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MONTANA KAIMIN

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CNN vice president, cable news pioneer to discuss new media

Kimball Bennion
MONTANA KAIMIN

A CNN senior vice president will give the annual Dean Stone lecture Thursday, an event sponsored by the UM School of Journalism.

Jack Womack, who has worked for CNN since 1984, will address the changing norms and practices of journalism in a lecture called "The New Media is Already the Old Media." It will start at 7 p.m. in the Skaggs Building Lecture Hall Room 169.

"New media" is a term that refers to the changing skills that journalists must be familiar with in the Internet age, where information is more widely available at a faster rate and not just through television or newspapers.

CNN was a media pioneer in its own right and was the first 24-hour cable news network launched in 1980.

Denise Dowling, a professor in the School of Journalism's Radio and Television Department, said Womack has been an innovator at CNN since he began working there.

"He got on board with CNN when it wasn't the powerhouse that it is now," she said. "He's just always been one step ahead of everybody else."

Dowling, who has known Womack since she went to high school with him in Helena, said she remembers seeing a prototype for a new version of CNN's Web site that Womack was instrumental in designing.

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Upholding the celebration of poetry



Bess Brownlee/Montana Kaimin

Mansfield humanities librarian Sue Samson addresses the audience during the annual Poetry for Lunch event in the Mansfield Library Wednesday afternoon. Several students read poems they submitted to the student publication The Oval. According to Samson, Poetry for Lunch seeks to "celebrate poetry" and give students a chance to showcase their work.

International Friendship Program celebrates 20 years of community

Kayla Matzke
MONTANA KAIMIN

Two decades ago, Udo Fluck came to The University of Montana as an international student from Germany.

His adaptation to campus and Missoula as a foreign scholar was aided by a program that had just started, the Missoula International Friendship Program.

Next Tuesday, MIFP will celebrate 20 years with an international dinner, guest speakers and performances from international students.

That's 20 years of welcoming and helping international students adapt to UM and the Missoula community, fostering global understanding and sharing cultures with students and the community, said Fluck, now MIFP's president and a UM geography professor.

The anniversary celebration will start at 6 p.m. on April 21 in the University Center ballroom.

The program welcomes international students to UM and pairs them up with a community volunteer – a person or family in Missoula – based upon their interests.

"It is a community-run program with the assistance of campus-run

offices," Fluck said. Those offices include the Foreign Student and Scholar Services office, which helps students connect with the program. Missoula community members sign up for the program before the semester begins.

The community friends may take the student to a Griz game, invite them for dinner or take them shopping for a winter coat, Fluck said. There are also planned monthly activities. It's about friendship, intercultural learning and global awareness, he said.

"If we truly want to be global, perhaps we should be globally-minded. MIFP is a way to do that."

Participation in the program is a student's choice, he said. But it helps many students with the transition.

"The fact is that the student is not in this alone," he said. Normally, international students go through some sort of culture shock, and many miss family and friends. MIFP is the next best replacement, he said.

Community member involvement is key to the international students' experience, Fluck said. And he would know because of his own experience with MIFP.

"Twenty years ago, I was on the receiving end of this, and today, 20 years later, I'm on the providing end of it," Fluck said. "It's a cycle; it's a 360 experience. I feel both honored and blessed to have this unique perspective."

Although Fluck said he lost contact with his community friends because they moved away from Missoula, many students and community members gain lifelong friendships from the program.

"Many community friends stay in touch with their international students for decades to come," Fluck said. "In the end, we are all human beings trying to get along with each other. In a greater sense, the mission of MIFP is serving in global understanding and awareness."

For its anniversary, MIFP has planned an event that is both a fundraiser and a celebration. Board members formed a committee to plan the gathering, he said.

"How can we do justice to 20 years of cross-cultural understanding?" Fluck asked. "We have decided to celebrate diversity that evening by having a variety of international students share their culture."

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ASUM election primary narrows executive field to two student teams

Josh Potter
MONTANA KAIMIN

Voting in the primary election of ASUM executive teams ended Wednesday at 8 p.m., leaving two of three teams to campaign another two weeks until the general election on April 29-30.

For the next two weeks, Matt Fennell and his running mate, Emily May, will campaign against Daniel Zolnikov and his running mate, Tara Haupt.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity in the next few weeks to campaign alongside Matt and Emily," Zolnikov said.

Zolnikov's team garnered 377 votes out the total 884 registered on Cyberbear between midnight and 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Fennell expressed a similarly optimistic outlook, and said he and May are "going to keep working hard through the weeks to show students we're the best candidates." Fennell and May took 400 votes.

Fennell said the key to his and May's success was their commitment to staying in contact with stu-

dents and student groups.

"Even if they weren't planning on voting for us, we just wanted to show them what ASUM can do for them," Fennell said, adding that his and May's strategy for the next two weeks will be to continue talking to as many students as possible.

Zolnikov also said that his and Haupt's dedication to speaking to students gave them the attention they needed in this election, but was tight-lipped about how they would be campaigning until the general election.

"That's something we're not talking about," Zolnikov said confidently. "The future is another step."

Whitney Sjostrom and her running mate, Eric Fulton, brought in 337 votes. Sjostrom said although she was disappointed in the outcome, she was still happy she ran.

"It's nice to know that students voted," Sjostrom said. "We had three different teams with three different ideas about where ASUM should go."

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TODAY ON CAMPUS

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9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
UC Atrium

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Editorial

Grads will just have to grin and Barrett

Students graduating next month have spent the last four or more years sitting in cramped and stuffy rooms listening to people they have no interest in listening to.

The prize for enduring the agony and overcoming the tedium?

Being forced to sit in a cramped and stuffy arena listening to one more person they have no interest in listening to.

The University of Montana announced last week that Craig Barrett, chairman of the board for Intel, will deliver the commencement address at two graduation ceremonies on May 16 in the Adams Center. All due respect to Barrett, but who the hell is this guy, and why should we care?

Well, according to the university's press release, Barrett is a Stanford-educated materials engineer, later a professor there, and has been at Intel since 1974. He has been executive vice president, chief operating officer, president and chief executive officer at the company.

Oh, and he is married to the former U.S. ambassador to Finland, too. Finnish students at UM, rejoice!

In fact, the only tie to Montana Barrett seems to have is that he owns a ranch near Darby.

I don't know about my fellow seniors, but Barrett doesn't exactly get me pumped for graduation. The selection of a speaker depends on who's available and interested, but Barrett was neither an inspiring nor inspired choice.

When students are unleashed on the real world, they want somebody they care about to cut the strings. Barrett is just the latest in a long line of unimpressive speakers like retired Air Force Gen. John T. Chain and Salish-Kootenai College President Joe McDonald. But it's not Barrett's fault that he's going to be a complete and utter drag on graduation.

Commencement is President George Dennison's baby and part of it is handpicking a distinguished speaker. There are factors Dennison should take into consideration before inviting a speaker. The first is significant relevance to Montana. Tom Brokaw, a McLeod resident; Bozeman's Greg Mortenson, perhaps the most significant humanitarian of the decade; Pearl Jam bassist Jeff Ament, a UM alumnus, Missoula resident and Big Sandy native; former NBC anchor Chet Huntley, from Whitehall, who is dead but still more compelling than whom we're getting; and NFL Hall of Famer Joe Montana, bearer of the same name as our state, all carry far more weight under the Big Sky — and with students — than does Craig Bennett. Oops. Barrett. Sorry.

Then there's what I call "the give-a-damn factor." Oprah. Stephen Colbert. President Obama. Joe the Plumber. Bob the Builder. People would be more driven to see any of these folks speak than Barrett. Someone whose name means something and whose words would be meaningful make commencement a "can't miss" event. Instead, for many people I know and surely more, the pick of Barrett makes the ceremony not only "can miss" but "will miss."

Students want to hear from somebody who will make them laugh and who will give them hope for their roles in a darkened economy. Somebody they can believe. In this day and age, a corporate fat-cat doesn't fill the bill.

I know UM's not on par with Notre Dame — where Obama will deliver the commencement address this spring — but UM and Missoula have proven over the last few years they can draw big names. Presidential candidates whistle-stopped here last year. We've seen performances by the Rolling Stones and Elton John come twice! Movie stars have spoken out against the death penalty on campus. Kumar campaigned for Obama on the Oval, for Pete's sake.

But when it comes to commencement we get ...

Wait, what was the guy's name again?

The point is, a commencement speaker is supposed to deliver an important message. The message being sent by Dennison's pick is that UM students don't deserve better. We do.

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DROPPIN' THE 'BAUM

...on de-dunking and debunking baptism

By Alex Tenenbaum



Two weeks ago, Britain's cheeky National Secular Society sold its 100,000th certificate of de-baptism. The certificates, available online, supposedly reverse infant baptism and cut a recipient's ties to Christianity. At more than four bucks a pop, the certificates have earned the group nearly half a million dollars.

The NSS, famous for its bus advertisements that read, "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life," seems to do little else than raise money from atheists and interest from the media.

What I wanted to write was that the group also raises the ire of religious people. I then planned to write the rest of this column contrasting the response of reactionary Christians to Jesus' command to "turn the other cheek" and Paul saying, "They will know you by your love for one another." It probably would have been a great column. But, as I searched the Web in all the usual places to find goofy, angry Christian crap, I came up empty on de-baptism.

Not so good for my column, but for the world, perhaps, a bit of hallelujah.

The certificate reads:

"I, _____, having been subjected to the Rite of Christian Baptism in infancy (before reaching an age of consent), hereby publicly revoke any implications of that Rite and renounce the Church that carried it out. In the name of human reason, I reject all its Creeds and all other such superstition in particular, the perfidious belief that any baby needs to be cleansed by Baptism of alleged ORIGINAL SIN and the evil power of supposed demons. I wish to be excluded henceforth from enhanced claims of church

membership numbers based on past baptismal statistics used, for example, for the purpose of securing legislative privilege."

While far less irritating than the pen of Richard Dawkins, I assumed such a statement would get some Christian somewhere riled up enough to spew a garbled, misspelled string of faux profanities into cyberspace.

But the only harsh criticism I could find came from a columnist for the Louisiana State University newspaper, who called the de-baptism effort "militant" and "confrontational." However, the phenomenon seems rooted more in farce than in fight. A statement from the NSS Web site says, "Obviously, our irreverent certificate of de-baptism is a bit of fun. After all, the concept of baptism is a complete fantasy that has no meaning outside the heads of the religious."

Now, baptism is a tricky business in Christianity. Every denomination seems to have a different idea of what it means, when to do it, and how it affects a person's life. And maybe that's why Christians aren't breathing fire and brimstone about the de-dunked.

Or perhaps Christians are just glad to see people getting off the fence about Jesus, remembering his words, "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm — neither hot nor cold — I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

But maybe, hopefully, finally, believers have simply learned that love wins.

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Gravity and God are not in the same category

On Tuesday, I read an interesting editorial about faith in God. Mitch Grove discussed his experience of trying to prove God's existence, finally reaching the conclusion that his belief was more important than physical evidence or the lack thereof. I enjoyed the piece until Mr. Grove made a comparison between God and gravity, saying that, "We know gravity exists," even though "we can't see it, it isn't a fact, there is no physical proof of it." He then implied the same was true of God.

There is indeed physical proof of gravity! It is a scientific fact. Gravity is the reason we don't float up into the clouds, and by keeping Earth's orbit at a perfect distance

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from the sun, gravity is also a vital factor for the existence of life on this planet. If gravity didn't exist, neither would we.

Sir Isaac Newton discovered and proved gravity existed more than 300 years ago! Perhaps you remember his famous question of why an apple falls from a tree. I remember learning about gravity in the third or fourth grade, and again in greater detail in my high school physics class.

Regardless of your personal beliefs, gravity certainly exists. It is one of several reasons life is pos-

sible on this planet. Rather than trying to justify the existence of a living God by "what he has done in (your) life," admire that gravity is responsible for you even being alive. Admire Earth's atmosphere, which also keeps you alive by blocking deadly radiation from the sun, or the oxygen you breathe, which your lungs use to send blood throughout your body to keep you alive.

Perhaps you should gain a greater understanding of things that actually exist, instead of making an exhibition of your ignorance and trying to justify the existence of a higher power so you can feel better about your repulsive incompetence.

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freshman, liberal studies

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Activist to speak on surviving the guerrilla war in Colombia

Carly Flandro

MONTANA KAIMIN

Nidia Castellanos wants her children to have basic rights, and she risks being imprisoned, exiled or killed in the hopes they someday will.

"They should have freedom of expression," she said. "They should have the right to study. They should have the right to be religious."

Castellanos is the secretary general of the Arauca Peasant Association in Colombia, a group that promotes organic agriculture and defends the rights of its members and their families.

"Defending the rights of small farmers and their families in our state of Arauca means facing a lot of risk," Castellanos said. "I'm willing to suffer those consequences because I want a better future for my children - Melissa, Camila and Brandon."

Nidia will share her experiences in a presentation, "Women

Resisting War in Colombia," on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the North Underground Lecture Hall.

"This will be my first time in the United States, and I'm really looking forward to visiting Montana," Castellanos said. "I live in a beautiful state in Colombia called Arauca, and I've heard that Montana is also spectacular. Unfortunately, because of the war, we're not able to enjoy the beauty of our state like you're able to do in Montana."

The group Castellanos works for has been attacked by Colombian guerrillas and repressed by the government. Guerrillas killed the association's last secretary general in November, and the last

president is hiding to avoid being arrested. The previous president went to prison for rebellion and now lives in exile.

But Castellanos hopes the Obama administration will change the U.S.'s policy with her country to improve the conditions.

"Colombia doesn't need any more guns and bombs. There are already enough to kill all of us," she said. "We're also aware of the serious economic problems in the U.S. Instead of spending your tax dollars on more weapons, that money could be used to create jobs and support health care and education - in Arauca as well as Montana."

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Ex-Chronicle editor enters not guilty plea to child porn charge

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BOZEMAN — A former Bozeman Daily Chronicle sports editor has been indicted on federal charges of receiving and possessing child pornography.

Jim Cnockaert appeared Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Jeremiah Lynch in Missoula, where he pleaded not guilty. He was released on conditions.

Cnockaert, 54, was fired from the Chronicle last spring after a co-worker told supervisors that she saw Cnockaert viewing child porn on a computer in the newspaper's advertising department.

According to court records, Chronicle publisher Stephanie Pressly and managing editor Nick Ehli confronted Cnockaert, and he acknowledged that he had used the computer to view pornography.

Cnockaert joined the Chronicle as a sports writer and columnist in October 2006 and was promoted to sports editor in February 2008. He now works for a newspaper in Virginia.

Cnockaert's attorney, public defender David Merchant II, did not immediately return telephone and e-mail messages Wednesday seeking comment.



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- Muscular organ
- Special dessert
- Ref.'s decision
- Guides
- Follow
- Tiny unit
- Capital city
- Man of the cloth
- Family tree member
- Part of every wk.
- Passage
- City on the Rhone
- Architect Saarinen
- Riyadh resident
- Employs
- Star of "Our Miss Brooks"
- Doling
- Octagon word
- Mount
- One involved in a public disturbance
- Do a tailor's job
- Court procedure
- Interweave
- City in India
- Bet
- Continue
- Manner
- ___ d'oeuvres
- Fine residence
- Conjunctions
- Suffix for station or vision

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- Tiny weight
- Similar
- Femme's name
- Piece of chicken
- Brook
- "___ girl!"
- Waterfowl
- Shocked
- ___ West
- Leveled off
- Songbird
- This: Sp.
- Ball attendees, for short
- "Rats!"
- Entanglements
- Say
- Boatman's items
- Stubborn ones
- Common verb
- "You shall conceive and bear ___..." (Luke 1:31)
- 1st of many
- Tiresome companion
- Petty officer
- Planet's path
- Cozy home
- Carpenter's tool
- Neat as ___
- More orderly
- Church features
- Ibsen's specialty
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ASUM battles over ballot wording

Josh Potter
MONTANA KAIMIN

The ASUM meeting Wednesday night was a battle of semantics as the group mainly discussed the wording of referendums that will appear on student ballots at the end of April.

ASUM heard from many organizations on campus that discussed fee increases in the run-up to this month's student election on April 29-30.

The three possible fee increases that students will vote on are the optional \$5 MontPIRG fee, an increased Kaimin fee from \$4 to \$6 and an optional \$4 fee for the Revolving Energy Loan Fund.

If the students vote yes, the fees will go to the Board of Regents for approval.

ASUM spent the meeting making sure the ballot's language was clear. Senators first discussed the RELF paragraph,

which is meant to help students decide which way to vote.

"The whole fund isn't about saving a ton of money," Hunter said. "It's about helping to get to the overall goal of better sustainability."

Hunter said the senate should change the paragraph from saying that the RELF would save students money to saying it would save the university money.

"I would hate to say this is just a sustainability argument," Sen. Jon Dempersmier said, asking that Hunter leave the wording to describe the fund as saving students money.

Sen. Emily May agreed, arguing that the fund would almost immediately help keep utility costs low for students who live in off-campus university housing, provided the fund was used to modify housing like Lewis and Clark Village and the Craighead and Sisson apartments.

"As long as it's saving some

students money, you can still say it saves students money," May said.

Ultimately, the senate agreed to allow the ballot to say that the fund would help save money, and leave the words students or university out of it.

ASUM also discussed the Kaimin fee after business manager Alex Gosline shared his skepticism about the ballot, saying that the fee would go toward the Kaimin's reserve fund, a rainy-day fund for the newspaper.

"If somebody's reading this and sees that money is just going to the stockpile, they won't get it."

ASUM voted to leave that language in, making sure students know that the fee would go toward the Kaimin's reserve fund, not operating costs.

The senate will discuss the wording of the MontPIRG fee as it appears on the ballot next week.

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Barack, Michelle Obama report \$2.7M income

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, millionaires from his best-selling books, made \$2.7 million last year and paid just under one-third of their adjusted income in federal taxes.

While the income, mostly his, was far more than the U.S. median household income of about \$50,000, it was quite a decrease from the \$4.2 million the Obamas made in 2007.

Both years, nearly all of the earnings came from Obama's best-selling books. "Dreams from My Father" and "The Audacity of Hope" — brought in about \$2.5 million in royalties last year, according to copies of the returns released by the White House on Wednesday, the federal filing deadline.

Obama earned \$139,204 as a Democratic senator from Illinois last year before leaving his seat after winning the November election. Michelle Obama received a salary of \$62,709 from the University of Chicago Hospitals, where she was an executive.

The couple's total federal tax came to \$855,323. That was 32 percent of their adjusted gross income of \$2,656,902.

The Obamas overpaid by \$26,014, and elected to apply that amount to their 2009 taxes.

The couple's federal tax deductions included about \$50,000 in home mortgage interest. Their expenses also included \$47,488 to send their two daughters to the University of Chicago's elementary school.

They reported contributing \$172,050 to charity last year, including \$25,000 each to the CARE international relief agency and the United Negro College Fund. That \$172,050 represented about 6.5 percent of the family's adjusted gross income. That percentage is roughly two to three times the national average for household donations to charity, according to the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.

The Obamas gave a total of \$1,400 to five churches. In contrast to 2007, they gave nothing to the Trinity United Church of Christ. Barack Obama was a long-time member of the church, and gave it \$26,270 in 2007, but resigned from it and cut ties with its pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, after Wright made incendiary comments that became a campaign issue.



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Barbara L. Maniaci

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The Montana Supreme Court will review this decision of the district court as well as a district court decision to award Ms. Kulstad a portion of Ms. Maniaci's property.


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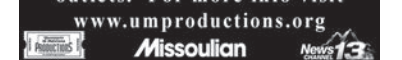


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Woody Holton
Associate Professor, Department of History
University of Richmond



"Unruly Americans and the Origins of the United States Constitution"
Lucile Speer Memorial Lecture

Where do the vast powers of the federal government and the imperial presidency of today originate? In *Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution* (2007, National Book Award finalist), Professor Holton argues that the salient political realities of today have taken form in consequence of the institutional arrangements deemed necessary to control what Alexander Hamilton called "an excess of democracy." The question today posed by Professor Holton is this: can the limitations imposed on American democracy at the country's founding be erased?

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Sudoku By The Mepham Group

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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Jesters, Maggots collide; State cup seeding on the line

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With the top seed of the Montana Rugby Union Cup at stake, the match story plot has thickened in Thursday night's prizefight between the UM Jesters and the Missoula Maggots.

As if the rivalry needed more juice. There have been 33 years of battles between the powerful Maggots and the upset-minded Jesters, who bang heads once again tonight at 6 p.m. at Fort Missoula, with local supremacy on the line. And with both clubs boasting 2-0 Union records, seeding implications hang in the balance.

"This game pretty much determines first place ranking come state, and that means you get a bye in the first round," said Jesters veteran Casey Boeey. "It's a big deal."

The Maggots couldn't agree more.

"It's big. The Jesters are a quality club, a bunch of fit young boys who want to play some rugby," echoed Maggots team captain Tom Duff. "We're all looking forward to it."

Both clubs have put together respectable season runs leading up to the final three weeks of the spring slate. The Maggots are 10-1, a record that includes a recent 69-19 win over Central Washington, who at the time was ranked ninth nationally on the collegiate side. The Maggots also boast wins over the Billings Bulls and took home their fifth straight Fools Fest title last weekend in Spokane. Their only loss came to the Seattle Eastside Axemen in mid-March.

"So far, good spring campaign. But I would say our toughest matches are still ahead of us," said Maggots assistant coach Jake Kreilick. "With the type of team we have right now, we have to go and seek out the competition."

As of late, the Jesters can



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Rookie prop Spencer Veysey, or "Freak Nasty Slycat" as he's known among the Jesters, escapes from a maul during Tuesday's practice at Dornblaser Field. Receiving a nickname often represents a rite of passage for newer rugby players hoping to find their place on the team.

boast commanding wins over the Flathead Moose men's club and Eastern Washington, whom they shutout last weekend in Spokane. "That was going to be a real test for us because (Eastern Washington) played the Maggots B side earlier last week in a tournament and only lost by two," said Boeey on heading into the match with Eastern. "We felt really good and everything clicked. We've really come back from spring break strong."

The Maggots enter Thursday's match with three consecutive regular season wins over the Jesters, who pulled a historic upset in the 2007

rendition of the Tubby Thompson match. In his assessment of Thursday's matchup, Kreilick expects nothing short of the intensity consistently injected into the rivalry over the past 30 years, but that experience will also play a factor in the scrum.

"They're definitely younger than they have been. I would certainly say that they have a handful of veteran players, they have some experienced players, but overall they are rebuilding," he said. "I expect that they will give us a very competitive match, but we should wear them down over the course of the full 80 minutes."

Matt Johnson, the Jesters' presi-

dent who has played in three-years worth of intercity matches, couldn't agree more. Tonight's matchup places importance on the state tournament, but the incentives to win run much deeper.

"That (postseason) all comes on top of the fact that the Jesters and Maggots have been going back for years. There's a lot of exchange between the two teams," Johnson said. "Old Jesters go over to play for the Maggots, and the Maggots help the Jesters a lot. There's definitely been a long-standing relationship between the two teams."

The bloodlines between the two programs are stronger than ever.

Four ex-Jesters will start on the pitch this evening for the Maggots. The two teams also collaborate to coach the Missoula Mud Dogs high school team, including Boeey and Jester teammate John Lynch.

The Missoula rugby scene has seen a shift in their schedule this spring, with the state cup moving from the first weekend of May to the third weekend in April. That means the illustrious Maggotfest will fall the weekend after and take on the true definition of being a social tournament. Boeey celebrated the fact that the tournament's repositioning gives the Jesters more
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Game, set and many matches to head tennis coach

Tyson Alger

MONTANA KAIMIN

Head coach Kris Nord's office contains all the tennis mementos that you would expect to find. The color scheme bleeds Grizzly maroon, tennis rackets and bags are strewn across the room and pictures of Nord's wife and two kids are neatly arranged on his desk. The wall adjacent to the desk is a yearbook of all the teams that Nord has coached during his 27-year tenure at Montana.

Also on that wall is a picture that features a group of kids, about 10 years old, smiling and holding trophies. Nord is on the far right of the photo, tall and skinny with a big grin on his face. In the middle of the photo is a shorter, younger child. That child is a young John Elway.

"That picture was taken from the Punt, Pass and Kick competition a long, long, time ago," Nord said. "I could throw better than him back then, but that was probably the last time."

Nord lived in Wisconsin for the first four years of his life while his father, Ron, was the head coach of the University of Wisconsin's basketball team. In 1962, the Nord family relocated to Missoula where the senior Nord took the reins of the Grizzly basketball team, the first in a long line of Nord family members "putting in a lot of hours here at the U," according to Kris.

During Ron's tenure at UM, he was the basketball coach from 1962-68, and then an assistant for the football team from 1969-74.

"He was with the team during their initial glory years," Nord said. "Jack Elway was a coach with my dad, and John Elway was my neighbor. We used to hang out in the football training rooms, and I would run the M with him. I got a long, fun history with him."

A long history is something that Nord also has with The University of Montana. While his two brothers followed their father and played basketball for the Griz,

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This season is the 27th for UM tennis head coach Kris Nord. During the winter, the team practices on a single court in Dahlberg Arena. "All we need is a better indoor facility so we can host some games here at UM," he said.

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time to prepare for final exams in mid-May and allows the club to let loose in Maggotfest without having to conserve energy for a competitive tournament the next weekend.

"I'm a little curious myself to see how that changes the whole atmosphere of Fest after the state cup," Duff said. "If we win it, that would be great."

The Maggots will open their own tournament with the annual Thursday night match against the Dead Ants of Wellington, New Zealand. The Jesters will meet Princeton AC, a mix of current and former collegiate ruggers, at

the Ivy League school.

Maggotfest will complete a three-week grinder for the Jesters, who will face perhaps their toughest test of the year on Thursday. "We're expecting to perform pretty well," Johnson said. "We're improving a lot. There's a tangible improvement from where we were the first practice of the season and where we're at now. You can really see it."

Booey said that while the improvement is geared toward the body of the season, the one and only spring match with the Maggots means the most to the club.

"This is the only game I look forward to in the semester," Booey said. "This is the game."

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TENNIS

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Nord fell in love with tennis.

"I played junior competitive golf until I was 12," Nord said. "But I was getting frustrated that I wasn't getting better sooner, so I grabbed a tennis racket out of the closet and started playing competitively around eighth grade. So I took a different turn than the rest of my family, but I'm kind of glad that I did."

Nord took to tennis quickly, and after a two-year college career with UNLV, and two more years at Boise State, Nord wound up back in Missoula in 1982. He was hired as the head women's and assistant men's tennis coach and earned a health and human performance degree from Montana in 1986. That year, Nord became the head coach of the men's team. Nord held both head coaching positions until 2006 when the programs split.

Nord said that having Jen Anderson, a former player of Nord's, take over the women's team in 2006 helped both programs, say-

ing it allowed him to focus more on the men's program.

"It had been a bit of an up-and-down," he said. "There was a time when I got burnt out when I was doing both programs."

"There was lots of travel, lots of hours, and I was still teaching tennis (at the now defunct Missoula Athletic Club). I thought like the right thing to do at that point was to split the programs. Now I can put my energy into one program. I feel like that's far more productive than to be dividing my energy over 23 athletes."

Women's head coach Steve Ascher took over from Anderson and is in his first season of coaching for the Griz. Ascher said that Nord has become a figurehead for Montana tennis and has shown him the ropes.

"Kris is just a great stand-up guy," Ascher said. "He is a guy that cares about the program and his players. He really helped me out when I got here, feeding me information."

It would be natural to assume that, after halving his job, Nord would have more leisure time. But not so.

"I don't necessarily have more free time now," he said. "My attention is just more focused. I spend a lot more time scheduling and helping out the guys that want me to work with them more."

Nord and Ascher have actually been putting in more hours this year than ever due to the closing of the Missoula Athletic Club. The Griz used to practice on the MAC's indoor courts. Now, during winter weather, they are forced to practice in the Adams Center's auxiliary gym where they have one temporary court. The single court forces the coaches to lengthen practices to make sure everybody

gets the needed time and coaching.

Over 27 years, the tennis program has seen plenty of changes. The season now encompasses the whole school year, instead of just the spring semester. Another change is the addition of foreign-born athletes on the team.

"That's been a trend in American collegiate tennis for the last 20 years," Nord said. "My starting line-up is all foreign kids. But optimally, we would like to have a balance of American and foreign-born players."

Nord said the Internet has proven to be an exceptionally useful tool, especially when recruiting players from overseas.

"The Internet has been great, especially with our budget. I get YouTube videos from recruits, and I can watch the kids play in real-time. I don't have to wait three weeks for a cassette from Sweden to get here."

As Nord sat at his desk, wearing a maroon tennis jacket and gray sweats, he was thoughtful about his vision for the future.

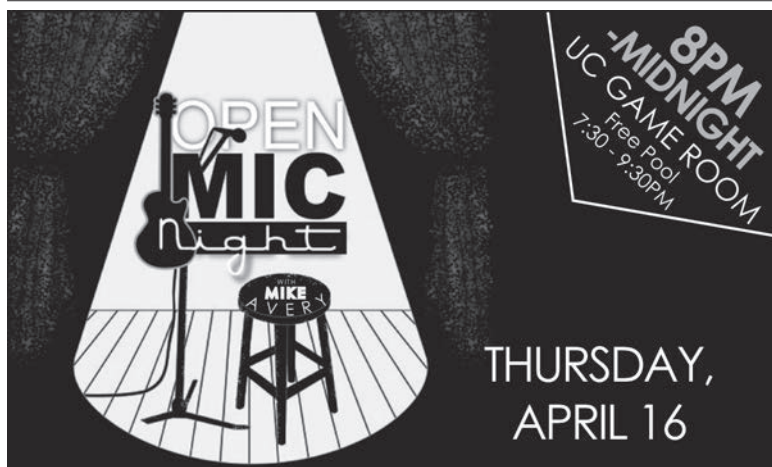
"Ya know, I've been in this building since I was 4 years old," he said. "I haven't really thought about how long I will be here. I would hope to be here another five to 10 years. But that can change. Life throws you funny curves. But I like what I'm doing, so I'll just take it one year at a time."

Nord's career, which included a three-year stint as the women's head golf coach in the early '90s, is something that a relatively new coach such as Ascher has a lot of respect for.

"It's just a special thing whenever someone has been around for that long," Ascher said. "He is nothing but a great professional."

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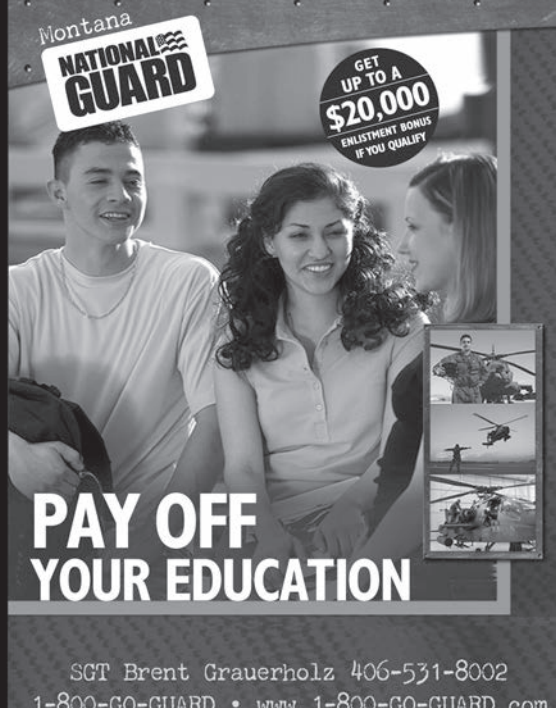


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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Just when you thought the saga of ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich couldn't get any stranger, it has.

Blagojevich wants to star on the NBC reality show "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!" — a program similar to "Survivor" in which contestants will be plopped down in the Costa Rican jungle to perform sweaty physical tasks, scheme to avoid elimination and throw tantrums for the camera.

If a federal judge gives permission, the man who faces years in prison on corruption charges could be following in the steps of Flava Flav and Kathy Griffin — D-list celebrities willing to play the clown on TV.

First, Blagojevich needs to get Judge James B. Zagel to let him leave the country with a pending criminal case. He was ordered to surrender his passport after his December arrest on charges that included trying to sell off President Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat.

Northwestern University law professor Anthony D'Amato said the judge might be willing to approve the project because of Costa Rica's strong extradition agreement with the United States — meaning Blagojevich could not just hole up there forever. But the decision is far from certain, particularly with a judge known for being strict.

Blagojevich, who pleaded not guilty on Tuesday, has plenty on his mind without adding a TV show to the mix. Illinois lawmakers impeached him and booted him



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Deer graze on new spring growth on Mt. Sentinel Wednesday afternoon. After a fire burned nearly 400 acres on the west slope last July, new grass is finally appearing and adding a touch of green to the previously blackened mountain.

from office in January.

Since his arrest, he has announced a deal to write a book, hosted a Chicago radio talk show and made the New York talk show circuit, chatting it up with everyone from David Letterman to the women of "The View."

But to people who know Blagojevich or the business of reality TV, the idea of him appearing on "I'm a Celebrity ..." isn't shocking.

Illinois Rep. Lou Lang, a fellow Democrat, said Blagojevich needs both money and attention, and television is a way to get them.

Appearing on the show will give the out-of-work former governor some much-needed cash for his legal defense, Lang said, and it will keep Blagojevich in the public spotlight, where he can repeat his claims of being an innocent man victimized by political enemies.

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Although Sjostrom said she would have enjoyed the job of ASUM president, she will instead focus on her other responsibilities.

"I have a lot on my plate right now," Sjostrom said.

In the two weeks before the general election, election chairperson Gail Tangjaipak said she and the election committee are working to make sure that election goes smoothly.

"We're expecting a lot more numbers for the next one," Tangjaipak said.

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DEAN STONE

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"It looked so busy," Dowling said. "I thought, 'People are going to hate this.'"

But the revamped CNN Web site, complete with a news ticker and as much information as possible stuffed on one page, soon became the standard for other cable news sites, Dowling said.

Peggy Kuhr, journalism school dean, said she hopes Womack's innovative past will help to inform his expectations of journalism's future.

"His experience with CNN pretty much runs the gamut," Kuhr said. "I'm hoping people will take away excitement about the future."

Womack is the latest speaker at the School of Journalism to address issues of the future. In March, Paul Steiger, editor of the

nonprofit investigative news Web site ProPublica and former Wall Street Journal editor, also spoke about journalism's future in the cyber landscape.

"That's kind of been the intent with a lot of the people we've been bringing in," Kuhr said.

Womack is a Helena native who was a student in the UM Radio-Television Department. He graduated from Montana State University-Bozeman in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in film and television.

Womack began his career in broadcast news as a radio announcer at KCAP-AM in Helena and broke into television news as an anchor and reporter for KTCM-TV in Helena. Womack later worked as an assignment editor at KXLY-TV in Spokane, Wash., an ABC and CNN affiliate.

Womack is now the senior vice president of domestic news operations and administration for CNN. He also oversees CNN News-Source, a news video syndicate that provides footage for more than 900 of the network's affiliates.

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Some international students will perform traditional dances. There will also be a Middle Eastern buffet and several guest speakers. The dinner isn't just for international students and community members, Fluck said, anyone may attend. It's a way to inform students who may have thought about studying abroad, or it's a way for community members to learn more about other cultures.

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