73 Saturday in Bozeman.

UM could find no answer to MSU's Nate Holmstadt, who scored 27 points to go with six rebounds.

After closing to within 13 points at the half, the Grizzlies could only tread

water as the Cats swam away.

The Griz followed a 38 percent first-half shooting performance with a 37 percent second-half display. MSU shot nearly 52 percent in the second half, thanks mostly to Holmstadt's muscle in the paint.

Holmstadt scored 13 of the Cats' first 16 points — all from within eight feet — as MSU would go on to lead by as many as 21 points midway through the second half.

J.R. Camel and Bob Olson kept the Grizzlies within reach before Dan Sullivan helped Bozeman pull away with hot shooting from the perimeter. Sullivan knocked down four 3-pointers on the night.

Camel contributed 15 points and eight assists for the Grizzlies while Olson added 17 points and nine boards.

The loss drops the Griz to 11-10 and 4-4 in the Big Sky.

MONTANA STATE 93, MONTANA 73

MONTANA (73) (11-10, 4-4)

Dick 5-14 1-3 11, Buckmaster 2-7 0-0 4, Olson 6-10 4-7 17, Camel 4-14 7-8 15, Seidensticker 0-2 0-1 0, Bowie 4-9 2-4 13, Reiser 3-6 0-0 8, Warhank 1-3 0-0 2, Davis 0-1 2-2 2, Sil 0-0 1-2 1, Williams 0-0 0-0 0.

MONTANA STATE (93) (15-4, 7-1)

Sullivan 4-9 3-4 15, Ollie 7-15 4-5 18, Holmstadt 10-13 7-8 27, Hooper 2-2 5-6 11, Sprinkle 2-9 7-7 11, Henry 2-3 1-4 5, Rabb 1-6 0-0 2, Badding 2-4 0-0 4, Harry 0-2 0-0 0, Jordahl 0-0 0-0 0.

Three-point goals — UM: Bowie 3-5, Reiser 2-5, Olson 1-1, Warhank 0-2, Buckmaster 0-3, Dick 0-1. MSU: Sullivan 4-8, Hooper 2-2, Sprinkle 0-6, Rabb 0-3, Harry 0-1, Ollie 0-1, Holmstadt 0-1.

Assists — UM 15 (Camel 8), MSU 23 (Henry 7).

Rebounds — UM 38 (Olson 9), MSU 38 (Ollie 12).

Total Fouls — UM 24, MSU 25.

Attendance 8,228.

Coach, teammate expect Elway to return

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Wishful thinking by Mike Shanahan and Terrell Davis, or an accurate reflection of John Elway's mindset?

The Denver coach and Super Bowl MVP believe their 37-year-old quarterback will return next season.

"I would really be surprised if he retired," Shanahan said Monday after a night of celebration.

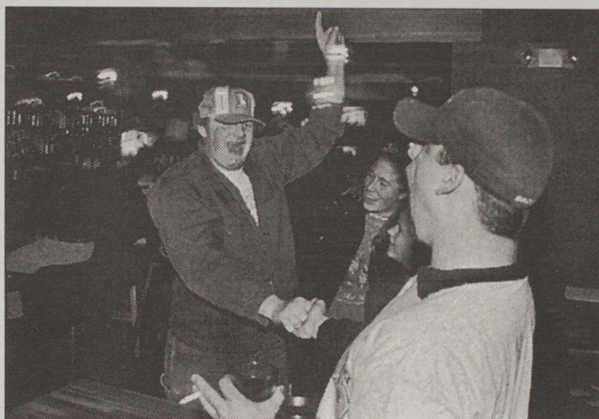
Denver's 31-24 victory over Green Bay was the first for the franchise in five shots at the title game and ended the AFC's Super Bowl losing streak at 13. It also served as the centerpiece in Elway's brilliant career.

And he remained the focal point after what was probably the best Super Bowl ever — just as he was before his bid to finally win the ring that eluded him three previous times.

Davis had his heroics — including the winning touchdown run with 1:45 left. But Elway — his quest fulfilled, his NFL future uncertain — provided the lasting imprint.

Elway, who has had a variety of injuries to his shoulder and arm, plans to take a few weeks off to think about his future, then talk to Shanahan and owner Pat Bowlen about a possible 16th season.

He is financially set, having netted approximately \$80 million by selling his seven Denver-area car dealerships to Wayne Huizenga, owner of



John Hersch and friends celebrate the Bronco victory at the Iron Horse.

the NFL's Miami Dolphins, baseball's Florida Marlins and the NHL's Florida Panthers.

But Shanahan noted that Elway has considered retirement after each of the past three or four seasons. And his teammates believe — hope? — he will be back to help them seek a second straight

title.

"I told him that he'd better not retire," Davis said.

Shanahan ended up making what sounded like a plea.

"Do you retire just because you won a championship?" he asked. "If he's playing at a competitive level, why not come back."

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Lady Griz win streak at 10 with win over cats

Kevin Van Valkenburg
Kaimin Sports Reporter

Make your free throws, crash the boards and beat the Cats-all in a day's work for the Lady Griz basketball team.

The Lady Griz moved to 8-0 Sunday in conference play with a convincing 72-50 win over archrival Montana State.

Cashing in on 30 of 35 free throws, the Lady Griz shook off a rough shooting night, just 33.3 percent from the field, to capture their seventh straight win over the Lady Cats.

The Maroon Monsoon outboarded the best rebounding team in the Big Sky Conference, 49-44.

"Rebounding was certainly a

big factor," said Lady Griz head coach Robin Selvig. "(Montana State) is a good team defensively, even though their record might not show it."

Junior forward Krista Redpath led a balanced scoring attack with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Senior point guard Skyla Sisco also netted 13 goals. Sophomore forward Lauren Cooper registered a crucial 3-pointer to break the game open before intermission, adding to her total of nine points and six key rebounds.

Cooper didn't need a spark to get up for the game.

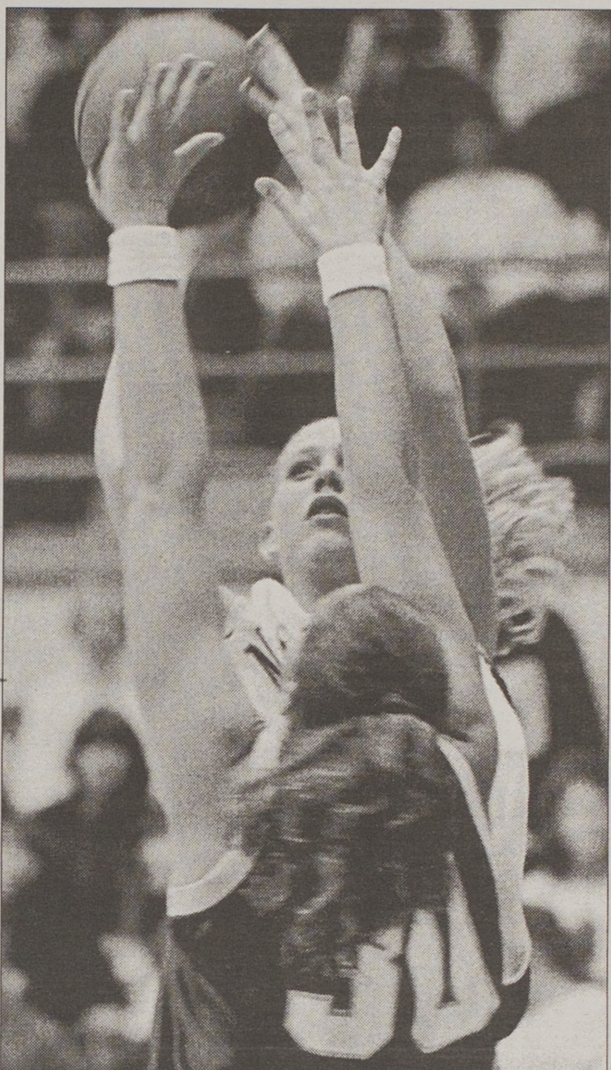
"When you play the Cats, the records don't matter," said Cooper. "We don't need any extra motivation to get up for a game like this."

The teams exchanged momentum through the first half as the Lady Griz shot a meager 29 percent from the field before half time.

The Lady Griz held just a five point lead until MSU coach Tracey Sheehan drew a technical foul with two minutes to play in the half.

"I'm not sure what she said or if she deserved it," Selvig said of the technical. "I wouldn't say whether one point made the difference in a 20 point win, but it certainly started a good surge for us."

MSU's Tennyson Ballek led the Lady Cats with 17 points but a tough interior defense limited her to 4 of 14 shooting from the field.



Krista Redpath shoots over a Montana State defender in UM's 72-50 win. Redpath scored 16 points and had 10 rebounds.

Maroon Monsoon storms Big Sky

Kevin Van Valkenburg
Kaimin Sports Reporter

In case you missed it, there's nothing wrong with the Lady Griz. The team spent the first part of the new year letting the world know the Maroon Monsoon is a fine-tuned machine, functioning as well as ever.

The defending conference champs shrugged off a slow start by winning their last 10 games to push their overall record to 15-4. After starting at 5-4, the Lady Griz captured the Montana Holiday Classic and then reeled off eight conference victories.

The Lady Griz picked up road wins over Idaho State and

Weber State to start the streak. The team then gained sole possession of first place in the Big Sky with a crucial 73-64 win at home against Northern Arizona.

"They certainly weren't easy games," head coach Robin Selvig said. "The important part was that we picked up five road victories at a time with no classes."

Victories against Cal State-Northridge, Portland State, Eastern Washington, Cal State-Sacramento and Montana State capped off the run.

Despite the emotions surrounding the MSU game, an overtime victory in Portland might have been the toughest win for the Lady Griz during the break.

"Portland State was a big win

for us, being down 10 with six minutes to go," Selvig said. "Portland is a pretty good team at home, and you hope if you have a championship team, they will respond to situations like that."

Senior guard Skyla Sisco won consecutive Big Sky Player of the Week awards and became the conference's all-time leading assist leader in wins over Portland State and Eastern Washington. She added a career-high 28 points against the Eagles.

"Skyla's given us some great leadership," Selvig said. "Our seniors in Angella (Bieber), Dawn (Sackman), and Catie (Walker) and Skyla have all stepped up."

MONTANA 72, MONTANA STATE 50 MONTANA STATE (6-12)	Cooper 2-7 4-4 9, Redpath 6-18 4-6 16, Bieber 4-10 0-0 8, Sisco 2-6 9-10 13, Walker 2-5 4-4 9, Cummings 1-5 2-2 4, Thompson 0-0 0-0 0, Harrington 0-1 1-2 1, Rasmussen 1-1 0-0 2, Meier 0-1 2-2 2, Weyler 2-4 1-1 5, Sackman 0-2 3-4 3. Totals 20-60 30-35 72.	3-16 (S. Smith 2-5, Spring 1-3, Meckling 0-1, Ballek 0-1, Bach 0-6), UM 2-8 (Cooper 1-2, Walker 1-3, Redpath 0-1, Sisco 0-1, Meier 0-1). Fouled out—Bieber. Rebounds—MSU 44 (Ballek 14), UM (Redpath 10). Assists—MSU 11 (Spring 7), UM 12 (Redpath, Sisco, Harrington 3). Total fouls—MSU 25, UM 19. Technicals—MSU bench. A—4,364.
Ballek 4-14 9-13 17, Merrell 2-7 1-1 5, N. Smith 2-14 2-4 10, Spring 2-7 0-0 5, S. Smith 3-7 0-2 8, Weedon 0-0 0-0 0, Meckling 0-2 1-2 1, Bach 0-7 0-0 0, Martin 1-2 2-5 4. Totals 16-60 15-27 50.	Halftime—Montana 37, Montana St. 25. 3-point goals—MSU	

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Doe then went to her mother's house a short distance away, where her mother called

the sheriff's office and reported the incident.

Belcourt was last registered at UM Spring 1997 semester as a sophomore in general studies.

Belcourt faces a minimum of four years in prison, maximum of 100 years and a \$50,000 fine for the felony charge of sexual intercourse without consent. He also faces

an additional 10 years in prison and another \$50,000 fine for the felony intimidation charge.

Defense Attorney John Rhodes said Roe "didn't want to see (Belcourt) locked up," and asked that he be released on his own recognizance.

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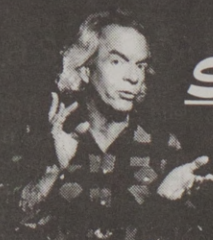
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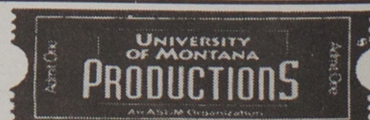
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Strike

union, said the numbers can be misleading.

"They can say it's a higher percentage, but we're getting paid less," he said.

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The union has also filed an unfair labor charge related to the university system's health insurance plan, Cashell said.

If the staff goes on strike, arrangements have been made at UM to keep the plant going.

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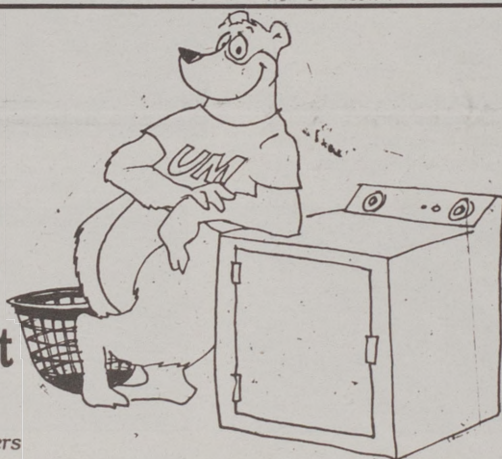
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