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Monkeys play Pac Man, listen to Springsteen as part of UM psychology experiment

By Patricia Nelson

People aren’t the only ones monkeying around with video games.

Each day in the basement of the University of Montana Pharmacy-Psychology Building, eight Rhesus monkeys listen to Bruce Springsteen music and play Pac Man.

The monkeys are being tested by David Strobel, chairman of the psychology department, and three graduate psychology students, Steve Lavender, Shelly Williams and Beverly Backa.

The experiments, unique to the University of Montana, are designed to test learning abilities in primates. The studies have been underway for a year and were initially funded in part by a grant from the National Department of Agriculture.

Computers have been used before to test the learning abilities of chimpanzees, but using computerized games to test monkeys is a first.

Strobel designed the Pac Man computer because he wanted laboratory equipment that could more adequately measure the monkey’s learning ability. Other equipment being used, such as the Wisconsin General Testing Apparatus invented in 1950, is limited because it does not give the monkeys a chance to fully demonstrate their capabilities, he said.

The Pac Man computer system is advantageous because it costs less than other research computer systems and, since each game chamber is run by a separate computer, if something goes wrong with one chamber the others are unaffected, Strobel said.

Lavender and Strobel said they chose the Pac Man figure because they thought the monkeys could understand its ravenous mouth and that the figure’s movement would focus the monkeys’ attention.

The research is divided into two stages, Strobel said. In the first stage, the goal was to teach the monkeys how to play the video games. This was done by giving them rewards as they manipulated the Pac Man across the screen.

Strobel said he has worked with monkeys for 20 years and he wasn’t sure at first if they would be able to learn how to play the game. But they did, and the research is now in its second stage. The monkeys are being observed to determine their capabilities.

Strobel and the graduate students are testing two adult monkeys and six juveniles. Lavender said the younger monkeys learn faster.

The monkeys play Pac Man in a phone-booth size apparatus equipped with a video screen and a horizontal joystick. They sit in a plastic chair which positions their heads in front of the screen. Lavender and Strobel taught the monkeys to voluntarily climb into the chairs for food rewards. This training took several weeks, Lavender said.

To cut down on outside noises, music is piped into the booths so the monkeys are not distracted. Only one tape is played—Springsteen. For now, Lavender said they want to keep as many things the same for the monkeys as possible.

The hope of full-formula funding for the University of Montana System may be short-lived as the Legislature seeks ways to balance a budget that now has a projected $35 million deficit.

The full House Appropriations Committee met Tuesday morning and subcommittee chairmen were asked to review their budget recommendations to find ways to eliminate the deficit.

The subcommittee chairmen each received a list of budget “soft spots” suggesting areas where state general-fund spending could be reduced.

Full-formula funding, which received approval by the education subcommittee two weeks ago, was among the soft spots.

The education subcommittee was asked to cut $7.5 million, and the legislative fiscal analyst’s office calculated that holding formula funding at 97 percent of the peer average over the next two years would save the state about $3.6 million.

The Board of Regents are seeking an additional $6.2 million to bring the system up to the full funding level, with a 20 percent tuition hike providing most of the money for the increase.

The tuition increase, scheduled to take effect next fall, will cost an in-state student an extra $238 over the next two years while an out-of-state student will pay an extra $402.

The 20 percent increase is scheduled to be phased in at about 12 percent next fall and about 8 percent the year after.

According to the fiscal analyst’s office, the proposed new funding level would require an increase of only about 4 percent the second year.

However, Jeff Morrison, chairman of the Board of Regents, indicated that the tuition increases will take effect no matter what the Legislature does.

“I can’t speak for the other regents,” he said, “but I can’t see how we can reduce the tuition increase. It would just make the situation worse.

Cutting back the tuition increase, Morrison said, “would just reduce our anticipated revenue and further compound the problem. I don’t think the regents will be too enthusiastic about reducing (funding) even further after the Legislature has reduced it. It wouldn’t make sense.”

Morrison also said reconsideration of the tuition increase “would be a complete about face” by the regents.

Rep. Gene Donaldson, R-Helena, the education subcommittee chairman, protested at the full appropriations committee meeting that the suggested budget cuts were being “arbitrarily imposed” on the subcommittee.

The education subcommittee deals with the university system, the state Office of Public Instruction, community colleges, the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind and various other sub-agencies.

Donaldson noted that the education subcommittee would have to cut $7.5 million from all of its budget recommendations, of which only about $1 million involves program modification, or extra money over present funding levels.

He said that meant the subcommittee would have to cut $6.5 million from the current funding levels.

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Opinion

Last-ditch stand

Winter Quarter is almost over at the University of Montana, and space hasn't yet allowed comment on many campus matters. So, in one frantic, last-ditch stand, the editorial shotgun has been loaded with birdshot, with hopes of winging a few final topics.

We've just gone through another ASUM election. We will soon be saying good-bye to President Phoebe Patterson. She deserves our thanks for returning maturity and common sense to the position.

The damage done by the antics of her predecessor has still not been repaired, however. ASUM is still only tokenly respected. And Patterson's strong leadership style, which precluded obsequiousness toward UM President Neil Bucklew, may have been, in fairness, one obstacle in repairing relations with Main Hall.

Editorial

But that is not to say that sycophancy is required to mend the bridge between ASUM and Main Hall. Some candidates last month seemed, however, to think so.

The "Brown-Nose Factor" was an underlying issue in the presidential election. We shall see how that attitude serves us in the year ahead.

The only real issue, in the long run, is just how important ASUM truly is. To 83 percent of UM's students, it doesn't mean anything. That's how many didn't vote.

It is unrealistic to assume students should care about ASUM and its half-million-dollar-a-year budget, when UM operates on about $33 million. ASUM is small beans. For most students, clearly, it is just one more cliquish club.

The primary ranking for pre-registration is absurd. Seniors are fifth to seventh on the list. Even first-quarter freshman are higher. Many seniors will have to force-add required classes. Will all those extra drop-add slips cause the Registrar's Office more work than pre-registration saves it? Change should be imminent.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Let this final message be heard in the carpeted sanctums of Main Hall and the trophy-filled cubicles of the Athletic Department. Let it go out across Missoula, into the offices of local sports boosters and city officials. Let it go forth across the state to alumni and legislators.

The message is simple: the current stadium plans are a sad mistake. A large number of UM's students and faculty realize it.

But, like many recent campus projects, the river-side stadium is being bulldozed through with little regard for long-term priorities.

The stadium will not be multi-purpose and will suffer from winds. It will blight the river front, an area the city has fought hard to protect. It will exacerbate traffic, noise and parking problems.

It is time for Main Hall to realize that many, if not most, students and faculty respect the right of athletes to play—and to play in decent facilities—but they place other priorities higher than games. We don't buy the old argument that sports are an unquestionable benefit to a college, and that the rest of the campus must suffer as a result. Indeed, a recent study by Professor James Frey at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas confirmed that athletic programs never increase—and often reduce—contributions to a school. Another recent study showed no connection between winning sports programs and increased enrollments.

We can have a new stadium, but it shouldn't be put where it will blight the rest of the campus for decades. It should be built on the present site of Dornblaser Stadium.

It is hard to admit a mistake after it is made. But unless Main Hall alters its plans, the stadium issue will continue to divide this campus.

Jim Fairchild

Carrying On

Just before dawn on January 34, government agents stepped from the darkness to place the 60 freedom-seekers under arrest. Later that same day, the 16 religious dissidents who had provided them safe refuge are indicted; 25 others are named as indicted co-conspirators.

The state had been building its case for months. Secret agents had been instructed to infiltrate the dissident church groups. Meetings and telephone conversations have been secretly taped. State agents have maintained undercover surveillance on the movements of the dissidents. The trap is sprung, the time has come to crack down on the freedom movement. It has become a threat to state authority.

Doors are broken down. Papers, letters, photos and other personal belongings are seized as evidence. A special state prosecutor asks the court to allow the dissidents to use their religious convictions or moral misgivings about state policy as a legal defense.

Aren't you glad things like this don't happen in the U.S.A.?

Well, unfortunately they do.

A grass-roots "Sanctuary" movement has sprung up in the U.S. to provide help to people fleeing from right-wing political persecution and terror in Latin America. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has moved in with its agents in an attempt to neutralize the movement.

At issue here is the Reagan administration's peculiar definition of what constitutes a refugee from political repression. If you are fleeing from Poland, Afghanistan or another repressive, communist regime you are justly entitled to political asylum in the U.S. If, however, you are fleeing from the death squads supported by Jesse Helms's pals, like D'Aubisson in El Salvador, you're an "illegal alien." You're just another wetback, here to steal American jobs. In your case the Reagan administration washes its hands and sends you back, maybe to die, for disloyalty to a regime with little regard for human rights.

This isn't really surprising considering recent revelations that the U.S. government harbored Nazi war criminals; perhaps even the "Doctor of Death" himself, Mengele. All in the name of anti-communism, of course.

It's the label "anti-communist" that's important to the morally myopic Reagan crowd. The systematic disregard of human rights in friendly dictatorialships is a side issue.

You see, it's easier that way. If you deal with people only through ideological labels, they become political objects. It's much easier to dispose of unwanted political objects, by sending them back to Guatemala or El Salvador for punishment, than to deal with real live flesh and blood political terror happening to real people. All of it, naturally, righteously sanctioned by our anti-communist zeal.

It's easy to wrap ourselves in glory if we never have to confront a real human being suffering the consequences of our foreign policy mistakes.

Well, the crackdown on the sanctuary movement isn't working. There's even a group forming in Missoula, the Western Montana Sanctuary Committee.

The Western Montana group will join the estimated twelve hundred other sanctuary groups in the U.S. committed to putting their morality into action by supporting asylum for political refugees. They've put together an educational packet that is well worth at least a few moments of your time.

Also, a benefit matinee showing of the film "El Norte" is planned at the Crystal Theatre on April 13 and 14. Let's support these folks.

Finally, there is a far simpler way for the Reagan administration to end the sanctuary movement than hiring secret agents. There would be no sanctuary movement if our government was not supporting repressive right-wing regimes in Central America. Reagan and the INS simply need to recognize that freedom-seekers, regardless of whether the threat to their freedom and well-being comes from the repressive left or right, have a moral claim on us for sanctuary.
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personal liberty” and thus gave women the legal right men have never been denied, the right to refuse the responsibil

ity of having a child. It is central for abortion to remain legal if men and women are to grow as equals.

Every Western European country permits abortion, at least at age rape or to save the life of the mother. These governments also realize this is a personal decision belonging to each individual woman. Who can decide what is right? Who can define what is fair? Every decision to have an abortion is as individual as the woman deciding. Lately abortion has been a hot topic as clinics are bombed around the country but seeing that billboard today rocked me duro.

I am suddenly frightened by this lynch mob attitude the nation is swinging towards. Abortion is not a black and white issue and it should never be treated as one. Abortion is not a question of ethics, but a matter of prin

ciple. Can we as a nation ever allow the beliefs of one group to create a moral standard for all of us?

I wonder how much thought the average motorist gives to billboards. If they are accepting the generalization “abortion is murder” without considering the ramifications of such a statement then I am truly scared.

Angie Fried Sophomore, English

Deeply hurt

EDITOR: I’ve heard that Neil McCarthy doesn’t like the UM fans anymore. I am deeply hurt. For the past couple of years, Neil has blown us kisses and called us one of the best crowds in America. How could this change overnight?

First, the banner asking Aaron McCarthy where his mother was was distasteful and Coach McCarthy made sure everyone knew it.

Second, the UM fans subjected little Aaron to verbal abuse everytime he touched the ball in the first half by calling him a obscene name. This upset Coach McCarthy so much that he complained publicly about the mean fans at UM. McCarthy’s outcry made big news throughout the Big Sky Conference states.

Well, here are some things I’d like to complain about. First, McCarthy said nothing about his fans, who, as I’ve heard from two different sour

ces, asked UM forward Larry Krysztkowiask where his mother was. It’s okay if your fans do the same thing, right Neil?

It wasn’t enough that Coach McCarthy blew kisses to the crowd after a last second win two years ago, last year even more happened. Sweet little Aaron gave the crowd the finger during the game. After the game, he tried to fight with a fan. During the fight, a police officer grabbed him and pushed him toward the lockerroom. In the process, the two fell to the floor, at which time Neil began to kick the officer.

Ooops! Sorry Neil. I forgot, you and Aaron are the American image of good sportsmanship.

I think the only reason Neil complained was because he lost, and the reason he lost was because of a great Grizzly basketball team and a great crowd. It seems to me that Neil has no right to com

plain or ask for an apology if he can’t act with good sportsmanship himself.

Tom Cooper Sophomore, General Studies

Rah Rah!

EDITOR: We’re excited to hear that the University of Montana yearbook is being started up again. It will be great to have a yearbook to remind us of our college days.

Congratulations to ASUM for allocating $1,384 to the yearbook. The yearbook wouldn’t have gotten off the ground without it. Nevertheless, the yearbook committee still needs help. We need volun
teers, fresh ideas, and feedback about student interest.

Come on fellow students, show some spirit and join — we did!

Mia Frederiksen Sophomore, Journalism

Lisa Davis Sophomore

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Domestic violence pervades society, program coordinator says

By Janelle Patterson
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

She asked for it. She wants it. She deserves it.

These are some of the myths about women who are battered by their spouses or lovers.

The fact is one out of two women will be battered or receive threats of physical abuse some time during her life, according to a UM Health Service handout.

"The phenomenon of domestic violence exists in every facet of society," said Amy Hanson, domestic violence program coordinator for Women's Place. Hanson explained that spouse abuse can occur at any time and to anyone regardless of their age, education or income level.

Domestic violence is defined as psychological or physical abuse in the home, according to Lois Doubleday, director of the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter, and can include sexual and societal abuse.

Hanson pointed out that psychological abuse includes jokes that demean women and the helplessness learned by the female victim. Physical abuse runs the gamut from pushing or shoving to murder. Sexual abuse may include sexual jokes while societal abuse includes sexism. Societal abuse also can teach the victim that she is helpless and can do nothing to change her situation, according to a handout from Women's Place.

Hanson said that "violence against women is a learned behavior." She said 70 percent of the men who abuse women come from families where abuse has taken place as 90 percent of the victims.

Social values dictate that the abused woman have traditional marital expectations, Hanson said, adding that the wife is encouraged to take responsibility for maintaining the "emotional atmosphere" of the family. "Society says a successful woman is a good wife and mother," she said.

Doubleday added that "we as women are taught to be responsible...for (the) batterer's behavior."

She said that "many women feel that she (the wife) does deserve violence." She recalled one woman whose husband beat her for setting the table wrong. The woman said she believed that if she had done it differently, her husband would not have beat her. Doubleday said, "Blaming women is a way of perpetratin the myth that violence is acceptable and men are in the socially sanctioned position of being the aggressor," Hanson said.

Abused women are not masochistic, Hanson said. "She doesn't want a relationship that's going to hurt," she explained, but "I think it's accurate to say that a woman who's learned to be dependent on a man will seek out a man who dominates."

The relationship will satisfy "his needs for dominating and controlling and having power over a person," she added.

An abusive man has a low self-esteem and a "traditional view of male, female relationships" wherein the man is the boss, Doubleday said. Abusers cope poorly with stress and often believe it's okay to strike someone when they're angry, she said, adding that abusers often feel no guilt and will deny "that they did what they did." An abuser often has a Jekyll-and-Hyde personality, meaning the batterer will be cruel at home and "wonderful" in the outside world, Doubleday said.

Men who batter follow a pattern, according to Doubleday. She described that pattern as follows: At the onset, the abuser will experience a buildup of tension, with perhaps brief violent encounters with their mate. After an accumulation of pressure, an eruption of violence will take place after which the batterer is loving and apologetic. "That loving stage is the trap. It's the hook," said Doubleday, adding that the batterer will often convince his victim that he will change his behavior.

But the victim soon realizes that "nothing she does is going to have any effect on him," she said, adding that at this point the woman will feel helpless and isolated, particularly because the outside world thinks the man is wonderful.

Learned helplessness is "a gradual breaking down of a person's own resources," said Hanson. She defined those resources as strength and independence.

Once the victim has learned to be helpless, she becomes emotionally dependent on the man; she begins to doubt her sense of reality, Doubleday said.

Such a woman will "buy what he says," she said, adding that the batterer may tell the victim that "I didn't hit you. You fell." When a victim regains power in the time she can take action.

She may consider leaving the man when she learns she has a right to a life free from violence and believes that she is a viable person by herself and "a good person," she said.

Other options include getting a job, leaving and going on welfare, and getting information on battering, according to Doubleday.

According to Hanson a woman may opt to stay with the batterer for several reasons: she believes things can get better; she is emotionally dependent on the batterer; she may not have the skills or income to support herself; she believes it is the woman's responsibility to make the marriage better; she thinks no one will believe that her spouse is beating her, and she is scared of being alone.

But help for the abused woman is available.

In Missoula, a victim may stay at the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter for up to five days, and may take children with her. Its location is kept secret to protect the victims.

She may call the Crisis Line (543-8277), the YWCA (543-6691), Women's Place, which has 24-hour advocacy or the UM Women's Center (243-4153), for referral.

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Nuclear war evacuees would find refuge at UM, plan says

By Steve Devitt
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

The University of Montana, unbeknownst to most UM students, is participating in the federal Crisis Relocation Plan that was initiated by the Reagan administration in 1982.

The local plan was drawn up by UM personnel under the direction of Ken Willett, manager of safety and security, and was subsequently approved by President Neil Bucklew.

The 54-page document contains a three-page segment that commits UM to participation in the federal Crisis Relocation Plan, which would see over 30,000 Cascade County residents relocated to the UM campus in case of a nuclear war.

Both Bucklew and Willett said the relocation part of the plan is a small portion of the overall planning document which has proven an effective means of planning for other emergencies, such as forest fires and train wrecks.

Bucklew said Missoula city and county officials asked the UM administration to develop an over-all emergency plan which would reflect coordination between all emergency services in the area, "and we got our work done before they did."

After the UM plan had been approved, the Missoula County Commissioners voted unanimously not to participate in the plan. Former Missoula County Disaster Coordinator Rick Leavell described the plan to the Missoula City Council as a "bad joke."

Council members, however, passed a resolution endorsing the plan, only to have the resolution vetoed by the late Mayor Bill Gregg who wrote that the plan "could not have the desired effect."

The federal Crisis Relocation Plan stems from a presidential directive of 1982 which allocated $4.2 billion over a seven-year period to double the projected number of American civilian survivors in a nuclear war. Ironically, the same administration has committed $16 billion to save command units—including the president—during the initial hours of such a war and more recently committed $50 million to study the possibility of a nuclear exchange causing a "nuclear winter."

The Crisis Relocation Plan has been fraught with controversy since it was announced, drawing severe criticism from such groups as Physicians for Social Responsibility which contend that such a plan is both unrealistic and destabilizing.

Dr. Katherin Wilkerson, a Butte physician and a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, explained at a forum held in Butte last month that the federal plan calls for the evacuation of some 145 million U.S. citizens from target areas and is dependent on a three-to-five-day warning period.

"If an attack occurred during the relocation," Wilkerson said, "the consequences could be even worse, and a massive evacuation could actually trigger an attack from the Soviets who might easily assume the evacuation signaled an imminent attack on them by the United States."

Independent studies predict that between 76 and 155 million U.S. citizens would die in the first 30 minutes of a nuclear war, Wilkerson said, and she predicted that because of radiation and environmental reactions "the living would soon envy the dead."

President Bucklew maintained that the existence of the plan "was not an attempt to say anything" and was on the books mainly because the UM plan was completed before the city and county decided not to participate.

Bucklew stressed that UM involvement in the Crisis Relocation Plan was not an endorsement of anything and came about because "we wanted to be a helpful part of the safety system."

Would the plan work? "I don't think it would work," Bucklew said. "I don't think nuclear war would work."

Central Board meets tonight

Central Board will again try to establish guidelines for the newly created ASUM Contingency Fund at its last meeting of the quarter tonight. After lengthy debate at the CB meeting last week, the board was unable to agree on the guidelines and sent the issue to the Budget and Finance committee.

ASUM Business Manager Greg Gullickson said the committee will submit its recommendation tonight. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the University Center Montana Rooms.
Big Sky post-season action opens Thursday in Boise

The first Big Sky Conference Tournament at a pre-determined site opens Thursday in Boise.

Another first for the tourney will be the use of both the 45-second clock and the three-point field goal. Also, three-man referee teams will be used, as was done at last year’s event, although two-man teams were used during the season.

Friday’s semi-final games and Saturday’s championship will be televised on TKEI in Missoula and the University of Montana games will be broadcast on KYLT radio. The Grizzlies, second in the regular season, open up against seventh-place and tournament host Boise State at 9 p.m. Thursday.

Following are sketches of all eight Big Sky teams written by Mike Olinger, Eric Williams, Doug Whitaker and Brian Melsted.

Idaho

No team was safe from the upset in the Big Sky this season, and even lowly Idaho managed to blast Idaho State 95-69 in Moscow earlier this year.

However, any wins in the tournament by the Vandals would have to be considered major upsets. Besides that blowout of ISU, the Vandals posted a perfect 0-13 conference mark, and were beaten handily a number of times.

For Idaho to be competitive, 6-foot-5 sophomore guard Ulf Speer and 6-foot-6 forward Frank Garza will have to excel. Both are scoring just over 14 points a game, while Garza is the Vandals’ leading rebounder, pulling down eight a contest.

Idaho is above only Boise State in scoring this season, averaging just over 70 points an outing.

And what the Vandals lack in scoring, they make worse on defense. Through the pre-season and conference games, Idaho was the only Big Sky squad to have a lower scoring average than their opponents, allowing over 74 a game.

Perhaps because this is only the second year the Big Sky has held an eight-team tournament, one can’t say that “stranger things have happened” than Idaho upsetting UNR. But those “strange things” will have to wait at least another year.

Montana

Momentum is on the side of the Grizzlies as they go into the Big Sky Conference Tournament game with a three-game winning streak including an impressive 66-58 win over Weber State and a 66-50 victory over Montana State.

UM, 22-6 overall and 10-4 conference, has probably the finest player in the Big Sky in junior forward Larry Krystkowiak. He should have a second consecutive league MVP award locked up after finishing the conference season averaging 21.2 points and 10.5 rebounds per game, both league highs.

Krystkowiak has scored in double figures in 47 straight games but it is not his play that is critical to the Grizzlies. It’s the play of the other 10 team members that Head Coach Mike Montgomery must be concerned with.

As MSU Coach Stu Stamer said last weekend, the 6-foot-9 Krystkowiak is virtually unstoppable when defended by just one opponent, so teams normally try some sort of collapsing defense to slow him. When this happens some of the other Montana players have to step in and make up the difference.

More times than not this season that has been done by junior center Larry McBride. The 6-foot-10 McBride is averaging just over 11 points and 5 rebounds a game and has scored 14 or more points on seven occasions, including 20-point efforts against NAU, Montana State and Weber State.

When Krystkowiak and McBride are both hot, they can dominate the paint area like no two other big men in the league. They are second and third in field goal conversion in the Big Sky at 59.3 and 58.7 percent respectively.

McBride has played more consistently during the second half of the regular season and this will be a factor during the tournament. The Grizzlies face Boise State in the first round and should get past the Broncos, but in order to win the tourney they must get past a tandem-type shot blocking duo they had during the end of the regular season when larger point contributions were made from the guard positions.

UM has rarely had to rely on perimeter shooting this season but does have players who can shoot with accuracy. Three of Montana’s four guards, Leroy Washington, Todd Powell and Scott Zanon are hitting over 45 percent from the field, while Mike Wnek is averaging 43 percent.

That’s the key for the Montana Grizzlies; being able to count on someone other than Krystkowiak for the points and rebounds.

Nevada-Reno

Wolf Pack Head Coach Sonny Allen told the Kaimin in an interview yesterday that his coaching philosophy is to “play each game as if it is a one-game season.”

With that outlook he should be well prepared as he takes the regular season Big Sky champion Wolf Pack into the single-elimination conference tournament in Boise this weekend.

That’s the key on season with 17.8 points a game along with grabbing 4 rebounds, dishing out 6.4 assists and coming up with 3 steals a game.

In conference play however, junior transfer Dwayne Ran-
Big Sky Preview

N. Arizona

The Lumberjacks posted a 8-6 conference record, tying their best Big Sky effort ever. They are a tough team to beat at home, having lost just two at Flagstaff all season, unless they do as they did last week and help the opposing team.

NAU is shooting over .500 on field goals and had a chance to knock off league leading Reno last weekend in Flagstaff. But the Jacks choked on the big game, losing by 11 and shooting just .333 from the field on 22 of 66 attempts in front of a record crowd of 7,983 fans.

The Lumberjacks are not a tall team, with but one starter over 6-foot-6, and rely on ball control and a quick-pass offense to score. Junior Andy Crow grabs 4.8 rebounds. Central Mike Montgomery in winning percentage, and has led Weber to the NCAA tournament four of his nine seasons at Ogden, Utah.

Consistency was expected to be Weber’s lock on the league championship, and that is the area where WSC faltered.

The Wildcats bombarded Montana 95-70 in Ogden early in the conference season, and were the only team to beat regular-season champion Nevada-Reno twice. Yet, in dropping those three late contests, Weber lost their second game to seventh-place Boise, in Ogden.

Weber does lead the Big Sky in scoring offense, scoring margin, free-throw percentage and rebound margin and the Wildcats finished no lower than fourth in any team conference tests.

The Wildcats drew heavily on six seniors, and as Mike Montgomery said earlier this season, “They’ve got to think this is their year.”

Idaho State

Coach Wayne Ballard of Idaho State is not exactly bursting with enthusiasm about his team’s chances in the tournament this weekend.

“We feel like we would have to play someone good,” he commented yesterday. “We’re just happy to be in the thing with a shot at the title.”

It would be hard to fault his realistic attitude. Twice his team has been whipped by its first round opponent Weber State, and with a 5-9 conference record, a 13-17 overall mark, the Bengals are less of a threat than even host team Boise, although ISU edged out the Broncos for sixth place in the regular season standings.

According to Ballard though, Idaho State has come on in the second half of the season, and ended on a high note with a pair of wins last weekend over Idaho and Boise, the latter in overtime at home.

Two weeks ago we also played well against UM and MSU, and had chances to win both,” he added. “Even against Weber, when they came here, we were close until the last three minutes.

The important thing is that we have made progress over the season.”

If more is to be made in the tournament, performances by senior forward Nelson Pe-
**Big Sky Preview**

**Montana State**

Montana State has to be considered the darkhorse team of the tourney. The Bobcats have the experienced personnel, the strength and the balanced scoring attack necessary to win, but they've had problems all season with consistency.

MSU started the conference season with a dismal 4-9 record but posted a 7-7 league record to end the regular season at 11-16 overall. But any team overlooking the Bobcats could be in for a rude surprise, as was Weber State two weeks ago when they lost in Bozeman 79-66.

The Bobcats start three experienced seniors in guard Jeff Epperly, 6-foot-11 center Tryg Johnson and 6-foot-7 forward Phil Layher. They have four starters averaging in double figures, something that only one other team in the Big Sky, Nevada-Reno, can boast.

Epperly averages 11.2 per game, Johnson 12.2, guard Tony Hampton 10.1 and sophomore forward Krai Ferch adds 10.3. Tom Domako, a freshman, can also score and he as well as Ferch and Epperly can shoot the three pointer with accuracy.

Johnson pulls down 6.4 boards a game while Layher adds just over 4, but as a team the Bobcats are being outrebounded 35.6 to 34.4 a game. Johnson and Layher are big strong players and take up a lot of space, but can't jump. They will have to compensate in some way and rebound well for the Bobcats to reach the second round or beyond.

The Bobcats shoot 46% from the field as a team and average 70.1 points a game.

**Boise**

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2 senior guard Frank Jackson can play well above their season averages.

Jackson is averaging 12.9 points a game while Bolden averages 10.5 points and 8.2 rebounds (third in the conference). Roland Smith, a 6-foot-6 forward, also averages in double figures with 11 points a game.

Bolden will matchup with any other center in the Big Sky, and while shorter than most, he is much quicker and at 225 pounds is a stable force in the middle. Additionally, Bolden leads the Big Sky in field goal accuracy with a 65 percent shooting average.

The Broncos hope rest with Jackson's ability to score from the perimeter and Bolden's ability to get a lot of shots in the middle. If they can get opponents forwards defending the perimeter and Bolden can get open for 15-20 shots, they can beat anyone, but the odds lie with the Broncos being eliminated in the first round by Montana.

ISU

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Terson and sophomore guard Donn Holston will be the keys. Both are hot perimeter shooters, averaging 18.5 and 14.4 points respectively. Ballard looks to them for offense when his team's characteristic transition game is slowed.

That could happen in the tournament as ISU center Brett Olivier, the team's leading rebounder, is suffering from a knee injury and may not play much, or well, as a result. The Bengals would then have to place even more reliance on a tenacious, changing defense for a chance at the title.

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Law school funding may be cut in half

By Robert Marshall
Kaimin Reporter

Funding requests made by the University of Montana School of Law will be cut in half if current proposals in the Montana Legislature are passed.

The UM law school asked for approximately $260,000, but the budget committee has recommended that only $130,000 be granted, according to John Mudd, dean of the law school.

Mudd said that the requested money would have been used for increases in instruction and for instructional materials as part of the school's multi-year plan for revamping its student curriculum.

"We're using a legal system that is 110 years old," Mudd said. "I'm not saying it's bad, it's just that the legal world has changed since then."

When Mudd arrived at UM in 1979, he said, he thought the law school's curriculum should be changed to incorporate skills-training classes with traditional academic classes.

About three years ago, according to Bari Burke, assistant dean of the UM law school, the school implemented a one-month-long introductory program offered before the start of regular classes. Students in the class are introduced to the American law system, legal history, legal analysis, case reading and other basic information about the law field.

"A law laboratory class, called the Law Firm, was also added to the curriculum," Burke said.

Burke added that the Law Firm was comparable to an undergraduate laboratory class where first-year law students experiment using knowledge gained in their regular classes.

Under the pre-Mudd law program, a student was required to take one credit of Legal Writing and Practice his or her first semester and then an additional credit his or her second semester. This was changed, Burke said, to give students a greater opportunity to develop their legal writing skills. A student is now required to take four credits during the first semester and three credits the second semester.

Burke added that changes for the next few years will not be decided on until the faculty meet and discuss the proposals.

Toxic injection leaves patient in coma

MIAMI (AP)—A 64-year-old man who went into the hospital to have a facial cancer removed is in a coma after doctors accidentally injected him with a toxic substance used to preserve tissues removed during surgery, hospital officials said.

Bob East, who recently retired after an award-winning career as a photographer at The Miami Herald, was pronounced brain dead Monday morning at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

"It was preventable," said Dr. James Ryan Chandler. "It didn't have to be. It was a tragic series of human errors. It is due to the errors of many—doctors, myself included, who somehow bypassed all the safeguards to prevent such an occurrence.

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possible so they can be sure the monkeys' performances have not been altered by outside factors.

The monkeys guide a white Pac Man figure across a blue screen toward red rectangles. When the Pac Man eats one of the rectangles, the screen flashes to yellow and the monkey gets a reward—a miniature marshmallow. Lavender says he goes through about 150 marshmallows a day.

Every day the monkeys manipulate the Pac Man until it has devoured 40 rectangles. This usually takes from seven to 12 minutes, Lavender said.

Strobel added that the monkeys develop their own Pac Man strategies. Although they have increased their speed when operating the Pac Man, the monkeys he tests have shown no specific patterns. Occasionally they will guide the Pac Man to one side of the screen more than another, but this tendency does not always hold true, he added.

Strobel said the experiments are based on what is rewarding and reinforcing in the learning process. Just look at the people who are addicted to playing video games, he said, there's obviously something rewarding about playing. Strobel said this is the first time he has ever seen monkeys that seem to be enjoying themselves during research. “They look forward to being tested,” he said. “They enjoy playing the games—it's interesting for them.”

He works with a monkey that tilts its head in the direction of the Pac Man and uses its other hand as if to help push it along the screen.

Strobel said it is easy to correlate the learning abilities of the primates with humans. He said that because monkeys have no language capabilities, researchers have to develop ways to train them using non-verbal techniques. It's like teaching children before they can talk, he said. The findings can be applied to help teach cognitive skills—skills involving thought processes—to both normal and handicapped children.

The third step in the research, Strobel said, could result in actually communicating with the monkeys, probably in the form of imagery, through the computers.

The results of the research will also be used to determine how nutritional deficiencies affect monkey behavior, Strobel said, adding that the researchers expect to release those results soon for publication in professional journals.

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Donaldson also protested that education money will be used to ease the crunch for the human services subcommittee, which needs to cut about $2 million.

“We're transforming education dollars into human services dollars,” he said. “I think education should have a higher priority than that. If cuts are going to be made they should be fair.”

The education subcommittee met later and recommended cutting the medical student assistance program by $21,500 in 1986 and $68,000 in 1987.

The subcommittee also voted to cut state work-study from $300,000 annually over the next two years to $291,000 annually. The program now receives $290,000 annually.

The subcommittee will act on the main university system and sub-agency budgets tomorrow.

Correction

A story in yesterday's Kaimin incorrectly said that under ASUM bylaws losing Central Board candidates could request a recount of votes if they were within five percent of the winning candidate. It should have stated that the bylaws say that a candidate can request a recount if they are within three percent of a winning candidate.