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MSU Foundation settles lawsuit over land dispute

Associated Press

The Montana State University Foundation has agreed to donate \$3 million toward a planned livestock research center at MSU to settle a lawsuit contending land bequeathed to MSU by farmers and ranchers was not being used as donors had stipulated.

Under the settlement, the foundation, which raises money to benefit MSU, would donate the money, and the Land Board and attorney general would drop their lawsuit, now pending in the Montana Supreme Court.

"I think in the long run, everybody truly is a winner," LeRoy Schramm, the university system's chief lawyer, said Monday. "There's a desire to end this thing. It's costly to everybody in time and money, and for what purpose?"

The lawsuit originated in a dispute over whether the Board of Regents, which governs the university system, or the Land Board, which manages state lands, have final say over the sale

of university system property.

The Land Board lawsuit challenged several decades of land trades and sales between the regents and the MSU Foundation. District Judge Mike Salvagni threw out the suit, ruling it was filed far too long after the transactions occurred, in some cases almost 20 years.

However, he left open the possibility some actions against the foundation might be revived on grounds the foundation violated terms of property bequests. The Land Board decided to appeal the dismissal to the Montana Supreme Court.

Both sides found victory in the settlement.

Attorney General Joe Mazurek said agricultural research and education would benefit from farms and ranches donated to MSU expressly for those purposes.

And Tom Gelder, MSU Foundation executive director, said the \$3 million the foundation would donate does not represent an admission of any wrongdoing. The university has described the livestock center as

a top priority, Gelder said, and raising money for such projects "is our whole purpose for being."

The foundation would donate the money over five years. If the building project doesn't happen, the money would have to be used for the long-term interests of MSU's College of Agriculture.

The MSU Foundation board approved the settlement Oct. 29 and the Board of Regents is scheduled to vote on it next week in Bozeman. The Land Board will discuss it next week and vote in December. Salvagni also must approve it, Mazurek said.

MSU's current animal research facilities are mediocre, MSU President Mike Malone said. He said he envisions the agricultural research center as a \$4 million to \$5 million project, with funds raised mainly from the agricultural industry.

Since the dispute arose in 1994, the Legislature has passed a law saying that both the Board of Regents and Land Board must approve future land sales or swaps.

Students say campus drinking policy may encourage drug use

TMS Campus

Students at Lehigh University say campus policies designed to curb binge drinking are doing just that — and, at the same time, encouraging students to take more drugs like ecstasy.

About 140 students rallied on Saturday against the university's Project IMPACT, which stands for Involving Multiple Partners in Achieving Cultural Transformation. The program allows students who are 21 to drink on campus but regulates the amount of alcohol they may consume at campus parties. The program also requires that two university staff members monitor on-campus social events where alcohol is served.

Students of legal age resent the university's drinking limits. Many say they consume drugs

at the chaperoned parties because those substances are more difficult to detect. Some students at Saturday's protest wore T-shirts stating "I do drugs at Lehigh 'cause I can't drink."

School officials said this week that they would consider revising some of the campus' new

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—John W. Smeaton, vice provost of student affairs.

drinking policies, but that they will not stray from their long-term goal of reducing binge drinking among students. They also acknowledged that since the drinking policies were put into effect, there have been

reports of more widely spread use of the drug ecstasy.

"This is not a crackdown," John W. Smeaton, vice provost of student affairs told *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. "We are simply trying to change the culture, and that does not happen overnight. We are hoping for long-term results, not a flash in the pan. The student angst is coming in the transition period."

Raise your right hand...



Brian McGee swears in the new Americorp volunteers.

Photo by Eric Ferguson

Kip Kinkel gets 112 years for school shootings

TMS Campus

Only a teen-ager, Kip Kinkel shot and killed his parents at home then he shot and killed two students and wounded 25 others in a cafeteria at his Thurston High School a year and a half ago.

For his actions, the now 17-year-old Kinkel was sentenced to nearly 112 years in jail on Wednesday.

The sentence followed Kinkel's courtroom apology. "I thought about what I could say to make people feel better. Nothing I can do can take away the pain and destruction I caused. I am truly sorry for all of this," he said. "These events have taken me down to a place of deterioration and self-loathing I didn't know existed."

He also said: "I take full responsibility...I absolutely loved my parents."

Kinkel pleaded guilty to four counts of murder and 25 counts of attempted murder and had agreed to serve 25 years

in prison for the murders.

The judge suggested that the chance that Kinkel would be a threat to society with a lighter sentence was greater than any chance he'd be rehabilitated while serving his jail time.

On May 21, 1998, student Kip Kinkel, 15, opened fire at his high school killing two teenagers: Ben Walker, 16, and Mikael Nickolauson, 17. The shooting ended when several boys tackled Kinkel as he tried to reload, but not before he had injured 25 others. Earlier that morning, Kinkel shot and murdered both his parents, teachers Bill and Faith Kinkel.

Oddly, Kinkel once stood in front of his literature class and read from his journal about his plans to "kill everybody." At the time, students laughed at the skinny teenager, believing that he was joking.

Meanwhile, the victims' family and friends in this quiet mill town of 50,000 residents continue to express their lingering anger, pain and depression about the tragedy.

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Greek system provides unique opportunities in spite of recent articles

Dear Editor and Students

In the past few months this paper has published several articles about the Greek system, stories from various schools around the country, stories that portray this system as the downfall of its members' lives and detrimental to all those associated with it. We would like to set the record straight. Being Greek is one of the most rewarding experiences a college student could ever have. You have the opportunity to make hundreds of friends within the system and throughout various campus organizations, of which Greeks on this campus are the majority leaders in. You learn responsibility in a way that is unsurpassed by any other organization, because of the number of people under you at such an early age. You have the opportunity to travel across the country for conferences and conventions, thus meeting people from numerous campuses. You are a step ahead when you graduate college and enter the job market due to your affiliation with in the system, i.e. alumni from your own fraternity, your chapter or another Chapter, and alumni from other fraternities who understand the virtues of being Greek.

Besides all that, you have a support system that you could not find anywhere else. You belong to a house not of friends, but of true family. They have seen you through deaths of family and friends, lost loved ones, bad grades, and other tragedies. They are there to celebrate when you ace that final you have been studying so hard for, when you engaged to the love of your life, and when, years from now you get married, have your first child, and you get that unexpected promotion. But they are still there thirty years from now when your spouse dies unexpectedly or you lose your job. These are friends that will never hinder in their love and support of you.

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- Σ The first general fraternity was founded in 1750
- Σ Of North America's 50 largest corporations, 43 are headed by fraternity men and sorority women.
- Σ 7 out of 10 people listed in Who's Who are Greek
- Σ 85% of Fortune 500 executives belong to fraternity or sorority.
- Σ 40 of 47 Supreme Court justices since 1910 were fraternity men.
- Σ 76% of all Congressmen and Senators belong to a fraternity or sorority
- Σ Every U.S. President and Vice President, except two in each office, born since the first social Fraternity was founded in 1825, and 3 Canadian Prime Ministers have been members of a fraternity.
- Σ Statistics show that Fraternity and Sorority members have a higher rate of graduation from colleges than do their non-member counterparts.

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ROTC cadet reminds students of veterans' sacrifice

To the Editor

I met a veteran the other day. He was an older gentleman and walked with a slight limp. He wasn't in uniform, and I knew he was a veteran only after I had conversed with him for a time.

While he was a proud old man, he wasn't arrogant; indeed his modesty was his most impressive trait. He didn't remind me that freedom isn't free; that our God-given rights must be defended. He didn't remind me that the soldier defends free speech, not the press, not the journalist.

This veteran's omission wasn't as bad as mine, for I did not thank him. He gave years of his life, not only for his own freedom but also for mine. His stand against the enemies of liberty was sometimes successful because of the threat of force, and sometimes successful because he and his comrades acted on that threat. While our country called, he was present and willing to zealously guard our freedom.

What about sacrifice? I didn't ask why he was limping, nor did I ask how many of his friends weren't with him today; how many had given everything they had. I simply ended the conversation and walked away.

On Veteran's Day, let's remember those who answered when freedom called, but let's not stop there. We still have our freedom when Veteran's Day ends. Tomorrow, and the next day, life will go on because of what our veterans did. While we can never repay what they have given us, a simple "thank you" would be in order.

In Remembrance,
Joe George
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Q of the U:

Should the university have the right to regulate drinking on campus?

"Yes. They have the right to regulate what goes on on their own property."

Colter Dehn
General Studies
Sophomore

"No, because we're all adults and we don't need to be controlled except by our own decision."

Keli McKinley
Sociology
Junior

"Yes. Because students have to study and this is not the place to drink alcohol."

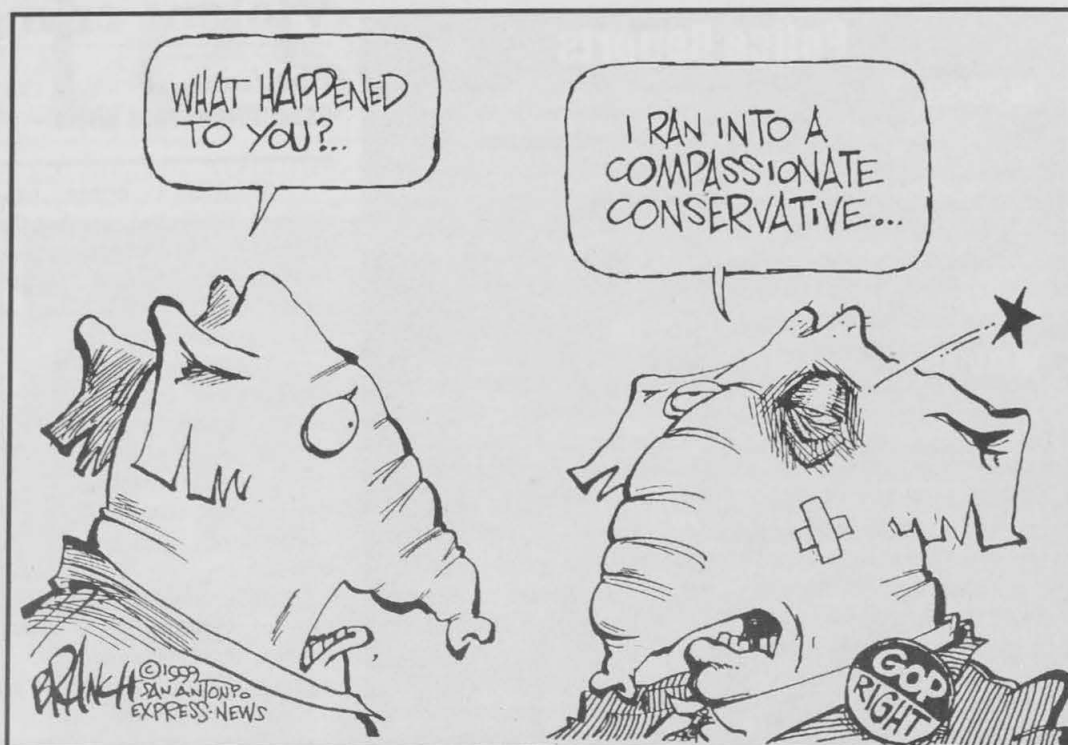
Yoko Minoda
General Studies
Freshmen

"No. The university should respect the rights of students over 21 to drink."

Motohiko Shinozaki
Economics
Senior

"I don't think so. I don't think drinking is that big of a problem on campus."

Jesse Carroll
Architecture
Senior



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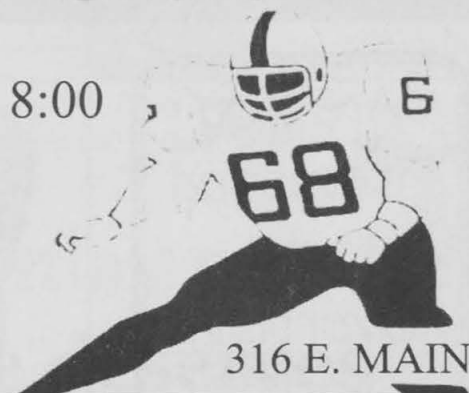
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10/31/99

Officers responded to a noise complaint at fraternity house.

Resident on Julia Martin Drive reported that he was receiving prank phone calls.

Officers responded to the report of a domestic disturbance at residence in family housing. A male suspect was arrested and cited for family member assault. He was also held on a felony warrant from out of state.

11/2/99

Employee reported that she had received an obscene

message on her voice mail. A suspect was identified.

Student reported the theft of a coat from the ASMSU body shop.

Employee reported the theft of computers from a lab in the EPS building.

11/3/99

Student reported that an ex-boyfriend assaulted her. Suspect was located at a later time and charged with family member assault.

11/4/99

Student at Mullan Hall reported the theft of a bicycle.

Student reported that she is receiving obscene phone calls.

Report of vandalism to a storage unit on South 5th Street.

11/5/99

Officer investigated a reckless driving complaint in the Linfield parking lot.

Violent crime rates increase in Montana

Bob Anez
Associated Press Write

Montana's crime rate declined slightly last year, but the incidence of violent crimes rose sharply, according to the annual report from the state Board of Crime Control.

The survey of law enforcement agencies found 4,799 crimes committed for every 100,000 Montanans during 1998, compared with a rate of 5,117 the year before.

At the same time, the rate of violent crime murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault jumped by 25 percent to 224 per 100,000.

The report said that Montana has a violent crime about every five hours and a property crime occurs about 14 1/2 minutes.

That crime clock has sped up in the past 10 years. In 1988, a

violent crime occurred every 9 1/2 hours and a property crime was reported about every 16 1/2 minutes.

But this crime report is different than the previous ones. Because only three-fourths of Montana's 166 law enforcement agencies reported their statistics last year, the analysis relies more heavily on estimates than before,

only 78 percent of the population

Those agencies not supplying statistics represented 194,000 citizens. The list included Butte, Silver Bow, Kalispell police; Ravalli County sheriff; Lake County sheriff; police departments in Columbia Falls, Laurel and Dillon; and Glacier County sheriff.

Most of the missing agencies have computer programs that do not provide the kind of data that the state needs for its annual report, Crabbe said. "They can't do the counts for us. They get trapped in a technological kind of thing."

He insisted that relatively low response figures do not make the overall statistics unreliable.

"We feel the numbers are fairly accurate in estimating the crimes," he said. "We feel like we're very close to what has occurred in the state."

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management analyst Don Crabbe said.

The staff adjusted the numbers of crimes to reflect reporting trends of the past when agencies covering 91 percent of the state's population usually submitted their information. The 1998 agency reports encompassed

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Dispelling a myth

Renowned poet provides backluster performance

Daniel Fox
Opinion Writer

Sometimes, seeing a celebrity can be anti-climactic. The media gives the person a mythology that everyone is all too eager to accept, and upon meeting the celebrity, there can be a strange sense of passiveness about the whole affair.

Poet/Punk icon Jim Carroll, author of "The Basketball Diaries," was a good example of the myth-shattering effect when he delivered his spoken word performance in UB Ballroom A on Tuesday.

A half-hour late, Carroll appeared from a door to the left of the stage, appearing to be as unsure about what he was supposed to do as the audience was. Carroll made his way to the podium with his flight bag in his hand, which he set down and began digging through, pulling out several books of poetry.

He mumbled "hey" to the crowd and continued leafing through his books until he found a poem that satisfied him.

At that point, he turned to the podium and, without a word, began adjusting it to meet his considerable height. After fumbling with the stand for a minute, Carroll said more to himself than the audience, "What am I, Paul Simon?"

With that introduction, and a few comments on his flight to Montana, Carroll announced that he would read from his sequel to "The Basket-

ball Diaries," called "Forced Entries."

Carroll's poetry made the bulk of his performance and was often more prose than poem, but it came off well and at times was humorous enough to keep the audience laughing.

Carroll obviously enjoyed reading a poem about his days in an avant garde performing arts bar, where it had become so serious that even Carroll himself got caught in the high pressure mindset of the scene. Carroll read a story telling about a minor performance he put on, but because of his stage fright and some heavy drug abuse in the hours beforehand, all Carroll could think to do aside from boiling a three-minute egg (an idea he says he discarded because it lacked the necessary punch to make a statement), was to kill a roach with Raid.

Carroll's poem brought the audience to the scene of the show, where people gathered around him, watching his performance. Carroll pulled out his roach and, to his dismay, it just fell out of the bag and lay on the floor unmoving. Carroll said he began to panic until suddenly the roach got up and moved. Carroll said it looked like he and the roach had practiced the thing for three months. Carroll then sprayed the roach with Raid until it died, causing the people watching to go into a frenzy.

Later, he received rave re-

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Pacino's latest film looks Oscar worthy

Katie Parsons
Opinion Film Reviewer

"The Insider," just released this weekend, is an intelligent film based on actual events. Critics across the country hail the film as Oscar-worthy, which it very well may be.

Insider Jeffery Wigand (Russell Crowe) was a scientist and former head of research and development at Brown & Williamson. He was fired from his high-profile job due to some personal disagreements with the tobacco giant. Wigand knows more than perhaps he should, and received numerous threats and was followed by shadowy men. He decided to blow the whistle and became the central

witness for the lawsuits filed by Mississippi and the 49 other states against the tobacco industry, much to the dismay of his former employer.

Enter Lowell Bergman (Al Pacino), an investigative reporter and "60 Minutes" producer. Bergman arranged a legal defense team for Wigand and filmed the outrageous Mike Wallace (Christopher Plummer) interview with its debilitating testimony. Unfortunately, before the most controversial "60 Minutes" segment in years could air nationally, the corporate heads at CBS decided to kill it.

An extremely pissed-off Bergman tried desperately to get in on the network, but to no avail. Wigand was left with a lawsuit

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Photo Courtesy of TMS Campus

Maxine (Catherine Keener) runs into co-worker Craig (John Cusack) in the USA Films release "Being John Malkovich." (Universal Studios photo)

Actress finally may get the recognition she deserves

Rene Rodriguez
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

NEW YORK — When Spike Jonze was making the oddball fantasy "Being John Malkovich," he did something most directors would consider an act of lunacy: He cast bombshell Cameron Diaz in the role of Lotte — a frumpy, mousy, bedraggled housewife — and gave Catherine Keener the much flashier part of Maxine, a high-heeled Machiavelli who wields her hemline like a weapon.

"When I met Keener, I was trying to find someone who could totally control the situation while being totally cool and casual," Jonze says. "There's something so casual — but still all-knowing — about her. It would be very easy to play Maxine in a very curt way. But she does it in a way that you somehow like her."

Even Keener herself was skeptical. "I thought Cameron was physically more appropriate for the part, and I was physically more appropriate for Lotte," the self-deprecating Keener says. "That's really shallow of me, I know, but it's true. I don't have the goods to do that! But Spike really helped me through that stuff, because I had doubts. It was hard for me to imagine I could inhabit a character who could manipulate everybody like that."

But inhabit it she does — in a wonderfully funny, authoritative performance that, if the movie clicks with mainstream audiences, should finally bring Keener the recognition she deserves.

Once shunned by Hollywood for not fitting the stereotypical leading lady mold, the Miami-born Keener took an alternative route to success, carving a niche for herself in independent films with a series of diverse, engaging performances that have made her one of the film industry's best-kept secrets. "Catherine is an amazing and underappreciated actor in Hollywood," says Michael Stipe, who co-produced "Being John Malkovich." "To be able to put her in a role like this was a coup for me."

After high school, Keener moved away to Norton, Mass. to attend Wheaton College, an all-

girl liberal arts school, where she majored in English and history. In her sophomore year, she was shut out of a photography course and took a theater ensemble class instead, where the teacher cast Keener in a production of "Uncommon Women and Others."

Later, she moved to New York to work as an intern at the Hughes-Moss casting agency, which led to a job offer in L.A. to work with casting director Gail Eisenstadt. "I was her assistant, and we became very close friends," Keener said. "About a year and a half later, she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Toward the end of her life, she asked me, 'What are you going to do with your life?' And I didn't know. I told her that I had acted in college, and she was incredibly encouraging and told me to pursue it."

Eisenstadt, who was casting the 1986 Rob Lowe-Demi Moore vehicle "About Last Night" at the time, gave Keener a bit part in the film (the waitress who starts a drinking contest between Lowe and Jim Belushi). "Gail made sure I had a line — 'Go! Go! Go!' — so I could get my Screen Actors' Guild card," Keener says. "She also got me my first agent. Then shortly thereafter, she passed away."

Work began to trickle in: A pilot for the CBS series "The Alan King Show," a few episodes of the Pat Morita cop show "O'Hara," low-budget flicks like "Curse of the Corn People" and "Survival Quest." "I was terrible," Keener says, laughing. "I was so bad! Thank God those shows are not on the air anymore. On 'O'Hara,' I played a little cop sidekick named Cricket. I didn't know what I was doing. I did 10 episodes, and then they recast. I got fired, essentially."

Still, some good came out of all of it. It was on the set of "Survival Quest" that she met actor Dermot Mulroney, whom she eventually married. And the experience on "O'Hara" was so humbling, it made Keener go back to school and study acting professionally. "I didn't work for a while, which was probably the best thing that had ever happened to me," she says.

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Film: Insider appeals to mature audience

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and a smeared reputation. His wife divorced him, and he was facing prison time. Now unable to deliver his message to the American public, he was left with few options. Together, the two forced CBS to air the segment. After all was said and done, nothing will be the same again.

Director Michael Mann is best known for action-thrillers, so the length and extremely slow pace came as a slight surprise. The movie itself is close to three hours long, and lags a bit in the middle. The cast however, is fantastic. Pacino put on an outstanding performance in this film, one that should definitely be considered by the Academy. Crowe was also very convincing, but I got a little tired of the extreme close-ups of his

face. You can only stare at a man's facial pores for so long.

Since the movie is based on real facts with just a little bit of drama added, it manages to maintain credibility in the eyes of the audience. As one journalist in the movie is quick to point out, it's about more than "cigarettes are just bad for you". Many people who see this film may never light up again.

The film will appeal to more mature audiences, but its serious tone and political subject matter may turn off many viewers. It wasn't as thrilling as the trailer made it out to be, so it lacked the intensity that I was expecting. However, it is a genuinely good movie, and its controversy makes it worthwhile.

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"Making love out of nothing at all"

Actress: 'Being John Malkovich' provides opportunities for rising stars

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It was in 1992, when the American independent film scene began to thrive, that Keener found her niche. Director Tom DiCillo cast her in his first film, "Johnny Suede" (best known for being Brad Pitt's first starring role) and then again in "Living in Oblivion," his satire of independent filmmaking that has become required viewing in film schools everywhere.

Keener says that making movies like "Living in Oblivion" was a unique experience for her "in that it was so much fun, and I wasn't embarrassed to be a part of it," she says. "It was great to be able to feel good about my work. Actors will say this a lot, but it's really true: All we can enjoy is the experience of making the movie, because we rarely have anything to do with what comes out after. So that's

what I keep trying to repeat."

And that's what Keener has done, concentrating mostly on independent films ("Walking and Talking," "Your Friends and Neighbors") with an occasional foray into big-budget Hollywood fare ("Out of Sight," "8MM"). That has allowed her to keep a low profile, and anonymity is something she cherishes. "I don't do a lot of press and stuff like that, only because — ugh, let's face it, who wants to?" she says. "I'm not in big movies, but the movies that I am in now all have big stars in them, so they have to do more press than I do. That's part of my grand plan. It's a much more preferable a life for me. You want your private life to remain private. And I'm guarded anyway. I've told you too much already!"

Poet: 'Basketball Diaries' author performs spoken word

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views from the art critics. Some called it a commentary on the war in Vietnam, while others said it was a statement about human nature. This audience loved his description of the events and Carroll's effacing remarks about the all too pretentious New York art scene.

Carroll also read about his impressions on the glue-sniffing homeless children in Brazil who ride on the roofs of the bullet

trains while high, a small prose piece about a crazed man who molests a bank teller while in a gun standoff with the police, and his feelings about grunge band Nirvana's frontman Kurt Cobain's gun-inflicted suicide.

The poem, entitled "Eight Fragments for Kurt Cobain", was poignant and was as indicative of Carroll's own struggles with heroin addiction.

One portion of it read,

"And you shoved the barrel in as far as possible.

Because that's where the pain came from.

That's where the demons were digging...But Kurt.

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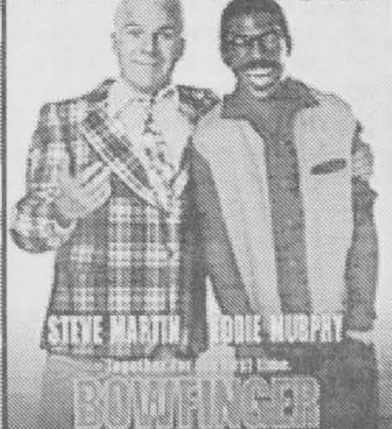


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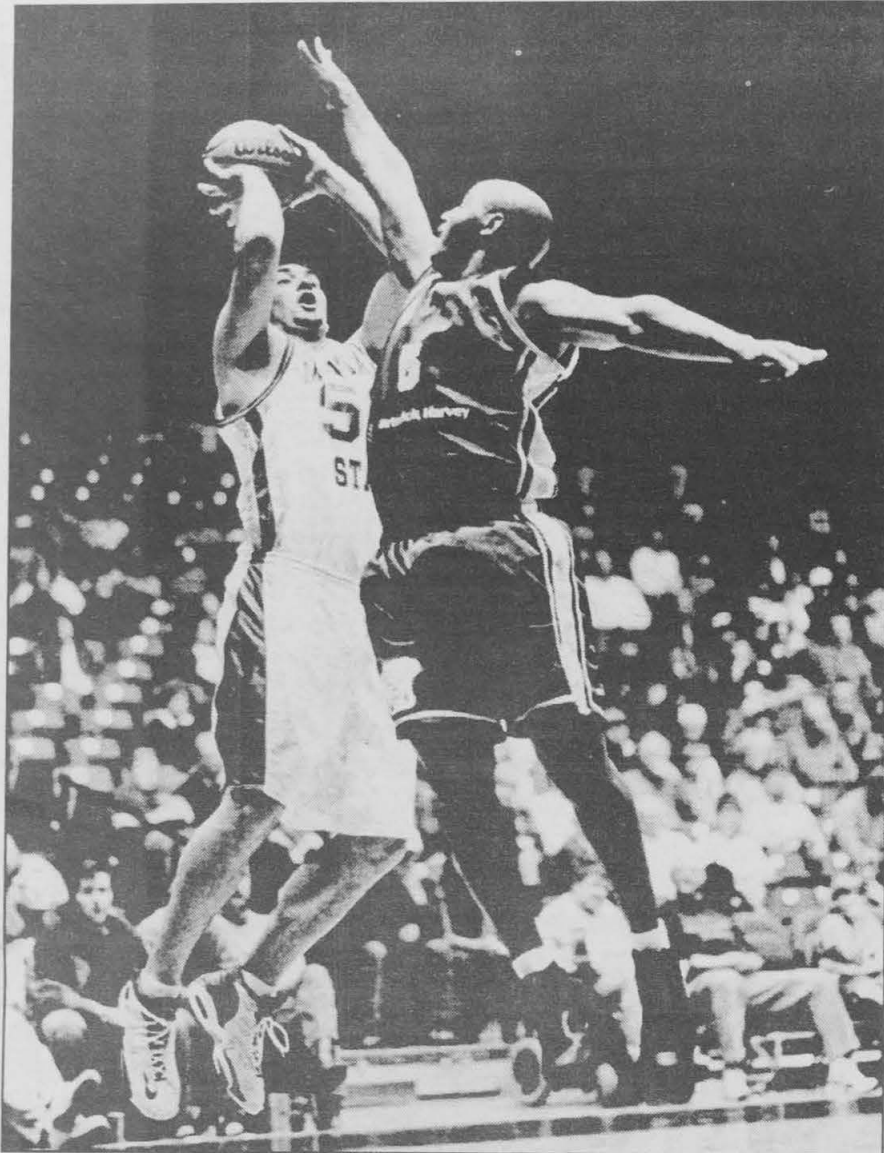
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Cagers return to action tonight



Scott Barbur
Exponent Sports Writer

For the second time in two weeks, a foreign team will be invading Worthington Arena. The Montana State men's basketball team (1-0) manhandled their opponent from Australia last week. This week they're taking the floor against visitors from Russia, who might offer a greater challenge.

The Bobcats play host to Ural Great, one of Russia's top professional teams, in an exhibition game on Friday. The game will mark the first in a series of eight for the visitors from the city of Perm, who are on an American tour. They will proceed to play against other colleges in the Midwest region. The team went 8-1 during last year's tour. This year the team has added two American additions to the roster: guard Jeffrey Rogers and forward Otis Winston. Winston was a former standout at Ohio State.

"We're looking forward to a good challenge," said Montana State head coach Mick Durham who is 19-0 in exhibition games. "This is one of [Russia's] better club teams." Durham noted that Ural Great has good size, with a couple of

players reaching 6-11 and 7-0 in height, which he said will be good experience for the young Bobcats to play against before the pre-season starts.

The head coach for Ural Great is Sergei Belov, a key member of the Soviet Union's 1972 Olympic Gold Medal team. Assistant coach Valdemaras Chomicius was also an Olympic champion. The coaches led Ural Great into the playoffs the last two years with two consecutive East Division Championships in the Russian Superleague. The team won fourth place overall last season. This year, they have started with a 9-2 record in Russian play.

Durham is looking for the 'Cats to improve their defense after a sloppy second-half performance last week. "I was disappointed in the second half with our defense, we didn't quite have the sense of urgency, but you can expect that when you lead by 25 at halftime," he said.

Improving all-around game play is another concern that Durham hopes to work on during the exhibition game. "We're just trying to get better at what we do, and the good competition will help us do that."

The game is scheduled to start at 7:05 p.m. on Friday at Worthington Arena.

Cat volleyballers looking to muck up Big Sky standings

Exponent Staff

The Big Sky volleyball standings may get a little odder before they get any rarer.

If Montana State holds serve and wins their matches against Eastern Washington, Oregon State and the Portland State this weekend, they can completely alter the post-season picture in the Big Sky conference.

"We have the potential to determine where the tournament is played and put ourselves into third place," head coach Dave Gantt said. "Our mindset is that we

are playing well right now."

Although they will require help from other teams to complete the picture, the 'Cats, who swept two home matches against conference opponents last week, can help

move the tournament. It is held at the home of the regular-season champion, from Eastern Washington to Sacramento with a win over the Eagles tonight and two Sacramento State wins this weekend.

For the 'Cats to catapult from fourth into third before the tournament, they must win both of their matches this weekend and

"Our mindset is that we are playing well right now."

—Volleyball head coach Dave Gantt

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Big Sky's cellar dwelling teams face-off Saturday

Ian Costello
Exponent Sports Editor

If this were the National Football League, this would be the game to determine who got the first draft pick later this winter.

But, in college football, this game means next to nothing.

Just pride.

When Montana State travels to Pocatello to take on the Idaho State Bengals Saturday night, the bottom two teams in the conference will meet. The winner, more than likely, will finish in second to last in the Big Sky Conference, and the loser will finish last.

"I am proud of the way these guys are hanging on," eighth year head coach Cliff Hysell said. "I couldn't be prouder of their efforts."

Before the season began, it was assumed that Idaho State would struggle under the direction of first-year head coach Larry Lewis. It was also assumed that the Bobcats would be competing near

the top of the conference.

The differences between the two teams have lessened since those pre-season assumptions.

Both Idaho State and Montana State have alternated quarterbacks this season in an attempt to find a rhythm, both teams have hovered near the bottom of the Big Sky standings since the start of conference season, and both teams have suffered through their fair share of injuries.

"I have never seen anything like this," Hysell said in reference to the high number of Bobcat players that have suffered injuries this season.

Now that it is official that Montana State, which stands with a 3-6 overall record, will not finish this season with a winning record, focus has shifted to finishing out the season as

best they can under the circumstances.

"Offensively we have to eliminate

see Saturday page 8

"I am proud of the way these guys are hanging on, I couldn't be prouder of their efforts."

—MSU head coach Cliff Hysell

Muck: Netters can rise to third place with weekend sweep

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Northern Arizona must lose both of theirs. A 2-0 weekend by the 'Cats and an 0-2 weekend from NAU would create a tie between NAU and MSU for third place, and due to a season sweep of the Lumberjacks the 'Cats would stand in third place.

"There is a high probability we would finish in a tie with NAU," Gantt said. "If we win both of our matches this week we will have done what we needed to do."

The possibility of winning two matches this weekend starts tonight against Eastern Washington, which currently sits atop the conference looking to take care of business on the road and return home to host the tournament.

Eastern Washington is on a roll, winners of three straight, but Sacramento State is close on their heels, only one game back in the conference standings.

"We are looking forward to Thursday night," Gantt said. "We anticipate a large, boisterous crowd and EWU is real fragile right now. We have a history of real good matches against Eastern Washington."

Saturday night the 'Cats will take on the league cellar dweller Portland State which comes into this weekend still looking for their first conference win.

Results of the Bobcat volleyball game Thursday night against Eastern Washington were not available at press time.

Saturday: Struggling 'Cats travel to play Bengal

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some formations, defensively we have to limit our coverage," Hysell said. "Due to injuries we are limited on both sides of the ball."

This will be the first season in the last three in which the 'Cats have not won at least six games.

Hysell and company have an Idaho State team that, even though they are at the bottom of the conference standings, does perform well

at times on both sides of the ball.

"Idaho State plays hard," Hysell said. "They run a four wide receiver set, spread field and run. They throw the ball efficiently when they have to."

The game against Idaho State marks Bobcats' final road game of the season and the last game they will play before hosting the University of Montana Grizzlies next weekend.

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Veal signs to play at MSU

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Joe Veal, a 6-foot-9-inch center from Highland Pioneer Junior College in Holbrook, Ariz., has signed a national letter-of-intent to join the Montana State University men's basketball program next year, head coach Mick Durham announced.

Veal, a team captain at Highland Pioneer this year, is averaging 14 points and eight rebounds a game early in the season. Durham said the addition of Veal next year will stiffen the 'Cats inside.

"Joe continues to make great progress, and we're excited to have him join our program. He will give us another solid center, and we'll continue development he will be very successful in the Big Sky conference."

—Bobcat coach
Mick Durham

Mark Slessinger, Veal's coach at the junior college from which MSU signed 1996 Big Sky MVP Quadre Lollis, classifies Veal

as a late bloomer.

"His best attributes are his attitude and work ethic," Slessinger said. "He's a very late bloomer. He has really come on strong this year. He played a complimentary role for us last year, he was a role player, but he stayed in town this summer and by his hard work and willingness to sacrifice and put in the hours has really made outstanding progress. He has been tremendous for us so far this year."

A native of Detroit, Veal prepped at Osborne High School, where he averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds per game as a senior. He was a team captain in his final season at Osborne High, and also captains his Northern Pioneer team this year.

"Joe will bring a very good work ethic and an unselfish attitude to our program," Durham said.

Durham also indicated that the Bobcats could sign another player during the November signing period, which ends Nov. 17.

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Improvements continue at Bobcat Stadium where the new scoreboard, complete with video replay screen, will make its debut at next week's 'Cat/Griz game

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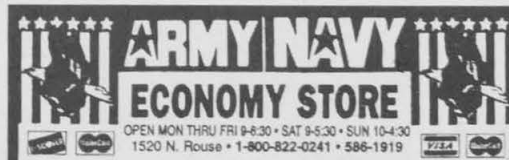
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Although a suspicious package believed to contain explosives actually contained letters and a cigarette, the Daily Bruin reported that campus officials agreed that they failed to minimize the risk for even greater

harm.

"There are things that we could do better," Rick Greenwood, director of UCLA's Environment Health and Safety, told the Bruin. "We're currently reviewing our procedures."

Practical joke turns into credit card fraud

COLUMBUS, Ohio (TMS) — What a couple of students at Ohio State University billed as a practical joke among friends is more like credit-card fraud in the eyes of the law.

According to The Lantern, a young woman found that her Discover card had been used to charge a \$2.95, three-day trial membership for an Internet account with a site called gaymen.com. The student told police her e-mail nickname was on the account — but that she didn't subscribe to the service.

According to The Lantern, the woman told police she suspected a roommate with whom she had had trouble in the past had opened the account. The

victim told police her roommate had said another friend wanting to play a prank had opened the account. The roommate even gave the victim a typed letter of apology from "the friend" and a \$5 bill to cover the charge.

The victim told police she wasn't sure if she'd press charges.

Unruly football fans given the boot

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (TMS) — Some fans of the University of Michigan's football team are experts in game ejection after police tossed them out of Michigan Stadium during the Wolverines' Nov. 6 game against Northwestern University.

According to the Michigan Daily, approximately 26 people were ejected for having open beers in the stands, and 11 people were thrown out for throwing things like marshmallows on the field. Five people also were charged for underage drinking, and one person was arrested for an outstanding charge.

Crime rates: murder rate drops by half

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Cities and counties have an incentive to cooperate with the state, Crabbe said. The crime board handles \$5 million to \$8 million a year in federal crime-fighting grants and agencies not reporting their crime information are not eligible for the money.

The report showed Yellowstone County, the state's most populous, had the worst crime rate at about seven crimes for every 100 people. The counties of Glacier, Lake, Cascade, Hill, Missoula, Lewis and Clark, Custer and Musselshell rounded out the top 10, in order.

Murders in Montana dropped by nearly half, from 34 to 18, last year. The murder rate fell by a corresponding amount.

The incidence of rape was up slightly from 27.8 per

100,000 to 29.3, but the robbery rate stayed the same and the burglary rate dropped from 608 to 580 per 100,000. The rate aggravated assaults, which account for three of every four violent crimes, was almost 32 percent. The rate decreased by just over percent.

The rate of vehicle thefts also dropped by about 51/2 percent, the drug crime rate was down about percent after a steady climb through much of the 1990s and the rate of sex offenses fell almost 17 percent.

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\$13.89

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18 Pack Cans
Light & Ice
\$7.59

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18 Pack Cans
Light & Ice
\$7.39

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Light & Ice
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20 oz.
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