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Oil-reserve release may lower state gas prices

Erik Olson
Montana Kaimin

Experts disagree about how much relief President Clinton's release of 30 million oil barrels from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve will bring to Montana drivers.

Arnie Sherman, executive director of the Montana World Trade Center, said Clinton's action will cause gasoline prices to drop, and Montana drivers will be big beneficiaries.

"It's always to Montana's advantage to keep transportation costs down," he said.

Montana businesses would especially benefit because of the high cost of transporting goods to the nation's ports, Sherman said. Often, the price of shipping goods to a port city, such as Seattle, is greater than the cost of flying those goods from Seattle to a foreign destination such as Asia, he said.

However, Dennis Unsworth, spokesman for the Montana Department of Transportation, said the effect on the fuel market remains to be seen. Increasing the fuel supply won't significantly alter prices by itself, he said, because the government doesn't set fuel prices.

"We're subject to the market," Unsworth said, adding that Montanans have fewer alternatives to driving automobiles than in more urban states where it is easier for



Cory Myers/Kaimin

UM sophomore Kord Nichols fills up his tank at the Holiday gas station on Higgins Avenue Tuesday afternoon. Experts are debating on whether gas prices will go up or down in coming months.

commuters to take buses and carpool to work.

Jeff Bookwalter, UM economics professor, said because gasoline prices depend on the region where the fuel is sold, the release of the barrels by the federal government will affect Montana prices very little.

Although Clinton released the barrels from an emergency supply, Unsworth said he doesn't see current gas prices as being catastrophic. "Fuel is a bargain here," he said.

After taking away inflation, Americans are paying less at the pump than they

did in the '50s. America's fuel costs are among the lowest in the developed world, he said.

Paul Polzin, director of the UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research, said Clinton's act is a "ceremonial move" on the part of the administration.

"It all depends on what

you want to define as a critical situation," Sherman said, adding that Americans shouldn't consider anything less than \$2 a gallon unreasonable.

As of Monday, prices in Missoula gas stations were hovering around \$1.65 per

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Idaho environmentalist faces federal charges, animal-laden jail food

Alleged 'salmon thrower's' veganism results in a temporary fast in jail

Nate Schweber and Tracy Whitehair
For the Kaimin

While detention facility representatives say they won't let Randall Mark starve to death, the man accused of throwing a "salmon pie" at an Idaho congresswoman hasn't eaten since his arrest 11 days ago.

"He said this morning he hasn't eaten for 11 days," Craig Shannon, Mark's attorney, said Tuesday. "He looked weak."

Shannon said that Mark, 20, is a vegan, and won't eat

any food made with animal products. Shannon said he called Mike McMeekin, undersheriff at the Missoula County Sheriff's Department Detention Facility, Tuesday morning and asked him to serve Mark vegan food.

"(Mark) said he will eat if they feed him the right food," Shannon said. "For 10 days Randall's been asking for a vegan diet."

Shannon said McMeekin told him he would "take care of" Mark's dietary restrictions.

McMeekin did say that under no circumstances would the jail allow an inmate to starve himself to death.

"If we had an inmate not taking food or water and it became an acute medical issue, we can intervene and we will," McMeekin said. "We're certainly not going to let them harm themselves."

McMeekin said that intervention takes many forms, including counseling, increased medical attention and feeding the inmate intravenously.

McMeekin said the detention facility makes dietary exceptions for medical reasons and recognized religions. He added that veganism is not a recognized religion.

Friends of Mark, who traveled with him to Missoula to see Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, participate in a hearing on forest health, say his veganism is a mixture of religious, social and moral reasons.

"He is opposing the commodification of other sentient beings," friend Molly Karp said.

Mark, who pleaded innocent to the assault, said the concoction thrown at Chenoweth-

If state charges dismissed, protester may get federal assault charges

Tracy Whitehair
For the Kaimin

The man accused of throwing a salmon pie at Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage of Idaho at UM last week now faces federal charges, according to the Missoula County Justice Court and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

A motion was filed in Justice Court Tuesday to dismiss state charges against Randall Gordon Mark, clearing the way for federal assault charges.

"It is no longer in the interest of justice to pursue or prosecute this matter in state

court," the motion noted.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Josh Vandewetering said that Mark has been charged with two counts of assaulting a member of Congress. One count is for assaulting Chenoweth-Hage and the other is for assaulting Rep. Rick Hill, of Montana, who was at the forest health meeting was seated next to her. "They both had reason to fear for their safety," Vandewetering said.

Mark was arrested last week at Urey Lecture Hall, where Chenoweth-Hage and Hill were conducting a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.

Mark was initially charged with assault and obstructing a peace officer, both misde-

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OPINION

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Referees

It's wrong to muzzle Griz fans

With the clock winding down in the Grizzly football team's home opener, Saturday, Sept. 2, against the now-infamous Pride of Hofstra University, the referees blew it.

They bungled the easiest call in football, allowing the Pride to kick the game-winning field goal a full two ticks after the 25-second play clock had expired.

It's no secret now. The refs' inadequacy has been documented by both this newspaper and the Missoulian. The Big Sky Conference even admitted the mistake after the fact. But at the time, the efforts of students trying to voice their displeasure with the zebras' crime of omission drew the ire of a Missoula County Sheriff's deputy. The officer stormed over and intimidated the crowd with threats of expulsion.

Why? Some of the students were using "inappropriate" language.

This is just one example of the seemingly increased security and supervision of student activities at UM's home football games this season. We're all familiar with the roving gangs of police officers who patrol the student section in Washington-Grizzly Stadium, making sure that the fans who didn't slip the athletics department enough for a luxury box aren't ingesting alcohol at the unfriendly confines of the Griz's home field. Now, it appears that they are not only concerned with what we put into our bodies, but also what comes out of our mouths.

Granted, this all goes down in the athletics department's house. They built it, they own it and they have the right to draw the line between acceptable and unacceptable conduct — within reason. And we should all find such efforts to squelch student expression and unfairly monitor student behavior as totally unreasonable, and no fun.

A vague announcement asking students to "support" the enemy "in a positive manner" is one thing. But threatening expulsion from the game to those students who communicate their inner feelings takes it too far. This is football, not a tea party.

As fans, it is our responsibility to create noise, and to aid our team by distracting the opponents — by any means necessary. It's hard to be a factor in the game when all we can do is clap politely and whistle.

The university is wrong to try to censor the manner in which fans at sporting events cheer. Not only is it unfair, but it makes attending games and supporting our teams less enjoyable.

If the administration allowed us to express ourselves freely on the weekends, it might find some of us more willing to express ourselves during the week by purchasing UM clothing and other merchandise. Until then, a few of us aren't buying.

- Chad Dundas

Guest Column

Get your voice heard: Vote

Column by

Molly
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It is election season 2000. It's on the news every night in six-second soundbites, all over primetime in the form of campaign ads — some cheery, some mudslinging, some subliminal. There is talk of good ideas, of dirty rats, of big-money liberals and big-business conservatives. Lots of ads and news stories are talking about prescription drugs, health care, taxes and the new-found surplus. But what does this have to do with you?

You're 18 or 21 or 24. You don't have kids. You're still on your parents' insurance. You don't need many, if any, costly prescription drugs. You are a carefree UM student. Why should you care about politics? Why should you vote?

Let me give you a few reasons:

10. The Surplus. This giant sum of money that the federal government has saved. How do you want it spent? Listen to candidates. Find out which ones have the ideas you like. Vote for them.

9. Health Care. So you probably have health insurance and if you get sick, someone pays the doctor bills. Maybe you're on your parents' insurance. Maybe you have the student insurance through the university. Once you graduate, however, and are out there job hunting, you may join the ranks of the millions of Americans who don't have health insurance. Worried? VOTE.

8. Social Security. Similar story. Our grandparents are getting monthly checks right now from the federal government. They're not hefty, but they help. They are a guaranteed source of income for people who didn't or couldn't save enough money to live on for the rest of their lives. It's very possible that if you are an art major or a history major or an English or journalism major, you'll need that check when you're 60. If you can think that far ahead about your checkbook, VOTE.

7. The Environment. UM students care about the environment. Some want to stop logging entirely, today. Some think logging should be curtailed or changed. Some people want to legalize the growing of hemp as a substitute. Whatever you think, find a candidate with the same notion and VOTE.

6. Because we, unlike so many people in this world, have the right to vote, we should hold that right so dear to us. We should use it every chance we get. Women, American Indians, African Americans and so many other minorities should especially take this reason seriously. Vote, if not for yourself, for all the Americans who fought for that right.

5. To change the media's targets from old to young, from issues that appeal to senior citizens to seniors in high school. Do you know why the media talks about all those senior citizen issues? Because they demonstrate that they care. If young people turned out in droves to vote, the press would start covering the issues that matter to us.

4. Because if we don't, they will. It is said that bad politicians are elected by good citizens who don't vote. If you don't vote on issues you care about, the people who have opposite opinions may be in that ballot box, adding more voices to the ideas you don't agree with.

3. Show every politician, talk-show host, university professor and grandparent who doesn't think you care, that you are responsible enough to take your future into your own hands. Prove them wrong. VOTE.

2. We all have a passion, whether it's music censorship, gun control, violence in schools or the abortion issue. The politicians we elect decide how

our country is affected by these issues. How can we communicate what we'd like them to do if we don't vote? If you don't vote, you have absolutely no right to criticize politicians or the political process, the highways or city streets, your property taxes or

tuition and utility bills.

1. Tuition: This is the election issue that will DEFINITELY affect each of us. Who we elect as governor and state legislators are who will decide what tuition will be in the coming years. Research candidates' stands on higher education funding. It could save you hundreds, even thousands of dollars in the next few years.

O.K. After that raving, here's the how-to. There are 14 days left for you to register to vote. Do so in UC 114 or at the tables set up in the UC atrium. Then, pick up a U-Vote 2000 voter guide in late October and educate yourself on the candidates. What after that? VOTE.

"This election will decide your education, your health, your future, and may even decide whether you fight in the next war." — Pat Williams

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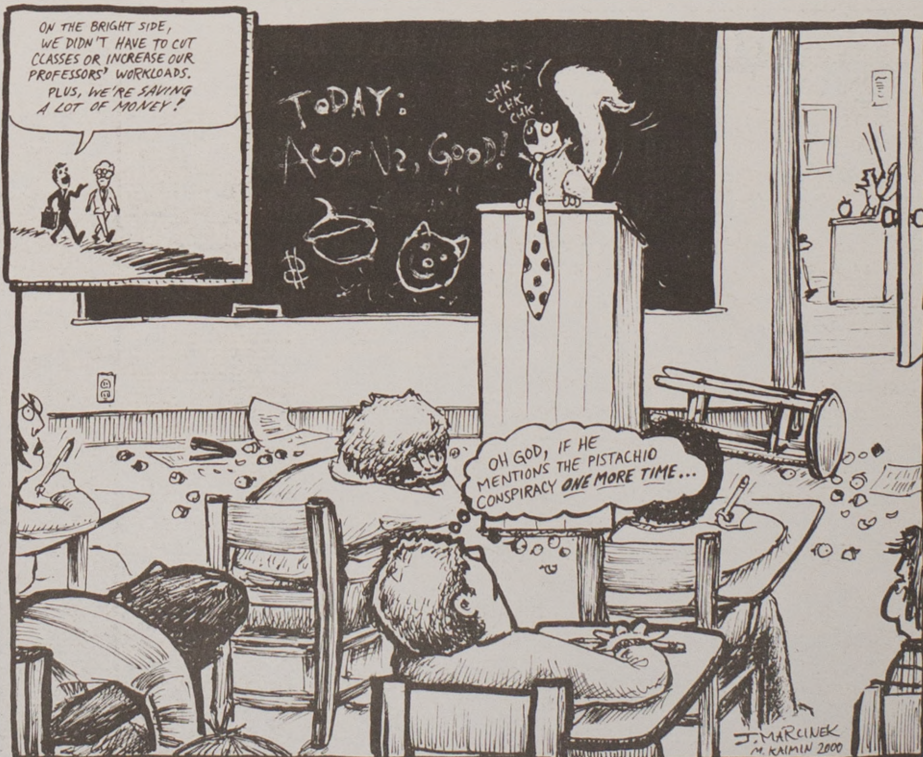
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Democratic candidate calls for more education funding

Erik Olson
Montana Kaimin

Democratic congressional candidate Nancy Keenan wants solutions to fix public education, not private vouchers, to mask education problems she told an audience of about 25 in the UC Tuesday night.

She compared the education system to a broken water line. Giving private vouchers—the solution many Republicans advocate—is like offering people bottled water, instead of fixing the line, Keenan said.

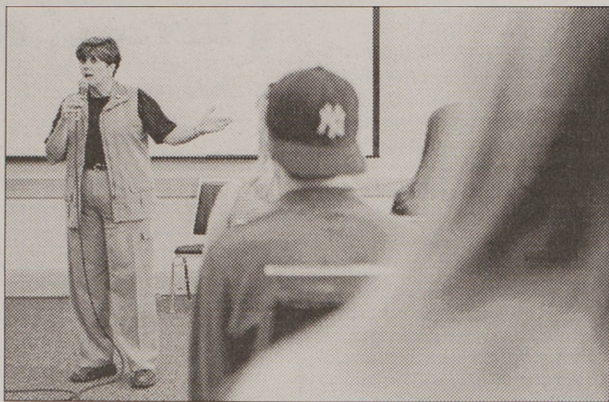
"Vouchers do nothing to improve education," the Anaconda native said.

Keenan said her two top issues are jobs and the economy, and that education is the key to improving both those areas.

"Education is the cornerstone of economic development," Keenan said, adding that the federal government needs to provide more financial aid for students to attend college.

"It's about money and making sure you have the opportunity to go to school," she said.

Keenan pointed to health care as the biggest national issue. She said that because Montana's population is so spread out it needs its rural hospitals, and they are feeling an economic crunch. She said her opponent, Republican Dennis Rehberg of Billings, supported the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Keenan said the bill would cut Medicare reim-



Cory Myers/Kaimin

Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress Nancy Keenan speaks to students at the University of Montana College Democrats' meeting Tuesday in the UC.

bursements for rural hospitals.

Keenan also addressed environmental concerns in her speech.

Because 95 percent of Montana's drinking water comes from public lands, Keenan said the environment must be cared for. However, she added that resource development does not necessarily mean the cutting of jobs, because the two can coexist.

She also gave her support for the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). The act would take off-shore oil revenues that the federal government receives and give it to states to buy federal lands.

Keenan also called for Rehberg to make a stand on the issue.

"Stand your ground. Tell us where you are," she urged.

"Nancy's right on with every issue," said Sam Allen, a senior majoring in math and Spanish. "She's for the environment without being too far left to sacrifice the economy in Montana so we can stay here after we graduate."

"It would be nice to have a woman in Congress again to represent Montana," said Kelly Peterson, a graduate student in pharmacy.

Rehberg defends school tax credit for parents

Erik Olson
Montana Kaimin

A spokesman for Republican congressional candidate Dennis Rehberg said he supports university funding, but doesn't want to increase financial aid programs for students.

Rehberg wants to see more funding for research in universities but thinks student loan and grant programs need to be maintained better, said his campaign manager, Alan Mikkelsen, in response to Democratic opponent Nancy Keenan's speech at UM Tuesday night.

Mikkelsen said throwing more money into financial aid will make it harder to pay the costs of education for all students.

Mikkelsen added Rehberg "has never supported vouchers" for private schools, as Keenan alleged some Republicans of doing. Instead, Rehberg supports a tax credit for parents who want to supplement their children's educations with

tutors, or other educational aids, Mikkelsen said. Those credits would mostly benefit low- and middle-income families who can't afford private tutors, he said.

Keenan said Rehberg supported the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which would have cut funding for rural hospitals. Mikkelsen called the allegation a "mischaracterization," saying Rehberg argued that the cuts aimed at hospitals were too deep for rural states like Montana.

In her speech, Keenan urged Rehberg to choose a side on the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, a bill that would allow states more opportunity to buy federal land. Mikkelsen said Rehberg had publicly spoken against the measure in debates sponsored by Montana newspapers. The state is not doing a good enough job of managing public lands now, Mikkelsen said, and Rehberg sees no reason to acquire more public land.

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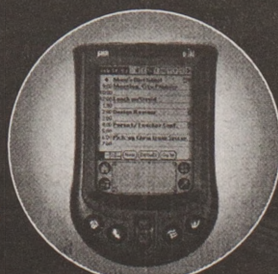
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Vandal with vehicle destroys parking signs

Nate Schweber
Montana Kaimin

Public Safety is looking for a suspect who ran over four handicapped parking signs near Jesse Hall late Monday night.

"We're very sure it was deliberate," Public Safety Lt. Charles Gatewood said.

Gatewood said Public Safety

got a call from a Jesse Hall resident assistant around midnight about a loud crash that sounded like a car accident.

When officers arrived, they found four handicapped signs and one reserved sign damaged. Gatewood said some were bent, and others were knocked completely out of the ground.

Gatewood said Public Safety's

best lead to finding the culprit is the ruckus the vehicle made leaving the parking lot — indicating a large engine.

Gatewood said he doesn't know how much it will cost to replace the damaged sign, but they will be replaced as soon as possible.

"We have to have handicapped parking for people who live, work and play at UM," Gatewood said.

Gatewood said the vehicle will show signs of damage depending on what its bumper was made of.

Anyone with any information should call Public Safety at 243-6131.

University system requests a freeze of in-state tuition

Melanthia Mitchell
Montana Kaimin

Montana's Commissioner of Higher Education Richard Crofts asked the state Board of Regents on Thursday to freeze in-state tuition rates if the 2001 Legislature approves a Montana University System request to increase funding by \$66.5 million for the next two years.

Crofts said because of insufficient state support, the Regents have had to raise tuition rapidly. Over the past two years tuition has increased 8 percent.

"Too much of the cost of university education has been shifted to students," Crofts said.

Without an increase in state funding, Crofts said the only other option would be to continue with tuition increases. Any other plan would mean damaging the quality of higher education or denying access to students.

Regent Richard Roehm said state university operating costs exceed revenue but the only source of income the state has is students and the Legislature.

Roehm said the university system has reached its limit for tuition and students should no longer be expected to foot the bill.

"We're at the top end of the ability of Montana students to pay for higher education," Roehm said. "You can't price kids out of an education."

He said he realizes the Legislature works with a fixed income but he feels there needs to be a commitment made on its part.

"We have a very severe funding issue," Roehm said. "One way

or another we need to convince the Legislature that they need to invest more in higher education."

A request to freeze in-state tuition is the Regent's way of telling the Legislature it is not willing to make students pay more, Roehm said.

"I'm unwilling to keep going to the student well and say, 'Let's bring up another bucket of money,'" Roehm said. "It's just not fair."

Lame duck Speaker of the House John Mercer (R-Polson) said he welcomes the tuition freeze, but not if the prerequisite would be to increase taxes.

Mercer said he thinks Crofts is trying to drive a wedge between students and taxpayers with this proposal.

"He's simply playing one group against the other," Mercer said.

Crofts said offering to freeze tuition is an incentive for the Legislature to provide additional state funding, but said it will probably say there isn't enough money for the increase.

Mercer said the Legislature would favor increasing state funding if the regents were willing to decrease tuition.

Crofts is pulling the focus away from the overall cost of higher education, Mercer said. Freezing tuition only to increase taxes is still a bad deal for everyone, he said. The focus should be on examining what makes higher education so expensive.

"If times are so tough that we need to freeze tuition and increase taxes, then why are we increasing our own salaries?" Mercer said.

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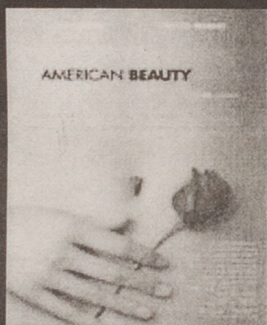
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UM music department expecting good reviews

*Accreditation
team investigating
school's quality*

Erin Everett
For the Kairin

When music professors looked around their classrooms on Monday and Tuesday, they probably noticed two faces they didn't recognize.

And after those faces, which belonged to two members of an accreditation team, were spotted popping into classrooms, chatting with students and lending ears to ensembles early in the week, they left and won't return for 10 years.

That's how often the National Association of Schools of Music, the organization responsible for accrediting the country's music schools, sends visitors to explore UM's music department, said Shirley Howell, dean of the School of Fine Arts.

The duo of educators from music schools at the University of Nebraska and Cleveland State will report back to the association about the quality of UM's music department, and in six weeks its bachelor and masters programs are expected to have passed the accreditation process with flying colors, Howell said.

"This music unit is superb

and I believe that will be reflected in the accreditation process," she said.

Of about 3,000 music schools in the nation, UM's is one of 600 accredited schools, which means that everything from the quality of its faculty and staff to its library resources meets the organization's standards.

"Accredited music schools have much higher reputations," Howell said.

To maintain that reputation, the music school began preparing for the accreditation process last spring by compiling a thorough self-study that examined how the school's general standards for teaching musicianship, music studies and performance.

"We took a hard look at the department, curriculum, degrees and programs and put it all together," said Scott Billadeau, a professor of composition and music technology.

Then, the association sent two visitors to the school to check the accuracy of the study by analyzing the department from many different angles including finances, community involvement and admissions processes.

Students and teachers alike noticed the new faces, but didn't seem bothered by them.

"We're used to having people just stop by," said Jessie Greenwood, a senior majoring in music and English.

"I try for it not to be differ-

ent," Billadeau said. "As a department, I think we feel pretty good about what we're doing."

And he hopes the team and association will feel good about changes the school has made since the last accreditation, especially the use of computers to record and study music.

"Music technology plays more of a role in this accreditation," Billadeau said.

The association may criticize the shortage of teachers, but Billadeau said he hopes they will applaud the school's ability to provide quality programs with limited resources.

"I expect them to praise our efficiency and the number of degrees we offer with a limited faculty," he said. "A school our size would normally have two times the faculty."

While a weakness in the university's budget is reflected by a limited faculty in the music school, there are benefits to having a smaller number of teachers, Greenwood said.

"You really get to know the faculty because it's such a small department," she said.

The small department has yielded big applause from the organization in the past, and so far during this accreditation, Howell said.

"They're very happy with what they've seen," she said. "They've cited many strengths."



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Griz hold 9th ranking; Big Sky conference match-up this weekend

Jason Mohr
Montana Kaimin

The Griz football team maintained its No. 9 ranking in both the Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA polls after a weekend of inaction for many top-ranked teams.

The Portland State Vikings continue to be the highest ranked Big Sky team, coming in at No. 5 on the Sports Network poll and No. 8 on the ESPN/USA Today rankings. The Vikings did not play Saturday.

Northern Arizona remained in the top 20 in both polls despite losing to Division I-A New Mexico Saturday. UM's upcoming opponent, Eastern Washington, also ranked in the top 20 for each poll.

Troy State of Alabama — also idle — continues to lead both polls.

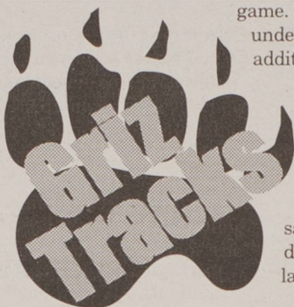
It is going to take nothing short of a Fatima-inspired turnaround to get UM's intrastate rival, Montana State, in either poll this season. The Cats were thumped again at home by Cal Poly, 35-14 Saturday. Fan interest may be waning in Bozeman as only 4,757 fans watched MSU lose its ninth straight. A 10,237-strong crowd witnessed MSU head coach Mike Kramer's losing debut against Humboldt State on Sept. 9. The Cats take their beleaguered show on the road as probable sacrifices to the Idaho Vandals, fresh off a victory over Washington State.

The Griz face their next opponent at an off-campus site. The Eagles of Eastern Washington will eschew their smaller on-campus digs at Woodward Stadium to face UM in Spokane, Wash., at Joe Albi Stadium. The Spokane venue has hosted many a UM-Eastern Washington tilt and seats 28,000, as opposed to a capacity of only 7,000 in the Cheney, Wash., stadium. Griz Athletics Department officials expect

another huge UM following for this Saturday's evening game, possibly similar to the estimated 5,000 Grizzly boosters that watched UM vanquish Idaho in nearby Pullman, Wash., on Sept. 9.

Eastern Washington, Portland State and Northern Arizona are all undefeated in Big Sky play. The Griz have yet to play a conference game. Only two teams will remain undefeated in the league as — in addition to the UM-Eastern

Washington contest — Portland State ventures to Flagstaff, Ariz., to take on the Jacks of Northern Arizona. The Vikings have never beaten the Jacks and saw their Big Sky title hopes dashed by Northern Arizona last year.



After a top-25 ranking two weeks ago, the Sacramento State Hornets have subsequently dropped two tight ones, losing most recently to Idaho State, 41-39. Hornet All-American running back Charles Roberts literally dropped the ball Saturday, as he was stripped going in for a score at the ISU 1-yard line as the game drew to a close. Sac State entertains Weber State, and Idaho State travels to Cal State-Northridge in other Big Sky action.

The Cat-Griz game is still over seven weeks away, but evidence this season indicates the 100th meeting could be a bit lopsided in UM's favor. Using common opponent Cal Poly as a measuring stick, current odds would favor the Griz by 71 points. But is UM first-year head coach Joe Glenn feeling cocky about the match-up?



Amy Layne/Kaimin
Offensive tackle Dylan McFarland holds Adam Hoge back during a drill at Tuesday's practice.

"I've seen too many crazy things happen," Glenn said of rivalries and grudge matches. Montana State should be holding a grudge, as they have suffered 14 straight losses to the Griz.

Former Grizzly kicker Heppner released by Seahawks

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Monday was Rian Lindell's first day working for Allied Finishings, a Vancouver, Wash.-based distributor of nails and staples.

Tuesday turned out to be Lindell's last day on that job. Tuesday also turned out to be former Grizzly kicker, Kris Heppner's, last day at his job as well. Lindell was signed by the Seattle Seahawks, to replace Heppner, who was released by the Seahawks earlier in the day.

"Nothing is really too surprising anymore," Lindell said Tuesday night. "It's just a different profession to get into."

Or out of, as the case was for Heppner, whose career in Seattle spanned four games, three missed field goals and

only one touchback in 18 kick-offs.

Heppner apparently did not show enough improvement between Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. As a result, he was released less than 18 hours after coach Mike Holmgren had expressed his displeasure with the kicking game by saying, "The options are, Kris either gets better or I replace Kris."

Heppner, who made six of nine field goals after beating out veteran Todd Peterson in training camp, was replaced in a move that became more likely after Lindell and former South Carolina State kicker Cedric Oglesby were brought in for try-outs.

Peterson, who filed an injury

grievance against the team shortly after his release, was never a candidate.

Lindell, a 6-foot-3-inch, 241-pound rookie from Washington State University, did not expect to be signed, however, so he returned home to Vancouver in search of a more realistic job. When the Seahawks finally called Tuesday morning, Lindell was in Salem, Ore., carrying out a job for Allied Finishings.

He drove to Kirkland in time to sign a two-year contract that could pay him \$147,588 this season and \$275,000 if he sticks around next year.

The Seahawks hope the super-sized Lindell provides the longer kickoffs they expected from Heppner. Lindell said his kickoffs traveled to between the

2-and 7-yard lines during his workout last week.

Strangely, it was leg strength that had given Heppner the edge over Peterson, but Heppner lost distance almost immediately once the regular season began.

Heppner probably did not endear himself to Holmgren by appearing indifferent Sunday after missing a potentially crucial 34-yard field goal during a 20-12 victory over San Diego.

"I think I'm going to have many years in this league," Heppner predicted after the game. "I can't go down the tubes because I missed one kick."

Two weeks ago, Holmgren pulled aside Heppner to find out why the rookie was struggling. Heppner theorized that his kickoffs were falling short because he was rushing his delivery.

But Seahawks punter Jeff Feagles offered a different theory Monday when asked why

Heppner kicked so much better during camp and practices than he did in games.

According to Feagles, some of the discrepancy can be attributed to rules adopted in 1999 that prohibit kickers and punters from massaging or otherwise breaking in footballs before games.

Instead of receiving footballs before game day, kickers and punters are now required to use balls provided by the officiating crew during the game.

These balls tend to be slicker and less forgiving because officials take fewer pains to break them in, resulting in less compression upon impact and, in turn, less distance.

Ironically, Holmgren was co-chairman of the NFL's competition committee when the rules changes were adopted.

"There's a big difference when you're in training camp or practice and you can't kick brand new balls every day," Feagles said. "You get a lot more distance on your kickoffs and punts than you get in the games."

Veteran players have had a year to adjust to the change, but rookies such as Heppner and Oakland Raiders kicker Sebastian Janikowski have been forced to adjust on the fly.

"Coming out of college and into the pros, there's a huge difference," Feagles said. "Look at Janikowski. Look how many kickoffs he got into the end zone when he was in college. He does it every once in a while now, but not as much as he did in college."

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ASUM, registrar to discuss fees

Fee to retake classes explained, debated

Erik Olson
Montana Kaimin

The hot topic at Wednesday's ASUM meeting is the menacing \$100 fee to retake classes, and Registrar Phil Bain will be on hand to explain the issue.

The Senate asked Bain to come to the meeting to clarify the purpose behind the fee, Sen. Hal Lewis said.

Lewis urged students interested in commenting on the fee to come to the meeting at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the UC.

Bain said the fee came into existence in the mid-90s as a part of a collective bargaining agreement between the faculty and the Board of Regents. Students wanted more access to classes and were frustrated by space being taken up by other students retaking classes, he

said. The Board of Regents established the fee to discourage students from retaking classes, Bain said.

Paying the fee does not eliminate grades from students' transcripts, but only the last grade recorded would count in students' grade point averages, Bain said.

"It's an economically unjust fee," Lewis said. "It discriminates against people with little means. It's tantamount to selling grades."

"Nobody wants to be in school forever, but sometimes there's extenuating circumstances," Sen. Nick Domitrovich said. "I think the \$100 fee is excessive. It's like punishing somebody who wants to improve their academic record."

"It's time for the registrar and the administration to explain some of these seemingly unnecessary, blood-sucking fees," ASUM President Molly Moon Neitzel said. "I hope Phil Bain can do that."

'Leafing' summer behind



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Releasing more oil into the market won't keep fuel prices low by itself, Sherman said. To keep prices low, he said, the U.S. must increase incentives for domestic oil production and encourage production of synthetic fuels.

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Activist

meanors, and pleaded not guilty to both charges. He remains in the Missoula County jail on \$1,000 bail.

Federal officials ordered that Mark be kept in custody until he can answer to the federal assault charges. The U.S. Marshall's Office has the

authority to relocate Mark to another jail if necessary.

Marge Johns, federal court secretary, said that no date has been set for Mark's arraignment before Magistrate Judge Leif Ericson, but she said Mark could be arraigned as early as

Wednesday.

Mark will now be charged in U.S. District Court on two counts of assault on a member of Congress.

This incident isn't Mark's first brush with the federal authorities. In January, Mark was sentenced to 60 days in

Thursday, Mark said he wants to "bring out issues" about Chenoweth-Hage's environmental record. Specifically, Mark said he's angry about salmon dying in Idaho rivers because of dams and sediment runoff from logging areas.

"The forests and the rivers can't be separated," Mark said.

Mark declined to comment about newspaper editorials and remarks by

environmental groups condemning the pie-throwing incident. Mark said he wanted to keep his message positive.

Shannon said Mark is a "nice kid," and added that he took the case because he respects Mark's convictions in his beliefs.

"He is sincerely a vegan. It's not just a gimmick," Shannon said. "He's being civilly disobedient and he's paying the price."

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