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The University of Montana Montana Kaimin

Our 99th year, Issue 43

Kaimin is a Salish word for messages

Tuesday, November 19, 1996

Refund details still in question

Kortny Rolston
Kaimin Reporter

Although UM students can refuse to support a belief-based group's activities, the ASUM Senate hasn't decided which organizations or specific activities will be affected.

Business Manager Jeff Merrick said he must still meet with Bruce Barrett, ASUM's legal adviser, to decide which of the 150 recognized campus clubs will be lumped into the religious, political or ideological categories mapped out by the refund policy.

"There's some obvious political and ideological groups," Merrick said. "There are other groups that have some question if they're shoving political, religious or political beliefs on students."

Under the new policy, students have to fund belief-based clubs but not their activities.

Business Manager Jeff Merrick said about seven students have contacted him about a refund from the \$28-per-semester activity fee, but so far no returns have been granted.

He said four were turned down because they objected to a group rather than an activity, and he still has to meet with the other three.

Merrick refused to pinpoint which groups were political, ideological or religious but outlined some activities that could come under fire.

Examples include a speaker promoting a specific belief or newsletters advocating a political position.

He said the business manager will have to do a case-by-case evaluation of each refund request and will make the final decision on each claim.

So far there are no rules guiding a business manager's decisions.

Every time a student objects to a group's activity he must submit an individual request for a refund.

Merrick said a refund would be about 3 to 7 cents and will be credited to a student's university account.

The refund policy came about because of two recent court cases. One, a U.S.

Supreme Court case, says that student governments have to fund religious organizations and the other, a California Supreme Court case, mandates that students aren't compelled to fund political, ideological or religious activities.

Merrick said he expects to have details worked out within the next few weeks.



JUNIOR GEOLOGY major Todd Harper adds a tooth to a rotund snowman that he, Joe Lesca and Shane Braun constructed Monday afternoon during Missoula's first real snowfall.

Terry Stella/Kaimin

Empty bellies, empty promises

▼ Professor says welfare reform will increase hunger and probably put more people on public assistance

Jennifer Brown
Kaimin Reporter

Each night many Montana children go to bed hungry and don't eat an adequate breakfast the next morning. At least one specialist says the situation will worsen due

to recent welfare reform.

"I'm worried welfare reform is based on the wrong assumptions," said Paul Miller, president of the Montana Hunger Coalition and UM sociology professor. "I don't think it's going to get people off public assistance. In fact, the number will probably increase."

The welfare reform bill President Bill Clinton signed in August reduces food stamp benefits and limits people receiving federal aid to two consecutive years or five years throughout their lifetimes. The bill's aim is to get people off public assistance and into the work force.

Miller and other researchers say the average hourly wage of Montanans will decrease when an influx of people enter the work force and compete for low-wage jobs. The average wage is expected to drop 51 cents from \$4.97, which already puts a family of two below the poverty line.

More likely though, the new workers will displace others, and the wage won't sink to such a low level, Miller said. Workers in the low-wage pool won't be making enough to adequately feed their families, he said.

"Our economy is restructuring itself, and a lot more low-wage jobs are being created in Montana," Miller said. "Montana has the highest rate of poverty in the Northwest, which directly affects hunger."

Aside from creating higher-paying jobs, providing affordable housing would

help combat Montana's hunger problem, he said. According to federal estimates, a household should spend 30 percent of their income on housing. Montanans spend about 60 percent.

"Our distribution of wealth is unbalanced," he said. "What I really should be learning is how to change the economy and lower housing costs."

Miller said the welfare reform bill, which is titled "The Personal Responsibility and Employment Opportunity Act," is an outgrowth of an American attitude that blames poverty victims. Even the title of the act implies those living in poverty are responsible for their situations, he said.

"I think by not adequately presenting problems with the economy and affordable housing we have really allowed the public to focus on the behaviors of poor people," he said.

Miller said Families Achieving Independence in Montana, a state project intended to get people off welfare, assumes that people enjoy receiving public assistance and don't want to work for a living.

"Out of all the families I've studied, which is about 30,000, the overwhelming majority really dislike being on public assistance," he said.

Miller will speak at a Hunger Banquet from 5:30 to 6:30 Thursday night in the Cascade Country Store as part of Hunger Awareness Week.

Hunger Awareness Week Events on Campus

- A bell tower in the University Center will sound every 23 seconds, symbolizing how frequently 10 children die of hunger in the world.
- Bead and hemp necklaces are being sold in the UC for \$5 to commemorate Hunger Awareness Week.
- The Greek system and residence halls will participate in penny wars to raise money for the hungry. Representing worldwide statistics, 15 percent of the attendants will be served a full meal, including wine; 25 percent will get rice and weak soup; the rest will eat rice and water. The banquet is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Cascade Country Store. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 at a table in the UC or during lunch and dinner at the Treasure State Dining Room Tuesday and Wednesday.
- A candlelight procession and a non-denominational service will be held at the University Congregational church following the Hunger Banquet.
- Food items for local organizations will be collected during the Grizzly/Bobcat football game Saturday.

—Jennifer Brown



Terry Stella/Kaimin

UNITED METHODIST campus chaplain Bob Varher tries Monday morning to work the kinks out of the tubing of a contraption in the UC Atrium designed to illustrate the rate at which children worldwide die of hunger. A timer on the two-story device is supposed to release a bead into the tubing every 23 seconds, symbolizing another 10 children dead for each bead.

Opinion

Trees won't spout diversity at UM

Diversity is a hell of a thing. As if declaring Missoula a Hate Free Zone wasn't enough, now the university has come and planted a tree in honor of the different people and cultures of the world.

The project of installing the tree and setting it up with all the comforts a real forest lacks will total right around \$3,700. The tree itself topped out at \$300, and it will soon be pampered with a sprinkler system, a fence, a plaque and maybe even some concrete benches.

Kaimin editorial

The tree, says a representative of UM's Diversity Advisory Council, represents everyone, regardless of race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, etc.

The tree is a nice idea, in a way. But unfortunately, it just doesn't cut it.

Spending \$3,700 on a tree in the middle of campus is not going to promote a greater sense of unity and respect at UM.

Symbols are an important part of any culture, and symbols can do a lot for mending and building bridges. But this white fir with its fancy sprinkler system and its park benches isn't one of those symbols. It's simply an overpriced Christmas tree, and a bike-riding hazard at that.

The time for symbols is long gone at UM and throughout America.

Frankly, it's insulting to assume that erecting a statue, planting a tree or carving a plaque will magically heal people of their hatred or bigotry. Symbols don't make people feel more accepted. Symbols don't make people more tolerant, and they don't do much for plain old ignorance either.

Who is this tree supposed to appease? Or is it simply another attempt to invent diversity at UM, similar to traveling up foreign and Native American students in cultural costumes and taking their picture in front of Main Hall?

Perhaps that \$3,700 would have been better spent bringing speakers to UM to present cultural competency workshops for faculty and staff. Perhaps instead of condom bingo in the dorms on weekends, cultural awareness activities could be planned instead.

The diversity tree isn't going to change anyone's attitude about tolerance or diversity. Symbols like this are just tokens, false gifts that promise a better world or some ideal of a multicultural experience.

The bottom line is, there's no faking it if you don't feel it. Planting a tree just isn't going to do it. It may be a nice trophy for the Diversity Advisory Council, a visible effort at something or other, but "celebrating and promoting diversity" is nearly as intangible as tolerance and intolerance, and somehow that tree just doesn't seem to get it quite right.

Molly Wood

Letters to the Editor

Natural Law Party advocates hemp, not marijuana

Editor,
One of the fascinating and frustrating aspects of launching a new political party has been interacting with the news media. On Friday, Nov. 8, the Kaimin provided another example.

Contacted last week by a reporter who said she understood that the Natural Law Party advocated the legalization of marijuana for medicinal purposes, I clearly said, "That's not correct." I went on to point out that, as a NLP candidate for the state Legislature, I personally supported the growing of industrial hemp but did not advocate legalizing marijuana, nor did anyone connected with the NLP. State Senate candidate Linda Lightfoot told the reporter the same thing. We carefully explained the difference between industrial hemp, which can be used to manufacture paper, lumber and clothing, and marijuana—which is smoked for various purposes. In fact, the NLP platform clearly opposes any form of drug dependency. So, nowhere, at no time, did anyone connected with the NLP support legalizing marijuana.

We were astonished, then, to read the following in Jennifer McKee's article: "Politically, legalization earned new efficacy this year, thanks to the Natural Law Party, a political third party which flourished at Tuesday's polls, but touted legalizing pot as a political mainstay."

We dispute not only the legalization error but the notion that the party "floundered." Our candidate for secretary of state received 16 percent of the votes cast (about 58,000), automatically guaranteeing the NLP ballot status in the next election, which was one of our goals.

Electing candidates would have been a bonus; our purpose was to introduce new perspectives into the political process and educate voters. This effort was continually hampered by news media misunderstanding of our positions and an obsession with elements such as meditation—a practice which would obviate the desire to get high on any substance.

Perhaps Jennifer has the NLP confused with the Libertarian party, which does advocate legalizing all psychoactive drugs.

Michael Sullivan

People should work with nature's 'machine'

Editor:
In response to a previous letter concerning the direction of the environmental movement, I noticed a number of keywords that typify the misdirection of factions of this movement.

The first word is "preserve." Hmm, lets go to a piece of old growth, put a fence around it and pat ourselves on the back. Yes, this piece of forest may be preserved for our lifetime but this says nothing of the processes that should be operating within this forest and between it and the landscape. The environment is not a static entity but a larger organism that depends on change to drive the very processes that sustain it.

Preserving is nothing more than trying to attach human values to ecological processes.

So as one flyer said on campus, humans should shoot themselves to save the earth. Let's get caught up on current events here. The ecosystems you see around you here have only been here a few thousand years. Humans have also been here, a part of ecosystems, for a few thousand years. So let's

take an organism, one that influences ecosystems so greatly, and remove it from the system. This seems to go against what environmentalists preach. Humans are not apart from nature, we are a part of nature. Unless something comes along to remove us from the scene, any management of the environment should have humans figured in. Drawing dividing lines where you say here is the human world, and here is nature's world will no longer work with exponential population growth. The processes that define ecosystems should be interwoven with the delineated world of humans whether by corridors, conduits, or habitat reserves. Just as the term "natural" is ambiguous, so should be human's dividing line between nature.

So the author of the previous letter indicated that if we all loved one another, then the world would be saved. Hmm, there seems to be a great flaw in that logic. The number one difficulty concerning the management of any environmental process is the growth of the human population. Seems to be if everyone hated each other then procreation would stop and the world would be saved.

In conclusion, the environmental movement should take on a logical common sense approach. Humans do alter the environment as we know it. Humans are not going to go away. The environment should be seen as a function machine not as a picture. So by working to understand and work with nature's "machine" incorporating humans at every step, then maybe the world might be saved.

Chris Woodall graduate, forestry

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LOOK FOR EYE IN TODAY'S KAIMIN

Kittredge to retire from powder, paperwork

Gretchen Schwartz
Kaimin Reporter

Creative writing professor and celebrated Montana author William Kittredge will retire from the UM English Department in the spring.

Kittredge defined UM's creative writing program in many ways, especially in the last few years, said Kate Gadow, UM

director of creative writing.

The prolific author of books such as "Who Owns the West," "Hole in the Sky" and "Owning It All," and editor of "The Last Best Place," has taught at UM since 1969.

Kittredge, 64, said he is tired of Montana winters and the administrative paperwork necessary in a university job.

"Administrative paperwork

"Administrative paperwork stuff of a university drives me nuts."

—William Kittredge
UM professor and author

stuff of a university drives me nuts," he said. "It gets very boring, and I'm not very good at it."

Kittredge said he tends to "flatten out" in the winter months and will probably spend winters in "a place where it snows only in theory."

"He's really a fantastic teacher," Gadow said. "He's very generous with students,

even to the point of helping students place promising fiction work into the hands of the right editors."

Three applicants are being considered to fill Kittredge's position. All three have published books, won awards and taught fiction. Authors Christopher Tilghman, George Saunders and Robert Olmstead will come to Missoula for interviews within the next month.

Tilghman, one of the final applicants, currently teaches at Emerson College in Massachusetts. As part of his interview, Tilghman will read his fiction on Monday, Nov. 25, in the Gallagher Business Building. The applicants will also participate in fiction workshops with creative writing students.

The faculty will vote on the candidates after consulting with the students, said Bruce Bigley, chair of the English department.

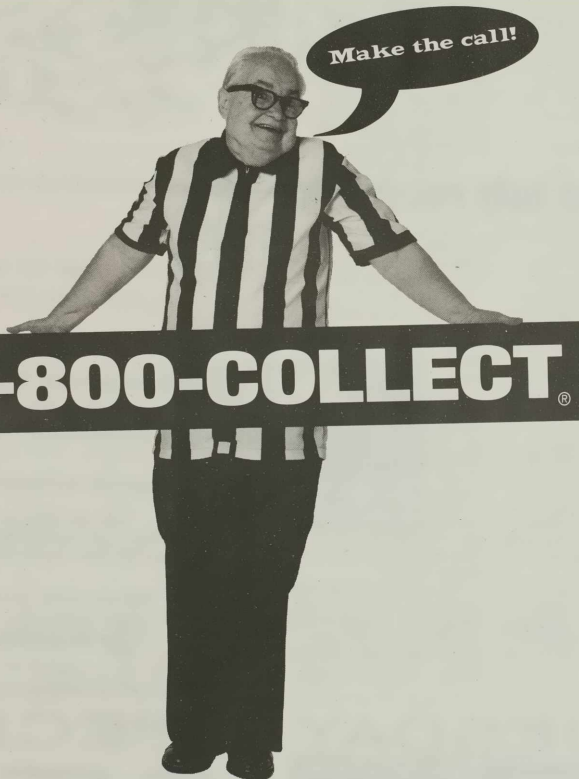
"It's hard to get this job," said Kittredge, who began teaching at UM fresh out of graduate school in Iowa City. "I wouldn't even be qualified to apply right now."

Tilghman, author of "Mason's Retreat," and "In a Father's Place: Stories," said Monday that he has long admired the UM writing program, calling it a jewel in the Rockies.

"One applies for that sort of thing humbly," he said.

Kittredge called all three of the applicants "terrific."

The English department hopes to make a decision by the end of the semester, Gadow said.



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UM staff gets wild with wild game night

Karen Chávez
Kaimin Reporter

UM staff are getting ready for a wild night of tantalizing treats.

On Thursday, Dec. 5, the UM Wellness Center, in conjunction with UM Dining Services and St. Patrick Hospital, will hold the fourth annual "Getting Wild with Wild Game" night in the UC Ballroom.

About 300 people are expected to attend the combination culinary exhibition and sample tasting of many wild game entrees, said Katie Van Dorn of the UM Wellness Program. Over the past few weeks, UM employees and other local hunters have been donating area wild game in exchange for a ticket to the festivities and cooking and carving show.

The wild game night is held every year for staff of the university and the hospital, who participate in the Wellness Program.

Ken Arledge, Dining Services food service manager, said the meat donated so far this year includes deer, snow geese, sharp-tail grouse, ducks, pheasants, trout, black

bear, a mountain lion and even a big horn sheep. He said there is a wide variety of recipes for these out-of-the-ordinary animals. For example, the sheep can be prepared into "Spicy Big Horn Sheep Sausage with Cilantro," for a special dinner.

Arledge said he hopes to still get some elk, moose and salmon to round out the menu.

"Many people don't realize the many possibilities of preparing wild game and how good it tastes."

—Ken Arledge
Dining Services
food service manager

Someone also donated an emu, Arledge said. The large, ostrich-like bird is not wild game, but Arledge said the chefs will find a use for it.

The wild game night started as a way to incorporate healthy eating and fun, said Adrienne Corti, Wellness Program specialist.

"We knew a lot of our

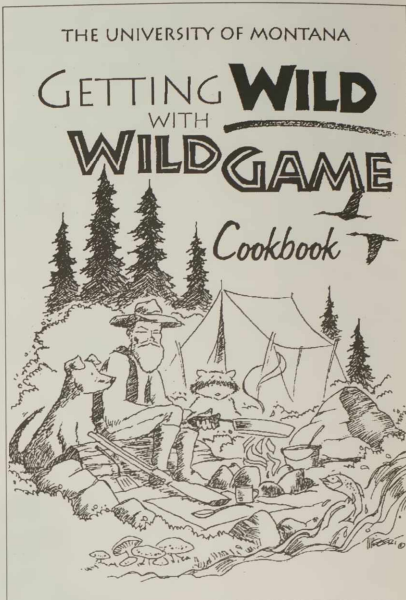
employees hunted and started coming up with different healthy alternatives to red meat," she said.

The wildly popular wild night has been growing steadily every year, Corti said, and employees can sample such treats as "Free Range Bison and Hominy Chili" and "Tex-Mex Chorizo Bear Sausage."

There are only a few tickets left for this year, which faculty and staff can get by calling the Wellness Center. The festivities will include demonstrations by Dining Services chefs, a tasting of the prepared dishes, healthy tips from nutritionists and the sale of the wild game cookbook, which features all recipes gathered from previous wild game nights.

The purpose of the "Getting Wild with Wild Game" event is to prepare healthy meals, Arledge said. "Red meats like venison and moose are among the leanest meats you can find." He also said that most wild game have almost no fat.

"We're really excited about the chance to educate people," Arledge said. "Many don't realize the many possibilities of preparing wild game and how good it tastes."



Faculty pitches in to help recycling

Jennifer Brown
Kaimin Reporter

To shape up the campus recycling program, a committee is asking for money from UM students, faculty, staff and administration.

After solidifying a plan for an optional student recycling fee this fall, the Campus Recycling Committee is circulating salary deduction slips to faculty and staff.

"The idea behind this is to involve all parts of the community because all parts of the university will benefit from recycling," said Chris Newbold, director of Montana Public Interest Research Group and member of the committee.

Faculty and staff members can fill out a deduction slip, designating a specific amount or a percentage of their annual

salary. Slips must be turned in to Business Services. Committee member Vicki Watson, an environmental studies professor, suggested Thursday at a Faculty Senate meeting that faculty members donate one-tenth of 1 percent of their annual salary.

Employees can get deduction slips at Human Resources or by writing Watson at txtrky@selway.

The committee hopes to raise an additional \$37,000 a year for the program, including \$5,000 from faculty and staff, \$30,000 from students and \$2,000 from the administration. The program currently operates on a budget of \$13,000.

Watson said the committee plans to ask UM President George Dennison and other administration members to match funds raised by faculty and staff.

Additional funds would support more student workers and allow the program to recycle more materials, Newbold said.

"We are only recycling 25 percent of what we could be," he said. "To my knowledge, we're not even recycling cardboard, which we could do fairly easily."

Newbold hopes to double the number of program employees. Six students are currently responsible for collecting recyclable material on campus, and the bins are often overflowing.

The workers waste a lot of time sorting trash that wasn't put in the right bin, which slows down the process even further, he said.

"The students are spending massive amounts of time sorting the trash," he said. "It's a lot of help if people would put the right trash in the right bins."



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Sports

Spikers stomp MSU, look to Big Sky tournament

Bill Foley

Kaimin Sports Reporter

They beat the Bobcats, now bring on the Bobcats.

After stomping Montana State University Friday night in front of more than 1,000 people in Dahlberg Arena, the Lady Griz volleyball team is headed for the Big Sky tournament in Northridge, Calif.

First up Thursday night, the Bobcats.

"Of the teams that are there, I'd just as soon play them as anyone," UM head coach Dick Scott said.

MSU beat UM earlier this year for the first time since 1987, so the Lady Griz are excited about the chance to bounce them out of the playoffs.

Friday, the Bobcats came out of the gates fast in the first game and jumped out early 9-3. MSU served for game point leading 14-8, but the Lady Griz didn't give up. They fought back with inspired play in front of the biggest home crowd of the sea-

son to win game one 17-15.

"We were down for the count," Scott said. "I don't think we've ever come back like that."

"It just showed our determination," junior middle hitter Dana Bennis said. "It showed how bad we wanted it."

"We were down for the count. I don't think we've ever come back like that."

—Dick Scott, head coach, on the 17-15 first-game win over the MSU Bobcats

The most exciting moment of the match came as the Lady Griz trailed 14-10 in game one. The teams volleyed back and forth several times before the Lady Griz won the point on an unforced Bobcat error.

After that, the Lady Griz played like a team of destiny and pasted the Bobcats 15-7, 15-7 in the next two games for the three-game sweep.

Freshman Sarah Parsons

ended the match with an ace, and the Lady Griz crowded the court and celebrated like the team had won the national championship.

Scott said the win ranks among the best in Lady Griz volleyball history.

"There was so much riding on this," he said. "This was really big."

The Lady Griz enter the Big Sky tournament seeded fifth with a 7-9 conference record, 10-14 overall.

In a do-or-die tournament, a team usually doesn't need extra incentive to win, but the Lady Griz have loads of extra motivation.

Not only can they eliminate their cross-state rival, they'll attempt to preserve their 1991 18-0 record as the top mark in Big Sky history.

Cal State-Northridge, who won the regular season title with a 16-0 record, will attempt to match that mark on their home court.

"We're going to knock them off," Scott said.



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AFTER BEATING the Montana State Bobcats 17-15 in game one, the Lady Griz went on to win 15-7, 15-7 in the next two games.

Grizzlies outscore Weber State 24-10

The win assures the Grizzlies at least a first place tie in the Big Sky Conference

Matt Ochsner

Kaimin Reporter

The Grizzlies' 24-10 win over Weber State on the road Saturday cinched one title for the defending national champions and has left them hungry for another.

The win moves the Griz to 10-0 on the year, assuring them at least a first place tie in the Big Sky Conference and keeps the ball rolling as they turn to their next goal, a national championship.

"By winning the Big Sky Conference we have reached a fourth of the goals we set at the beginning of the season," said linebacker David Sirmion, who had six tackles and an interception in Saturday's win. "It was definitely big, but now we have much bigger goals to go after."

In a game that was dominated by defense, the Grizzlies overcame their lowest offensive output of the season and held the Wildcats to only 12 yards on the ground on a windy and dreary Ogdan afternoon. The ever-stinging UM defense sacked the Wildcat quarterback six times and forced two interceptions.

The Grizzly offense also sputtered much of the day,

collecting only 245 total yards, despite jumping out to a 17-0 first quarter advantage. The Grizzlies finished the afternoon converting on only three of 16 third-down opportunities.

Despite the team's offensive woes, Grizzly quarterback Brian Ah Yat threw for three scores and set a new UM record with 39 touchdown passes in a single season, eclipsing Dave Dickenson's mark of 38.

But it was the play of the Grizzlies' special teams that led the way most of the day. Brian Gales set the tone for the Grizzlies early, taking the opening kickoff 68 yards and setting up UM's first score.

Joe Douglass followed with an open-field flurry of his own, returning a third-quarter punt 59 yards to the WSU 25. Three plays later Ah Yat found wideout Raul Pacheco in the back of the end zone to put the Griz ahead 24-7, and all but assuring a victory.

"Our special teams were really the unsung heroes this week," head coach Mick Dennehy said. "They really shored the field for our offense and gave us the big plays when we needed them."

The Grizzlies will conclude their regular season this weekend against Montana State. A win on Saturday will give the Grizzlies sole possession of first place in the Big Sky and will guarantee them at least three home games in the playoffs.

Lady Griz smash Portland AAU

Bill Foley

Kaimin Sports Reporter

The Lady Griz got a glimpse of the future Sunday, and it's looking bright.

UM closed out its exhibition season in winning fashion by beating Portland AAU 72-55 Sunday afternoon in Dahlberg Arena behind the impressive play of several newcomers.

"I was really impressed with how well the kids played off the bench," junior forward Allison Turner said. "It's nice to know we have that depth."

Red shirt freshman Linda Weyler chalked up 11 points and seven rebounds in only 15 minutes of action, 12 of which came in the second half.

Freshmen newcomers Lauren Cooper and Linda

Cummings also contributed in the win, as well as red shirt freshmen Megan Thompson and Megan Harrington.

"The young kids are all showing potential," UM head coach Robin Selvig said. "I'm pleased with our



progress, but we've got a real stiff test in our opener (at Utah Friday)."

Senior Krista Koss and sophomore Kenda Redpath, who had another impressive game filling in for injured

center Angella Bieber, both scored 11 points. Koss added eight rebounds and five steals, while Redpath added seven rebounds.

Portland AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) battled UM close for most of the first half, but the Lady Griz were just too powerful for the out-matched group of former college players.

With just under five minutes to go in the first half, AAU took a 23-22 lead. However, it would be the only lead they would take.

Koss put UM back on top with a nice base-line move and threw down the lay-up. The Lady Griz would never look back, ending the half with a 12-2 run and took a 34-25 lead into the locker room.

The second half was all Lady Griz. They led by as many as 26 points and held on for a 17-point win.

Lady Griz to gain in stature

Bill Foley

Kaimin Sports Reporter

The Lady Griz basketball team will be a bit taller next season.

UM head coach Robin Selvig announced the signing of three players to National Letters of Intent late last week.

High school stars Jamie Farris, Leah Meier and Laura Valley will all join the Lady Griz next season.

"We definitely wanted to get some height into our pro-

gram. I couldn't be happier with the ladies we got," Selvig said. "I think they all have the potential to be great players at this level."

Farris, a 6-3 center from Langley, Wash., is a three-year starter at South Whidbey High School. Last year she averaged 14.1 points, 12.1 rebounds and seven blocks a game.

Meier, a 6-1 forward from Corvallis, Ore., is the second player to come to UM from Crescent Valley High School in two years, joining Lady

Griz freshman Lauren Cooper. Meier averaged 10 points and eight rebounds as a junior.

Valley, a 6-3 center from Tigard, Ore., joins Tigard High School this week. She spent her first three years at Pendleton High School in Pendleton, Ore., where she averaged 10.7 points and 8.9 rebounds as a junior.

"This is definitely the tallest recruiting class we've ever had," Selvig added. "We haven't signed this number of big kids in the same year for quite awhile."

Dean hopes to draw big-name speakers to lecture series

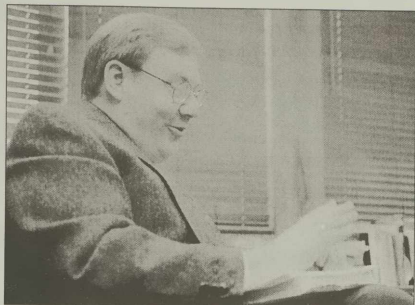
Jennifer McKee
Kaimin Reporter

Even law school Dean Ed Eck admits that Judges William Jones and Edward Tamm have almost nothing to do with UM.

The two deceased judges of the U.S. District Court in Washington D.C. made big judicial waves in the 1960s, nudging Nixon's morals and shaping the nation's legal view.

A new lecture series in the UM law school commemorates the pair, Eck said, promising big bucks to draw big names. (Eck hopes to collect \$200,000 from bar associations and lawyers to finance the yet unnamed speakers.)

Still, neither Jones nor Tamm, the big-wigged benchwarmers lending their names



Jordan LaRue/Kaimin

DEAN OF the law school, Edwin Eck laughs as he talks about Judge William B. Jones and Judge Edward A. Tamm and their ties to Montana. The judges, both deceased, are to have a lecture series named after them that will broaden student, faculty, and professional awareness and understanding of our judicial system.

to the series, have stepped foot inside UM's law school.

"Curiously enough," Eck said, "they have no ties

here."

Tamm grew up in Butte, attending Carroll College before graduating from

Georgetown University in the 1930s.

Jones moved west to coach football in Helena around the same time. The Notre Dame-educated attorney opened a practice there before marrying an Anaconda girl and moving away, scurrying up the federal appellate ladder in Washington D.C.

"While not their schools, I think it (UM) was something of import to both of them," Eck said.

And Eck's not the only one. Washington D.C. lawyer Robert Bennett, a White House lawyer counseling President Bill Clinton on a new sexual harassment scandal, suggested to Eck two years ago that the Montana-loving pair ought to be immortalized somehow at Montana's only law school.

Eck said the series will be "a big event."

With a prestigious panel of judicial superstars, including Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, picking the speakers, the series will bring famous judiciaries and prestige to UM, Eck said.

"It should enhance the law school," he said. "But it would be good for anyone."

One of the smallest accredited schools in the country, UM's law school hasn't drawn big names for past lectures, Eck said.

"We'll have major leaders talk on a regular basis," he said.

While he doesn't know who the first speaker will be nor when, Eck said that he's still working to cinch a sweet deal.

"I'm trying to float a major name," he said.



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Law team snags second place

Team looks to moot court championship competition later this year.

Jennifer McKee
Kaimin Reporter

With sweaty palms and quick tongues, a UM law school team argued into second place at Saturday's Moot Court Competition, cinching a shot at the championship competition later this year.

"We always wanted to win," said team member Cathy Lewis. "We weren't just doing it for the heck of it." Another UM team snagged "Best Legal Brief" honors before losing a round and a shot at first place.

The three-round competi-

tion pits law students from 11 regional universities in a brief-to-brief contest that Lewis described as tough but "not absolutely outrageous."

"You size up the other teams," she said. "It's just like debate tournaments." The teams started working on their briefs in August, Lewis said, often staying until 4 a.m. to perfect their arguments.

"It really takes away from my classes," she said.

UM's second-place team bowed to a Gonzaga team in the final round, said UM coach Melissa Harrison.

"Gonzaga has a very good program," Harrison said. "It was good competition."

While Saturday's win brings prestige to both the team and the school, Harrison said it also means

more work.

"I told my team, 'The good news is we're going to New York. The bad news is we have to keep practicing,'" Harrison said.

Law school fundraisers cover the team's travel expenses.

The 17 teams that clashed at UM over the weekend argued the constitutionality of registering convicted sex offenders with neighborhood cops, Harrison said.

Historically, Harrison said, UM fares well both locally and nationally in the contest. A Montana team swept the national competition in 1981.

Both UM teams practiced with law school faculty and Missoula lawyers, said law school Dean Ed Eck.

"They're here when I leave at night," he said.

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