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Policy prevents students from selling extra meals

By Butch Larcombe
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

A new policy designed to prevent students with university meal plans from selling or giving away excess meals to nonstudents is not sitting well with John Piquette, the director of UM Residence Halls Food Service.

The plan, the result of a directive from George Mitchell, the director of auxiliary services at UM, prevents students from donating meals or hosting nonstudents on the unused balance of their meal plans.

Last year, students with extra meals at the end of the quarter could sell, donate or dispense with unused meals in any manner they wished. But according to the new policy, Mitchell said, "We have to cut costs to maintain the level of service in the face of declining enrollment." Piquette said. The students selling meals to staff and others is "irrelevant," Piquette said. The students have already paid full price for the meals, he said, and after-the-fact sales are of no concern to the food service.

The declining balance meal plan policy and the large number of sack lunches being given away.

The expectation of a declining enrollment in the coming years is also a factor in the new policy, Mitchell said. "We have to cut costs to maintain the level of service in the face of declining enrollment." With the old plan, some students chose to donate leftover meals to transients and low-income people. Many sack lunches were prepared by the food service and picked up by members of a local church group and given to people eating at the Poverello Center, Piquette said.

Such donations cost students who didn't donate meals more money, Mitchell said. "Our objective is to maintain the student food service for the student. It costs more to make sack lunches than to feed students in the food service." Students selling unused meals to UM staff members was also a problem. Mitchell said, citing examples of staff members buying meals at a fraction of their cost. "University staff members should pay the full nonstudent price," he said.

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"We didn't lose money last year due to the meal pass system," Piquette said. The cost per meal at the food service did increase last year, he said, but that increase was caused by more students choosing meal plans that offered fewer meals, not sack lunches or nonstudents eating at the food service.

The declining balance meal pass system was designed to be more fair to students and eliminate the expense of having to pay for meals they missed, Piquette said.

"Many students are not aware of the new policy," Piquette said, adding that he anticipates some reaction to the policy in a few weeks.

"That's when the fan isn't going to be big enough to handle all the manure."
Ah, the appearance

October 5 will be the start of construction of Montana's version of a Washington Monument, a monument marking the benevolence and generosity of Dennis Washington, Missouri's own corporate giant.

Last month Washington donated $1 million of in-kind services to aid in building UM's new stadium. As promised by the UM Foundation, the sole fundraising group for the stadium, the facility will bear his name—Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

It was well known that the foundation would name the single-purpose (football) stadium after its million dollar benefactor. What wasn't known was that this charitable deed would be rewarded with a potentially profitable one, namely the contract to build the stadium. And, the foundation did just that.

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But in order for the foundation to grant the contract to the million dollar donor, Washington, the rules had to be bent. Montana state law requires that public construction projects be subject to an open bidding process. And the foundation, it seems, thought it would appear ungrateful to accept a million dollars in goods and services and then award the contract to another builder. But exceptions can be made to state laws and the Legislature did just that.

Last spring the Legislature passed Senate Bill 385, which created the needed loophole to clear the way for the foundation's act of appreciation. The bill allowed the Board of Regents to lease the land on which the stadium is to be built to the UM Foundation, a private nonprofit corporation. Thus the task of raising the funds and allocating them to build the stadium was shifted from the university, or state, to a private organization. Such organizations are not subject to the provision of in-kind goods and services. It seems that the bill's sponsors had somebody in mind.

The gist of it is as follows: The Legislature leases the university land to the UM Foundation, which eagerly accepts Washington's donation and gives him a multi-million-dollar hometown plum. And that's not to mention a million dollar tax write-off.

It's all legal and legitimate, but is it proper? The appearance of impropriety can breed a host of doubts and suspicions of even the most honorable intentions.

For example, a suspicious mind might wonder if Washington had been considered as potential donor all along, just waiting for the appropriate legislation to assure him the stadium contract. Appearances might suggest that it was a concerted effort of Washington, the bill's backers and the UM Foundation.

If such is the case, collusion is by no means a proper way to handle public matters. Bad appearances also cast doubt on Washington's motives. They seem philanthropic on their face but does self-interest lie at their core? Aside from a hefty tax deduction, will Washington make money on the $3 million project? No one knows and no one has volunteered any answers.

But these suspicions will be left to the realm of conjecture for there is no way to ascertain their truth or falsehood. It may well be that Washington is a noble son doing something that he thinks is good for Missoula and the state. But then again, it is also possible that he is out to make a tidy sum of money while masquerading under a guise of philanthropy.

Ah, the appearance of things...

Michael Kustudia
Montana not final choice as media Congress home

By Faith Conroy-Keshlear
Kaimin Reporter

The First Amendment Congress Board of Trustees rejected last spring the University of Montana as the site for the Congress' national headquarters because of Missoula's remoteness and limited airline connections, according to Jean Otto, chairman of the Congress.

Although the Congress chose this summer the University of Colorado as its permanent national headquarters, Charles Hood, journalism school dean, said that UM could become one of the regional centers and has been invited to host conferences on First Amendment and free speech issues.

Otto told Hood that although UM is difficult to get to and is small compared to other universities considered for their headquarters, the board was impressed by the new performing arts center's telecommunications and production facilities as well as the journalism school's focus on public affairs and journalistic ethics.

"It would've been wonderful to have them here," Hood said, "but it would've required a lot of scarce resources." UM would have had to provide space, equipment, supplies, financial support and personnel for the Congress' programs.

D.J. Cline, Sam Matthews and John R. Finnegan, First Amendment Congress representatives, met last March with UM President Neil Buc- klew, Academic Vice President Donald Habbe and Hood to survey prospective facilities for the permanent location of the organization.

The Congress is a national organization, formed in 1979, devoted to promoting a better understanding of the importance of free speech and a free, responsible press. Among the 12 news organizations comprising the Congress are the American Newspaper Publishers Association, the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the National Association of Broadcasters, the Associated Press, United Press International and the Society of Professional Journalists. UM was one of nine universities considered last spring for the permanent location. Otto said that the board was convinced of UM's sincerity and support.
‘Someday we’ll look into a microscope’

By Ross Best
Kalmin Reviewer

Creator is a little picture about the Big Picture. Because movies usually have plots and characters and dialogue, people often mistake them for novels. And since bigger is better and small things please small minds, people like their movies like they like their novels: blockbusting (whether the blocks needs busting or not), larger than life and bigger than a bread basket, sweeping the whole carpet of history and emotion. They want to see souls wearing nothing but bermuda shorts. They want to see the price tag. They want all the answers without any of the questions. Creator camps out between short story and graffiti.

The action is set sometime in the distant present, in and around the medical campus of a northern California university. Boris, a new biology grad student in search of a wife, is lassoed by Nobel laureate Harry Wolper (Peter O’Toole), who needs a bright, fresh, and gullible research student to help him clone back to life his long lost wife Lucy. Harry uses Barbara, a very biological student indeed, to lure Boris into a 12-credit course, The Big Picture, which meets night and day in Harry’s garage.

When Lucy died thirty years ago, Harry didn’t join a health spa like normal people; he put what was left of Lucy in the fridge and became a mad scientist. Though he raves, “Someday we’ll look into a microscope and see God, and the first one to blink will lose his testicles!” and lets one of his assistants submit the Bible as a doctoral dissertation, his colleagues, with one exception, depend on his grantsmanship and humor him. The exception is Sid (David Ogden Stiers)—an exceptionally cutthroat physician with all the humility money can buy, and the most buoyant heavy of recent months. (Stiers, here bearded and without the Boston accent, was Maj. Charles Emerson Winchester on television’s “M*A*S*H.”) Sid thraws and is thwarted.

Things happen. Boris’s fairy goddoctor helps the roommate rituals along, Barbara plops into a sudden coma (probably from a case of chronic volup tusia), Lucy is hijacked, Harry begins to fall for Mel! (Mariel Hemingway), the earthmomy he recruited for research purposes, and Peter O’Toole’s eyes sparkle (as they always do when he has a godlike role). And all this to music to make an elevator blush.

Life, love, God, science, a messy apartment: a metaphysical smorgasbord. Creator goes for the highest common denominator and beyond. It may not grab you by the wattles and run, but don’t look so smug. (Grade: B plus)
Smith show at Brunswick

By John Kappes
Kaimin Reviewer

His oversized, carefully fin-
ished canvases pit the ordina-
ry against the fantastic; they
are “illusionistic.” But for Utah
artist Tony Smith, illusion is
above all a “bridge,” a way to
make his work accessible,
and not an end in itself. Peo-
ple have to “find their way
out” of his paintings, he told
an interviewer, and “compare
them to the reality they
come back to.”

Missoula’s Brunswick Gal-
lery (223 Railroad, downtown)
is currently showing a selec-
tion of Smith’s paintings and
constructions. Among them is
“The Green Airplane,” a win-
dow on the cluttered world of
boyhood that shows Smith to
be a fine technician. The air-
plane itself boasts details only
an adult Smith, the trained
artist, would notice, like sha-
dows on the wood of the
wings. But it’s also awkward
and off balance, unmistakably
a kid’s toy.

Smith resolves his seeming
paradoxes by forcing them
out of a “realistic” environ-
ment, where they might irri-
tate. Mysterious orbs, chunks
of paper, sticks: his world
seems to say that playfulness
alone might be enough.

The Gallery is open Thurs-
day through Saturday; the
show closes October 19.

Auditions!

By Rob Buckmaster
Kaimin Arts Editor

The curtain’s up. The
drama department will hold
auditions for all fall quarter
and some winter quarter
plays on Monday, starting
at 7 p.m. in the Montana
Theater.

The four plays to be cast
are Dario Fo’s “We Can’t
Pay? We Won’t Pay!”
(which plays November 7,
9, 13 and 15), Chris Weiss’
“Marat/Sade” (November 6,
8, 14 and 16), Chekhov’s
“The Cherry Orchard” (De-
cember 2-7), and Chris-
topher Fry’s “The Lady’s
Not For Burning” (January
22-25, 29-31 and February
1).

James Kriley, from UM’s
professional company, Monta-
a Repertory Thea-
er, will also be casting
Beth Henley’s “Crimes of
the Heart” at these audi-
tions. MRT will open the
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Grizzlies take on Portland State

By Fritz Neighbor
Kaimin Sports Reporter

The University of Montana football team has had more trouble stopping the run than the pass in its first two games this year, but it will have its pass defense severely tested this Saturday when they host the Portland St. Vikings at Dornblaser Field.

UM head football coach Larry Donovan said the Vikings are a "tremendously good passing team." The Grizzlies hope to combat that by improving their defense this week in practice. Whether the Grizzlies can stop a passing attack that has averaged 51 passes per game in their three games this season remains to be seen, but they allowed only 124 passing yards to the University of Minnesota, and only 53 to Cal-State Fullerton. One reason for that may be that both of those teams ran well against the Griz in their games.

Donovan remains concerned about the Vikings running, saying that they have an effective run play that they run with senior halfback Steve Lyle, who Donovan said is a "very good player."

Improvement is still being strived for in the wishbone, and that will be given a strong test as well, as Donovan said that Portland St. is "very big up front", on the defensive line and interior.

Donovan also said that the kicking game was emphasized in this past week of practice. Donovan stated that the practice following the one-sided, 62-17 loss to Division 1 Minnesota last week, saying that "nobody's giving up around here."

Hurting on defense are senior outside linebackers Bill Tarrow (injured ankle) and Rick Dozier (knee injury). Starting in Tarrow's place will be sophomore J.C. Campbell, and to replace Dozier, the coaching staff is moving junior Doug Saxe to the outside from his inside linebacker spot. The spot vacated by Saxe will be filled by sophomore Ed Apostol.

Senior fullback Scott Murray suffered a thigh bruise in the Minnesota game, but Donovan said that he was coming along well in practice this past week.

Senior Kraig Paulson will start and split time with Murray at fullback, while senior Leroy Foster will start at left halfback, and freshman Reenaard Coleman will start at right halfback in the wishbone formation. Junior Brent Pease will start at quarterback.

There will be a JV football game today, Sept. 27 at Dornblaser Field between the University of Montana and Walla Walla Community College. Kickoff will be at 1:30 p.m., and admission is free.

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Mountain Bell
Shannon Morninwheg leaves team

By Fritz Neighbor

University of Montana assistant football coach Joe Glenn confirmed Thursday that freshman quarterback Shannon Morninwheg has left the University of Montana football team.

Glenn, who coaches the quarterbacks on the squad, said that Morninwheg "really didn't see himself fitting into the wishbone (offense)," which was implemented this year by head coach Larry Donovan.

Glenn said that Morninwheg wanted to be in an offense that threw the ball a lot, but with the wishbone offense, the run is what is used most of the time. In case the Grizzlies are in long yardage situations they will switch to their spread formation which was used last year.

Morninwheg, whose older brother Marty set several passing records and is now a receivers coach for the Grizzlies, would like to go to another school that has a more pass-oriented offense, according to Glenn.

Glenn said that "The coaching staff feels bad about it. I feel bad about it, Marty (Morninwheg) feels bad about it." Glenn said Morninwheg's departure leaves the team with five quarterbacks. Morninwheg was third string, so freshman Tony Arnston, whom he was battling with for the third string position, will move up behind junior Scott Werbelow, and starting junior Brent Pease.
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Director wants to broaden SAC focus

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- An educational forum to help students become more aware of what is available to them through financial aid and scholarships.
- A mayoral forum that will feature both candidates on Nov. 3.
- Winter Quarter there will be a two credit lecture class open to all students, exploring how Montana's economy relates to the rest of the world.
- Energy awareness; how to become a more responsible energy consumer.

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Law faculty to hire investigator

By Dave Fenner
Kaimin Managing Editor

Although Missoula police consider last spring's break-in at the University of Montana Law School a dead issue, the law school faculty plans to hire an independent investigator to review the case.

Margery Brown, acting law school dean, said Thursday the investigator will be either a lawyer or a retired judge "from outside the school." When finished reviewing the case, the investigator will report only to the law school faculty, she said.

At that point, Brown said, the faculty will have the option of taking "administrative action," which could include a range of steps from tightening security in the law building to taking action against whoever burglarized the building.

Brown said the law school's decision to hire an independent investigator was in no way prompted by dissatisfaction with the police department's handling of the case. Insufficient evidence was found to file any criminal charges, she said.

Detective Bob Reid of the city police, who investigated the incident with UM campus security, said Wednesday, "All leads were followed up and no suspects were developed and no charges were filed." He refused to comment further on the case.

A burglar, evidently looking for law final examinations, broke into the building late on the night of May 20 or early morning May 21. No exams were taken, but a file in the faculty secretary's office, where the exams are kept until test time, was found open with exams strewn over the floor.

Final law examinations were given May 20 through June 1. Brown said the investigator will be hired soon, adding that she didn't yet know how much money the investigator will be paid. "That's a matter of negotiation," she said.

Garcia sentenced

Former University of Montana student, Dennis Garcia, received a six year deferred sentence this summer in Missoula district court for assaulting another UM student in 1984.

Garcia pleaded innocent earlier in the summer to an attempted deliberate homicide charge but through a plea bargain the charge was reduced to aggravated assault in exchange for a guilty plea.

According to the county attorney's office, Garcia returned to his home after drinking the night of May 20, 1984, and found Libby Miller, then a UM student. He then tried to strangle and smother the woman, whom he had dated earlier in the year, court records state.

Garcia must also pay Miller's family $3,519 in damages and donate $1,480 to the Missoula shelter for battered women.

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