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MONTANA KAIMIN

Kaimin is a Salish word for paper

Wednesday

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Police arrest dorm robbery suspect

Search turns up items matching missing goods

Kellyn Brown
Montana Kaimin

A 20-year-old Missoula man was arrested Monday in connection with armed robberies that took place in Elrod Hall last week.

Christopher J. Borgen was arrested and will be charged with two counts of aggravated kidnapping and two counts of aggravated burglary, according to a court affidavit. He is being held in Missoula County Jail on unrelated charges. He

is expected to appear in Justice Court on Wednesday.

Borgen is one of three suspects who allegedly robbed UM student Matthew Pohlman and his friend at gunpoint last Tuesday night — and then again on Thursday night — in Pohlman's second-floor Elrod Hall dorm room.

Pohlman's friend is not a UM student.

According to the court affidavit, written by Deputy County Attorney Karen Townsend, Pohlman met with Public Safety Officer Scott Oak on Friday and explained what had happened.

Pohlman told Oak that on Tuesday, Oct. 1, he was in his dorm room with a friend when Borgen, whom he knows, arrived with two other men. Pohlman said that as soon as all three entered the room one of the men pulled a gun from his waistband and pointed it at his head.

The three suspects then allegedly wrapped duct tape around Pohlman and his friend's arms and across their mouths. Pohlman then said Borgen stole an orange and black Burton backpack, which contained \$1,500.

Pohlman later told Detective Steve Trollope and

Detective Guy Baker of the Missoula Police Department, that the backpack actually contained a quarter-pound of marijuana and \$300 to \$400, according to court documents.

When the suspects left, Pohlman said, he and the other victim were told to keep their mouths shut or they would be back.

The two victims were able to free themselves from the duct tape.

Pohlman told Oak that the three suspects returned two days later, and again the same friend was in his dorm room.

He said after he checked the peephole but didn't see

anything he opened the door to Borgen and the two other suspects.

Borgen allegedly began yelling at Pohlman, demanding to know where a quarter-pound of marijuana was. Pohlman said he told Borgen there was no marijuana in the room and the same suspect again pulled a handgun and pointed it at his head.

According to the affidavit, the two victims were again duct taped.

Pohlman said the three suspects then stole two Sony Playstations, about 20 Playstation games and a case

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Missoulians protest Baucus' stance on Iraqi war

200 residents rally to send message of peace to D.C.

Natalie Storey
Montana Kaimin

Missoula citizens gathered outside of Sen. Max Baucus' office on North Higgins Avenue Tuesday afternoon carrying signs to remind him, "Great is the guilt of an unnecessary war."

The protest, which organizers said attracted more than 200 people in Missoula, was organized in opposition to U.S. Senate Joint Resolution 46. Joint resolution 46 would grant President Bush the authority to use military force against Iraq without the approval of the United Nations. Other protests were held across the state at other branch offices. Organizers in Missoula did not know Tuesday how successful other protests across the state were. However, they said 49 people showed up in Helena.

Organizers sought to make it known that many Montana citizens are opposed to the resolution and war with Iraq, they said.

Baucus, D-Mont., wasn't around to witness the protest because he is in Washington D.C., said organizers.

More than a dozen of the 200 protesters were UM students.

"I want (Baucus) to know I don't agree with American unilateral action against any country," said UM student Adam Rissien, a graduate student in environmental studies. "No more blood for oil."



Anita Doyle of the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center addresses a crowd in front of Sen. Max Baucus' regional office in downtown Missoula on Tuesday. About 200 people gathered to sign a petition asking Baucus not to back President Bush's war effort.

Others agreed.

"I don't think a war with Iraq is necessary," said UM student Amber Arvidson, a junior studying resource conservation and sociology. "I think the reason for going to war is political. War is almost always a mistake, but this is an exceptionally bad one."

She added, "I hope Baucus will be receptive to this, but I don't have much faith that he will be."

Brianna Randall, a graduate student in environmental studies said she came to the protest on Tuesday to support peace.

"I think pre-emptive strikes set a negative trend for foreign policy," she said. "We shouldn't

make decisions involving human life based solely on economic resources."

Organizers passed around a statement addressed to Baucus, which was signed by 180 people.

"This is an abdication of constitutional responsibility on the part of congress," according to the statement. "The founders of this country understood well the dangers of vesting too much power in the executive branch of government. That is why they wrote in the constitution that 'Congress alone shall have the power to declare war.'"

The protest in Missoula was organized by the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center. More

people showed up than what was originally expected, said organizer Anita Doyle.

Although Doyle said she felt the demonstration was a success, it is still uncertain how Baucus will vote on the resolution. Baucus has voiced his support of the resolution.

"He hasn't given us any indication that this is going to change his vote," said Doyle. "But we are certainly holding out with hope. That's why we are all here — we still have hope."

Baucus was not available for comment Tuesday night, and his campaign managers declined to comment on the protest.

Smart growth keeps cities eco-friendly

Environmental lecturer speaks against urban sprawl

Casey Trang
Montana Kaimin

Sean Schaitel, a freshmen environmental studies major, moved to Missoula from Boston, Mass., for the type of living that the area offers, but when he looked a little closer he found aspects of the small Montana city that discouraged him.

"I go down Reserve and I'm like, 'Wow, it's an ugly concrete mess,'" Schaitel said.

A remedy to stop this problem is to give people choices for the planning of their communities, said Tim Davis, executive director of the Montana Smart Growth Coalition. MSGC is a network of 41 organizations around Montana that seek to reduce unnecessary growth of populated areas, while securing sustainable agriculture, transportation and economical practices.

Davis spoke Tuesday about smart growth, a concept that uses land to strengthen communities. Davis' talk was the fifth of a 13-part environmental lecture series that is held every Tuesday in the Gallagher Business Building.

Aspects of smart growth include building compactly and protecting open spaces and farmlands.

"Basically, you need to plan for the future," Davis said. "The center part of Missoula is a good

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OPINION

Editorial

Military should clamp down on credit cards

Should U.S. military personnel be allowed to pay for lap dances and prostitutes with government credit cards?

For some, that may seem like a dumb question with an obvious answer. But, for a good number of people in the U.S. military (most recently the Navy) there is no ethical or moral issue here.

The Associated Press reported Tuesday that a congressional investigation revealed that Navy personnel used government credit cards to hire prostitutes at brothels, buy jewelry, gamble and attend New York Yankees and Los Angeles Lakers games in fraudulent purchases exceeding \$200,000. Last summer, the General Accounting Office found that about 200 Army personnel had used cards to get cash for lap dances and other strip-club entertainment.

The military travel cards are issued to personnel so the users don't have to pay for official travel expenses. According to a memo written by Undersecretary of Defense Dov S. Zakheim in September 2001, the proper uses for the card include, "lodging, rental cars, transportation and other official expenses."

The travel cards are not supposed to be used for "laundry/dry cleaning, parking, local transportation system fare, taxi fares, tips, (or) local or long distance telephone calls."

He must have forgotten to mention hookers.

During an investigation from October 2000 to March 2002, Navy personnel racked up 1,180 transactions for personal items totalling \$206,700. This is a significant number of people who don't have a problem using government credit cards for personal pleasure.

Where are these peoples' supervisors? And, if the supervisors are the ones committing the offenses, why are they still in charge?

After an examination of the accounts, the Pentagon has begun to dock unpaid credit-card debt from offenders' paychecks. But, if that is all the punishment they get, there is nothing stopping them from doing it again. By simply docking their pay, the government is saying, "Go ahead and charge those lap dances to us, but be prepared to pay for them at the end of the month."

The government is trying to be charitable by letting people who may not have the best credit history use the accounts for easier travel. The cards are a good idea and a good method to let people be reimbursed when they are traveling on official business.

But the military supervisors need to keep a closer eye on the personnel so they don't charge personal expenses on the travel cards in the first place. The Pentagon also needs to take stronger action with the people who do misuse the government credit cards so they don't do it again.

These offenders are abusing their privileges and dissolving the integrity of the military with every swipe of the card.

— Candy Buster

Rick's Reflections

Dam purchase would save Montanans money

Column by



Rick Stern

when we cast our votes on Initiative 145, the Montana Hydroelectric Security Act. If this measure passes, the state of Montana will have the option to purchase up to 12 hydroelectric dams.

Ironically, the vote we cast should be the same whether we are considering the best

interests of the state's energy future or if we're selfishly thinking about our personal cash flow. Passing I-145 is good for Montana, and my research tells me that it will also allow us each to save a lot of money.

The campaign over I-145 has drawn attention both near and far. The New York Times ran a prominent article on the measure on Sept. 4, 2002. And, you can bet that I-145 is being watched closely at the corporate offices of Pennsylvania Power and Light and Washington state's Avista Corporation.

Avista owns the Noxon Rapids Dam, and PPL owns the other 11 hydroelectric facilities that could become state property if Montana voters approve I-145. These corporations have spent around \$1.3 million to defeat I-145 for one simple reason: They make a lot of money from selling the electricity generated by these facilities.

Here's why: As we know, the prices paid on the open market for electricity have increased in recent years after a handful of states — including Montana — passed deregulation legislation. Large dams produce electricity cheaply compared to other forms of generation such as coal-fired power plants. Thus, the owners of hydroelectric facilities have a high profit margin.

Let's back up to 1996, before the Montana Legislature enacted a deregulation bill written by the Montana Power Company. Montanans then had the sixth-lowest energy prices in the country. The regulated monopoly of Montana Power sold

about one half of the power generated in Montana to Montana businesses and individuals at a regulated rate. MPC sold the rest of the power elsewhere, and made good money doing so.

In 1997, the Montana Legislature passed deregulation, which opened the door to Montana Power selling its generating facilities to out-of-state interests. As fixed power rates phased out under the terms of deregulation, Montana companies were hit with rate increases first, and some were forced to close their doors. The rate increases are now settling in on residential customers, whose rates are on the rise.

That situation will change if I-145 passes. The act creates a "Montana public power commission" to study the economics of buying some or all of the 12 dams in question. The commission has the power to raise up to \$500 million to buy the facilities.

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Once the state owns the dams, it can fix the power

prices to cover the costs of operating them, of paying off the bonds, and of reimbursing cities and counties for the taxes currently paid by the dam owners. Because the state doesn't need to make a profit to pay the high salaries of corporate executives, etc., it can cover its costs and reduce the prices to a level that is reasonable for Montanans. And, it can keep the prices low. That's why I-145 was drafted in the first place, why many people have worked hard get the measure on the ballot and to try to get it passed, and why the power companies desperately want it to fail.

But we Montanans are smarter than to be duped by the misleading ads being paid for by PPL and Avista. They may try to cloud the issue to protect their profits, but our vision tells us that voting for I-145 is clearly the right choice.

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Around the Oval

Forecasters have predicted Missoula's winter to be warmer and drier than normal. How will this forecast affect your winter plans?

Follow up: What are your predictions for winter?

•Jenny Moore

senior, social work

It's actually good for me, because I like the warmer weather. I guess it affects skiing, but I don't like cold weather.

It's going to be the same as it always is. It's going to be really cold, then it's going to get warm and trick us.

•Jeremiah Butenschoen

senior, health and human performance

That's bad, because I can't snowboard. I need it to be wetter for more snow in the mountains.

It's going to be the usual Missoula cloudy day, no sunshine, all depressing.

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NEWS

Elusive exhibitionist, fouled-up favor, sinsemilla salesman

Kellyn Brown
Montana Kaimin

Thursday, Oct. 3, 11:33 p.m.

Two women reported to Public Safety that they had been chased by a naked man near Arthur Avenue. The women initially called 911 and city police have been notified, according to Public Safety records.

"The man was approximately 30 years old, and 6 foot," said Capt. Jim Lemcke, the assistant director of Public Safety. "He crossed Arthur and told the women they were the lucky winner of the streak contest."

The suspect was not located.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 11:45 p.m.

A man brought a pickup truck to Public Safety after he realized he had borrowed the wrong vehicle.

A friend had given the man permission to use a truck and

told him to use keys hidden on it. The man found a vehicle matching the description his friend had given him and after finding hidden keys, drove off with it.

"He didn't get very far before he realized he got the wrong truck," Lemcke said.

After filling the gas tank, the man returned to the parking lot only to find that the parking spot where the truck was had been taken.

He then brought the vehicle to Public Safety, and the owner of the pickup was contacted and advised of the situation.

Lemcke said the only difference between the two vehicles was that one had a kayak on top and the other didn't.

"If you would have asked me what the odds were of this happening, I'd say it can't happen," Lemcke said.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 12:45 a.m.

A resident assistant in Miller

Hall reported to Public Safety that a man was selling marijuana door to door.

The suspect was not located, Lemcke said.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1:56 a.m.

The entry and locker-room doors at Dornblaser were damaged.

"It appeared someone tried to break into the equipment room and official's locker room," Lemcke said. "No entry was gained."

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 8:58 a.m.

A black Audi was stolen from the parking lot in front of the Adams Center.

"It was parked there overnight and (it was) gone in the morning," Lemcke said. The vehicle has not been recovered.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 12:28 a.m.

Picnic tables on campus were taken apart and constructed

into ramps.

Lemcke said the tables were not broken, and the suspects were not found.

Thursday, Oct. 3, 3:26 p.m.

Public Safety responded to a report of a bicycle chained more than six feet off the ground in a tree.

"The bicycle was so high the officer couldn't get it," Lemcke said.

Officers notified a maintenance crew, which cut the lock and brought the bike to Public Safety for impound.

Monday, Oct. 7, 12:25 a.m.

A night watchman in the UC reported that two men had stolen a couch, according to police records.

"The two men left the UC with a couch and headed toward Aber Hall," Lemcke said. "The information was

turned over to Residence Life in case they see a blue couch."

Monday, Oct. 7, 9:31 p.m.

Two men stole a mattress from Jesse Hall and loaded it into a white Ford pickup, according to police records.

"They weren't cited and will be referred to student conduct code," Lemcke said. "And (they will) return the mattress."

Monday, Oct. 7, 11:45 p.m.

Public Safety warned five men who were messing with car windshield wipers near the Lomasson Center.

"They were just messing with a friend's car," Lemcke said.

Monday, Oct. 7, 10:38 p.m.

A vehicle hit a deer on Arthur Avenue and Public Safety responded. The vehicle was undamaged, according to police records.

"The deer walked away," Lemcke said.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Volumen's toughest act to follow was bikini contest

Ira Sather-Olson
Eye Spy Reporter

Missoula's well-known space rockers, the Volumen are composed of Volumen 1 (vocals, guitar, megaphone), Volumen 2 (vocals, guitar), Volumen Beta (drums, cowbell), Volumen Bkawck (synthesizer, vibes, tambourine, wurlitzer, piano, vocals) and Volumen Squared (bass).

Eye Spy decided to ask these curious nanobot rockers some questions about their current musical output.

Responses are from Volumen 1 and Volumen Bkawck.

Q: From what vortex did Volumen come out of?

A: Have you ever seen that movie "Battle Beyond the Stars" with John Boy from the Waltons? What about "Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone" with Molly Ringwald? We're from the same vortex that belched out those gems.

A: (Volumen Bkawck) The Crab Nebula.

Q: How long has Volumen been in existence?

A: Volumen 1 and Volumen 2 began the primitive core of Volumen nearly 1,000 years ago, in binary. Thankfully, after cooling, that core was repeatedly struck by spheroids containing the life-forces of Volumen Squared, Volumen Beta and Volumen Bkawck about 11 binary years ago.

A: (Volumen Bkawck) This line-up, three years.

Q: If you were to name your style of music, what would you call it?

A: Well, Dave Crider (from

Estrus Records) supposedly called us "Heavy New Wave."

If that'll help sell records, then I'm down. I mean, he managed to get a gazillion people to buy records by The Mummys, so he must know something.

Q: Did you guys ever have any humiliating and/or sarcastically gratifying moments at a show?

A: Hmm... we once played a show in Sandpoint, Idaho.

Unfortunately, we played after a bikini contest. Lemme tell ya, brother, that's a hard act to follow. I would say that, without pyrotechnics, or perhaps a robot donkey, there's nothing you can do that won't stop people from thinking, "Jeez, I wish the bikini ladies would come back out."

A: (Volumen Bkawck) Every show we play is simultaneously humiliating and gratifying.

Q: How has your audience reacted to the cosmic chaos that is Volumen?

(Manic dancing, riots in the streets, etc.)

A: In Richland, Wash., some fans baked us a cake with the robot from our Web page as icing. In Eureka, Calif. when the show was canceled, some of the Volumany let us play in their basement. Actually, it was their parent's basement, but their parents had ginger ale, goldfish crackers and M&Ms for us. That's as close as we get to riots.

Q: Where do you derive your musical influences and/or inspiration?

A: You know how when answering machines first came out, you could buy those tapes of musical answering machine greetings? I'd say that it pret-

ty much all comes from there.

Q: Can you tell us anything about the "Priority One" kickoff concert? Why are you guys participating in it?

A: Woah... woah... woah... Priority One? Shoot... someone told me it was a bikini contest. Actually, I'm a little torn on this thing. I mean, as a devotee of all things post-apocalyptic it's hard for me to denounce nuclear weapons, seeing how that's our vehicle to actually star in our own post-apocalyptic movie. But, then I remember how bad "Mad Max, Beyond Thunderdome" was, and I come to my senses.

Q: Does Volumen plan on releasing a new album or EP

in the near future?

A: We are taking the winter off to work on a new album. It's going to be a little darker than Cries from Space or Superconfident Guy. But don't worry, you can still buy those albums all winter long.

Q: What sort of "Super Galactic Pimp Ride" does Volumen use when touring?

A: We drive a converted ambulance. And, yes, the lights and sirens still work (everyone asks that). And, no, we've never gotten the balls to intentionally make use of the lights or sirens while on the road.

Although, I'd say we've run them about 10-15 times by

accident.

Q: Do you have any words of wisdom for disenfranchised college kids?

A: If you don't want to be working as a pit slave, tending to the blind cave cows that make our juicy burgers, then you need to start being nicer to nerds. Because one day, we will be your dark overlords.

Q: How often will you be playing in the coming months?

A: We'll be playing only once, on October 16th at Jay's with Arlo (a phenomenal band). Then we get frozen in carbonite for a few months, where we will be "playing" all winter long.

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EYE SPY



ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'Red Dragon': scary flick or frightening disappointment?

'Red Dragon' breathes new fire into thriller, suspense genre

Ira Sather-Olson
Eye Spy Reporter

"Red Dragon," directed by Brett Ratner, the prequel to "Silence of the Lambs," takes movie-goers on a trip through a psychopathic man's (Ralph Fiennes) inner desires and demons.

Much of the story takes place in the 1980s in Baltimore, Md., as well as two crime scenes in Alabama and Georgia.

Anthony Hopkins, well known for his role as Hannibal Lecter, is back. Hopkins is a prestigious forensic psychiatrist who is caught as a cannibalistic serial killer by an FBI agent played by Ed Norton. Soon after, Lecter is thrown into a psychiatric institute, and Norton calls it quits with the FBI. He moves with his family to Florida for some solitude away from the stress and agony of the FBI.

Years later, the murders of two families in two separate states, Norton is enlisted by his old cohorts to find out who has committed these atrocious crimes. Soon enough, Norton must use the help of Hopkins to find the murderer.

Throughout this somewhat long movie, a series of unexpected twists and turns takes viewers on an interesting and disturbing ride.

With the majority of major thriller movies these days catering to cheesy suspense techniques, "Red Dragon" offers viewers a breath of fresh air from the obvious cliches of this genre of film making. Throughout the movie, one can get a sense of the same darkness and creepiness that pervades a movie such as "Seven." The plot, while at some times is not completely believable, is well scripted and will keep viewers interested

throughout the movie.

The psychopathic role of Fiennes ("The Tooth Fairy") takes viewers into a psychotic and dark world. For example, a painting by William Blake depicting a great red dragon reigning over a woman is the centerpiece of his inhumane actions; the viewer then finds out that Fiennes believes he is the dragon.

In his atrocious attacks, Fiennes breaks any mirror in sight and puts pieces of the glass into his dead victims' eye sockets.

Yes, this movie does have some odd and gruesome parts.

A sub-plot even reveals an odd love story between Fiennes and a blind woman that he meets.

Norton's acting is believable and works well within the story. His investigative instincts and skills as a former FBI agent help he and coworker Harvey Keitel track down Fiennes. Later, Norton finds out that Hopkins has secretly coded Norton's home address to Fiennes, just another example of an unexpected turn for the plot.

Having not seen "Hannibal" and having only seen most of "The Silence of the Lambs," it was surprising to note the realistic suspense and gloom the plot conveyed. "Red Dragon" was an interesting and engaging movie. It minimized cliches of the "crime/thriller" genre, and not once did the plot become uninteresting. It is definitely a movie to check out sometime this year.

Bad acting slays 'Red Dragon's' believability

Luke Johnson
Eye Spy Reporter

Why remake a movie that was made all the way back in 1986? For the money of course.

Universal Pictures knew it could cash in on the popular Hannibal Lecter series yet again.

Just 16 years ago, director Michael Mann ("Ali," "The Insider") made the superior version of "Red Dragon" called "Manhunter." The only apparent problem with his version was that it was not a box-office success and that it did not feature Anthony Hopkins.

Enter Brett Ratner, the brilliant mind behind the

ground-breaking "Rush Hour" movies. Ratner had the ingenious idea to remake the movie with Hopkins and to direct the movie himself. Universal bought the pitch, and now we have "Red Dragon" to deal with.

Hannibal became a household name after the release of 1991's "Silence of the Lambs," directed by Jonathan Demme. One of the best thrillers of all time, the film captured the Academy Awards for best film, best actor for Hopkins and best actress for Jodie Foster.

Then Ridley Scott directed the

sequel "Hannibal," which followed a decade later but lacked any of the suspense and chemistry that its predecessor had.

Ratner's incarnation of "Red Dragon" is indeed head and shoulders above "Hannibal," but that's not saying much.

The film features what would seem to be a talented cast, including Hopkins, Edward Norton, Ralph Fiennes and Harvey Keitel. Yet, the only actor that does his job is Hopkins, while the others seem to be sleepwalking.

Instead of showing fear at the prospect of conversing with Hannibal at his familiar holding cell, Norton looks as if he is standing in line for the urinal. Here he is face-to-face with a man who has already sliced him up and put him into retirement, and he doesn't seem phased in the least.

Fiennes is a believable enough psycho, but he just isn't scary. He's not malicious; he's just deeply confused.

It's hard not to blame Ratner for the actors' downfalls, since they are all known for their ability.

Ratner's movie is long and meticulous with scenes and story lines that do not belong. Ratner also tries to have the plot parallel "The Silence of the Lambs," right down to the surprise ending. In 1986 it was innovative. In 1991 it was thrilling. In 2002 it is in every other movie.

Were there not a movie out there that has already told this story better, "Red Dragon" wouldn't be all that bad. But there is.

Wait for "Red Dragon" to come to rental, and rent it along with "Manhunter" to see what I mean.

Red Dragon

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Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton and Ralph Fiennes

Directed by: Brett Ratner

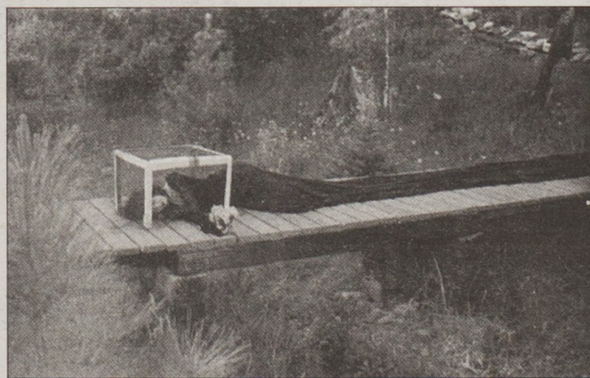
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KAIMIN SPORTS

Dream interview yields sleepy responses

Column by



Bryan Haines

For a few brief minutes Monday afternoon, I had the chance only a precious few get to realize — spending five minutes talking to the sports figure I worshiped growing up.

Growing up in podunk Cascade, where the closest pro teams of any kind were in Seattle or Denver, I started following the Sonics. And, like all the sports teams I follow, the Sonics have filled me full of disappointment. Most notably was their first-round loss to the Denver Nuggets in 1994. The sight of Dikembe Mutumbo lying flat on the Key Arena floor holding the ball above his head, crying as he was being mobbed by his teammates, will forever be burned in my mind.

Therapy has not helped, nor has heavy drinking.

But I kept the faith, and the Sonics rewarded me with a trip to

the NBA Finals against Chicago.

At this time, I became fully enamored with Gary Payton. "The Glove" was, and still is, one of a kind — a trash-talking point guard who could back up everything he said.

So you can imagine my pure and overwhelming excitement when I learned that the Sonics were coming to Missoula to play the Golden State Warriors.

As the Sonics finished practicing Monday afternoon in the Adams Center, I was like a kid in a toy store whose parents had just given him \$10 and said, "Go pick something out."

Rashard Lewis, Nate McMillan and Desmond Mason, all players I had watched on TV, were standing just feet from me.

I spent a few minutes talking to McMillan, asking him about Montana and the upcoming season and learning firsthand that he was as hard-assed as I had read. He frankly said there was nothing positive to be taken from the Sonics' first preseason game. Come on, coach, it was your first game of the season.

Most of the players had left the court to lift weights, so I filtered through, talking with newly-acquired Kenny Anderson and former Arizona star Miles Simon. It was just to fill time as I waited,

prayed, more like, for Payton to return.

As the Sonics were preparing to leave the Adams Center and return to their motel, he finally came back onto the floor.

Now was my time to fulfill every boy's dream of meeting his hero.

I talked with Payton for what seemed like an eternity, but was actually three minutes and 55 seconds according to my recorder. But that didn't matter. I was there, talking one-on-one with Gary freaking Payton.

To me, it does not get any better than that.

Afterward, walking back to the Journalism Building, I couldn't remember a single word I had said to Payton. My mind was blank.

Later that evening, as my friends asked me about Payton and the rest of the Sonics, I really had nothing to offer. Mainly because, to be honest, they are boring.

Nothing that Payton, Anderson or Simon said to me was original or insightful, which of course comes from years of being badgered by reporters such as myself.

When I asked Anderson how he felt about going from a starting in Boston to backing up Payton in Seattle, he filled my

recorder with the usual, "whatever is best for the team" quote. By his body language and tone of voice, it was clear that he felt otherwise.

Payton said he was happy to be here in Missoula to play the Warriors as they prepare for the upcoming season, but this was with a couple of shoulder shrugs and a roll of his eyes. Clearly, if the regular season could start tomorrow and he was playing somewhere other than Montana, Payton would be happier.

Why can't athletes simply say what is on their minds? Especially when it is obvious, even to a green reporter such as myself, that what they are telling you is not how they feel — at least not completely.

Grizzly quarterback Jeff Disney, a redshirt junior who

was almost guaranteed the starting spot next season, was candid about his feelings after Craig Ochs visited Montana in late September.

"I came here to be the starter; I didn't come here to watch," Disney said at the prospect of Ochs taking what many considered his job.

Oh, how wonderful a straight, honest answer is.

Don't get me wrong — interviewing Payton and the rest of the Sonics is something I will never forget.

As I advance in my journalism career, I hope this will not be the last time I interview athletes on the level of Payton.

Unfortunately, I know that those interviews will be filled with the same boring answers I heard Monday afternoon.

Steenekamp victorious at Gonzaga

Jan Steenekamp won the singles title in men's tennis for the University of Montana this weekend, defeating Shaun Whitney of Gonzaga in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2, at the Gonzaga Invitational.

Steenekamp did not lose a single set in three matches on his way to the singles championship, and his win in the finals capped a strong weekend for the Grizzly men's tennis squad.

Along with Steenekamp, Gus Treyz, Stanislav Nevolovich and Ryan O'Neill all won first round matches. O'Neill won two matches in the tournament, but did not make it out of the second round.

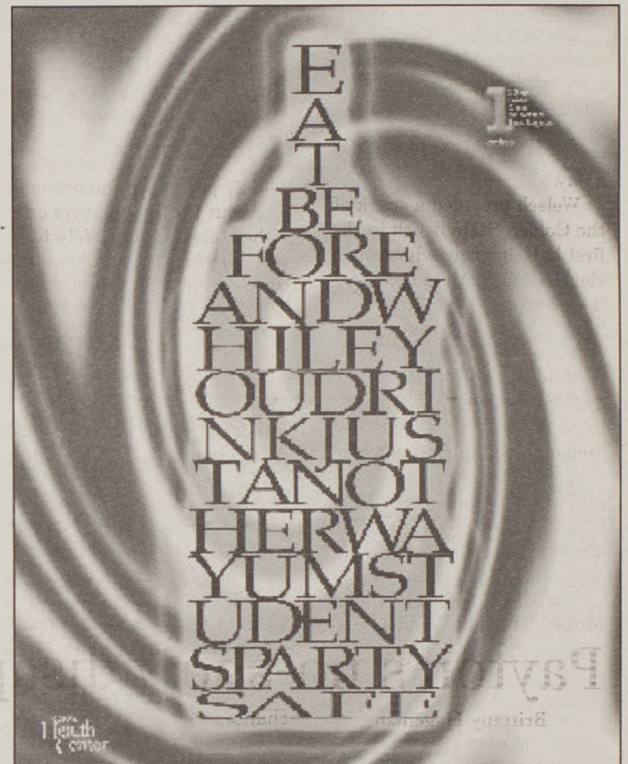
In doubles play, the duo of Steenekamp and Brian Devlin advanced to the semifinals before losing. Nevolovich and Treyz paired to win a first-

round doubles match, as did O'Neill and Treyz.

The men will be at home this weekend to host the UM Invitational, which starts Friday and lasts through Sunday.

UM's women's team has this coming weekend off before they host their own invitational, Oct. 18-20.

— Kaimin Sports Staff

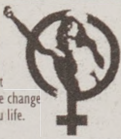


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Warriors golden against Sonics in NBA Classic

Jiri Welsch's debut overshadow's Mike Dunleavy's

Bryan Haines
Kaimin Sports Editor

As Mike Dunleavy, the Golden State Warriors' highly touted rookie, was making his debut before 4,176 fans at Dahlberg Arena on Tuesday night in a preseason exhibition game against Seattle, another not so known first year player was doing the same.

Only for Jiri Welsch, who scored 11 points to help lead the Warriors past the Sonics 84-75, he was playing his first NBA game half-way across the world, miles away from his native country land of the Czech Republic.

"I was a little bit nervous at the beginning, but once I got my first touch, I was fine," Welsch said. "I have been working on my game for two months now and been practicing twice a day."

Welsch provided a spark off the Golden State bench in the first half, igniting what was a slow half for both teams, scoring seven points off a variety of pull-up jumpers and drives to the hoop.

New Warrior head coach Eric Musselman wasn't surprised at the Welsch's play. Welsch played in Europe's professional basketball league, and like fellow Europeans Peja Stojakovic and Dirk Nowitzki, already has a great understanding of the pro game.

"Jiri did a great job tonight," Musselman said. "He has really

lively legs, knows how to back cut and can really read defenses. He just knows how to play."

Dunleavy, who many of the fans cheered for, struggled in his first pro game, making only two of 10 shots, finishing with five points on the night. The former Duke star wasn't too critical of his performance Tuesday, saying it will take time for the forward to adjust to the NBA after playing the past three years in college.

"I am a rookie and I am paying my dues. I am going to try my hardest every game, whether it is playing 40 minutes a game or five," Dunleavy said. "It takes a lot to get used to, but when you get down to it, it is just basketball."

Dunleavy's rough start was symbolic of a game that was just as sporadic, with both Seattle and Golden State struggling to get into any kind of rhythm offensively.

Golden State shot just barely over 41 percent for the game and Seattle was worse, shooting 32.4 percent, including an ice-cold 27 percent in the first half.

About the only players on either team besides Welsch who played anywhere near regular season form were the Warriors' Troy Murphy and Jason Richardson. Murphy terrorized the Sonics' front court, scoring 16 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Murphy's performance garnered him game M.V.P. honors.

Richardson complemented Murphy's double-double by scoring 18 points.

Athletic second year guard Desmond Mason led the Sonics with 14 points, but shot just 3-14 from the field. Calvin Booth

made all five of his shots to finish with 10 points and Brent Barry joined Booth and Mason in double-figures, scoring 12.

But the Sonics could not keep the Warriors off the boards, which was important in a game with so many misses. Golden State grabbed 61 rebounds, including 22 offensive boards, out-rebounding Seattle by 17.

Seattle Sonics all-star guard Gary Payton, who watched the game from the bench, was irked by Seattle's poor play. Tuesday's loss was the second straight for Seattle after they lost Monday night to the Utah Jazz.

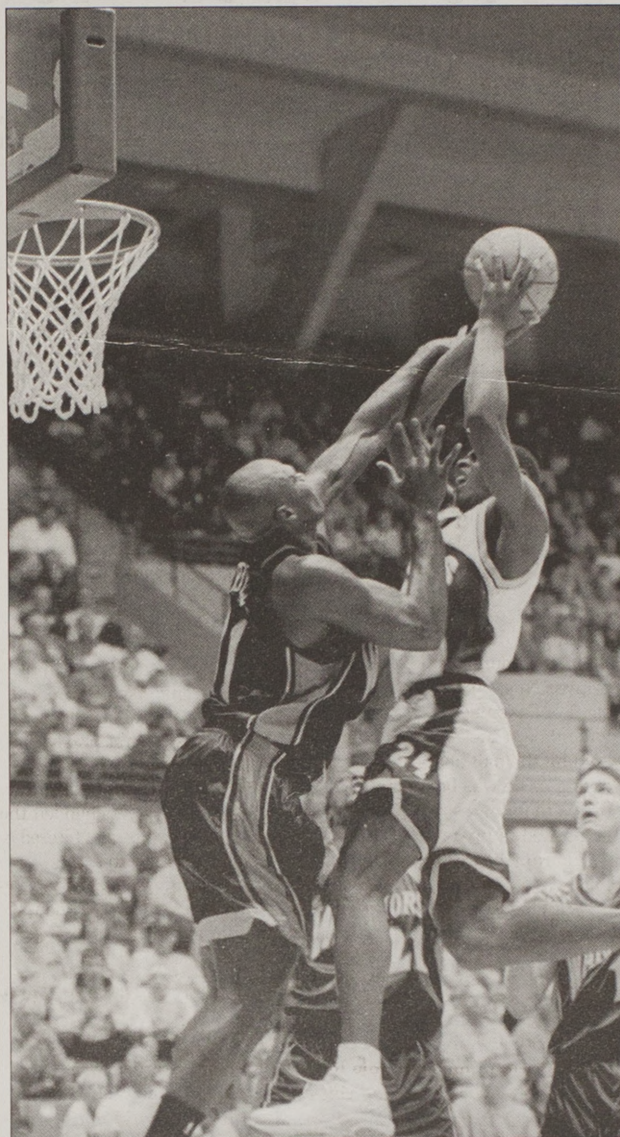
"We didn't rebound the ball well, and our defense wasn't good at all," Payton said. "They did pretty much anything they wanted to."

On the other bench, after the Warriors struggled to a 21-61 record last year, Musselman was happy to get the first NBA win of his coaching career, even if it was an exhibition. Although he did say he didn't think it would come in Missoula.

"It felt good, we won," Musselman said. "We had a great two days here. The team walked around campus and the town, we had a good meal at the Mo Club and the whole town was really friendly."

Welsch was just as happy as Musselman was after Tuesday's game, with both the win and Missoula.

"I had an idea about Montana," said Welsch, who was making his first trip to the state. "There is a nice university here, and really, it doesn't matter where I play, I just want to play."



Josh Parker/Montana Kaimin

Seattle Sonics guard Desmond Mason takes the ball hard to the basket against Adonal Foyle of the Golden State Warriors. The Warriors beat the Sonics 84-75 in the NBA Classic held in Dahlberg on Tuesday night.

Payton's no-show disappoints fans

Brittany Hageman
Montana Kaimin

Ty Colombo, Bob Neiman and Pat Roy — all sophomores in high school — bounced up and down in the Adams Center parking lot Tuesday evening, simply giddy.

One of them was on his cell phone, calling a friend to tell him the group had just scored free tickets to the Sonics and Warriors game.

"Gary Payton, I saw Gary Payton," Neiman said almost out of breath. "Look, he signed this card and we got free tickets — courtside."

Actually, the trio had arrived early to the game to catch a glimpse of Golden State rookie and last year's Duke phenom, Mike Dunleavy.

"I'm mad now because I wore my Duke shorts," Neiman said. "And I tried to wave at Dunleavy and all he did was ignore me."

Now deciding to cheer on the Sonics, the trio took their freshly penned autographs and complementary tickets into the gym.

Taking their place behind the Sonics' bench, the three waited to see Payton run onto the floor in his emerald and gold uniform.

But they never got the

chance.

Payton walked onto the floor five minutes before game-time in a tan leisure suit instead of his uniform.

The slew of fans that bum-rushed Payton for autographs before the game only exhibited the fact that a majority of Missoulians, especially Sonics fans, bought tickets to Tuesday night's game to see Gary Payton play.

"I wouldn't have bought tickets if I'd have known he wasn't going to play," said Jason Vaughan, a computer science student at UM.

"He's the reason why we came and I know a lot of people were just as disappointed that he didn't play."

Inside the lockerroom after the game, just one door away from dozens of eager fans, Payton sat on a folding chair with his head in his hands.

With a one-carat diamond sparkling from his left ear and a towel in his hands, Payton looked up and explained why he sat the game out.

"No, I wasn't hurting," Payton said. "Coach just felt like he wanted to give me the day off, so he gave me the day off."

Although the 12-year veteran could have made a difference for the Sonics, Golden

State's head coach Eric Musselman hardly noticed Payton's absence.

"We were more concerned with what we were doing that who they had on the floor," Musselman said. "We especially don't care during an exhibition game."

From the bench, Payton did say he enjoyed watching some of his younger teammates play.

Payton mentioned rookies Reggie Evans and Kei Madison, who came off the bench and provided a spark to the Sonics' offense.

"I like watching these young guys come in and play because they play extremely hard," Payton said. "They were really the ones who set the example tonight and gave us the lift we needed to keep us in it."

Evans, who went six for seven from the charity stripe and hit a nice base-line jumper, said he didn't feel nervous before his first game as a Sonics.

"I kept pretty cool," Evans said, "I did a good job of staying focused and I just wanted to make it count as long as I was in."

The Sonics were traveling back to Seattle on Tuesday night and had no time to sign autographs because they had to catch a flight.

SI ranks UM in top 100 athletic programs

Sports Illustrated has ranked the University of Montana No. 75 among athletic programs in Division I.

In this week's issue, the rankings for all-around excellence placed the Grizzlies higher than any other Big Sky Conference program.

Texas topped the rankings, which listed 200 of the 324 Division-I schools. Following Texas were Stanford, Oklahoma, Florida and South Carolina. Louisiana State, Minnesota, North Carolina, Tennessee and Michigan rounded out the top 10.

Just two colleges that play I-AA football were rated higher than Montana — Northern

Iowa at No. 69 and Maine at No. 70.

The rankings were based on performances in the big five sports (football, men's and women's basketball, baseball and hockey), rank in the 2001-2002 Sears Cup NCAA all-sports standings, number of varsity, club and intramural sports, and amount of recreational activities.

Besides the Grizzlies I-AA national championship in football and the men's basketball team advancing to the NCAA Tournament, UM was also recognized as a school with great skiing, fishing and hiking.

— Kaimin Sports Staff

Twins beat Angels in ALCS

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins just won't go away.

Joe Mays shut down Anaheim for eight innings and Corey Koskie hit a go-ahead double Tuesday night, lifting the Twins over the Angels 2-1 in the opener of this improbable AL championship series.

Before 55,562 screaming, Homer Hanky-waving fans in

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"Contract-ula-tions Twins for a superb season/All the way for Bud's sake" read one sign behind home plate.

NEWS

Davis

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model for planning a community. You got people living within walking distance of stores and shops."

The problem is the urban sprawl in areas outside of central Missoula.

"Reserve is a good example that if you build it wider it doesn't improve flow," Davis said.

Davis said that transportation can be improved using smart growth practices. Smart growth doesn't necessarily stop congestion, but gives people choices for different transportation. One option for improved transportation is to create communities where people can walk to area schools and stores.

"We spend a lot of time in our cars because of urban sprawl," Davis said. "Communities need to decide what they want to promote."

Davis emphasized that planning for more livable communities begins with the design standards and regulations for the development used by local governments.

Davis said to preserve communities, governments need to avoid growth in prime agriculture lands, wetlands and places where wildlife live.

Through these practices, cities can thrive just as effectively as allowing "block stores" into communities.

"Once you let corporations in your community they keep going and going," Schaitel said. "They come in and infiltrate it - making communities ugly."

Davis said that keeping our communities attractive is an economic benefit to Montana. Davis said that private investment follows public investment and that local business can benefit from cities investing in areas that are already established.

"If we allow sprawl to happen then that's the choice we've made," Davis said.

"I think it's important to keep what we got now from getting any worse," Schaitel said.

Robbery

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with about 40 CDs.

A suspect then allegedly put the gun to his head, cocked it, and said, "Remember this sound, don't tell anyone or next time we'll find you on the street."

Pohlman said that he and his friend again released themselves from the duct tape.

He said he did not initially report the incidents to Public Safety because of what the suspects had said to them.

Public Safety became aware of the events after Pohlman's

roommate asked Elrod Hall resident assistants to move him from the dorm room, said Captain Jim Lemcke, the assistant director of Public Safety. Pohlman's roommate knew what had happened but wasn't present during the robbery.

Oak found two balls of duct tape in Pohlman's trash. The duct tape had a considerable amount of hair stuck to it, according to a search warrant application.

On Friday, Public Safety turned the case over to the Missoula Police Department.

Borgen's stepfather agreed to a search of the trailer and, according to the search war-

rant application, officers noticed drug paraphernalia in plain view, which included several ceramic pipes, two light bulbs fashioned into smoking devices and a glass tube smoking device. An officer seized some of the ceramic pipes, a Playstation and five games.

Also, Borgen's stepfather said he had a handgun and agreed to turn it over to officers. According to the affidavit the handgun matched the description of the gun used on Pohlman and his friend.

Officers then prepared a search warrant for Borgen's bedroom in the trailer. During the search, officers found a black and orange Burton

backpack and two scales, duct tape, CDs and a Hollywood Video game case with a receipt inside of it with Pohlman's name on it.

Police said they are still looking for information on the identity of the two additional suspects, who have not been apprehended. The first suspect is a 5-foot-11-inch, 145-pound white male with brown hair and a slim build. The second suspect is a 6-foot white male who is about 20 years old with blond hair and a slim build.

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