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Animal-research director resigns after theft allegations

John A. Reed
Kaimin Reporter

The director of UM's animal-research lab has resigned amid a state audit and a criminal investigation of alleged theft in the lab.

Philip J. Bowman, former director of UM's Laboratory Animal Resources, resigned Feb. 9 after refusing to discuss alleged misconduct in the lab, said Lloyd Chesnut, vice president for UM's Office of Research.

"There were some serious allegations, and I asked Mr. Bowman to address those and he chose not to," Chesnut said.

Bowman was suspended in mid-January following allegations of mismanagement in the lab, Chesnut said.

The state legislative auditor began reviewing the lab's records in early February after UM Police learned of the alleged misconduct, UM Police Sgt. Charles Gatewood said.

Gatewood said the review

revealed evidence of criminal activity and said the auditors, acting under Montana statute, then notified the attorney general's office. The state Criminal Investigation Bureau is now in charge of the investigation.

CIB lead investigator Bryan Costigan confirmed that the probe is related to alleged theft at the lab. Costigan wouldn't say which items were involved in the alleged theft.

UM Police records show campus officers went to the animal

lab, located in the basement of the Pharmacy-Psychology Building, on Feb. 2 and again on Feb. 12. Gatewood said both calls were related to the investigation.

Chesnut said he doesn't know when the investigation would be completed, but said his office is receiving weekly reports from the auditor. The case is "progressing rather quickly now," Chesnut said.

Criminal charges may result from the investigation, he said. "That's always a possibility,"

Chesnut said.

UM Legal Counsel David Aronofsky said the formal audit should be available before the end of spring semester. The audit will become public record when it's finalized.

Citing the confidentiality of personnel issues, Aronofsky declined to discuss the reasons for Bowman's resignation.

Bowman could not be reached for comment.

He had been at UM since 1987.

UM provost finalist for U-system position

Sonja Lee
Kaimin Reporter

UM Provost Bob Kindrick is a finalist for the job of deputy commissioner for academic and student affairs for the Montana University System.

Kindrick is one of five people who will be invited to Helena for interviews, said Dick Crofts, commissioner of higher education.

"We are working on scheduling, and we hope to have them visiting during the next few weeks," Crofts said.

Kindrick said he was looking forward to visiting with the search committee and learning more about the position.

Kindrick declined to comment on why he was looking at positions outside of UM or whether he was pursuing other jobs.

"I'm not inclined to say any more," he said. "I just

have a limited statement to make."

Last February, Kindrick, who has worked at UM since 1991, was one of five finalists for president of the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He was not selected for the position.

The position in Helena opens July 1 when Stuart Knapp, the university system's current deputy commissioner, retires.

Crofts said he hopes to announce a replacement some time this month.

The other candidates for the Helena position are Joyce Scott of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C.; Sonia Cowen of the University of Toledo; Marlene Strathe of the University of North Dakota; and Marshall Hill, assistant to the commissioner of higher education in Austin, Texas.



Sam Dean/Kaimin

A SUNNY DAY AND A HERO'S WELCOME: Eric Bergoust waves to the large crowd gathered Saturday at a parade to honor his gold-medal performance in Nagano.

Extra UC operations fee awaits final ASUM decision

Sonja Lee
Kaimin Reporter

The UC Board gave the go-ahead Monday to a proposal that would make students pay an extra \$3 a

semester to keep the University Center afloat.

The increase, which would boost the UC Operations Fee to \$63, was proposed to help pay for wage increases for UC employees and to cover

increasing utility and administrative costs.

The UC has been absorbing these costs for the past six years. The board looked at proposals for a \$1 to \$5

increase for the UC. The smaller increases included some reductions in UC programs and cuts in building maintenance costs.

"I offered up everything," UC Director Gary Ratcliff said. "I even said we would go with zero dollars."

But board members said the \$3 plan was a place to start.

"If you're going to cut into the infrastructure, you're sealing the fate of the UC right now," said Fitz Elder, UC Board member. "I'd like to see us be a little more proactive just so they can stay above water."

But the \$3 plan still needs a stamp of approval from ASUM and some say the increase doesn't stand a chance.

ASUM can agree to the increase, nix the new fee or ask that the increase go to a

student vote.

"I felt the \$3 increase was too much," said Sen. Patience Llewellyn. "And at the full amount it will be unlikely."

Sen. Mike Obland also said the increase will face a lot of resistance.

"There are going to be some upset senators," Obland said. "I would rather not have ASUM deal with it and take it right to the students."

When the new operations fee was introduced last week, ASUM postponed a student vote on a fee hike to fix the UC's third floor.

Students were slated to vote this week whether to pay \$9 or \$12 a semester for the next 20 years to fix the UC's third floor, which is plagued with safety-code violations.

The vote has been postponed until April 17.

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If students approve the \$12 fix, there is a clause in the referendum that says the \$60 UC Operations Fee would be frozen for the next five years.

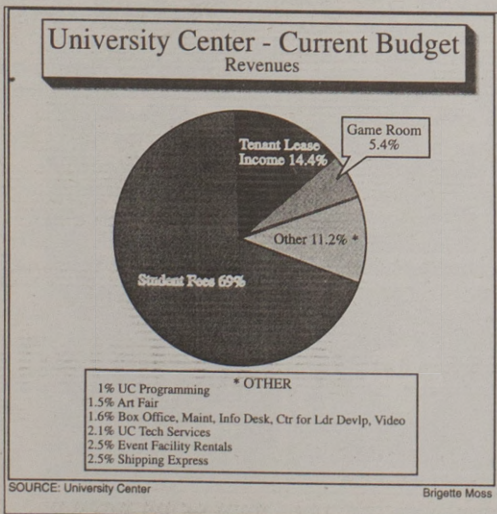
But the fee increase could be put in place before the freeze takes effect.

Ratcliff said the latest increase should not influence students' opinions on the third-floor referendum.

"I don't want to do anything to compromise the students' support for the referendum," Ratcliff said.

He added, "We think that the \$12 option would be great. But we are worried about freezing the fee at \$60, if our philosophy has to become, what do we cut this year to keep the choke-hold on the \$60 fee?"

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Opinion

Griz-'Cat games have too many foul mouths

For those lucky enough to be in Dahlberg Arena for Saturday's 'Cat-Griz clash, a great basketball game was the reward. However, with the experience came an unfortunate price to the ears.

Resonating loudly from the student section flowed a colorful assortment of profanity vocal enough to be picked up by the microphones of the television and radio broadcasts.

Kaimin editorial

It was vocal enough to prompt numerous complaints to the basketball office in the field house.

According to Colleen Marks, an administrative assistant for Grizzly basketball, some callers said they had to turn off the game because they didn't want their children to hear it.

For the most part, the student section was well-behaved and understandably excited due to the nature of the game. The cheers and jeers that arose were loud, creative and funny.

The chants and lines from those fans were clean and even appropriate. They walked up to that imaginary line, danced around it, but never crossed it.

However, some fans — and yes many, if not most, were Bobcats — not only crossed that line but blew past it.

Those that were there or saw or heard the game know what was said. Those who weren't can use their imagination and then multiply it by two.

It was bad.

In fact, it wasn't even funny.

Although a few Griz fans are partly to blame, a majority of the most vulgar of the chants were directed at the Griz.

Yes, the Bobcats are in the midst of a six-game losing streak with the last loss occurring Saturday in Missoula, but our counterparts in Bozeman need to possess a little more class than what they've shown this year. Starting with last autumn's final-second 'Cat football loss in Bozeman (wave your middle fingers), the January taunting of Griz guard J.R. Camel in the Brick Breeden Field House and Saturday's performance, Montana State students — at least the most vocal — have been as mature as well ... slobbering drunk idiots.

And that's disappointing, because not only does that detract from the Grizzlies' victory in front of a season-high crowd of 8,059, it puts a black eye on students as a whole.

Ben Harwood

Letters to the Editor

Dump the UTU

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to once again be called into question by the UTU for pleading for some sanity in our collective bargaining efforts. I would merely respond to Professor McBroom's allegations.

Although the faculty retrenchment of 1978-79 did result in the loss of many non-tenured faculty (which lines had been added in the previous few years by an unwise academic vice president) since the UTU came into power, we have lost an additional 15 percent of our professorial lines. We have now agreed to bind this understaffed, overworked faculty to work 20 percent more, resulting in an equivalent 35 percent loss of faculty lines since the UTU came to power. But this issue is still different than using cash from promised salary increases to bail out a perennial deficit-ridden university.

Although Professor McBroom invites all to join with the UTU in their marvelous efforts, I should like to remind him and the rest of the faculty of the accomplishments of this leadership corps over the last two decades. We now have 20 years experience with the UTU, which should be ample to test the value of having a union represent the faculty. Traditionally, unions are established to better the working conditions, increment salary and establish beneficial

retirement packages for their labor minions.

Working Conditions — During this period, and more specifically in the last five years, the UTU has succeeded in mandating that the faculty work a guaranteed 20 percent more, which must give us better working conditions — at least we get to work more. During that same period, our salaries have incremented an average of 13 percent. Guess who is getting the best deal in this agreement? Is this the "betterment of working conditions at The University of Montana" mentioned by Professor McBroom?

Salary Increments — During the last two decades we have managed to stay at or near the bottom of the pay scales of equivalent institutions across the nation. Yet, even our sister institution (without union help) has consistently incremented their salaries equivalently or more than ours, and now pay their professors at all ranks substantially more than we receive. While we have no better comparison than MSU, I would question whether the UTU has been of any positive value whatsoever in the salary increment category.

Retirement Package — So if our working conditions are not better and our salaries have not incremented, we must be getting a wonderful retirement benefit as the result of UTU efforts. WRONG! The retirement package has never even been addressed, to my knowledge.

So, with all due respect, Professor McBroom, what is it you are really offering in return for the 1 percent dues the UTU demands? You talk about the belief that the UTU can "make this a better place for faculty to pursue the 'life of the mind.'" Perhaps, but I don't know how to measure increments in the "life of the mind." For myself, and many others, this campus was much more collegial and cordial before the UTU took command. It is certain we have not gained any tangible ground in the "life of the body," specifically in the areas of working conditions, salary increments or retirement benefits.

I believe that faculty unionization is an experiment that has failed. There are numerous better alternatives. I would make a counter-invitation to my faculty colleagues. In January 1999, we are allowed to petition the State for decertification of the UTU as our fearless leader. Those who would join me in this effort, please notify me by phone (x5582), campus mail or e-mail (bi_weh@selway.umt.edu) and together we will pursue such action.

Walter E. Hill
Professor of Biochemistry

Concerning U

Tuesday, March 3

Concert — Cory's Terribly Unorganized Mic, 9-12 midnight, The Old Post.

Faculty Recital — Robert Ledbetter, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall.

Meeting — Environmental Action Community, 6 p.m., UC 360.

Meeting — College Democrats, 6:30 p.m., UC Montana Room.

Peace Potluck — Celebrate the Peace Corps, bring a dish or \$3, 6:30 p.m., University Congregational Church, Fireside Room, 401 University Ave., everyone welcome.

Class — Indoor Climbing Fundamentals Session II, 6:30 p.m., Rec Annex 116, call 243-5172 for info.

Meeting — "Attachment Parenting," for parents of babies and toddlers, noon-1 p.m., Families First, 407 E. Main.

Support Group — Single Parent Support Group, 6:30-8

p.m., Families First, 407 E. Main, free, call 721-7690 for info.

Lecture Series — "Turning on a Paradigm: How the Idea of Wilderness Is Reshaping the West," 7:10-9 p.m., Social Science 352.

Lecture — "Rorty and Dennet on a Naturalized Self-Image," given by David H. Roberts, 3:40-5 p.m., Pope Room, UM Law School.

Movie — "Mementos," part of the Asian Film Festival, 7 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall.

Wednesday, March 4
Concert — The David Grisman Quintet, 8 p.m., University Theatre, call 1-800-526-3400 for tickets, or call 243-2853 for info.

Interview

Announcement — Management trainees, all majors, sign up for interviews in Career Services, Lodge 148.

Lecture — "Fly-fishing for Now and the Future," 7 p.m., Social Science 356.

Baby Play Group — 11 a.m., Families First, 407 E. Main, free, call 721-7690 for info.

Community Night — The Lifeboat, 9:15 p.m., 532 University Ave., 8 p.m., study on the basics of the Christian path, everyone welcome.

Thursday, March 5

Art Exhibit — Third Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit, thru March 12th, 11-3 p.m., Gallery of Visual Arts, Social Science Building.

Phone-a-thon — Save the World Buffalo Phone-a-thon, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., information table in the UC, dial direct to the Governor's office to express your concern.

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Angler brings up stream manners

Katie Oyan
Kaimin Reporter

Amid nationwide havoc, the wrath of El Niño has brought Montana fishermen something to smile about.

Paul Koller, owner of Missoulian Angler outfitting shop and guide service, said he's gearing up for a great season due to the unusually warm winter weather.

Koller, who has been fishing for about 45 years, expects lower water levels and warmer weather this spring and a longer season

because of less runoff. "We're looking forward to some of the best fishing this season," he said.

Since these conditions will likely lure a steady stream of anglers to the Missoula area, Koller is raising issues about the do's and don'ts of his favorite hobby.

Wednesday Koller will be holding a seminar sponsored by the UM Outdoor Program entitled "Fly-fishing with Environmental Awareness." The seminar will address the environmental and social concerns of the sport —

things Koller thinks every fisherman should know.

"I'm going to be discussing stream etiquette — how to be respectful and show good manners on the stream," he said.

Koller will also talk about future considerations of habitat and preventing the spread of whirling disease.

The seminar, held in room 356 of the Social Sciences Building, starts at 7 p.m. and is free of charge.

This year's fishing licenses are already available and with ideal conditions ahead, Koller hopes for a good turnout at the seminar.

"Knowing about responsible fishing will ensure a good experience for everyone on the stream."

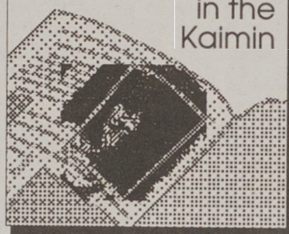
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Oklahoma Senate approves castration bill

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Saying sex offenders deserve to be treated like animals, a state senator won easy passage Monday of his bill to allow castration of such criminals.

The Oklahoma Senate, which turned down Sen. Frank Shurden's bill almost 20 years ago, voted 37-10 this time in favor of allowing judges to order the castration of rapists and child molesters.

Such criminals have "a driving sex urge that makes them animals," Shurden said. "They're no longer human beings. They act like animals. They are animals. It's time to treat them like animals."

The bill now goes to the House.

Opponents argued that rape and other sex crimes were tied to violence, not sexual desire.

Shurden, a Democrat, contended that a number of studies show castration works to inhibit violent behavior and a repeat of sex crimes.

Shurden drew national attention in 1979 when as a state representative his bill to allow castration of rapists won House approval.

Opponents denounced the measure as barbaric and it died in the Senate.

His new version permits a judge to order castration if a jury finds a person guilty of a crime that involves at least two "aggravating circumstances."

Those circumstances include rape of a child under 14, sodomy of a child under 16, a crime that is especially "serious, atrocious or cruel," a crime causing significant physical injury or a crime that is committed upon one victim two or more times in a 24-hour period.

Court says Boy Scouts' ban on gays discriminatory

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America suffered its first legal defeat Monday over its ban on homosexuals when a state appeals court ruled it discriminatory and said a gay scoutmaster should not have been expelled.

Eight years after James Dale was kicked out as an assistant scoutmaster because he is gay, the court said "stereotypical notions about homosexuals must be rejected."

The Boy Scouts said it would appeal Monday's decision to New Jersey's Supreme Court.

Spokesman Gregg Shields said the Scouts "have long taught traditional family values, and a homosexual is simply not a role model for those values."

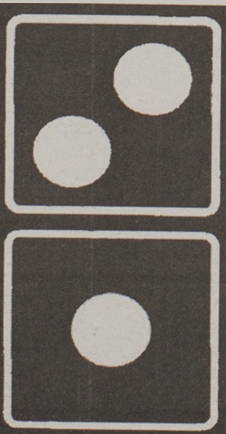
Dale, now 27 and working in New York for a publishing company, said he was elated by the decision.

After 12 years in scouting, Dale was expelled in 1990 after the group learned from a newspaper article that he was gay. He sued.

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No-charge ATMs rare in state

Tom Greene
Kaimin Reporter

A line 10 people long waits to use the Missoula Federal Credit Union ATM in the University Center. Less than 20 feet away, a First Interstate Bank ATM blinks alone, ignored by customers unwilling to pay the extra fee it charges.

Banks are double-dipping into consumers' pockets, according to an April 1997 MontPIRG consumer advocacy survey. Some banks charge customers a fee for using a machine that belongs to another bank. And some banks charge a fee for using their ATMs if the customer doesn't have an account at that bank. This can result in someone paying \$2 to withdraw \$10.

To the chagrin of many consumer-advocacy groups like MontPIRG, the Montana Legislature last session voted down a bill that would have banned surcharging.

"It's because the banks have such damn good lobbyists," MontPIRG Board Chairman Barrett Kaiser said. "They went out and hired 10 lobbyists to our one."

Two states, Connecticut and Iowa, have banned surcharging. But in Montana banks regulate themselves.

"There has been talk in federal legislation, but nothing yet," said Joni Latzke, marketing director for Missoula Federal Credit Union. "The problem is that banks have very powerful lobbies in Congress."

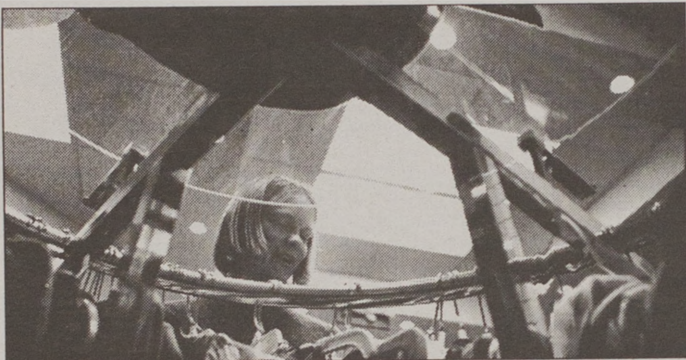
Missoula Federal Credit Union's policy not to charge non-customers who use their ATM machines goes against the norm. Latzke said Missoula Federal does this because it is a credit union as opposed to a regular bank.

Latzke said that people who travel frequently are the ones who go to "megabanks," or big banks that have ATMs in many locations.

This leads to fewer banks, less competition and, ultimately, higher fees for all consumers, said John Hirsch, MontPIRG board vice chairman.

"We need to keep banks in check and educate consumers about the best banking available," Hirsch said.

Changing costumes . . .



"I want to redo everything in here so people will be intrigued," says Chris Mullally, manager of Carlo's One Night Stand in the UC, as she rearranges apparel on the racks for springtime fashion.

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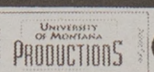
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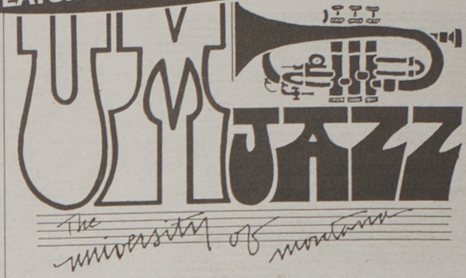
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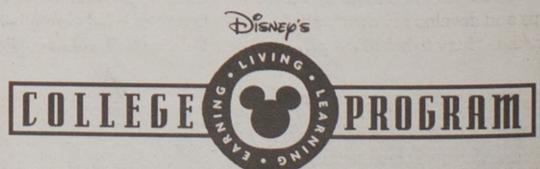
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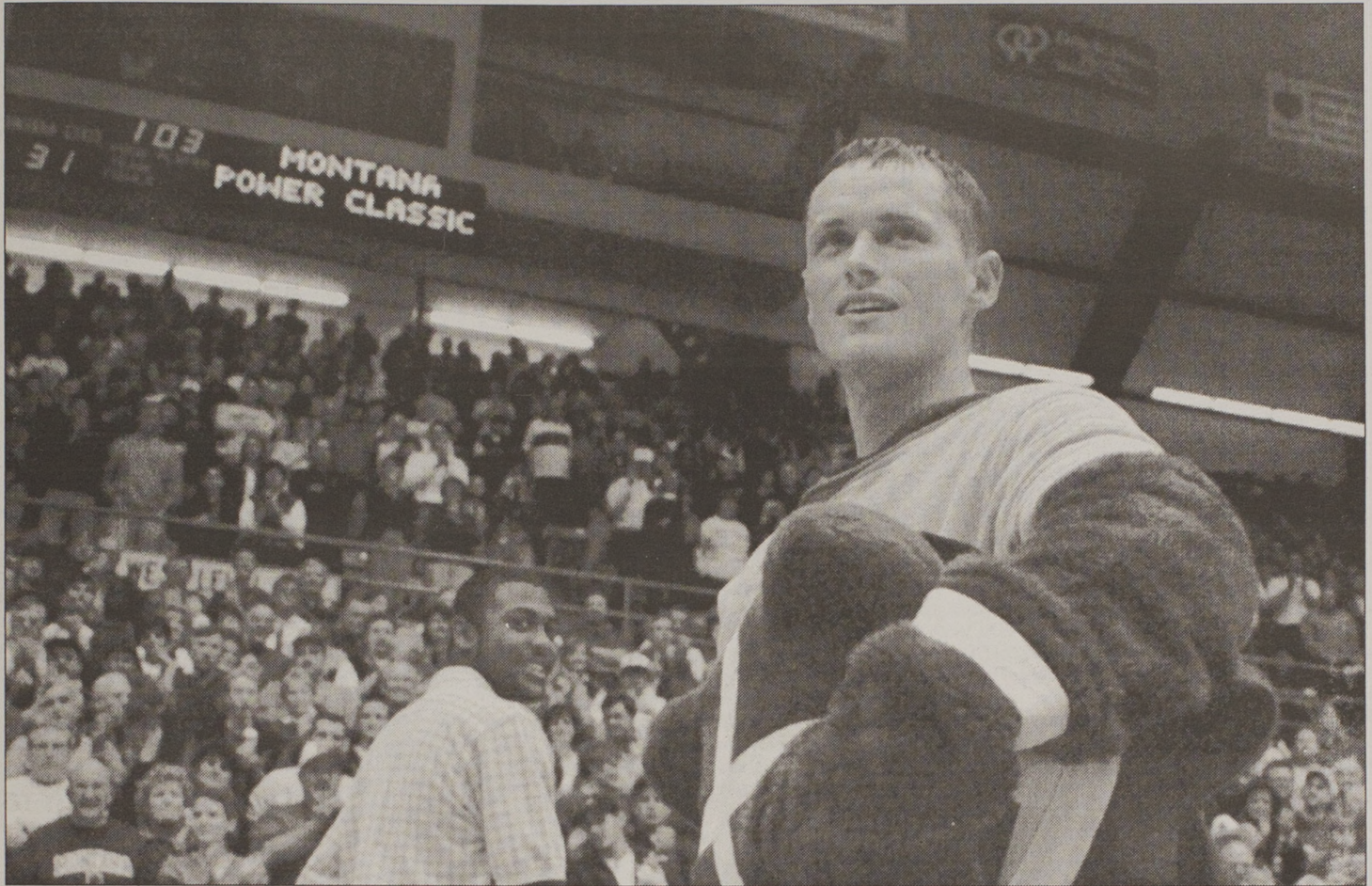
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Behind Monte



Scott Stiegler reveals his true identity as the notorious Monte, The University of Montana mascot, at Saturday's 'Cat-Griz game.

Five years ago Scott Stiegler decided on a whim to try being a mascot. The decision changed his life. Stiegler, better known as "Monte" to thousands of fans, took his mask off at Saturday's Griz-Cat game and revealed his true identity. It was the end of the half-decade reign of the greatest mascot in UM's history, and also Stiegler's final regular-season game dressed as the mascot he loved.

"Being Monte was the most influential part of my life," Stiegler said. "I learned about myself, other people, human nature and developed my personality more than ever before."

In 1993 a cheerleader approached Stiegler and said they needed somebody to be UM's mascot.

"I told him, 'Yeah, I'll do it,'" Stiegler said. "Something inside me just said, 'Give it a shot.'"

That August, Stiegler found himself center stage at Washington-Grizzly Stadium and inside the Monte costume for the first time.

"The only advice I had to go by was to use props and develop my own walk," Stiegler said. "I try to act like a grizzly

bear trying to act like a person."

His only memory of that first game was that it was "damn hot" inside the costume. Stiegler added that though he only wears shorts and a T-shirt under his fur, he usually loses 10 pounds at every football game.

Stiegler also remembers learning the perils of being a mascot. He recalls that when he traveled to Idaho, the Vandals' mascot led him down to the wrong end of the field.

"The red-shirted football players were all sitting in the stands," Stiegler said. "They grabbed me by the shoulders, pulled me in and started beating on me."

That wasn't the only time Stiegler has gotten into trouble under the guise of Monte.

At a 1993 basketball game broadcast on Prime Sports network, Monte donned a referee's uniform and a white cane. Stiegler inadvertently delayed the game while clowning around like a blind ref much to the mirth of the crowd.

During a football game last year, Stiegler dressed an ATV up like a motorboat and tried skiing behind it across the field on Rollerblades. At about the 50-yard

line, he snagged his foot and wiped out.

Though his ribs and knees were bruised and the wind was knocked out of him, Stiegler finished the game.

In 1995 Stiegler — on his own initiative — decided to make a Monte calendar to raise money for his props.

The 12 photos in the calendar featured Monte mixing chemicals in a chemistry lab, graduating from UM and fly-fishing.

The most perilous calendar shot was Monte waterskiing. For that shoot Monte went on the Blackfoot river in mid-October and almost didn't return.

"That costume just sunk like a log," Stiegler said. "Plus it soaked right through and I was so cold and stiff I could barely move."

Friends helped fish Monte out and the calendar went on to sell 750 copies. Stiegler made \$2,300 to spend on props for Monte. Though there's some left, he's leaving it to his successor to use.

"It's harder to be Monte without props, so I wanted to make it easier on the next person," Stiegler said. "And I wanted to leave a legacy."

And he certainly did.

Both Marketing and Promotions director Christie Clark and Athletic Director

Wayne Hogan say Stiegler is the best mascot UM has ever had, and he will be deeply missed.

Clark's voice cracked as she spoke of Stiegler and his accomplishments during halftime at Saturday's game. A number of gifts from the Grizzlies were set aside for Monte, but that wasn't the biggest surprise.

The big surprise was his unveiling.

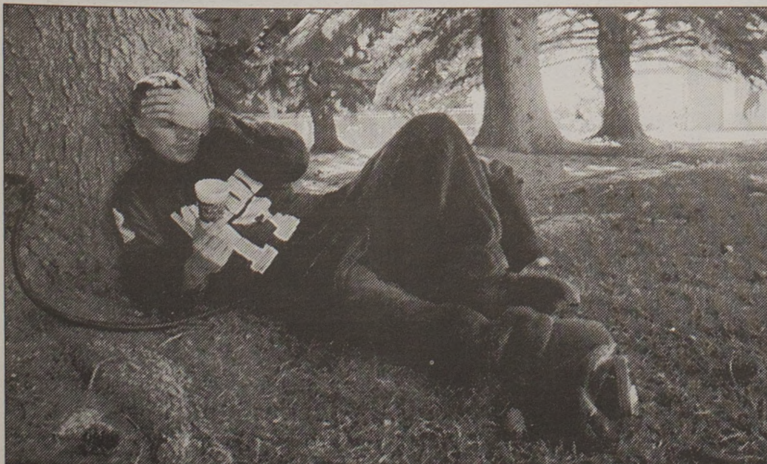
The 8,000 fans, Griz and Bobcat alike, all gave Stiegler an instant standing ovation. Soon the entire arena was chanting "Mon-te!"

Stiegler admitted that Saturday's game was the only one he's ever been nervous about. The Monte mask used to be his shield to do whatever he wanted under the blanket of anonymity. Stiegler said it was amazing to have all the fans cheering for him, not Monte.

In the end, the fans are what's most important to Stiegler — and to Monte.

Stiegler took the microphone during his halftime ceremony and with the first words ever uttered from the bear outfit, he gave his deepest thanks.

"If it wasn't for all you fans," Monte said, "none of this would be possible. Thank you so much."



Exhausted during halftime, Scott Stiegler takes a water break at The University of Wyoming. Stiegler has been Monte for five consecutive years.



Mary Lou Stiegler celebrates Scott's last game as Monte by giving her grandson a bear hug at the end of the game.

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Sports

Griz fight a win over 'Cats

Ben Harwood
Kaimin Sports Editor

Three minutes into Saturday's 'Cat-Griz game, Blaine Taylor was fuming. Two hours later, the entire Dahlberg Arena couldn't contain his smile ... and his relief.

UM's men's basketball head coach contended with injuries and sickness to many of his key players throughout the week. But led by Bob Olson's 18 points and 11 rebounds, the Grizzlies fought back from an early 10-point deficit to stun MSU 72-66 and send the 'Cats to their sixth-straight loss.

"Our kids played their hearts out," said Taylor, whose Grizzlies closed their pre-field house renovation era in front of a season-high 8,059 attendance. "I'm really proud of what we were able to achieve against classy, good kids and a talented team."

This was still a very good Bobcat team combined with a less than healthy Griz squad, so the coach knew that winning wouldn't be easy.

Three minutes in, Taylor picked up his second technical foul of the season and before the entire crowd arrived, MSU raced

to a 9-2 lead.

The Griz would trail the entire half, but senior forward Ryan Dick — who had 11 points in his final regular-season 'Cat-Griz game — and the bench kept them within one at halftime.

"We can't play with these guys if our bench isn't a factor," said Taylor. "We got some key performances out of some front-line guys."

Sophomore center Dominique Davis and junior guard Cory Reiser played key roles off the bench in the first half and junior guard Eric Bowie — who hadn't played in two weeks — hit a key triple.

Junior guard J.R. Camel abused his MSU counterpart Jamie Hooper all game for eight assists and 18 points — including a breakaway dunk.

But the story of the game was Olson.

After Holmstadt picked up his fourth foul with 18:25 to play in the second half, Olson took advantage of his size and scored two quick hoops underneath. Later in the half he added the play of the game when he ran downcourt after a block and drained a crucial 3-pointer to put the Griz up eight.

"It was just one of those moments where I felt all alive, just great," said Olson, who sat out most of last week's practices with a deep hip-pointer. "Once I shot it, I just started backpedaling."

MSU answered back with Dan Sullivan's triple to cut the lead to five.

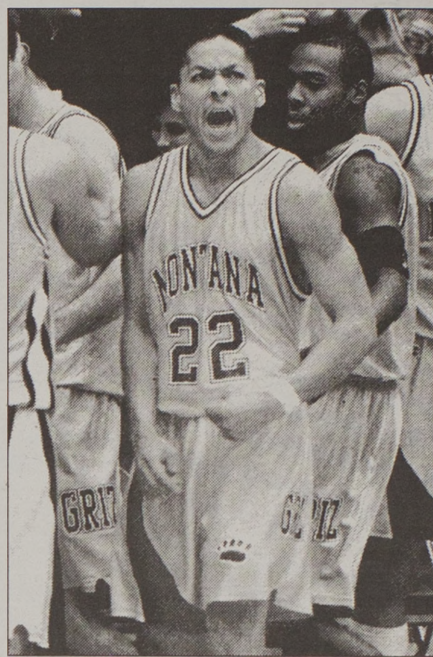
After the teams traded baskets, sophomore guard Mike Warhank (10 points, seven rebounds) launched a 3-pointer from Broadway to put the Griz up seven. Another MSU triple would close the gap to four, but that was as close as they'd get. Damon Ollie's triple try with 14.3 seconds left, to put MSU to within two, rattled out as the Griz held on for the win.

"Any time you can beat your bitter rival, it's a huge win," said Warhank.

Despite what's been a rebuilding year, the Grizzlies have quietly put together a 9-7 Big Sky and 16-13 overall record.

But with the playoffs just days away, Flagstaff was the last thing on Taylor's mind immediately following Saturday's game.

"To get to 16 (overall wins) and nine (Big Sky wins), who would have thought it?" said



Cory Myers/Kaimin

After a UM run forced the Bobcats to take a time out late in the fourth quarter, junior point guard J.R. Camel roars with exhilaration. The Griz held on Saturday to win the Cat-Griz game 72-66.

Taylor, who will face MSU in the first round of the Big Sky Tournament. "That was the high-water mark for us, with what we'd been through. What the tournament holds: Who knows?"

Taylor is the coach. And yes, planning for the conference tournament is his job. But who could blame him?

Because for that Saturday afternoon, every great thing about Grizzly basketball was right.

"It was everything you dream about," said Olson.

And only the heartless would not enjoy that moment.

Track teams qualify 4 for NCAA prelims

Rick Fuhrman
Kaimin Sports Reporter

Four Griz track stars qualified for the NCAA preliminaries over the weekend at the Big Sky Indoor Championships.

Overall, the men finished seventh with 44 points.

Senior Todd Herring and freshman Kyle Weis were the only first-place finishers for the Griz. Herring won the 55-meter dash with an NCAA preliminary qualifying time of 6.27 seconds, breaking the old school record held by Darren Stringer by one-tenth of a second. Weis' winning time in the 800 meters was 1:50. Troy McDonough was the other top-three finalist for the men, placing second in the 55-meter high hurdles with a time of 7.64.

The women's team also finished seventh.

Jennifer Johnston took third in the high jump, leaping 5-foot-8. She was joined in qualifying for the NCAA prelims by Nicolle Zeller, who placed third in the pole vault, clearing 3.29 meters. Brooke Stinson finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.66 seconds.

"We got a pleasant surprise from Julie McNiven who finished fifth overall in the weight throw with a throw of 49.06 feet, her new personal best and a

school record. Kyle Weis was also a pleasant surprise finishing first in the 800 meters and he was ranked sixth going into the meet," said track head coach Tom Raunig.

The Griz had some unanswered questions going into the meet with such a young team.

"Our biggest worries were the freshman jitters. Fourteen of our 31 athletes were freshmen so we knew we had to eject some butterflies out there," said Raunig.

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Sports

Lady Griz to host Big Sky tourney

Kevin Van Valkenburg
Kaimin Sports Reporter

Skyla Sisco might not have had her best game against Montana State, as the flu and a tough Bobcat press had her frustrated through most of three quarters. But as she fouled out with seven seconds to go with the Lady Griz about to win 66-58, a double-fist pump to the crowd let everyone know the tournament was coming home to Missoula, and that UM was champion once again.

"This game meant so much," said Sisco, who coughed her way throughout most of the week's practices. "The last thing we wanted to do was go to NAU. Just bringing it home for our fans and ourselves is a big sigh of relief."

With the win, Montana (22-5) captured the regular-season Big Sky championship, and will host the postseason tournament March 5-7 in Missoula. The win did not, however, come easily.

MSU used an effective press much of the first half, forcing 15 turnovers and keeping the Lady Griz up only one at the break, 28-27.

"We didn't handle the press very well," said head coach Robin Selvig. "I think we still felt okay at halftime because we still had a one-point lead, despite turning it over 15 times."

Sophomore Lauren Cooper kept Montana on top in the first half with nine of her 16 points. However, MSU's Serena Merrill

scorched UM for 14 first-half points, and the Lady Griz found themselves down in the second half with a deep Allison Bach jumper giving MSU a 34-33 lead.

With the starters struggling, Selvig knew he needed to do something big to avoid a loss and a trip to Arizona. So at the game's most crucial point, he pulled everyone but Cooper, and put the game in his bench's hands.

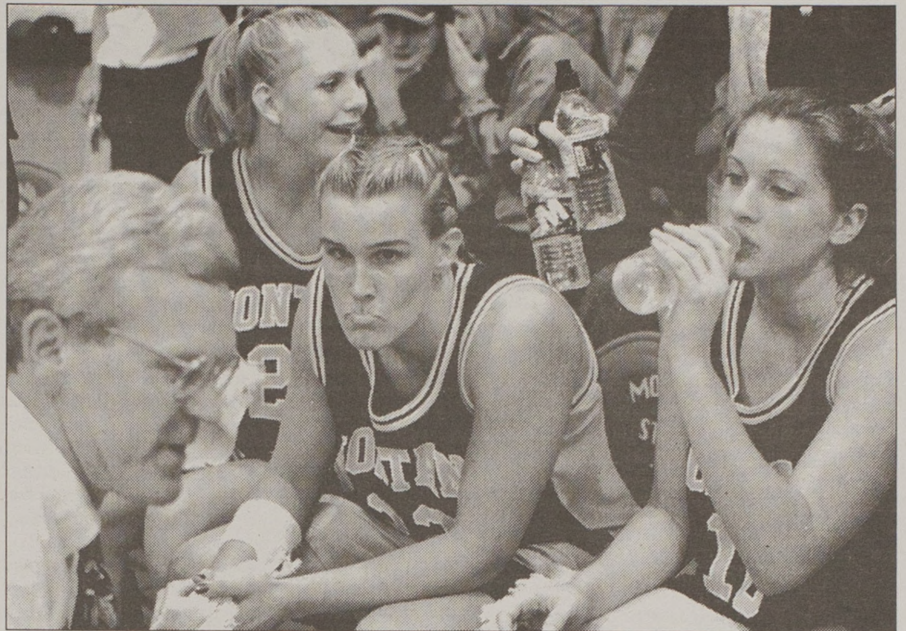
"We've got good players off the bench," said Selvig. "It's sure been one of our strengths."

Sophomore Linda Cummings took over, scoring 12 of her 16 points in the second half, at one point scoring on three of four possessions.

"I didn't play very well the first time against Montana State," smiled Cummings. "I knew I had to put some shots down, and they just started falling."

A huge three-point play by guard Catie Walker pushed the lead to four with two minutes left, but MSU answered back with a jumper by Balleck. But Sisco stepped up to break the press with ease and toss a no-look pass to Cummings for a bucket and a foul. Cummings sank the free throw to push the lead back to six, sealing the deal.

"We're two games away from the NAAs," smiled Selvig after the game. "We're thrilled to not be going to Flagstaff again. It's a beautiful place, but we're thrilled we're not going back."



Cory Myers/Kaimin

With less than a minute remaining, and UM having the game wrapped up, Montana players take a light-hearted time out. The Lady Griz beat MSU 66-58 last Friday in Bozeman.

Sisco Player of the Year

It was quite the weekend for Lady Griz guard Skyla Sisco.

After fighting off the flu all week and helping lead Montana to a tough conference victory over rival Montana State, the senior from Malta, Mont., was named the Big Sky Conference MVP, and became only the second player in the history of the conference to be named an all-league selection four times.

Sisco was joined on the all-conference team by teammates Lauren Cooper and Krista Redpath. Sophomore Linda Cummings was named the league's top sixth player, and

was an all-conference honorable-mention selection.

Sisco, the seventh MVP from Montana in the 10-year history of the award, became the Big Sky's all-time leader in assists earlier this year, and ranks among the league's career leaders in steals. She averaged 11.4 points and seven assists per game this season.

Sisco was a unanimous MVP selection by the league's nine coaches, and is the first player from UM to be named all-league four times.

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Case of the Mansfield masturbater

Kim Skornogoski
Kaimin Reporter

March 1, 4 a.m.

Disturbance — An unknown individual threw fireworks out a Jesse Hall window at people walking into the building. The night watch requested UM Police drive by throughout the night to watch for other disturbances.

March 1, 12:13 p.m.

Locked In — A student was locked in his Aber Hall room and couldn't get out because the lock was broken. Other residents tried to help from outside the room but couldn't open the door. A Facilities Services staff member opened the door 40 minutes later.

Feb. 28, 3:08 p.m.

Squirrel Harassment — A woman reported that three young boys were throwing rocks at squirrels between Main Hall and the Forestry Building. She said they wouldn't stop when she asked them to.

Feb. 27, 7:13 p.m.

Injured Deer — UM Police

responded to reports of an injured deer on the corner of Beckwith and Arthur. The city also responded, but a fish and game officer could not be located. The city officer took over when the UM Police officer had to break away for a priority call. The status of the deer is unknown.

POLICE BLOTTER

Feb. 25, 12:15 p.m.

Parking Complaint — A witness reported that a "golf course vehicle" was illegally parked in the parking lot near the Grizzly Pool while the driver was working out inside. The witness said this was a common occurrence. It is a violation of UM policy to use a university vehicle for personal purposes. UM Police verbally warned the individual.

Feb. 25, 2:50 p.m.

Possible Theft — A tan Gibson guitar was reported missing from the Music Building for nearly a week. The guitar was a collectors' item and worth more than \$2,000. UM Police found

the guitar in the room it was supposed to be in. Apparently a custodian had moved the guitar when cleaning the floor.

Feb. 25, 8:14 p.m.

352 Request — A University Villages resident requested more patrol because a suspicious 1976 gray Chevy Malibu was outside her apartment. She said she was suspicious of the vehicle's owner and the "two guys he hangs out with," but didn't know their names. She said she believed he "is the type to try and break into her apartment or someone else's."

Feb. 24, 8:58 p.m.

Suspicious Person/Indecent Exposure — A white male in his mid-40s with a receding hairline was seen masturbating in the Mansfield Library. The witness described him as 6 feet tall, approximately 240 pounds, wearing a dark brown leather jacket, a white T-shirt and blue jeans. The witness wasn't sure if the male was still in the building because he had run off. The man was gone when police arrived.

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Cuts to UC operations still imminent

If the \$3 operations increase is approved, travel and advertising costs for the UC would still have to be reduced. The UC's Discount Video would also have to be replaced with a business that makes more money. The Information Desk, UC Programming, Office of Student Involvement and the Art Gallery would also see some reductions in their budgets.

"What we're looking at is not cutting hours at the UC or compromising programs," Ratcliff said. "We want to

maintain our mission statement."

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