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Since the emergence of the coronavirus, the lives of UM students have changed dramatically. To a matter of weeks, our classes commuted to our laptops. Students were asked to vacate their dorm rooms in the dormitories; to social distance around campus; to wear masks in public areas. Our campus news is in your hands, even if those hands are six feet away from your neighbors. Our editors, section editors, photographers, designers, proofreaders and copyeditors have dedicated their lives and loves to making sure this newspaper reaches your inbox. The coronavirus won’t change that. We will continue to make this paper. Every day, our website, montanakaimin.com, will be updated with in-depth Bible lessons, campus news, and national events. You aren’t reading the Kaimin to find out how long to wash your hands or how many cases are in the county, but you are reading to stay informed.

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As a student, you need to know how to get that refund for the dorm you already paid for and no longer need to live in. As I write this letter to you, our readers, there are two of us sitting in my living room, designing this paper. Our section editors are mad-messaging back and forth, making their layout decisions. Our news editors are reviewing stories, trying to break the latest news. Our photojournalists are on regular phone calls with umms to attempt to get the facial expressions of the hundreds of students currently living on campus. Together, we decided that no matter what, we will deliver the news.

As we distance ourselves at our distance levels, we will be here. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or just by Googling “Montana Kaimin.” We don’t know what’s going to happen at UM, Missoula, our state, this country or the rest of the world. But no matter what, we promise to be here.

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Each week, we will print the Kaimin. We know that students are far and few on campus, and the meal plan you’re probably not using. You need to know what’s going to happen to your respective homes, we will not be able to shoot photos of the latest Logan concert or cover news of Glee game. These aren’t things that we can do, so we change our way of thinking, creating and producing, we are deeply saddened.

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COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Commissioner Clayton Christian of Higher Education announced he tested positive for the novel coronavirus March 14, the same day Montana Missoulian reported on March 15. Commissioner Christian advised to self-quarantine after at least one attendee tested positive for COVID-19, the Honors College.

Students will be able to submit posters and powerpoints online. This conference scheduled for in-person presentations on April 24, will be moved to an online format.

UM FOOD PANTRY OFFERS GRAB-AND-GO MEALS

The University of Montana Food Pantry announced March 16 it will be closed until further notice. Students need to call-in pick-up meal bags, potatoes and hygiene products outside the pantry, on the first floor of the Student Union Center (SA).

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After spring break, many students were uncertain if the University of Montana would return to campus or if students would be forced to leave their dorms if they are unable. Campus resources will remain open to students who remain on campus, according to Monday's email. (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

WOODLAND STORAGE FACILITY LETS UM STUDENTS BUCK FEE

Eagle Sewage is allowing University of Montana students to rent 4x5 and 5x10 storage units for a month free of charge while students adjust to campus closures. NBC Montana reported on March 20. While UM sent out a campus-wide email advising students to keep campus if possible, some applied to cancel. Storage units are open. Eagle Sewage’s offer for students will continue until April 30, according to a UM campus-wide email.

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The University of Montana pays its research and teaching assistants significantly less than similar institutions, according to a recent survey. The university is one of only a few in the state to have adjusted its teaching assistant pay following a national average, according to data from 30 graduate programs on campus.

“I think some students might jump ship and go to a different school that pays better,” O’Reilly said, adding that the current pay scale is “fairly low.”

Jeffrey Anderson, a graduate student in the University’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication, told the Bozeman Daily Chronicle last July how he and other graduate students unionized to increase their pay. Anderson, along with members of the Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) at UM, have raised salaries, and Anderson said the trio plans to introduce a resolution to the ASUM Senate after spring break.

“Personally, it’s affected me because my bill is incredibly high,” Kansman said. “I could not survive on the stipend alone,” O’Reilly said. “UM was my top choice, and I would love to pursue a professional degree, but I could not afford it.”

The University of Montana’s American Indian Students Association announced over social media Friday, March 13 that the event was canceled without any intention of rescheduling it. While we are saddened to make this decision, we ask that you feel the same sorrow in support of protecting our community,” the statement read. “We are sincerely concerned about the health and safety of our community, as well as those in the surrounding region and should do what we can to keep it safe, both now and in the near future.”

UM teaching assistant pay falls below competition

UM’s president ultimately decides on them, said Ashby Kinch, associate dean of the Graduate School. “Here at the University, we have one system in place andUM’s graduate school sent out a survey to gauge the state of graduate education this semester. The survey included questions about financial support, receiving training for the workforce, and raising salaries. The Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) at UM, which has operated The Bookstore since 2018, to protest salaries. Corbysaid that the group canceled its contract with the bookstore in March, because there will be fewer students, faculty and staff members on campus.

The decision to curtail hours was made in partnership with Barnes & Noble College, which has operated The Bookstore since 2018, to protest salaries. Corbysaid that the group canceled its contract with the bookstore in March, because there will be fewer students, faculty and staff members on campus.

The Denver March Pow Wow in Colorado and Gathering of Nations in New Mexico were scheduled for the coming month. Both were canceled due to COVID-19, according to their websites.

Montana State University’s American Indian Council also canceled its annual powwow due to COVID-19, according to a press release. The event would have occurred a week before Kyiyo. The Powwow is the largest event of its kind in the state, with an average attendance of between 1,500 and 2,000 participants.

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The University of Montana’s Kiuyo Native American Students Association announced over social media Friday, March 13, that the event was canceled without any mention of rescheduling it. While we are saddened to make this decision, we felt it was the safest and best option to protect our community,” the statement read. “We are deeply concerned about the health and safety of our community, our families and our future. We want to make sure all who partake in this event are as safe as possible. We understand everyone else, who are most at risk and those who are most fragile, also deserve our care as well, who are most at risk and those who are most fragile, also deserve our care as well.

Montana declared its first COVID-19 cases later that day.

The powwow, scheduled for April 16 to 17, 2021 in the Adams Center. Kyiyo Pow Wow.

Members of Grad Council said they were not sure about UM’s procedures for the payoff. Kansman, O’Reilly and ASUM Senator Cierra Anderson are grad students on the Student Senate. O’Reilly said that while money was a factor and will always be a factor when it comes to these things.”

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“During the final budgeting discussions, motion was made to exclude members of Greek Life. In addition, the cost to a University of Montana community or financial membership ranges from $500 to $5,000 per year,” Morgan Corkish, an ASUM senator, voted not to offer the Panhellenic Council or the Interfraternity Council funding. The ASUM administration pulled funding to groups that welcome in many students or students.

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Despite a week of coronavirus-related cancellations and postponements, including KRG’s college radio’s final “Radiothon” fundraiser event, one UM grad student said the station is already planning a way forward. “I’ve never done a radiothon before, so I don’t know if that’s what it’s called, but I think it’s a good idea,” said Amanda Barr, the outreach and volunteer coordinator at KBGA. “We’re not sure what it’s going to look like.”

Radiothon, which features a week of events ranging from record swaps to trivia nights, has served as the station’s primary fundraiser for years. However, the rang threat of COVID-19 prompted the Montana University System to cancel group gatherings. KRG’s was found to be the unfortunate early, postponing its “EndOfThon” concert at the MUA. What’s more, the “Radiothon tour” is not an option.

“The plan right now is to continue it in the fall,” Barr said. “Everybody’s hands that were supposed to play at EndOfThon are in for doing it. They’re all local and from Montana.”

KRG started this year’s Radiothon with a fundraising goal of $20,000. Even without EndOfThon, Barr said the station is still managed to fundraise a little over $7,000.

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When analyzed according to age groups, the most vulnerable immune systems: the very young, the very old, and those with compromised immunities and those with healthy immune systems.

With the surge of patients between the ages of 20 and 40 struck with influenza, the phenomenon continued doctors and nurses as they treated the sick. On page two of the Montana Kaimin that Oct. 15, Rookie wrote another letter to his uncle.

“Maintain the confidence of the people and their arms have the weakest protection. With symptoms lingering on the salivary of a duck, or in the lungs of a pig. Evans said it’s only a matter of time before the sudden outbreak of a virus manages to sidestep the immune system, they got the rapid, quick and personal vaccinations, they are right.

“Pulse nigh to pulse, and breath to breath”

When the Montana Kaimin returned for the spring semester nearly 102 years ago, it welcomed students who rode out the epidemic to the east, or came back from their homes in Darby, Butte and Anaconda. By January operations on campus returned to normal. Mail was no longer fumigated. The Daily Missoulian wrote that, on Ritchey’s insistence, all the liquor in town had been rounded up by police and placed in storage to discourage crowded-in pool halls and taverns. **SAVANNAH STANHOPE | MONTANA KAIMIN**
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Toussard, who hoped for a career on the campus-wide student body prior to the new year, had no report that despite the reduction in influenza cases, work still had not broken out in the S.A.T.C. The hospital was on over double-time daily under the threat of suspension.

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Long before the days of H1N1, the government, doctors and popular opinion were all trying to prevent the spread of influenza.

"It was a badge of honor to be ill with influenza."

By the spring, reporting on the influenza outbreak dried up. Other than the occasional report of a nurse combing campus to recover at home, or a graduate falling ill with the "flu" rather than to have it," she wrote. "I can’t imagine looking back in history and saying, 'You actually put them in incubators,"' she said.

"You can not cohort people into quarantine. You might not have symptoms, but you might be contagious."

"But no matter how hard or trying their work, they all say they prefer to take care of the sick in hospital rather than to have it," she wrote.

The night that the peace news came was a big night here," Coucher, a former columnist for the Montana Kaimin, reported on the jubilation from the campus and through the city, cheering thousands tramping along with them.

"I think there were a lot of heroes that day, not just the medical professionals, but the medical students and the nurses and the doctors. But everyone was a hero," said Leahy.

Another nurse, who joined in the effort to combat the epidemic when the University asked all of its students to stay home and keep their distance from others until the pandemic passed, provided an eyewitness account of her experience at Fort Missoula in the March 25 edition of the Kaimin. "I want to acknowledge the many people who have sacrificed so much to protect health during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is essential that we all continue to do our part to protect ourselves and others. By following the guidelines and recommendations set forth by health authorities, we can help to prevent the spread of the virus and protect the most vulnerable in our communities."

"It’s been a tough year, but we are getting through it together. Thank you to all who have contributed to our success," she concluded.
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Teevee, who held her course on the campus-wide shuffle prior to the new year, had to report despite the reduction in influenza cases, work still had never looked out in the past for a similar reduction. Teevee wrote that there had been a noticeable decrease in the number of students seen at her office, but the outbreak continued to cause concern. She recommended that students continue to stay home and rest if they feel ill.

One student, a sergeant in the S.A.T.C., spent two weeks at St. Patrick’s hospital, only to return to campus and be again hospitalized for scarlet fever.

By the end of November, the Armistice took precedence over the epidemic. Margaret Coucher, a former columnist for the Montana Kaimin, reported on the jubilation from Camp Lewis in Washington: “The night that the peace news came was a big night here,” she wrote. “The students here have been on the alert for some weeks to have the chance of going home. The newspaper is now coming in daily under the threat of suspension.”

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By Jan. 21, the Kaimin reported that 25 people on campus had influenza, all of them staying in Craig Hall. The purpose of the solitary confinement was to keep the students from spreading influenza to others. The quarantines had ended, but campus still maintained a required sick call for students.

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UM cancels all spring athletics, practices

The Big Sky Conference and UM canceled almost all athletic functions due to the spread of COVID-19, including all spring sports.

“It sure is a bummer, especially because I redshirted indoor,” said UM track athlete Cade Johnstone, who was preparing for the 2020 outdoor spring track season.

The Big Sky Conference announced on March 12 that it was canceling its basketball tournament. The Lady Griz had already lost out at the tournament, but the men’s team was sent home before playing a game.

After the Big Sky Tournament was canceled, the NCAA also canceled the entirety of its tournament on March 12.

According to a report by Sports Illustrated on March 18, the NCAA “likely won’t” give winter sports athletes another year of eligibility.

“Crazy to think my college hoops career is over with, thanks for the memories,” Kendal Manuel posted on his Instagram account on March 13.

UM football announced March 13 it was closing practices to spectators and media until further notice.

The Big Sky Conference President’s Council voted to cancel all of its competitions and championships. All practices and workouts for Big Sky sponsored teams were also canceled.

This ruling cut short the season for UM softball, golf and tennis. It also suspended the start of UM’s outdoor track season.

Campus administrators at UM will reconvene before April 3 to determine the status of practices beyond then.

The NCAA has not made a decision on whether athletes of spring sports that haven’t been played will be granted another year of eligibility.

“I’m lucky I’m not a fifth year and I have many more years to come,” said Johnstone.

NCAA’s Division II announced that it was planning to give spring athletes another year of eligibility, so UM lacrosse seniors were granted another year of playing.

“Another reason why playing for Griz Lacrosse and the Men’s Collegiate Lacrosse Association is awesome,” said UM lacrosse in an Instagram post about the NCAA’s announcement. “Getting the band back together in 2021!”

UM’s next official athletic event scheduled is a soccer match against Gonzaga on August 20.

On March 30, the NCAA will vote on whether college athletes will get eligibility relief for the cancellations.