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## IN-DEPTH NCAA **MASCOT ANALYSIS**

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## Lady Griz keep season alive

Cole, Sulivan pack offensive punch against Washington State

**Seaborn Larson** 

Montana Kaimin

Kellie Cole scored 22 points and Jordan Sullivan added 21 points and 10 rebounds as the Lady Griz topped the Washington State Cougars 90-78 Wednesday at Dahlberg Are-

In a game where offense trumped defense, the Lady Griz never lost the lead in front of a raucous 2,125 fans.

"That was a confetti game," head coach Robin Selvig said. "It was a great win for us."

Montana (23-10) will face the winner of Thursday's matchup between Cal Poly and San Diego in the second-round of the WNIT. Second round games will take place March 22-25.

Selvig said Cole did a good job stepping in for senior point guard Torry Hill, who injured her knee in the Big Sky Conference Championship game against the University of North Dakota on Saturday.

The Lady Griz were also without redshirt sophomore guard Haley Vining, and lost another starter, forward Carly Selvig, to a knee injury just five minutes into the game.

"It's easy to get distracted, without Haley, without Torry, without Carly," said Sullivan, who recorded her career seventh double-double. "The younger girls really stepped up and that's really our only option."

Montana made up for the injured players with 26 points off the bench. Sophomore guard McCalle Feller chipped in 13 points for the Lady Griz.

The Lady Griz opened the game with back-to-back 3-pointers from junior forward Maggie Rickman and Cole. A 17-8 run by Montana to start

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**Tommy Martino/ Montana Kaimin** 

Sophomore McCalle Feller (5) soars past Brandi Thomas (24) for a wide open lay-up in the second half. The Lady Griz beat the Washington State Cougars 90-78 at Dahlberg Arena on Wednesday night to advance to the second round of the WNIT. **CAMPUS** 

#### UM seeks American Indian Services director

#### **Megan Marolf** Stacy Thacker

Montana Kaimin

A University of Montana committee plans to appoint a new director of American Indian Student Services amid a hiring chill implemented this academic year, after the former director resigned in February citing lack of support for Native students by the school.

Teresa Branch, vice president of student affairs, said the hiring chill does not automatically stop the University from filling vacant positions. Once the position opens, President Engstrom can make exceptions, she said.

"In this particular case, Native American students are probably the largest ethnic group we have on campus," Branch said.

Branch estimates about 600-800 Native American students attend the University, between 4-6 percent of the student population. She said Engstrom's decision was based on supporting the interests and growth of Native students.

Fredricka Hunter, former director of the AISS, said she resigned in late February because there was a lack of support financially and professionally from University administration for Native American students.

Hunter said she was frustrated when she showed interest in attending administration meetings, but was never informed of when or where the meetings were held.

"I continually voiced to be a part of discussions for our Native students but I was ignored," she said.

Meetings and decisions on retainment and recruitment of Native students was something she should have been apart of, Hunter said. She said while

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**ZEN COLUMN** 

#### THE SPARK INSIDE

To beard or not to beard

By Lee Gordon

All truly good works require two things: patience and consistent cultivation.

No matter what skill or goal we pursue, our best success is enjoyed not by making rare monumental efforts (gym, anyone?), but rather by making smaller, more consistent efforts. Whether practicing an instrument or learning a language, this logic of small steps applies.

Which brings me to beards. A quick walk around the Oval or down Higgins Avenue will reinforce the popular resurgence of facial hair. Hipsters, foresters, professors, lumberjacks and CEOs all wear them, and they're definitely in style even though they are still the exception to the norm.

What does it take to grow a beard, you ask? First, you've gotta be a guy. No offense, ladies, you know we love you. Second, you've got to have the right genetics, and you're no less of a man if you don't. Third is patience, since it takes a good month for a beard to grow in. Fourth, and most important, is a courageous strength of will.

If a man decides to venture beyond stubble, he begins the slow journey to mountain man, wizard or biblical patriarch — and either he has the will to make it, or he doesn't. Sometimes it takes more than one try to gain the confidence. Growing a long beard is not for the vain or the tame of heart, because it comes with costs.

What a beard will do is get you more attention simply because you're different. It usually makes you appear older and wiser. It will get you more attention from women, but whether that's loving admiration or disgusted puzzlement is anyone's guess. Personally, I think it's about 50/50. By growing a beard you'll also notice changes in yourself. More confidence as well as an unspoken kinship with other beardos. You'll be less susceptible to both cold winds and wild animals.

Yet there's a myth that because someone has a beard they're naturally lazy. And if they don't trim it or clean it up, then yeah, that's true. But a well-kept, washed, waxed, oiled, trimmed and combed beard requires more work than shaving once a day. And if you trim it proper with a cutthroat razor and scissors, it's much more work.

There's a common saying amongst bearded men: "I didn't grow a beard, I just stopped shaving." Due to our current cultural ethos which is left over from the Romans, a clean-shaven face is considered normal and any whiskerage is deemed more wild, less civilized and unusual. Lincoln was our last bearded president, yet many professional athletes and actors nowadays wear beards.

I've been growing mine for months now and I wish to inspire those of you on the fence to do the same. Be a man and go for it. Don't let society or your girlfriend tell you what you have to look like. College is a good time too, because campuses are a welcome place for the facial hair.

Be yourself. Grow out your beard, even if only to say you have. Don't worry about what others think, because it's who you are, au natural. Just as women struggle with societal pressures about their image, men do too. Buck the trend.

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#### **DAINES MAKES MONTANA A ROLE MODEL**

Montana has been made a role model for the rest of the nation to follow thanks to the work Congressman Daines has done with the North Fork Protection bill. The legislation, which has passed through the House, was started by a Democrat (Baucus), and Daines' opponent in the Senate who is in supports of this bill. Doing the legwork to get the legislation passed is a testament

xactly one month ago,  $oldsymbol{\mathbb{L}}$  ESPN announced it would air the "FCS Kickoff," a game between two of the top teams in the FCS, Eastern Washington and Sam Houston State.

The game, set for Aug. 23 in Cheney, Wash., will be the only college football game that day, making it impossible for college football fans to watch anything but the Eagles and Bearkats.

To make the game happen, the schools received waivers from the NCAA to start the college football season a week early and bump up the start date of fall camps.

Sure, Eastern Washington and Sam Houston State are two of the top teams in the entire FCS, but it left many weren't wondering, why Montana and North Dakota State picked for the new season-opening event?

Originally, the Griz vs. the Bison was the top choice for the FCS Kickoff.

However, North Dakota State, citing a new coach, the loss of 24 seniors to graduation and a tough back-to-back matchups against Montana

to Daines' dedication to bipartisanship. Daines' has shown that he knows how to put Montana's wellbeing ahead of party politics, this is imperative to the young voters of Montana like me to continue to put our trust and faith in our elected officials. It's a rare scene when groups like ConocoPhillips and wilderness societies come together, but that's the kind of leader Daines' is and the kind of leadership we can continue to rely on. Thanks goes to Rep. Daines for his great work protecting the North Fork!

> **Heather Hoff** senior human biology major

#### PRESIDENT'S PERKS

Dear Editor,

As a student employee, I have witnessed the strain the recent budget cuts are taking on our campus community. "Bottom-feeder" positions are being targeted by sacrificing the option to fill vacated positions and by cutting down on the manual tasks completed daily. I'm concerned that this is not the correct or most sensible way to efficiently meet the proposed budget plan. I applaud the efforts of President Engstrom to reduce university

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### THE SHOOTAROUND

No ESPN for UM

and Iowa State, backed out.

Since the game will be played in Fargo, N.D., the Bison own the television rights and were ultimately the ones to decide whether or not they would agree to ESPN.

Despite a few benefits, ESPN didn't offer what it should have: money.

Schools will no doubt benefit from the national exposure and advertisements for their respective schools. The game's high-definition broadcast and cost of setting up equipment will be paid for by the network.

But ESPN, which has multi-million dollar TV contracts with FBS conferences such as the Big-10 and SEC, will pay nothing to EWU and Sam Houston State.

If North Dakota State would have agreed to the game on ESPN, the Bison would have actually lost out on money they could be mak-

By Austin Schempp

ing from their own TV deal.

Plus NDSU doens't need more exposure. The Bison have won the past three FCS Championships, beat four FBS schools over the past four years and hosted the popular pregame show, ESPN College Gameday, last year.

On the other side of the border, Montana did miss out on the exposure but stood to make no money either way.

The only television money UM receives is \$100,000 from the Big Sky Conference television partner, Root Sports, which it gives out to each of the 13 schools.

At a time when budget cuts are forcing smaller schools' athletic departments squeeze the most out of every dollar, the FCS should have secured money for the schools to host this game.

Maybe if that happened, UM would be on ESPN.

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#### **LETTERS** From previous page

spending, but I think that we would save the most money by reducing the personal expenses he has imposed on the University. Engstrom lives in a residence owned by the University, paying nothing to reside there, not even the taxes. He is also provided a vehicle, grounds keeping, housekeeping services, and UM catering, all at the expense of the University and on top of a \$280,000 yearly salary. I live very close to the Presidential home and have noticed that while the University sometimes suffers in the aspect of grounds and house keeping, Engstrom's house is always catered to. During the recent blizzard that shut down the University and clogged its sidewalks with drifts of snow and ice, President Engstrom's walks and driveway were cleared almost immediately, while the students left on campus had to trudge through snow to eat or return home. And while Engstrom is receiving daily cleaning services, the ones on campus have been cut back, allowing trash to pile up in offices three days out of the five day week. I think that the University should require Engstrom to evacuate the Presidential home and it should be rented out. This would eliminate the expenses needed to maintain it, and provide a monthly income to the University.

Sincerely,

**Ashley Bronec** second-year freshman forensic anthropology major

#### **UM FOLLIES 2: A SATIRE**

UM's Provost and CCC (CHIEF of the COMBAT CABI-NET), Perry Brown, celebrated St. Patrick's Day by proving his mettle with a fire extinguisher against an armless store dummy, while President Royce Engstrom practiced his "hammer-highheel" technique with other UM administrators during a full day of self-defense training. Brown said the fire extinguisher was an effective weapon against intruders, avalanches and bad publicity, and Engstrom stated a well-placed high heel could stop anything.

VP of Finance Mike Reid said he didn't know how much the exercise cost, but such training was cost effective, especially for the Armed Intruder Training Group.

Administration officials will be requesting a 15 percent salary increase in the next budget for "Hazardous Duty Pay." Twinkle Twyler, UM's CSO (Chief Security Officer), said: "Government officials get HDP in places like Iraq and Afganistan. UM's campuses are equally dangerous. We all know that anyone with a gun in Missoula is sure to head straight for Main Hall. Not only is self-defense training necessary, but there must be financial incentives for administrators to continually put their lives in danger. We aren't paid much, not like those high-priced chemists and historians." Peggy Kuhr, VP for Integrated Communications, who stands to see a \$20,000 increase from HDP, concurred that the dangers of being an administrator at UM must be compensated. "It's hard to put a figure on an administrator's life," she said, "But given the dangers of administrating at UM, the increase is justified."

> **Christopher Anderson** professor of French

#### **ASUM voices support for foreign** language department

#### **Jordan Purinton**

Montana Kaimin

The Associated Students of the University of Montana voiced strong support for the department of modern and classical languages at its Wednesday meeting, passing a resolution seeking to protect language courses.

The resolution requested that the current number of sections and funding of critical language programs be maintained.

Sen. Eamon Ormseth, who co-authored the resolution with Sen. Betsy Story, said that due to the University's budget shortfall in the spring of 2013, 20 students were unable to sign up for Arabic 101. Russian courses also faced section reductions, which Ormseth said will be detrimental to students' academic success.

"While I acknowledge the various budget realities, these are small programs that provide big opportunities for students," Ormseth said. "Programs like these provide a good reason for students to come to UM."

Samir Bitar, a professor of Arabic at the University, spoke at length in support of the resolution during the public comment portion of the meeting. Bitar emphasized the impact foreign language has had at the University, speaking for nearly 30 minutes on the subject.

"Language opens doors and

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serves as outreach in our recruitment," Bitar said. "Decreasing these sections is a shortsighted decision because it will affect future growth of Arabic students at the University."

University in 1999, helped build the Arabic program from the ground up. Bitar said that the number of Arabic students has gone up each year since its inception. Language alumni from UM have also been recipients of national awards and scholarships, which helps promote the University's reputation, Bitar

priority to certain programs.

"Demand for classes should dic-

In response, Ormseth stressed

"The point we're trying to make is that demand has been consistently growing," Ormseth said. "With-

While the resolution garnered lengthy debate, the bill passed with a majority and only three nay votes. jordan.purinton@umontana.edu

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#### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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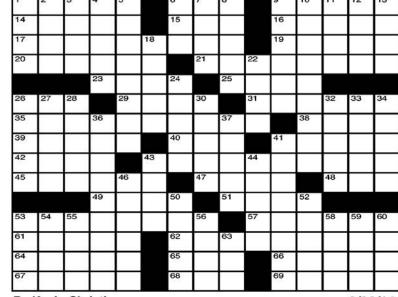
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Some ASUM members, however, said that they were uncomfortable with the University giving

tate where we allocate our funds," ASUM Business Manager Mike Hopkins said. "It's really unfair to other courses who don't have students advocating in here for them."

that the program still remains vital to the University, regardless of its

out our actions, smaller programs like could erode away after time."

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## Library exhibit commemorates Montana women's voting rights

**Megan Marolf** 

Montana Kaimin

When Julie Edwards was 16 years old, her grandmother told her to never take the right to vote for granted.

This year marks the centennial of woman's suffrage in Montana, and Edwards has thought of her grandmother a lot these past couple months.

On Nov. 14, 1914, women won the right to vote in Montana, six years before the 19th amendment granted women the right to vote federally.

Edwards, an associate professor and ethnic studies librarian at the University of Montana, came up with the idea for an exhibit after she saw what other universities did to honor their centennial. She worked with the Montana Suffrage Centennial Committee to make it happen.

"Leading the Way: Montana Woman Suffrage and the Struggle for Equal Citizenship," is scheduled to go on display in the Mansfield Library on March 24. The exhibit will then be given to the Montana State Library in Helena

and travel from there to other public libraries, schools and tribal libraries.

"I'm just so pleased to help bring this history to communities in Montana," Edwards said

The exhibit features five double-sided panels, 7 feet tall and 3.5 feet wide, which include photographs, advertisements and magazine illustrations related to women's suffrage.

Each panel follows a theme, from early organizing to ongoing struggles, and begins with a quote from a Montana woman or a comment on women's suffrage.

Kayla Blackman, a graduate student in history and women's and gender studies, designed and compiled historical information for the exhibit, along with professor Anya Jabour.

Blackman said the committee used an image, titled "The Awakening," to promote the exhibit. It could also be a source of Western pride, she said.

"It's showcasing that it's the western states, really, that start women's suffrage," Blackman said In the purple and gold image — the signature colors of the suffrage movement — a woman walks across the western U.S. with a torch in her hand, a gold dress flowing behind her. Figures of women crawling out of eastern states wave at her, asking for their rights to vote.

Blackman said in order to become territories, places like Montana needed a certain amount of votes. And the easiest way to secure more votes was to double the voting population, she said.

The movement did exclude some groups of women, though. The exhibit doesn't leave out the imperfections of 20th century Montana, which sometimes used racist tactics to gain suffrage.

"White women would say, 'Better me voting than an Indian,'" Blackman said.

In order to gain support, white women portrayed themselves as more educated and civilized, and therefore more eligible to vote, she said.

Women across the U.S. used the same approach and singled out certain groups depending on the region, Blackman said. In the South, they set their voting abilities against black women, and in the North against immigrants.

Blackman said this strategy could be explained by the time period.

"There are a lot of different reasons why women in the West got suffrage. And so that's part of what we're trying to do with the exhibit, is showcase that's there's a lot that goes into lobbying for suffrage," Blackman said.

Jabour, a professor of history and women's and gender studies, created the content and design of the panels with Blackman and wrote a grant that funded the traveling exhibit

The women's and gender studies program recognizes Women's History Month every March. But this year, they are organizing more lectures and events than usual to celebrate the centennial.

"The exhibits are above and beyond what we would normally do," Jabour said.

The other exhibit, "Women in Montana Politics," is on display on the fourth floor of the Mansfield Library in the Theta Rho Room until Aug. 30.

Jabour applied for a matching grant to Humanities Montana, which awarded women's and gender studies \$7,500 for the "Leading the Way" exhibit. UM departments and programs helped match the grant with donations.

During the exhibit's production, Edwards would think of her grandmother's advice. She would remind Edwards that she's only the third generation of women able to vote in their family.

"She took her ability to vote and her right to be at the ballot box really seriously, and she really instilled that in me," Edwards said.

"Leading the Way: Montana Woman Suffrage and the Struggle for Equal Citizenship" will be on display in the Mansfield Library Lobby until April 18. The UM Women's Chorus will perform suffrage songs from 1:10-2 p.m. for the opening reception on March 26, also in the Mansfield Library Lobby.

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## Prosecutors seek life sentence for newlywed bride

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Federal prosecutors recommended a life sentence for a 22-year old Montana newlywed who pleaded guilty to murder after saying she pushed her new husband off a cliff in Glacier National Park.

Her attorney, however, said the "extremely reckless but unintentional act" merits 10 years in prison.

A sentencing hearing for Jordan Graham is set for March 27 before U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy in Missoula. Graham entered her plea in December to second-degree murder in the July death of Cody Johnson, 25, her husband of eight days.

Johnson's body was found at the bottom of the cliff three days after he was reported missing by a friend and co-worker. Graham said at her trial that she was having second thoughts about being married so young and they went to the park to talk about it

They argued heatedly at the edge of a steep cliff. Johnson grabbed her, she became angry and she "just pushed" without thinking about where they were, Graham said then.

She didn't tell anybody what had happened, instead making up a story that Johnson had gone for a "joyride" with friends from Washington state.

That story unraveled when the versions she told to friends, relatives and authorities didn't match.

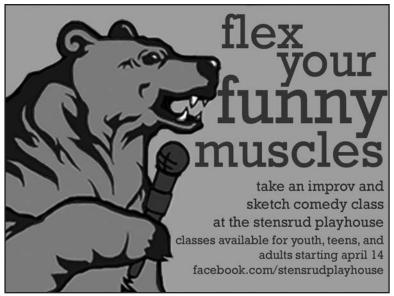
In court filings Tuesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Zeno Baucus asked Molloy to impose a life sentence or else no less than 50 years in prison. Graham showed no remorse, left Johnson's mother without a child, upended a community and had no respect for the law in the process, Baucus argued.

"Through her actions, including the murder of Cody and conduct that followed, the defendant has demonstrated that she is extremely dangerous, predatory and an unrepentant murderer," he wrote.

Federal public defender Michael Donahoe said in his recommendation for a 10year sentence that Graham ultimately accepted responsibility and is sorry she didn't come forward sooner.

She did not obstruct the investigation, and her fabrication of an email designed to support her story that Johnson had driven away was "the emerging cry of defendant's conscience," Donahoe said, noting that Graham was the one who led authorities to Johnson's body.

If Graham "was a cold-blooded killer, she could have left Mr. Johnson at the bottom of that ravine. He would have likely never been found," Donahoe wrote.







Montana Kaimin Thursday, March 20, 2014 **SPORTS** 

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**NCAA TOURNAMENT** 

# TOP O

Underdog team names in the NCAA Tournament

Jesse Flickinger Montana Kaimin

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Delaware Blue Hens

First, take a fairly obscure state between Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. Second, come up with a domesticated female bird to evoke fear in one's opponents. Finally, make that bird blue because, screw it, why not?

Mascot aside, Delaware (25-9, 14-2 Colonial Athletic Association) is the most probable No. 13 seed to upset a No. 4 seed (Michigan State) in this year's tournament.

This is the Blue Heron's first NCAA Tournament since 1999, so they're hungry. Starting guards Davon Usher and Devon Saddler both average 19 points per game.

Delaware's backcourt will give Michigan State a headache. The Spartans have lost six games to non-top 25 teams this season and have struggled against defending guards.

Plus the Blue Hens have played two top tournament teams — Villanova and Ohio State earlier this season.

Player to watch: Senior guard Davon Usher (19.4 points per game, 6.1 rebouds per game)

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Providence Friars

The only thing scary about a Friar is the haircut. And the robes. And the piety. The name actually makes sense now.

Though their name doesn't imply it, these Friars have teeth.

Providence (23-11, 10-8 Big East) just won the Big East conference tournament for the first time since 1994. Their championship win against Dougie McBuckets' (Doug McDermott) top-ranked Creighton squad turned some heads.

They open as a No. 11 seed against No. 6 seed North Carolina, a favorable matchup for the Friars. North Carolina dropped games to Belmont and University of Alabama at Birmingham this year.

Losing to Providence makes more sense.

Player to watch: Senior guard Bryce Cotton (21.4 ppg, 5.8 assists per game)

3

Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns

They couldn't just be the Louisiana-Lafayette Cajuns.

Cajun suggested that delicious dishes from the French Quarter would be served to opponents. They needed to get serious.

So Louisiana-Lafayette made its mascot a chili pepper and added the word "Ragin" to let their victims know they mean business.

There is certainly something abusive and ragin' about some jambalaya or gumbo, that's for sure.

No. 14 seed Louisiana-Lafayette (23-11, 11-7 Sun Belt) grasped its first tourney berth since 2005 in an upset overtime win against Sun Belt favorite Georgia State.

Louisiana-Lafayette's matchup against No. 3 seed Creighton isn't as likely to happen, but honestly no one would be upset if the Cajuns gave experts a reason to stop talking about Creighton.

Player to watch: Sophomore forward Shawn Long (18.7 ppg, 10.5 rpg)

2

Coastal Carolina Chanticleers

This paragraph should be used to question the use of a fierce rooster from Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" as a team name, but honestly, what happened Grizzlies?

Minus 20 degrees is supposed to be an advantage for the home team near the mountains, not the away team from the beach.

Coastal Carolina (21-12, 11-5 Big South) makes the tourney for the first time since 1993. The No. 16 seed has the roughest shot of making it far in the tourney with their matchup against No. 1 Virginia.

Don't count out the Chanticleers though.

We doubted their football squad could beat Montana at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in stupidly cold temperatures. We shouldn't doubt their basketball squad's ability to make history.

Player to watch: Freshman guard Elijah Wilson (16.1 ppg, 4.1 rpg)

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Wichita State Shockers

Texas has the "Hook'em Horns," Miami has the "The U," and Wichita State has "The Shocker."

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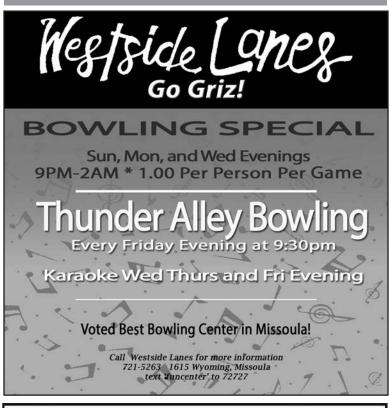
Wichita State (34-0, 18-0 Missouri Valley Conference) isn't poised to shock the world like they did last year on their unexpected run to the Final Four.

They're undefeated and a No. 1 seed, but their region of the bracket makes them an underdog. Many expert analysts have already given up on the Shockers for Kentucky, Louisville and Michigan.

Any team that can get away using a finger position to indicate team pride is doing it right. Let's see if they can shock the experts one more time.

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## Foresters' Ball survives sobriety Traditional event expects higher turnout despite stricter drinking policies

#### **Brea Gaudioso**

Montana Kaimin

Foresters' Ball is back this weekend for its 97th year, and the celebration this Friday and Saturday marks the second year of stricter security policies.

University of Montana Pres-

ident Royce Engstrom threat-publicity officer. ened to cancel the ball two years ago when attendees got a bit too rowdy.

Despite slower ticket sales after heightened security checks for alcohol last year, construction is going strong for the 97th Foresters' Ball, said Leslie Neu,

"We still have people really excited for it," she said. "They knew the Ball was still a great time last year. They either went or heard it from their friends, and are ready to try it again this

Megan Nasto, a graduate student in the College of Forestry and Conservation, purchased tickets for her first Foresters' Ball experience Wednesday af-

She said that as a forestry student, going to the ball at least once is an important part of her college experience.

"It's gone on for a very long time. It has a lot of historical significance," she said. "I've also heard it's a night of debauchery and a lot of crazy and obscene things go on. I want to experience that as well, as a bystander, of course."

Nasto said she knows people who stopped going once the University tightened its drinking regulations.

"I've heard that's one thing that is discouraging students. They want to go, and their idea of going and having a good time is being wasted and if they can't do that they don't want to go," Nasto said.

Neu agreed that was the source of the problem.

Neu, a junior in the forestry department, has been involved with Foresters' Ball since her freshman year. She said the biggest issue she has noticed is a decline in publicity.

"The Ball itself doesn't sell itself as well as it used to. It's

really easy to get people to pay to go have a wild crazy party where they can be drunk," Neu. said. "That not been the case this year. It's a little less known, but sales are still going all right."

She said ticket sales are going much better this year than in 2013. By the Thursday before last year's Ball, only 40 percent of tickets had sold. In years past, the Ball completely sold out.

Forestry student Katelyn Page is a first-year attendee who works at the Ball. She worked the ticket booth in the UC on Wednesday afternoon.

"I think in a small way it has affected sales, because I mean it's college — people want to party and have a good time," she said.

Page said in the 1980s there were kegs at the bar, so there is no doubt that the scene has changed a bit over the years.

"They hear there's a strict alcohol rule and think, 'Oh its not going to be fun,' but thats not the case," she said. "Foresters' Ball is going to be a lot of fun. If you can swing dance, and like hanging out with your friends, that's what it's about."

This year's ball will run until midnight, one hour longer than last year's. It also has increased its capacity by 100, giving 1,200 people access this year.

The design of the Ball and the attractions inside will remain the same. After all, Foresters' Ball is all about the tradition, Neu said.

"The biggest thing the Foresters' Ball represents to me is tradition. I really love the traditions

the University can have and the Foresters' Ball is a 97-year running one," she said. "I love hearing stories from people who have been at the Ball before. Old chief pushes will come back to the Ball every year and they tell us all the crazy stories they did."

After the threat of canceling Forester's Ball, students involved were adamant about keeping the tradition going strong.

"After the (95th) ball, it got quite out of hand," she said. "The University said make these changes or we might not be able to have a ball, and we said okay its time to change."

Neu said the crew wrote the Foresters' Ball strategic plan, a 26-page outline including policy on alcohol, safety, ticket sales and everything in between.

"Though the University gave us an ultimatum, it was a student decision to change this student-run event for the better," she said.

The entrance screening will be similar to the process at UM football games, Neu said. Security will be checking to make sure no one is coming in drunk or carrying alcohol.

The Foresters' Ball also has its own security force called the Posse. They are around to make sure the night goes smoothly.

Tickets for the ball, held on March 21 and 22, are available at the UC, the Adams Center, the Sunrise Saloon and griztix. com. Advance ticket prices are \$20 per person, or \$35 for a pair. They will be an additional \$5 at the door.

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Graduate students Megan Nasto and Nick Lockridge fill out tickets for the Foresters' Ball chainsaw raffle Wednesday afternoon in the University

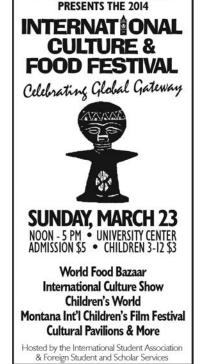


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## Agreement requires UM to improve accessibility

#### **Courtney Anderson**

Montana Kaimin

After nearly two years of deliberation, the University of Montana and U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights have reached an agreement on how UM should improve electronic accessibility for students with disabilities.

The agreement's terms require the University to compile a report from current and former students with disabilities summarizing their experience with accessibility. UM will also have to submit a report detailing the accessibility of classrooms, websites, learning management systems, library services and trainings.

The agreement, announced Wednesday, arose from a 2012 complaint filed by the Alliance for Disability and Students at the University of Montana.

"I think (the agreement) is great because it documents this as an issue," said Courtney Damron, chair of AD-SUM. "It's good because people are going to be watching and that will only strengthen this policy and increase the accessibility."

According to the complaint, UM's library databases, learning management system, live chat, videos, course registration and classroom clickers were inaccessible to students with disabilities. UM

will have to make changes to many of these issues by certain deadlines, according to the resolution agreement.

Lucy France, UM's legal counsel, said that as soon as the concerns were known,

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#### **Amy Capolupo**

director of Disability Services for Students

UM put together an accessibility audit, increased training procedure

awareness and made information more available on how to remove barriers to information technology.

"Trainings on these issues have been occurring for a long time and will continue, we're just improving a lot of the things that are already in place," France said.

UM will also have to implement electronic information policies and procedures, according to the agreement.

Amy Capolupo, director of Disability Services for Students, said UM has drafted electronic information policies and procedures. The University has already begun training faculty and staff on the revised policies and procedures, Capolupo said.

"In the '80s and '90s the struggle was to make UM physically accessible," Capolupo said. "So fast forward to now in terms of information technology, we now have an office of accessible instruction and three dedicated staff members to make sure that

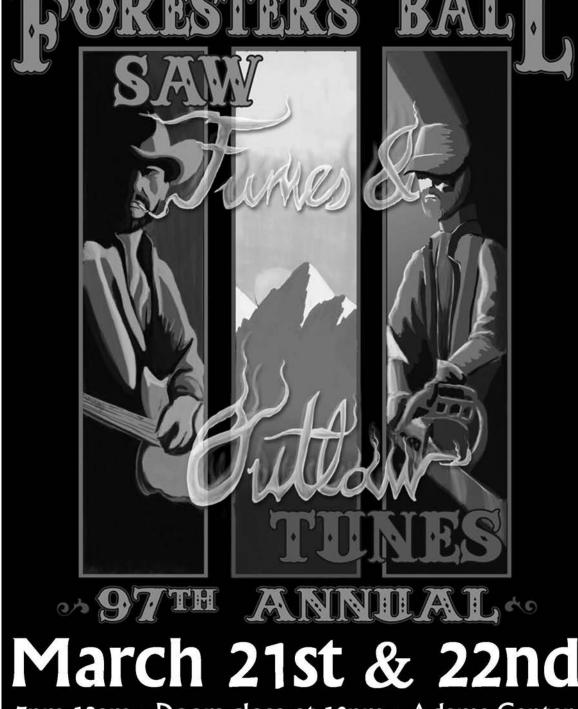
when we purchase something, it's accessible."

Specifically, resources were shifted in IT Central and UM Online to fund equipment and personnel, Capolupo said.

"The University of Montana is poised to become one of the most accessible campuses in the country as a result of this," Capolupo said.

To find the resolution agreement, or for more information, visit umt.edu/accessi-

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the game forced the Cougars to switch into man-to-man defense.

The Lady Griz entered halftime with a 36-25 lead over the Cougars.

Both teams came out shooting in the second half, scoring a combined 107 points. The Lady Griz scored 54 to Washington State's 53 points, allowing a comfortable lead from the first half to carry over.

Freshman guard Kayleigh Valley came alive in the second half, scoring six straight for the Lady Griz with 11 minutes to play in the second half. Valley finished with 15 points and five rebounds.

Washington State sophomore guard Lia Galdeira, scored 22 points to lead the Cougars, cut Montana's lead to nine with her only 3-pointer, with 10 minutes remaining to give some momentum to Washington State.

A play later, Valley sank another 3-pointer forcing Washington State to take a timeout.

"We really wanted to redeem ourselves after North Dakota, we wanted to show that we could beat a PAC-12 team," said Cole, who had nine assists in the win.

Montana also beat the Cougars in rebounds, grabbing 48 to WSU's 38

"They're big, but they really don't play big," Selvig said. "Our lack of depth in size didn't really cost us."

Montana won't know if it hosts its next game until after Thursday's game between Cal Poly and San Diego.

"I just don't want this career to end, so hopefully we can come back," Sullivan said. "That was fun."

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#### AISS From page 1

enrollment services may bring students in, she was the one who helped them transition, and made sure they were successful at UM.

Hunter was also disappointed in the AISS budget and felt there wasn't enough staff or resources for the program.

"We had the largest minority and I had the smallest budget," she said.

After the first round of budget cuts to Student Affairs in June, AISS was cut by \$4,396. Branch said she requested money from auxiliary departments to compensate for the loss. This year, AISS received \$5,000 from auxiliary funding.

"It's based on the student population they're trying to serve," Branch said. "It was just a matter of trying to make sure they could do the things that are necessary for Native American students on campus to thrive."

The lack of support for Natives across campus was another reason Hunter left the University, she said. She felt that her position had become a token position, she said.

"They bring us out when we have Native American Heritage Day but they don't want to listen to what we have to say," she said.

Hunter, who worked at the University for more than five years, said she didn't start to feel the stress and pressure of her position until two or three years ago when she noticed she wasn't being brought into the decision-making process for Native students.

"Attitude right now reflects leadership. Native students aren't a priority for President Engstrom," she said.

Maria Cole, coordinator for diversity recruitment and retention, said miscommunication and being unaware of diversity or its benefits may be where some of the problems started, in response to Hunter's claims of being ignored.

'They bring us out when we have Native American Heritage Day but they don't want to listen to what we have to say.'

Fredricka Hunter

former director of the AISS

"We have to be open to diversity all the time," she said, and ad-

mits that sometimes it isn't always obvious, but should always be on people's minds.

Seeing colleagues leave isn't easy Cole said, because their work isn't done at the University. She said Hunter was making great strides under the circumstances and programs like Soup Fridays and Moving Camp during orientation were great examples of overcoming budget and staffing concerns.

She hopes that others will ride out the hard times the University is seeing and stay focused on the needs of the students.

"It's always hard in a period of regression to hang in," she said.

Eldena Bear Don't Walk, the interim director, said she's unaware of the former director's complaints toward the administration.

Bear Don't Walk started in her

position the week after Hunter quit. She said does not know if she will apply for a permanent position as director, but has a few ideas for the future of AISS.

"I have lots of irons in the fire right now, so I haven't decided yet," she said.

Branch said she asked members of the Faculty Senate and ASUM to appoint people for the hiring committee, which will decide on a candidate by the end of the semester. Bear Don't Walk may decide to apply after she becomes comfortable in the position, she said

Hunter said she plans to take a position with Indian Health Services as an OB/GYN medical social worker in Phoenix in late April.

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