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Women take the reins

Austin Green
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana is attempting to separate itself from last year's sexual assault fiasco, and it will do so with a noticeably more diverse administration.

Three women — Peggy Kuhr, Jean Gee and Rhondie Voorhees — have replaced three men — Jim Foley, Jim O'Day and Charles Couture — giving the UM administration a much more feminine look. At least for now.

Following Couture's retirement after 44 years with UM, Voorhees is locked in as the new dean of students. But Kuhr and Gee are serving on an interim basis until permanent replacements for Foley (former UM vice president) and O'Day (former athletic director) are found.

UM President Royce Engstrom said he did not intentionally fill the open position with women, but rather that he simply filled the openings with the best candidates available.

"The individuals selected for administrative positions recently were hired because they are the best people for the jobs they are in," Engstrom said. "Permanent appointments were made as a result of a full-scale national search, and interim appointments were made by me upon consideration of the best person for the position at this time."



Jean Gee, the interim director of athletics, was appointed to the position last March. Gee, a UM employee for 17 years says in regards to her new role, "I view myself as one member of an overall team."

Beth Hubble, co-director of UM's women's and gender studies department, thinks the addition of more women was just what UM needed.

"I thought the appointments made a strong statement that said, 'OK, this is something we want to put behind us, and we want to move forward with qualified candidates who also represent more diversity at the administrative level,'" Hubble said. "I took it as a positive."

The hires come amid national concern about the lack of gender equality in the work-

place. On average, women in the United States make 77 cents on the dollar compared to their male counterparts, according to the American Association of University Women. In Montana, that number is closer to 73 cents, which is the seventh-lowest in the nation.

In addition to making less money than men who hold similar positions, women are also far less present within positions of power. There are only 20 female CEOs of "Fortune" 500 companies, and according to insidehighered.com, only 23

percent of United States university presidents are female.

Though men comprise the majority of prominent positions, Hubble said the appointment of three female administrators sends a positive message to women everywhere.

"You can't be what you can't see," Hubble said. "Without women in positions of power, how are young girls ever going to think they can do that, if they look up and all they're seeing is people who don't look like them?"

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CAMPUS

Tester's 101 Pearl Jam tickets stir political debate

Deven Pfister
Montana Kaimin

When 5,100 Pearl Jam fans fill the Adams Center on Sept. 30, most will be completely unaware of the politics of this rock concert.

On June 23 at 10 a.m., tickets to Pearl Jam's Missoula concert went on sale to the public for \$55 each. Exactly 15 minutes later, they were completely sold out. Of the sales, 2 percent, or 101 tickets, went to Sen. Jon Tester.

Like Tester, Pearl Jam's bassist Jeff Ament is from Big Sandy. The two men are longtime friends.

The band reserves the right to distribute tickets as they will, and they decided to help the senator's re-election campaign by setting aside 101 seats for the Tester campaign to purchase. While the concert is not an official fundraiser for Tester, the donations and sales of premium ticket packages are going to his re-election campaign against Congressman Denny Rehberg.

Not everyone at the University of Montana was pleased with this decision.

The student group College Republicans were quick to call foul play. Their concern was that ASUM resources — student funds — were being used to aid a political campaign.

However, after a review of the legal issues College Republicans state chairman Brandon Simpson ultimately agreed that everything done by Tester and UM Productions was legal.

"While the University's involvement appears to be legal, we question whether utilizing student resources to put on a partisan fundraiser is an appropriate use of those resources," Simpson said.

According to Marlene Hendrickson, the advisor for UM Productions, staffing is the only role that the University will play in the concert. Hendrickson said campus police, dining services and catering will all be needed and paid for their work during the concert.

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Student, staff preparedness at center of AED training

Hanah Redman
Montana Kaimin

No one can predict when a heart will stop beating. It could happen anywhere, at any time: at school, in the gym, while playing golf. Knowing the location of the nearest automatic

external defibrillator can help save lives.

Over the summer, a golfer died at the University of Montana Golf Course. Though UM's AED program has been steadily growing since early last semester, his death illustrated the importance of staff

and student preparedness.

Kyle White, a freshman at UM, was working in the Pro Shop — the course's retail store — along with junior Nick Chrestenson, on the day of the incident.

"Nick and I were just sitting in the Pro Shop and then all of

a sudden we hear a fire truck, and the fire truck is in the parking lot," White said. "And we're freaking out. We don't know what's going on."

After figuring out what was happening, White took a golf cart and drove a few of

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HISTORY COLUMN

CURRENT ANTIQUITIES

History to the Hip Strip

By Blake Reynolds



Fires raged around Missoula last week, but the only burning that I noticed was my desire for food. My friends and I decided to try something new: The Silk Road. We dined on dishes from Austria, Japan and Peru that tasted both delicious and expensive. The price tag of our appetites reminded me of the history behind the restaurant's namesake, the ancient trade route between Europe and Asia, and our modern global market.

What fascinates me about the ancient Silk Road is its long-term effects on the economies it touched. Take, for example, the Roman Empire. Caravans brought in silk from China and spices from Southeast Asia, but they took out Roman money. At one point, the Silk Road carried away 100 million staterces annually from the empire. It is important to note that the majority of Rome's income came from the spoils of foreign conquest. As Rome's borders began to solidify and such foreign conquest came to a halt, the Silk Road's economic drain only added to the empire's demise.

Today, we maintain our own "Silk Roads," but the trading tables have turned and importing luxury goods is the norm. For example: my futon, my television and even my antique Nintendo 64 came from Asian manufacturers. Although we all enjoy these comforts, we have to ask ourselves what are the real costs of these expenditures? Are we, like the consumers of ancient Rome, weakening our base at home in order to satisfy our various appetites?

America is unquestionably a land of desires and cravings. We want it now, and we want convenience. The trend of pursuing temporary goods has come to vastly overshadow the long term pursuit of good. If you want to pay \$2 for bananas, then Wal-Mart will sell \$2 bananas, even if the cost to ship just a single banana to you from its home in Latin America is \$20, not including a wage for the man, woman or child who picked it. We do not care, do we? As long as we get what we want, we do not ask who was exploited to get it, even if those people are eventually us. We would rather pay for \$2 bananas now instead of ensuring the economic and environmentally safe growth of other nations so we can have bananas for the foreseeable future.

My condemnation of America's theoretical war on bananas is tempered by the fact that Americans are not innately evil or trying to destroy the world. An excellent example is UM's Farm to College program, where locally grown goods are bought and brought to be used in places like the Food Zoo. Although you probably did not notice the postings at the salad bar as you made your charge towards the chicken-flavored excuse for fajitas, at least they are trying.

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LETTERS
to the EDITOR

SOMEBODY HAS TO SAY IT

Let me preface all of this by saying I'm not a proponent of rape. It's a very real and violent injustice found too often in our sexually charged generation. I am also fully aware that there are far too many people who have been damaged by these

transgressions. My problem with this recent rash of activism is the lumping of all sexual assault under one big evil umbrella.

My main problem with this gross oversight is the encompassing definition, which we can all probably recite in our sleep by now. So allow me to paint you a picture of a very believable dilemma. Harry and Sally are two strangers drunk at a party, both equally drunk and

their inhibitions lowered. They decide to have sex. The next morning both parties regret their decision. Harry decides he didn't want to have sex with Sally and Sally claims that she was taken advantage of. So they press rape charges against each other. And here's where it gets muddled.

It turns into a game of he said, she said, and inevitably, after getting congested in the

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THE UNIVERSITY OF Montana is looking for a new captain to steer the ship that is athletics.

After last week's separate public forums for the four athletic director finalists, UM is now one step closer to filling former Athletic Director Jim O'Day's boots.

Who to choose? The decision for President Engstrom will fatten the wallet of one A.D. hopeful, as the position commands around \$124,255, last year's base salary for the job.

Carl Clapp, John Johnson, Kent Haslam and Chris King all delivered impassioned pleas to modest gatherings of UM alumni, administrators and community members alike. All men boasted about wanting to "advance the University," and "move things forward." No, none of these athletic admins work for Obama's 2012 re-election campaign, but their presentations were purely politics.

Some played the part of a wily politician well. Carl Clapp talked his way around many questions, and when asked a pointed question about a specific goal he had for the University, Clapp said he "would need to be an active listener." At other universities, this sentiment is great. But at UM, which is under public and national scrutiny, we need a focused plan moving forward. It's too late for listening.

Clapp also said "I don't know

THE ANDERSON ASSAY

King Me

By Erik C. Anderson, sports editor

the ins and outs or the details of what has gone on here, as I shouldn't," in reference to Missoula and the University's pending investigations. Here's some more rope, Carl; would you like to hang yourself?

John Johnson, whose lethargic presentation was the polar opposite of Clapp's, didn't do much to differentiate himself from his peer. His resume, similar to Clapp's, showed plenty of experience — 28 years total. Johnson did point out that under his tenure as senior associate director of athletics at Washington State University, his student-athletes claimed higher GPAs than the general student body, which is unsurprising, considering the general student body at WSU worships Busch Light.

To Johnson's credit, he did facilitate the development of a softball team at Weber State, something UM has slated to happen over the next few years.

In-house administrator Kent Haslam, who has worked as the associate athletic director for development in the University of Montana Foundation for the past six years, seemed to be the favorite and his past experience also

lent him credibility.

Haslam has dealt with scandal on an international level, as he managed media and communications for the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics. As Salt Lake City made their bid for the games, members of the International Olympic Committee took bribes. Despite this, the Salt Lake games were successful.

But, while all three candidates' enthusiasm and charisma provoked positive responses, only one candidate truly distinguished himself.

Chris King, despite being an outsider (his first concern when applying for the job), took his opportunity as a finalist seriously. He saturated his audience with Griz statistics, educated himself about UM's investigations and made one bold claim: "The next job we take, we're not going to take unless we're going to be there for the rest of our career," he said to his wife, when applying for the job.

UM doesn't need a filler at the position; UM needs a leader who's here to stay.

That's why King is the only choice.

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courts for way longer than it should, only two outcomes are possible. Either Harry is convicted of rape, because good luck finding a jury that will convict Sally of raping Harry. Sorry, you can't fix the bias of the fairer sex, that's just a flaw in the justice system. Or option B, they convict both of them of rape and send them both to prison, thus amplifying the statistic of convicted rapists. In our fast-paced time we might as well be doubling up.

The biggest problem with this scenario is that it isn't that

hard to believe. There isn't one among us who can honestly say they've never regret a drunken decision. But don't jump on my back here. I'm not saying that alcohol makes rape okay. I'm just saying if you're the type of person who makes regrettable sexual decisions when you're drunk, perhaps you shouldn't drink as much or at all. At some point, personal accountability has to take effect or in the very near future consent won't even be consent anymore. But when everything can be called rape, it just invites the possibility of using that crutch.

I'm also not trying to discount all rapes. But in a small

community of say 60,000, just one or two of the aforementioned errors can escalate a problem of average college-town statistics into a full-scale crisis, the likes of which can be apparently remedied by attending lectures, watching videos and taking exams. I just think we all need to take a step back and realize that this situation is not as out of hand as we would be led to believe.

Inevitably, though, there is a problem, but it is not this university's fault. None of the assaults occurred on campus. I understand that the University must appear to be vigilant. But obligating the "rape scare" on

our students is no way to address a problem that occurs off campus and, in most cases, at least in this town, between people who were dating and knew each other before hand.

Dear Royce, ironically enough, you can't remedy rape by FORCING someone to watch videos and take an exam. You are making me do these things without my consent, Mr. Engstrom, and I don't appreciate it. I guess it's back to the drawing board, sorry, try again.

ANTHONY TRUJILLO
UM STUDENT

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 14 School that expelled James Bond
- 15 Gustav Mahler's wife
- 16 Hilarious person
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- 18 Protective trench
- 19 Miguel's gal
- 20 Prickly undergrowth
- 22 Pine secretion
- 23 More than te-hee, online
- 24 Prop for a safety briefing
- 26 Brewer's vessel
- 29 Implore
- 31 Wheels
- 32 Mideast language
- 34 Finish a gymnastics routine, perhaps
- 37 Toward the stern
- 40 They lead you astray ... and what the starts of 20-, 24-, 52- and 60-Across are?
- 44 Brian of Roxy Music
- 45 "Yeah, sure"
- 46 Surpass
- 47 Washed-out
- 49 Bob Marley genre
- 51 Place in considerable disarray
- 52 It's often a tough cut
- 57 Fighting Tigers' sch.
- 59 Ness and others
- 60 Verbally overwhelm
- 65 Dim
- 66 Small pie
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By Jerome Gunderson

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- 5 Long shot, say
- 6 Baseball's Moses
- 7 It has a campus near the JFK Library
- 8 Turning tool
- 9 Ancient Athens rival
- 10 Nitwit
- 11 Ouzo flavoring
- 12 Watch
- 13 Barely sufficient
- 21 Slangy "Don't worry about it"
- 25 "High Voltage" rockers
- 26 Ex-GIs' org.
- 27 Bern's river
- 28 1982 sci-fi film
- 30 Superficially fluent
- 33 Grumpy friend?
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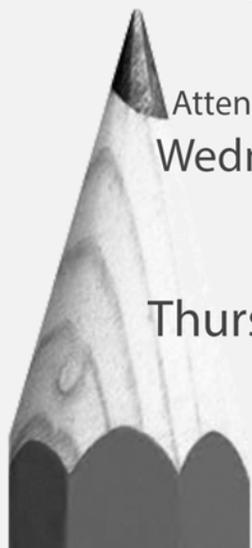
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Trampled by Turtles stampedes through Missoula



1: Mandolin player Erik Berry performs a solo in front of a sold-out crowd Sept. 4. Berry had the opportunity to perform one of his own original songs toward the end of the show.
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2: Ryan Young jams on his fiddle in front of a packed Wilma audience.

3: Erik Berry of Trampled by Turtles strums his mandolin alongside fiddle player Ryan Young on Sept. 4 at the Wilma Theatre. During their current tour, Trampled by Turtles has only sold out three shows, two of which were in Montana.



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the paramedics directly to the scene. Chrestenson led the rest of the emergency responders down South Avenue to the maintenance entrance because a low roof at the main entrance to the course prevented the vehicle from entering.

Brian Fruit, the director of campus recreation, said the golfer's partner called 911 immediately, but by the time they responded to the call, it was too late. Chrestenson said that while there is no one to blame for an incident like this, it is always best to have help arrive as soon as possible. If the Pro Shop had been called right after the paramedics, someone could have rushed out there immediately with an AED, he speculated.

"We could have ran out to the incident, been there in less than a minute and started working on the guy and had the AED machine up and running, but he just didn't know to call," Chrestenson said. "So, definitely just could've saved time there."

Fruit said most places with AEDs will have some kind of sticker or sign on the front door that says an AED is in the building. The golf course

and the Pro Shop both have those stickers.

However, White said, the golf course is in the process of adding directions to the bottom of their scorecard that say the Pro Shop has an AED in case of emergencies.

"We did meet with the fire department and talked a little bit about the incident and what we could do better. We just kind of streamlined it."

Brian Fruit,
Director of Campus Recreation

Chrestenson said that following the incident, staff members who weren't trained to use an AED received training and a "better" emergency action plan was put into place.



Stacy Thacker/Montana Kaimin
An AED is located behind the front desk in the club house of the UM Golf Course. AEDs can also be found in various locations on campus.



Stacy Thacker/Montana Kaimin

Directions for how to use an AED are shown inside the case with the machine itself in the New Directions Wellness Center in the Skaggs Building. The AED is a portable device that can be used to check the rhythm of the heart and can send an electric shock if needed.

"If something did happen, we'd be prepared," he said.

Fruit said it is standard practice to have "a bit of a debriefing session" after an incident like this.

"We did meet with the fire department and talked a little bit about the incident and what we could do better," Fruit said. "We just kind of streamlined it."

Though the death at the golf course is calling a lot of attention to the use of AEDs on campus, Kathy Benson, the risk management coordinator for UM, said the AED program has been expanding since fall semester 2011.

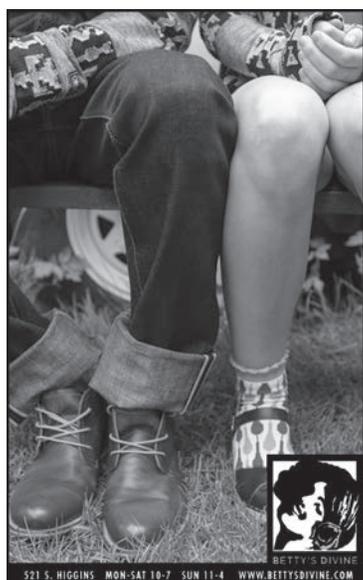
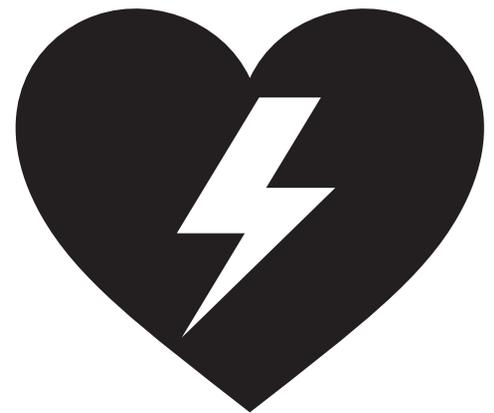
Benson said the University has gone from having just a couple of AEDs on campus to having them "located in high-occupancy, key areas on campus to be able to handle a heart attack situation."

Fruit said Campus Recreation staff was pretty excited about getting AEDs in their venues.

"We have three of them here in the Fitness and Rec Center," he said. "And we have one at the Grizzly Pool, and there is one at the golf course as well."

He added that Tonya Kiser, the manager of the Grizzly Pool, has trained all the Campus Rec-

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More credits, more costs

ASUM expresses concerns for students taking fewer than 7 credits who could lose Blue Cross Blue Shield coverage following Montana Board of Regents' decision

Heather Jurva
Montana Kaimin

Out-of-staters flock to the Big Sky for a variety of reasons: adventure, the outdoors, the pull of the West. Students, in particular, often seek Montana state residency for the lower in-state tuition rate.

Traditionally, residents of another state could take up to six credits at a Montana college or university, while working toward gaining Montana residency. That number has now been bumped up to seven, but only for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Students will also be required to take at least seven credits in order to qualify for the Student Health Insurance Plan through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana. The change was approved by the Board of Regents on Sept. 4.

Bryn Hagfors, vice president of the Associated Students of the University of Montana, presented the information at the organization's meeting Wednesday night.

"There are several repercussions of this," Hagfors said.

First, he said, students must pay more in tuition — due to the cost of taking an extra credit's worth of classes — in order to qualify for student health insurance. Second, Hagfors said, because of contract obligations, the University can't promote cheaper health care plans for students.

In another portion of the meeting, Interim Vice President of Integrated Communications Peggy Kuhr and Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance Rosi Keller addressed future development of the Missoula College on South Campus property. It will be a top priority for President Engstrom and the Board of Regents, they said, emphasizing the importance of quality buildings and an integrated student experience.

ASUM also discussed the possibility of requiring some student group executives to attend leadership workshops in order to receive money for travel and special requests.

That conversation was postponed again after a mix of five student group leaders and members, as well as one former student senator, spoke out in favor of more flexibility and options for developing their management skills.

The University Crafters group, for one, felt the mandate would harm group morale.

"If you have something that you're required to do, you're much less likely to benefit from it," University Crafters group member Evan Hartmann said. "Personally, these leadership classes sound great." The way to drum up enthusiasm, Hartmann said, would be to make the sessions voluntary.

Student Senator Shelby Dolezal spoke on behalf of student groups that support the move, including College Democrats and the Hillel — Jewish student organization. Several senators, including resolution author Topher Williams, reiterated that student groups will be receiving more money this year than last.

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Regents change rules for student medical insurance

Associated Press

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — The state Board of Regents has approved a one-year change in the enrollment rules for part-time university system students so they can purchase health insurance while still working toward Montana residency status.

The change, which took effect Tuesday, could affect about 250 students who planned to take six or fewer credits each semester while living and working in Montana to establish residency and qualify for lower in-state tuition.

For 16 years, Montana university students have been required to have health insurance. The system offers a Blue Cross Blue Shield policy to students who don't have insurance.

However, last year the plan paid out \$1.30 for every \$1 it received in premiums, in part because about 900 students under the age of 26 could stay on their parents' insurance under the federal health care law. At the same time, a number of people aged 40 and older be-

came students, often part time, and signed up for the insurance.

To make up for the losses, Blue Cross raised premiums and increased to seven the minimum number of credits a student had to take to qualify for the insurance coverage.

Under university policy, students taking more than six credits were determined to be in the state for the purposes of receiving an education and could not become Montana residents and be eligible for in-state tuition, which is about one-third the cost of out-of-state tuition.

The insurance policy could not be changed, so the regents voted 6-0 Tuesday to allow students seeking Montana residency to enroll in seven credits each semester during the 2012-13 school year, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle (<http://bit.ly/Q0ujT5>) reported.

"I'm supporting this because we have unintended consequences," said Regent Jeff Krauss, who works at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman.

Patriots sign RB Hilliard, release OL Tennant

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots have signed running back Lex Hilliard and released offensive lineman Matt Tennant.

The 235-pound Hilliard was released last Friday by the Minnesota Vikings after signing as a free agent in March. He played all 48 games the past three seasons for Miami, rushing 39 times for 130 yards and

two touchdowns and catching 26 passes for 210 yards and two touchdowns. The former University of Montana player from Kalispell, Mont., was drafted in the sixth round by the Dolphins.

The Patriots claimed the 300-pound Tennant off waivers last Saturday from the New Orleans Saints, where he played 28 games the past two seasons. They drafted him in the fifth round in 2010 out of Boston College.

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Fire prevention more than just rules

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Everyone knows the rules they shouldn't break in the dorms. No toasters. No candles. No incense. No hot plates.

The moment a student signs into his or her dorm they are faced with a long list of rules and regulations for dorm life. However, these rules exist for reasons other than causing headaches.

Sandy Schoonover, the director of residence life, said that every rule is created for a specific reason and for student safety. Candles, toasters and even gas-powered scooters are all potential dangers for a fire in the residence halls.

"Sitting in this position makes each potential danger even clearer," she said. "I don't have candles at home because I could move a blanket over it and suddenly there is a fire, and flameless candles are easy to come by."

In past years, the residence halls across campus have been retrofitted to be 100 percent sprinkled, Schoonover said, making many of the buildings some of the oldest to have current sprinkler systems. Each resident room has a sensor and at least one sprinkler.

"The great thing about being fully sprinkled that has been tested and works, is that a fire problem won't spread," Schoonover said. "We tell students it's important not to circumvent the fire system in a room and not to play with it for those reasons."

Fire policy for the University of Montana is summed up on one page of the public safety website. It boils down to students knowing what they are doing, recognizing that there is an emergency and locating the exits. However, Gary Tay-

lor, the director and chief of public safety, said there is much more to the way the University handles fire.

He said there are two ways to report a fire: Call 911 or report it to public safety.

"The most important thing is to pull the fire alarm and look after each other," Taylor said. "The staff know how to evacuate the building."

Schoonover said the RAs go on "fire walks" during their training,

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Sandy Schoonover,
Director of Residence Life

so they know where shut-off valves and fire hydrants are located. They even have a manual on how to respond to emergencies.

"Resident assistants will knock on the doors as they are exiting," Schoonover said. "They will meet with public safety and the fire department to let them know if people inside need assistance. They help with crowd control, which will let the firemen do their job."

Once a fire has been contained, the University begins assessing damage and investigating what happened. Even if the fire is a false alarm, the probability of water damage is still high, thanks to the well-operating sprinkler system.

Schoonover said that's why it's so important that students don't tamper with the fire systems.

Kathy Benson, the insurance and risk management coordinator for UM, wrote in an email that if a student is found responsible for damage caused by tampering with alarms or sprinklers, he or she could face hefty fines.

Though the University is self-insured through the state of Montana for up to \$1 million in property damage, Benson said, the University has no obligation for property damage that students receive, unless the University was found to be negligent in some way.

"Since the University of Montana is a state institution, we do not cover personal property of the students, faculty or staff," she said. "If there is a loss due to fire, or water damage to those personal items, they would need to try and seek recovery either from a renters insurance policy or a homeowners policy."

Schoonover highly suggested that students invest in some sort of insurance that would cover their personal items in the case of a fire in the residence halls, or a flood.

"My primary concern is going to be for the students and what we can do to help them. We would do everything we could to help them to the best of our ability," Schoonover said. "We would help them with



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Turner Hall was built in 1939 and has since been retrofitted with new sprinklers.

the short term, possibly offer short term loans and try to cause as little interruption to their education as possible."

Students looking to purchase personal property policies or rent-

ers insurance should consult their bank or insurance provider. There are also companies, such as National Student Services, Inc. that provide insurance to students.

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CROSS COUNTRY

XC runner, team eager to lace up

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Caleb Deitz has waited a year for this race to come. The rest of the University of Montana's cross-country team is just as excited.

This Saturday, Deitz and the rest of Montana's squad will open the 2012 fall season in Helena for the Carroll College Invitational. The meet is one of five on Montana's schedule, disregarding the NCAA championships. Teams at the invite include the University of Great Falls, Montana State University Billings, Rocky Mountain College and Westminster College.

Deitz, a junior from Spokane, Wash., transferred from Carroll College to the University of Montana. Last year, he worked full-time while living in Montana to qualify for in-state tuition. NCAA rules prohibited him from running with the team, so he ran on his own in conjunction with working.

He said not being able to run with the team was difficult, but he looked to his family for motivation, including his brother, who runs marathons.

"I have a lot of good support from my family," he said. "Anytime I was feeling lazy, I'd call up my older brother to see what work out he ran that day. It moti-

vated me to get out the door and run."

This weekend, Deitz will finally get that chance to showcase his training in a collegiate race environment, his first since 2010. In that season, Deitz placed eighth for Carroll in the Frontier Conference and made it to National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Nationals as a sophomore.

"When I left Carroll, everybody thought I was done," he said. "I don't like people thinking I'm done when I'm not."

Along with Deitz, the Montana men's team will be led by a pair of sophomores — Sam Willis and David Norris — as well as junior Jordan Collison. Willis finished second on UM's team at the Big Sky Conference Championships and 25th overall. Norris and Collison finished fourth and fifth on Montana's team that placed fourth at the conference championships.

The Grizzlies' No. 1 runner in 2011, Lynn Reynolds, along with fellow senior Brian Burke, graduated last spring. Reynolds finished fourth overall at last year's conference championships and consistently led the Griz during his career.

Head Coach Courtney Babcock said replacing Reynolds will be difficult, but it provides opportunities for younger ath-



Taylor Romack/Montana Kaimin

Caleb Deitz (center) and teammates open with just over a two-mile run down the Kim Williams Trail at practice on Sept. 4. The UM cross-country team will compete this Saturday against Deitz's previous school, Carroll College.



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Head Griz cross-country coach Courtney Babcock times the mens team Sept. 4 on the Kim Williams Trail.

letes to step up.

"Lynn is probably irreplaceable in a lot of ways," Babcock said. "This year it opens a door to more possibilities for the guys that are here. Our sophomores need to step up in more of a leadership role."

Babcock said that this weekend's race provides an opportunity for the team to focus on adjusting to racing, without the big meet pressure and intensity.

Meanwhile, on the women's side, Big Sky Conference preseason polls dubbed Montana third in the conference behind Northern Arizona and Weber State. Weber State captured all first-place votes.

In 2010, Montana was picked third in the preseason polls, but captured the Big Sky Conference title under key performances from Katrina Drennen, Kara DeWalt, and Keli Dennehy.

Babcock said staying healthy will be crucial to the women's

pursuit of the Big Sky Conference title this season.

"I think if we are all healthy we could make a run at Weber," she said.

In 2011, Montana finished fifth in the conference on the women's side. The team returns vital components of last year's squad, including junior Keli Dennehy, and sophomores Allie Parks and Carly Wilczynski.

Parks paced Montana at the 2011 Big Sky Conference Championships finishing 12th, while Wilczynski and Dennehy placed in the top 30.

Babcock said that she didn't expect Dennehy to run Saturday due to continuing shin problems.

This week's invite will start with the women's 4k at 11:30 a.m. and end with the men's 6k at noon. Montana will travel to Bozeman on Sept. 15 for the Montana State Invitational.

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VOLLEYBALL

Lone senior Branstiter leads on, off court



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Paige Branstiter bumps the ball during practice on Sept. 5. Branstiter is the only senior on the Griz volleyball team.

Andy Bixler

Montana Kaimin

Paige Branstiter wasn't born a leader, but her Intro to Acting class knows otherwise. While participating in a "mirror image" exercise, in which two participants stand face-to-face and copy each other's flowing hands and bouncing feet, her fellow actors all thought Branstiter's partner was in control, directing the movement and flow of the exercise. They were wrong. Branstiter was leading, just like usual.

Branstiter, 22, is the only senior on the University of Mon-

tana volleyball team, putting her in a unique position of experience and leadership. But that's not unheard of for her.

Branstiter hails from tiny (read: nearly microscopic) Nysa, Ore. She starred at Adrian High School, which according to the Adrian School District website is home to "approximately 90 students." Because of its small enrollment, Branstiter was able to participate in many athletic events in high school. While there, Branstiter was a three-time All-State selection in volleyball and won the shot put and discus at the Class 1A state track meet.

"I'm from a very small school, and so I had the pleasure of playing all sports, basketball, volleyball, softball and even track," she said. Leadership was being thrust upon her shoulders as usual.

During her senior year of high school, when Branstiter was offered a chance to play volleyball for UM, she took it without hesitation, simply because she loved playing so much.

"When I found out Montana was an option, I just went for it. I was so excited," she said.

Five years later, Branstiter's

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presence is hard to miss, whether on or off the court. She played in 23 of UM's 24 matches last season. Her distinctive, raspy voice and loud laugh carries above everyone else's. She is tall (6-foot-1), she is loud (she likes to "shout at sometimes inappropriate times,") and has in-your-face, positive-energy-spewing fun ("I like to have a good time, listen to crazy music and just be a goof.").

Montana volleyball head coach Jerry Wagner likes how loud his only senior is, and said that her big presence is good for his team.

"It's good to be vocal and to communicate," he said. "People communicate in all different ways, and you need that in

volleyball. There's six people out there that need to move together and communicate and do a lot of things together to make them look right, so by communicating quickly and loudly and confidently like Paige does — that helps."

This year is the outside hitter's fifth year of playing in the program. Once again, she's in a position where she is expected to lead, and once again, she didn't ask to be a leader.

But that doesn't mean she won't be.

Last year, she was named to the All-Tournament team at the North Dakota Classic, helping the Griz to a second-place finish. Overall, she had 88 kills, and finished with 17 blocks, despite only starting one match.

Branstiter said it's some of this past experience that helps, but she isn't the only one

whom the team relies on.

"We are all expected to be leaders out on the court, even with having Brooke (Bray) as

"I do feel that I can be a leader for my team when needed just by what my role is and my duties are on the court."

Paige Branstiter,
UM volleyball player

our captain," she said. "But I do feel that I can be a leader for my team when needed just by what my role is and my duties are on the court. I definitely

feel that being a senior, I'm expected to be a leader for my team but, like I said, we are all expected to show some kind of leadership together."

Wagner said Branstiter, along with her five junior teammates, add valuable experience to his team.

"It's nice to have somebody that's seen a bit more than everybody else," he said. "The class right behind her has helped her being the only senior because they have a lot of experience as well as Paige, so with her on the team and the five juniors behind her we seem to have a lot of good experience and leadership."

One of the teammates who benefits from the wealth of knowledge is freshman defensive specialist Sadie Ahearn. Ahearn, a Missoula native, said that Branstiter has been a big role model for her.

"I was scared to screw up around her at first," Ahern said, "but getting to know her and playing with her more, I've gotten used to her and she's actually really nice. She always gives 100 percent all the time and tries really hard, so its fun to play with her."

After the season, Branstiter, a health enhancement major, hopes to earn her teaching license and teach health and P.E. in Oregon.

However, she still has some business to finish on the court. She said the team has a good chance to perform well this year. But she doesn't want to sacrifice fun in the process.

"My main goal for this last year is to try to enjoy the game more than I have in the past and just have fun, individually and with my team," she said.

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