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## UM celebrates diversity on campus with International Week

Carmen George  
Montana Kaimin

International Week is under way at the University of Montana and will continue with free events and presentations until Friday to honor diversity on campus.

Highlights include Ethiopian professors visiting UM this week and a firsthand account of conditions in Haiti following the devastating earthquake there.

The week kicked off with The International Culture and Food Festival Sunday in the University Center, involving several

thousand participants, said Mehrdad Kia, UM associate provost for International Programs and director of the Central and Southwest Asia program.

UM has nearly 430 international students this year from 75 different countries, said Kia at the week's opening ceremony in the UC Monday.

Effie Koehn, UM director of Foreign Student and Scholar Services who spoke at the ceremony, said having these international students on campus adds to UM's cultural, educational and financial well-being.

Along with those students, approximately 200 international scholars come to UM each year as visiting professors, researchers and speakers, Koehn said. International Week is about appreciating the differences between cultures to become better citizens of the school and world, she said.

Presentations this week feature countries such as Haiti, Ethiopia, Panama, Yemen, Sudan, Iraq and Germany.

One of these presentations, "Ethiopia: A Land of Diversity," begins at noon today in UC 332. Two professors from Ethiopia, who

arrived at UM Friday, will talk about their country and collaboration possibilities between UM and Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. They are also meeting with some UM classes until their departure Wednesday to speak more specifically about their disciplines in medicine, forestry and environmental science, Kia said. UM is currently particularly interested in working to strengthen and increase collaboration with many African universities and is sending

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## Parade for St. Pat



Eric Oravsky/Montana Kaimin

The Algeria Shrine Midget Auto Patrol closely follows its shriners on go-carts in the St. Patrick's Day parade. The parade, held Saturday afternoon, went from the X's on Higgins Avenue down to the roundabout where Higgins intersects with Beckwith Avenue.

## St. Patrick's celebration in Butte both good and bad for the town

Erin Cole  
Montana Kaimin

The second week of March found Butte in the midst of a lull. The state Class A boys' basketball tournament had just concluded and the players and their fans had departed the city's estimated 1,300 hotel rooms. One could almost hear the quiet before the Gaelic storm that is St. Patrick's Day descended on the city.

As the Irish nexus of the West, Butte is Montana's most popular St. Patrick's Day destination. A rich Irish heritage, combined with the lack of an open container law,

have factored in to make the celebration into the high-spirited revelry it is today. There's a plethora of places to get a pint; 2009 statistics revealed that Butte was home to 85 liquor licenses, a holdover from its days as a mining town.

Public disruption and criminal mischief are common. Last year's celebration, which occurred on a Tuesday, saw 60 criminal arrests, not counting MIPs. This year's Wednesday celebration marks the second time in the past five years that St. Patrick's Day has fallen in the middle of the week. When March 17 falls on a weekend, the

number of arrests rises drastically, according to local law enforcement.

Revelers converge upon a small radius in uptown Butte, where streets bear the names of minerals and elements such as Quartz, Galena, Mercury and Silver. Here they consume copious amounts of green beer and other alcoholic beverages in the name of Patrick, a saint of Welsh origin, about whom probably very few know the true story.

Traolach Ó Ríordáin knows the story well. Inside his book-lined study, tucked inside the Liberal

Arts building at the University of Montana, the adjunct professor of Irish language and literature explains how a man named Maewyn Succat came to Ireland as a slave, managed to escape, and later returned as Patrick the missionary.

"It's the celebration of a saint who represents the greatest of virtues: charity," he said.

A native of County Cork, Ireland, Ó Ríordáin's own memories of how the holiday was celebrated in his homeland sharply contrast with what he sees happening in Butte.

"When I was raised in Ireland,

St. Patrick's Day was a great day," he said. "It was really a great day of national pride that we looked forward to. Your father would get up, and he'd have a suit on with a starched white shirt and a crease in the pants you could shave yourself with. He'd march proudly up with my mother and the kids with the big clump of shamrock down to the parade."

After watching the parade and listening to stories about St. Patrick's feats, Ó Ríordáin said several generations of his family

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## EDITORIAL



Allison Maier,  
Editor

Even when you're talking about a faculty and student talent show, there's something endlessly amusing about the phrase "University of Montana President George M. Dennison will headline the event."

But any skepticism about Dennison's upcoming Thursday guitar performance probably has less to do with his history of not-terribly-rousing State of the University addresses and more

## New president should be able to inspire

to do with the fact that it's difficult to envision a time when the UM president was willing to hop on stage for any event that didn't involve a podium. In short: It's hard to picture Dennison rocking out.

That is the general problem with university presidents everywhere.

Becoming the head of an institute of higher learning is much like becoming the head of a country. It's a job that takes an entire career to achieve.

Before people become university presidents, they usually work their way through various other jobs in academia, holding titles as professors, deans and provosts before finally taking the executive role. It's not unlike the political world, in which people often work their way up from local and state

positions to Congress and sometimes even beyond that.

In both hierarchies — and in much of the working world — the emphasis is on experience. People can't get to the top job unless they have a resume that proves they've climbed every step of the staircase leading up to it.

The problem is that the more time a person spends inside the world of academia or politics, the less connected they become to the world outside, whether they realize it or not. So by the time they reach the level at which they have the power to truly impact people's lives, their point of reference is no longer relevant; they don't necessarily see eye-to-eye with the people they're serving.

For that reason, it's difficult to find a university president who is

personable on a variety of levels — someone who can relate to students and community members as well as administrators and politicians. It's rare to find a president who can articulate a clear vision for the university without burying it under jargon few people understand.

Because of this, it's hard to find a president who can get people to care about a university as much as the administration itself is expected to care. And it's unfair to expect a president and administrators to navigate through the changes facing college campuses without help from the surrounding community.

This is something the recently-formed Presidential Search Advisory Committee must keep in mind as it embarks on the unenviable task of sifting through

applications and deciding who is worthy of taking over Dennison's office, moving into a space that's been occupied for 20 years.

Sometimes the right person for the job is not the person with the most impressive list of credentials or the largest number of years in the field. In fact, that's often not the case.

The University needs someone with a grasp on what is going on in the world of academia as well as the world outside; an individual who respects Dennison's legacy, but who is ready to take UM down a new path; someone who has a plan and can explain it, candidly and directly, to others.

Someone, quite simply, who is ready to rock.

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## Politicking Time Bomb

By Andrew Dusek

### Adding Greece to the fire



We live in a world where excessive spending and unregulated markets have plunged the world into turmoil. Due to the interconnectedness of the global economy, the fiscal irresponsibility that led to our own economic troubles hasn't only hurt the United States, it has threatened the financial well-being of the entire world.

One has to look no further than across the pond to see how our economic rival, Europe, has been affected by the global financial crisis. As a whole, the European Union is a strong and formidable economic entity. Its collective wealth, in terms of Gross National Income, accounts for about 30 percent of the world's total. It also regulates a market of nearly 500 million consumers, which is around 40 percent more than the United States. Despite the strength of the world's most successful regional government and trading bloc, however, the parts are not as strong as the whole.

Iceland was one of the first casualties of the international financial crisis and its economy was nearly bankrupted while the country was applying for membership to the EU. Ireland, Portugal and Spain soon followed. Now, Greece seems to be the newest "sick man of Europe."

After a recent currency crisis, Greece seemed headed for default. If Greece had defaulted on its loans and gone bankrupt, other EU countries would have been pulled down with it. To combat this impending fate, the Greek government proposed two austerity packages, but both failed to increase investment confidence among its EU allies.

That all changed, however, after Prime Minister George Papandreou announced his support for austerity last week. Under pressure from Brussels, his government immediately began implementing severe measures to set the economy back on track,

like increasing a value-added tax, implementing a freeze on pensions and slashing civil servants' holiday bonuses by 30 percent. All of this was accomplished to the tune of €4.8 billion and the resentment of countless civil servants.

While workers may have been enraged by these drastic measures, consumer confidence rebounded slightly and bond sales soon resumed. Papandreou, however, appears naïve enough to assume these painful measures alone will be enough to qualify for full support from his EU partners. As one might expect, Europe hasn't been so forthcoming.

Stronger individual economies, especially those of France and Germany, are strong enough to continue providing bilateral support, but they recognize the difficulties of bailing out their Balkan brother. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has raised questions about whether to continue aid or let Greece suffer

to prove a harsh point about fiscal responsibility.

While this may seem unduly harsh, Germany understands a thing or two about economic policy and the Germans can't solve the problem themselves. Greece desperately needs €20 billion in the next two months to ease market pressure. While Greece could court investment in bonds, Greece is still beholden to German aid and it can't afford to go on borrowing indefinitely at an advantage over Germany.

In addition, if France and Germany provide continued support to Greece, they are establishing a dangerous precedent. A bailout of Greece would illustrate that delinquency among irresponsible investors really does pay and this would invite others to act similarly. Greece would basically be absolved for years' worth of irresponsible fiscal policy with few, if any, consequences.

While many speculate that

Germany may indeed withhold financial assistance, the wellbeing of the EU is contingent on the success of it parts and no one nation would stand idle while the Union suffers. If Greece went under, it would create a chain reaction that would be too horrible to imagine. The EU can't afford to see its cohesion dissipate.

While the EU dithers, however, Greece may be forced to turn to the International Monetary Fund for a standby loan. This option is not desirable. The IMF would likely tell Greece to intensify cutbacks of pensions and civil service jobs. The Greek people will not stand for this.

The hardships that have befallen the United States aren't unique. While we still await our own economic turnaround, the case of Greece illustrates the importance of international interdependence. It is important to think of those who suffer alongside us. We need to look beyond the lingering effects of our own domestic meltdown; there are other areas of the world that are reeling far worse than we are.

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## Guest Column The McQuestion

By Kyra Williams of UM Farm to College

The golden arches of McDonald's are iconic in the American food system. The neon signs of fast food chains light up the strip in about every town in the U.S. We love our fast food in America. It tastes good, it fills us up, it's convenient, and it's all at the right price. You can scabble together enough change in your couch cushions to buy a full meal. Have you ever wondered how it's possible that you can buy a double bacon cheeseburger at McDonald's for a dollar, but not a head of lettuce at the grocery store? It makes good economic sense that people with limited money to spend on food would buy the cheapest calories. In America, these cheap calories are also the unhealthiest. So in turn, it also makes sense that there is a correlation between one's socioeconomic background and obesity. However, this cheap food is not really cheap. The hidden costs come at the expense of

social capital. This "McQuation" is creating a national health disparity between the wealthy and poor and our tax dollars are supporting the system in two ways.

The fast food dollar menu may seem like a deal, but we're enabling it upfront through federal subsidies on commodity crops. Our tax dollars are paying farmers to produce lots of cheap corn that makes up a majority of fast food. That fast food that we eat regularly, in turn, makes us fat, which makes us more prone to disease. As unhealthy citizens we need care, which at the moment is also partially subsidized in the form of Medicare and Medicaid with our tax dollars. Does that \$1 cheeseburger still look like a deal?

Americans have always wanted cheap food and in 1972 the government saw a solution to the staggering rate of food inflation. The then-secretary of the USDA, Earl Butz, encouraged subsidized over-

production, changing the agricultural landscape and enabling a food system based on cheap corn. He threatened farmers to "get big or get out." This resulted in mountains of cheap corn and other commodity crops subsidized by taxpayers. Food scientists then took these cheap commodity crops into the lab to find new ways to utilize them. Over the years, they've gotten more creative with their applications, and more generous with the portions.

Eating these heaping portions of "edible food-like substances," our pants are becoming snugger and we're becoming deathly fat. The National Institute on Aging reported in 2005 that our generation's life expectancy could be the first in the modern era to not surpass our parents if we don't do anything to curb the rate of obesity. Also, one-third of children born after 2000 will be afflicted by obesity in their lifetime and

that number is one in two in minority populations.

Some may argue that people are choosing to eat this way, but the sad reality is that not everyone is. A single mom with three kids who works three jobs to support her family is not going to have the money, time, or energy to fix meals. As a result, her option is usually fast food that makes her family unhealthy and sick. For low-income families health care is paid for through Medicaid (tax dollars). Michael Pollan, the author of numerous bestselling books on the American food culture, stated in an article back in September, "To put it more bluntly, the government is putting itself in the uncomfortable position of subsidizing both the costs of treating Type 2 diabetes and the consumption of high-fructose corn syrup." Our health care system is currently spending \$147 billion to treat obesity, \$116 billion to treat diabetes, and hundreds of billions more to treat cardiovascular dis-

ease and the many types of cancer that have been linked to our diet. Does this seem illogical to anyone else, or rather unjust?

Everyone can take part in changing the system at hand. Americans would never stand for the government telling them what they can and cannot eat; therefore, we must empower ourselves as consumers. Michael Pollan has coined the expression, "vote with your fork." By buying organic carrots as opposed to conventional, you are telling that company that organic is important to you and it's in their interest to stock organic products. Tell your legislators that our taxpayer money should allow everyone to eat healthfully, not just those who can afford it, by reforming agricultural subsidies and food labeling standards. The food industry knows the harm it is doing to our citizens, but they won't change voluntarily.



### Letters to the Editor

#### Good Riddance, Dennison

Hurrah for George Dennison, twenty years at the helm of UM and finally throwing the towel in on a presidency dominated with intrigue and controversy. From

his comical plea in 1991 to Missoula automobile dealers for a donated full size American made luxury sedan until the final in your face pay raise Dennison knew no shame.

Unfortunately, George Dennison's most infamous achievements will go down the memory hole.

His failed real estate escapades are legendary; the divot/greens project at Fort Missoula,

multiple unsuccessful efforts to develop south campus etc., etc.. The ill-conceived attempt to relocate Prescott house and recklessly over building UM with no regard for future maintenance expenses are good examples of Dennison's legacy.

Athletic department scandals were egregious, a million dollars were misspent, felonious thugs poisoning as football players terror-

ized Missoula. A loser football program, seventeen years in the NCAA tournament and only two championships, a testament to George's total mastery of propaganda, losers become winners.

George Dennison's greatest disservice to higher learning was that he turned UM into a dumping ground for some of Montana's most notorious political hacks, individuals who if any meaning-

ful political/intellectual culture existed in America would be vain, pretentious laughingstocks.

What lies ahead for post-Dennison UM, unless there is extreme vigilance on the part of Montanans, one can imagine: UM senior fellows Brain Schweitzer, Carol Williams, and a most ghastly nightmare scenario, UM president Pat Williams.

Bill Bakeberg, Milltown

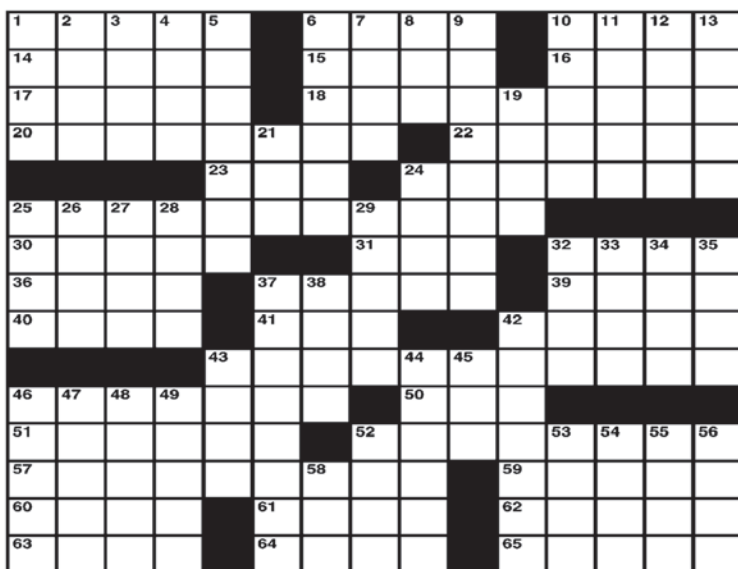
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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

#### ACROSS

- 1 Roaring group
- 6 Bridge coup
- 10 Boston NBAer
- 14 Act like a dotting grandma, perhaps
- 15 Hawaiian port
- 16 Healthy
- 17 Musical narrated by Che
- 18 Rival of Staples
- 20 '40s-'50s paranoia that led to blacklisting
- 22 "For Your Eyes Only" singer
- 23 Island strings
- 24 Rides roughshod over
- 25 Red Cloud's tribe
- 30 Board with eerie messages
- 31 Neither's partner
- 32 Microwaves
- 36 Not guilty, for example
- 37 Make one of two?
- 39 Came down to earth
- 40 Cowpoke's prod
- 41 Petunia, e.g.
- 42 Serpentine
- 43 Jane, to Dick, e.g.
- 46 Fillies and foals
- 50 \_\_\_ la la
- 51 Track athlete
- 52 "The Breakfast Club" actors are part of it
- 57 Pencil game that hints at this puzzle's theme, found in the first and last letters of 18-, 25- and 43-Across
- 59 Conservative front?
- 60 Perry's creator
- 61 "Major" constellation
- 62 Grand \_\_\_ National Park
- 63 Futurist
- 64 Seamstress's fold
- 65 Not approximate



By Jerome Gunderson

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#### DOWN

- 1 "Believe" singer
- 2 Wander
- 3 "Ars amatoria" poet
- 4 Antiprohibitionists
- 5 Count with a cape
- 6 Coastlines
- 7 Family board game
- 8 TV E.T.
- 9 Defogging target
- 10 Nest noise
- 11 Chair maker Charles
- 12 South American plain
- 13 Houston pro since 2002
- 19 Whole grain cereal brand
- 21 Dossier letters
- 24 Flue filth
- 25 "How clumsy of me!"
- 26 Big swig
- 27 Stead
- 28 Slightly open
- 29 Jones of English architecture
- 32 Author Grey
- 33 Quaint word of regret

#### Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 34 High-speed highway
- 35 Underworld river
- 37 Pugilist's punch
- 38 Puppy bites
- 42 Legislative act
- 43 Military service designation
- 44 Windex target
- 45 Lyricist Gershwin
- 46 Art works by Romain de Tirtoff
- 47 Paper measure
- 48 "I surrender!"
- 49 Bury
- 52 Pear choice
- 53 Suffix with cine
- 54 "\_\_\_ boy!"
- 55 Gator's kin
- 56 "Critique of Pure Reason" philosopher
- 58 Capote, on the stage

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would gather at home for a large feast. "What happens is there's a dispensation in Lent for us to actually eat meat, so this was a huge event."

Ó Ríordáin put emphasis on the word "huge" and his eyes got a faraway look, as if he were back in County Cork surveying a laden dinner table.

"That's the way it was there but it's different here," he said. "I don't have the same kind of joy that I know my father had. I kind of go out of a sense of ethnic loyalty."

Hearing Ó Ríordáin wax philosophical on St. Patrick's Day in his gentle Irish lilt, one realizes how far removed America's March 17 celebrations are from the original incarnation.

"I wouldn't bring a kid of mine to a St. Patrick's Day parade," he said.

This is because Ó Ríordáin, who doesn't drink, feels that the alcohol consumption in Butte on St. Patrick's Day has gotten out of hand.

"I think that's the problem of St. Patrick's Day; it's associated too much with drink," he said. "I mean, you're going to have to have drinking, but not the kind of crazy chaotic drinking that breaks out late in the evening."

He feels that Butte walks a narrow tight rope when it comes to how it celebrates the holiday.

"It will have to (evolve). Otherwise it's going to become a joke,"

he said.

Father Thomas Haffey of Saint Ann's Catholic Church in Butte said that St. Patrick's Day started as a religious feast in Ireland.

"It's the anniversary of the death of St. Patrick," he said. "We celebrate the saints' deaths rather than their births because we see it as their birth into heaven."

Once a celebration that focused on religious rituals, Haffey feels that St. Patrick's Day has become a modern drinking ritual for college students.

"Butte became a place to gather, especially for college students on spring break," he said, "and along the way drinking entered in."

"There's nothing wrong with celebrating with a beer or two, but when huge drunken crowds gather in uptown Butte, it's unfortunate when it gets that way," he said.

Haffey says Butte features many Irish events that don't revolve around alcohol consumption. He suggests visitors attend the century-old dinner put on by the Friendly Sons and Daughters of St. Patrick, go to Mass on Wednesday morning, watch the parade and take in a performance by the Tiernan Irish step dancers at the Butte Civic Center.

"If they really want to celebrate what it means, they would go to the Mass and parade and take in some of the non-alcoholic events," he said.

Academic scheduling plays a part in attracting college students to Butte for St. Patrick's Day. For students who attend Montana State University in Bozeman or Montana Tech in Butte, St. Patrick's Day typically falls within spring break. Meanwhile, many UM students view a few missed

classes and a 119-mile drive as a small barrier to hurdle for a good time.

Haffey says that during the day, it's not uncommon to see families and people of all ages milling around uptown. But the city transforms at night, when most of the locals go home and a younger, more boisterous crowd emerges.

"By midnight it looks like Baghdad or Beirut," Bill Anderson, an employee at the uptown Park Street Liquor, said.

Videos abound on the Internet featuring people swathed in green necklace beads, staging drinking competitions and women flashing their breasts at cameras. Other than the cold temperatures and the over-prominence of green paraphernalia, the scenes could easily pass for a Girls Gone Wild location or Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Butte natives, such as UM student Erica Nyquist, often travel home for the celebration, often out of tradition.

"I grew up attending the parade every year, and if it was during the week, we skipped school," she said. "Everyone did."

Nyquist says she enjoys returning with friends who've never been to Butte.

"I like playing tour guide," she said. "This town is so rich in history and has such beautiful architecture. More people should see it."

On a recent visit she said many establishments she used to patronize had closed, victimized by the recession.

"I can't believe the Gold Rush Restaurant is closed," she said. "They had the best breakfast. Sometimes I worry about this town's future."

Other establishments continue to soldier on, sustained by events

in Butte that attract crowds from out of town.

The evening of the Academy Awards found five patrons sitting inside Maloney's Bar on weathered stools. A bartender named Sam fetched them drinks as they waited to see which film would win Best Picture.

"It's getting better," Sam said of St. Patrick's Day, serving a pint of beer. "There were a few years where the police weren't doing all they could."

Sam says the bar makes more money on Evel Knievel Days in July, when Butte celebrates its most famous citizen. However, one suspects this has something to do with the longer duration of that event.

On the same night, Zeppies Bar, formerly the Irish Times Pub, is completely deserted. The bartender, who introduces himself as Will, says the place will be packed come St. Patrick's Day.

"We open at 10 a.m. and there's always a line out the door," he said, leaning on the front bar that was built in 1895. "By the time closing comes, we're ready to go home."

He says the drink of choice for college students is the Irish Car Bomb, which consists of a shot of Jameson whiskey and Baileys Irish Cream dropped into a pub glass of Guinness. Like many bars in Butte, Zeppies bans backpacks, hoping to curb the BYOB crowd.

"Last year we ordered 91 cases of Bud Light," he said. "March is our best month by far and St. Patrick's Day boosts that."

He says patrons are generally friendly "until they drink too much," but notes that the real unpleasantness comes the next morning when that bar needs to be cleaned.

On a day when many nurse hangovers and hit the road for home, Zeppies closes so that its employees can scrub the place down. Will says pictures need straightening, Jell-O shot containers need picking up and furniture that had been removed to make more room needs to be hauled back inside.

"There is trash everywhere," Will said. "People couldn't make

it to the bathroom because of lines, and there was vomit all over the floor."

Will, who has been tending bar for a year, heard from an employee that it used to be tradition that a window was broken every year.

"We were really last glad last year that nothing happened but a fight between two girls," he said.

Despite last year's carnage, he's eager to work again this year.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "We have all our schedules figured out on who's tending when."

Convenience stores also do a brisk business. Mike Dean often mans the night shift at a gas station located between the flats and uptown.

"It's crazy and a pain in the butt," he said of the holiday. "You sell alcohol like mad and you have to deal with the drunks, but you meet a lot of interesting people."

As the father of a young son, Dean is concerned with the trouble that accompanies the festivities.

"There's the drugs and alcohol coming into town. As for pot, I'm pretty liberal on that, but meth," he stops and shakes his head, before continuing to tick off other issues on his fingers. "Crime, vandalism, rape, minors, domestic assault, shoplifting."

In the next breath Dean notes that the business the celebration generates is vital to Butte's economic health.

"You look at these hotels and restaurants and wonder where else their business would have come from," he said. "But does the economic value override everything else?"

Detective Lieutenant Ed Lester has patrolled Butte's streets on St. Patrick's Day for 20 years.

"It's actually pretty fun up until seven to eight o'clock," he said. "You can kind of see it starting to go south. The crowd kind of changes in where they don't want to do what they're being told to do, and you can see they're too drunk, and they're starting to get a little edgy."

Lester says the police have

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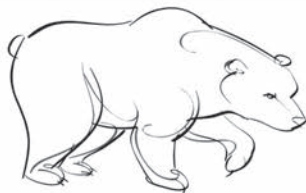
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**INT'L WEEK**

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a delegation to visit universities in southern Africa in May, he said.

"Flight to Crisis Mission in Haiti" begins noon Friday in UC 333. The presentation will discuss observations on the past and future of the devastated country by Thomas Sullivan, a UM adjunct assistant professor of geography who recently returned from Haiti, where he helped with recovery efforts.

Along with these presentations and many others, information sessions about study abroad opportunities will be offered in the International Center today at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday at noon and Thursday at 4 p.m. These sessions are available every week. Exchanges are available in 39 different countries. A study abroad table will also be set up in the UC this week, where interested students can pick up information.

A Peace Corps information session will be available Thursday at 3 p.m. in UC 332.

Koehn said the number of international students on campus is about the same as last year, although there has been a significant drop in the number of Japanese students at UM, probably due to an announcement from the Japanese ministry of education warning parents not to send their children to this region due to the swine flu epidemic. Nationally, this year has seen a huge rise in the number of Vietnamese, Chinese and Korean students, with a 46 percent increase in Vietnam's case, she said.

Koehn said that above all, she hopes International Week encourages students to reach out to international students more throughout the year, not just during this week.

One way to do this is through The UM Global Partners Program, organized by Foreign Student and Scholar Services, to provide foreign students with friends to help them navigate around campus and the community during their first two months at UM, she said.

Longtime friendships emerge

from this program, giving students the opportunity to really get to know someone from a different culture, Koehn said. If those kinds of friendships occurred more across campus, she said, UM would see a huge positive transformation.

While it's great to educate yourself about another culture through events like those during International Week, it's not the same as what you learn by trying to get to know international students in places like the dorms, dining areas, and classes, she said.

"What we really want to en-

courage is everyday effort," Koehn said. "Reach out. The one-to-one interaction is more significant than any other activity."

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A complete list of International Week events is available through UM's International Program Web site at <http://www.umt.edu/ip/newsevents1/internationalweek.html> or the Global Partnership program is available through the Foreign Student and Scholar Services web site at <http://life.umt.edu/fsss/stresources/globalpartners-um.php>.

## Beware the Ides of March



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**In the role of a Senator**, Professor Jim Scott of Latin and Greek languages and literature stabs Julius Caesar, played by Charles Cunningham, in the neck along with members of the Classics Club as a reenactment of the Roman leader's murder on the Oval. The group drew the attention of many students between classes at noon, and some even stayed to watch until the end. "We wanted to celebrate the Ides of March and get people interested in classics," said Michelle Bossé, a senior in the Classics Club. This Ides of March marked the 2054th anniversary of Caesar's assassination and was the first time the Classics Club held the reenactment, but they hope for it to become an annual event. The Classics Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the UC boardroom.

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UC Rm. 330  
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7:00pm

Open Mic Night  
UC Game Room  
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# INTERNATIONAL AND FOOD



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Blueberries and custard sit at the Estonia table on the first floor for the Culture and Food Festival.

## *Sink your teeth in*

Upon turning your ticket into the bucket at the door your senses are hit by a cacophony of smells, colors and traditions. You are entering a summary of the world also known as the The Culture and Food Festival. Swedish meatballs overpower almost everything at the entrance, but they're soon joined by pastas, curries, breads, sweets and just about anything your palate may be looking for on a quick world travel. There are Chinese speakers in the Kyi-yo line for fry bread, Arabic speakers in the Swedish line, and Greeks in the Taiwanese line.

Lines wrap around and merge together, creating a complex mess of happy

people chattering in various languages. After grabbing a plate, you can carry and slow down upstairs, the sound of conversation to the squeals of delight from the children's World. Little kids run in and out with their parents, ports for exploring the world through storytelling and other activities to engage a curious mind.

From there on out, the music up to the ceiling of the UC. After meandering through a maze of display booths



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Arianna, 5, mimics Polynesian singers and dancers from the University of Montana Western as they perform a parting song in the UC ballroom during the International Culture and Food Festival.

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Eric Oravsky*



Aria performs a Zimbabwean dance during the festival. Other member of the Unity Drum and Dance Troupe.

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**Mohammed Almalallah** eats some hummus with his former instructor, Julie Brown of the English Language Institute, and Zach Horat.



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ing the performance part of the Culture and Food Festival along with  
 ce Company.



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**Hyunjung Kim**, left, in a traditional Taiwanese male wedding gown and Ruda Lee in a traditional female dress stand with students to get their photo taken.



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**Hao Qi** sings "Heavenly Road" to a packed audience through flashes and cheers in the UC ballroom



# Panel to discuss 'aid in dying' decision

Carmen George  
Montana Kaimin

Ethical issues related to a recent Montana Supreme Court ruling allowing physician-aided death will be discussed in a panel Tuesday.

That decision also left open the possibility that a future legislature could change the decision, opening the door for more debate about the issue in weeks to come.

"It's really important to have these kinds of discussions now because I think there are a lot of ethical and legal pitfalls in legalizing physician aid in dying," said bioethicist Mark Hanson, moderator of Tuesday's panel. Hanson teaches classes such as medical ethics as a lecturer for UM's Liberal Studies Program and as an adjunct associate professor at the College of Technology.

The free panel, titled "Aid in Dying after the Baxter Decision: Ethical Challenges for Montana Legislators," will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Tuesday in Gallagher Business Building room 123. The panel, hosted by UM's Center for Ethics, will feature Hanson and seven speakers, including physicians, legislators and lawyers.

"Physician aid in dying" is basically a prescription for a lethal substance at the request of a terminally ill patient, which usually means someone who has less than six months to live, Hanson said. It's not the same as euthanasia, where a doctor injects a terminally ill patient with a lethal substance for them while in the hospital, he said.

On Dec. 31, 2009, the Montana Supreme Court ruled in the case of Baxter v. State of Montana that terminally ill patients could seek aid from their physicians to help them die and that their doctors could not be criminally prosecuted for assisting them. The ruling found no Montana public policy or legal precedent against the practice.

Currently, physician aid in dy-

ing is only allowed in Oregon, Washington and Montana, although Montana is the only state without any legal guidelines regarding how it should be carried out, Hanson said.

State legislators either have the opportunity to adopt and improve upon similar laws in other states or to improve "end-of-life care" if they decide against allowing physician-assisted death for the terminally ill, Hanson said. Much of the demand for physician-assisted death arises from health care not addressing end-of-life care like it should, he said.

Speakers for tonight's panel include: Michael More, Republican Montana State Legislator; Dick Barrett, Democrat Montana State Legislator; Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, executive director of Disability Rights Montana; Dr. Eric Kress, Hospice Physician; Dr. Stephen Speckart, Physician; Mark S. Connell, a private practice lawyer for Connell Law Firm; and Mary Anne Sladich-Lantz, vice president of Mission Leadership for Saint Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, and a member of the Ethics Committee at Saint Patrick Hospital.

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# ASUM elections to begin

Jayne Fraser  
Montana Kaimin

Those wishing to campaign for a seat on the ASUM Senate next year have until next Wednesday to sign up.

ASUM Sen. Will Selph, the chair of ASUM's Elections Committee, encourages all University of Montana students to consider running for a position with the student government in the upcoming elections. Any student taking more than seven credits and having at least a 2.0 GPA are welcome to run for one of 20 senate seats, for the position of business manager or as part of a ticket for president and vice president.

Students have to go into the ASUM offices to fill out some paperwork and then go to [www.umt.edu/asum](http://www.umt.edu/asum) to print out petitions, which must be returned to the ASUM office by March 24 at 5 p.m. with at least 50 verifiable student signatures. Two days later, on the last Friday before Spring Break, Selph and UC Director Candy Holt will host a mandatory meeting for candidates to discuss campaign rules, like the parameters of finances and poster displays.

Campaigning will start April

5 and continue until elections conclude at the end of that month.

"I encourage any student with an interest in government, financial policy or that is curious about how the clubs work to run," Selph said. "If they have a passion about the University of Montana and students here and the passions of students here, we encourage them to get involved."

The first round of debates is scheduled for April 7 and 8 in the UC Commons during lunch.

If the field of candidates needs to be narrowed before the final election, a primary vote will be held April 14. A final round of debates will take place April 21 and 22 before the final elections are hosted on Cyberbear April 28 and 29.

Besides managing the funds collected from student fees and running agencies such as Transportation and Child Care, Selph said next year's senate could also be working with the state legislature on various issues, such as funding for higher education.

Selph said students with questions about the election process or the ASUM positions should visit with student senators, executives and staff in their office on the first floor of the UC.

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# Griz content with venue, not intimidated by first-round matchup

Matt McLeod  
Montana Kaimin

On this ride, they'll take any seat they can get.

If Wayne Tinkle and the Grizzlies are disappointed their first round NCAA Tournament matchup won't be closer to home, you wouldn't know it from talking to them.

Montana coaches and players are staying positive about the No. 14 Big Sky champion Grizzlies' match up against third-seeded, regular season Mountain West champs New Mexico (29-4) Thursday night in San Jose, Calif.

Griz fans were expected to turn out in droves if Montana (22-9) had played in Spokane, Wash., the host of another opening round venue. But the trip to distant San Jose should spell a different story. The difference in driving distance from Missoula: about 900 miles, or 15 hours behind the wheel. Remaining airline tickets from Missoula to San Jose start at over \$600.

Griz coach Tinkle said that though he would have loved it if the Missoula faithful had gotten the chance to root on his club in person, the trip to San Jose is just fine by him.

"We're just happy to still be playing basketball," he said. "Spokane would have been great, because technically we would have been the home team. But at the same time, we still feel like we're going to get some really good support."

It's a homecoming of sorts for freshman guard Will Cherry, an Oakland, Calif. native who said he can drive from his house to San Jose's HP Pavilion in anywhere from half an hour to 45 minutes, depending on traffic. He expects dozens of friends and family members to turn out for the game, and though he said he appreciates the support, he admits he had Spokane circled as the team waited to hear where they were going.

"We love our fan base here," Cherry said. "It would have been exciting for everyone to get out and follow us.

But he also acknowledged that what happens on the court is more important than what court it happens on.

"We have to take care of business either way," Cherry said.

The Griz will start their business in the East bracket, where they landed in the same region as top-seeded Kentucky and No. 2 West Virginia. The Griz would face the winner of No. 6 Marquette and No. 11 Washington in the event they pull off the upset. If they somehow muscled their way into the Sweet 16, Montana would head to Syracuse, N.Y., for the regional semifinals.

The experts think the Griz are long shots, but then again, it was the same story in 2006, when coach Larry Krystkowiak's No. 12 club knocked off No. 5 Nevada in the first round and hung tough with No. 4 Boston College in the round of 32.

This time around, upsetting Steve Alford's explosive New Mexico team, which had won 15 games in a row before dropping the Mountain West title game to San Diego State 72-69, could be a tall order.

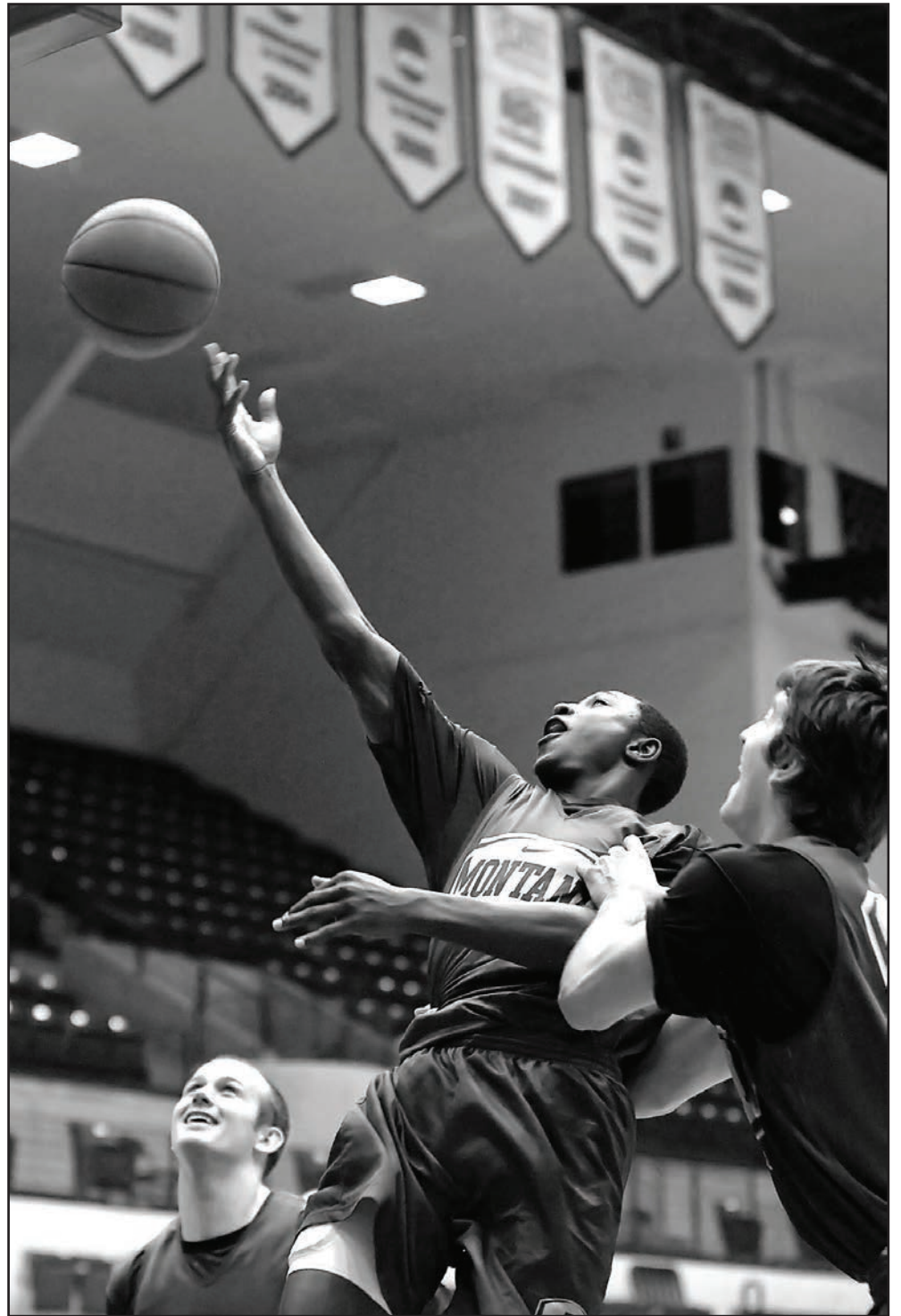
Tinkle said even given their streak-breaking loss to the Aggies, he expects the Lobos to pick up where they left off: at the top of their game. He isn't buying the whispers that Alford and company aren't as good as their historic 29-win record would indicate, or that they'll be flat after dropping their final conference game.

"With the loss, you get a little bit of the sense of the fact that they're not immortal, but they're a tough basketball team who's playing as well as anybody," Tinkle said.

Knocking off the Lobos will take razor-sharp focus from now until Thursday, but players admit they took a moment during Sunday's NCAA Tournament Selection Show to simply sit back and bask in the glory of making it to the Big Dance.

"We're excited to just have our names called," senior guard Ryan Staudacher said. "It's still a dream come true."

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(From left) Shawn Stockton laughs as Will Cherry is pulled back by Jack McGillis during the Grizzlies' NBA rebounding drill, where there are "No Babies Allowed." Montana had a physical practice Monday in preparation for its NCAA Tournament matchup Thursday against New Mexico.

# Lady Griz finish year and begin looking to success in the future

Troy Warzocha  
Montana Kaimin

The Lady Griz played nearly 1,165 minutes of basketball this season and out of all of them, the last 10 were the most painful to endure.

On Friday the Lady Griz dropped their third game to Portland State this season, falling in the conference semifinals and watching their hopes of a third-straight NCAA tournament berth go up in smoke.

"(A loss) is always a tough thing to end the season with," said Montana coach Robin Selvig. "It's a real empty feeling. You spend every day and every minute thinking about basketball and the next game and all of a sudden, it's over."

For a program that has become synonymous with success, losing isn't so bad. The Lady Griz were the consensus pick to finish second in the conference after losing stars Mandy Morales, Sonya Rogers and Britney Lohman to graduation after the 2008-09 season.

At the half, the Lady Griz trailed by five and seemed like they were a couple of big shots away from snatching the lead from the Vikings. Montana wasn't shooting lights out, but they also weren't shooting poorly. Most importantly, they were keeping Port-

land State's dangerous shooters under 40 percent from the field.

But after the break Portland State brought out their knives and they were going to twist them slowly into the heart of every Lady Griz fan who traveled on the booster bus to Cheney, Wash.

The second half started well for the Lady Griz as they cut the lead down to four, but that was where the wheels fell off.

The Lady Griz missed four 3-pointers in a span of four minutes before senior guard Lauren Beck stopped the bleeding by drilling one with 12 minutes left. Despite the conversion, the damage had already been done. Portland State took advantage of Montana's futility from beyond the arc and built an insurmountable lead.

Hopes for the Lady Griz to claw back into the game were undone by their own ineffectiveness on the offensive end. In the final 10 minutes, Montana made only two of its final 11 attempts from the field and committed seven turnovers.

The result was an abysmal shooting percentage of 26.9 in the second half and a 15-point loss to the team that would go on to secure the conference's automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament.

"Portland State played a lot better than we did that night," Selvig said. "We didn't shoot well in the

second half, so we got a loss."

Even with the loss to Portland State, the Lady Griz would have been invited to play in the Women's National Invitational Tournament had conference tourney hosts Eastern Washington secured the Big Sky's automatic berth. But hopes of another game for the ladies from Missoula were dashed by archrival Montana State when the Bobcats defeated Eastern in the other conference semifinal.

"(The WNIT possibility) was something where you hope for the best and if it pans out, it pans out, and if it doesn't, it doesn't," said junior guard Stephanie Stender.

Despite going out in their last 10 minutes with nothing more than a whimper, the Lady Griz had a successful season and will come back as a stronger team next time around.

With the overwhelming amount of talent that donned their caps and gowns and headed into the real world after last year, this year was bound to be a trying one for the Lady Griz. They started this season with more freshmen than seniors on the roster and were going to have to replace all of their top scorers from 2008-09. Not an easy task, even for the mighty Lady Griz.

With a lighter roster, it didn't help that injuries began to pile up

before this season even got underway. True freshman backup point guard Ashley Ferda and sophomore Misty Atkinson both went down with leg issues. Ferda was ruled out for the season after winter break and Atkinson made it back into the lineup, but had little impact on the results this season.

"There's luck involved in basketball seasons and staying healthy is one of the lucky things," Selvig said. "It just didn't happen for us this year."

Selvig's club began the season in very un-Lady Griz-like fashion by dropping five of its first six games in non-conference play but began to get into a rhythm as the conference season approached.

Through the end of non-conference play true freshman Katie Baker had established herself as the leading scorer and rebounder for the Lady Griz until she went down with a season-ending knee injury late in an early conference game with Eastern Washington. The injury threw another hurdle at a Montana team that was still trying to establish its identity.

But with every injury came an opportunity for someone to step up, and for the most part someone did. Senior center Shadra Robison had a career year, true freshman Kenzie De Boer came off the bench to become Montana's third-

leading scorer this season, and junior Jessa Loman-Linford jumped into the starting lineup to contribute valuable points and minutes.

"I think (Robison) is kind of an emblem of perseverance," Stender said. "She works hard. She puts her time in and helps people strive for what she's striving for."

There were also some familiar names that took on larger roles this season. With the injury to Ferda, Beck played point guard for almost the entire season. She was also named to the all-conference second team and became the go-to threat for Montana.

"We ended up playing (Beck) a lot more at the point this year than we anticipated going in," Selvig said. "And with the versatile player she is, she did a good job."

Junior forward Sarah Ena continued to be one of the top low-post players in the conference, averaging 13.3 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. While her production was solid, sometimes it was limited by her emotional play. Ena spent much of the year toeing the line between being an elite defender and perpetually in foul trouble.

Armed with the fact that the Lady Griz were no longer going to have the luxury of out-scoring opponents, the coaching staff

## Griz football begins spring workouts with fast, high-intensity practices

Tyson Alger  
Montana Kaimin

The familiar sound of testosterone-induced collisions echoed out of Washington-Grizzly Stadium Monday afternoon as the Montana Grizzly football team began its spring drills with a fury.

From the intensity of the practice, it looked like first year head coach Robin Pflugrad was gearing the Griz up for a playoff battle rather than a weekly Friday spring scrimmage.

"We put them under some situations that were game tempo, game-like, and I thought they did a decent job of getting lined up correctly and doing what they were supposed to do," Pflugrad said.

The spring football season includes four practices throughout the week, along with a scrimmage at the end of each week as the caper.

That cycle continues for a month and concludes with a full team scrimmage in Butte on April 17.

The Grizzlies are coming off a 12-0 regular season.

They then rattled off three home playoff wins, including a prime-time thriller against Appalachian State in the semis, to reach the championship game for the second consecutive season before eventually falling to Villanova 21-23.

On the field Monday were 12 returning starters from last year's team, along with 46 lettermen.

One of those returning players is sophomore wide-receiver Jabin Sambrano.

Sambrano, who tied for fourth on the team last year with 31 receptions, said he noticed a big difference in tempo from prior spring sessions.

"It was fast. Fast," Sambrano said. "I'd say it was three times faster than the previous year. When we get water we have to run. We have to hold the ball in our hands 24/7, and if someone knocks it out we have to do pushups and all that. But we're going to be much better for it."

Sambrano said the pace of

practice wasn't unexpected, as fast has been a theme for the new coaching staff.

"Since day one, when Pflu took over everything has been up tempo with speed, speed, speed," Sambrano said.

Being outside underneath the spring sun, which brought the practice time temperature into the high 50s, was a nice change of pace from being holed up in the gym, Sambrano said.

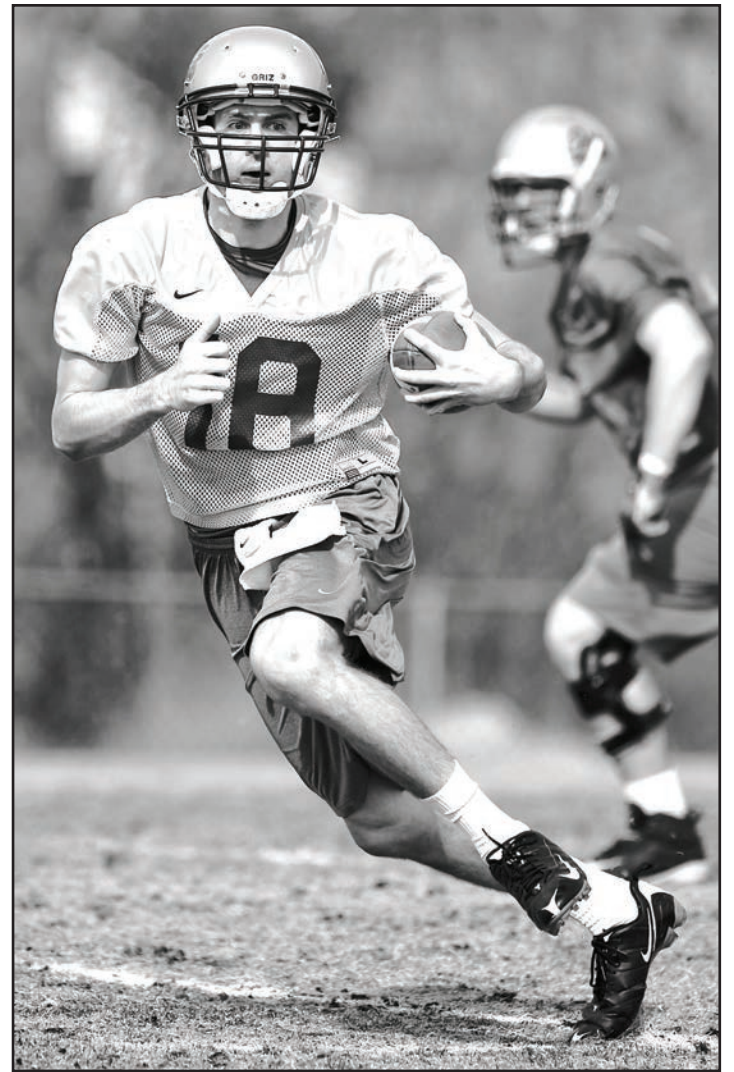
As for how the team looked after day one of spring ball, Pflugrad said he is cautious.

"We're doing a few things differently out there so we're looking a little bit rusty," Pflugrad said. "I'm guardedly saying we were rusty."

As for the first time being on the turf in Washington-Grizzly Stadium running the show, Pflugrad was a little more optimistic.

"It's refreshing to be out here," he said. "It's hard to do certain things when you're indoors so it was nice to come out here and have some space and see the guys running around."

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Justin Roper returned to the football field Monday afternoon after spending the winter on the hardwood with the Grizzly basketball team. Roper and the rest of the football squad ran drills in preparation for the spring scrimmage on April 17 in Butte.

### LADY GRIZ

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challenged the roster at the defensive end, and Selvig's team responded by becoming the top defensive team in the Big Sky.

Montana finished with the top scoring defense and field goal percentage defense, second in blocked shots and steals and third

in defensive rebounding.

"I thought we were a pretty good defensive team and that's what was giving us a chance to win," Selvig said. "That ended up being our strength."

If nothing else, the 2009-10 edition of the Lady Griz was a model of consistency. The highs were never too high and the lows were never too low. Montana's longest

winning streak this season was four and its longest losing streak was three.

And through it all, this year should be considered a success for the Lady Griz. Montana still secured a second seed with a first-round bye in the conference tournament and saw development of many of its young players through this season's trials.

"Success isn't measured in wins," Stender said. "In a way it's all about winning, but in a way it's not. Success is measured in growth and team unity."

As the Lady Griz head into the off-season, Selvig knows there's no shortage of hard work to be done in order for them to reclaim their spot at the top of the Big Sky.

"I think we've got a motivated group that wants to get back into the gym and start getting better," Selvig said. "A lot of championships are won between now and next fall."

And for a man who has won 22 of them, odds are number 23 isn't that far behind.

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worked hard to quell the vandalism and violence that can occur.

"It's not uncommon for something to get tossed through a window once or twice on St. Patrick's Day," he said.

The police travel in packs, which allows them to stop fights more efficiently.

"Once the crowd gets settled after the parade, usually three to four o'clock, that's when we'll be hitting them pretty hard on foot with teams of probably up to six officers," Lester said, "and there will be five or six of those roaming around."

He notes that in recent years, unopened bottles and beer cans have been used as weapons against officers and their vehicles. The police force has been working with bars to limit the number of bottles in stock and to serve opened beer cans.

"Bars get rid of the bottles just through selling them through the week leading up to St. Patrick's Day, so when they order their beer for St. Patrick's Day, they usually order all cans," he said. "We'd much rather

be around cans than bottles if we do run into a situation."

The biggest problem the force faces, according to Lester, is the number of underage drinkers at the celebration.

"For the most part, over the past five or six years we've really started cracking down on the underage drinking," he said. "Since we're focusing on the underage drinking, a lot of those arrested fall between the 18 to 20 age group that aren't necessarily acting disorderly but when we go by and check them, they're not old enough to be in possession."

He says the police force is able to relax a bit when the celebration falls during a weekday.

"It's more manageable crowd-wise, but we'll still throw a lot of people in jail, because of vandalism and fighting," he said. "The last Saturday we worked was an absolute mess."

Throughout the day and night he sees many college students.

"Most of the people we arrest are from out of town, and a lot are college kids," he said. "They think it's a free time to do whatever you want.

We want you to come here and want everyone to have a good, safe time, but you have to obey the law."

According to the Butte-Silver Bow County Courthouse, a first-time DUI offense runs \$685.

Lester says that shuttle buses have helped curb drunk-driving incidents.

"Most of the hotels of any size are in the flats," he said. "People drive uptown for the party and then they get over the limit and have to drive back to their hotel. Now people don't necessarily have to take their car up here."

Maria Pochervina, general manager of the Holiday Inn Express in Butte, is another fan of the shuttle system.

"There's really no reason to drink and drive," she said. "I've been one to say 'Go uptown, have fun early, don't get caught in the mob, and then go back to your hotel.'"

But once back in the hotels, Pochervina says visitors need to remain respectful.

"We're pretty strict down here and have a zero-tolerance policy," she said. "We cater to a corporate market, and they're here to get

work done, not to party."

Guests who refuse to comply will be asked to leave.

"We reserve that right, depending on the degree and severity of the disruption," Pochervina said. "Our hotel is pretty compact, making it easy to keep an eye on things. It's a matter of being diligent."

She hopes guests enjoy the experience, which she says "is one of a kind."

"I'm not a prude," she said, "I like having a cold beer. I'm about having a good time, but I'm concerned with taking care of the business, our guests and employees."

Housekeepers often have to deal with the most unpleasant messes on St. Patrick's Day, according to a housekeeper at the Finlan Hotel in uptown Butte. She asked to remain anonymous.

"It takes days to clean," she said with a wry smile. "We joke that we need to bring in a shovel, because people come and bring everyone."

The upside to the situation is that she is able to get more hours.

"It's better to be busy and not be cleaning a room that doesn't need much work just to get the hours," she said.

For better or for worse, the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Butte will continue. Many people like Ó Ríordáin feel that cultural celebrations like this hold the keys to the city's future.

"Butte for me is the one place where I've gone where people can talk about history and heritage," Ó Ríordáin said. "It's a town that has a very strong sense of identity and a very distinct culture. What's happened in Butte is that they're starting to mine their culture in the way they mined copper at one time," he said. "They're using their culture to promote Butte, and I think that's having a very positive impact."

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