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**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND MAN WORKS ON UM DOCUMENTARY**

**MISSOULA --**

A University of Montana—Missoula student from Bainbridge Island, Wash., helped produce the latest documentary by UM's award-winning Student Documentary Unit, "Native America: Whose Land? Whose Law?"

Ross Jeffcoat worked as a photographer and editor on the law enforcement segment of the program, which looks at police and court issues. The hourlong program, produced entirely by UM students, made its debut on Montana Public Television in December and is slated to air on other Montana stations early in 1997.

The documentary covers tribal sovereignty issues involving land use, the criminal justice system, business and taxation, gambling and the Indian Child Welfare Act.

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