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MONTANA KAIMIN

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'UC' them dancing



Bess Brownlee/Montana Kaimin

Students from Nicole Bradley Browning's improvisation class take part in a group dance in the University Center on Wednesday afternoon. According to Tim Larson, approximately 20 dancers twirled, jumped and stomped through the UC, "to interrupt the norm."

Study-lounge students offered hotel rooms for finals week

Kayla Matzke
MONTANA KAIMIN

The Residence Life Office has offered the remaining 24 students in interim housing hotel accommodations for the rest of the semester.

Since the beginning of the semester, the number of students living in study lounges dropped from 148 students, the most overflow in on-campus housing the University of Montana has seen in recent years.

A deal is being negotiated with Residence Life and two different hotels near campus for students to move into until the end of finals week.

The negotiation will be final by Friday, said Ron Brunell, director of Residence Life. Brunell would not say which hotels his office is dealing with, but only that both are "within walking distance of campus."

Four students opted to move into the hotel rooms, said Brunell. Since his offer, two have been placed in permanent dorms.

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Regents set to meet today on campus

Allison Maier
MONTANA KAIMIN

A possible community college in the Bitterroot, an award for a University of Montana professor, construction costs and a policy to collect high school identification numbers are among the issues to be addressed Thursday by the Montana Board of Regents.

The Regents, who oversee the state's university system, will assemble for their final meeting of the year today and tomorrow on the third floor of the UC.

The Board is scheduled to discuss the proposed Bitterroot Valley Community College in Ravalli County Thursday morning. Residents of the county have already approved the proposed college, which is the first step of a three-step process for creating a community college. The Montana Board of Regents will make recommendations for the college at their meeting and the final approval of the college will be

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Sagging economy saps funding for scholarships

Carly Flandro
MONTANA KAIMIN

As the national economy declines, so are scholarship opportunities for students across the nation, including those at the University of Montana.

At UM, the director of financial aid, the adviser for external scholarships, college deans, professors and students all agree — scholarships at UM are going to be affected by the economy.

They just don't know how profoundly — even those who are investing \$119.95 million of UM's scholarship funds don't know.

"Some scholarship funds will be affected, but we don't know at

this point if they will be lost or not," said Jamie Stanton, the UM Foundation controller.

The UM Foundation, which handles donations, invested nearly \$120 million in the stock market in the last fiscal year, ending June 30. Now, as the market heads downward, the foundation's investments seem to be doing the same.

The money has been invested into five different categories of firms. The table below shows the percentage of donations that was invested in each category, gives an example of one of the holdings from each category, and shows the holding's year-to-date totals.

This table offers a partial view

and is not fully representative of the Foundation's overall holdings.

However, though holdings in the stock market all differ, most of them are down by about 40 percent. In this example, all but one of the holdings are down by 40 percent or more.

The UM Foundation has invested the largest chunk of its money — 24.2 percent — in international equities. Artisan International, one fund it invested in, is currently down by 47.9 percent.

But the loss of invested money is a reality that universities across the nation are facing, including Harvard.

A recent article written by Daniel Gross and published on slate.com, an online magazine produced by the Washington Post, exposed the bleak state of Harvard's investments.

Moody's, a research service, projected "a 30 percent decline in the value of college and university endowments in the current fiscal year," according to the article.

Last week, this prompted Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust to tell stakeholders that Harvard needs "to be prepared to absorb unprecedented endowment losses and plan for a period of greater financial constraint."

If UM lost 30 percent of the \$119.95 million that was invested, it would be a loss of \$35.9 million.

But that's not the only way the UM Foundation could be hurting in the future. As donors cope with the loss of their own funds, they are likely to give less.

Paul Alaback, a forestry professor at UM who donated funds last year, said his own investments have been affected.

"I try not to check on a daily basis," he said. "It's depressing."

Alaback donated money last year to help set up a scholarship

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The UM Foundation's Investments

	Large-Cap Equity	Mid-Cap Equity	International Equities	Fixed Income	Alternative Investments
% Invested	19.8	18.2	24.2	13.8	24.0
Example firm	Vanguard S&P 500 Index	Vanguard Mid-Cap	Artisan International	Pacific Income Advisors	Cohen & Steers Global Real Estate Securities
Firm's YTD loss	-36.73	-43.41	-47.69	-43.67	-48.50

Sources: Morningstar and the UM Foundation Fiscal Report 2007-June 30 2008.

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• Grizzly Basketball vs. Mississippi Valley State
Dahlberg Arena, 7:00 p.m.

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Editorial It's too late to move students to hotels

It's ironic, isn't it? With finals approaching, Residence Life is finally giving all students crammed in study lounges the opportunity to get out.

The Kaimin reported today that after students have been stuck in interim housing — an overused euphemism for study lounges, TV rooms and anywhere else Residence Life could stuff students — for 13 weeks, the 24 remaining transients have been offered rooms in hotels near campus.

While it's the right move by Residence Life Director Ron Brunell, it's coming about three months too late. At this point, the gesture reeks of trying to save face. Because now — after they've settled into their dungeons, accepted their fates and slowly waited their turns to get moved into big kid rooms — is the worst possible time to move students.

Brunell says in today's front-page story that the move is aimed at giving the students "accommodations to do well academically" for finals.

So, let's get this straight. We're giving students rooms where they have to walk forever to get to the library but porn is just the click of a remote control away? And we want them to spend the time that they should be using to gear up for the last weeks of classes and final exams — because all of us at the University of Montana are so darned studious — by packing up all their crap and moving for three lousy weeks, only to pack up again? And pay more money for their housing than they pay now?

This is a sucky plan and the students know it. That's why only four of them accepted the offer to move into hotels. Not that they knew which hotel they would be moved into; they were asked to accept a relocation to a hotel "within walking distance of campus." That could be the swanky Double Tree or the Thunderbird and its coin-operated vibrating beds.

Brunell deserves kudos for trimming the number of students stuck in study lounges down from 148, which seemed an impossible task earlier this semester. But one has to wonder about Residence Life's true motives, because until now, it showed no interest in moving the students off campus.

Could it be that Brunell was waiting to get the number chiseled down to a point where it would be cheap for the University? Could it be that Brunell wanted to clear up the study lounges for students who wanted to actually, you know, study?

Even if either of those reasons were the case, they don't do anything to help the students who live in the study lounges. After all they've been through, they're the ones who deserve it.

Next semester the 22 students will be moved to permanent dorms and this semester-long saga will fade into history — until next fall. Then is the time to move students into hotels.

— Bill Oram, editor, william.oram@umontana.edu

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DROPPIN' THE 'BAUM

...on judgmental Christians

By Alex Tenenbaum



Two Sundays ago, gay anarchists from the group Bash Back walked casually into a Lansing, Mich., church service and sat among the congregation. At a prearranged time during the service, they threw fliers at worshippers, unfurled a banner from the balcony, and shouted slogans like, "It's OK to be gay," and "Jesus was a homo."

They then pulled the fire alarm. As churchgoers evacuated, they were greeted by another bunch of protesters who carried picket signs and an upside-down, pink cross.

When confronted, the Christians did what many Christians do best — they got offended. The pastors banded together and sternly told the gay anarchists they were unwelcome on church property.

Even though the protest occurred at an evangelical church, the Catholics prickled in defense. Catholic League president Bill Donohue released a statement calling the protest "one of the most disturbing events of 2008" and denounced the mainstream media's bias in choosing not to cover it.

"If an organized group of gay bashers stormed a gay church, there is not a single sentient person in the United States who wouldn't know about it," he said.

While that's probably true, he also wants revenge against the gays and is calling for legal action. Forget about forgiveness and to hell with compassion! This is time for vengeance — Jesus style!

It is in this context that I, as a columnist, have decided to do something very dangerous. This is my coming out. I believe in Jesus.

As a follower of Jesus, I am deeply saddened by my fellow believers who hold contempt for gays. I refuse to use this space to enter into a theological discussion about whether homosexual sex is a sin, because that's not the point — not according to Jesus.

A quick read through the accounts of his life will show that he reached out to prostitutes, hung out with corrupt tax collectors, and when he healed people of diseases, he usually said things like, "your sins are

forgiven" and go and sin no more.

Here's a newsflash: Every person Jesus talked to was a sinner. Sin didn't faze him, and the only reason Christians get their panties in a twist over the sins of others is because it reminds them of all the junk in their own lives that they're hiding instead of dealing with. To people like this, Jesus said, "First take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the sliver from your brother's eye."

Jesus didn't approve of women selling their bodies for sex, but he hung out with prostitutes and loved them like sisters. He didn't approve of extortion and stealing money from the poor, but he hung out with tax collectors and loved them like brothers. He also told them to go and sin no more, but he never once added, "or you're going to hell."

In light of Jesus' character, if he came across a gay man suffering from AIDS and the man asked to be healed, there's no way he would say, "Nope, sorry, you're getting what you deserve."

Yet, I have personally heard Christians say AIDS was sent by God to punish gays and the sexually promiscuous. I sometimes wonder if they're even reading the Bible. Hate-filled Christians have bashed gays so much it's no wonder why some felt they had to "Bash Back." And really, I applaud them for confronting the plank in the eye of the Christian community.

But it's easy to get caught up in noticing the sins of others, and I have now pointed my finger at Christians who commit the sin of judging others. The truth of the matter is that we all screw it up. But sin isn't something we were ever meant to judge, either in others or in ourselves. That's God's territory.

For those of us walking the earth, let's focus on loving the sinners around us — like Christians, like gays, like professors and ourselves.

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Letters to the Editor

A "College" isn't a "School"

With the Faculty Senate's approval Thursday of the School of Fine Arts' reorganization as the

College of Visual and Performing Arts (with its sub-units now called schools), the trend of former schools becoming colleges at UM has reached alarming proportions (see College of Forestry and Conservation and College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences).

Recognizing this threat to cheapen the brand of free-stand-

ing Schools like ours, we feel that the only thing to do is to fight back and reorganize ourselves as the College of Storytelling, Muckraking and Disputative Arts.

*Clem Work, professor,
School of Journalism
Jeff Renz, professor,
School of Law*

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The Kaimin is now accepting applications for next semester.

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left to the Montana Legislature, which begins its 90-day session Jan. 5.

ASUM President Trevor Hunter said he thinks the discussion of the community college will be "fascinating" because of the proximity the proposed campus would have to Missoula and the debate over whether building the college is a good idea.

Earlier this week, Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns released a report questioning the projected timeline of completing the college, the expected enrollment and funding for the college and the effect it would have on other colleges in the state.

"It will just be interesting to see how the Board reacts," Hunter said.

The Regents are scheduled to spend this afternoon in committee meetings. The topics discussed in those meetings will be considered by the entire Board of Regents Friday.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee, which meets at 1:30 p.m., will vote on a proposed policy that would require colleges in the Montana University System to collect high school identification numbers from Montana high school graduates entering one of the universities. According to documents on the Regents' Web site, this would aid universities in analyzing and tracking the success of Montana students transitioning from high

school to college.

The Staff and Compensation Committee, which meets at 3:00 p.m., will decide whether to appoint UM marketing professor Jakki Mohr as a Regents Professor, which is considered the highest honor in the Montana University System. Mohr would be the eighth UM professor to receive the award.

The Administrative, Budget and Audit Oversight Committee, which meets at 3:30 p.m., will consider changing two requests UM had originally submitted for the upcoming legislative session regarding the construction of two buildings on campus. The University plans to delay a request for spending authority on a Broadcast Media Center until the 2010 legislative session.

UM also wants to increase spending authority for an Alumni/Foundation Building from \$11 million to \$17 million, saying estimated costs have increased. Construction of the new building will likely begin in 2012.

The committee will also discuss the budget for fiscal years 2011 through 2013 starting at 4:00 p.m.

Live streaming video of the Regents' meeting will be available online at <http://www.umt.edu/bor/stream.html>.

A complete schedule of the meeting is posted at <http://mus.edu/board/meetings/2008/Nov08/Nov08.asp>.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

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for forestry students to do international work, especially in South America.

Alaback said he wouldn't donate more money this year because the scholarship funds are complete. However, if he had been planning to donate, he said he would give less because of the economy.

"I think we're beginning to find out all the ways the stock market affects people's lives," he said. "It's quite a big deal."

Dana Wier, the vice president for marketing and communications at the UM Foundation, said she doesn't think the amount of donors or donations will decrease in the future.

"Not if you look at statistics," she said. "Since 1980 the country has been through five recessions and philanthropy continues to grow. We're on pace to have another good year."

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Arrest set for Cheney, Gonzales, others in Texas

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAYMONDVILLE, Texas - A Texas judge has set a Friday arraignment for Vice President Dick Cheney, former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and others named in indictments accusing them of responsibility for prisoner abuse in a federal detention center.

Cheney, Gonzales and the others will not be arrested, and do not need to appear in person at the arraignment, Presiding Judge Manuel Banales said.

In the latest bizarre development in the case, the lame-duck prosecutor who won the indictments was a no-show in court Wednesday. The judge ordered Texas Rangers to go to Willacy County District Attorney Juan Guerra's house, check on his well-being and order him to court on Friday.

Half of the eight high-profile indictments returned Monday by a Willacy County grand jury are tied

to privately run federal detention centers in the sparsely populated South Texas county. The other half target judges and special prosecutors who played a role in an earlier investigation of Guerra.

One indictment charges Cheney and Gonzales with engaging in organized criminal activity. It alleges that the men neglected federal prisoners and are responsible for assaults in the facilities.

The grand jury accused Cheney of a conflict of interest because of his influence over the county's federal immigrant detention center and his substantial holdings in the Vanguard Group, which invests in private prison companies.

The indictment accuses Gonzales of stopping an investigation into abuses at the federal detention center.

An attorney for the private prison operator The GEO Group filed motions accusing Guerra of "prosecutorial vindictiveness."

Montana's student leaders meet at UM

Joshua Potter
MONTANA KAIMIN

Despite the heightened atmosphere of team rivalry with the upcoming Cat-Griz game on Saturday, student representatives from Montana universities were in agreement on many issues Wednesday.

The Montana Associated Students, a group consisting of the presidents and vice presidents of Montana college senates, meets six times a year. ASUM hosted Wednesday's meeting, and UM student president Trevor Hunter used the opportunity to discuss three ASUM-supported bills.

Denver Henderson, director of the Off-Campus Renter Center, told visiting leaders about the bill ASUM supported to help expand rights of Montana's house renters. "The intent of the resolution is to bring all the schools to the table," Henderson said.

Across the state, 30 percent of occupied homes are rented, and mostly by university students, Henderson said.

That's why it is important for all the schools to back ASUM in their support of the bill, he said.

"Hopefully, we will be able to work together among our schools to gain support for the bill in the state legislature," Henderson said.

It would be easier to push it through the state senate if all the schools supported the initiative, Henderson said.

ASUM presented another idea that won immediate support, called the Opportunity Montana initiative, a program modeled after one used in Maine schools, Hunter said.

"If students stayed in (Maine) and worked in the state in the field they graduated in, they received a tax credit," Hunter said.

Last month, ASUM wrote their own version of the program, and it won unanimous support among UM's senators. At Wednesday night's meeting, all the student university representatives agreed to follow ASUM in pushing it onto the state senate floor.

"The biggest barrier we see is state legislatures who don't want to invest money on students who turn around and work in another state," Hunter said. "Which I think is a viable argument."

MAS also agreed to unanimously support a bill outlining an online voter-registration process. Hunter said Arizona, Washington and California all have allowed online voter registration and have seen huge success.

"It also eliminates the potential for human error," said ASUM Vice President Siri Smillie.

Other ASUM agencies also had

a chance to appear in front of Montana's university representatives.

Sustainability Center coordinator Jessie Davie spoke about UM's current efforts toward carbon neutrality. She told the leaders about the climate commitment President Dennison signed, pledging the university to work toward a greener campus.

"I would challenge you to go back to your campuses and do what UM has done and create an institution for a sustainability coordinator," Davie said.

Shane Colvin, senate president of MSU-Bozeman, said his university is "in discussion to approve funding for a streamlined transit system."

Smillie urged Colvin and the other representatives to stop by the UC's transportation office before they leave Thursday.

"We've been involved in talks as far as transportation goes because of the stimulus packages coming in January (from the state senate)," Smillie said. "There's a lot of opportunity for funding there."

Smillie said that working together for better transportation in all of Montana's university towns is crucial for success.

"It's a big pot of money we should be thinking about as far as coordinating, so we're not all fighting for the same money," Smillie said.

Despite all the support for ASUM's ideas, the meeting ended on a note of tension when the discussion turned to football.

"We're looking forward very much to beating the Griz this weekend," Colvin said.

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Michael Coonrod

Piano Faculty Member, Interlochen Center for the Arts
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(Piano Recital/Lecture)

A piano faculty member at the Interlochen Arts Academy for thirty-two years and an accomplished concert performer, Mr. Coonrod is a 1972 graduate of the UM music department. In his recital/lecture, he will comment on the historical background of the great Russian Romantics and then play representative selections from their repertoire.

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Family and friends buoy O-lineman

Charles Pulliam

MONTANA KAIMIN

Terran Hillesland began this season burdened with a deep sadness — one that was almost too much to overcome.

Taking the field for the first time this year against Southern Utah in early September vaulted the junior offensive lineman right back into his routine and momentarily subdued the sorrow, after all he was doing what he loves — playing football for the University of Montana.

Running out of the tunnel surfaced all of his familiar game-day feelings. He still received that rush of excitement and nervousness as the sun hit his scruffy face and right away he scanned the crowd for his faithful family followers, the same way he had for the last three years.

The routine was different, though. Something was missing and it all hit at once.

"I was expecting to see him, I don't know why," Terran said. It was like a flashback, he said. It was tough to face the reality.

Terran was missing his older brother Jade.

Jade was killed on Dec. 27, 2007 after an accident at an oilrig site just east of Fairview. He was 23.

Along with the rest of the Hillesland family, Jade loved to spend Saturdays watching the 22-year-old Terran on the football field.

"You just don't expect those kind of things to happen," Terran said. "When they do, you're just kind of humbled how life could just be gone."

Therese, Terran's mom, was worried about making the trip to Missoula this week to catch the Cat-Griz game because she has to drive alone, but Terran said not to worry.

"It's OK, Jade will be riding



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Griz junior offensive lineman Terran Hillesland prepares for the next play during the game against Idaho State last Saturday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Hillesland, a 323-pound, 6-foot-7 player from Sydney, suffered the loss of his older brother last December.

with you,' he said, and that made me feel much better, and I just thought, 'of course,'" Therese said. "You know, Terran really is just a big teddy bear."

Terran's parents might be some of the most hardcore Griz fans in the state. Chris and Therese make the 560-mile trek from the Hillesland's hometown of Sidney across the state to Missoula for each home game.

Chad, 27, is the oldest of the three and often makes the trip as well. Jade was the middle child and Terran the youngest.

"I was always the biggest," the 6-foot-7, 323-pound Terran said with a smile. In fact, Terran edges out 6-foot-9, 320-pound freshman offensive lineman Matt Lipski as the heaviest Griz player.

Looking at the three boys, Jade got most of the height as he was

about 6-foot-9, but Terran and Chad took most of the weight.

"Jade was a tall string bean," Terran's dad, Chris, said with a laugh. "Terran is the biggest and Chad is almost a smaller version of him. He's actually gotten used to being called Terran sometimes around town."

Therese said the boys loved getting together during game days.

"They all got pretty close the

past few years through Griz football," Therese said. "Jade and Chad would stay with Terran after the games and I don't really want to know what they did, but I know they had fun."

Overcoming the loss

At first, Terran debated even returning to school after Jade's passing, but even though his family

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Hauck is a football coach, not a six-figure babysitter

Last Thursday, it was reported that former University of Montana football player Cody Von Appen was charged with his second alleged assault this fall. Students, Griz fans, the community and the media have lashed out against more than just the accused. Also brought into question were the practices of the Montana football program and the UM administration.

Critics have called for President George Dennison and the administration to come down harder on both the perpetrators and the program. Some have called for the release of information concerning all students, athletes or not. Others want head coach Bobby Hauck to lose his job. Concerned individuals have good intentions. They simply want a blemish-free football program and a campus free of fear. But as positive as these intentions might be, I think there are several problems.

One thing we must remember is that even if the first assault committed by Justin Montelius, Andrew Douglass and Von Ap-

pen was on camera, in America all individuals have the right to a fair trial and are innocent until proven guilty.

Missoula residents, with plenty of help from the media, have made it a habit to convict people in the court of public opinion before they have an opportunity to stand fair trial. All the evidence points toward a guilty conviction for the three freshmen and most likely two convictions for Von Appen, but that is for the courts to decide.

Secondly, critics have called for Hauck and athletic director Jim O'Day to keep tighter reigns on the football team as a whole. But when talking about more than 100 young men who live in a community that worships the ground they walk on, that's an unrealistic request. Hauck is employed by the University of Montana to coach and win football games, not to baby-sit.

These recent incidents come after an armed robbery and kidnapping incident last fall and an alleged murder in California the summer before last. Many have

Opinion



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wondered about the character evaluation, or lack thereof, Hauck and his staff use to assess recruits. To say that Hauck and his staff do not look into or disregard the past records of recruits is just ignorant. On the heels of such incidents, Hauck most definitely scrutinizes the past records of incoming players.

The problem is not in the men Hauck recruits. We need to take a step back and realize it may be something much greater. Hauck most certainly evaluates recruits in every aspect possible in an effort to produce the best product, both on and off the field. So could it be

that it's not who these players are or where they come from that is the problem, but the culture where they come to that influences these poor decisions?

Missoula is a wonderful place. I know this as I have lived here for the majority of my life. But there is an underlying culture in Missoula that is undeniable — a culture of heavy drinking no University of Montana student or Missoula resident can deny.

The attitude is "get drunk and then go (insert fun activity here)". Being drunk is socially acceptable. If you don't believe me, just go to the Cat-Griz game on Saturday sober and observe tailgaters.

The incidents last summer and fall were not a product of this culture, but these most recent incidents most certainly were. College freshmen are still growing up. Poor decisions are made on a daily basis. Add alcohol, especially at the rate it is consumed by dorm-dwelling freshmen, and judgment unquestionably becomes cloudy.

I do not condone gang beating a student under any circumstances,

but how many students have gotten entirely too intoxicated and had a physical altercation?

Young men and women make mistakes. Add to the equation an ego boost from being a local celebrity and a heavy dose of Jack Daniels, and decision-making skills essentially go out the window.

The point is, Hauck does not anticipate players to come to Montana and commit crimes. On the contrary, he recruits to avoid such things. While I am not condoning the actions of Douglass, Montelius and certainly not Von Appen, the blame should in no way fall on Coach Hauck or any of the other hard-working young men on the football team who keep their noses clean.

It is not Bobby Hauck's fault that young men come to a place where becoming a man and learning to make good decisions is impeded by the cultural acceptance of getting blackout drunk. Those who are calling for Hauck to lose his job need to reevaluate their opinions.

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Digging through the history of Cat-Griz

M's hire first Asian manager

Charles Pulliam
MONTANA KAIMIN

I've only been at Montana for a short while, but it didn't take me long to catch on to the Cat-Griz rivalry. I guess one thing is trying to figure out the correct way to say it, though.

Is it Cat-Griz or Griz-Cat? Help me out here.

Also, "Brawl of the Wild," seems awkward. Like Coach Bobby Hauck, I want to know who came up with that, because it just doesn't seem to fit.

Anyway, I wanted to learn more about the rivalry so I could feel more cultured and actually hold a conversation with those die-hard fans that always bring up the game in 2002 that snapped the streak, or even the 1986 matchup that started "The Streak." By the way, this is the 108th meeting.

Don't put me on the spot, but, if I had to, I could tell you more history of the rivalry now. Even though I might not be a historian on the Cat-Griz, well, the celebrated matchup, I dug up what I thought were some of the most notable games in the series that, check this fact out, date back all the way to 1897. I added some other notable games as well. If you happened to miss last year's game, Montana topped Montana State 41-20 in Bozeman and it was the 67th win for the Griz in the series.

The Top Five

1. 1968: Montana State 29, Montana 24 in Missoula.

Of course I pick a Bobcat win as the top game, but this game had

it all. Montana State's Paul Schafer dived into the end zone with only 12 seconds left. The touchdown capped a 20-point outburst in the final nine minutes, but it almost wasn't over. The Grizzlies gained 15 yards from the 20 and received another 15 for unnecessary roughness – maybe it was a bit of home field advantage, but Montana had a chance before time expired. A combined 34 points were scored in the final quarter. The Bobcats settled into a tie for the Big Sky Conference championship with the win.

2. 1997: Montana 27, Montana State 25 in Bozeman.

There were plenty of last-minute scores in the rivalry, as evidenced above, but this one was a big down-to-the-wire one also. It wasn't just a big touchdown, though. This one included a late field goal too. With 22 seconds remaining, Eric Kinnaman ended a Bobcat march to the end zone with a score to give Montana State a 25-24 lead. Kinnaman nearly scored on the conversion run too, but game over right? Wrong. The Griz received a gift when the Bobcats kicker sailed one out of bounds. Montana quarterback Brian Ah Yat then launched a deep pass to Justin Olsen for a 46-yard gain to the Montana State 19. After a series of time-outs, Kris Heppner kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired for the Griz win.

3. 1986: Montana 59, Montana State 28 in Missoula.

When I saw this, it sparked my interest right away – after all 1986 is an important year (my birth

year). It also marked the beginning of the famous streak. "The Streak" was born with this lopsided Griz win, only two years after the Bobcats were crowned national champions. The score showed the game closer than it actually was. Montana blanked Montana State in the first half and extended a 31-0 lead at halftime to 41-7 entering the fourth. The Griz racked up more than 500 yards of offense as well.

4. 2002: Montana State 10, Montana 7 in Missoula.

Obviously this wasn't a game filled with offensive fireworks, but it snapped a 16-game losing skid against Montana for the Bobcats. Being cold at the game was an understatement apparently, too. The Griz were held scoreless most of the game, but couldn't overcome a 10-0 deficit in the fourth, even after scoring their only touchdown pass early on in the final period. "The Streak" came to a halt at 16 and Bobcat nation rejoiced.

5. 1922: Montana 7, Montana State 6 in Missoula.

It's tough to come by a more controversial ending to a game, but this one came to end, kind of, with quite a bit of protest.

According to the Missoulian, Montana State – then State Col-

lege – Coach Ott Romney felt his team won. "In the eyes of God and in 60 minutes of play, we won that game," he said. All of it started with some timekeeper troubles. Joe Kershner streaked down the field for a score as time expired to tie the game at 6-6, but the Bobcats timekeeper said time expired, Montana's said different. Ultimately, Montana was given the score and Harvey Elliott kicked the extra point for the win with fans on the field. I wonder where some of this attitude in the rivalry comes from?

Honorable Mention

1897: Montana 18, Montana State 7 in Missoula.

Well, you have to start somewhere and this was it. The first meeting between the two schools ended with the visitors from Bozeman on the losing end.

1956: Montana State 33, Montana 14 in Missoula.

If you thought the 16-straight wins was big, check this out: Montana State had lost for five decades in a row. The Bobcats finally earned a win with this one. It also marked a bit of a momentum swing in the series. Montana State won 21 of the next 29.

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TERRAN

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and friends have always followed him on the field, it was off the field they showed the most support.

"Jade always loved coming to watch Terran play so it was tough on him," Chris said. "I think he made it to only two games last year because of his work schedule, but he was awful proud of his little brother."

The whole family was shocked, he said, and coming to grips with the loss is still an ongoing process.

"Terran didn't want to go back to school, well, at least for the semester," Chris said. "I guess what it came down to was he thought Jade would have wanted him to do."

After hearing of the accident, one of the first people Terran talked to was Dow.

"I was put in an interesting situation because I had lost my dad

about two-and-a-half years prior to that and Terran knew that I kind of knew what he was going through," Dow said. "His world was upside down, but you know, he handled it better than I did."

Dow said Terran still showed up for the first day of winter conditioning, which meant a lot to him. He said Jade's memory is always with Terran.

"He has little reminders placed everywhere to remind him what he lost," Dow said. "I think that's testimony to how important his brother was to him. With Terran, I think everything is just onward and upward."

Terran said the biggest hurdle was just trying to keep going, but seeing his family push him to stay on course helped. The offensive line coach Pete Kaligis stayed in close contact and friends like Dow helped with the initial steps as well.

"When I see my dad and mom

pull through, I just take them as my inspiration too and just keep going," Terran said. "That's what they want and what my brother would've ultimately wanted."

The Hillesland family loves to see the versatile lineman at work. When he was a freshman in high school, Therese's dad passed away. It hit Terran hard, and he wasn't going to go out for football, Therese said.

Both sets of grandparents have always followed Terran and encouraged him, so Therese and Chris were able to get him back on the field.

"(Terran) talks about his grandpa sometimes and he knows Grandpa Lou is watching him play," Chris said.

Just like Jade.

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Recording towers to measure Missoula's wind potential

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Missoula will have at least five wind-reading devices within the month to measure wind flow in hopes that data collected will prove favorable for installing energy turbines in the future.

The man coordinating Missoula's research is a University of Montana senior who is starting up a wind energy branch with UM's Alternative Energy Technologies.

Christopher Giarratana, a current intern with the office, found an alternative energy company in Wyoming that will donate towers used to record wind-flow data.

"Without data you can't persuade banks or people in the community that it's actually possible," Giarratana said regarding the potential for wind turbines in the city. "People thought it was possible, but they didn't know how to get it. I just thought it would be important to get the actual data out there, but the first step is to get the recording devices out there."

He said he hopes the 92-foot recording towers will be up within two months and that data will be available six months later. He is currently researching to determine the best locations for the towers, each worth about \$6,000.

KB Energy is donating the towers because it liked what Giarratana was doing and wanted to take its old equipment off the shelf and put it back into use again, he said.

The company was confident that the wind towers, despite being more than 10 years old, would read data with the same accuracy as newer models. The biggest differences between newer and older models are things like weight and longevity of the equipment, he said.

Giarratana's interest in wind energy use began as a high school student, when he attended the School of Environmental Studies, an optional high school in Minnesota. During a field trip to a wind farm, he said, he realized the huge potential for wind energy.

At UM, his interest in renewable energy continued, and he is in the process of creating a



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A wind turbine in Hellgate Canyon near the University has the potential to annually generate around 87,000 kilowatts, said Brian Kerns, project manager for Alternative Energy Technologies. However, the Hellgate turbine usually only receives wind blowing at 10 miles per hour, and not constantly. According to Kerns, it generates about 4 percent of its maximum output, with 3,500 kilowatts annually.

student energy reform group.

Developing wind energy technology is a great opportunity for the country because it's "economically feasible and environmentally responsible to do so," he said.

A megawatt of wind energy generates as much electricity as 225 to 300 households would use annually, according to the American Wind Energy Association.

Using this estimate, Mon-

tana's existing wind projects, totaling about 165 megawatts, should have the capacity to power close to 50,000 homes annually. Montana is ranked 19 among the states in the amount of wind energy produced, although it ranks fifth in potential capacity according to the association. The group claims Montana could generate 116,000 megawatts of power, more than 700 times more than the state is currently producing.

Giarratana said he would like to see some of that energy generated in Missoula.

Brian Kerns, project manager for Alternative Energy Technologies, also believes Missoula has wind potential. His company installed a tower to read wind on Waterworks Hill in September and plans on taking readings from it for at least a year.

"It depends on how the funding goes, but I've been trying for years to get a community wind project going," Kerns said.

A wind turbine in Hellgate Canyon near the University is used to power Kerns' office, and has the potential to annually generate around 87,000 kilowatts at maximum output with winds blowing constantly at 35 miles per hour, Kerns said.

However, the Hellgate turbine usually only receives wind blowing at 10 miles per hour, and not constantly. It generates about 4 percent of its maximum output, with 3,500 kilowatts an-

nually, he said.

Nevertheless, Kerns said that amount of wind has been enough to power his office, and fuel for wind is free.

"Wind is the most competitive renewable technology to the traditional forms," Kerns said, adding that coal and natural gas are only cheaper because they have been around for so long and have more facilities.

New Montana wind technology projects in construction will almost double the current amount of wind energy the state produces, according to American Wind.

Wind farms like Judith Gap Wind Energy Center, located in the central-eastern part of the state, opened in 2005 as the first industrial wind farm in Montana.

The center will provide about 7 percent of the electricity needed to serve NorthWestern Energy's 300,000 customers in Montana, according to data from the state government.

"NorthWestern Energy doesn't own any generating facilities. They buy all kinds of power from different sources," Kerns said, adding that this includes wind energy from smaller wind farms.

"Wind is always good, renewables are always good," he said. "It doesn't matter how complicated it is; coal used to be complicated, gas used to be complicated, but we figured it out, and that's what we're doing with wind."

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Residence Life is now offering the hotel rooms to ensure the remaining students have proper housing to prepare for finals, Brunell said.

"We're moving into finals and we want to be sure they have the accommodations to do well academically," he said.

Brunell said there would be two students in each hotel room, and each would pay the same rate as a two-student room on campus — \$12 a day.

The offer is \$5 more than the reduced rate of \$7 for interim housing.

Brunell said Residence Life is in the process now of refunding students who have had to live in interim housing at any point this semester.

Freshman Leland Bartlett said he was notified sometime last week about the option to move into hotel rooms for finals week.

But Bartlett said he wouldn't move to the hotel if he didn't have to.

"It's too little, too late," Bartlett said. "They should have done it a long time ago. Now that we're

actually comfortable, we know people."

Bartlett, a student at the College of Technology who plans to major in wildlife biology, has been living in the fourth floor study lounge of Miller Hall since the beginning of the semester.

Bartlett said two of his four original roommates have moved out. He said he and his roommate Saad Bekkouri, an exchange student from Morocco, have gotten used to living in the study lounge.

"It's not bad," Bartlett said.

He said he had problems applying for housing, so he had to reapply and his application was late. He and his parents weren't too happy when they found out he would be living in interim housing, he said.

As for spring semester, Brunell said he doubted any students would be forced to return to study

lounges.

"It's highly unlikely," he said. "We usually have a 5 percent to 6 percent attrition rate."

The students in interim housing now will know before winter break where they will be permanently placed spring semester, Brunell said. And Residence Life is offering the students free storage over the semester break.

Residence Life has reviewed different options for next fall to ensure it doesn't face the same overflow problem.

The University has put in requests for information to hotels and motels near campus, Brunell said. So far, three have responded.

Brunell said UM would work with those three hotels for a possible negotiation for the fall of 2009.

He wouldn't speculate if UM

would face the same on-campus-housing overflow again.

It all depends on enrollment, he said. And there are a lot of unknown factors that could come into play.

Due to the economic crisis the trend may be that more students will go to local colleges and universities in their home states because of financial reasons, he said.

"We really need to sit down and look at enrollment numbers," Brunell said.

But for students like Bartlett, the solution arrived tardy this semester.

"It just seems late. Everything kinda seems like it should have been done earlier," Bartlett said. "I don't get that, it makes no sense to me at all," he said about the offer to move into hotel rooms.

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A cocaine distribution ring ran by Montana State football players with the help of scholarship money led to a slew of murders in Bozeman a few years back. As a result, head football coach Mike Kramer lost his job.

Many think the similar actions will cause the same result with Hauck in Missoula since Bozeman is seemingly a safer place since Kramer's dismissal.

But critics need to realize one thing — MSU football players fundamentally changed the culture on campus and around the city by bringing hard drugs to town.

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