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OURNALISM SENIOR Seth Dahl started his video documentary "Through the Lens of a Soldier" to document each individual Montana veteran's experience through a single photograph.

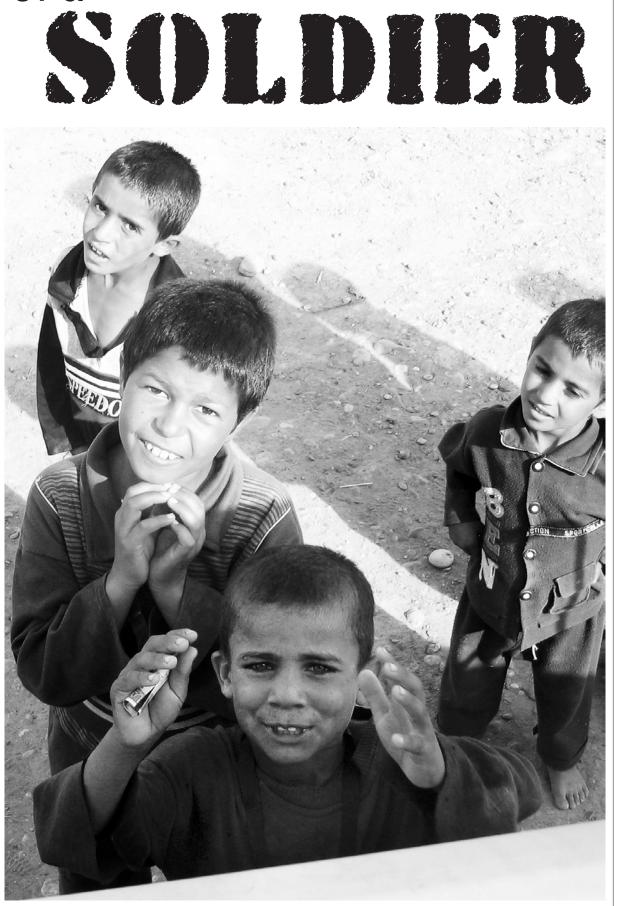
"I believe these stories need to be told," said Dahl, who is also a veteran. "With our current wars, we're creating many new veterans. Around 800 attend UM. They're all around us and attend class with us."

In the studio, Dahl asked Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to show one photo from their tour that speaks about their deployment in some way, whether happy or somber.

"I believe mainly in documenting history and getting them to tell their stories," he said. "I decided to stick with Iraq and Afghanistan vets with this project to put a face to our generation of veterans."

> Turn to pages six and seven to see the photos and stories six of those veterans shared.

Seth Dahl for the Montana Kaimin An Iragi child asks for a soccer ball during a zone patrol of the 1-163rd Infantry's sector outside of Hawijah, Iraq in July of 2005. On many village visits and various missions kids would plead, "Mister, Mister, soccer ball, soccer ball," when we were stopped. Gunning from the Humvee turret I would hand out candy, toys and occasional soccer balls.



COT committee

Emily Creasia Montana Kaimin

Shanda Hayward filled a prescription bottle with green M&M's as she completed a practice order for Adderall in her pharmacy lab.

Hayward, 20, is a pharmacy technology student at the University of Montana's College of Technology. She raved about the new fume hoods in the lab, which were bought with grant money.

Hayward is a member of a new Associated Students of the University of Montana COT Committee that started last week. She hopes more COT students will get involved, organize student groups and take advantage of possible funding from ASUM. The new committee is designed to increase knowledge and understanding between the COT and the UM main campus.

Hayward said many COT students don't even realize they are paying a \$49 ASUM fee in their tuition.

"I didn't know I had a voice in where that money went," she said.

Hayward said she could see COT radiology and pharmacy technology students in the future starting a health group and asking ASUM for funding to help cover the costs of conferences or new equipment.

"The two-year campus has a lot to offer and brings diversity to the four-year campus that wouldn't be there otherwise," said Cathy Corr, department chair for applied arts and sciences at the COT and faculty member of the committee. "We're all UM; there are more similarities than differences."

Corr said that since most of the COT programs are two years, there is more turn over

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Some people say hindsight is 20/20. Today, we can all agree that pissing off the British was a smart move, slavery was legitimately evil, and displacing thousands of Native Americans was just plain dumb. No one alive today can claim responsibility for these acts, but we can all know them as being important decisions that have set off tidal waves throughout American history.

However, there is a persistent echo of prejudice against one of these groups that continues in America today: the treatment of Native Americans and what's left of their land. But luckily for them, resource extraction corporations discovered hidden treasures of wealth beneath the ground of reservations throughout the West. And the saga of exploitation continues.

For example, take the uranium mining on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona. During the Cold War, efficiently mining uranium was crucial if we wanted to build nuclear bombs and obliterate Russia, so why not mine on more lenient sovereign states within our own borders? Pretty genius plan, until a few Navajo hogans were contaminated with a toxic slough of uraniummine leftovers. To this day, uranium is still causing problems on the reservations in the Southwest.

Hydraulic fracking for oil is also a major environmental concern on private and reservation land alike, including on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Eastern Montana. Shooting water into the ground to force out oil is eerily similar to Bill Murray's methods of eradicating that pesky gopher in "Caddyshack:" ill-fated and wasteful. Fracking might be a decent way to extract oil if it didn't cause minor earthquakes and make tap water flammable. Those are two things I would rather not have to deal with to have cheap oil.

It's no secret that a lot of reservations are in bad shape these days. The Bureau of Indian Affairs estimates that 66 percent of working age people on Montana reservations are unemployed and 38 percent of the employed still live below the povery line. Oil and mining companies know this. They come to the reservations, court the tribal councils, promise jobs, then, as Sarah Palin best put it, "Drill, baby, drill."

Nowadays, people can look back and say that treating the Native Americans badly was wrong. Attempting to wipe out native cultures was a mistake that an older generation of Americans made in the past. But now, in the present day, some people are trying to preserve the ghastliest American tradition by taking advantage of the same reservation land they so happily gave away over a century ago. Sorry for the doom and gloom this week, but I feel that environmental raping and pillaging should never go unheard.

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LGBTQQI 'safe spaces' necessary, not exaggerated

The undersigned affiliated faculty of The University of Montana's Women's and Gender Studies Program are writing this letter for two reasons: 1) to thank President Royce Engstrom for his recent statements about the importance of creating "a welcoming learning environment that celebrates diversity" (See President Engstrom's October 5th email to the Campus Community), and 2) to respond to a recent problematic Letter to the Editor by one of our colleagues, Michel Valentin, which suggested that LGBTQQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, and Intersex) students, faculty, and staff at UM had no need for "safe spaces." We contest Professor Valentin's claim and join President Engstrom in promoting a welcoming, safe, and diverse learning environment at The University of Montana.

CAY IT AIN'T SO, JOE. J Longtime Penn State football coach Joe Paterno has anchored arguably the cleanest college football program in history — until now.

Late Wednesday evening, the Penn State board of trustees dismissed Paterno and the school's president amid a swamping mess involving sex abuse allegations against a former assistant coach.

Last week, state Attorney General Linda Kelly announced the indictments brought by a grand jury against former Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky, who is accused of multiple sexual assaults on children. Two Penn State officials were also indicted for failing to act on those allegations and then lying about it.

This scandal has engulfed Penn State, making Happy Valley not so happy anymore.

This is potentially the biggest scandal in the history of college sports; there is no precedent here.

There is no other situation

As President Engstrom recently stated, our campus community needs to come together "to combat behavior that detracts from our core value of celebrating diversity." This need is especially pressing given the current state of this campus for LGBTQQI students, faculty, and staff. Our campus has made great strides in moving towards that "welcoming learning environment," but there is still work to be done, and Professor Valentin's letter unfortunately demonstrates that. Professor Valentin states that the Student Affairs Diversity Council is "positing a campus. . . in a war situation where islands of safety have to be created for LGBTIQ people" and contends that this is an inaccurate perception of UM. Many WGS faculty are resources for the UM Allies Program See LETTERS, page 3

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to compare this to. That's why it's so bad. The stigma attached to this school has been tattooed on the campus.

Paterno dodged charges because he told athletic director Tim Curley about an alleged 2002 incident in which a graduate student reported finding Sandusky performing sex acts on a boy in the shower area of a football locker room. Paterno told Curley, who failed to report it to the proper authorities, the attorney general said. Then Paterno apparently did nothing.

"JoePa" has been the benchmark for excellence on and off the field. Given the chilling nature of these accusations, I thought Paterno would have sought justice for the kids and help for Sandusky.

Knowing he didn't, I wanted to cry or puke. I don't know.

This scandal has halted the man who used to be the most famous Pennsylvania employee, an icon in college sports culture. Paterno has been a part of the Nittany Lions since 1950 and at the helm since 1966. His brown-tinted glasses and worn windbreakers were older than his players, and now he has coached his last game.

By Daniel Mediate, sports editor

He is a man I've looked up to, my father has looked up to and my father's father has looked up to. It's depressing that Paterno won't be remembered for the national titles, the undefeated seasons and his insurmountable tenure at Penn State.

What's worse is that the 84-yearold coach, whose eventual retirement has been the subject of perennial speculation, didn't get to make that call on his own.

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and, as such, we understand that our campus is, in fact, all too often an unwelcoming and even violent space for LGBTQQI students. We hear stories of professors' office doors being egged and LGBTQQI students being spit at, called names, and threatened on a regular basis. Some of our students have told us about hearing comments directed at them around campus like "If I only had a shotgun" - certainly an indication that our campus is analogous to a war zone. And none of us should ignore the recent suicides of LG-BTQQI youth who have been bullied throughout their lives.

In addition to discounting the lived experiences of LGBTQQI individuals, Professor Valentin's letter accuses them of creating their own oppression through their own misunderstanding of their psyches. Students who have been beaten and raped for being gay (as some of our students have) do not create their own oppression by acknowledging it. Reading the works of the French psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan may help them understand some part of their experiences, but it will not erase the violence they have experienced and continue to experience. By acknowledging the importance of their lived experiences, they are rather opening up spaces (both real and metaphorical) where they can work together to put an end to hatred and oppression. In her piece "Not By Degrees: Feminist Theory and Education," the lesbian feminist activist and scholar Charlotte Bunch argues that such theoretical readings as Lacanian psychoanalysis are important to understanding our experiences. However, she argues, we cannot stop there, and it will never be enough to just read or hand our oppressors a copy of a book by Lacan. We must take our efforts to the next level by 1) describing what exists; 2) analyzing why that

reality exists [it is here that Lacan and especially the French feminists who follow him may help]; 3) determining what should exist; and 4) working to change what is into what should be. The students and staff working at Student Affairs are doing just that — they are determining what should exist (safety for all students) and they are working to make that a reality through events like the Day of Dialogue and continuing discussions about the lived experiences of marginalized communities on our campus.

The Women's and Gender Studies Program's mission is as follows:

Women's and Gender Studies encourages the production, discussion, and dissemination of knowledge about women's experiences, oppressions, and achievements in Montana, the United States, and the world. In the last decade this focus has broadened to include the study of gender, sex and sexualities. By fostering awareness of cultural and inter-

national diversity, as well as of the circulations of power mediated by race, class, age, and sexual orientation, Women's and Gender Studies encourages students to think critically and to envision justice for all peoples.

In accordance with this mission, the UM Women's and Gender Studies Program supports the efforts of the groups like UM Allies, the UM President's Office, Lambda Alliance, the Women's Resource Center, the Student Assault Resource Center, and others who work to make this campus a safe and welcoming environment for all of its members.

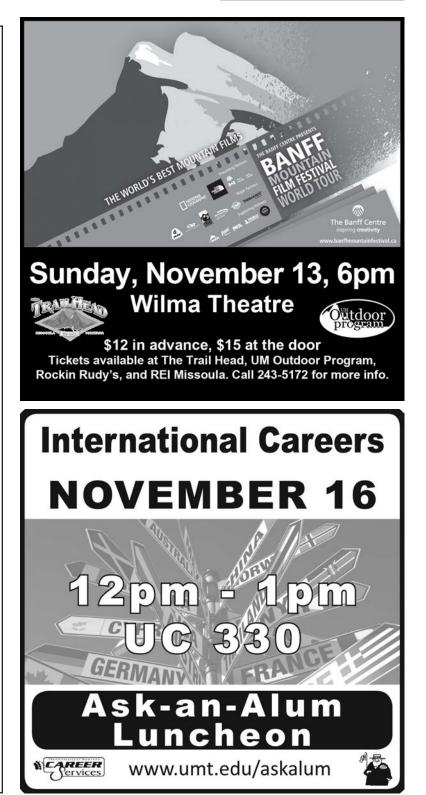
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Amy Sisk Montana Kaimin

Students soon could be able to change the preferred name and gender listed in University records such as enrollment lists.

The Associated Students of the University of Montana passed a resolution Wednesday urging the University to offer preferred name and gender options for students. The bill supports the efforts of the Diversity Programming Office to help make all students comfortable in class.

Jamar Galbreath, diversity programming coordinator, said that it can be uncomfortable for a transgender student to repeatedly have to explain to professors why they go by a particular name.

"The coming out process is difficult enough," he said. "The last thing they need is to come out to a large group of people publicly if that's something they're not ready or prepared for."

The resolution urges the University to implement preferred name and gender options through Banner, the information system that processes everything from the payroll to student records on campus. This would allow for students' preferred names to appear on class rosters the first day of the semester. A committee will discuss the feasibility of implementing the changes at a meeting Thursday.

Also, Mayor John Engen paid his second visit this year to an ASUM meeting, talking about everything from glass recycling to transportation.

But he spent the majority of his Mountainside Chat discussing homelessness. Of Missoula's 900 homeless people, Engen explained that although some can afford rent, they cannot find housing because they lack extra money to put down a security deposit.

"That's the barrier, four or five hundred bucks," he said. "It kills me that that's the difference between having safe shelter, and not. I think that's something we can figure out a way to solve."

The city is working on a plan after completing a homeless needs assessment last year, but Engen said the resources are not yet in place.

"There are so many agencies in Missoula who are in the business of managing human services, but often they are competing for scarce dollars so they are in the position of fighting with one another rather than working together," he said.

ASUM also passed a resolution endorsing the efforts of student groups across the state working to host a Rocky Mountain Power Shift Conference on student leadership and environmental sustainability. amy.sisk@umontana.edu

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and less investment in a sense of campus community.

"ASUM needs to continue to hold designated meetings, not just for one year," she said.

There have been ASUM COT committees in the past, but ASUM Senator Emerald LaFortune, chair of the new committee, said she has ideas to create long-term change.

LaFortune said she wants to let COT students know of ASUM services like childcare, legal help and transportation, and she doesn't think they should have to leave the COT east and west campuses just to

realize those services exist.

"It may be intimidating for COT students to come to the mountain campus," she said. "It's a lot bigger with a lot more students."

She hopes to let COT students know of these services by having those agencies table at the COT once a month or so.

LaFortune also said she wants ASUM to look into changing election bylaws to create a permanent seat for a senator from the COT.

"We want COT students to feel included and like they have a voice," she said. "We need to take a fresh look at what still needs to be done to do that."

LaFortune said by holding

two lunchtime meetings a month on the COT campuses — the first ASUM will develop a presence at the COT.

"We want people to feel like they have a place to go with questions about ASUM," she said.

Corr said a higher percentage of the COT students are nontraditional and may have families, which means they have less time for extracurricular activities.

"Not everyone at the twoyear campus is interested or has time," she said. "But the opportunity needs to be there for everyone."

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Sally Finneran/Montana Kaimin

Students wait outside the Mansfield Library late Wednesday night while firefighters check the building after a fire alarm went off. Public Safety received the call at 10:28 p.m. and declared it a false alarm at 10:40 p.m., allowing students back inside.





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Occupy movement works with homeless

Cody Blum Montana Kaimin

Occupy Wall Street protesters camped out on the front lawn of the Missoula County Court House are incorporating the city's homeless population into their movement. But now they're dealing with issues that come along with that acceptance.

Curtis Longo is a facilitator at the Occupy movement. He has been there since day one, when Missoula protesters walked through downtown and approached the county courthouse steps. That was just over a month ago. Now, Longo helps organize the details of the movement and helps out with the security shifts that extend through every night of the week.

He said the number of homeless people joining the movement has increased in the last month, despite significant decreases in the overall population of the movement.

"They are part of the 99 percent," he said. "They are being misrepresented, too."

What bothers Longo, he said, are problems that occur with campers on the courthouse lawn who aren't directly involved with the movement. One thing that distinguishes participants from non-participants is the consumption of alcohol on the premises. The movement enforces a no-alcohol policy on the premises, but still, there are those who come back to their tents late, drunk, and sometimes belligerent. Longo said these instances happen with the homeless campers.

Longo also pointed out that most situations that arise from intoxicated homeless people can be peacefully resolved.

Missoula Sheriff's Deputy Bill Burt said he's seen some poor behavior on the part of some of the homeless who camp near the movement. He said he saw one camper dumping out a large bottle full of urine onto the grass near the dumpsters next to the courthouse.

"A lot of these people moved here out from under the bridges," he said.

Burt said many of them don't participate in the movement and moved to the courthouse lawn for its desirable proximity to downtown. Basic amenities like outhouses set up on the lawn may also attract homeless campers, he said.

Longo said that, for the most part, the integration of the homeless has been a peaceful process that gives the movement a stronger presence. On a couple of occasions though, verbal disagreements involving the homeless have escalated to the point of having to call law enforcement, Longo said.

"We don't like having to do that," he said, adding that those altercations always involve an intoxicated person.

Longo said he's observed alcoholism as a problem with a lot of the homeless population in



A sign made by Occupy Missoula protestors sits in front of the encampment at the Missoula County Court House Wednesday evening. Missoula Sheriff's Deputy Bill Burt said many of the campers at the courthouse moved there from

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Missoula. He is frustrated that there is no intensive detox center in Missoula for people with substance abuse problems to spend more than a few days and thinks the city is doing the homeless a disservice in that regard. As a facilitator, he hopes to further improve the movement's connection to the homeless population, and even begin to address substance abuse issues.

under the bridge.

Kelsey Epley has been living in Missoula for about 10 years. Like Longo, she plans to stay on the courthouse lawn for the winter. Epley doesn't have a house. She lives with her husband and two dogs in a camper topper on the back of a red pickup parked in front of the movement's checkin tent. She has been with the movement for three weeks, and her avid support has continued throughout.

On a night security shift, Epley said she's noticed a lot of homeless people responsibly participating in the movement. Some of them have even shed substance problems for the movement.

"It's amazing how many people who have quit drinking since joining the Occupy movement," she said, adding it's made some people less belligerent too. "We can't have violence here."

Regular propane donations have made security shifts in the cold possible. Private donors fill accounts set up with stores around town allowing the protesters to buy food, blankets and shelter for the winter. Longo said he and others plan on staying until spring.

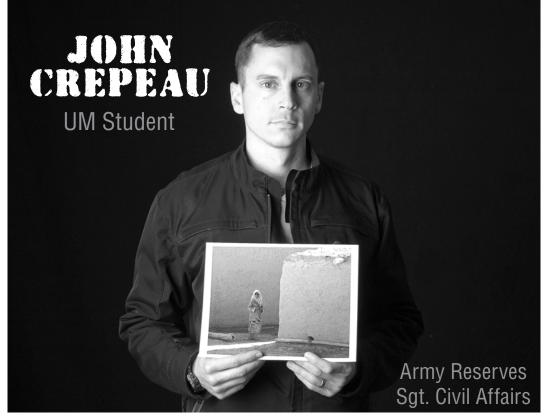
"Imagine the message we'll send when they see us out here when the snow melts." cody.blum@umontana.edu

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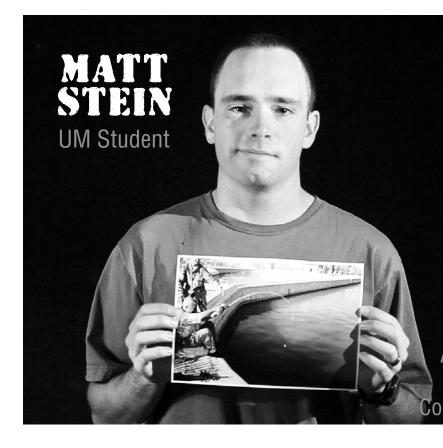
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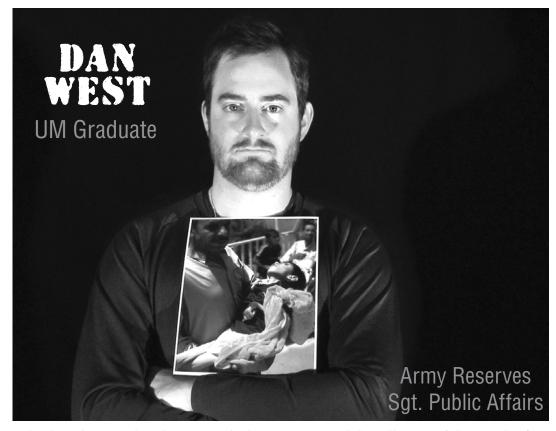




This was the first photo that pops into my head because I'm a parent. I have two kids, and that was the hardest part of being in Iraq, was being away from my family. And just seeing the little kids over there — that kind of kept me, I guess, motivated to do my job and hopefully make that area of Iraq better for them. Because it'd get very frustrating dealing with the adults, good, bad or indifferent, you know. Looking at the kids, they don't know any better — they're just living in that culture.



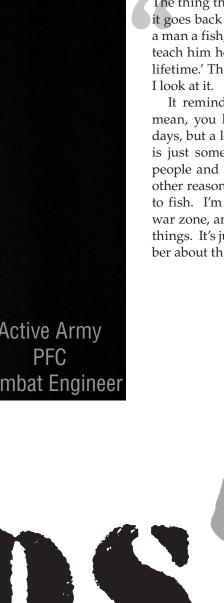
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I was a photographer during my deployment, so I took literally tens of thousands of photos. This is the one that really I'd say crystalizes the way the experience affected me more than anything. It's funny looking at it now. I'm still impacted by the kid, but you look at the eyes of the man holding the kid and there's just that expression — he's so helpless. He's looking at me like I'm supposed to do something. The unfortunate thing about a situation like Iraq is that the emotions that help you as a normal person don't help you in that situation. Compassion and that kind of thing don't help you, and so you have to learn to shut those out.

To me this photo is one of the experiences that marked my time in Iraq as most memorable because it marks just a weekend, a simple weekend, where we all — interpreters, soldiers, locals and kids — got together and played soccer and there was no politics, there was no religion, there was no divisiveness. It was just around a game kids could love, and so I really have fond memories. It's been six long years, and I wonder where a lot of these kids are now, and I wonder where that boy is. I wonder what became of him.

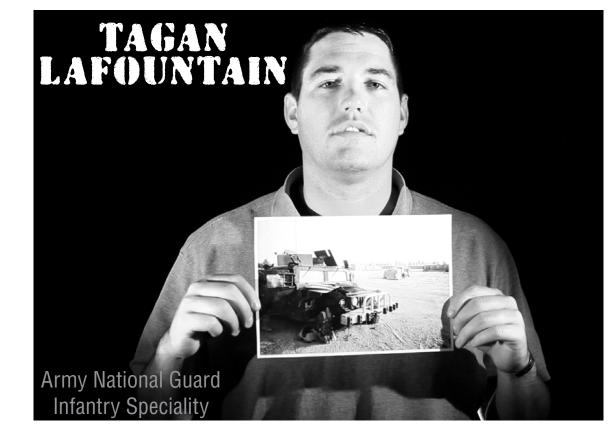
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Photos by Seth Dahl

The thing that kind of sums it up for me is it goes back to the old saying, 'If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach him how to fish, you feed him for a lifetime.' That's what I think of every time I look at it.

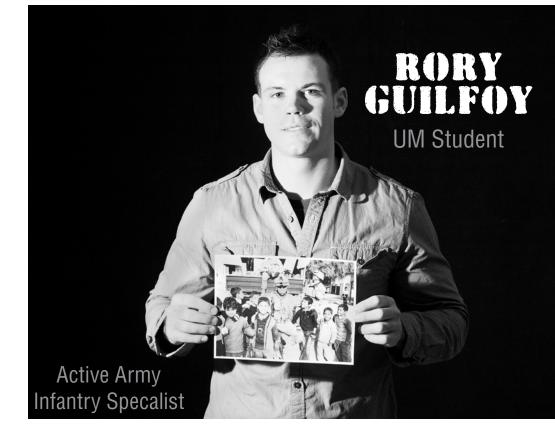
It reminds you of the fun you had. I mean, you had good days, you had bad days, but a lot of at least what I remember is just some of the good times with the people and stuff that was going on. The other reason I like it is I taught a guy how to fish. I'm over in another country, in a war zone, and I taught a guy to fish, of all things. It's just something I like to remember about that.



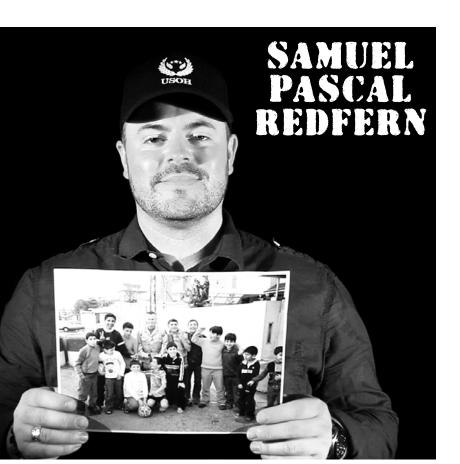
This photo reminds me of what we went through in Iraq and how everybody except for two of our good people came back from it. This photo I chose ended up being one of my good friends there in Iraq. It was his Humvee, and they got hit by an IED that day. It was a 155 motor round hit directly on the vehicle and ended up blowing off part of his big toe and he ended up having to get sent home that day, so it was a pretty traumatic day. It was the first time one of my friends actually truly got hurt bad enough to get med-evaced out and flown home, so it was a pretty significant day for me over there.

They hit us a lot. Our windshields got peppered quite a bit and broken, you know. A lot of tires out, a few close calls with some shrapnel, but they never hit as hard as this impact. I think I seem to have a sixth sense for kind of feeling when they were coming, and I'd either swerve the right way that it wouldn't directly impact us — or it could've been the eagle feather I carried with me that my dad gave me before I left. I don't know. Could have been a good luck charm, I'm not sure.

I carried it with me every time we left the (forward operating base) out on a mission. We got hit nine times directly on the vehicle, and nobody was ever injured and the truck made it all the way through.



I often wonder if this school we were trying to set up is still in existence, which I hope it is. And hopefully, you know, we made a significant impact on the area that we were trying to help. We had a pretty rough deployment overall. I lost three guys in my platoon, so this is more of a happier time during the whole deployment where we were not getting in firefights or getting blown up. We were actually in a pretty well-secured area and, you know, bringing a smile to a kid's face by handing him a piece of chalk, and hopefully, you know, that would develop into him becoming a professor somewhere in Baghdad if that is even fathomable. This was my favorite type of stuff to do, and we did a lot of them, especially in Baghdad.



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BASKETBALL

Lady Griz open regular season with tough road tournament



Nick Gast/Montana Kaimin Kenzie De Boer of the Lady Griz looks to pass the ball as Kylee Denham of MSU-Northern defends during an exhibition game Monday at Dahlberg Arena. The Lady Griz defeated MSU-Northern 70-48.

Kyle Houghtaling Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana Lady Griz open their first regular season game against Samford University at the DePaul Tournament in Chicago.

The Friday matchup will be a good measuring stick for the Lady Griz, since both Montana and Samford were No. 14-seeds in last season's women's NCAA tournament.

"It'll be interesting because those guys were in the tournament last year, so they're a good squad and it'll be a lot different competition," sophomore forward Jordan Sullivan said. "We can't go in thinking it is a big team because we can compete."

Tip-off for the Samford matchup is slated for 2:30 p.m.

Sullivan & Co. look poised for tougher competition. In their final exhibition game against Montana State Uni-Sullivan versity-Northern, dropped 14 points on 6-of-11 shooting and tallied 13 rebounds for a double-double. Montana won 70-48.

Despite the success, all sights are pointed toward Samford.

"We just want to go play hard and have a lot of fun, go play as a team," Sullivan said. The Lady Griz will have

their work cut out for them in the tournament's first round. The Bulldogs return three Paul tournament are St. Mary's starters from their first-ever tournament qualifying team, and the tape shows that they can all dial it up from deep.

"In the exhibition game, they shot more threes than they did other shots," head coach Robin Selvig said. "They spread you out and try to get to the hole or shoot threes, so they are going to be interesting to guard."

Thirty of the 55 shots Samford took in its exhibition game last week came from behind the arc. The team connected on 11 of them.

Even the Bulldog's post players are involved in the three-firing frenzy. Their starting forwards, Taylor Reese and Hannah Dawson, shot seven 3-pointers combined, sinking three.

Fortunately for Montana, the Bulldogs lost their two leading scorers from last season. That means, however, the Lady Griz will have to focus on shutting the whole team down instead of just one or two key players.

"We don't know enough about them to say we're going to zero in on somebody," Selvig said. "They're searching for

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identity too, (but) it looks like they have a lot of shooters to me."

Also squaring off in the Deand the host team, DePaul. The Grizzlies will face one of those two teams in either the consolation match or championship game depending on the firstround results. Neither team is a slouch.

St. Mary's was 19-13 overall last season and finished second in the West Coast Conference, only below No. 8 Gonzaga. The team went to the WNIT and lost in the first round to Nevada, 65-62.

DePaul is a women's basketball powerhouse. The Blue Demons are ranked No. 19 in the AP poll to start this year and finished the 2010-11 season ranked No. 10 in the nation. They were only seven points away from beating No. 2 seed Duke for a spot in the elite eight last season.

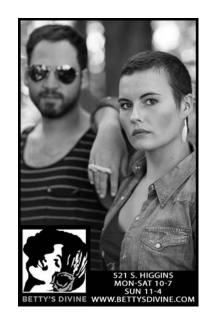
No matter whom the Griz face in the second round, just being in Chicago has the team amped.

"I've been just 'Chicago, Chicago' all day, every day for the last week, so I'm pretty excited about it," Sullivan said.

Fortunately, attendance and intensity at the tournament should offer plenty of excitement.

"DePaul is a place that draws for women's basketball, which is fun," Selvig said. "It should be a good atmosphere."

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BASKETBALL

Griz win.

Griz to collide with **Colorado State**

The first step to ridding a bitter memory from the minds of the University of Montana men's basketball team members is just about here.

The Grizzlies open their 2011-12 regular season schedule not too far from where their previous season ended.

On March 9, Montana fell 65-60 in the Big Sky Conference championship game to the Northern Colorado Bears in Greeley, Colo. Greeley is a mere 30 miles southeast of Fort Collins, where UM will face the Mountain West Conference's Colorado State Rams at 7 p.m. Friday.

"It's going to be a hardfought battle," UM head coach Wayne Tinkle said. "If we win, great. But at the very least, we have to have improved upon the previous week."

Montana is coming off a 64-52 exhibition win over NAIA Lewis-Clark State College on Nov. 3.

"We got a little complacent in that game," Tinkle said. "We kind of played down to the level. They were frustrating our guys and executed their game plan well."

Colorado State will prove a much tougher test for the Grizzlies, as the Rams compiled a 19-12 record last year and were 10-5 against nonconference opponents.

"There's just been one exhibition game, but we've watched it a bunch," Tinkle said of game planning for CSU. "They've got a lot of shooters out on the perimeter. Like us, they're a little thin in the post. They've got some real causes for concern – bigger wings, big post players that can put it on the floor."

Another potential reason for concern for Montana is the unknown status of senior forward-center Derek Selvig.

Selvig, who was a key player on last year's squad, suffered a high ankle sprain early in the second half against LC State.

"We're bringing him on the trip," Tinkle said. "I know it's probably unlikely he'll play, but I'm not ruling it out. If he's not ready, he's not ready. We're not going to make him play injured."

If the 7-foot, 230-pound Selvig is unable to play, Tinkle said it is likely 6-foot-9, Hutchison would start in his place.

"If we're not able to have Derek out there, it's just going to allow for an opportunity for someone else to step up," Tinkle said. "Then we're getting experience for those young guys that will help our team down the road."

An already undersized

Montana team would have to rely even more on Hutchison as well as redshirt freshman Billy Reader, who stands 6-foot-9, 217 pounds.

"They're our other two big guys," Tinkle said. "I don't want to put too much pressure on them, so guys like Mathias (Ward), Art (Steward) and Kareem (Jamar) are going to have to step up and take some pressure off those young guys."

The senior-junior-sophomore combination of Steward, Ward and Jamar made significant contributions to last year's team, but Tinkle said the three will have a much larger impact on "rebounding, defending the forwards and doing some things in the post offensively."

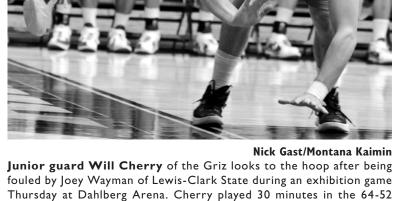
It is not only Tinkle's forwards that will see a modified role this year. As every year brings different lineups, players who may not have played much the previous season could see an increase in playing time or a more important role.

"On paper, we have a lot of guys coming back," Tinkle said. "But we've got a lot of guys playing more extensive roles or playing different positions this year, so there are still a lot of question marks. We have got to be patient as a staff."

Perhaps some of those questions will be answered following Montana's date with Colorado State, but 230-pound sophomore Eric Tinkle is more concentrated on his team's mentality and drive rather than the outcome of Friday's game.

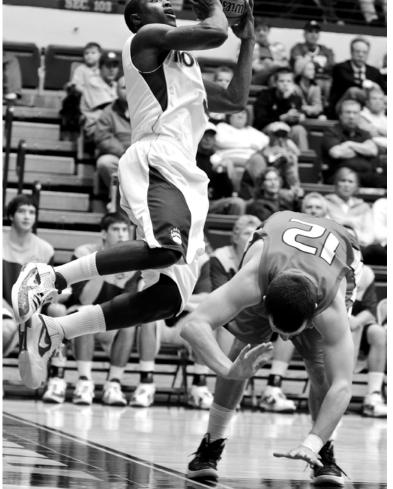
"Our effort, our focus and our attitudes," he said. "Those are the areas we should be going full-tilt on right away. Then the rest will come."

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SPORTS 9

FREE FLYING

Snowbowl to open freestyle terrain park

Story by Billie Loewen

E WAS SUPPOSED to be the next big thing. He was supposed to put Missoula on the map with big-name ski and snowboard companies. Then, last summer, 14-year-old Tanner Olson died in a car accident, board, Dillon said. Morris leaving the ski and snowboard community stunned.

As the first snow hits the mountains and with the season's first rail jam fundraiser for Olson's memorial set for Friday, the freestylers in Missoula may soon have a more permanent place to unite and fulfill a major part of Olson's dream.

Two weeks ago, Joe Dillon, a recent graduate of the University of Montana's College of Technology, met with Montana Snowbowl owner Bradley Morris and mountain manager Pat McCay to discuss expanding the resort's Freestyle Team's terrain park and opening it to the public.

The executives are on confirmed the plan is a go.

Dillon, for his senior project in high school, built the elements the Snowbowl Freestyle Team currently use. In addition to these elements, Dillon said he and members of Missoula Zoo Crew plan to build three to six jumps, ranging from 10 to 40 feet. They also hope to set rails, tires and boxes off High Roller, the tuck-through run connecting Snowbowl's high

chairlift, Lavelle, to the lower Grizzly lift. Dillon hopes to build the park so skiers and snowboarders of every level can have fun and learn new tricks.

For freestyle skiers, like Olson, a terrain park at Snowbowl seemed like it would never happen.

Gregg Janecky, executive director and founder of the Backwoods Project, spent the past three years writing proposals for Snowbowl to create and support a lasting park. However, temporary obstacles were the only result.

"Snowbowl wasn't ready to support a park," Janecky said. "And the freestyle community support wasn't strong enough. There is insurance to



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think about, and Snowbowl is stuck in its ways."

Janecky, a professional dropped by his sponsors after moving to Missoula because it wasn't on the freestyle map, said the Missoula ski and snowboard scene hasn't changed much from the '80s stigma: It's still skiers versus boarders; old school versus new tricks.

As the dominant ski area, Snowbowl has been much more focused on serving traditional freestyle skiers carving through mogul-laden runs and hitting small, structured jumps rather than jibbing on rails and half-pipes and throwing huge, X-Games style jumps.

That's not to say there weren't freestyle events happening in town – they just weren't at Snowbowl. Janecky's Backwoods Project hosted rail jams too big for Caras Park, moving them to Marshall Mountain for threeday events with more than 25 local bands. Still, without a major and permanent terrain park, Missoula wasn't much of a blip in the Rockies' freestyle scene.

Snowbowl's move could change that, but building a terrain park takes a tremendous amount of work. It takes snowmobiles and snowcats, and a team of people dedicated to building and maintaining the park initially and after every snowfall. This year, Zoo Crew believes the community is big enough to maintain the project.

Zoo Crew will be partnering with Dillon to build Snowbowl's terrain park, which he said could be open by early to mid-December. Morris said the official opening date for the park will depend on when there is enough snow. "When I talked to Brad (Morris), I wanted to make sure the park would be maintained every day," Dillon said. "I think we are figuring out ways to make that work."

Thomas Vincent, a UM student and member of Zoo Crew, believes this year is finally right. "We have filmers," he said. "We have builders. Now it's time to build."

Dillon's primary concern is building a park that's safe.

"If someone gets hurt this year, it is going to seriously deter Snowbowl from wanting a park in the future," he said. "We don't want to outbuild ourselves."

Longevity, Dillon said, is key to the new park.

Backing Up

Nationally, new-school freestyle skiing events like slope-style, half-pipe and big air started to grow in popularity in the late 1990s, a result of frustrations with the competitive nature of traditional mogul and aerial skiing. In the winter of 1997-98, the same year as the first winter X-Games, Salomon became the first company to market twin-tip skis. The creation of twin-tip skis, or skis with turned-up ends at the front and back, made it easier to ski backward and allowed skiers to takeoff and land jumps with more variety.

This was the same year Missoula ski icon Eric Burgoust won a gold medal in aerial skiing at the Olympics in Nagano, Japan. The influence of Burgoust would be monumental in the Missoula ski community for years to come, perhaps even stifling the wave of new-school freestyle that grew in other mountainous regions.

In 2001, new-school freestyle skiing boomed again when Kalispell-born, badboy skier Tanner Hall won gold at the winter X-Games. Ski films featuring Hall and other freeskiers set a high bar for what kinds of tricks were possible on skis. The freestyle market began to boom as skiers and snowboarders began to share an appreciation for each other.

Why Missoula's Ready

Vincent grew up in Bozeman and didn't want to be one of the "gapers" or tourist skiers, so he got into freestyle skiing. He describes the sport as a passion to try something new on the slopes alternative to traditional mogul skiing. A year ago, he co-founded the Zoo Crew, a group that, like Janecky's Backwoods Project, has been working to support a freestyle community in Missoula.

"Lookout and Lost Trail both have terrain parks," Dillon said. "Freestyle kids in Missoula are driving two hours just to ski on a park. There has been a need for a park in Missoula for a long time."

In Montana, especially Missoula, freestyle skiing is behind the times. Blame the old stigma. Blame the old rippers dedicated to traditional backcountry powder versus the young up-and-coming kids looking to build bigger and bigger jumps. Vincent

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JOE DILLON





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blames the monopoly Snowbowl has had over the Missoula ski community.

"Snowbowl is the only ski resort in Missoula," Vincent said. "They have dedicated riders who have been skiing there forever. That has made Snowbowl really closed-off to new ideas in the past."

Ben Zeimet, owner and director of Hi-Line Films, watched the Missoula ski community change over the past 25 years — or not change, for that matter.

His new documentary, "Why We Ride," explores the history of ski bums in Montana.

The film, released Saturday,

is "mostly about backcountry powder skiers — not freestyle skiers at all, really," Zeimet said. "In Montana, we've been behind because we have good snow and big mountains, so we ski the backcountry. But there is a new generation of kids coming up who don't care about powder."

The same kids who would rather spend all day hitting rails and jumps than seeking powder are getting too good for the freestyle resources in Missoula.

"In Montana, there aren't jumps big enough for kids to learn new tricks," Vincent said. "The terrain park at Snowbowl for the freestyle team now is great for beginners, but we have kids ready to throw the biggest tricks around."

Freestyle Potential

Janecky spent the last three summers working as the trampoline director at High Cascade Snowboard Camp in Government Camp, Ore. There, he developed a trampoline progression program for freestyle aerial training that gyms around the country are now using. During the winter months, he teaches the same classes at Mismo Gymnastics in Missoula.

Many of Tanner Olson's friends have filled his classes. Spaces are available in beginner classes, but the intermediate and advanced classes are full. Regardless of limited resources, freestylers in Missoula continue to improve. Olson was the epitome.

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"Tanner's first year skiing, he landed a 360," Vincent said. "He had been skiing for three years, progressing faster than anyone I've ever skied with. He was throwing double backflips, cork 9's, some of the most technical tricks around. He was annihilating other 14-year-olds and competing against kids seven years older than him. He was going to be the next Tanner Hall."

The 2014 Winter X-Games may seem ages away, but Janecky said the games may be pivotal in gaining support for Missoula freestyle. For the first time, the 2014 games will offer medals for slope-style, big-air and half-pipe. Likely, there will be another rise in demand for terrain parks and new-school freestyle skiing lo-

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cations as a result.

In the meantime, the first rail jam of the season happens this Friday. The Ride for Tanner Rail Jam for skiers and boarders will be held at Caras Park at 7 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Tanner Olson Memorial BMX Park and Lost Mountain Slopestyle Trail fund.

"Tanner's death rumbled the whole ski community in Montana," Vincent said. "He inspired his friends to push in and ride on the same level. Everyone is trying to be the freestyler he could have been."

This year, after years of work and waiting, the Missoula freestyle community could have a place to call home.

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