NEW POSSIBILITIES

Story by Bella Butler
language word, “Qe’ymin,” that is pronounced kay-MEEN and inhabited by the Salish People. Kaimin is a derivative of a Salish and the University of Montana are located on land originally inhabited by the Salish People. The Montana Kaimin is a weekly independent student newspaper at the University of Montana. The Kaimin office and the University of Montana are located on land originally inhabited by the Salish People. It's high time a new phrase was coined for those who don't want to quarantine: Quarantine really isn't too bad in comparison.

Volunteer Monroe Ayers lifts a large “grade A” pumpkin onto his shoulder to carry it to one of the trucks during the “Pumpkins for the Poor” Pumpkin Harvest on Sept. 26, 2020. The harvest, an annual event, brought about 25 volunteers together to pull nearly 2,000 pumpkins out of a field near Evans Tree Farm on Mullan Road. The pumpkins were rated on their degrees of ripe-ness.

Week of 9/28/20

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Don't hop on your Twitter and complain about, “Oh gee, I tested negative and I don’t wanna quarantine.” If you get sick, it’s not your fault. But spreading COVID-19, by act- ing irresponsibly, is.
Quarantine isn’t just for the deathly sick, it’s for anyone who could possibly pass COVID-19 on to someone else. It’s not about you, it’s about protecting the people who are more susceptible, and it’s about stopping the spread of the pandemic.

In our last editorial, we thanked Curry Health staff for the work they’ve been doing tirelessly since UM returned to in-person instruction. That thank you extends to the Missoula County Health Department officials who are working hard to prevent the potential spread of the virus from the reintroduction of over 10,000 students to the community.

So when you don’t follow the rules and take to social media to publicly shame someone—whether a health department rep, that actually happened; you’re giving tired, hard working health workers a big fat middle finger.

“Covid-19 is not perfect, with varying levels of accuracy. Curry has these rapid testing machines, but they can only test so many people in a day. So if you get the call, maybe follow the rules.” They mean business, and so should you. As numbers continue ringing irresponsibly, is.

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A new state law, SB 218, is intended to prevent unlicensed individuals from practicing massage in the state. The law, sponsored by Republican Rep. John Weidner, became effective on July 1, 2021. Under the new law, anyone who performs massage without a license will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail and a fine of up to $1,000.

The law requires massage therapists to obtain a license from the Utah Board of Massage Therapy, which regulates the profession. The board is responsible for setting standards for training and continuing education, and for enforcing the law. Under the new law, the board is also authorized to impose civil penalties on Massage Therapists who violate the law.

According to the Utah Board of Massage Therapy, there are currently 573 licensed massage therapists in the state. The board estimates that there are approximately 5,000 massage therapists working in Utah, but not all of them are licensed. The board believes that the new law will help to protect consumers and ensure that only qualified professionals are providing massage services.

The new law is a response to concerns about unlicensed massage therapists, who are often advertised on the internet and social media. These therapists may not have the training or experience necessary to provide safe and effective massage therapy, and may put their clients at risk.

The Utah Board of Massage Therapy is encouraged by the new law and hopes that it will help to improve the quality of massage therapy in the state. They remind consumers that they can check the license of a massage therapist on the board’s website before scheduling an appointment.
The Mansfield library called UMPD for assistance after a student who lives in the room let a friend in through the stairwell. According to UMPD, the student who was let in was out of control and was rummaging through a car at the stairwell. UMPD then spent 45 minutes disassembling the alarm. The next watch party will be on Tuesday in the UC Ballroom. The watch parties will be social-distanced, according to the Facebook event page. The next watch party will be on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the UC Presidential Suite. The UM Hosts Presidential Debate Watch Parties will be from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., and are open to only students because of COVID-19 and require masks and social distancing, according to the Facebook event page. The next watch party will be on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the UC Presidential Suite. The UM Hosts Presidential Debate Watch Parties will be from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., and are open to only students because of COVID-19 and require masks and social distancing, according to the Facebook event page.

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9/17 GRILL A ROOSTER
The Mansfield library called UMPD for support after a homeless man was seen in the library, sitting down and eating food that he had packed in a plastic box. The man had asked the student to let him have the food, and the student decided to report it to UMPD.

9/18 BREAK INTO THE DARK
Two separate reports noted damage to the court and a pat-down rights sign on the court posted rights sign on the court.

9/20 TRANSPORT A KID
A pot stoveker in Farmhouse Hall gave the librarian that the sausage on the fridge in the building. He reported there was no evidence of suspicious activity.

9/20 BREAK IN A CAR
A car was reported broken into in the parking lot. The owner of the car told one of the students that the car had been broken into. UMPD was called.

9/21 TRAPPED IN THE STAIRWELL
UMPD received a call that a student in the stairwell had been trapped in a stairwell. The student was unable to get out of the stairwell, and he was stuck in the stairwell.

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In addition, Magnuson said she understands that the current, unwritten medical-amnesty policies are not clear to students, and thus they may not be used to their full advantage.

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“Your role in the Senate, I think, is to be advocates for the health and safety of students, and I think that a policy like this directly makes students safer,” one of the co-authors of the resolution, Senator Jonathan Karlen, said.

Sandy Curtis, the director of housing, is even co-sponsoring the resolution this time. She explained that the current, unwritten policies can lead to hesitation.

“If I know about a situation that has occurred, though, waive it,” one of the co-authors of the resolution, Senator Karlen, said.

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Christopher Croft, said UMPD does not have a specific policy regarding medical amnesty, but just follows state law. Croft said he would support the resolution.

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“The pandemic is a very perilous, dangerous situation. It’s also a situation with lots of opportunities to get out of our comfortable boxes, which we know are not sustainable.”

What might that opportunity look like at the University of Montana main campus?

“Ideally, you’d be able to come to school in the morning and know you’re in a carbon-neutral environment. That’s where we find ourselves right now,” Spencer said.

“[The pandemic] is a very opportunistic, meaning that the circumstances have to be just right. “Sustainability opportunities to expand its work—and considering how to best use this potential catalytic moment to its advantage. Rocke, the staff coordinator, highlighted a number of surprising ways in which the pandemic has affected the University’s sustainability work.

“One is financial. “The fiscal uncertainty brought about by COVID has reinforced our desire as a University to make facilities investments that are going to save us dollars in the long term,” she said.

“This year back to September 2019, when UM administrators hosted a Whitefish to generate cash for “student-serving infrastructure.” The University refinanced its then roughly $160 million in debt and issued $146.8 million in new bonds. Of the bond issuance, $23 million has been approved for the addition of a natural gas combined heat and power plant, which will be located adjacent to the current steam plant. According to Rocke, the carbon-cheap plant was an especially appealing proposal given its low economic potential. By generating energy on site, the University can save power and money. With an economic proposal given the uncertain fiscal landscape in the coming years due to COVID-19, this concept of payback, credited to sustainable energy, has a new gloss to it.

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The staff coordinator, Daylin Scott, reflected on UM Sustainability’s work. According to Scott, the University has been able to bring a new gleam to its sustainability initiatives, which were not as visible in the past. The pandemic, which started in late 2019, has brought about a new focus on sustainability, with the University seeking to become carbon neutral by 2020. This has been an example of climate change finding its way into our everyday lives, just as it has for the past few years.

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A study published in April 2020 by the University of Montana is not new normal, is pivotal, and the University of Montana is not the ‘new normal.’

The risks of the virus have forced all of us to quickly change our behavior. When leaving the house, we’ve added masks and hand sanitizer to the checklist of keys and wallet. We attend meetings behind computer screens and smartphones, and we eat more meals prepared in our own kitchens. The need to make these behavioral shifts may alter our psychology in regards to change. Her work has reinforced what I already knew in my gut about how quickly and effectively people can mobilize when we try and absolutely have to make change. Rocke isn’t sure, however, if the ability to do so will translate into a “new normal” for sustainability.

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The pandemic, she said, “has sped up the pace of teaching and learning, and the pandemic has forced us to adopt entirely sustainable practices.”

“I would love sustainability to be one of the lenses through which we see the world,” Rocke said. “You see UM President Dixie is teaching a class in sustainability, and the University of Montana is not the ‘new normal.’”

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“We’re just out here, playing some baseball, trying to stay safe, keep with the precautions,” Kennedy McKay said. McKay is one of the UM’s Grizzly Club Baseball team.

Mackey, who often was seen joking around with his teammates as he tossed a colorful foul ball, said the UM baseball team is one of the few club teams still practicing during the pandemic. Practice includes using hand sanitizing and social distancing, which isn’t hard for the 10 players in the sea of grass and sand.

But the team hasn’t been immune to the effects of COVID-19 this year. Since there are no scholarships for club sports and kids choose to play once they arrive at school, fall’s “recruitment season” is drastically shorter than usual.

Head coach Nick Rackley said that in a normal year, enrollment revolves around the fall’s “recruitment season,” which emphasizes in-person interactions on campus in a variety of methods. These include bringing up past players and attending the Griz welcome event.

“We’re hoping to just do a little bit of what we used to do before the end of fall, maybe a couple of in-person interactions or maybe more classes back on campus,” Rackley said.

Rackley also said that often a player—whether it be for recruiting, to recruit friends and roommates who also play baseball—will be emailed by Rackley. The email will be something along the lines of a spring practice.

For Griz football fans, as well as those who work around the team, the fall without football is an inconvenience. “Some of those that play, students, coaches, some of the people that live very closely to the team don’t have football anymore, including me,” Bob Edwards, head coach of the UM football team, said in an interview.

Eric Tyler, the Director of Communications for Grizzly football, said: “Grizzly football affects not just people in the athletic department and at the University, but people throughout the whole community.”

Big Sky Conference teams located in Ogden, Utah, has already held full football practices in the fall. But the University of Montana has NOT contracted the virus, people generally understand.

“Playing sports might not be the best idea with a pandemic that’s going around the world,” Tyler said.

Tyler said that the Big Sky Conference decision to postpone the fall football season was to prevent contamination crises. On Sept. 25, UM reported having 75 cases of coronavirus. Close contact cases were reached from each case to an average of five additional people. The postponed season has caused frustration in athletes, coaches and fans alike.

Greek Life and Athletics were identified as COVID-19 clusters. Several athletes across all UM Athletics were placed in quarantine.

Earlier this week, Grizzly football players took to Twitter to talk about being in quarantine.

Redshirt freshman Ken Edwards tagged the Missoula County Health Department and Missoula County in a tweet Sept. 15, 2020.

#StayAtMT | #FromCOVID2020 | #Quarantine | #GrizzlyFootball
I'm still trying to digest the feasibility of this season.unksaid.

Rackley said that, as of right now, the spring season has been pushed back to March, and there is no real drastic employment changes. He has emphasized that safety procedures taken on campus are minimizing coronavirus spread in classrooms and campus events, and that much of the spread is due to off-campus activities.

Coef Nick Rackley acknowledges the University of Montana’s Grizzly Club Baseball team during practice on September 21, 2020. The National Club Baseball Association moved fall as a warm weather scheduled for February despite restrictions around COVID.
Sports

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The continuing presence of COVID is frustrating for our community, and it’s especially frustrating for those of us who work around the team, the fall with football is taking an effect.

“It definitely feels like we’re missing something, and like there’s a lot less pride in the world,” Taber said.

“Everyone is put on display as the practice wraps up. The office of UM President Seth Bodnar has been encouraging students in campus-wide efforts to stay in their social interactions off campus in order to minimize the spread of the virus. They have emphasized that safety procedures taken on campus are minimizing coronavirus spread in classrooms and campus events, and that much of the spread is due to off-campus activities.

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“The UM athletic department was scheduled Friday, both Edwards and Meyer had developed symptoms later on.

“Once everyone is healthy, we’re going to play our season in a conference-only format,” Rackley said.

Rackley also said that often once a player gets infected, he recruits friends and roommates who also play baseball.


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University of Montana Grizzly Shrine Center on the University of Montana on Sept. 22, 2020. CESTINA ROTHMILLER / MONTANA KAUER

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Usually by this time in the semester, football games would be underway, and the University of Montana campus would be flooded with fans cheering on the Grizzlies.

This year, though, weekends are quiet on campus. Football is nowhere to be seen.

As far as game day workers go, Taber said the UM athletic department was disappointed without the football season, but people throughout the whole university, but people of Montana or staff, they’re all very depressed that we don’t have football on Saturdays, including me,” Bobby Hauck said.

As for students on campus, freshman finance major Herman Haw said campus has been encouraging students in campus-wide emails to be careful in their social interactions off campus in order to minimize the spread of coronavirus.

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