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KAIMIN COMICS

There's no 'I' in threesome

by Chance Petek



With the recent spark of polyamory hitting Missoula I figured it would be a good time to chat about you cats gettin' down with multiple felines at the same time. While some wholesome peers believe in the Matrix and that "there can be only one," others believe the more the better. "Hos in different area codes," to put it crudely.

I like to think of myself as someone full of energy, and I want as many people to experience my energy as possible. Shame on your dirty mind for thinking that energy was some sexual innuendo. There is no energy = penis.

People get together and they instantly have chemistry. Chemistry will create an energy that causes excitement, and fun times are had by all (in a perfect world).

So then the idea of polyamory to me is impacting as many lives as I can with my own in a positive light. Between a girl and me, energy can turn sexual or it may not. Polyamory is not a sexual idea. It's an overall relationship idea. The more opportunities you give yourself to be happy with someone, the better your success rate will be.

As for multiple partners at the same time, that is a dangerous walk. In our society, someone practicing polyamory is doing it in secret. We call them "cheaters" and there is a sweet show about them and how low-lifey they are.

In the open, however, a polyamorous person seems to not ever have to choose between the greener pastures. Remember that time? You were in love, sweet, sweet hand-hold love, and then the other came ... the temptation. The other side of your heart's spectrum waltzed right into your life grinning? Think if in that moment in time, you could have just started up another relationship instead of choosing! Sweet justice.

All pleasure all the time, so philosophical of you. Well, it certainly has that wonderful ring of righteousness to it. Unless of course you are religious. Polygamy is illegal and polyamory sure has a mountain against it.

But the idea is there, and could work. Think of a more possible communism. Sharing the love with whomever wants it. However, jealousy can easily rear its ugly head. Seriously, if you could stop inviting jealousy to the party that'd be dandy. Someone will probably end up wanting love all to themselves, and then fun time is over. Damn The Notebook and Top Gun for making love look so wonderful!

I really hate when shit gets real. But it always does. Like communism, I suggest any that attempt polyamory proceed with caution but also carry an appreciation for our community. As Ben Lee sang, "We are all in this together," and like Nas said, "life's a bitch and then you die." Appreciate it how you will, with who you will, to the fullest.

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by Hannah Spry

police blotter

Prop Prank

September 22, 1:23 p.m.

A dorm custodian in Pantzer Hall was cleaning the first floor when he found what appeared to be a bomb on top of a refrigerator. The custodian notified campus police who were investigating the incident when a young man showed up to explain the bomb. The bomb was actually a stage prop the Pantzer resident had assembled for a class.

"Obviously this guy builds good props, he just had a case of not thinking," UM Police Capt. Gary Taylor said.

Ripped-Off RAWWR

September 20, 11:47 a.m.

A vanity license plate that said "RAWWR" was stolen from a 2003 Mitsubishi vehicle parked in Lot H by Pantzer Hall. Taylor said he thinks the female owner of the vehicle will try to obtain a replacement "RAWWR" plate.

Stash Stop

September 17, 9:30 p.m.

A female driver failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Arthur and University Ave., and hit another car. When officers responded to the scene they noticed the female had a purple container of marijuana in her vehicle. "She was taking her stash for a ride I guess," Taylor said. "She did your basic California stop: roll right through," Taylor explained. No one was injured in the collision, but the female was cited for possession of dangerous drugs.

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Welcome to the Friday Kaimin

It's not you, it's me

UM, we've gotta talk.

You haven't been giving me the same attention that you used to. I feel like your eyes are wandering to other news outlets. I mean sure, I sometimes don't have the best headlines, and, yeah, I've made a mistake or two...

But I've changed, and who are we kidding, so have you.

I see you've been hanging out with someone new: Royce? I loved your old friends, but I'm willing to get to know him, too. I know I've been spending a lot of time on MontPIRG lately, but I'm ready to show you I'm a new paper. And what's a better time for a fresh start than Homecoming?

I've been doing everything to get your attention. I've cut two inches, cleaned up a bit and lately have been wearing these sweet new teasers. I even found a new love for arts and culture. I've tried to contact you on Facebook and Twitter and even set up a new website just for you. I think you'll love my new online friend, AJ.

But don't you worry, I haven't changed everything you loved about me most: I still keep up on all the news, know everything about sports and love the great outdoors.

And of course, my crossword is still 7 inches.

I know I've been busy all week, but it's Friday, and I'm ready to slow down and just talk. My more in-depth features will help you know what's really on my mind. I'll do this for you every Friday.

I know you're busy, too, but I'll be on stands until Tuesday, so come find me when you're ready.

I want you to know, no news outlet will ever care about you like I do, so please call, my number's still the same.

Yours always,

The Montana Kaimin

↑BIG UPS + ←BACKHANDS

Backhands

It was a somber day for Jello lovers when Missoula health inspectors closed AmVets this week. The pain only worsens for those who love cheap booze in their Jello. J-E-L-L-O. It's alive! (with parasites.) When the doors to that beautifully fabulous nightclub stay closed this weekend, a piece of the Missoula nightlife will be missing. Stockman's may have an influx of D-bags, as it is the only other place in town that compares. RIP my fallen AmVets, backhands to your carelessness.

Backhands to anyone who doesn't know the name of UM's new president.

Big Ups

I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to Derek Jeter. Apparently I came off as kind of a D-bag for hating the Yankees' golden boy. Especially after the team lost their longtime leader, hating the man for dating hot chicks, winning games and making more money than me wasn't enough. After he faked getting hit by a pitch in a game against Tampa Bay, I can tell him to go to hell and not feel like I'm spitting on a boy scout. Big Ups to Derek Jeter for clearing my conscience.

Big Ups to Monte, the worlds fiercest grizzly bear, for being prepared to defend his honor against Herky, Sacramento State's hornet mascot during this week's homecoming. After Ohio University's bobcat mascot executed an act of terrorism against Ohio State's Brutus Buckeye, it's comforting to know that if Monte handles hornets anything like the way he's handled bobcats in the past, students can get back to worrying about more important things – like the football team's current record.

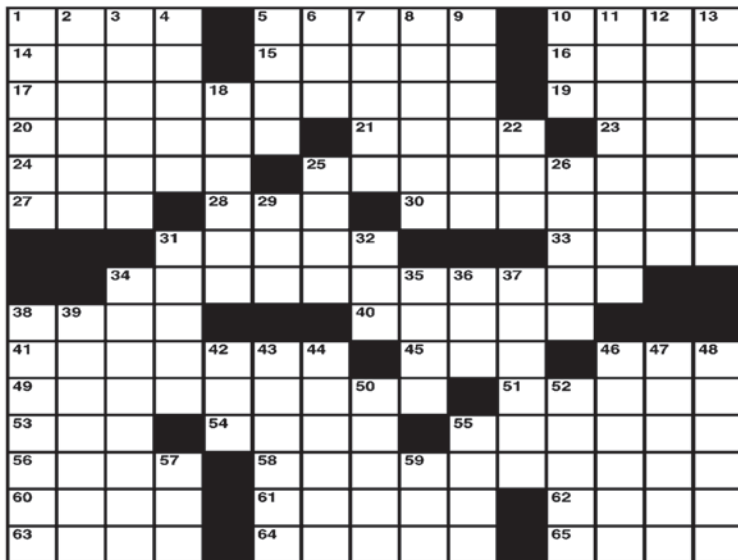
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Elián Gonzalez's home
- 5 Legendary brothers in law
- 10 Hogwarts messengers
- 14 What the connected have
- 15 Sole projection
- 16 Unconvincing
- 17 Choose deli platter items?
- 19 Jabber?
- 20 Opera set on Cyprus
- 21 Spiced 23-Across
- 23 See 21-Across
- 24 Oater camp sight
- 25 Beef marinated in Jim's bourbon?
- 27 Both Begleys
- 28 Chrysler division
- 30 Shooting gadget
- 31 Oklahoma tribe
- 33 Dutch physics Nobelist Simon van der ___
- 34 Rooster's spread?
- 38 Shelled out
- 40 Rival of 2-Down
- 41 Bring charges against
- 45 Stumble
- 46 Sagittarian's mo., probably
- 49 "Casablanca" nightclub income?
- 51 Friend of Jesús
- 53 Shih ___
- 54 Light-headed flier?
- 55 Ironically, what the 58-Acrosses all end in
- 56 Pack member
- 58 Ironically, the 58-Acrosses in this puzzle end in types of them
- 60 Subj. with skeletons in the closet?: Abbr.
- 61 Balm
- 62 Within: Pref.
- 63 Place to keep stock?
- 64 Grammy winner Gormé
- 65 Mtg.



By Kelsey Blakley

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- 1 "In Cold Blood" author
- 2 Red Carpet Club flier
- 3 Arm & Hammer logo feature
- 4 ___ socks
- 5 Pilot's "E"
- 6 It may be blonde or brown
- 7 Volleyball star Gabrielle
- 8 Ottoman lords
- 9 Hot and heavy
- 10 Baseball's Master Melvin
- 11 Bleach
- 12 Roots
- 13 British : trainer :: American : ___
- 18 Ayatollah, e.g.
- 22 Camp David Accords signer: Abbr.
- 25 Upscale imports
- 26 Source of ticking
- 29 Verbal thumbs-up
- 31 Maker of the FunSaver disposable camera
- 32 ___ Dhabi

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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HIS NEXT ADVENTURE

17th presidency opens a new chapter for Royce Engstrom

story by Jayme Fraser

CANDIDATE NO. 12 flattened his tie as he leaned forward. He rested his forearms on his legs and twisted his gold wedding band.

Board of Regents Chairman Clayton Christian, too, leaned forward, speaking into the microphone as he told the gathered university officials that Candidate No. 12 had agreed to the contract terms of becoming the University of Montana's 17th president.

"We can actually give him a name today," Christian said.

Royce Engstrom grinned, sat up in the plastic conference room chair and waited for the vote.

"All those in favor?" Christian asked.

"Aye!" responded the circle of Regents.

It's 11:28 on Thursday morning and the search for UM's next president is over.

The man who will take over for a president sometimes called King George said he wants to focus on shared governance that strengthens every campus of UM affiliation. He plans to use first names and frankly answer every question. His lifelong curiosity and desire to learn drove him to new friendships, skills and ambitions. He rose

to UM's presidency on the supportive shoulders of the students, colleagues and family he helped along the way. He likes people and adventure. This is the job, the university, for him.

UM Vice President Bill Muse offered a handshake as

Engstrom returned to his seat. He gripped firmly, grinned slightly, sat back and sighed.

He's made it, but the journey's only just begun.

CAMPUS VISITS last week introduced Engstrom's qualifications — a doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin, positions at the University of South Dakota documenting his rise from professor to provost over 28 years, president of the Council on Undergraduate Research and his three years as UM's Provost — but the forums only provide a narrow view of the man who sought UM's presidency.

Mary, his wife, knows this best.

A friend introduced them when Mary was visiting family in Madison during a break from her first teaching job. They married a year later in 1979, the same year Engstrom earned his doctorate and they moved to Vermillion, South Dakota to teach.

This would be the first of many journeys for the couple. Mary learned everything became an adventure with Engstrom.

Like the outdoor church service one summer when Engstrom, Mike Armstrong and George Slinker were mistaken for a professional guitar trio.

"The three of us were strumming with the music and someone asked for our name," Engstrom said. "Mike shouted, 'The Buckaroos!'"

It stuck. They practiced — and just hung out — at 11 a.m. each Saturday for nearly 10 years.

They were The Gospel Buckaroos when playing bluegrass variations of hymns.

They were The Celtic Buckaroos when they filled a last-minute gap at a local festival.

They were The Bluegrass Buckaroos when they played for fundraisers.

And when more than a dozen musicians joined the group — though never in the same performance — they were "The Too Many Buckaroos."

"We had too many guitar players," Engstrom said. "I was in Washington D.C. for a meeting and saw a guitar shop. They had a mandolin and so I decided to learn to play."

Armstrong said Engstrom

learned to play it well almost overnight.

Engstrom also knew how to fly, so he piloted a small Cessna to Longmont, Colo. then drove 11 miles to Lyons for RockyGrass, an annual bluegrass festival.

While Armstrong rested in the tent, he stayed out and played late into the night.

"He kept jammin' all night out there 'til his elbow swelled up," Armstrong said. "He was a mandolin strumming fool."

But the mandolin and guitar were not enough. Mary said he bought a keyboard after moving to Montana and is teaching himself to play.

"At heart, he's kind of an explorer," she said. "He loves learning about everything."

The same curiosity inspired a detour last week on their return from UM's football game against Eastern Washington University.

He skipped I-90 and drove through Idaho's Thompson Pass to Thompson Falls and then home. He wanted to see the terrain described by David Thompson after reading a book on the pioneer.

"He wants to get to know everything about a place: It's geography, geology, history, culture," Mary said. "He was always like that."

In 1999, as USD's Vice President of Research, it was the Missouri River he wanted to explore. He asked a friend, Silvia Ronco, to help him develop a research project on the Lewis & Clark expedition.

She wrote what she could, leaving some of the history to Engstrom since she grew up in Argentina.

"He really laughed when I said 'Clark & Lewis' instead of 'Lewis & Clark,'" she said. "But he never made fun of my accent."

The grant from the NCUR/Lancy Initiative was approved, they launched the program and started an annual

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Greg Lindstrom/Montana Kaimin
President-elect Royce Engstrom and President George Dennison



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summer research trip.

But one year the group was slowed by harsh heat and a wind that whipped upstream.

Ronco, her sister and her niece couldn't quite keep up.

"We have no hat, no sunscreen lotion, no water," Roncos said. "It was a long trip and all of a sudden we didn't see anybody around."

"My sister starts panicking actually. She wanted to leave the canoe."

That was when Engstrom paddled back around the bend and up the river to find them. He tied his canoe to hers and towed them to camp.

"Paddling was easy for him," Roncos said, chuckling.

It's not a surprise: Engstrom doesn't just pilot canoes. He builds them.

After cutting thin strips of white cedar, he steams, bends and nails them together along a row of wood forms. He rolls a white sheet of canvas over the hull and binds it with a thick, sticky polymer before painting it.

"It was a technique started in the 1800s and used until World War Two," Engstrom said. "It takes a couple hundred hours to build one."

He learned the craft in graduate

school when he couldn't afford to buy a canoe. He, instead, read design books and experimented with the process. Years later, after wedding Mary in 1979, his first canoe floated.

"There are few things more peaceful to me than floating down a river in a canoe," Engstrom said.

He and his wife try to float or hike with their two dogs at least one day every weekend but lately the time has been harder to find.

The past several months were busier than ever as Engstrom auditioned for the presidency.

"Every hour I was with a different group of people," he said. "I found it all very energizing and rewarding."

One typical morning last week, he met professor Neil Moisey at 6:30 a.m. for the drive to Butte and tossed his suit jacket in the Prius' backseat. He asked Moisey to pull into the Burger King drive-through before entering I-90 East on West Broadway.

He drank his fresh coffee, chatted and thought about his pitches for creating the 2020 curriculum, better connecting the affiliated campuses with

a new meeting schedule and creating new channels of communication.

Two hours later, when he arrived in Butte, he bypassed the podium and walked past the first two rows of empty tables to speak with the faculty and staff who gathered to meet the only presidential finalist.

One professor asked pointed questions about creating a doctoral degree program and the authoritarian reign of King George and the Regents.

By the third question, Engstrom addressed him by name.

"Yes, Matt?"

Matt thanked Engstrom as the forum ended at 11 a.m.

For Engstrom, it was back on the road, this time to Helena.

Engstrom set his white, boxed lunch of turkey sandwich, lemonade, Doritos and an M&M cookie on the Prius' roof.

He took off his jacket and threw it in the backseat.

It was his last day of interviews but already he was eager to visit the campuses again and to learn more about their people and programs.

A week later, back in Butte, the Regents' vote would allow him to do just that: begin another adventure.

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ON A CLOUDY Tuesday morning as his retirement nears, George Dennison sits in an old leather chair and stares around his office at all the relics collected during 20 years at the helm of The University of Montana.

There's the sleek war club from New Zealand, a gift during the university's centennial. The slim baby-blue vases from China, given by a far-off institution. And then there's the bottle labeled "King George's Brew," made by a group of protesting students as a gesture of truce, although that item remains hidden away.

Surrounded by these reminders of the past, he awaits his future.

Soon Provost Royce Engstrom will become the 17th president of UM and move into Main Hall's corner office — Dennison's office — the most powerful space on campus. With wood paneling wrapping around tall walls and windows looking out across the Oval, the room is steeped with history.

DENNISON, 74, announced his plans to retire after 20 years during his State of the University address on Jan. 25. The end of the longest serving administration in UM history came as a surprise to many, but for Dennison the time was never better.

"I wouldn't have pulled the plug if I didn't think it was the right time," he said.

The final months of Dennison's tenure have been unusual ones as his planned retirement date of Aug. 15 came and went. Yet years of experience had prepared him for this.

"If you've been around the academy very long you know pretty well that things don't always go as you thought they would," he said. "But you'll get there."

Even as his career moves toward its end, Dennison has been clear that his departure from the president's office is not a sad occasion. He has continued to work, preparing annual goals and delivering the State of the University address. He has continued to occupy the office that he has called home for 20 years.

But now he knows it's time to go. With big plans for the next phase of his life, he has been looking forward to his scheduled retirement day.

"I've been looking forward to it since the day it passed," he said, with a dry

Greg Lindstrom/ Montana Kaimin President-elect Royce Engstrom receives a gift from Montana State University President Waded Cruzado Thursday afternoon after the announcement of Engstrom as the next president of The University of Montana.



Jayme Fraser/ Montana Kaimin (LEFT) Royce Engstrom answers the questions from Montana Tech leadership during a campus visit to Butte last week.



Photo courtesy of the Engstrom family (RIGHT) Mary (left) and Royce Engstrom snowshoe at Lolo Pass Jan. 2008. The couple tries to hike every weekend their schedules allow.

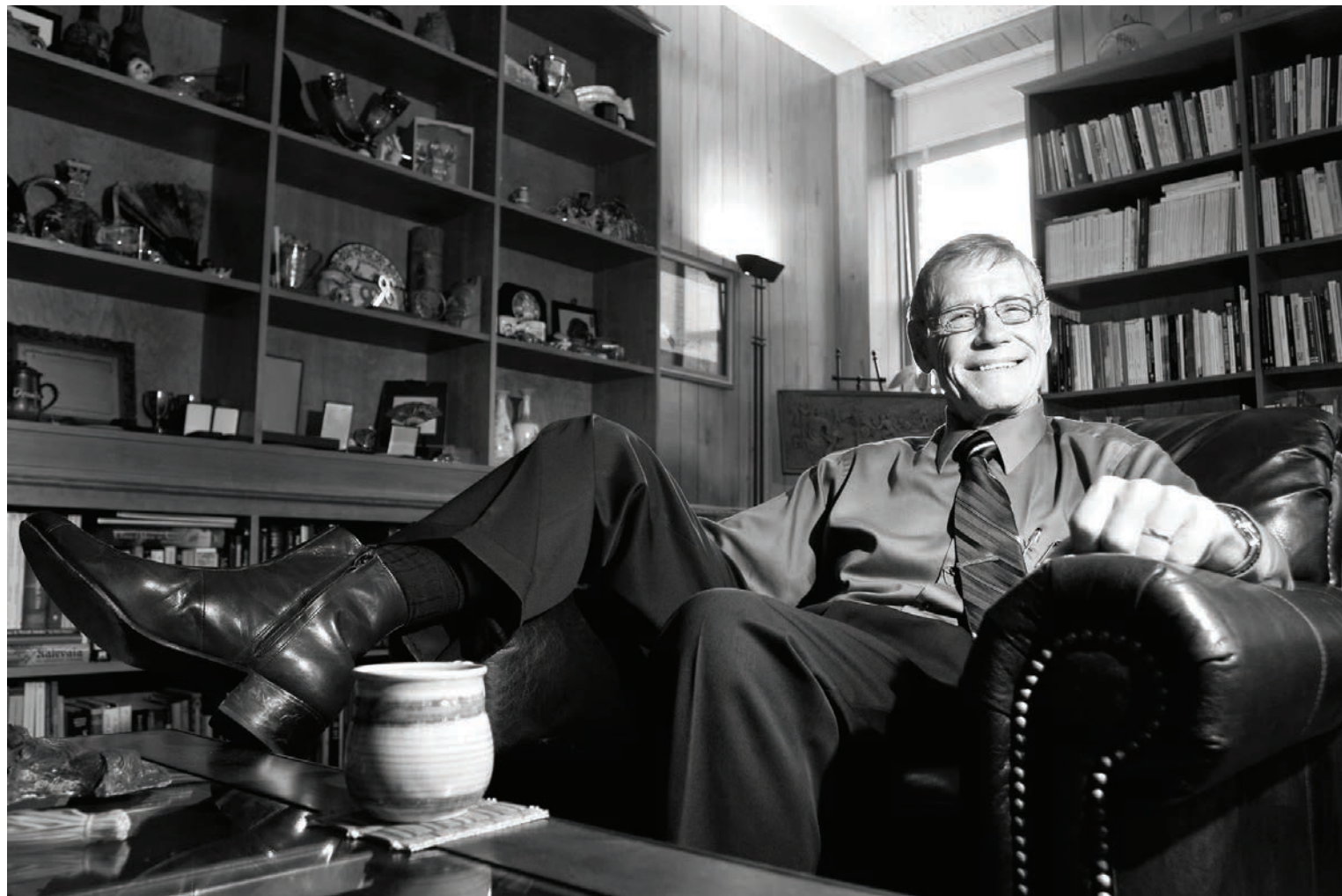


giving away

story by Justin Franz

photo by Greg Lindstrom

THE OFFICE



After 20 years, the long and storied career of George Dennison comes to an end

laugh and slight smile that has seemed to emerge more often in recent months.

Those big plans include returning to his roots of studying history, for which he earned a degree in the mid-1960s from UM. From there he began teaching at Colorado State and in mid-1970s made the jump to administration, a move that wasn't meant to be permanent. By the mid-1980s he was at Western Michigan as a vice president and in the summer of 1990, he was a finalist for UM's top job.

With his three-decade long administrative detour coming to an end, Dennison is looking forward to getting back to his passion and hopes to teach a history course at UM. His main goal, though, is to write a complete history of the university, something he believes could take up to three years and result

in a lot of time deep in the archives of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

This, along with improving his golf game, will be enough to keep busy, he said.

"There's plenty to do. From what I hear from people who have made the change is that they are busier then they were before," he said. "Whatever I do, I'm going to do it as actively as I can."

But even with his thoughts on the future, he allows himself moments of reflection.

"I don't go out of this feeling as if I'm escaping from a cage or from a heavy burden. I go out of it thinking I did pretty well for what I did and that it's time for me to do something else," he said. "I don't think I have to leave."

BUT SOON he will have to leave the corner office when Engstrom moves in on Oct. 15. Before then Dennison will have to pack up some of the books and mementos that line the walls.

Walking over to the wall, Dennison gazes across the shelves and picks up one of his favorites — The war club from New Zealand. As he runs his hand down the smooth, stone finish he jokes about how he likes to swing it around to get his way.

Placing it back on the shelf, he again glances across the long, wooden wall and all the items it holds.

"There's people with every one of them," he said.

Some things will stay when Dennison moves out, just like some people in the office.

Cathleen Collins is the university's assistant to the president, and her small office sits just behind an unnoticeable door on the back wall of Dennison's office. Inside, Collins sits at a cramped desk surrounded by notebooks and binders, all part of her job of scheduling and assisting the president. Every meeting, every event, every interview request — all of it goes through her.

And while Dennison will be leaving, Collins will stay.

She moved from Seattle to take the job five years ago, and she has been working well into the evening in recent weeks as she tries to facilitate a smooth transition of power. With so much work to do she's had little time to think about what the end of Dennison's tenure might be like.

"On people's last day you collect their swipe card and office keys. Is that the same for a president?" She said, laughing.

But even with the laughter, she recognizes the finality of the coming weeks.

"I have a lot of respect for him and what he does. He's the president ... I don't know, it's hard to imagine anyone else in that office," she said.

But soon enough, she knows Engstrom will be walking in.

Dennison feels confident that he's handing his office keys over to the right person. He'd always planned to retire after 20 years and Engstrom's arrival three years ago put the provost in a prime position to take the helm. Dennison said that Provost Engstrom showed intense leadership capability since the beginning.

But as his final day approaches, one thing that he is adamantly against is forcing advice on the new administration.

"I won't offer anything. If he wants to ask that'd be fine, but I think it's got to be his show, not mine."

BUT NOW Dennison is out of time to reminisce. On this Tuesday, he has to make a meeting in Butte by 2 p.m., and as the ancient clock tower above chimes 12 times, he stands up and grabs his jacket. He checks his e-mail one more time before slipping a book into his bag and sliding it off the table as he heads for the door.

Shortly after noon, Dennison leaves the most powerful office on campus and shuts the door behind him.

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HOMECOMING URGENCY

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For the first time in nearly a generation, the Montana Grizzlies will try to stop an early season losing streak when they face off against the Sacramento State Hornets for homecoming Saturday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Although the game holds special significance for alumni who make the annual trek to visit their alma mater, the Griz are just itching to put last week behind them and get back to playing in front of the home fans.

"Homecoming is just another game for us," said senior quarterback Andrew Selle. "It's a big deal for the fans and for the university, but for us, it's all about us against Sac State Saturday afternoon. We're backed into a little bit of a corner and it's exciting that we're coming home."

In recent years, the Griz (0-1, 1-2) have become a team that is used to putting up grandiose stats and records. However, they are quickly finding themselves on the wrong side of history after their second loss in as many weeks.

The back-and-forth loss to Eastern Washington last Saturday marked the first time since 2002 that the Griz have lost back-to-back games in the regular season.

More so, it is the first time since 1992 that the Griz will head into

their fourth game of the year with a losing record. That year, the Griz finished 6-5 under Don Read.

No one is expecting the Griz to finish with the same record this year, but if Montana wants to chalk up a win against the Hornets (1-0, 2-1), holding onto the football would certainly help.

Against Eastern Washington, Montana fumbled the ball seven times.

"I think six turnovers and then you add 11 penalties, that's hard to dig out of that," said Griz head coach Robin Pflugrad. "I was very proud of our players. That they did exactly that and had opportunities down the stretch – in the fourth quarter – that's really what you want to have in any game you play."

In their last two games, the Griz have turned over the ball 10 times and racked up 193 yards in penalties. While Pflugrad may not agree with all the penalty calls, it's hard to overlook the Grizzlies' tendency to put the ball on the turf.

"Obviously you never agree with all the calls. You never do, you never will, and that's [part] of being a human being," Pflugrad said.

Because of their recent slump, the Griz have plummeted from the No. 1 ranking all the way to No. 14 in a span of two weeks. In fact, following the loss at Eastern, Montana isn't even the top ranked team in the Big Sky conference.

The Eagles jumped from the No. 18 spot to No. 9 with their win over the Griz.

While the Grizzlies are reeling, the Hornets are rolling.

After taking a 52-17 opening day beating at the hands of Football Bowl Subdivision member Stanford, Sacramento State is coming off a pair of victories over Western Oregon and No. 21 Weber State.

Last week, the Hornets piled up

244 rushing yards on the Wildcats en route to the dramatic 24-17 triumph.

Junior running back Bryan Hilliard gashed Weber State for 136 yards and one touchdown and will likely be the focal point of the Hornets' offense. That offense faces a Grizzly defense that gave up 305 all-purpose yards to Eastern running back Taiwan Jones.

"[Jones] posed some problems for us as you guys saw," said sophomore linebacker Jordan Tripp, "but this running back coming in here [this week], he's really good as well and we're going to have our hands full containing him."

Hilliard will be making his first appearance against the Grizzlies since 2008. In that game, he managed to grind out 96 yards on the ground while the Hornets were steamrolled 43-7. The running back sat out the entire 2009 season after receiving surgical operations on each his shoulders.

Although the Grizzlies' current record is sub-par, having a homecoming game against Sacramento State is as close to a guaranteed victory as possible.

The Griz are 15-0 against the Hornets and have not lost a homecoming game since falling to Eastern 27-21 in 1992.

"It's always great coming back home," Tripp said. "Our fan base here is tremendous and I love coming out there to a full stadium—as our whole team does. But like Andrew [Selle] said, it's just another game for us and this is a pretty big game. Like he said earlier, we're backed into a corner."

"We got to make sure we pay attention to detail this week - know our stuff and when we come out we're ready to go on Saturday and get off to a fast start."

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VOLLEYBALL

'Blockheads' set to stop Bobcats

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Standing tall in the center of the volleyball court, the Montana Grizzlies' middle blockers act like the team's anchor.

The two players, self-titled "blockheads," operate as the first line of defense against oncoming offenses, throwing their hands up to face the screaming spikes coming their way.

The hitters, senior Jaimie Thibeault and junior Brittany Quick, are the base for a Montana block-heavy guard that's kept the team afloat through a difficult early-season schedule and offensive struggles. While the Griz have posted a 5-8 record, their defense has been outstanding, keeping them in most matches.

"If the offense isn't there, we just need to make sure we keep the ball in play," the 6-foot-1 Quick said of her role. "It helps us be more confident to have our defense make the play. That way, you have another opportunity to make the kill."

A big block is a momentum stealer, said coach Jerry Wagner. Shutting down the opposition's attack at the net can alleviate some pressure on the defense and boost the energy

for the next play. And Wagner's squad does it better than any other team in the Big Sky Conference.

Through 13 games, Montana ranks first in blocks per set, averaging 2.51. During conference games, the Griz outdo that, bumping their average even higher to 2.83.

Thibeault and Quick are blocking fiends, making up almost the entire collection of team blocks per set. Thibeault, an Alberta native who ranked third in the conference in blocks last season, is setting the pace for the league this year, out-blocking all others by a wide margin. Not to be outdone, Quick has blocked her way into third place, narrowly trailing the league's second leading blocker, Sacramento State's Kelsey Elston.

Wagner's team has a definite defensive mentality, he said. The rule of thumb in volleyball is that the team being served the ball is expected to score two-thirds of the time. But a success rate of 33 percent isn't good enough for the Griz.

"When we're blocking and defending, we want to win half of those points," Wagner said.

Middle blocker,
Brittany Quick
Greg Lindstrom/
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COLUMN

AJ VS Soccer

by AJ Mazzolini

IT'S BEEN seven years since my last real sporting event. I was 13 and lighting it up on the middle school basketball B-team, crushing the competition to the tune of three points per game — a real all-star in the making.

I'm not good at sports, so what? Sports writing, my savior, allows me to stay involved in the world of athletics despite my lanky build and un-athletic features.

Enter my brainchild and the Kaimin's newest column: AJ Versus. A spotlight on Montana student athletes, players born with much more raw talent than me.

And they're about to prove it.

For the inaugural matchup, the Kaimin headed to soccer practice at South Campus Stadium for the ultimate one-on-one in sports. Little did I know, it was much closer to one-on-three.

The penalty kick in soccer is a rarity; an event out of the usual for average games. To get such a chance, most strikers must fall vic-

tim to a blatant foul in the box.

But all I had to do was ask.

My nemeses for the day, a fleet of Grizzly goaltenders, do me the kindness of shelling out a few pointers before I jump into the action.

"Read their hips," sophomore keeper Kristen Hoon instructs me, to a chorus of agreement from freshmen Julianna Jack and Kendra McMillen.

So much like Happy Gilmore making a putt, stopping a penalty shot is all in the hips. OK, I can deal with that.

I take my place in the net, ready to face my attackers and harboring my newly acquired knowledge on how to thwart their attempts.

The first kick sails over the crossbar (good thing it's not their job to score goals) and I'm off to an excellent start. But they drill the next two into the net, easily avoiding my feeble efforts and outstretched hands.

Then, on the fourth of five kicks, it all clicks into place. I see the ball; I mean really see it, as it rockets off the opposition's foot. Instinctually, I throw my body to the right (it was a guess), arms extended at full length, reaching out for my goal — being to stop theirs. I feel the ball connect against the palms of my

hands as I crash to the wet grass, still soaking after an early afternoon rain.

Momentarily, victory is mine!

The unfortunate thing about a shootout is there's another kick and I can't even revel in my triumph. The fifth and final ball squirts slowly into the back corner of the net while my once superb instincts now send me flailing in the opposite direction.

Stupid instincts.

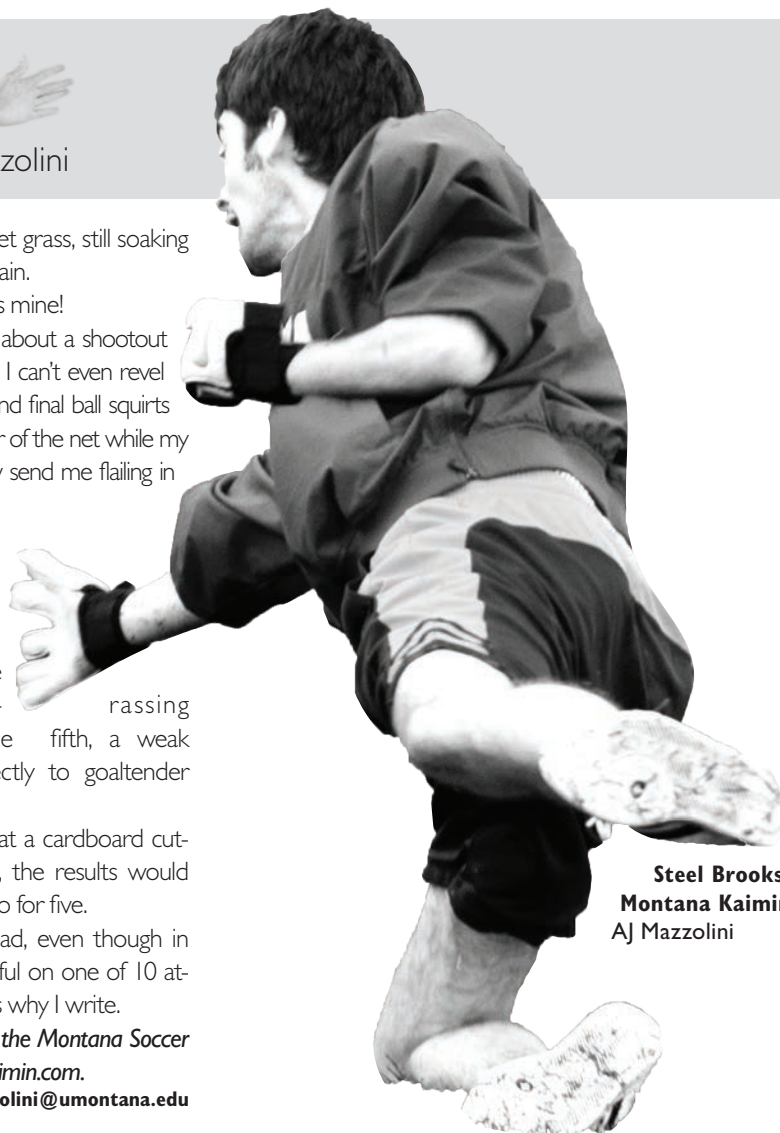
My shots on offense were a complete failure, and 4 of 5 balls completely missed the frame, a slightly embarrassing performance indeed. The fifth, a weak squibbler, bounded directly to goaltender Jack's feet. Harmless.

Had I been shooting at a cardboard cut-out standing in the goal, the results would have been the same. Zero for five.

A 3-0 loss isn't so bad, even though in reality, I was only successful on one of 10 attempts. Hey, I guess that's why I write.

For video of A.J. Versus the Montana Soccer team, log onto montanakaimin.com.

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LOCAL

Students ready
to harvest early

Tisha Jacques hangs onions for drying at the PEAS farm Wednesday afternoon. Jacques is one of the UM students taking the PEAS internship.

story by **Hannah Ryan**

photos by **Sally Finneran**

Alex Kuennen wakes up every day to a room filled floor to ceiling with dozens of strands of stored onions.

"I wouldn't say I love the onions," Kuennen said. "But I have gotten used to the smell."

Kuennen is this year's Caretaker for the Program in Ecological Agriculture and Society — also known as PEAS Farm. As students in the environmental studies program at the University of Montana, Kuennen and her classmates work at the 10-acre farm to gain experience in sustainable agriculture. PEAS is a branch of Missoula-based Garden City Harvest, who distributes what they grow to low-income households in an effort to support the ecological production of food.

"The PEAS Farm is a great model that can be recreated in any area," Kuennen said. "It's a catalyst for the change that needs to occur in our food system."

This fall, the farm is harvesting with the help of two-dozen students. The harvest reached its peak in September this year because of the cool and wet weather, said PEAS Instructor Josh Slotnick.

Six piglets born in the Bitterroot grew up on the farm this summer. Three have already departed and the rest are still putting on the pounds. When each pig reaches 250 pounds they are ready to go on to the next best place — the dinner table of those shopping at Missoula's Food Bank. One porker had its face on eBay where its stunning looks sold for \$1,100.

Hillary Kimbler, a senior in the environmental studies program, hauls onions into the farm house to braid them

into hanging strands which dangle outside the caretaker's bedroom. Kimbler demonstrates how the vegetables are woven between two strands of twine and hung from the ceiling to dry. This veggie is the hot potato right now with 6,000 bulbs coming out of the ground this month.

Kimbler said she enjoys the physical work of the farm as well as what it does for the community.

At the Missoula Food Bank, coordinator Nick Roberts said they annually receive 15,000 to 20,000 pounds of produce from the PEAS Farm.

"We hear from our clients all the time how much they love the fresh foods from around town," Roberts said. "And the shelves are never as beautiful or diverse as they are when we have stuff from Garden City Harvest and the PEAS."

Roberts said the PEAS volunteers show up at the food bank's doorstep a couple of times a week during the harvest to deliver, weigh and store tons of fruits and veggies.

"They do all the work themselves," Roberts said. "You almost never know they are there except our cooler is filled with goods."

Right now the crops are ripe and thousands of pounds of produce are coming out of the moist soil and onto the plates of those in need of a good turnip.

Slotnick said the most rewarding part for him, though, is watching the students come to understand the connection between farming and community.

"That is truly what sustainability is — when you bond with each other and the ground beneath us."

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Produce waits to be picked up by Community Supported Agriculture shareholders. Shareholders receive a portion of the farm's harvest each week.



PEAS Interns Aaron Gardes and Andrew Ault load freshly harvested onions into a truck so they can take them to a shed to dry.

DOWNTOWN

MFA students share stories over a cold one

Emerald Gilleran
Montana Kaimin

The Second Wind reading series bashed any stereotypes that poetry readings are depressing and dark Sunday night as an audience gathered at the Top Hat to drink pints and listen to authors read their work aloud.

The Second Wind reading series features work from University of Montana stu-

dents in the MFA Creative Writing program as well as that of their professors.

The first student to read, Becca Leaphart, was introduced by her friend, Laura Scott, who said Leaphart "learned to walk backward before she learned to walk forward." Leaphart, a second year MFA student read her story "Coaster Brakes."

The short story, told from

the perspective of a 50-year-old named Amelia who has never ridden a bike, unfolds as Amelia reveals the reason hidden deep in her past. By the end of the story, Amelia learns that "you are never too old to learn."

"It's way harder for me to read my own work aloud," Leaphart said. "When I'm up there I find things I want to change right away, but I like

sharing with the public instead of sitting at a computer, which is what most of us MFA's do all day."

Greg Pape, UM professor and Montana's Poet Laureate from 2007-2009, read his poems with fluidity and poise. He garnered a few giggles from the crowd as he read a poem about the birth of his son where the baby accidentally slipped off the table and into the placenta trash bag. He also read other poems

from his collection, "A Voice of First Things."

"I love this opportunity to read to the community," Pape said. "It especially feels good to sit in the dark, but by listening, the stories really come alive."

The Top Hat will continue the Second Wind reading series at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26, and is open to all ages.

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DOWNTOWN



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Drew Larson, promotions director for KBGA campus radio, spent over 200 hours working to put together tonight's KBGA Birthday Bash. The bash will feature both local and out-of-state bands, and will take place in the Palace and the Badlander.

KBGA ages with grace

Emerald Gilleran
Montana Kaimin

For years KBGA has followed the same model for its birthday bashes – folk shows upstairs with electronica blasting downstairs at the Badlander-Palace complex. But now, entering its 14th year, the college radio station is as fresh as always.

The Palace and the Badlander are set to host KBGA's 14th annual Birthday Bash tonight. Electronica and grindcore dance bands will be playing at the Palace including Rafter and Rainbow Arabia from California and The Salamanders out of Bozeman. The Badlander will tighten some strings for the Indie Folk bands Ah Holly Family from Oregon, Pterodactyl Plains from Trego, Montana and Missoula's own Wartime Blues.

Drew Larson, KBGA's promotions director, said its birthday has been celebrated as a birthday bash every year as far as he knows.

"This event is a big deal because we swing more to the community and not just to the school," Larson said.

Around 1,000 people have

attended past bashes. The radio station's general manager, Clark Grant, said they've worked to make this year's celebration bigger.

"We've refined it to be intensely huge," Grant said. "KBGA is all about having a good time and no other station actively invites all walks of life to participate daily."

The college radio station, which operates out of three small rooms in the University Center, prides itself on staying ahead of the music trend curve. Over thirty DJs spin reggae, hip hop, country and electronica.

"We are filling a niche that's just not out there," Larson said. "Expect good, wild music, a silent auction and, of course, birthday cake."

Larson spent the last three months preparing and planning this birthday party, combing the Internet for bands, e-mailing agents and promoting the event.

"It's all in the signal," Grant said. "Events like this show your student fees at work. It's important to celebrate KBGA's birthday just like it's important to celebrate your own birthday. With all the work we put into

it, what better way to celebrate than to throw a concert and party downtown."

Festivities begin at 9 p.m. and are open to ages 18 and up. The cost is \$5 in advance at KBGA's office (room 208 in the University Center) or \$7 at the door.

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Take Montana's most recent game for example, a 3-1 over Gonzaga at home on Tuesday. In that match, the Griz won 68 percent of the points while defending.

"[Defensively], we were on fire and creating opportunities offensively," the coach said.

Middle blocker Thibeault said the defense's presence has been terrific. The 6-foot-2 spiker is no slouch on the offensive side of the ball, where she's racked up the sixth most points per set in the conference. Thibeault said the key to success is reading the other team's passing. A perfect read is more important than a high jump, she added, a statement echoed by her coach.

Learning to successfully read passes despite an offense's attempt to act unpredictably can result in some crushing blocks. Those moments are Thibeault's favorite on the court.

"I personally love blocking," Thibeault said. "I love shutting people down. There's not a better feeling in the world, especially when it blocks off your hand and hits the player."

Blocking efficiently takes communication, Quick said. The middle blockers have to slide over and create an impenetrable wall alongside their outside hitters. Doing that effectively comes from hours of practice and talking with each other.

During game situations, crowd noise and the speed of the game make it hard for players to hear each other, so it has to become second nature.

"It's just a chemistry after awhile," said Quick, a product of Richland, Wash. "You kind of sense that they're there."

The Griz roll out their blocking parade at home on Saturday against Montana State before playing seven of their next eight on the road. Tip-off against the Bobcats is 7 p.m.

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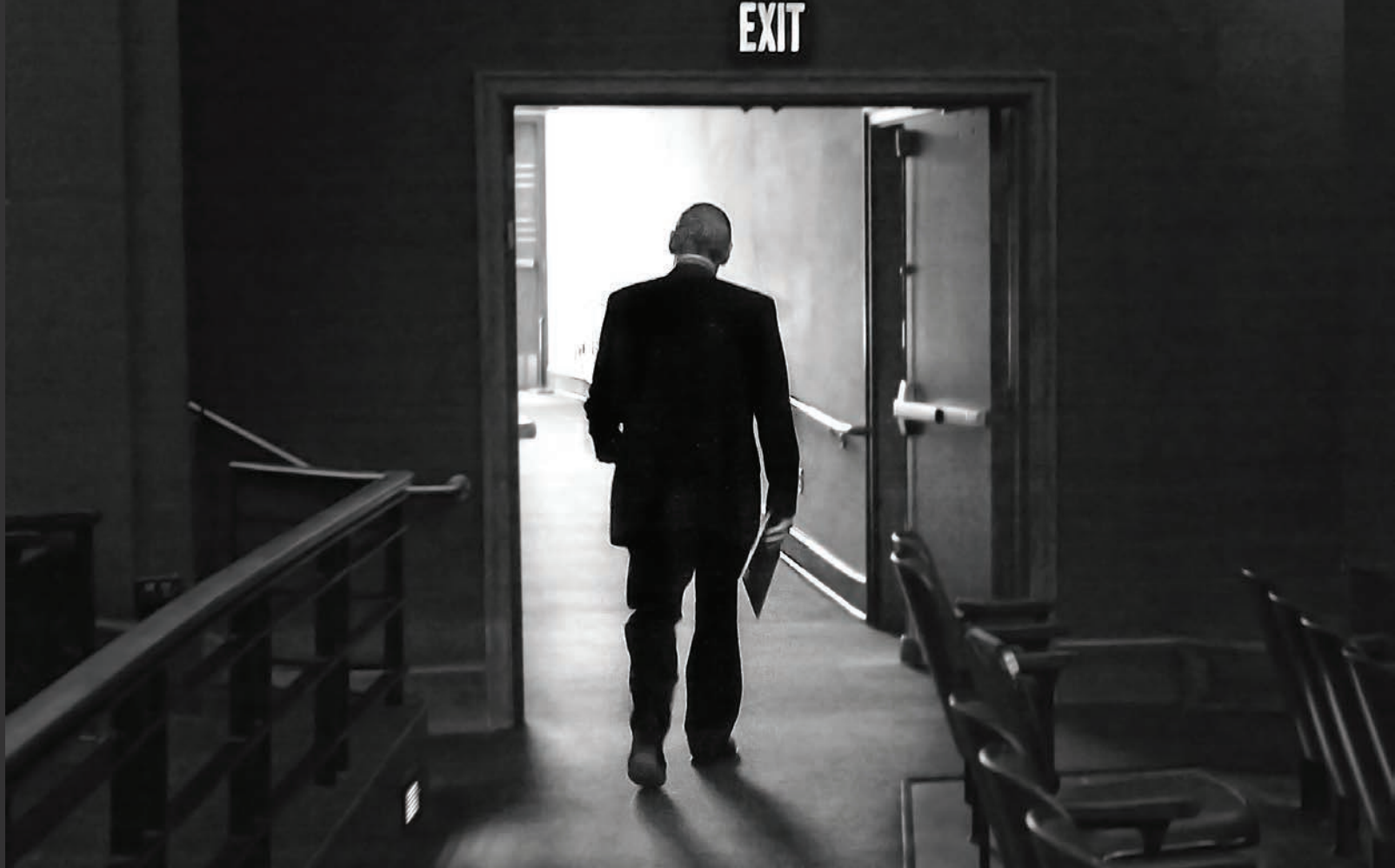
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