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Parking hunt fuels driver frustration

Kimberly Benn
Kaimin Reporter

UM junior Mary O'Rourke said Campus Security sold her a hunting permit, not a parking decal.

"I leave 45 minutes before my class starts because I know the hunt for a space is on when I get to campus," O'Rourke said.

As of Tuesday, 3,901 regular parking decals were sold for some 2,990 spaces.

The university is doing a disservice to students by overselling the number of decals by more than 900, O'Rourke said.

"It's not fair that we pay \$69 to maybe have a chance at finding a space," she said.

O'Rourke said the daily search for a parking space has often made her late for class. "I think it's crazy how they oversell," she said.

But Anne Carter, Campus Security office supervisor, said the total may decrease because refunds are still available. And last year, the university only oversold by 300, she said.

"We feel that overselling by 300 is not that bad," said Carter.

Another parking change that has fueled frustration, O'Rourke said, is the conversion of 92 regular spaces into reserved spots. "It looks like this was another way for the university to make money," she said.

A reserved parking spot costs \$207 per year, compared with \$69 per year for a the right to hunt for a regular one.

ASUM President J.P. Betts said the added reserved spaces do not help ease UM's parking woes and may pose an financial burden on some students.

"I don't like it," Betts said. "I don't think it's fair or equitable."

Although Carter agreed that extra revenue will be generated, she said it will go back to UM.

New signs, snow removal in parking lots and free Mountain Line Bus service for faculty and students are some of the projects that campus security has to pay for, Carter said.

"Yeah, the reserved parking spaces do gain us revenue, but we need it," she said.

ASUM yanks support for Betts

Joe Paisley
Kaimin Reporter

ASUM President J.P. Betts was asked to resign his office by a 12-8 vote of the ASUM Senate Wednesday, after nearly two weeks of debate that began when Betts pleaded guilty to misdemeanor theft.

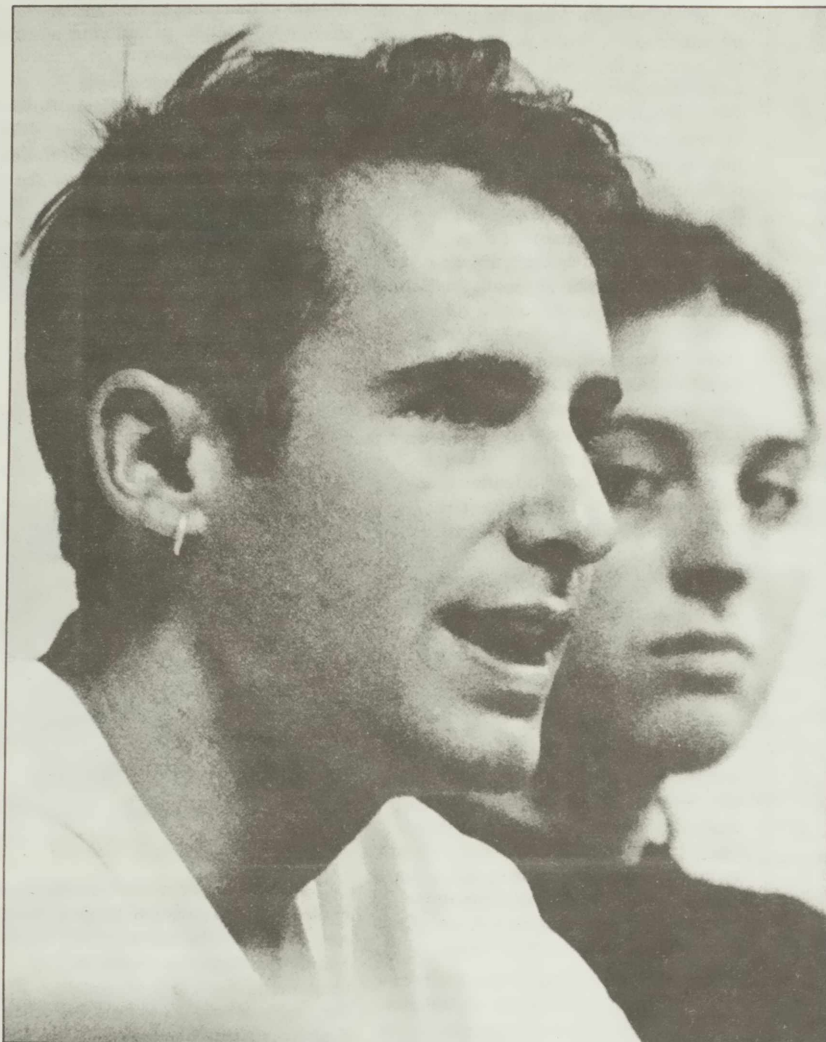
However, the decision does not force Betts to resign because he has not broken any ASUM bylaws. Betts abstained from voting on the resolution and said he would announce later whether he would resign.

"When I make my decision you will be the first to know, along with the senators," he said. "I do have a difficult decision to make."

Betts pleaded guilty Aug. 20 to stealing \$312 from his former employer, Worden's Market. Although felony theft is \$300 or more, Missoula County District Attorney Bob Zimmerman, who agreed to the reduced charge, said it is common practice to make a plea bargain for a first-time offender.

According to ASUM bylaws, an officer can be impeached if convicted of a felony, but not a misdemeanor.

Over 50 spectators looked on as Sen. Josh Arnold urged Betts to resign and "follow the wishes of the



A VOTE of "no confidence" was issued against J.P. Betts' presidency in Wednesday night's ASUM senate meeting. The ASUM constitution dictates that Jolane Flanigan is next in the chain of command.

Joe Weston
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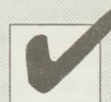
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ROLL CALL ON BETTS This is how the ASUM Senate voted Wednesday on a resolution asking President J.P. Betts to resign.

Josh Arnold - yes
Eldena Bear Don't Walk - yes
Donielle Boyle - yes
Mohammad Farooqui - yes
Shawn Fast - yes
Allison Grant - yes
Betty Gregory - yes

Evan Katzman - yes
Hillary Kuntz - yes
Jennifer Panasuk - yes
Alison Redenius - yes
Teresa Schlosser - yes
James Brown - no
Tim Crowe - no

Jody Hammond - no
Jon Lindsay - no
Michele Mather - no
Tana Rogers - no
Lewis YellowRobe - no
Ed Hoffman
(business manager) - no



The final tally was 12-8 in favor of resignation, with Betts abstaining.

UC eateries open registers to meal pass holders

Jeff Jones
Kaimin Reporter

UM Dining Services has spiced up its recipes and added locations to stir some excitement into its operation.

But for the first few days, customers spent more than just the price of food.

"People were waiting up to an hour from the time they ordered their food to the time they got to a table," said Mike Inman, who works at one of the cash registers in the Copper Commons, in the University Center.

Inman, a freshman forestry major and Miller Hall resident, said he was stuck in a line that reached all the way back to the entrance. "By the time some kids got to the register, their trays were empty," he said.

Director Mark LoParco knew it would take some time to train his huge

student labor force of more than 300.

"We're in a learning curve like everyone else," LoParco said, emphasizing he is still short of student help.

LoParco didn't count on a 15 percent increase in meal plans, or that the specialized registers to handle cash and student ID's hadn't come in yet for the UC dining areas.

Three of them are now up and running in the Copper Commons. Inman said they have made a big difference, even during lunch, the restaurant's busiest time.

"I'd say the wait is 20 minutes at the most now," said Inman.

LoParco wanted to offer more options this year for meal plan holders, and opened up the Copper Commons and Union Market to meal plan holders.

The campus community can now use

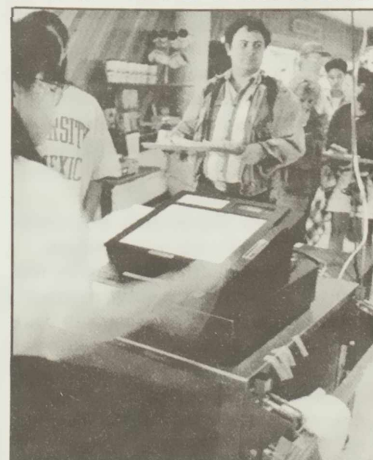
cash or meal plans to eat from 7 a.m. to at least 9:30 p.m. every day, except Saturdays, somewhere at a dining services outlet.

To better utilize the Lodge's Cascade Dining Room, which was open limited hours last spring, LoParco moved the Country Store upstairs and expanded its menu and hours.

LoParco also initiated a new voucher system, "Bear Bucks." Money is deposited and then used like a meal plan. Dining services will add an additional 10 percent on top of any additional purchase, so \$100 gets a purchaser \$110 in food.

Thad Wooden, computer science sophomore, bought two soft shell tacos and a medium soda for \$3 in the Copper Commons.

"This is a great deal," he said. "I'm tired of the Food Zoo already."



VIRGINIA CHOI, a junior in accounting, scans a meal pass on the new register in Copper Commons that accepts both cash and meal plan cards.

Shir Khim Go
Kaimin

opinion

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EDITORIAL Spiff up UM with a dollar

Although some students would walk a mile for a Camel, many won't go out of their way to dispose of their bottles, cans and papers in a UM-Recycle bin. UM needs more bins so that recycling doesn't become a hassle to people who would dispose of their recyclables if the bin location was more convenient.

This shouldn't be a chore. They should be placed outside each building in high-traffic areas.

The Mansfield Library is a good example. There are bright yellow cans conveniently located near the computers inside the library for computer paper. That's good. But anyone who wants to throw away cans or bottles needs to walk over to the UC.

Some may argue that students shouldn't be coddled. All right, but students are busy trying to get to class and find seats in overcrowded classrooms. Financial aid delays and increased fees have put enough burden on students' minds. And some won't go out of their way for any reason.

The solution is to buy more bins and hire more people to service them. Anna Marshall, who works for UM-Recycle, says that won't happen soon.

"Unless more money drops from the sky, no, we can't," she said.

Bins are located at the UC, the Science Complex, the Lodge parking lot, Aber and Turner halls, the Social Science building, Liberal Arts and McGill Hall. These bring in just 6 to 8 percent of all garbage that could be recycled, said Gerald "Frenchy" Michaud, assistant director of custodial grounds and labor.

But that's not all.

Office recycling, although a good effort, has a glitch. Offices in the Lodge building do not have a lot of extra space, and storing recyclables is not convenient, said Josh Hofman, custodial supervisor for the Lodge.

He says the one-day-a-week pick-up schedule is not enough. His staff could pick up three times a week, with eight major offices in the Lodge.

Again, they need more money to do this.

Last year, UM-Recycle raised \$10,400 from the 10-cent increase in soda machine prices and money they received from recycling.

But Michaud estimates that it will take an additional \$10,400 to buy eight more bins and hire someone to service them for the school year.

With more than 10,000 students currently enrolled at UM, that cost could easily be covered if each student contributed \$1.

Unlike the \$30 athletic fee, which only has an immediate impact on sports fans and athletes, this fee will help every student, faculty member and staff person in the long run by staving off the monstrous swelling of the country's landfills.

Fees should be redistributed so every student pays that \$1 fee. It's not the ultimate answer. And yes, people should be more conscientious. But if this happens, all will profit. If you would like to help UM-Recycle, call 243-5747. They welcome all suggestions to help keep UM clean and green.

—Francine Lange

Letters to the Editor

Let's focus on the crime

Editor:

I disagree with Adam Benton, with all due respect, that homosexuality is the heart of the Betts issue. The crime he committed is the issue at stake. What Shannon Cate did a few years ago has no bearing on what Betts did just recently. I believe there is a big difference between shoplifting and embezzlement. What Betts did is embezzle from a business that entrusted him with a job. He was elected because the students trusted him to be a role model and a representative. Now he broke the trust with the business and with the student body that elected him. He must pay the consequences of his actions. He must resign. I urge the student body to sign the petition for Betts' resignation. We need a leader that we can rely on to be trustworthy and to set a good example for the students.

—Niles Brush
freshman, microbiology

You won't get what's coming to you

Editor:

Let us consider, for a minute, this mandatory athletic fee imposed onto us over the summer by the Board of Regents, that we soundly defeated in the voting booths (Big Brother). At our roughest calculations, they are generating over twice as much money for themselves by pulling this stunt (dirty pool). Of course they don't mind.

The thing that should tick everyone of us off is the fact that all 10,500 students are now entitled to be present at the game, but the first 2000 to show up will receive tickets (first come-first serve). If we paid for the tickets, shouldn't we be allowed to use them (parking situation)? What would happen if all of us who paid for our service to see an athletic event were to exceed our 2000 ticket limit (make a point)? I feel as if I am now being forced to go to events, and so should you (get your tickets!).

As students we're tired of getting

shafted by the unwillingness of the university to cut within their own budget instead of continually cranking up student fees (politics at its best). We have the strength in numbers to change this policy, get off your ass and get your ticket (wimp).

Something to think about,

—Kevin Roberts
senior, anthropology/EVST

—Kevin Kenelty
graduate non-degree

P. S. Mueller



Betts is degrading ASUM

Editor:

I am astounded as well as saddened that J.P. Betts received support from any of the ASUM senators. Mr. Betts has demonstrated a severe lack of judgement if not lack of morality. If Mr. Betts continues to hold the office that he currently occupies it will degrade any future undertakings of the ASUM.

—Jeff Moncalieri
sophomore, anthropology

He's a nice guy, but...

Editor:

I am a junior transfer from Michigan and naturally have been following the Betts hoopla since my arrival on campus. I have never met

J.P. Betts, but I have heard that he is a very passionate, caring and charismatic individual. I am sure he is a wonderful man and the compliments hold true, otherwise he would not have been elected last spring. However, "great guy"

does not necessarily mean "great leader." In fact, Betts is not a leader. He is a thief. He lacks integrity and has poor judgement.

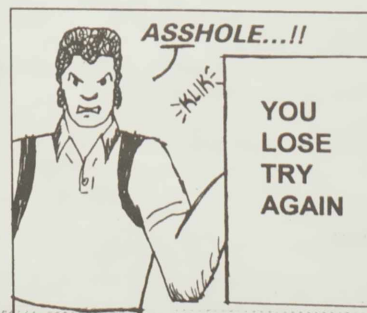
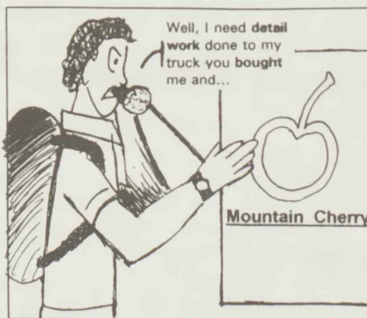
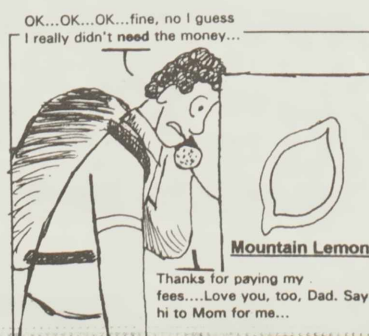
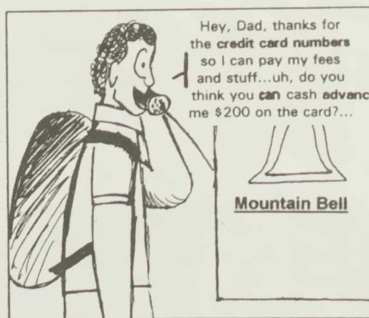
Tuesday, I was outside the UC listening to the comments made on the open microphone. Many people were supporting Betts. They gave excuses of the extreme pressure he was facing, that he was "sorry," and if he was able to keep his office that he would do a fantastic job because of his past mistakes. Well, doesn't it seem like he would be under pressure once again if he kept his office? I am sure an ASUM president has many responsibilities and stressful days, especially if the whole student body is waiting for him/her to make another mistake. J.P. has already proven once that he does not work well under pressure. Everyone that supports Betts is supporting his crime. We, as students of a growing university cannot condone crime, and by letting Betts retain his office that is exactly what we are saying to the community and to other universities. Our president is our voice and vision to the faculty, alumni and to organizations that support us. I definitely do not want J.P. Betts to represent me.

Allowing Betts to stay president would be a tragic decision. It will divide the students and the senate and give the impression that we at UM just don't give a damn. I am sure J.P. is wonderful, just like everyone says, but it is time to look past that and see that he is a thief. Sometimes it is enough to say you are sorry and be forgiven but when you represent the welfare of 11,000 students or more, sorry is not enough.

—Sarah Elizabeth Akhtar junior,
journalism/literature

A Private Corner of Hell

By Michael David Thomas



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UTU rallies for stronger stance

Patricia Snyder
Kaimin Reporter

Labor negotiators may be a little late for their 3 p.m. meeting today at Main Hall if rally organizers have their way. A University Teachers' Union rally is planned at the steps of Main Hall to express support for the faculty's

demands, said Jerry Furniss, UTU president and chief negotiator.

"The faculty are not interested in accepting the administration's present position or stance in negotiations," Furniss said. "We are determined to get their attention and to make them listen to what our needs are."

"What we're trying to say is, 'There's a price to be paid if you ignore us,'" he said.

Sue Hill, director of labor relations and personnel for the Montana University System, and UM's spokeswoman on the negotiations, said she wasn't aware of the rally.

"I don't find it particularly surprising or alarming," she said. "I don't expect that's going to change how we handle our aspect of the negotiations."

Hill refused to comment further, saying they had made an agreement with the union not to make public statements to the press.

Furniss said he hoped the rally would make the administration address UTU concerns, which include the development of a strategic plan, commitment to increased salaries, better library resources, and a review of the faculty-student ratio.

However, the UTU has proposed a four-year contract which would allow the university more financial flexibility, he said. "With a model like that, then I don't think the Natelson petition would have that much of an impact," he said.

He was also concerned about an apparent trend toward decreasing numbers of tenure-track teaching positions, he said.

"That sort of trend cannot continue," he said. "It's going to destroy the very foundation the university is built on."

Furniss said the UTU, which has been in negotiations since February, has not yet called for a vote authorizing a walk-out.

"We're not at that stage yet, but we are at a stage of discussing our options," he said. "That (a strike) is not beyond a possibility."

Rob Natelson's petition to suspend a \$72.7 million income tax increase for public vote will affect negotiations, Furniss said.

"It already has an impact on management negotiations in that they are not willing to come forth with a negotiation proposal," Furniss said. Lack of a proposal is supposedly due to financial uncertainty caused by the petition, he said.

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UTU president

BSU has big hopes for a better year

Patricia Snyder
Kaimin Reporter

About 30 people from a variety of races and backgrounds gathered Tuesday to discuss positive race relations and cultural diversity during the Black Student Union's first meeting this year.

President Samuel Thompson stressed the strength of the group's dissimilarity. The group, which included representatives from local civil rights organizations, private citizens and students, needs the input and participation of everyone, Thompson said.

Thompson said he hoped BSU would do bigger and better things this year, including expanding the celebrations of Black History Month and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

BSU is UM's primary medium for education about black culture and history on campus, he said.

"I think we're more of a vehicle now because there's not an African Studies program," he said. UM lost its African Studies program last year with the retirement of professor Ulysses Doss.

Thompson announced plans to begin a Mentor Program which would match BSU members to minority children in a companionship capacity. BSU is working closely with Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Missoula to develop the program, which should start soon, he said.

And the group has funding now since ASUM has officially recognized BSU this year as a student organization, Thompson said. They have brochures which will be provided to those interested in the group, he said. BSU is also planning to do a regular newsletter with help from community groups and the new black fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma.

BSU meets weekly at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the University Center. For information, call 549-6011.

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New director takes charge of media lab

Bradley Belles
for the Kaimin

For the first time in 25 years, UM's Instructional Media Services has a new director.

Karen Driessen, professor and media librarian of IMS, was named acting director Monday. Driessen will replace Devon Chandler who has held the position since 1967.

IMS is a library of audio and video materials located in the lobby of the Social Science building.

"With Devon gone, the people that are left will have to pick up the pieces," Driessen said. "Our hope is to provide the same service to students, faculty and staff even though we have fewer staff."

In addition to assuming the duties of director, Driessen will continue her job as media librarian, said Karen Hatcher, Mansfield Library dean and Driessen's supervisor.

Hatcher said she recommended Driessen for director because of her consistent service at IMS.

"After 21 years of service to IMS, I don't know of anybody more qualified for the job," Hatcher said. "She is really on top of what is going on."

Chandler's retirement and Driessen's new title are not the only changes at IMS.

Jerry Kline, director of photo services and computer graphics, will also be leaving the staff after 15 years. He will be moving to Virginia to be closer to family.

"I will be actively recruiting a new director for this position, but until then, we have a capable staff to take up the slack," Driessen said.



UM scholars receive laurels

Tomoko Otake
Kaimin Reporter

Thirty-four UM students received Erasmus Scholarships for the 1993-1994 academic year, Joyce Brusin of the philosophy department announced recently.

The awards, which vary from \$500 to \$4,000, are given to full-time students majoring in English, envi-

ronmental studies, foreign languages and literature, history, law, philosophy or political science. Among the recipients for this year are:

Christine Killgore-Lannan (pre-law and political science), Carrie L. Garber (law school), Kurt Menning (graduate, environmental studies), Diana Rodeghiero (law school), Jon Adams (graduate, English literature).

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Barbershop music originated with African Americans in the 19th century. They developed it because they were not allowed into concert halls and theaters. Barbershop vocal harmony later became popular with white society and some mistakenly assume it came from barbershops of white men.

The cutting edge of history

Missoula's oldest basement barber shop caters to old timers and youngsters

Jeff Jones
Kaimin Reporter

A spiraling red and white barber pole marks the narrow stairwell leading down to the basement entrance of the Post Office Barber Shop.

Owner Ron Stone makes up for what he can't see on the busy Missoula intersection of Broadway and Pattee by listening and talking with customers.

A few former ranchers and wilderness guides in their late 70s have recounted tales of how as youngsters they cried through their first trim.

"Sometimes I don't know if I'm hearing from someone crazier than a loon," Stone said. "But at least a half dozen say they remember getting their first haircuts here."

Based on customer accounts, that makes the barber shop more than 80 years old.

Stone asked Missoula Historic Preservation Officer Allan Mathews to trace the barber shop's opening. So far, Mathews has found out the business was first listed in the city directory in 1928. He said there is a chance it could go back further, but hasn't had time to fully research the date.

The Post Office Barber Shop is the last barber shop below ground level in Missoula, Stone said. Basement barber shops began in the Old West to maintain a cool, comfortable environment for patrons.

In those days, red barber poles were draped with clean white bandages as an advertisement that barbers doubled as doctors, Stone said. A dab of blue was added later to symbolize a patient's blue veins.

"Today's surgeons are barbers' rich relatives," Stone said. "We stayed poor."

Over the years, business has been brisk, partly because of his downtown location across the street from the Hellgate



CUSTOMERS CAN still get a \$7 haircut at the Post Office Barbershop, the oldest basement barber shop in Missoula. But 8-year-old Gabby gets his for free because owner Ron Stone is his father.

Jeff Jones
Kaimin

post office. Workers often dash over for a haircut during their lunch hour, he said.

Stone looks forward to the summer months when he does a good business with tourists and their children.

"I was so busy this summer, I had them lined up 10 deep," Stone said. "It's great, though. I hear accents from all over the world."

Stone is pleased about his long-term lease in the Tremper Building, built between 1902 and 1912. He doesn't foresee having to move like some other businesses have had to over the years.

Both The Oxford bar and restaurant, and Worden's Market, considered by many Missoulians to be two of the city's oldest establishments,

have changed locations.

When he bought the barber shop five years ago, Stone decided to expand. The idea made sense, since the building was undergoing a facelift at the time.

He tore down a wall in one corner and discovered another room. He came across some tools and equipment from an electric razor repair business.

"The inside was painted green and had some kind of smoke all over it," Stone said. "We scraped the gunk off the walls and kept going."

Before long he was covered in black soot from old coal trains that used to pass through town near the barber shop.

"There was so much soot and dust we had to let it settle

before we could go back to work," Stone said. "We also found old slabs of marble."

After becoming a licensed barber in 1966, he made money in the army by giving haircuts to enlisted men in the barracks in Korea.

Now, customers are voluntarily getting military-style cuts, he said.

One new recruit, Grizzly offensive left guard Jeff Zellik, decided to get a haircut before Saturday's opening football game.

"A couple of players on the team told me about this place," Zellik said.

He said he thought about getting a flattop but opted for a short trim instead.

"It's great that flattops and crewcuts are back in," Stone

said. "Through the years, the ranchers have always needed a place where they could get a traditional haircut for a good price."

Stone charges \$7 for a haircut and \$7 for a shave with a straight-edged razor and hot towels.

He said families are also a big part of his business. Stone likes working with children, even though they can be fussy at times.

His wife Nancy helps out, making sure everyone gets a treat.

"We have lollipops in the drawers for all the kids, not only the first-timers," Nancy said.

She also fills out a certificate to commemorate all first-time haircuts.

Outfitter has encounter of the antlered kind

A small river in southwestern Montana lays claim to some of the best fly fishing in the state. However, a new resident is threatening to steal the spotlight from the river's big brown trout. Bubba's love of the camera would pale that of any fashion model.

I first encountered Bubba in July while enjoying a successful day guiding for a New York attorney. After releasing a 20-inch fish for my client, I could picture him unfolding the bills from his wallet for my juicy tip. I'd already satisfied his highest hopes and all I needed to do was sit back and play his big fish like a cheap violin as we finished up the rest of our float.

We stopped one last time at a spot I

Guest column
by
Shaun A. Jeszenka

call the 'live well,' due to its multitude of easily-caught fish, just to leave no doubt in this fisherman's mind that he should definitely reward his trusty guide. No more than a few minutes later, a young two-point mule deer buck emerged from the brush on the far side of the river. It waded towards us. Sensing a definite Kodak moment I asked my client to grab his camera.

We got pictures of me kissing

Bubba, Bubba kissing the client and me giving Bubba a noogie. The grand finale consisted of a series of photos picturing the client, an 18-inch brown trout and Bubba grinning for the camera.

I continue to see Bubba once every week or so. We now have a friendly working relationship. Bubba smiles for the camera and I bring him something to eat. Sometimes Bubba doesn't show up and I have to rely on the fish for entertainment. Other times he makes a grand appearance when I'm having a tough time putting my clients onto fish and saves the day.

The start of archery season has me fearing for his life. I have nightmares of Bubba sidling over to someone for a little three-bean salad and ending up

as someone's tender venison steak.

Some might think that I turned this beautiful creature into a junky that hangs out by the river waiting for boats to come along so he can perform a few tricks in exchange for a little trail mix. That I don't know, but fellow guides tell me that they have had similar experiences with a young deer and are worried about his safety.

Word has it that a few sympathetic fly fishing guides might just make a midnight run down the river to spirit away a young deer and move him to a safe home.

—Shaun Jeszenka is a junior in journalism and is currently guiding fly fishermen in southwestern Montana. He will be forced to leave the river and enroll spring semester.

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Lady Griz spike Bulldogs

Kevin Crough
Kaimin Sports Editor

After dropping two in a row against Gonzaga last season, the UM Lady Griz downed the Bulldogs in three straight games Wednesday night in their home opener at Dahlberg Arena.

UM used keen hitting to win all three games, 15-11, 15-7, and 15-9, starting the season 1-0, and improving on their overall dominance of Gonzaga 16-5.

"We're happy about our hitting and overall play," said UM head coach Dick Scott. "I was really pleased with their (Lady Griz) level of competition and they went at this game with a vengeance."

The Lady Griz hit an astounding .281 (37 kills, 12 errors, 89 attempts) compared to Gonzaga's .045 (31-26-110).

"A .281 hitting percentage will make us a tough team," said Scott, "but we could have blocked a little better, even though we did outblock them (13-5)."

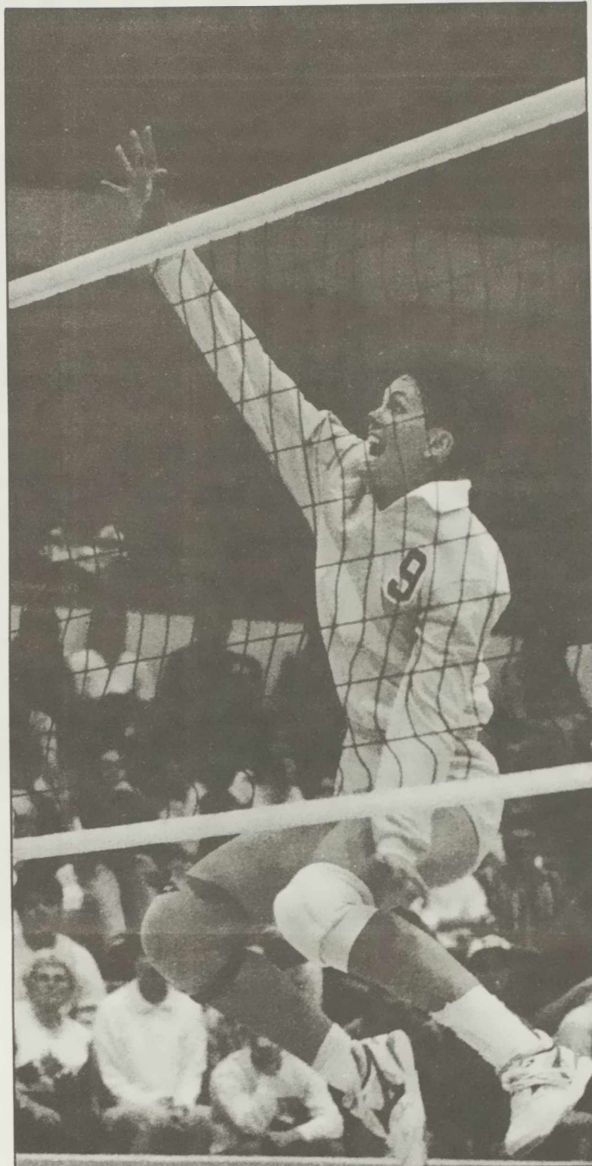
Scott pointed out sophomore Inga Swanson's 7-0-13 attacking performance, good for a .539 percentage.

Junior Karen Goff led the ladies with 10 kills, followed by senior Jennifer Moran with eight.

Jennifer Locken led Gonzaga's kill tally at nine and setter Tracy McKinney had six.

UM junior, setter Linde Eidenberg, won the battle of the setters with 28 set assists, three better than McKinney's 25.

Eidenberg also led UM in digs, with 13, while Hiromi Oguchi appeared in one game, stealing fan approval with 2 diving digs.



UM SENIOR Jennifer Moran (9) goes up and over in the first of a three-game sweep against Gonzaga Wednesday night at Dahlberg Arena.

Dave Stern
for the Kaimin

"I think this team has matured more than last year in that they want to be coached and they really want to win," said Scott.

The Lady Griz now will board the bus to Bozeman on

Friday to compete in the Sandwear/Fairfield Inn Volleyball Tournament over the weekend, facing Utah State and Portland on Friday, and New Mexico State and Utah on Saturday.

Bidding wars take the joy out of baseball

Corey Taule
Kaimin Reporter

It should be a happy time of year. The pennant races are winding down and the World Series is approaching, but for many baseball fans, happiness lies only in the memories of what the game once meant.

Baseball meant Ted Williams, Willie Mays, and more recently Pete Rose. Men played the game with a boyish exuberance which was a delight to watch. Now the players carry portfolios and play for the highest bidder. In recent years, baseball has become about money, and as we progress into the 1990s this is becoming more and more readily apparent.

One glance at this year's standings are proof of this. Philadelphia, Toronto, San Francisco, Atlanta, the New York Yankees, and Chicago White Sox are all at or near the top in the four divisions, and they are all among the wealthier franchises in the league.

Therefore, to attain success, Toronto can afford to sign a Paul Molitor away from the financially stricken Milwaukee Brewers, the Giants can absorb Barry Bonds' \$43.75 million contract and the Yankees can rent Lee Smith for the rest of the season.

The owners have no one but themselves to blame for the mess they are in. They had a strong commissioner in Fay Vincent, but they fired him and replaced him with acting commissioner Bud Selig, the current owner of the Milwaukee Brewers. The owners must decide on a rev-

enue-sharing agreement and put a cap on player salaries, or eventually the smaller market clubs will cease to be competitive.

These smaller market clubs simply do not have the means to compete financially on the free agent market, or in some cases to keep their own players.

The Pirates, in recent years have lost stars Bobby Bonilla (Mets) Barry Bonds (Giants) and Doug Drabek (Astros), and the fire sale in San Diego cost the Padres Gary Sheffield (Marlins), Tony Fernandez (Blue Jays), and Fred McGriff (Braves).

To ask the players to not accept the millions of dollars being thrown their way is ridiculous.

The owners must elect an impartial commissioner and come up with a revenue sharing plan fair to everyone. If they continue to sit on their hands, and the current trend continues, then baseball's great showcase, the World Series, will continue to evolve into an elitist battle of who can buy the best players.

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Bennish, Conway expected to boost Lady Griz

Kevin Crough
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One's an ambidextrous middle blocker from California and the other is a southpaw out of Billings.

They were both born on the 27th in 1975, one in December and one in August.

They are both freshmen, but one is redshirt-ing and the other is going to play as a true freshman.

They are the Lady Griz' only two incoming freshmen, Dana Bennish and Stacy Conway.

Bennish was a three-sport athlete at Montclair Prep High School in Tarzana, Calif. She started volleyball only a few years ago as a hobby, competing for a club team in California and ended up being recruited by such teams as Duke, Georgia Tech and the University of Idaho before choosing to play for UM.

"I really love the team, they are all great people," Bennish said, in regards to why she chose UM. "The area is so beautiful and being in a smaller town will help me stay focused on what's important, like school and volleyball."

"Dana is a very good athlete and she'll be a very good player for us down the road," said

UM head coach Dick Scott. "She's an instinctive blocker and is a gamer. She will make mistakes in practice, but when it comes time for a game, she does very well."

Conway came to UM via the Billings West Bears, where she saw success in basketball, volleyball and track. She was her school's MVP for basketball and volleyball three times, before injuring her knee in the state volleyball championships in March, 1993.

"Even though we haven't seen her in competitive form here, I know how good she is because I've been watching her since she was a freshman (in high school)," said Scott.

Scott said both Bennish and Conway are hard workers and good students, and he plans on them being an integral part of the team for years to come.

Already Bennish has set high goals for herself and her team, which usually comes naturally for women starting out in the rich tradition of Lady Griz athletics.

So look for Bennish on the floor this year, then Conway to join her next year, because they both hope to succeed and win as only Coach Scott would want them to.

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UM professor aims to kill income tax increase

Kimberly Benn
Kaimin Reporter

UM law professor and tax-reform crusader Rob Natelson insists he is not a revolutionary.

"The biggest misconception is that I'm some kind of tax rebel," Natelson said. "I'm simply focusing attention on a problem to the system."

Natelson and his group, Montanans for Better Government, are spearheading a petition drive aimed at suspending a \$72.7 million income tax increase.

If they are successful, the current state income tax increase would be suspended until a November 1994 referendum. A special legislative session would then be needed to re-balance the budget.

Natelson said his movement is not a rebellion against taxes, but a "revolt" against increasing them.

"People have to recognize that high taxes percolate through the neighborhood like poison," he said.

Natelson believes that the state should encourage competition as an alternative to increasing taxes. Competition leads to increased productivity and forces the government to give more services for fewer tax dollars, he said.

Natelson also said there should be more competition in the university system. Students should get their loans directly from banks, he said, rather than through the university. Then students could choose what institution to give their loan money to.

Because institutions would be compet-

ing for student dollars, Natelson believes tuition prices would be more realistically set.

"The board of regents has to go out of the business of setting tuition prices," he said.

The current university system also has a monopoly on certain services, Natelson said, and students ultimately pay the price.



Natelson

For example, Natelson said he is forced to use university graphic facilities, which he says are costly and of questionable quality. He said if he was allowed to use off-campus services, it would be cheaper for students and of better quality.

This type of competition, he argues, would drive prices down and quality up.

"What a waste to students to pay high prices for something that's low quality," he said.

Natelson said the university's physical plant is another campus monopoly. He said his office in the law building is in dire need of a paint job, but he has to go without because the physical plant charges too much.

"They have an absolute monopoly and charge through the nose," he said.

By getting outside bids, university facilities would be forced to provide a better service at a lower rate, Natelson said.

However, he is not in favor of totally privatizing Montana's university system. Tax dollars should still support higher education in Montana, Natelson said.

Although his no-tax-increase proposal has received state-wide attention, Natelson is not without his detractors. Fourteen UM law school faculty members co-signed a letter to the Missoulian calling his plan "seductive and self-serving."

In the letter, Natelson's co-workers argue that the only way to deal with the state's deficit is to increase income taxes. "In this crisis, the people of Montana don't have the luxury of relying on our colleague's simplistic solutions," they wrote in the letter. "We disagree with his no-tax approach."

Although Natelson admits he was "shocked and disappointed" by the letter, he said it will not affect his teaching.

"I keep my politics out of the classroom," Natelson said.

Ray Lanfear, a professor of philosophy and member of the budget and planning committee, said that Natelson has every right to voice his political stance, but he said the university could face as much as \$6 million in cuts if the petition drive is successful.

"And you can bet that's going to hurt the university," Lanfear said.

Al Sillars, the current Faculty Senate president, agrees that Natelson's proposals will take state money away from UM.

"Trying to find savings by being more efficient is going to be a futile effort," Sillars said.

Still, Natelson says he is optimistic.

Natelson and his group have until Sept. 24 to turn in enough signatures to suspend the income tax increase. As of Tuesday, 16,536 signatures were turned into the secretary of state, which is about 80 percent of the petition's goal.

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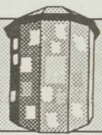
Family: wife, Betty; three children, Rebecca, Deborah and Sarah

Writings: Natelson has written three books. The most recent is "Modern Law of Deeds," which was published in 1992.

Education: He attended Lafayette College in Easton, PA, where he earned a degree in history in 1970. Natelson graduated from Cornell University Law School in 1973.

Home town: He was raised in Stony Plain, N.Y.

Natelson began teaching law at UM in May of 1987.



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ASUM: Betts quiet on future

senate and the student body." am his most ardent opponent," she said.

"They do not want you as president," Arnold said.

After the vote was taken, some of the eight senators who supported Betts also asked for his resignation.

Sen. Jon Lindsay, who supported Betts in the vote, urged Betts to step down once the result was read.

"I agree he should resign because that is the will of the senate," Lindsay said. "I still feel he is the best man for the job."

Lindsay said he disliked that the vote was decided before most senators could voice an opinion at the meeting. Sen. Alison Redenius had called for an immediate vote, foregoing senate discussion, and the senate accepted the proposal.

"I respect the decision to get it over with quickly but we were in a little bit of a hurry," Lindsay said.

One surprise "yes" vote came from Sen. Eldena Bear Don't Walk, who supported Betts at the first senate meeting. Bear Don't Walk said student opinion swayed her vote.

"The more people I talked to, the more people distrusted what we were doing if we supported J.P. (Betts)," she said. Most of the more than 40 people who spoke in an ASUM open forum on the topic Tuesday called for Betts' resignation. And, according to Betts, a petition drive by Sen. Josh Arnold had garnered 500 signatures so far.

Sen. Betty Gregory said the responsibility of voting for her constituents instead of her own beliefs made her vote against Betts after initially supporting him.

"I wish I could vote twice," she said. "It is very hard to go against what you know in your heart is right."

Vice president Jolane Flanigan said she would have voted against the resolution if she had been allowed to vote.

Flanigan is in direct succession to replace Betts if he resigns, according to ASUM bylaws. Business Manager Ed Hoffman would replace Flanigan, while a senator would replace him.

Sen. Mohammad Farooqui said Betts must resign.

"He cannot work with a senate that does not believe in him anymore," Farooqui said. "There is no point in him sticking it out."

Redenius, like most senators, said the decision to vote "no confidence" in Betts was a hard one. "I used to be his most ardent supporter; now I

"When I make my decision you will be the first to know, along with the senators."

—J.P. Betts, ASUM President

handshakes and secret meetings," he said. "I hope whether I go or stay, in the future I hope we will behave with a little more respect for our offices."

Betts chastised the senate for having private meetings to rally both support and opposition to him.

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