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Celebration provides a different goodbye



Greg Lindstrom/Montana Kaimin

Missoulians converge on Caras Park Monday evening to dance, sing and play music in celebration of the Festival of the Dead. Earlier, many paraded down North Higgins Avenue in ghoulish costumes.

Josh Potter
Montana Kaimin

Swaying to an animalistic rhythm, dancers led the crowd at Caras Park in an enticing limbo, ensuring the uncertainty of death was celebrated with lively revelry.

Nothing could hold the fervor in the tent last night, certainly not a spooky ring of well-placed candles.

It seemed strange at first to think of death as the one thing that can get a shivering crowd, sipping coffee and breathing into their scarves, to erupt into a spinning cacophony of swirling arms and legs. Maybe it was aided by the full moon or the lingering energy from Halloween, but the instant feeling of freedom from inhibitions was brought on by something bigger. It could only come from celebrating something as universal as death.

Every year for 17 years, the Day of the Dead has been celebrated in

downtown Missoula. A group of local artists ran it until Tarn Ream took over as organizer four years ago and involved her UM dance class and the Downtown Dance Collective.

"The idea is to let everybody express their own version of what it means to honor those who came before them," Ream said.

Brenda Erdelyi said the whole point is the variety of people and the ways they express their relationships with the dead.

"It never turns out how we imagine. I mean, you never know," she said. "We just go with it."

Although the Day of the Dead — Día de los Muertos — is a holiday observed mainly in Mexico, Ream stressed that everyone experiences death and everyone has a different way of dealing with it.

"Why do we celebrate this day?" she said. "To break down barriers."

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Committee hammers out flexible plan that addresses budget losses

Jayne Fraser
Montana Kaimin

Students might notice that the course catalog is a little thinner as the University of Montana considers strategies for managing a pending \$3.6 million budget loss.

On Friday, UM's Strategic Budget and Planning Committee reviewed the first draft of a proposal listing options such as decreasing the number of course offerings, limiting when courses are offered and changing who teaches them as ways to address the loss of a one-time federal stimulus package from the general fund in 2011.

"This is the first cut of a variety of options," said committee chair Bonnie Allen, the dean of libraries. "It's a challenge in a university that believes they are already operating pretty leanly."

In July, the Board of Regents, which oversees Montana's universities, asked schools to develop plans for compensating for the loss and present them at the Regents' Nov. 20 meeting.

The draft proposal calculated the total savings of each item in the plan, though not every initiative has to be fully developed to meet budget goals, said Vice President of Administration and Finance Bob Durringer, who led the proposal taskforce.

In a room covered with white posters listing each of the 29 options in the draft, committee members placed green dots on the five they preferred and red dots on the two elements they wished to minimize in the plan.

"If we look at the green dots and where they coalesced, 'Vacancy Management' seems to be an area that collected a lot of dots," Allen said as she reviewed the results with the committee.

Allen said because the majority of the general fund goes to wages, evaluating which empty positions to fill is just common sense.

Other staff management strategies included reducing the number of courses offered, cutting back on extra compensation pay, consolidating or eliminating small sections of classes and increasing faculty workloads.

An element repeatedly discussed at the meeting was how best to manage the number of courses taught by adjunct professors that could be shuffled to tenured faculty.

Provost Royce Engstrom said about 23 percent of the university's

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Deadlines around the corner for top scholarships

Kimball Bennion
Montana Kaimin

The pressure is on for University of Montana students hoping to snag the country's top scholarships. Deadlines for prestigious awards such as the Udall and Marshall scholarships are looming, some as early as this month.

Laure Pengelly Drake, the director of external scholarships and advising at UM's Davidson Honors College, said she is having a hard time getting students to take notice, so some may miss the opportunity if they don't act soon.

"They should come in immediately," Pengelly Drake said.

The early deadlines are due mainly to the rigorous application process many of these scholarships require. Unlike scholarships where students apply directly to the parties offering them, the university takes an active role in

"It is a surreal experience to live and work in a university with 800 years of history and tradition."

Hillary Martens, 2008 Marshall Scholarship recipient

selecting which students will represent UM in the larger selection process.

Pengelly Drake's job is to aid students in crafting appropriate resumes and application essays, helping them tell their storiest well in order to stand out to the university's selection committee.

For those selected, Pengelly Drake then provides further help so the students can stand out among other applicants across the country.

Generally, Pengelly Drake said,

UM students have been competitive for the coveted spots.

"UM has done extremely well," she said, "especially for a state school."

Pengelly Drake said UM is the top school in the country for winners of the Morris K. Udall scholarship, which has two distinct awards. One is awarded only to American Indian students who demonstrate an interest in studying Native American policies or issues. The other award is for anyone who shows dedication to

environmental issues.

UM students have also done well with other scholarships. Hillary Martens was awarded the Marshall Scholarship in 2008, which provides two years worth of funding to attend graduate school at any United Kingdom institution. Last year, Martens worked on a Master of Science in space science at London's University College. This year, she is working on a Master of Philosophy in

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EDITORIAL



Will Melton, News Editor

I want to make clear here that I don't like pot. I have tried it multiple times and have found that I am part of the small percentage of marijuana users that suffers from acute anxiety while high. My drug of choice is alcohol. However, I recognize, as should the rest of the country, that my drug is far more dangerous than grass.

To be cliché, it is high time to legalize and tax marijuana. Even the stoutest anti-drug advocates should realize that the war on weed has been far more detrimental to the U.S. than

Legalization of marijuana would solve problems

legalization could ever be. According to the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, more than 20 million Americans have been arrested for pot-related crimes since 1965, and all the while, pot use has soared along with potency and trafficking-related violence.

A recent government survey shows that one in 10 Americans admits being a regular smoker, and nearly one-third of Americans admit having smoked at some point in their lives. And this was in a government survey. In reality, the numbers are likely significantly higher. Many people are still unwilling to admit that they have smoked or do smoke, even in an anonymous survey.

It is time to be done with half-steps. Medical marijuana is fine and dandy, as are recent pushes

to decriminalize the drug, but all they serve to do is drive up demand. Multinational drug syndicates have largely filled this demand as they've found that pot can be as profitable as harder drugs.

No longer is American marijuana grown by sleepy-eyed stoners in California — it is largely grown by gun-wielding professionals who have no qualms about killing those who get in their way.

The only real solution is legalization, taxation and regulation. There are huge benefits to this, with only mild dangers.

Legalization would reduce America's prison population and would also weaken the grip and threat of drug cartels while serving to provide a sizable cash crop for American farmers. Taxation would raise money for the

country's coffers at a time when debt and spending are at an all-time high. Regulation would make sure that the marijuana that got into Americans' hands would be safe and good.

What's strange is that there's no political will to do this. It seems to me that conservatives and liberals ought to agree on legalization from the standpoints of personal liberty, revenue production and crime reduction.

This summer, Andrew Sullivan, an influential blogger, exhorted his readers to come out of the proverbial closet about smoking pot. He posted letter after letter from professionals, students, doctors, military members, parents, grandparents and more who regularly, or not-so-regularly, smoke.

A common response read,

"Count me as an in-the-closet user as well. Late-30s father of three bright, active kids. I have an MBA and work as an energy trader for an international company in Manhattan. Last Democrat I voted for was Clinton, in 1992. Six figure salary, vacations to the Caribbean, etc, etc."

Marijuana is used by literally millions of productive Americans, and there is no better way to create popular movement towards legalization than for these users to be willing to contact their congressmen, tell their neighbors and help get out word that pot isn't only smoked by hippy college kids and other scofflaws.

There's no reason why anybody should be able to legally and happily go home and drink a beer after work but not be able to smoke a joint.

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If you've ever wondered what zombies and health insurance reform have in common, you might be surprised to find there's more than you think. Halloween may be over, but those undead antagonists of countless films by George A. Romero and his protégées recently proved to be very similar to one of the central issues in the debate over health insurance legislation.

The divisive public option, a government-run alternative to private insurance companies, has risen from the dead to make one of the most unexpected political comebacks since Bob Dole in those Viagra endorsements or Tom DeLay on "Dancing With the Stars."

As the two main Senate health insurance reform bills were being merged into one unified approach, Majority Leader Harry Reid caused concern by announcing he would resurrect the contentious proposal to include in the combined bill he will introduce before the Senate. It's debatable whether this is a savvy strategy or brazen blunder.

Reid seems to be hoping for the former while trying to safeguard against the latter. He included a

provision that he hopes will secure the crucial 58 votes of his caucus — plus the two Independents currently up for grabs — needed to pass the legislation. Reid's proposal for implementing the public option is being touted as an escape hatch, a version of the public option whereby states wishing to reject the plan could adopt a law to opt out of the insurance alternative. Reid's insistence to include the public option, long assumed lost and gone forever, is causing a stir throughout Washington.

The option would negotiate payment rates with doctors, hospitals and other health care providers and supply an alternative to individuals who are dissatisfied with their existing insurance or downright denied coverage due to preexisting conditions, unemployment or other circumstances. Some liberal Democrats are strong advocates of such an alternative, including Chris Dodd, John Kerry and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who advocated pegging payments to Medicare rates to save money for the government and for consumers. Pelosi said the option wasn't so much a public one as it was a "consumer option."

Politicking Time Bomb

By Andrew Dusek

Undead roaming Washington

On the center-right of the Democratic caucus, the announcement is causing dissent. Conservative Democrats like Blanche Lincoln and Mary Landrieu reject a public option outright while Max Baucus, the chair of the Finance Committee, may have supported the option initially but voted against two proposals for the option in his committee's markup and is now more concerned with merely passing legislation than advocating the mandate of a public option. Other key Democrats, like Kent Conrad, are likewise opposed to Reid's proposed bill, despite the majority leader's intent to include a version of the co-op proposal Conrad initiated earlier in the debate.

While Democrats squabble amongst themselves, it is Republican support that is crucial to the passage of health insurance reform. Senator Olympia J. Snowe, the last hope for bipartisanship

support, stated she would not support any legislation containing a public option.

Snowe said a plan that would provide a trigger only if a state did not make progress in reducing insurance premiums to cover more of its residents would be more beneficial. This benign woman from Maine, slight of stature and ideologically moderate, touts immense credibility within the Senate.

Without Snowe, the forecasted Republican reaction is dry and inhospitable. The party seems to be of the same mindset as Minority Whip Jon Kyl, who insists, no matter how the public option is marketed, that it's still government-run health insurance.

If he is to overcome the prevailing negative opinion and pass legislation on to the president's desk by the end of the year, Reid is faced with a tough task, to say the least. He needs to mend the



fracture in his caucus while preventing further dissent and woo some Republicans as well as the often-overlooked, yet essential, Independents. And he must accomplish all of this while precariously vying for re-election amidst dwindling approval ratings.

This sounds like a tightrope even the most experienced politician would be unable to tread. If Reid fails, not only is health insurance reform done for, but he may be as well. Like zombies, politicians may be resilient, but not even the undead would be able to rise again from such an epic blow to such a "Thriller" career.

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Correction:

In last Friday's story "Screenwriter hopes to inspire aspiring Missoula writers," the Kaimin published the wrong URL for Paul Castro's Web site. The correct site address is www.screenwritingmastery.com.



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Letters to the Editor

What is a real American?

This question was posted on a large yellow sheet of construction paper two weeks ago in the university center. Students were provided a Sharpie and the opportunity to jot down some ideas about what an American is. I thought to myself, "Wow, that's a very good question."

But when I saw the yellow paper and the stick figure drawings and the scribbles on it, I cringed. A large majority of the participants didn't take the question seriously. The board was filled with sarcasm. The question, "What is a real American?" was thwarted.

People gave answers like "Britney Spears." And another participant wrote "Waylon Jennings" in large letters. There were also long written rants raving about politicians, democracy and the media. This seems wrong to me.

I understand that the University of Montana is a home base for all sorts of beliefs. But that does not seem like a valid excuse to thrash and disrespect a question that should provoke a serious level of thinking.

There were serious answers. One participant wrote that (I am paraphrasing) "an American is a person who embraces all kinds of diversity." I thought that was a respectable answer. It was concise, and whether or not you agree with that, you must recognize that the participant answered the question with some level of class.

Who wants to read a messy longhand rant about America's

flaws? It seems immature to write something like that, to take a busload of negative energy and throw it out into the open. It seems even more ridiculous to write something like that and expect others to take their time to involve themselves with your biases and opinions.

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, while sitting at a table in front of the bookstore, I watched a young man sit down, notice the sign, cackle and smirk to himself and approach the question board. I am disappointed that people have the time and the egos to make a joke out of something so serious. But maybe the joke is on me. Maybe the board isn't meant to be serious.

*Conor McNamara
junior, English*

Tunnel of Oppression takes away from chance of meaningful dialogue

The Tunnel of Oppression's presence on our campus is an embarrassment to the University of Montana and its efforts to encourage tolerance and embrace diversity — especially during the week featuring the Day of Dialogue.

This practice is at best an exercise in self-gratification for those conducting it and those who enter it. At worst, it is harmful to meaningful discourse on prejudice in the areas of race, religion, country of origin, gender, sexual preference and disability. It is, in my view, a sham. Further, it is a personal affront to me as a blind citizen and long-time advocate for equality for people with disabilities.

The Tunnel's "see how you like it" approach to dialogue attempts to redress injustices toward victims — a word I choose deliberately — of violent actions and words by making victims of their tormenters. Why else have counselors at the ready when participants emerge from the tunnel? The requirement to have counselors present as participants exit — the possibility, even the expectation that participants will experience enough trauma as to need counseling — should cause us to wonder why this practice should not be regarded as unconscionable and unethical.

I certainly think it to be so. Your wrongs can't make my wrongs into rights.

Implicit in Tenbroek's assessment is the recognition by an early leader of the blind in the U.S. that those who would do good still regard themselves as better than the objects of their good intentions and works, and as such can and do irreparable harm.

Realistically, who will choose to enter the Tunnel of Oppression? The car full of kids who yelled at my colleague last week "Go back to China"? The thugs who beat a gay student several years ago near the footbridge? Those who have desecrated Jewish religious activities on campus in the past? Will those who taunt Muslims or slander AMERICAN Indians seek some catharsis to enlighten themselves?

Hardly. Instead, those who enter will most likely be those yearning to be doers of good, makers of right. And they will come out in a diminutive wailing and gnashing of teeth and pat themselves on their backs. But in the end, the dialogue that ensues will be just those few talking amongst themselves. And those for whom they intend to do good and right by acts of wrong will remain "the other."

And yet, we could have had a conversation.

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Disability Services
President, Montana
Association for the Blind*

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

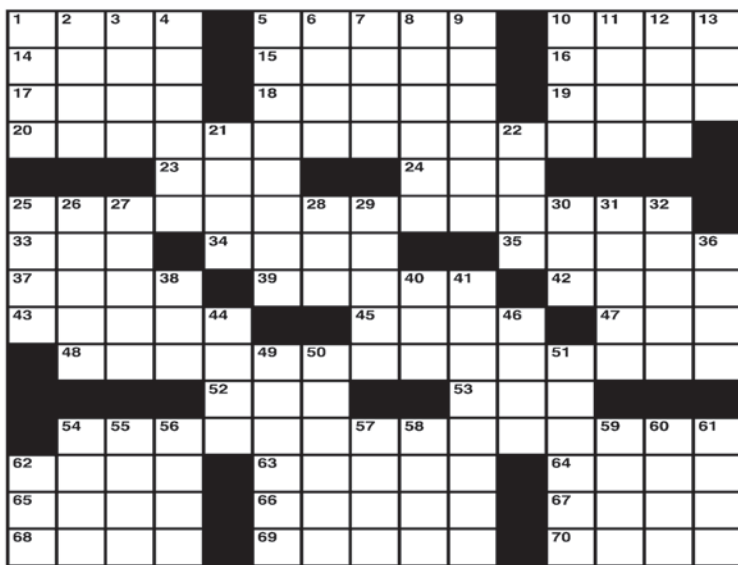
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ACROSS

- 1 RBI or ERA, e.g.
- 5 Use up, as money
- 10 Shock
- 14 TV show recorder
- 15 Pal of Kukla and Fran
- 16 Redheaded kid of Mayberry
- 17 School near the Mex. border
- 18 Ziti, for one
- 19 Sharp
- 20 Herding dogs
- 23 Eggs, to Caesar
- 24 "___ no use!"
- 25 Brokerage services for buying stocks on credit
- 33 Tribute in verse
- 34 Take it easy
- 35 Coastal cities
- 37 Day spa garb
- 39 Emulated Bond
- 42 Bank takeback, for short
- 43 Memorable mission
- 45 Vegan no-no
- 47 Moving aid
- 48 Perks on the job
- 52 Choral syllable
- 53 Univ. sr.'s exam
- 54 Eerie sci-fi series, and this puzzle's title
- 62 Sign up for
- 63 New ___: India's capital
- 64 French cheese
- 65 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 66 Area below the abdomen
- 67 Eclipse, in olden days
- 68 Head honcho
- 69 Observing
- 70 Small fruit pie

DOWN

- 1 Theater souvenir
- 2 Jackson 5 brother
- 3 State with conviction
- 4 Head honcho
- 5 Voices above alto
- 6 Land map
- 7 Other than this
- 8 ___ acid: explosive compound



By David W. Cromer

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 9 Cherished by
- 10 Comedian's bit
- 11 Abbr. on a phone's "0" button
- 12 Falsehoods
- 13 X, numerically
- 21 Satan's doing
- 22 "The jig ___!"
- 25 Former New Orleans Saints coach Jim
- 26 War criminal Eichmann
- 27 Rod used to strengthen concrete
- 28 Swiss peak
- 29 Scale, as a 28-Down
- 30 Snow-rain-heat-gloom connector
- 31 Roman fountain
- 32 Mar. 17th honoree
- 36 Male heirs
- 38 U.K. record label
- 40 Broad foot size
- 41 Kind of participle found in the sentence "While working on my computer, the dog pestered me for dinner"

- 44 Not taken in by
- 46 Actress Hatcher
- 49 Resentment over a prior wrong
- 50 Diner, for one
- 51 Sexy automaton in "Austin Powers"
- 54 Dorothy's dog
- 55 Top 10 songs

- 56 Slaughter of baseball
- 57 Weena's people, in "The Time Machine"
- 58 Major German river, to a Frenchman
- 59 "___ la Douce"
- 60 Stadium section
- 61 E-mailed
- 62 Employment agency listing

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Missoula police to investigate rape report

Mike Gerrity
Montana Kaimin

A rape was reported early Saturday morning at Jesse Hall, according to police. Director of the Office of Public Safety Jim Lemcke said the investigation is now in the hands of the Missoula Police Department.

Sgt. Bob Bouchee, a detective with the Missoula Police Department, said police have contact information for a suspect after the alleged victim, who Bouchee said was an 18-year-old female, gave the suspect's name to police.

"We have an initial report of what the victim is alleging," Bouchee said.

Physical evidence has been collected from the scene and will be analyzed at the Montana State Crime Lab in Missoula.

Bouchee said a full report of the incident was not finished as of Monday and no formal charges have been filed.

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full-time faculty members are adjunct professors, who work under temporary contracts instead of in permanent positions.

Though the committee has not yet decided how to implement the full plan, members wrestled over the conflicting and complementary qualities of individual items.

"If you replace all the adjuncts with tenured faculty, you would almost get to your number," said geology professor and committee member Nancy Hinman. "But you can't increase faculty workload and decrease course offerings. You are gonna run out of students."

Another workforce management strategy was to separate Wintersession from spring semester, so Wintersession credits would bring in revenue sometimes "lost" in the tuition plateau after 12 credits. Professors' hours would also be consolidated into higher traffic times, Allen said.

"That's something that merits discussion, because Wintersession isn't paying for itself because of the flat spot, but at the same time, it's benefitting students," said Matt Fennell, ASUM president and committee member. "A lot of students take Wintersession courses to get ahead and balance a spring

semester course load without having to pay more tuition. It really helps non-residents."

Fennell, like many committee members, is more cautious about embracing some ideas, such as reducing the number of available tuition waivers for students, until the results can be evaluated under different strategies.

"I am really concerned about that," Fennell said. "The fact is that many students are here because of the waivers they received, so I believe it's a dangerous thing to examine."

city of university institutes such as the Wild Rockies Field Institute, asking employees to voluntarily shorten full-year contracts to 10 months, reducing travel, putting a moratorium on new buildings and asking the Board of Regents to reevaluate how they appropriate funds to different Montana schools.

Allen said that, by combining multiple strategies, UM can avoid complete cuts or layoffs other colleges have faced.

Doug Coffin, vice president of the University Faculty Asso-

"Montana is dead last in funding per student in the U.S.," Coffin said of state appropriations.

Coffin believes it is crucial for state funding to reflect the necessity of education today.

"A college degree now is what a high school degree used to be," Coffin said. "A college degree is the ticket to the American Dream, and that's what a high school degree used to be. As citizens, we need to support our youth."

On Wednesday, Allen will submit the draft and final comments to UM's executive officers, who

“Montana is dead last in funding per student in the U.S.”

-Doug Coffin, vice president of the University Faculty Association

Overall, however, Fennell said he is impressed at the number of options that have developed.

"They examined a lot of common-sense ways the university can save money," Fennell said. "It was a relief to me to see that many of the most controversial initiatives were ranked in Tier 2, which are options the committee is recommending the university not engage in."

The list of undesirable alternatives included a short furlough, layoffs, capping employee sick leave, altering benefits, charging COT students the normal tuition rate for classes at the main campus and restructuring tuition and fees.

Other proposals in the current draft include decreasing some administrator salaries by 1 percent, critically evaluating the neces-

sitation, said he would like to see a more proactive approach about funding in the future. Though he was unable to attend the meeting Friday, he will discuss the draft with other union members this week after being updated by a fellow committee member.

"In general, we are willing to participate in budget cuts when we have to," Coffin said. "But we feel, at some point, we need to advocate for higher education."

Coffin spoke earlier this year with faculty, staff and student senates, as well as administrators about forming a statewide education lobby that would seek more funding for education from kindergarten through college and increase awareness of related issues in the 2011 state legislative session.

will work to finalize a proposal for the presentation later this month. She said students, faculty and staff groups will continue to be included in the discussion, particularly after the Regents review the proposal and the university begins implementation late this year.

Duringer said that, while the discussion is becoming more specific in preparation for the November meeting, the campus community will have time to work on finalizing the details for this year and future years.

"This is a dynamic process. Anything could happen," Duringer said. "If the economic trouble tapers off, we will be okay, but this might be round one of multiple rounds to do things like this."

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OPINION

Offensive struggles doom UM soccer

Matt McLeod

In their final match of the season, it was the same old story playing out in front of net for the UM women's soccer team.

Too little, too late.

The club came into its match with Eastern Washington Friday, having been outshot on goal at more than a 3-1 ratio — 361 to 120. But despite matching the Eagles with 10 shots, the only one the Griz could convert was a defensive goal in a 1-0 loss.

The season-ending defeat dropped the Griz to sixth in the Big Sky and left them sitting at home as the conference tournament starts this weekend.

With Montana's postseason hopes dashed, coach Neil Sedgwick's program is left with looming questions. Montana's leading scorer, junior midfielder Frankie Brady, finished with three goals on the year, and in eighteen matches, the Griz broke the two-goal mark only once — in a 4-1 win over North Dakota.

What went wrong with the offense? And what, if anything, could have been done to fix it?

In non-conference games against powerhouse programs, chances were few and far between. Against Portland, the Griz were outshot 21-3 — against BYU the ratio was 26-1. Against Minnesota, it was 31-1.

Early on, the drought was easily explained away. It was tough competition, not poor execution, that was keeping the Griz out of net.

Though Sedgwick's players paid lip service to getting the ball forward when conference rolled around, as the year wore on it became apparent that if creating opportunities was the new focus, it certainly wasn't showing.

On its final road trip of the season, the team lost a 2-1 heartbreaker against Northern Arizona after being outshot 24-2. Two days later, against Northern Colorado, the team squeezed out a 1-0 win at last-place Northern Colorado on an afternoon when the Bears had a 21-6 advantage on shots.

Sedgwick said in an interview Monday he didn't think his team's shots on goal stats were as important as they looked on paper.

"A lot of that is because we don't take a lot of shots from distance, which isn't always a bad

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Grizzly running back Thomas Brooks-Fletcher is taken down by a Weber State defender during Saturday's game at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The Griz won, 31-10.

Griz Notebook: UM athletes dominate weekend

Tyson Alger
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Volleyball

After losing to conference powerhouses Portland State and Eastern Washington earlier this season, the Grizzly volleyball team was looking for revenge at home last weekend.

While Jerry Wagner's squad was gunning for a sweep, they eventually settled for a split. On Friday, the Griz fell to Portland State 3-0 and defeated Eastern 3-1 on Saturday.

The win keeps the Griz a whisker ahead of Sacramento State for the fourth and final playoff spot in the conference. Montana's record now sits at 6-5 (10-12 overall) and Sacramento State is right behind them at 5-5 (15-11 overall).

On Friday, the Griz came out flat against Portland State and were never able to recover. Montana hit only .160 in the match, but was led by junior middle blocker Jaimie Thibeault, who hit .381 with 10 kills, and sophomore middle blocker Brittany Quick (.389 and nine kills).

Junior libero Brittney Brown continued to put together an exceptional defensive season, recording a match-high 19 digs.

After a couple of phenomenal performances in Montana, Portland State senior outside hitter Marija Vojnovic was named conference player of the week on Monday. Vojnovic had a double-double against the Griz, tallying 10 digs and 12 kills on .300 hitting.

On Halloween, the Griz played like a team possessed. For the first time in recent memory, Montana came out and had early leads in

every set against Eastern.

Montana used a balanced attack to keep the Eagles at bay, with four players hitting above .300 and three players recording double-digit kills. Senior outside hitter Whitney Hobbs hit a team-high .471 and finished with 10 kills. Brown once again led all defenders with 12 digs.

The Griz now hit the road for four of their final five games as conference play winds down. This week, Montana travels to face second-place Northern Colorado on Thursday and sixth-place Northern Arizona on Saturday.

Cross Country

The men's and women's cross-country teams both placed third at the Big Sky Conference Championships in Greeley, Colo., last Saturday.

UM was led by sophomore Lynn Reynolds, junior Katrina Drennen and sophomore Kesslee Payne. All three athletes earned All-Big Sky honors; it was the first time Reynolds and Payne had been honored.

Reynolds led the men's team, finishing fifth, while Drennen finished third overall and Payne placed seventh in the women's race.

Northern Arizona won both races while Montana State finished second in the men's race and Weber State finished second in the women's race.

In the men's race, seven Northern Arizona runners finished in the top 10, while six UM runners finished in the top 30. Still, the effort put forth by the Griz was considered a success after pre-season polls had picked the men's team to finish fifth in the conference.

"I think all the men had a great race on the same day," said UM cross-country coach Courtney Babcock. "They've worked really hard all year."

The other member of the men's team who stood out was senior Michael Fisher, who finished 11th and missed all-conference recognition by just over a second.

"Michael Fisher really stepped up and had a big day," Babcock said.

On the women's side, UM finished with five runners in the top 21 places. UM's top runners were Drennen (third), Payne (seventh), juniors Kara Dewalt (15th), Brooke Andrus (20th) and Bridgette Hoenke (21st).

"Generally, the whole [women's] team ran really well and really hard," Babcock said.

The Grizzlies' next meet is on Nov. 14 at the NCAA Mountain Region championships in Albuquerque, N.M.

Football

Chase Reynolds rushed for a career-high 241 yards and Truaine Johnson had two interceptions as the No. 2 Montana walloped No. 14 Weber State 31-10 in front of a record-setting 25,811 fans Saturday afternoon.

Fans expecting a tight game between two of the Big Sky Conference's heavyweights were mistaken, as Reynolds, behind a dominating effort from the Grizzly offensive line, carved up the Wildcat defense.

"I can't say enough about our offensive line," Reynolds said after his second career 200-yard rushing game. "Being a running back, you just got to follow your line. They open up the holes and

I just have to run through them."

Reynolds rushed for 193 of his yards in the second half as the Griz relied on him to power the ball through the Weber defensive line.

The junior from Drummond capped an 80-yard Montana drive to open the second half with a two-yard touchdown run to put the Griz up 20-3.

The Griz finished with 506 yards of total offense, including 218 through the air. Junior quarterback Andrew Selle played for most of the game, going 13 for 26 with 214 yards and two touchdowns.

While the Griz offense was having its way, Weber's couldn't get anything going against a stiff Montana defense.

Reigning Big Sky Conference Offensive MVP Cam Higgins struggled at quarterback. Although he posted 243 yards in the air, he threw an interception any time the Wildcats would begin to gain momentum. Higgins threw four picks on the day, including two leaping catches by Johnson. Higgins' only touchdown pass of the day came via a 59-yard flea-flicker pass to Mike Phillips in the second half.

Weber's running attack, which behind starter All-Big Sky rusher Trevyn Smith has been one of the most potent in the conference all season, was limited to 56 total yards.

"Holding that team to 10 with all the all-conference players they have is a great effort by our defense," said Montana head coach Bobby Hauck. "I hope it's something that we're going to build on as the season goes on."

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thing," Sedgwick said. "I look at it like two teams in a football. One team passes 40 times and only completes ten passes. The other team passes 20 times and completes 18. Which is the better offense?"

The simple answer: the one that scores more points. That wasn't the Grizzlies this season, who were outscored 36-15 on the year.

It has been a long-term problem that doesn't look to be on the mend.

In all of Sedgwick's first three years at the helm, Montana outshot its opponents; in the last three, Montana has finished on the short side.

Still, there were a few bright spots in Montana's 4-13-1 season.

One of them was the play of senior keeper Grace Harris, whose 346 career saves gave her the most in Griz history and whose quick reflexes kept several matches tight.

Harris, who finished her fifth year with the program, said she



Freshman forward Erin Craig attempts a change of direction against junior defender Lyndsey Martin of the Eagles. The Griz lost their last game of the season 1-0 to Eastern Washington University Friday afternoon.

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thought the team got stuck and had trouble shaking loose of its early-scoring funk.

"I think playing against such

"I think playing against such tough non-competition put us on our heels and we never really broke out of that mentality." **GRACE HARRIS, SENIOR KEEPER**

tough non-competition put us on our heels and we never really broke out of that mentality," Harris said. "We just got used to playing that way."

To Sedgwick's credit, in the face of constant pressure this year, his scrappy side always put up a fight. In every match, save the 7-0 drubbing at Portland and the 5-1 loss at the hands of UC Davis, Montana stayed competitive until the final

whistle.

They had showed a knack for finishing when the rare scoring chance arose and managed to hang tough for long stretches defensively.

The real trouble wasn't in the final thirds — it was in the mid-field, where Montana players gave away possession with alarming regularity and failed to create dangerous scoring attacks.

The good news for a team that suited up seven freshmen and a handful of first-year sophomores this season is that its youngsters are bound to return next year better for playing big-time minutes.

Sedgwick said he is confident the year of experience will do wonders for his club.

"I don't think there's any question we'll come back much stronger," Sedgwick said. "I think these girls improved more from the beginning of the season to the end than any team I've had since I've been here."

But going forward, the question remains whether the Grizzly offense will have enough bite. If Montana hopes to earn more than four wins in 2010, they will have to continue to improve — and find some way to give the scorekeepers a whole lot more to do.

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Day of the Dead drawn in sawdust



Kathryn Bryan/Montana Kaimin

Workers prepare the Missoula Mandala Project Monday afternoon in preparation for the Day of the Dead Festival in Caras Park. This art installation was open to the public and anyone could assist in placing dyed sawdust on the circular lawn. Today, the community is invited to rake up the mandala so it can spend its next life as compost.

Flags fly low to honor Montana soldier

Laura Lundquist
Montana Kaimin

Workers from the University of Montana Office of Public Safety lowered the university's flags to half-staff Monday morning in remembrance of a Montana soldier.

Gov. Brian Schweitzer ordered that all flags around the state be positioned at half-staff from Monday morning until Tuesday evening to honor U.S. Army Sgt. James R. Stright.

Stright grew up in Libby, Mont., and entered the U.S. Army in 1998, training to be a helicopter mechanic. He was killed Oct. 23 when the Black Hawk helicopter he was riding in crashed into the top of an aircraft carrier during a training mission off the coast of Virginia. Eight other soldiers were injured in the crash.

UM Army ROTC commander Maj. Jason Grider said the members of the ROTC unit hadn't been aware of the flag lowering, but appreciated the sentiment.

"We talk to the cadets about the possibility that they might not come back," Grider said. "Realistically, it's something they're signing up for."

During 2009, Schweitzer has made 13 flag proclamations. Seven were for U.S. servicemen killed on active duty: four killed during domestic training exercises, two killed in Afghanistan and one in Iraq. More than 30 Montana soldiers have been killed since the beginning of the Iraq War in 2003.

Grider said he didn't know if any UM alumni have been killed in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, but that he wouldn't give out the numbers even if he knew. He said he doesn't worry about a fallen soldier's back-

ground, only that they come from Montana, a state that ranks in the top three contributing the most recruits as a proportion of the state's military-age population, according to Population Bulletin.

"We just want to pass along any lessons learned to our cadets so they can keep themselves and the troops they command from ending up the same way," Grider said.

As of Oct. 30, 4,353 U.S. soldiers have been killed in Iraq and 833 have been killed in Afghanistan.

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Glenn Kreisel (left) and Zandy Sievers juggle glowing bowling pins in Caras Park Monday night.

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DEADLINES

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geophysics at Cambridge University.

"It is a surreal experience to live and work in a university with 800 years of history and tradition," Martens said in an e-mail interview. "The Marshall Scholarship is certainly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Not only have I had the opportunity to pursue advanced degrees at two world-class institutions, but I've also learned about British politics and society, explored the U.K. and Europe and engaged in stimulating conversations with many fascinating individuals."

For undergraduates, the Davidson Honors College offers opportunities to apply for the Goldwater Scholarship, the Udall Scholarship and the Amgen Scholars Program.

Graduate students or UM alumni can apply for the Truman Scholarship, the James Madison Fellowship Program and the Carnegie Junior Fellows Program. UM students who qualify may also see Pengelly Drake for help in applying for the Gates Cambridge Scholarship, the Rhodes Scholarship, the Marshall Scholarship and the Mitchell Scholarship, all of which send students to the U.K. to work on their graduate degrees.

The Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship is no longer available to students due to the slumping economy and loss of funds. It provided aid to students hoping to transfer from community colleges to the UM.

The Goldwater Scholarship has the earliest deadline, Nov. 13, but others aren't far off. The Truman and the Carnegie Junior Fellows scholarships are both on Nov. 20.

Pengelly Drake says students with any questions about these scholarships, or any other scholarship for that matter, are welcome to make an appointment with her.

"But they should come in really early to talk with me," she said.

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Chuck Irestone, under the guise of a skeleton, said that he came-downtown to honor and remember his childhood Boy Scout master Greg Bideto. Irestone is involved in environmental activism and said he owes his passion for the environment to Bideto, who died recently.

"I'm here just to honor him and all the people who helped throughout the years," Irestone said.

Irestone stood next to Estha McNevin, a practicing pagan with wispy lines drawn on her face that swirled around painted poinsettias that adorned her forehead. Both said death had brought them there.

"As our crops and earth start to see themselves through winter,

we see ourselves through winter," McNevin said.

McNevin, who talks about death like an elusive neighbor or an acquaintance she wants to know better, said that the only way to appreciate life is to first accept death.

"It's a way we can let death take those into the spirit world, not us," she said.

Red, a 54-year-old widower, went downtown to see his wife's spirit off to the "other side."

Red said his wife's soul must first cross a body of water to make it to the spirit world. During the Day of the Dead celebration every

Monday night, everyone's soul was alive, and for one brief moment, when everyone's steamy breath wafted upward toward the night and the candle flames were indistinguishable from the dancers' flickering eyes, it seemed the dead souls were dancing, too.

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