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Erickson strikes bargain in rape case

Kim Skornogoski
Kaimin Reporter

A year ago Robert Erickson could have been seen wearing his khakis, pale-blue shirt and tie at a breakfast with UM President George Dennison. But on Wednesday he was dressed to appear before a judge.

Erickson, a former Sigma Nu member, pleaded guilty to the two misdemeanor charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and endangering children. In return, prosecutors dropped the charge of having sexual intercourse without consent.

The charges stem from a May 26 incident at the Sigma Nu fraternity when Erickson and fellow fraternity member Geoffrey Morris gave two girls, 14 and 15, alcohol and, according to the affidavit, eventually had intercourse with them.

Because the girls were younger than 16 they could not legally give consent.

Erickson and Morris each received two years probation, a \$1,000 fine and 100 hours of community service. They are also prohibited from contacting unrelated females younger than 18 without the permis-

sion of the girls' parents. The statutory rape charge carried a minimum sentence of five years and a maximum sentence of 100 years.

While a UM student, Erickson served as an ASUM senator, UM advocate coordinator, 1995 Homecoming King and earned the student service award in 1996. He received his undergraduate degree from UM last May.

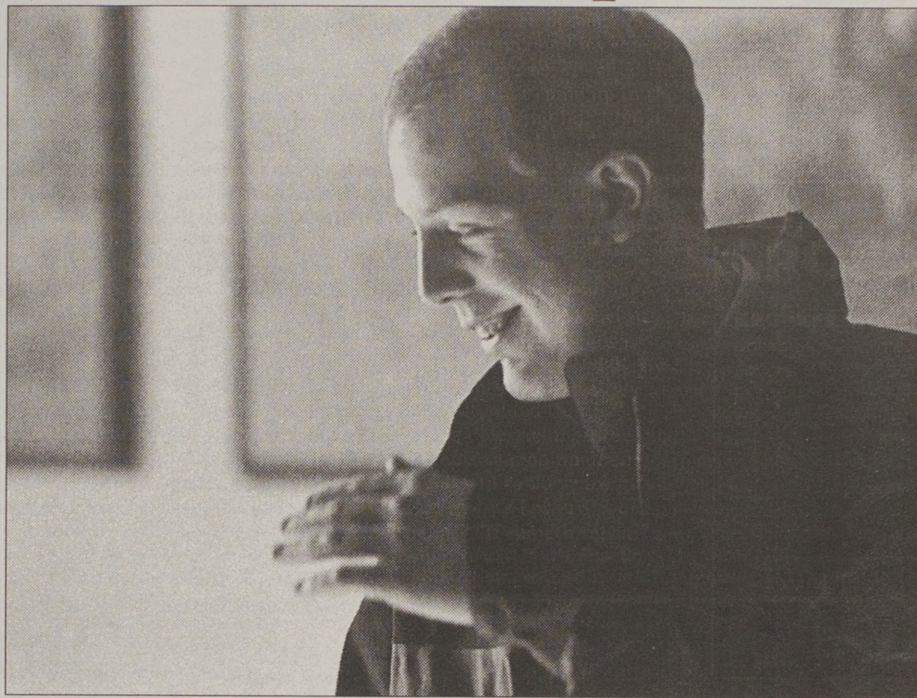
Morris was a junior last year, and according to his lawyer plans to finish his degree, but not necessarily at UM.

The two girls, called Mary Roe and Jane Doe, were driven to the fraternity by Doe's cousin, who went to pick up her ex-boyfriend.

Erickson and Morris said they were guilty of the unauthorized use charge because they drove off with the cousin's car for about 20 minutes while she and the girls were inside the fraternity.

The endangering children charge stems from the fact they gave the girls alcohol.

Deputy County Attorney Fred Van Valkenburg said his case fell apart when defense attorneys interviewed the police officer who first arrived on the scene. The police officer



Sam Dean/Kaimin

ROBERT ERICKSON grins in relief after his sentencing Wednesday. In a plea bargain, Erickson pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges and avoided a much stiffer rape charge.

said he thought the girls were of legal age, making it a believable defense for Erickson and Morris to think the same.

The cousin planned to testi-

fy that the girls told the men their ages before going up to Morris' loft. But since charges were filed, Van Valkenburg discovered she had lied about breaking into the ex-

boyfriend's house, discrediting her testimony.

Van Valkenburg said he offered the plea bargains in hopes to "salvage" the rest of his case.

Charging Grizzlies...

UM considers offering debit cards

Sonja Lee
Kaimin Reporter

UM officials are looking at their options for turning Griz Cards into a piece of plastic that will be "everywhere you want to be."

While some UM students already need their Griz Card to get into their dormitories and go through food services, UM may also transform student ID's into campus debit cards.

Students would be able to put money in a Griz Card account and then use their cards at most campus locations, including The Bookstore, UC Market and Health Services pharmacy.

But before moving forward with the plan, UM officials are taking a look at what costs would be passed on to students who create the accounts and to businesses that accept the cards, said Jorrun Liston, Griz Card Center coordinator.

"We've got people aware of it right now," Liston said. "This is the beginning phase of something we're talking about."

Brooke Corr, UC Market manager, also said she was concerned about the costs associated with a debit card. If businesses like the market were charged each time the cards were used, prices could go up, she said.

Bryan Thornton, The Bookstore general manager, agreed.

"One downfall is the cost, which has to be passed on to the consumer," he

said.

Thornton also said debit cards, like credit cards, could slow down lines at both the market and bookstore.

But a debit card also has advantages, Thornton said. A lot of students use plastic for convenience, and if each register were equipped with a scanner, cards wouldn't be a problem.

The cards could also mean bigger profits, Thornton said.

"The idea with a debit card is that students will spend more money in the store," he said. "And if sales volume increases then it won't mean higher costs."

But before the Griz Card Center gets ready to plunge into the world of debits and credit, the office will need more staff and space, Liston said.

Crews are currently remodeling the center to make more room for the line of students that spills from the University Center office each semester.

"We will be more efficient when this is done," Liston said.

With the current setup, staff can help one student at a time. Last Wednesday, more than 270 students passed through the ID center, she said.

After the remodeling, the office will look similar to the UC's Missoula Federal Credit Union, she said. Staff will also be able to help more students at once.

"What we're going to do for now is improve our traffic flow," Liston said.

UM president watches son coach Broncos in Superbowl

Tom Greene
Kaimin Reporter

There are emotional peaks in life that can wipe the slate clean. Moments that leave one speechless and grinning.

Last Sunday, UM President George Dennison stood in the stands after watching his son, Rick, help coach the Denver Broncos to one of the greatest Superbowl victories of all time. President Dennison wore a grin from ear to ear.

"After the game we just stood basking in the wonder of it all. In the feeling of being right...of vindication," President Dennison said.

It's a vindication long overdue for Rick Dennison, who coaches special teams, and to the rest of the Broncos. The Broncos have gone into summer practices three times in the last 10 years with Superbowl consolation watches on their wrists, and the lingering bittersweet aftertaste that accompanies coming in second.

"It was really special for us," said Rick Dennison, who played linebacker for the Broncos in three Superbowls. "Having played in the other three and lost all three, I still

get chills about people not being able to say anything about the Broncos. We are the champions."

After the game, Rick Dennison brought his sons onto the field for the victory celebration, and savored the win for as long as possible.

"They almost had to kick us off," he laughed. "The boys were shoving grass in their pockets and having a great time. We didn't want to leave."

Rick Dennison said that the Broncos' victory hasn't sunk in yet and that he is still "kind of fuzzy." Rick, who was born in Kalispell and lived in Missoula until he was 5, attributes a major portion of his success to family.

"Both my parents have been huge supporters throughout my school and career. They went to all my games and supported me in all my endeavors," he said. "To be able to share that with my boys, my brother's family and my parents was incredible."

"It was one of those games that kept you on the edge of your seat till the very end," said President Dennison. "I was there for the other games and I know the feeling of losing it. It was a great victory."

Opinion

That's Greece to me: Toast, booze and Yanni

A battle rages in the heart of Greece.

Throughout the country, cafe owners and various other tourist-class restaurateurs wage a war as fierce as any throughout the country's tormented history. It's over toast. And in Greece, you either have it or you don't.

If you've got it, flaunt it. Name your joint the "Toast Burger," the "Toast House," "Pizza Toast," the "Toast Palace" or any of the countless other restaurant titles ballyhooing the on-premises presence of toast.

If, however, you don't have toast, well, you just better start selling pottery, pal, cuz your operation just spat up all over itself.

"Toast" as a restaurant title is just one of the ludicrous, yet unquestionably executed, practices I discovered during a three-week tour of Greece taken during this winter break. My purpose in Greece was also ludicrous and unquestioned. I and 25 other fellow students comprised a study group which managed, somehow, to squeeze six credits of state-recognized education into our harried schedule of drinking very cheap booze and napping. In an itinerary that took us from the southern reaches of Crete to the rocky peaks of Delphi, we managed to learn a great deal about Greece, its people and what happens to teeth when habitually neglected over the course of several generations. We must never forget.

For starters, Greece is nestled in the middle of the encyclopedia between Jose Greco and Horace Greeley, and enjoys hot, humid summers, mild winters and the way its residents dance. Greece really enjoys this.

The Greek people, like most

Column by



Thomas Mullen

Europeans, are generally a free, confident people devoid of the hang-ups we Americans have about things. Sex? No problem. Drugs? See a street vendor. A nude dwarf wearing hand puppets?

Hey, that's gonna cost you extra, you sick American.

But seriously, Greeks just aren't touchy like Americans are. For example, in Greece its perfectly acceptable to make a direct reference to one's cultural origins in a way that is often deemed offensive or unsavory in America. Just imagine if I were to address an American of

Greek descent with the query, "What are you, some kind of Greek?" This man would no doubt be offended due to the unspoken derogatory denotation Americans are quick to apply to such statements. Meanwhile, that same expression, when directed at an actual Greek would cause no offense whatsoever. Witness: ME (To a Greek street vendor): "You're a Greek."

GYOROS: "Yes. Yes I am. Would you like some fish head soup? Only 300 drachma!"

It is painfully obvious just how carefree the Greek people are when you visit filthy, congested Athens, which from above, appears to be a confusing sprawl of cement buildings with antennae poking out of their roofs like exposed rebar. In fact, with every building appearing of equivalent height and blackened with layers of soot, Athens looks a whole lot like every picture I've seen of post-World War II London. This similarity becomes downright eerie when you walk the

streets and see how many legless people there are in Athens. They're everywhere, just laying out on the sidewalks like some breed of post-apocalyptic street urchins, begging to be picked up. Quite odd.

Greek youths are another notable presence in Athens. Rising no earlier than midnight, these kids party in a way that no Busch-reared American should attempt and, since Chris Farley crapped out, no American probably could. The problem is just that they don't seem to have much fun doing it.

Like many of the daily activities I witnessed, Greek youths make merry in a way that seems almost methodical, with their apparent enjoyment level paling in comparison to the amount of leather they wear. Indeed, in terms of leather, the kids in Greece bear a coincidental resemblance to the cast of the movie, "Grease," with a few notable exceptions. In Greece, there is no brama-lama-lama-ke-dingy-ga-

dingy-dong. No scooters worthy of being dubbed "Greased Lightning." And certainly no Olivia Newton-John. Unless, of course, she went babushka shortly after "Let's Get Physical" and grew a beard. If so, I think I saw her.

Nay, if the executives in Hollywood were ever to make a movie about Greece it would be... well, it would be really long. Greece, you understand, has been around for, like, centuries and all. Some of the stuff there is terribly old. And we studied it all.

From rubble on a hill, to ruins on a bluff, to rocky debris strewn about a gorge in no seemingly logical manner, we traveled to all of the ancient sites and took copious notes. We admired the heroes who have brought Greece the greatness it deserves (George Stephanopoulos and the guy who invented gyros), and we cursed the villains out to besmirch her good name (Michael Dukakis and Yanni). Then we all bought vases and came home.

Around the Oval

What are you doing to get back into the swing of the semester?



Shawn Chaffeo

"Just quit goofing off, I guess."



Randy Jones

"To get general eds out of the way."



Sarah Seitz

"Right now, I'm just trying to buy all of my books. I haven't done that before."



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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.

Thursday, Jan. 29

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

Lecture— President's Lecture Series, "The King We Left Behind," by Charles Johnson, Pollock professor of humanities, University of Washington, 8 p.m., University Theatre, free.

Meeting— Board of Regents meeting, Helena, through Jan. 30.

Workshop— Rate Your Plate/Rate Your Fitness, by Dr. Kathy Humphries and Jane Edmund, nutritional information, 5:15- 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Hospital, Conference Room A, \$10.

Concert— Tom Catmull-Texas-grilled folk rock, 9 p.m., The Old Post.

Friday, Jan. 30

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

Concert— Sweetgrass-acoustic bitter-roots, 9 p.m., The Old Post.

Movies— ConAIR and Men in Black presented by Nite Kourt, free pop and popcorn. 9 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall.

Saturday, Jan. 31

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

Guest Recital— Featuring Jean Lowry Pierce, 3 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free.

Concert— Jody Mosher-female singer/songwriter, 9 p.m., The Old Post.

Class teaches joy in quest for bucks

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

The old adage says, "Do what you love and the money will follow." But to Rev. Dale Blackford our society seems to have that saying backward. To help get people back on track, Blackford will be teaching a community class stressing the importance of working according to one's values.

Blackford said the class will help people discover their deepest principles, or "governing values" and how to use them to gain financial security.

He said a problem in America today is people doing things for the wrong reasons.

"Inner peace is the bottom line of the course," Blackford said.

Although it sounds more esoteric than a regular university course, UM Economics Professor Dick Barrett said Blackford's principles are exactly the same as he teaches.

"We're only making money to provide ourselves with certain satisfactions," Barrett said. "From an economist's point of view, it's foolish to deny yourself of satisfactions in the pursuit of making money."

Blackford, minister of Missoula's Spiritual Enrichment Council, said depression often comes when someone sacrifices their values to make a buck.

"But the real neat thing about Spiritual Economics is that when you change your inner direction, your outer direction follows," Blackford said. "And that affects your attitude, peace of mind and money."

This is why serviceman Tom Woodward is taking the class.

"I want to explore another way of looking at financial issues," Woodward said. "Society's held view is to work hard, save and sacrifice yourself for financial security, but I'm questioning that whole premise."

The class is open to the community. For the characteristically penny-pinching UM crowd, the class has a unique payment system.

"There is no specific cost," Blackford said.

"A collection will be taken at the end of the night under the principle that people pay what the class means to them."

The six-week course meets every Wednesday at the Missoula Children's Theatre, 200 N. Adams, 7-9 p.m. in room 105. Anyone interested should call Blackford at 543-4467.

Deadline looms for club forms

Tom Greene
Kaimin Reporter

ASUM budget request forms are available for all groups planning to lobby the ASUM executive board for money from the ASUM activity fund. All groups must have been recognized by ASUM last fall and must have their packets turned in by Feb. 11 in order to be eligible to receive money.

"The ASUM activity fund comes from the mandatory ASUM activity fee students pay every semester," ASUM office manager Carol Hayes said. "It gives them access to ASUM legal services, childcare, short-term loans and discount-

ed tickets."

That leaves \$500,000 available for student organizations. Every year, more than 100 ASUM-recognized clubs lobby for funds for the coming fiscal year. Total club demands are usually double the allotted amount, leaving the ASUM executive board to determine initial budget recommendations for the available money. These recommendations will be posted Feb. 23 in the ASUM office. Clubs will then have a chance to lobby for more money during 10-minute formal lobbying sessions from Feb. 23 to Feb. 27.

Budgeting packets are available in the ASUM office.

Senators resign

An ASUM senator resigned and the resignation of another senator was announced Wednesday night at the first ASUM Senate meeting of spring semester. Senator Laura Garber cited personal reasons for leaving, saying she has a desire to free up more time for volunteer services.

"I want to get really involved (in volunteer services)," said Garber. "I've enjoyed it, thanks."

Vice President Jennifer Gardner announced the resignation of Jean Ablutz, saying Ablutz cited personal reasons for leaving.

short cuts

Montana News

MSU cashier accused of stealing \$757,000

BOZEMAN — A former Montana State University cashier has been arrested and charged with embezzling more than \$750,000 from the school over a 13-year period.

Debra D. Kober, 43, of Belgrade, faces five counts of felony theft and five misdemeanor charges of state income tax evasion. She was jailed without bond Tuesday.

Investigators have been looking at Kober for nearly 18 weeks, since the FBI notified state authorities that she was making unusually large cash deposits into her personal account at American Federal Savings Bank in Bozeman.

Banks are required by federal law to report large cash transactions to the U.S. Treasury under the Bank Secrecy Act.

Kober, who was cash supervisor at the MSU student health service, deposited \$59,000 in cash in 1995, and another \$24,500 in cash during the first seven months of 1996.

Her cash deposits from 1990 to 1996 totaled \$195,972, the bank told investigators. None of that money was included on Kober's tax returns, said Bryan Costigan, a detective with the state Criminal Investigation Bureau.

Kober's tax returns for 1990 through 1996 showed annual income of between \$14,000 and \$20,000 a year. Her husband made no more than \$13,500 a year during the same time, and was unemployed much of the time.

According to court documents, state investigators sent MSU students into the health service with marked bills to pay the extra charges. Kober later was questioned by detectives, who found marked bills in her possession.

International News

India orders hanging for 26 in Gandhi's 1991 assassination

POONAMALLEE, India — A mammoth conspiracy trial ended with convictions Wednesday for all 26 people tried in the 1991 suicide bombing that killed former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, the political heir of India's Nehru-Gandhi dynasty. All 26 were ordered hanged.

Tamil Tiger rebels from neighboring Sri Lanka assassinated Gandhi for allegedly betraying them by brokering a peace accord with the Sri Lanka government in 1987.

Gandhi, the son and grandson of India's prime ministers, was campaigning for his Congress Party in southern India on May 21, 1991, when a woman handed him flowers, then detonated a pound of plastic explosives strapped to her body.

The explosives, packed with 10,000 metal pellets, killed Gandhi and 16 others, including the Sri Lankan Tamil bomber, who went by only one name, Dhanu.

The prosecution charged 41 Indian and Sri Lankan suspects with terrorism, murder and conspiring with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, a rebel group fighting for an independent homeland for Sri Lanka's minority Tamils.


Twelve suspects committed suicide when trapped by police. Three guerrilla commanders accused of ordering the assassination, including the Tiger chief, Velupillai Prabhakaran, were charged but never caught. They remain at large in the jungles of neighboring Sri Lanka.

The convicted, half of them Sri Lankan Tamils and the rest Indians, will appeal Wednesday's verdict to India's Supreme Court.

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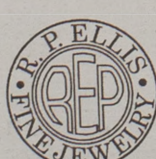


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Recipe: Start with one shotgun...

Katie Oyan
Kaimin Reporter

Instead of the usual fried slab of venison for dinner, avid game eaters might be interested in trying a little antelope marsala parmesan or some tantalizing tea-smoked pheasant this winter.

Hunters with their freezers stocked full of game can find a plethora of new ways to prepare everything from duck to cougar in UM Dining Services' "Getting Wild with Wild Game Cookbook."

For the last five years, UM Dining Services chefs have shared their favorite big-game recipes and personal creations at an annual wild-game feast

held in the fall. Teaming up with UM's Wellness Center, the chefs teach healthy and appetizing ways to prepare all types of wild game.

Mark LoParco, UM's Dining Services director, said approximately 350 people attended the "Getting Wild with Wild Game" night this year. LoParco said the event's popularity is largely due to Montanans' reliance on wild game.

"Wild game is extremely

versatile and low in fat," said LoParco, whose favorite dishes are the sausages and jerky. "It's also a good source of protein, and it tastes good."

The Dining Services' recipes, plus a few from the Native Game Company in Minnesota, are now available in the Country Store and in room 152A of the Lodge, or can be ordered by calling 243-6325. Cookbooks cost \$12, plus \$2.50 for this year's insert.

Antelope Marsala Parmesan

By Tom Siegel, certified executive chef, University Dining Services

Yield: 3 servings

1 lb antelope steak, sliced 1/8" thick
4 tbs butter
1 c chopped onion
1/2 c green pepper slices
1/2 c white wine
1/4 c vermouth
1 c tomato sauce
2 tbs chopped parsley
1/4 tsp oregano
1/4 tsp marjoram
3/4 c marsala wine
2 tbs sour cream
1/4 c parmesan cheese

Place steaks between two pieces of plastic wrap and pound thin. Roll them in flour and sauté them in butter until lightly brown. Set aside.

In the same pan sauté the onion and pepper until soft. Return the steaks to the pan and add the remaining ingredients except for the marsala, sour cream and parmesan cheese. Simmer covered until the sauce is greatly reduced. Remove the steaks onto a hot platter. Stir the marsala and sour cream into the pan and heat to almost a simmer. Stir to deglaze the sides of the pan. Pour the sauce over the steaks and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

UC CULTURAL AWARENESS INITIATIVE PRESENTS

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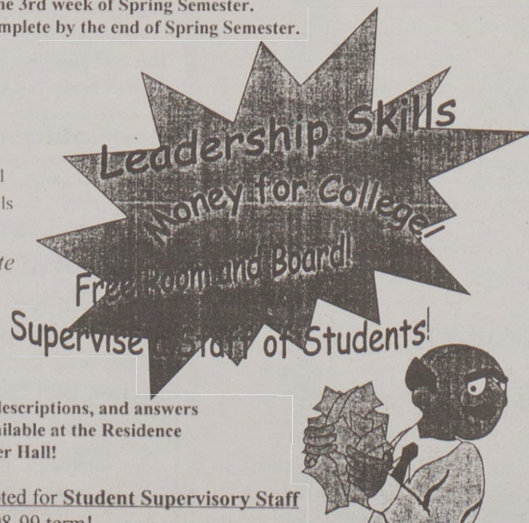
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Choir rocks King Day celebration

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

When the Rev. Phillip Caldwell was growing up in Louisiana, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. meant the world to him.

Wednesday, Caldwell and the Voices of Joy Choir from the Mount Olive Christian Fellowship Church in Great Falls paid tribute to King through their favorite medium: gospel music.

As his choir warmed up for its show in the University Congregational Church, Caldwell reminisced about the days before King. He remembered "colored" drinking fountains, sitting in the back of theaters, going to all African-American schools and never being allowed to play football or basketball against white people.

"Dr. King was my avenue to become a part of society that I and my parents never got an opportunity to participate in," Caldwell said. "To be able to participate in events like this gives more meaning to the life of Dr. King."

Caldwell and the predominantly African-American Voices of Joy were invited to UM for Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations, which are happening now because school was not in session Jan. 19.

"It really added something to Missoula to have their choir come over and perform," said Ray Carlisle, director of equal opportunity programs.

Actually, UM and Voices of Joy have a direct link. Former UM football player Scott Spraggins and his brother Brian were coached as youngsters by choir member Glenn Wilkerson. It was through the Spraggins brothers that

Carlisle first learned of Voices of Joy.

"Music is my witness," exclaimed Wilkerson, an inaugural member of the 12-year-old choir, who dons a megawatt grin as he sings. "Music is a universal language. It is my hope that through our song a heart will be opened."

One heart opened by Voices

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—Rev. Phillip Caldwell,
Great Falls preacher

of Joy was that of Elizabeth Hughes. A couple of years ago satanic symbols and swastikas were etched into the front of the church. The following Sunday, Hughes and her Catholic family came to the sermon to give support after the hate crime. They couldn't stop coming back, first for the singing, then for God.

"I joined just for the music, but that brought me to God," Hughes said, adding that sermons often go hours past their one-hour schedule because the choir is having too much fun.

Musical director Breanna Colon said she chose the songs, figured them out by ear and taught them to the choir in just over a month.

Adorned in royal and sky-blue gowns laced with gold, the choir had the crowd clapping, swaying and singing along with them. They even inspired some people to spontaneously stand up and throw their arms in the air.

The music decrescendoeed to a dizzying funk then moved to harmonies. Audience members grooved in place, some clapped out their own rhythms to the music and others sporadically shouted "Amen!" and "Mmm-hmm." All the while, children danced on the pews and played peek-a-boo with each other. The concert climaxed at the end with a simmering rendition of the classic gospel number, "O Happy Day."

"Somebody oughta help me preach this," Caldwell shouted out during his sermon on King. "The dream is yet alive!"



Cory Myers/Kaimin

GREAT FALLS gospel choir vocalist Mac Caldwell claps her hands in rhythm during a group rehearsal. The choir performed at the University Congregational Church Wednesday afternoon.

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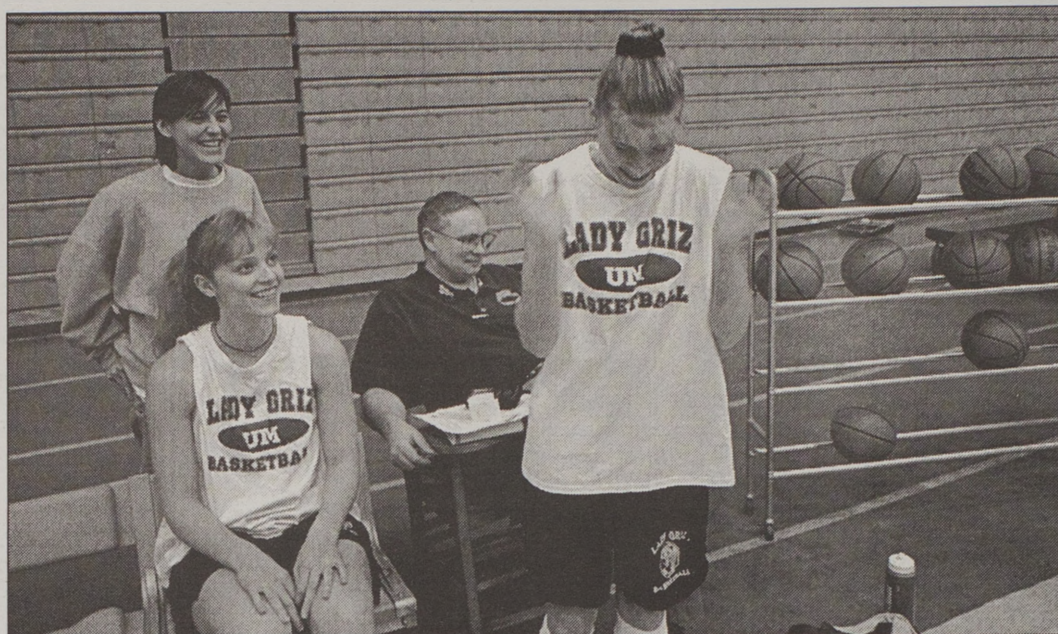


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Sports



SKYLA SISCO, Lady Griz senior guard, laughs with teammates about the idea of being photographed during practice, Wednesday.

Small-town Sisco continues Malta's magic

You can see it in Skyla Sisco's eyes. On the court, it's that desire that pushes the great ones to be greater. It makes champions into legends — with memories of their ability living long after the ball stops bouncing.

Off the court, it's that likeable smile, one that seems to make a room light up whenever she walks in.

As a senior, things are all coming together for Lady Griz point guard Skyla Sisco. Coming into Thursday's match-up with Weber State, Sisco's career statistics are adding up and turning into records almost too fast to keep track. But you wouldn't know it by asking her.



Sisco pauses for a moment during practice to get directions from coach Robin Selvig.

Sisco recently scored her thousandth point as a Lady Griz. She also set the conference record for assists in a game against Portland State on a pass that allowed teammate Lauren Cooper to send the game into overtime. The Lady Griz won.

Sisco is fifth all-time leader in steals on the team. Aside from all that, she has been hitting free throws at an 82 percent clip while scoring double digits in 12 games.

"Skyla's definitely developed into a great leader for us," head coach Robin Selvig said. "She knows when to look for her shot if it's there, and when to dish it off."

Sisco has come a long way since growing up in the small town of Malta.

At first glance, Malta, population 3000, might not appear to be a hotbed for Div. I athletes.

But look again, and you'll see that Sisco's Lady Griz teammate Linda Cummings played her prep career in Malta, as did former Lady Griz MVP and current WNBA player Greta Koss. And yet another scrappy point guard—Cheryl Keller—has signed up to bring her skills from Malta to Missoula, also.

"I don't know what it is," Sisco laughed, when asked if maybe the water in the small rural town contained some sort of athlete gene. "Maybe they should send someone to test it. Seriously, anymore it's probably a combination of tradition, and that there's not much else to do."

Still for Sisco, whose parents named Skyla after being struck by the beauty of Big "Sky" Country, it's been a road filled with many accomplishments as well as obstacles.

"I think everyone is scared coming into college," Sisco said. "Driving into Missoula the first time just seemed like torture. All these

lights and one way streets, I hated it."

As a freshman, Sisco was the first freshman to ever earn First-Team All-Conference honors in the Big Sky. Her sophomore year she picked up right where she left off, averaging nearly 12 points a game. All the time, she was a constant thorn in her opponents' side on defense. Then, the unthinkable happened.

"I was trying to catch a pass behind the backboard," Sisco said. "I tried to land and go up at the same time. My knee twisted and I heard a loud pop."

An ACL injury ended Sisco's year, but not that all-out desire to compete on the court again.

Her junior year she came back, heavy brace and all, helping lead the team to another title.

But this year, the brace is gone and the knee is better than ever.

"My surgical knee is actually better than my other one," smiled Sisco.

With only eight conference games left, Sisco knows it's not going to be easy for the Lady Griz.

"It's going to be a battle the rest of the way," Sisco said.

As intense as she is on the court, No. 12 wants to be known as more than just a basketball player.

"I'd like people to remember me as a good person as well as a good player," Sisco said. "Basketball will only go so far in life, but being a good person will last forever."

You can tell she means it. You can see it in her eyes.

Story by
Kevin Van Valkenburg

Photos by
Sam Dean



Sisco and sophomore Megan Harrington have formed a dangerous point guard tandem for the Lady Griz this season.

The Whine List

Computer lab for athletes, rec center for us

"What about us?"

After two years of planning, arguing and cost-cutting, UM is finally going to begin work on revamping the Harry Adams Field House — I mean Events Center.

Among the improvements within the multi-million dollar job will be an academic center with a computer lab for athletes — and athletes only.

Evidently, not only are UM's practice facilities inadequate, but the study facilities are sub-par as well.

What?

Does anyone else here think that money could have been saved by giving our athletes maps to the University Center and Mansfield Library?

But that's OK.

For us academic types, I'm proposing that the school builds us a whirlpool and sauna annex off of the library.

"Fine, upstanding young men"

Tuesday, Idaho State basketball head coach Herb Williams announced his resignation, effective at season's end.

Given his recent 5-13 record and his players' off-court problems, the move was not surprising.

In December, Tywan Meadows — the Bengals' leading scorer this season — was suspended after he was arrested on a drug charge. And in December of 1996, five Bengals practiced their stealing skills at a Pocatello store.

Column by



Ben Harwood

guards to make their players feel more at home.

"Speak Up"

Now that there's still plenty of time before the fall sports season starts, my coverage crusade for the Grizzly soccer and volleyball programs is underway.

Let's face it, not everybody can attend every game that Grizzly Athletics have to offer. However, fans can tune their radios to KYLT or KGVO for football and basketball games.

Why not soccer and volleyball? Not enough interest?

Don't tell that to the two streakers and the 1,000 frozen soccer die-hards at the first-ever Big Sky Championship game.

Radio exposure would not only be

They were caught, prosecuted and kicked off the team.

Idaho State said the school employs one of their assistant athletic directors just to monitor and discipline their players.

Maybe they just need a 20-foot fence, barbed wire and armed

of interest to students and Missoula, it could be an added recruiting tool.

With KBGA campus radio now running at or near 24 hours a day, it's time to squeeze in more than just music programming.

Understandably, within its present budget, KBGA probably doesn't have enough money to start a live sports broadcast from scratch.

But that doesn't prohibit the station, athletic department or university from finding an entity or entities to underwrite — thereby paying for — a possible broadcast.

And if UM can find money for an academic center, it can definitely cough up whatever money would be needed to obtain the proper equipment to broadcast the games.

"Import Your Whines"

What do you think?

What in the local sportsworld do you like?

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benharwo@selway.umn.edu.

Upcoming

MONTANA LADY GRIZ vs. WEBER STATE LADY WILDCATS

WHEN — 7:05 (MST).

WHERE — Harry Adams Field House.

RADIO — KGVO-AM 1290

KEY PLAYERS — G Andie Willer (11.4 points, 3.3 rebounds), G Jill Hansen (10.2, 3.8).

LAST MEETING — Montana 71, WSU 54, Jan. 5 in Ogden, Utah.

MISCELLANEOUS — Senior center Angella Bieber needs 12 blocked shots to become UM's second all-time leading shot-blocker.

OVERVIEW — Weber State opened their season 0-10, but have gone 5-3 since then. All five of the Lady Wildcats' wins have come against Big Sky opponents. This is only the Lady Griz' eighth game at the field house — where they are 6-1. Sisco (11.8 points, 6.8 assists), sophomore forward Lauren Cooper (11.4 points, 6.2 rebounds) and junior Forward Krista Redpath (13.3 points, 5.9 rebounds) lead a balanced Lady Griz attack that averages 70.9 points per game. The Lady Griz average a conference-best 4,279 fans per game — that's 748 more than the men's team draws.

WOMEN'S BIG SKY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

(as of 1/26/98)

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N. Arizona	6 1	8 8
Cal State-Northridge	5 2	12 5
Weber State	5 3	5 13
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Tired elevators see downtime

John A. Reed
Kaimin Reporter

If you're looking for a place to burn off that midwinter midriff, look no further than the Gallagher Business Building. A brisk stair climb to the second or third floors in lieu of an elevator ride may be just the ticket to your fitness.

Facilities Services has placed a "Handicap Only" sign on the only functioning elevator in Gallagher. Students must take the stairs while temporary repairs are made to the other elevator, which overheated on Tuesday, tripping the fire alarm and causing the building's evacuation.

Facilities Services Director Hugh Jesse said heavy use of the elevator overheated the motor, which is located in Gallagher's equipment room.

Jesse said the equipment room lacks "sufficient cooling."

Jesse said workers hope to have a heat pump installed in the room by Monday, which

should alleviate the overheating. In the meantime, a city fire inspector has recommended limited use of the elevators.

"Able-bodied folks should use the stairs and leave the elevators for the handi-

"Murphy's law still works. If something can go wrong, it will."

—Hugh Jesse,
Director of Facilities Services

capped," Missoula City Fire Inspector Pat Alduenda said. He added that the elevators were never designed for the heavy use they receive on a given day, and until a permanent solution is in place, the motors will continue to overheat and the alarms will sound.

Alduenda said Tuesday's fire alarm was the second time in recent weeks that firefighters have responded to an overheated elevator.

Although his department's response is all in a day's work, Alduenda said the problem needs to be addressed.

"When we tie up three crews on an alarm, there are other places in the city that they might be needed more," he said.

Jesse said like all new facilities, the \$15.5 million building, which opened in July 1996, has had its share of growing pains. He cited the floor tiles that came up in the basement during fall 1996 as a prime example.

The floor has since been dried out and new tiles will be installed.

"We think we got it solved," Jesse said.

This month a sprinkler head in the building's stairwell froze and broke. Jesse said that his department has "moved to solve that problem," but added that he expects deferred maintenance problems to crop up during the next 15 to 20 years.

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