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Bye bye Babs?



Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

The Babs Apartments, near the 4th Street West and Higgins Avenue intersection, will have its fourth floor renovated and turned into condominiums.

Apartments may turn to condos

Stefanie Kilts

MONTANA KAIMIN

The fate of the historic Babs Apartments is up in the air, but there is a good chance the apartments will be converted into condominiums under new ownership.

The building, located on 4th Street West off of South Higgins, was put up for sale at the beginning of the year. There is one main offer from a buyer and two other back-up offers for purchasing the building, said Ed Coffman, broker at Lambros Real Estate.

"As far as I can tell, all three

offers...have the intention of switching it to condos," he said.

On Tuesday, the occupants, many of whom are college students, received notice that the building had been sold and that the buyer was doing inspections. They were told a structural engineer would be viewing the building the following day.

If the decision is made to convert the apartments into condominiums, leases on apartments will be upheld until their final date, which varies between the summer and next fall, Coffman said.

The final decision for apartments will be made by April, Coffman said, so there is a chance that the building may stay as apartments.

However, even though the building is in good condition,

Coffman said there would need to be many improvements to the infrastructure including electrical and heating upgrades. The high cost of this renovation is one reason that making the building into condominiums would be preferable to renting apartments out for interested buyers, Coffman explained.

Babs Apartments has 14 total units, with two studios, six single-bedrooms and six double-bedrooms. 10 units are currently occupied and the four units that are vacant will not be rented out because of the sale, Coffman said.

Doug Dion, a University of Montana sophomore studying theater, said that Babs Apartments was a nice place to live.

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Grad students could face new requirements

Jeff Osteen

FOR THE KAIMIN

Graduate students at the University of Montana still have a chance to avoid an increase in the minimum credit requirement before it goes into effect next fall.

Beginning in fall 2008, UM graduate students may be required to enroll in at least three credits per semester. Students who do not maintain continuous registration will be dropped from their graduate program and must petition for readmission.

"It's an attempt to motivate the timely circulation of graduate students through their programs," said John Copeland, president of the Graduate Student Association. "As the GSA sees it, that is not the right solution to the problem."

Currently, graduate students can take as little as one credit per semester and still maintain continuous registration.

David Strobel, dean of the graduate school, said that there has been an increase in the number of students who enrolled in graduate programs and a decrease in the number of credits they were taking. He said that this led to

UM President George Dennison's decision to implement a three-credit requirement.

"I think there is a consensus that graduate students do not want this," Copeland said.

The policy was intended to go into effect in fall 2007, but was deferred after a spring forum at which the GSA met with Dennison and concerned faculty and students. Dennison placed a moratorium on the issue, giving the University of Montana Graduate Council an opportunity to determine why graduate students are not finishing their degrees in a timely manner.

Strobel said that particularly in doctoral programs students were taking as long as ten years to complete their degree, or not finishing at all.

He said that one reason for this is that students accept a job while slowly working on their degree and can't do the new job and the doctoral work at the same time.

At the doctoral level, he said, students drop out of the program during the last couple years more than any other time.

"Over 90 percent of students who take a leave of absence at that

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Texts written by professors could intimidate students

Alex Tenenbaum

FOR THE KAIMIN

It's no secret that some professors assign textbooks they themselves wrote as part of their required reading. The practice is as old as the university system, and the concern that professors make extra money from student purchases was born a day later.

While most universities, including the University of Montana, have policies to prevent financial conflicts of interest, UM students can encounter other potential problems with professors teaching their own texts.

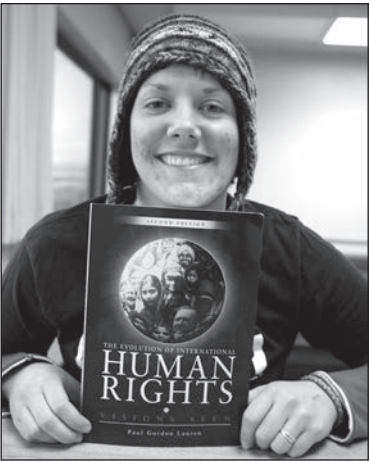
Kendra Jimenez, a graduate student in intercultural youth and family development, took Politics of Social Movements last semester with political science professor Paul Haber. There were only two books assigned for the class, and Haber's "Power from Experience" was one of them.

"The book was a big part of the class," Jimenez said, adding that it sometimes made her scared to participate in class.

"It was hard to criticize his theories to his face because he was the one grading me," she said.

One of the tests for the class was an oral exam given in front of two other students.

"The oral exam counted for 25 percent my grade, and a lot of the questions were from his book,"



Kenneth Billington / Montana Kaimin

Sophomore psychology major Jess Dallman said she enjoys reading her professor's book, which she was required to buy for his history class, Human Rights. "I like using the professor's own book, it shows he knows the material inside and out," Dallman said.

Jimenez said.

"When you know you're speaking about his book, you want to make sure you're impressing the prof. It's hard to stay true to what you actually think," she said.

Haber could not be reached for comment, so it is unknown where royalties from his textbook end up.

But not everyone's experience of professor-written material has been bad.

Jessica Dallman, a sophomore in psychology, and Jessica Andrews, a senior in history, can't

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EDITORIAL

Should teachers teach their own materials?

Last semester, my classmates and I were asked to critique, in an exam worth a big chunk of our grade, a professor's theory from a text he wrote and required us to read.

What is a captive audience, keeping their eye on the all-important grade point average, going to say? "Your theory sucked?" Or, "Your writing needs work?"

I doubt it.

We would whisper before class, "Did you get what he was talking about?" or "What was the point?" The book was full of acronyms, a poorly organized alphabet soup. It even had typos.

I would like to think my experience was rare. I know that most University of Montana professors have better writing skills than those I encountered in this book, but the practice itself is a problem. The classroom should be an environment that nurtures diversity and debate. It should not be a soapbox for one individual's limited perspective. Teachers already have the power to steer classroom discussion. Do they really need us to read their books on top of it?

Sometimes, a professor, with years of experience getting through to students, is best suited to write a course textbook. And while that may be the case, sometimes, it doesn't override the fact that students, pressured to kiss up to snag a better grade, will keep their mouths shut to avoid offending the person who wields the red pen.

Students should be free to criticize ideas. When professors write the book and teach the class, it stifles discussion and the learning experience suffers.

If I asked you to critique my writing, you may soften any critiques to not hurt my feelings, but when the person asking the questions holds the power of future scholarships, job opportunities and chances at getting into graduate school, the entire dynamic is magnified. Ultimately, if a student is asked to evaluate the professor's work, it guarantees them an ego stroke from a captive and submissive audience.

Perhaps my teacher wanted vigorous debate, as I imagine most do. But students will always feel pressure to do well in the eyes of their teachers and will shy away from confrontation with someone who holds a significant portion of their future in their hands.



Jessica Mayer
News Editor

Volunteers encouraged

The Office for Civic Engagement is once again hosting its biannual Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, February 12th and Wednesday, February 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the UC Atrium. It's a mutually beneficial event, with students given the opportunity to learn about interesting civic work they may become involved in and agencies having the chance to recruit new student volunteers! There will be over 20 local nonprofits on hand for students to visit with to learn about the services these organizations provide to the community.

Many of you may be wondering, why should I volunteer? We reply:



Why not? Besides the great feeling of helping others, there are many reasons:

- You can boost your resume. Volunteer activities convey a sense of social responsibility as well as experience gained in a work-like environment.
- You can increase your employment possibilities. Volunteer activities can serve as a "foot-in-the-door" situation that might lead to an employed position.

• You could discover a potential career track. Are you unsure of your major or career goals? A number of career possibilities can be tried out as a volunteer with minimum risk. It could help you determine if that occupation is really what you are interested in.

I encourage everyone to attend this important event. We are fortunate to live in such an active and caring community, and this is a great chance to find out how you can give back!

For any further information, call the Office for Civic Engagement at 243-5531.

Lauren Amato,
Campus Corps team leader,
Office for Civic Engagement

UWire

Dems take black vote for granted

Kelley Akhiemokhali
THE (DUKE) CHRONICLE

I applaud African-American Republicans. I say this not because I am one, but because they serve as a small reminder to the Democratic Party that not all African Americans lean left.

Whenever I believe that a person or group has overstepped a particular boundary, I often say they got too comfortable. People are too comfortable when they put their feet up on a coffee table in a house they are visiting for the first time. They're too comfortable when they make a bigoted joke because they are "part of the family" now. They're too comfortable like the Democratic Party is too comfortable with the African-American vote.

In his famous speech "The Ballot or the Bullet," Malcolm X declared, "I'm not a Republican, nor a Democrat, nor an American, and got sense enough to know it."

Malcolm X's statement resonated deeply with me when I read it for the first time. I only have to look at the current presidential campaign to remind myself of his words' significance. The charismatic civil rights leader asserted that African Americans carry serious political clout. Barack Obama's huge triumph in South Carolina's Democratic primary – where more than 50 percent of the Democratic voters were African American – clearly shows that is still true today. Yet what I find most interesting is what X declared next in that same speech.

"[The Democrats] been down there four years.... You put them first, and they put you last,

'cause you're a chump, a political chump.... Anytime you throw your weight behind a political party that controls two-thirds of the government, and that party can't keep the promise that it made to you during election time, and you're dumb enough to walk around continuing to identify yourself with that party, you're not only a chump, but you're a traitor to your race."

Although I consider myself an American and would not call someone a race-traitor, I would say the Democratic Party all too often sees African-American voters as chumps. Anytime a party takes a particular aspect of its constituency for granted, it is relegating that constituency to chump status.

Now, I know modern history shows us that Democrats are more vocal than Republicans about issues affecting African-American communities. Not long after X's speech, The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed with a Democrat in office and it took George W. Bush until 2006 to even address the NAACP Convention.

Then there is Bill Clinton. Bill "The First Black President" Clinton.

With all that going on, the Democrats grew even more comfortable. As they propped their feet up on the backs of African-American voters, they relished their identity as being for the common man, the ignored, the oppressed. For better or worse, being for these groups is often synonymous with being for African Americans.

I finally realized just how much the Dems were relaxing about the African-American vote when I interned on a Democrat's

presidential campaign this summer.

The night before I flew home, the office had dinner with the campaign's chair. After listening to the conversation for a while I finally decided to ask the chair what his candidate would do about the unfair crack cocaine vs. powdered cocaine prison sentences.

It was a simple question. The mandatory minimum sentencing for crack-cocaine possession is one of the primary reasons African Americans fill prisons. If a person is concerned about the plight of African Americans, along with education and socio-economic factors, one must analyze the reasons why African Americans are outdistancing other ethnicities in prisons.

I'm not sure what was worse – the chair not having a response or the fact that he did not know about the sentencing disparity at all. After a few of my colleagues jumped in to explain, he acted like the stereotypical politician. He gave me his card and told me to contact him with a follow-up.

I did. Three times. I have yet to hear an answer. Ironically, a conservative Supreme Court responded before the Democratic Party did.

African-American Republicans serve as the itch the Democrats just cannot quite scratch. I say let the Democrats keep scratching. Let them keep working. Maybe one day they will remember those "burning" issues outside of an election year. Maybe one day they will realize that they have grown too comfortable and when they are apologizing left, right and center, I will think, who's the chump now?

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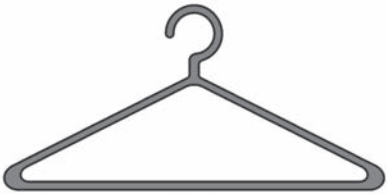
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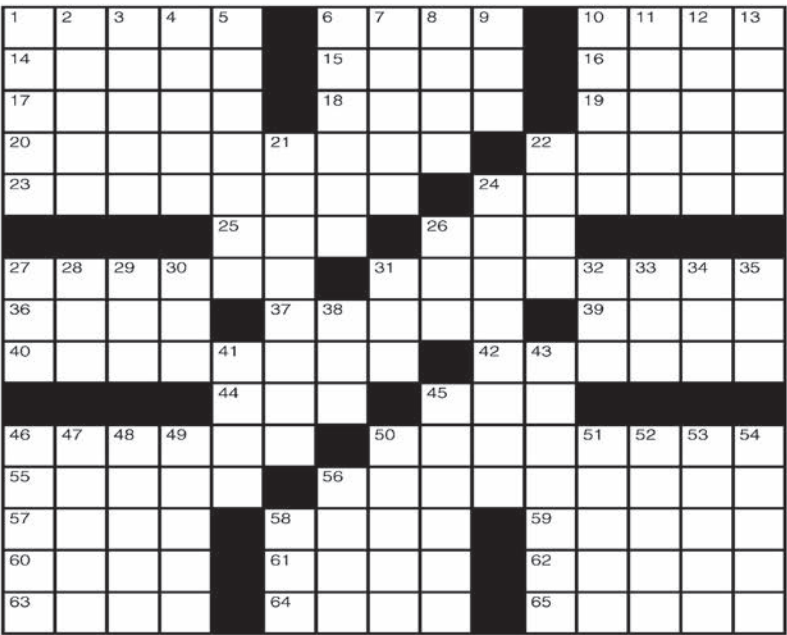
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 - 20 Called off by a cloudburst
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 - 23 Parker and Powell
 - 24 Break one's heart
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 - 26 "A Nightmare on Street"
 - 27 Relative intensity
 - 31 Divides into three
 - 36 Toward the center of
 - 37 Cook in an oven
 - 39 Tex-Mex order
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 - 42 Break in the action
 - 44 Swallow
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 - 46 Assign to a feedlot
 - 50 1983 Matthew Broderick film
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 - 56 Baking dish
 - 57 Garfield's pal
 - 58 Lads
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A new face for UM Web services, all in OneStop

Trevon Milliard
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Grizmail, Cyberbear, Blackboard and other school Web sites are now all accessible at OneStop, a Web service just released by the University of Montana that brings a student’s university accounts to one personal site requiring one sign-on. The site, onestop.umt.edu, requires each student or faculty member to log on using his or her UM NetID. They are then one click away from other sites that usually require another login and password, including Blackboard, Grizmail and Cyberbear, said Gordy Pace, UM director of IT Communications. A student’s OneStop site displays books checked out from the library, the student’s academic transcript and more. Students can

even choose local and national news feeds, search for local jobs and see what movies are playing in Missoula. “It’s not the university homepage,” Pace said. “It’s your homepage.” OneStop is four years in the making and is an attempt to “simplify things for students by putting them in one place in a logical manner,” he said. Tom Fite, 24, is the senior developer for the project and started developing OneStop when he was a UM student. He graduated last spring with a degree in computer science and still works at improving OneStop, he said. Three UM students are currently working to further develop OneStop, and student involvement helps make it even more beneficial, Fite said. “I always had frustrations

on Cyberbear when I was a student,” he said. “I can use my experience.” About 12,000 hours have gone into the Web service created mostly by students, Pace said. OneStop has been developed at a fairly reasonable cost. EAI, a nonprofit provider of information technology, granted UM about \$1 million to develop OneStop, and the University’s IT Central funded some of the cost, he said. UM pays \$30,000 a year to be a College EAI member. Even if OneStop weren’t created, there’d still be a need to design many of these applications, Pace said. About 13,000 people have logged into OneStop since it opened a week before the semester, Pace said. But that doesn’t mean people are using it regularly since many students are forced to update

their university account passwords through OneStop, he said. “But we hope once they get in, their interest is piqued and they poke around a little bit,” Pace said. On OneStop, users can send text messages or class schedules to their cell phones. About 12 professors are making their lectures available on iTunes U through OneStop. In the future, there will be the capability to download videos from class, Pace said. Users can personalize their OneStop site in a variety of ways once they try. For example, any feed from another Web site can be linked to it, including Facebook. “I don’t have to go to individual Web sites,” Fite said. “It’s all brought to me in one space.” Student feedback is positive so far, and any suggestions students

have for OneStop are welcome, Pace said. Users can comment on their OneStop accounts. OneStop is in no way complete, Pace said, and more tools are in the works. Because of the Virginia Tech shooting, emphasis has been placed on contacting students in case of emergency, Pace said. On OneStop, the University can send a message that will appear in an official notice window on the screen. Students are more likely to read that than e-mail, he said. The University can also use the official notices to send messages to certain groups, like Miller Hall or Knowles Hall residents. IT Central plans to have the capability to send emergency text messages to cell phones this year, Pace said. “The vision is always changing as technology is changing,” Pace said.

BOOKS

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stop praising their history professor Paul Lauren or his book, “The Evolution of International Human

Rights.” They said he is impartial and open to disagreement. “Both in the textbook and in his lectures, he is very objective,” Dallman said. “I don’t feel that he is imposing his views on us.” “He makes an effort to ensure that we hear a whole bunch of perspectives,” Andrews said. Andrews added that sometimes professors who write their own textbooks make a parade of it, expecting respect and praise. But, she said, nothing could be further from the truth with Lauren. “He didn’t even mention in

class that it was his book,” she said. “The man didn’t need to have his ego massaged at all.” Andrews said that even if the book seems to be objective, certain situations still require skepticism. “If it’s a subject where there’s a lot written already, like WWI or WWII or something, I would question why the professor is using his own text,” she said. “But if it’s a narrow subject like, in this case, the history of human rights, I don’t think it’s a problem. Especially when the professor is the authority on the subject.” Lauren downplayed the reports

of praise and simply said, “Any royalties I make on sales at the University of Montana go to a scholarship fund.” Dan Dutton, a forensic anthropology major in professor Mark Cracolice’s General Chemistry class, said that the textbook written by Cracolice and others was mostly a good buy. The UM Bookstore sold the book as a stack of photocopied pages, three-hole punched and shrink-wrapped together. Considering its humble appearances, he said he spent an awful lot for it. “Seventy-three dollars seems pretty crazy for this,” Dutton said, motioning toward the stack that now straddled the three metal rings of a beat-up binder. General Chemistry is a two-semester class, so students buy the first half of the book one semester and the second half five months later. Dutton, now in his second semester, grinned as he said, “At least I got to use the binder two semesters in a row.” Despite its odd format and high price tag, Dutton still defended the book. “It doesn’t really bother me that Cracolice wrote it. It’s a good text. If it were a terrible book it would, but I’m learning, and it is well written,” he said. Cracolice defended it too. “For my class it’s the best choice since it includes everything the course covers,” he said. “It’s not ideal. The quality is definitely lower. But to make up for it, I show color slides in class.” In spite of its appearance, Cracolice said the unbound, black-and-white book actually comes from a publisher. He said he chooses not to take royalties, which is in line with UM policy, which forbids professors from making a profit on course materials without the approval of their department. Professors who do make royalties must either donate them to charity or get approval from the majority of his or her department to make their book a course requirement. Most universities have similar policies, but according to the Association of American University Professors, if neurology students at Case Western Reserve University are ever assigned faculty-written textbooks, they get them for free.

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UM student recalls Wyo. avalanche experience

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Morgan Frederick remembers everything. The blunt “whomp” of the snowy face of Cache Peak barreling towards him. The carpet of powder sliding out from under his skis.

But before he knew exactly what was happening, the last thing he says he can remember hearing was his ski buddy, Ryan Talermo, screaming.

As the wave of snow plucked him from the ground and carried him down the mountain, Frederick latched onto a sapling, only to be ripped away.

Eventually he was able to aim towards a large tree and pin himself against it as the avalanche pummeled against him.

After he climbed out of the pile, he realized his friend was nowhere in sight, and started hollering, hoping for a sign of life.

Then he heard one.

“It took about a minute before I got a vocal response, which is a shitty feeling,” said Frederick, a University of Montana junior.

Talermo had been carried almost completely to the bottom of the mountain. The force of the avalanche had thrown him into a tree trunk, snapping his left femur on impact.

Remembering back to prior wilderness and medical training he received as a raft guide, Frederick made a seat for him out of snow and managed to stabilize Talermo’s leg.

As he looked at his wounded friend, slashed and bleeding from branches and other debris he grazed on the way down, Frederick could see things were looking grim.

“He had a broken leg and was messed up bad,” Frederick said. “He was going into shock.”

The thought gnawed in the back of his mind that, on average, one out of four femur fractures results in death, usually due to bleeding



Photo courtesy of Morgan Frederick

Avalanche aftermath in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

out from the femoral artery.

He was able to get a signal on his cell phone from that hillside in the Gros Ventre Mountains in Jackson Hole Valley, Wyo. He managed to get in touch with a friend of his in Teton County Search and Rescue who organized a helicopter retrieval, a move that went against protocol due to the fact that they would be pulling their chopper out after dark.

“They did us a favor to fly in,” Frederick said.

Frederick was airlifted from the site, having lost his skis in the avalanche. Talermo had to be skied out by search and rescue crews in

a toboggan.

Frederick was uninjured, and Talermo is recovering from his broken femur and a broken arm.

But Frederick is glad to be alive.

“I’m a little bit luckier than he is, but we’re both glad we’re fine now,” Frederick said.

Looking back on the avalanche that could have killed him and his ski buddy that afternoon on Jan. 12, Frederick says that the signs indicated that particular slope bode ill for them from the start.

“The avalanche danger was considerable. We didn’t notice the snow on the slope was pretty

hollow,” Frederick said.

Frederick added that he and Talermo discussed stopping and digging a pit to check the condition of the snow right before the snowline fractured.

This winter has already proven itself a deadly one for avalanches in Montana. The day after Frederick and Talermo managed to survive in Jackson Hole, two backcountry skiers were killed in an avalanche on the backside of Whitefish Mountain Resort (formerly Big Mountain).

A junior at Montana State University in Bozeman, Tyler Stetson, was killed a week after that in an avalanche in Beehive Basin near Big Sky, Mont.

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, the national average for avalanche fatalities is about 25 a year.

Since Dec. 2, avalanches have already killed 22 people in the West, three of them in Montana.

Kari Gunderson, who has been teaching the intensive Winter Wilderness Field Study course over winter session for six years, has her students take elementary courses in avalanche survival every year using transceivers and snow poles.

For the average backcountry rider, Gunderson said that a primary factor of avalanche survival lies in common sense, and not letting peer pressure to hit a potentially unstable run get the best of you.

“A big thing I try to stress in my course is good judgment. If you have any reservations (about a backcountry run), don’t go,” Gunderson said.

Peter Anderson, a training officer for the Aerie School for Backcountry Medicine in Missoula, said that riding with

people you trust and checking regular avalanche reports online are a crucial step anybody can take to ensure safety on a backcountry run.

“A lot of these decisions can be made at your home with an internet connection,” Anderson said.

Even though grappling for a tree may have helped Frederick, Anderson said that the idea of heading for the trees in order to save oneself during an avalanche is really a misnomer.

“They can be good anchors but generally they have to be closer together than you would want to ski in,” Anderson said.

On Feb. 26, the Aerie School for Backcountry Medicine will be holding EMT courses at UM, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Performance. The classes will offer students an opportunity to earn EMT certification and a chance to be better aware of dangerous avalanche conditions on the backcountry trail.

The research behind the behavior of avalanches, however, is still fuzzy, which makes them such a formidable menace to skiers and snowboarders.

“The science of analyzing avalanches is not very clear or well-defined, and may never be,” Anderson said.

Gunderson said that in her backcountry experience, those who find themselves close enough to an avalanche to understand them seldom live to talk about it, hence the lack of strong scientific study.

“I’ve had some of the biggies in the avalanche world tell me there are no avalanche experts,” Gunderson said. “They’re all dead.”





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Continent's Crown

New winter session geography course offers hands-on experience

Story and Photos by Emily Haas and Krista Miller for the Kaimin

This winter session, several students found themselves in an unconventional classroom experience. Rick Graetz's pilot Crown of the Continent geography course drew in students from different backgrounds to learn about the complex ecosystem just north of Missoula.

The University of Montana College of Arts and Sciences is embarking upon a new, university-wide initiative to coordinate research in and near Glacier National Park and the Rocky Mountain Front. The initiative, seeing first light through the Department of Geography, is an outreach to students through new curriculum, research and internship opportunities. A speculated Interpretive Center for the department may result from these efforts.

The ecosystem of the crown of the continent can be defined geographically on a map, but its influence is not limited to that area. The crown's northern border begins at British Columbia's Crows Nest Pass and the Elk River, the headwaters of the North Fork of the Flathead River. The crown stretches 250 miles south to the Blackfoot

River Corridor and Highway 200, at Rogers Pass. The crown's eastern border encompasses the Rocky Mountain Front, where the vast short-grass prairie ends abruptly at the impressive over-thrust belt, and extends west to the Mission and Flathead Valleys, including the Whitefish range. The two jewels of the crown are Glacier National Park and the Chinese Wall, in the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

In addition to the two-week lecture course, students had the chance to take a weeklong field trip to Montana's outdoor classroom, the North Fork of the Flathead River ecosystem.

Heading up the North Fork and out of one of the fastest growing regions, the Flathead Valley, one will see a strikingly different landscape. It's a bumpy, dusty road covered with hard-packed snow leading to Polebridge, Mont. The road can

be nearly impassable in winter and so dusty and rough in summer that many are discouraged from traveling it. Polebridge, nestled between the snow-capped peaks in Glacier National Park's Livingston Range and the Whitefish Range, has around 25 full-time residents.



Above: Andrew Bell and Andrew Stolle snowshoe along the North Fork of the Flathead River during the winter session field course, Exploring the Mountains of Western Montana, a geography course. Class began each morning with a lecture and the afternoons were spent in the field.



Top: John Frederick and his dog Blue spoke to students at the North Fork Hostel about the local perceptions concerning development in the North Fork Valley. Frederick, the unofficial mayor of Polebridge, is instrumental in the preservation of the North Fork.

Bottom: Lucy Beard, right, Courtney Oyler, and Greta Rybus listen to backcountry traveling tips from course instructor Rick Graetz. Graetz is part of the new initiative though UM incorporating research and knowledge for the Crown of the Continent.



Above: Students visiting the University of Montana's Flathead Lake Biological station at Yellow Bay hear from Jack Stanford about the importance of looking at an ecosystem in its entirety and as a complex resource. The station, used as an outdoor classroom, is spearheading research in the crown, which is applicable around the world.

Right: A sign tacked near the front door of the North Fork Hostel welcomes visitors. Sixteen students spent four nights in Polebridge, Mont. without urban amenities such as electricity and indoor bathrooms.



Above: Freezeout Lake, just north of Fairfield, Mont. on the Rocky Mountain Front is a resting spot for over 230 species of migrating birds. For a few weeks in the spring over 400,000 snow geese can be seen resting on the lake and feeding in nearby fields.

A resident dog watches students shopping in the Polebridge Mercantile. The Mercantile serves as a grocery store, bakery and a community meeting place.

Foresters' Ball Frenzy



Freshman Anna Penner-Ray, center, gets clashed as students frantically grab the Foresters' Ball tickets on the ground dropped by a helicopter above the Oval Wednesday afternoon. Of the dozens of students on the Oval, Penner-Ray successfully grabbed a ticket to her first Foresters' Ball. There were only four tickets hidden in hundreds of ticket packets falling from the sky.

Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

ASUM buys emissions offsets

Amy Faxon
MONTANA KAIMIN

ASUM agreed Wednesday night to give the Students of Wilderness and Civilization group \$726 to bring a speaker on global warming to campus. Of the \$726, \$228 would go towards purchasing carbon credits, or Green Tags, to offset the carbon emitted from the speaker's flight to Missoula.

The Students of Wilderness and Civilization is hosting the final lecture of the annual Wilderness Lecture Series. Policy Director K.C. Golden, of the Seattle-based Climate Solutions, will advise University students and community members on climate solutions and how to help offset carbon emissions.

SOWC requested ASUM purchase Green Tags to enforce Golden's message. The Green Tags program was set up by the Bonneville Environmental Foundation. Purchasing Green Tags funds the development of renewable resources.

ASUM was divided on whether or not to give SOWC the money for the Green Tags. Some senators worried that if they approved this request it would set a precedent for future group requests, while others were excited to be the first group on campus to support Green Tags.

Sen. Kevin Nalty said purchasing Green Tags for this lecture would prompt other student groups to ask ASUM to do the same for their trips. Financing groups to offset carbon emission will continue to get more expensive in the future. He suggested the senate look at the financial aspect of this request before supporting it.

Vice President Tara Ness said that not paying for carbon credits would be hypocritical. Golden will address this new way to offset pollution in his lecture, and not supporting the Green Tag purchase would be contradictory.

ASUM President Dustin Leftridge is excited that ASUM will be the first group on campus to support offsetting carbon emissions.

It is ASUM's responsibility to set a precedent for the future of this campus, Sen. Allie Harrison said.

The other \$498 will cover Golden's travel, food, and lodging expenses.

Golden's will deliver his lecture, "The Climate Solutions: For a New, Sustainable Prosperity," on April 15.

ASUM also passed a resolution to discontinue smoking in all university housing. Currently, some university apartments, like the University Villages, allow smoking inside the apartments.

Another resolution, to not ban smoking on campus, was passed. The University of Montana Tobacco Task Force has considered banning smoking on campus. The ASUM senate acknowledged that all students, smokers included, have the right to smoke on campus as long as

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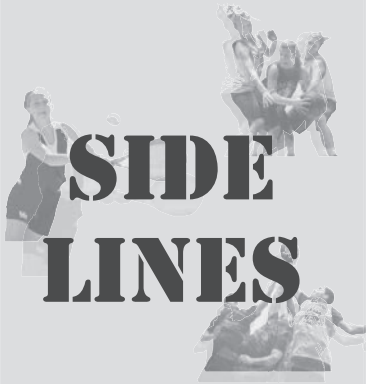
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Track: UM senior Loni Perkins-Judisch is this week’s Big Sky Conference women’s indoor track athlete of the week. Perkins-Judisch, a Conrad, Mont. native, swept the 200 and 400 meters at last weekend’s MSU Open in Bozeman with times of 24.97 and 55.74. Both times qualified her for conference, and both times are the best in the Big Sky this season. Perkins-Judisch holds the Montana record in indoor and outdoor 400 meters and has won the Big Sky Conference 400 meter championship five times.

Volleyball: Montana State-Billings volleyball coach Sara Schaub has been named the new volleyball coach for the Bobcats. Schaub, 28, played volleyball and was an assistant coach at Eastern Michigan before coaching at Division II MSU-B. Last fall, she coached the Yellowjackets to an 18-10 record. Schaub now faces the task of rebuilding a struggling Montana Stat program that finished 1-27 in 2007, under Miya Malauulu, who resigned in December.

STANDINGS

MEN’S BBALL

School	Big Sky	All
Northern Arizona	6-2	14-7
Weber State	5-2	10-9
Idaho State	5-2	8-12
Portland State	4-2	11-8
Montana State	4-3	12-8
Montana	3-4	9-11
Eastern Washington	3-5	8-14
Northern Colorado	2-6	8-12
Sacramento State	1-7	3-16

WOMEN’S BBALL

School	Big Sky	All
Montana	5-1	15-4
Portland State	5-1	15-4
Idaho State	5-2	13-6
Northern Colorado	4-2	10-9
Montana State	3-3	8-10
Northern Arizona	3-4	7-13
Weber State	2-5	8-11
Sacramento State	2-5	4-15
Eastern Washington	0-6	3-16

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In 1991, Denver Nuggets’ Michael Adams became the shortest NBA player to get a triple-double at 5-foot-10.

Griz gaining ground in Big Sky Conference

Bill Oram
MONTANA KAIMIN

Just when some were ready to bury the University of Montana men’s basketball team six-feet-under in the Big Sky Conference, they wiggled a toe. Then, a couple of nights later, another.

Aspirations for any kind of postseason run appeared slim after the Griz started their Big Sky season 1-4, but wins in the past week over Eastern Washington and Northern Colorado seemingly have given Montana hope.

Now, with two road games slated in the next four days, the Griz (9-11, 3-4 Big Sky Conference) have an opportunity to further their cause and show they are capable of – in hopes this metaphor hasn’t lost its steam – a full resurrection.

Tonight’s tilt at Portland State (11-8, 4-2 BSC) should provide a challenge, and Sunday the Griz will have another opportunity for a win at Eastern Washington (3-5, 8-14 BSC).

Throughout the team’s recent swoon, coach Wayne Tinkle maintained that his team was capable of rebounding and making a run late in the season.

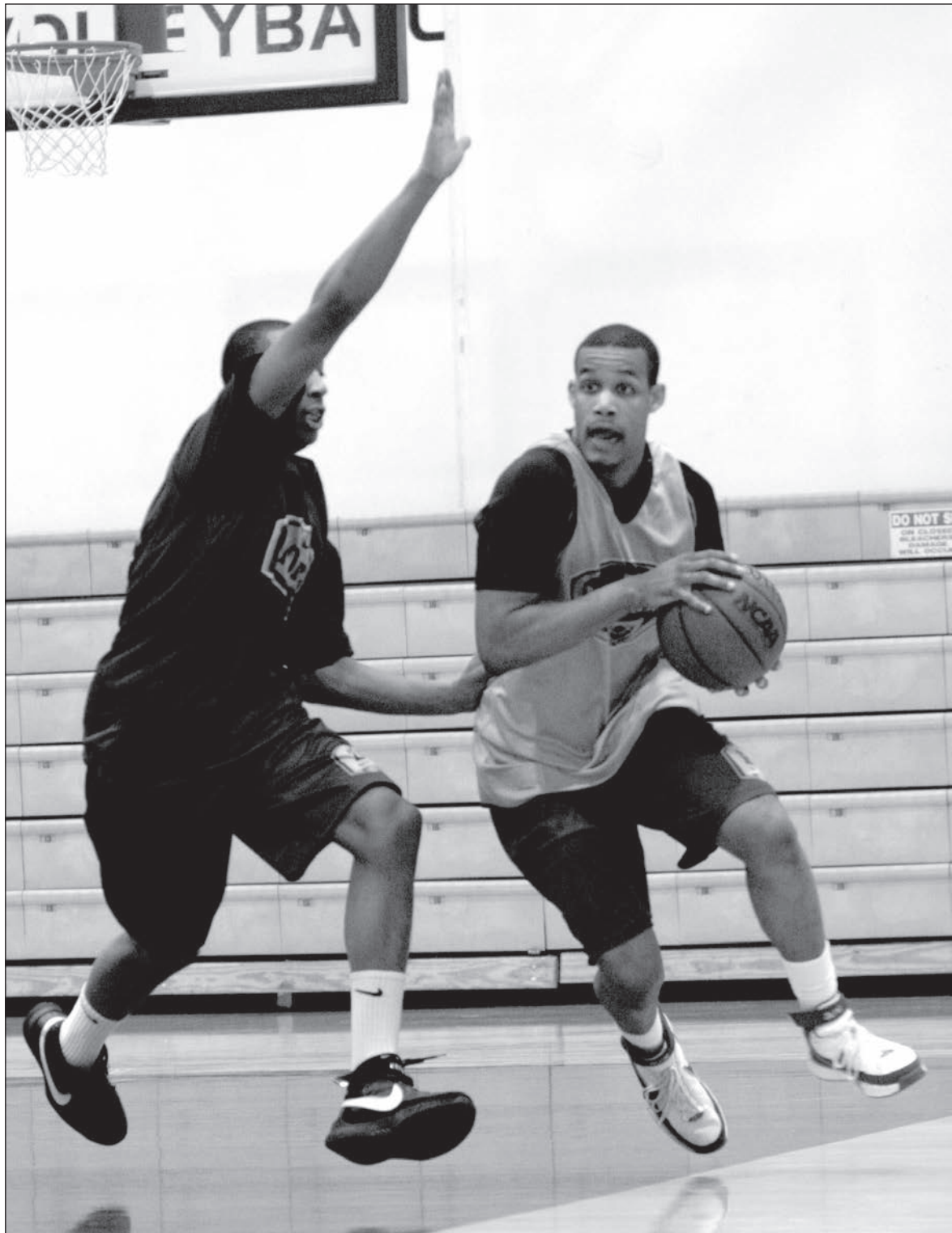
“We knew we were close, we’d lost so many close games, our guys just found a way against Eastern to just come out and win,” Tinkle said Wednesday. “We turned around the way we were playing, now we just need to make sure we don’t get back to doing the things we were doing earlier in the season.”

Tinkle credits his team’s resurgence to a new, bigger starting lineup he first turned to against Idaho State on Jan. 17. He pulled guard Cameron Rundles, the reigning Big Sky Freshman of the Year, from the starting lineup, and inserted Brian Qvale, the 6-foot-11 freshman who may be an early-season candidate for the same award.

“The thing we really like about it is it really allows us to establish a physical style of play,” he said. “If it gets to where it hurts us not having another handler on the floor, we’ll go back to the small lineup.”

Portland State is a perimeter team, from its guards to its big men, senior Griz guard Matt Martin said.

“I think they rely on the 3-



Eric Oravsky / Montana Kaimin

Freshman guard Zach Graves drives around junior guard Ceylon Elgin-Taylor in practice Tuesday afternoon. The Grizzlies play away tonight at Portland State and will try to add another win to their 3-4 conference record.

point shot and they’ve been pretty successful so far in league,” he said. “But if we contain the 3-point arc and limit them to one shot ... I think we’ll be good.”

Junior guard Jeremiah Dominguez, a transfer from the

crosstown University of Portland Pilots, leads the Vikings in scoring with 12.1 points per game, while guard Deonte Huff averages 11.9 points and center Scott Morrison posts 10.4.

“It’s definitely a big game,”

said Martin, who played against Dominguez in AAU tournaments in high school. “We know if we can come in on this road trip and get a sweep it will make us move up in

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Lady Griz, Portland State tied for lead in BSC

Ben Prez
MONTANA KAIMIN

The second half has been kind to the Lady Griz lately. Before coming from behind to beat Northern Colorado on Saturday, the team outscored Weber State by 10 points in a win and Idaho State by one in the second half in a loss.

“You’ve got to play a full 40 minutes, and if you start great it doesn’t mean anything, and if you finish great it doesn’t mean anything,” Montana Lady Griz coach Robin Selvig said. “We plan on playing a full 40 minutes and being there at the end of the game.”

Tonight at 7 p.m. the Lady Griz face a Portland State team that has won five of its last six games. The two teams are tied for the lead in the Big Sky Conference, and the Lady Griz are hoping for a strong effort from start to finish against the Vikings.

“We’re a team capable of big



Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

Freshman Jessa Linford, left, handles the ball as freshman Misty Atkinson attempts to block during basketball practice in the West Auxiliary gym Wednesday morning. The Lady Griz will host Portland State tonight at 7 p.m.

runs,” senior guard Dana Conway said. “Robin tells us to play our game, get on the boards and stay aggressive.”

Against Idaho State, the Lady

Griz were outscored by 14 in the first half and shot much better in the second half.

“Rob does a good job of encouraging us at halftime, but I

think it’s more about us as a team encouraging each other and figuring out what we did wrong and using it as a stepping stone,” sophomore guard Lauren Beck said.

Montana shot 33 percent from three-point range against Northern Colorado in the first half but shot 46 percent in the second half. Sonya Rogers, who leads the nation in three-point shooting percentage, put in most of the long-range buckets.

“We’re playing well at 5-1,” Selvig said. “That was a good game against Northern Colorado. That was the first close game we’ve had at home, but you gain confidence from those tough situations.”

Portland State will be taking the floor at Dahlberg Arena tonight with a squad that has held its opponents to 41 percent shooting and 27 percent from beyond the arc, so a comeback could be tougher this time around for Montana.

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Former Griz talks Cowboys, Super Bowl

With Super Bowl Sunday fast approaching, Kaimin sports editor Amber Kuehn spoke with Dallas Cowboys center and former University of Montana standout Cory Procter about life in the NFL and his prediction for the big game.

Kuehn: How much playing time did you get this year?

A: I mostly got clean-up time at the end of the year. I was in special teams all year but got in on offense against St. Louis. When (starting center) Andre Gurode went down against Philly (Eagles) I came in for most of the second half and then started the next two games after that. The rest of the season I played special teams, and eventually we got our starting center back.

Kuehn: What was that like, to see some real playing time, after essentially spending three seasons on the sidelines?

A: It's neat. It's kind of stepping stones to get where you want to be in life. It's kind of like any profession. It's a step up that ladder, and getting some playing time helped me out a lot. It's good for later down the road if I ever play for another team. My two-year contract expired, then I signed a one-year contract this year and I'll do the same for next season.

Kuehn: What is quarterback Tony Romo like to work with?

A: He's a good guy, he's pretty light-hearted. He just has a good time and he sings a lot even though he has a horrible voice.

Kuehn: Hasn't taken enough vocal lessons from his girlfriend (Jessica Simpson)?

A: *Laughs.*

Kuehn: The Cowboys had an incredible season. What was it like to be part of it?

A: Sure, it's great, but there's only one ultimate goal and obviously it's the reason you're calling. It's Super Bowl time. It's great to win and the season goes a lot better because there is no blame. When I was with Detroit we were losing all the time, so everybody hates each other. This makes it a lot more fun. There's still a lot of disappointment when you don't make it where you want. Just like the Griz going undefeated and losing in the first round.

Kuehn: What has been the biggest adjustment from the college game?

A: I had to develop a little more. I was lucky. I was able to get with the right program ... one that I liked. I liked (former Cowboys coach) Bill Parcells when I first got there. A lot of guys don't get those breaks, those



lucky breaks, to get with the right team. It's all about getting comfortable with it and realizing it's all football. It's all relative, just a step bigger. You play big guys every week instead of big guys every once in awhile.

Kuehn: A lot of people thought the Cowboys had a good shot at making the Super Bowl. How did you and the rest of the team handle the unexpected upset?

A: It was heartbreaking. You don't expect it. We had planned on coming in next week, had meetings scheduled even. It isn't a bad thing, you should expect to win, but when you have everything planned and it's done all of a sudden, and you're doing exit interviews and exit physicals, it doesn't sink in until later.

Kuehn: You were defeated by Eli Manning and the Giants, who are facing the Patriots in the Super Bowl this weekend. What can you say about the talent of that team, having played against them?

A: Everybody was surprised they made it. I think they were surprised they made it. They were able to turn it on right when need be. Good for them. I've got a buddy on the team, so I'm happy for them. It proves that even though a team can just get by all year and limp along, they can kind of put a season together. All of a sudden you had a great year.

Kuehn: Who's your friend who plays for the Giants?

A: Chase Blackburn, he's a back-up lineman, and I also know (guard) Grey Ruegamer. His parents actually own some land in Polson.

Kuehn: What are your thoughts on the success of the Patriots this season?

A: It's cool, they're only the second team to ever do it. It's pretty impossible but they're showing it's not. To go undefeated in the NFL these days is tough. I mean, to have our record (13-3) is pretty damn good. Some of those old Miami guys, I don't know, I think some of them want that streak to keep going.

Kuehn: What is your prediction for the Super Bowl?

A: New England in a tight game, because I think New York will play them good. They turned it on last week, and especially against New England in the last regular season game. It'll be a good one.

Kuehn: Do you still follow the Griz?

A: Of course. I was bummed out that they lost to Waffle House University – or whatever, Wofford – some team I never heard of. I always follow them. Those were good times. There are still a bunch of great coaches there. I'm coming back in a few weeks to see a few of them.

Kuehn: What do you hope the future holds for you?

A: My goal is to start, and then just getting in and playing all the time. I want to win a Super Bowl, go to the Pro Bowl.

Kuehn: If you weren't playing football, you'd be ...

A: Coaching. Maybe teaching somewhere.

Kuehn: What's the best thing about Dallas?

A: A lot of food. Lots of good restaurants and places to eat. And the country music.

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league. It will make it easier to get a win at Eastern if we can win (Thursday) night."

Portland State coach Ken Bone said despite Montana's slow start he still anticipates they will be competitive as the Big Sky Conference schedule moves along.

"They just had some bad luck early, they got beat by a couple of teams that beat them on those nights," he said. "I think when it's all said and done at the end of the year they'll be right there in the top three."

He pointed to Andrew Strait and Jordan Hasquet as dangerous weapons for the Grizzlies and said each player is "as good as anybody in the conference."

Martin said wins over both the Vikings and Eastern Washington on Sunday would set a positive tone for the rest of the season.

"I think this is probably one of our biggest road trips because next week we're at home," he said. "We can't look too far ahead, but this road trip could be key for the rest of our season."

The Griz play at Portland State's Stott Center at 8:05 p.m. tonight, and at Eastern Washington on Sunday at 2:05 p.m. The game against the Eagles will be broadcast on the Altitude television network.

LADY GRIZ

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Forward Kelsey Kahle leads the team with 17.9 points per game, most of which are scored off of quick post moves.

Kahle is a great post scorer but not in the traditional sense because she is only 5-foot-10 and uses quickness around the basket rather than power moves, Selvig said.

Kahle isn't the only threat for Portland State. Guard Claire Faucher leads the nation in assists and guard/forward Delaney Conway is a tough match-up on the wing.

"We've got to have a balanced defense because they're definitely more than an inside team for sure," Selvig said.

From the Portland State perspective, Montana presents an interesting challenge. Earlier this season, the Vikings beat Gonzaga 75-72. The Bulldogs defeated the Lady Griz 87-71 in November.

"(Montana's) a team that executes well with a ton of different offensive sets and looks, which is really difficult to defend," Portland State head coach Sherri Murrell said. "We're going to focus on shutting down different personnel rather than trying to stop their whole offense."

She said that her team isn't playing as well as they should be, but they're still young and they do have great chemistry. She also said her team performs particularly well on the open court, scoring a lot of points quickly.

"Every coach in the country watches game film, so it's no secret that we love to run," Murrell said.

After the game tonight, the Lady Griz will face the struggling Eastern Washington Eagles on Saturday night at 7 p.m. The Eagles have yet to win a conference match-up.

"Right now we're getting more patient, and being ready to meet the challenge," senior forward Johanna Closson said. "We're taking it one game at a time and not overlooking the challenge in front of us."

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UM must show progress for new accreditation assessment

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To meet the demands of accreditation in recent years, colleges and universities across the country are being asked a big question: What are students actually getting out of their education?

"Are we adding value? Are we teaching something?" These are the questions history professor Kenneth Lockridge asks, and is seeking answers for.

Assessment is the new buzzword in the world of higher education accreditation, the new "raison d'être," as Political Science Department chair James Lopach puts it. For a university to be recognized as an institution of higher learning, they must be accredited by large and powerful

agencies such as the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Now, Associate Provost Arlene Walker-Andrews is putting on the pressure.

The University of Montana's big accreditation visit by the NWCCU is in 2010, and Walker-Andrews must get all the university's departments in line before then. UM must show progress and officials hope that the new assessment programs will demonstrate that progress.

"All colleges and universities in the United States are under the gun right now to tell 'What are you giving to our students,'" she said. "What I asked all departments to start doing is to start showing what our students are doing."

Because individual ability levels vary, it is difficult to come

up with an overall understanding of what students gain from their particular programs. It is up to each department to figure out how to measure their own teaching ability.

"Even though you have courses, and that leads up to 120 credits, that doesn't necessarily show what you've learned," Walker-Andrews said.

Certain departments are making headway in this process, such as Lopach's Political Science Department. Some departments, such as history, are not as far along.

On Monday afternoon, the history faculty shuffled out of their cramped quarters on the east wing of the Liberal Arts Building to get together and start hashing out ideas.

"We are trying to figure out ways to measure our students from the moment they enter our program till the moment they leave," department chair Richard Drake said.

Three solid ideas came out of the meeting, he said.

Entrance and exit exams, essays by seniors reflecting on their experience and entry-level and senior-level classes designed to track progress. Drake, along with Lockridge, stressed that writing ability should not be accounted for in these tests, only critical thinking and analysis skills.

Some concerns are also being raised in these meetings. Faculty members fear that they are going to be told that their teaching performance is to blame, and are wary of the amount of extra time

necessary to assess students' learning.

Walker-Andrews addressed this first fear by saying it is programs as a whole that will be tested, not any individual student or faculty member.

"We're trying to do this not at a student level, more as a cohort," Walker-Andrews said. Assessment is "not supposed to be an evaluation of individual faculty, but of a whole program."

Meanwhile, the Department of History is wary of how to conduct reasonable evaluations, along with what those evaluations might say about their teaching abilities.

"If all were to fare poorly, that would start some soul-searching," Drake said. "It just depends on what the tests show."

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point never finish," he said.

The final draft of a survey will be made available for graduate students and faculty next week. It will play a large role in finding the major problems that need to be

addressed.

Strobel said that it is too early to talk about the solutions because there is not enough evidence as to what the real problems are. But he also said there would be no need for a minimum credit requirement if graduate students planned a timely course of study.

He said that if graduate

students would take larger course loads and refrain from enrolling in classes that were not required for their degree, it would help them to finish the program on time.

"I think the three-credit rule issue has stimulated the appropriate discussion," he said.

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“It’s a cool place and has a lot of history,” he said.

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the 1920s or 1930s.

Coffman said he feels that the new owner will most likely respect the historical value of the building and maintain the architecture if renovation is decided on.

Nonetheless, he was sympathetic for the current occupants if leases won’t be renewed.

“Tenants have pride living in the Bab,” Coffman said, explaining

he has visited with some of them about the sale of the building.

However, Dion, and Maria Giarrizzo, a senior studying theater who lives in a different apartment in the building, said they are not too worried about not being able to renew their lease if that is the decision.

Giarrizzo is graduating in May and Dion said he liked the place but

would just find another apartment in a similar location.

“It’s a nice place, nice location,

but a little pricier than other places,” Dion said, whose lease will expire in June.

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