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REUNION

Missing student found safe, reunited with family

Jessie Mazur
Montana Kaimin

The odometer on the 1997 Toyota Land Cruiser read over 270,000 miles when August Kramer took a detour down a dirt road somewhere in the Bitterroot on Sunday afternoon. Kramer's sister, Louise, said the odometer froze eight years ago.

When the SUV locked up and rolled to a stop around 3 p.m., Kramer's GPS told him he was six miles from the nearest campground. He had a few ounces of water left in his Nalgene, a couple granola bars and no cell phone service. He would not see another human for almost 48 hours.

"It felt like my stomach dropped into my feet," said Kramer.

Kramer, 21, is a senior from Minnesota. He transferred to the University of Montana from Luther College in Iowa to study forestry.

He told his roommate, Spencer Sucha, he was going fly fishing on Sunday.

"He hinted at the Blackfoot River or Rock Creek, but that's about it," Sucha said.

When Kramer didn't to return home Sunday evening, friends and family notified the Missoula County Sheriff's Office and a search began.

Authorities thought Kramer ended up on Fish Creek Road, a rarely traveled dirt road off

Highway 12 near Lolo Hot Springs. No one knew exactly where he was fishing or that he had taken a detour.

"I like Montana a lot and I like exploring. I was just going to just try to check it out," Kramer said.

An experienced outdoorsman, Kramer first tried to hike the six miles to Lolo Hot Springs. He made it about a quarter mile before he decided the terrain was too hilly and densely covered.

"I had Birkenstocks and fly fishing boots. I would have never made it," he said.

Kramer returned to his car and attempted to repair it without luck.

"I'm not a car person," he said.

Inside the SUV were blankets, CDs, a lint roller, an ax, an empty beer can, some trash bags and fly fishing gear.

The next morning, Kramer lay in the car waiting for the temperature to warm up when he heard a helicopter. He took the rearview mirror off the car and climbed on top to signal it, without luck.

He spent the day gathering water and firewood. He used the leg of one of his fishing waders to carry water from a nearby stream. He cut the top off the beer can and boiled water over a fire. He attempted to set up a "condensation trap" by putting a trash bag over the rim



Photo Courtesy of Tailyr Irvine

August Kramer returns safely to his family and girlfriend Tuesday, wearing the same clothes he was wearing when he left Missoula on Sunday to go fishing in Lolo.

of a cup with a rock in the middle to weigh down the trash bag and hopefully catch condensation overnight. Kramer said the air was too dry for the trap to work.

Kramer determined he

needed a way to continue signaling the few planes that flew by while he was at the stream gathering water. He took all the CDs out of his car and used the tape from a lint roller to tape them to the roof of the car.

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MONEY

Student gov. considers grad student fee

Michael Wright
Montana Kaimin

The student government will consider a referendum that proposes a student fee to fund the Graduate Student Association on Wednesday night.

Asa Hohman, president of the Associated Students of the University of Montana, sponsored a resolution proposing a \$3 annual fee for all students. The fee would raise thousands of dollars for the group, which received just over \$2,500 from ASUM last year.

The resolution proposes that the fee be "opt-in," meaning students could choose whether to pay the fee when they pay their registration bill.

GSA President Ryder Delaloye said increased funding would expand the group's services.

Delaloye, 32, is finishing a doctorate in curriculum instruction. The group is comprised of him, a co-president, a vice president, a secretary and about 14 student senators.

He approached Hohman with the idea for a fee last spring, and the two agreed on \$3 per student annually, or \$1.50 a semester.

Delaloye said some money would compensate GSA's executive team and senators, but couldn't offer specifics on how much each person would get.

The rest of the money would offer graduate students professional development opportunities, scholarships and grants.

He said that while the University offers these services oftentimes it's not enough.

"We're not saying programming isn't being done, we just would like to offer more," he said.

Delaloye also hopes the fee will give GSA more autonomy, See GRADS, page 3

CAMPUS

University offers suicide prevention summit

Elizabeth Anderson
Montana Kaimin

In the 2012 National Vital Statistics Report, Montana had one of the top five suicide rates in the nation.

To recognize Suicide Prevention Week, the Western Montana Suicide Prevention Initiative hosted "A Missoula Suicide Prevention Summit" in the University Center on Tuesday. Its goal was to reduce sui-

cides and attempts in Missoula County.

The event was aimed in part at people who wanted to know how to talk with contemplating suicide.

High school students also offered their perspectives on suicide intervention at a young age.

"I think the most important thing to communicate effectively with a young person would be to give them 100

percent of your attention," said Piper Smith, a junior at Big Sky High School.

Due to the alarming suicide rates in western Montana, WMSP collaborated with the University to promote suicide awareness.

"It's really come together amazingly, really amazingly," said Laurie Harris, support coordinator of Missoula County's United Way. "The response has been . . . well, clearly it touches

a nerve."

Harris said planning the event took about three weeks, and there were around 200 people in attendance. Educators, clinicians, and professional people involved in preventing suicide offered informative lectures.

An estimated 24,000 U.S. students, ages 18-24, attempt suicide on an annual basis, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association.

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JAKE'S TAKE

Talk about it: In defense of pop music

By Jake Iverson

As summer 2014 finally drones to an end, choked and hamstrung by a sea of pumpkin spice and September snow flurries, so goes those beloved summer traditions. Skis replace bikes, Crock-Pots take the place of grills and pop music, unable to sustain cold winters, dies another glorious death.

Pop, for such a universally lauded and beloved phenomenon, is one hell of an enigma. It is universal, yet retains its intimacy. It's dismissive and sentimental. It's the simplest musical genre, but also one of the most layered and diverse.

For all its enormous popularity, pop also manages to take a beating nearly everywhere it goes. Rarely is great pop music regarded as great music. I do it myself, separating mentally fabricated (and surely unreadable) year-end lists into perceived "good" music (Bon Iver, Arcade Fire, other bands that will get me a job with Pitchfork someday) and "bad." The latter is generally coated in saccharine.

Being a pop fan seems especially difficult in Missoula, where jam bands and rowdy bluegrass groups hold sway. I own a blue Taylor Swift shirt emblazoned with "T-Swizzle" across the chest. Handsome as it may be, the shirt sits unworn in my dresser, beneath safer bets like a Jack White tour tee and a Neutral Milk Hotel hoodie.

The stigma against pop isn't only silly, it's frightfully outdated. There is an embarrassing wealth of quality pop music at our fingertips. Pop often gets branded as "bubblegum" like it's some sort of insult. Really, though, pop does have as much in common with the pink confection. It's unbearably sweet, loses flavor pretty fast, but when it's at its peak, there's a horrifying allure.

A lot is made about the absurdity of pop music stars. The purple hair, the silly fusion, it all seems to counteract what's going on musically. But really, who the hell wants a boring pop star? They're not like us, and they're not supposed to be. A starlet who goes home like us isn't special and thus isn't worth the time.

Right now, Nicki Minaj is gorgeously pledging her allegiance to big butts over a barely remixed Sir Mix-a-Lot sample. Taylor Swift tries as hard as she can to be normal, but now that she spends her nights in a \$15 million apartment in New York, she can no longer claim to inhabit the bleachers. And of course, above them all lives Kanye West. Pop's biggest star of the last 10 years has an ego the size of a planet and, more shockingly, the talent to back it all up. Labor day weekend, he burned both Philadelphia and Los Angeles to the ground as the headline of the Made in America festival, rapping from behind a mask covered in diamonds.

So now, as fall begins, lasts a whole week in Montana and then shifts suddenly into a windblown, dark winter, don't be afraid to give in to those pop impulses. Light up the endless night by popping in some earbuds and listening to Charli XCS, Beyonce, or hell, even Ke\$ha. There's always a place for steak, but dammit, there's a place for a Big Mac, too.

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around the
OVAL

THE OVAL

"Beer goggles gave me beer giggles."

UREY LECUTRE HALL

"One of my coworkers pops popcorn every day at 4. And that's the end of that story."

OUTSIDE THE FOOD ZOO

"No. Like, Curry, the health center."
"Aww..."

JUS CHILLIN

"Oh my god, I LOVE kale."

@aroundtheoval
#aroundtheoval

Tobacco wasn't banned from campus for students' health, the soda and snack machines in every building and UM Dining options attest to that. The UC Market stopped selling cigarettes but still sells mostly junk food. The policy pushes smokers to the margins of campus society instead of convincing them to quit. Chewing tobacco doesn't give off second-hand smoke, but it's banned as well. E-cigs contain no tobacco, but you'll probably see those banned soon enough, too. Administration sees tobacco as a disgusting cultural relic to be re-conned during the march to a glorious future based on an idealized past.

The University's crusade to become a "global campus" of internationally minded scholars coincided with its labeling as the "Rape Capital of America." We bungled the damage control, enrollment dropped and we opted for a rebranding campaign to bury the past under a mountain of smiling stock photos and hiking vistas.

If you're anything but a fictional archetypal biology major in a maroon polo with racially diverse friends and a chocolate Labrador, you don't fit. If your identity or behavior deviates from the fictional reality promoted by the administration, they don't want prospective students to know about you.

Ignoring the photos, clearly purchased from Shutterstock, campus promotional materials feature no smokers, merely a rainbow of smiling faces too blatantly diverse to be statistically representative of Mon-



THE WESTERN CANNON

The University has an image problem: You

Hunter Pauli

tana demographics. The new website's color scheme is also literally a rainbow.

International students mean even more money than out-of-staters, and they're probably unaware of UM's rape stigma. Plus, with the right partner universities, international students mean increased diversity. The state of Montana may be disenfranchising its minority populations, but at least we can bluff the University as diverse on paper by padding the numbers with foreign students.

Diversity means dollars. If you are a person of color enrolled at UM, the administration is going to try and make money off you. If you don't want your identity sold for profit, wear the exact opposite of whatever Trendsetters at the U suggests and your photo won't appear in promotional material for a "global campus." Administration pushes diversity without culture, the nuances of other people with the edges ground down until they can be served in the Food Zoo. Supporting diversity does not mean cramming every ethnicity in an atrium for a day and making them sell food. Diversity means embracing the aspects and attitudes of others that you're uncomfortable with because there's no such thing as a wrong culture.

Tobacco on campus is against University policy, not the law. The

ban is also patently unenforceable. It's hard to see nicotine patches and dip tucked under sleeves and lips. By the time University police responds to a reported smoker, they're down to the filter and back to scraping butts off trash can lids for Facilities Services because we welded plates over the ashtrays. It's asinine we force the already-stretched-thin skeleton crew at the office of Public Safety to act as morality police when they're here to keep students safe from rape and violence.

I'm going to smoke a Newport outside the south entrance of Don Anderson Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday. I probably won't get caught, even with advertising. I'll live tweet it @UMPublicSafety just in case. I hope no officer is made to respond, as that would be one less keeping campus secure. No officer or student should be put in that position.

The tobacco ban is part of a larger University complex designed to sanitize campus culture to increase enrollment in the wake of decades spent ignoring festering rape culture. It isn't anti-smoking, it's anti-smoker. Our new advertising campaign whitewashes campus for money instead of addressing the root causes of falling enrollment. The University certainly has an image problem, and they think it's you.

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GRADS

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instead of being subject to ASUM allocation.

Their research would improve, he said, which improves the University's reputation.

Still, the benefit for the group isn't clear to all students.

In an ASUM meeting two weeks ago, some senators said it isn't fair to charge the entire student body for something that only benefits a small group of students.

"I think the GSA raises a valid point that they need more funding," ASUM Vice President Sean Mc-

Quillan said. "I'd like to see a slightly more tangible way this affects all students."

Sophomore Andrew Thomas said he'd like to know what the money is spent on before he supports it. But, he added, it's only \$3.

"It doesn't seem like much," Thomas said. "If this could actually help the graduate program, it's worth it for me."

For an ASUM constitutional referendum to pass, 12 percent of the student body must vote in the spring election. If 12 percent turns out, a simple majority needs to vote "yes" for the fee.

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SUMMIT

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The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services reports an estimated 1,100 suicides on college campuses every year.

Matt Taylor, speaker and associate director of the Institute for Educational Research and Service at the University, said it was important for schools to revise policies, as well as offer training.

"Initiatives in schools should be proactive and ongoing, not reactive," Taylor said.

He said everyone can be a critical player, and even in rural schools, there are many programs that provide a toolkit for preventing suicide among students.

"All of us together create a suicide safer community," said Taylor.

He offered advice on taking proactive steps and dealing with signs of stress.

"Suicide is preventable, and suicide is everybody's business here," he said. "You never know, because the life you save might be your own somehow."

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SAFE

From page 1

"I didn't actually think that people were looking for me at that point," he said. Trying to conserve his food, Kramer cooked a grasshopper over a fire and ate it.

"It wasn't bad," he said, "I was prepared to do a lot more."

While Kramer was eating grasshoppers, his father Warren was flying from Minnesota to aid in the search. His friends had already searched the Lolo area and Darby, and were on their second search near Lolo. A friend of Kramer's, Shelby Fisher, said one of their nighttime searches lasted until 6 a.m. Kramer's mother, sister, brother, girlfriend and an old classmate drove from Minnesota on Monday night, arriving early Tuesday morning.

Another search party was gathering at 2:30 p.m. in Kramer's South Sixth Street apartment when a voicemail appeared on his mother's phone.

"Hi, Mom. It's me ... Gus.

Your son. I'm OK. I'm on my way to Missoula."

Around mid-day on Tuesday, UM alumni Bill Williams drove down the dirt road and found Kramer underneath his car trying to fix it again.

Williams had been grouse fishing in the Lolo National Forest. He recognized Kramer as the missing student and drove him all the way to his Missoula apartment.

Over a dozen friends and family who had aided in the search gathered at the small apartment Tuesday evening. It was hours before Kramer had time to change out of the shorts and T-shirt he had been wearing since Sunday.

Kramer's family expressed gratitude to the University for its concern and helpfulness.

"We are all so appreciative of the whole community," said Robin Kramer, his mother. "People that we knew and people that we didn't know all came together to help us."

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BY THE NUMBERS

Student fee increases over the last three years

- \$6** increase in student group fee (from \$33 to \$39)
- \$3.50** increase in transportation fee (from \$30 to \$33.50)
- \$2** infant care center fee* (*failed because of low turnout)

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 City with a Viking Ship Museum
- 5 Booking agents?
- 9 Boardroom graphic
- 14 Goof up
- 15 Cheerful tune
- 16 "Thus with a kiss I die" speaker
- 17 Par, for stock
- 19 "No thanks"
- 20 Spend an evening at home
- 21 Spam holders
- 23 Minor facial spasm, say
- 24 Wanna-___: poseurs
- 25 Delicate tableware
- 27 Friendly
- 30 Rival of Peyton
- 31 A, in Assisi
- 32 Best
- 35 Workplace protection agcy.
- 39 Same old same old
- 43 Craigslist caveat
- 44 University of Alabama head coach Nick
- 45 Tear
- 46 Some commuter lines
- 49 Web designers
- 51 Special effects scene in a summer blockbuster, say
- 56 Silent ___: Coolidge nickname
- 57 Year in Mexico
- 58 Bring in
- 59 Many a marathon winner since the '90s
- 62 Talmud scholar
- 64 Slogan for TV channel TBS, and a hint to the first word of 17-, 25-, 39- and 51-Across
- 66 Pastel shade
- 67 Word-of-mouth
- 68 Beethoven's birth city
- 69 Spheres
- 70 Pound enclosure
- 71 Online crafts store

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By C.C. Burnikel

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DOWN

- 1 Does in
- 2 Blind piece
- 3 "The Godfather" hatchet man
- 4 Did as directed
- 5 Tartan-wearing group
- 6 Canola ___
- 7 Demoted planet
- 8 Stout holder
- 9 Shortening brand since 1911
- 10 Short flight
- 11 Vintage violin
- 12 Pine secretion
- 13 Puccini classic
- 18 Asset of successful entrepreneurs
- 22 Monarch catcher
- 25 Hallow
- 26 Med. plan choices
- 27 Largest Caribbean island
- 28 Burden
- 29 "Wheel of Fortune" request
- 33 Solheim Cup team
- 34 Brew brand with a ribbon logo
- 36 Formal "Uh-uh!"
- 37 Kojak's lack
- 38 Lake Geneva backdrop

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Hunting season brings opportunity amid low whitetail numbers

Cavan Williams
Montana Kaimin

It's 5:30 p.m. and Corey Hockett is cringing at the crunch of a pinecone under his boot. The cringe turns back into a smile after seconds of silence and Hockett continues sneaking down a well-used game trail.

It's early September, and that means hunting season to Hockett. The University of Montana student has been all smiles since grabbing his bow, tucking his blonde hair under his camouflage hat and starting down the trail.

This weekend marked the beginning of Montana's archery season. While hunting season is a time to celebrate the great outdoors, many hunters may have a harder time finding deer this year.

Missoula County's whitetail deer

numbers are low after an outbreak of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease killed nearly 400 deer last fall. The virus is spread through small biting flies called midges, and causes internal hemorrhaging which is almost always fatal.

According to High Country News, the spread of EHD into the Missoula Valley last year was strange because it is usually found on the East Coast and has never been reported in Western Montana.

Nate Borg, a biologist with the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department, says the number of deer lost due to EHD forced some changes in hunting regulations. The archery-only 260 tag, which limits hunters to taking antlerless whitetails, is an example, as hunters can no longer use it west of Highway 93.

"That (EHD) really hit the population hard," says Borg. "The reason we put that regulation in there is to give those populations a chance to rebound."

Fortunately, the disease only affects whitetail deer and has not hurt the other game species in Montana.

"It's weird," Borg says. "We really don't see it in elk and we really don't see it in mule deer."

Even with the low number of whitetails in the area, Montana hunters still have plenty to look forward to. Borg says many animals survived the particularly harsh winter last year and there is even a new hunting district in the Bitterroot Valley.

Any hunter with an elk tag can now call the FWP office in town and sign up for a roster spot for the

Bitterroot farmland district near Florence.

Borg says the new district is the result of a greater distribution of elk and deer low in farmland damaging crops, rather than higher in the mountains. The district offers a unique opportunity for hunters to have relationships with farmers, and gives them a chance to hunt as late as Jan. 15 in some cases.

Back on the trail, Hockett creeps through dry grass and brown pine needles. He stops and crouches as three cow elk run through the trees 100 yards in front of him. He smiles at the sight of the elk.

"I really like adrenaline rushes," he says. "And when you get really close to an elk or get close to an

animal that you are hunting, your heart rate is jacked, and it's an awesome feeling."

It's a quiet evening in the woods. But Hockett is not discouraged. He's just happy to hunt.

"Being able to drive 30 minutes and be so secluded from everyone, to be 100 yards from an elk... There is a lot of people in this world that can't do that, and it is truly a blessing," he says.

A lone bull elk bugles from far off breaking the silence of the evening. Hockett can hardly contain his excitement. The bull is too far off to hunt with legal shooting time drawing to a close, but the sound has made Hockett's night. Hunting season is here.

Hockett sings: "It's the most wonderful time of the year."

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'I really like the adrenaline rushes.'

Corey Hockett
University student

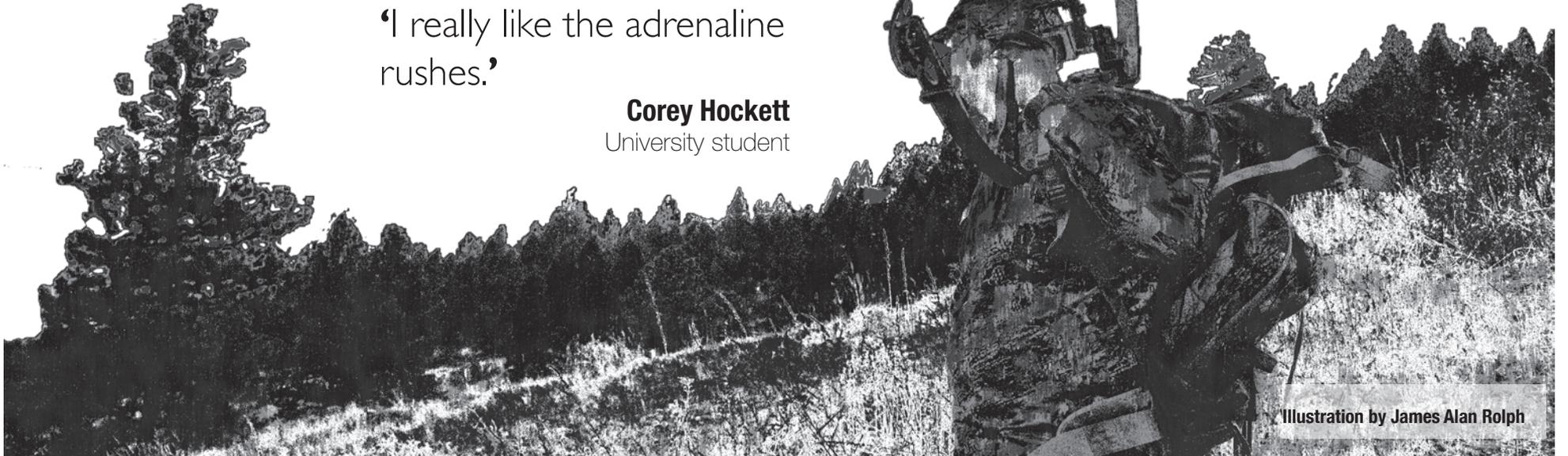


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Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014
8 p.m. Dennison Theatre

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COMMUNITY



Bethany Blitz/Montana Kaimin

Adam & Eve manager Shockleey Roberts shows the store's display of BDSM products that have become more popular since "Fifty Shades of Grey" was released. "We've seen a boom in different types of products, as far as the bondage scene with handcuffs and rope ties," she said.

Fifty Shades of BDSM safety

Hannah-Laura Rudolph
Montana Kaimin

BDSM isn't a black and white topic. There are 50 shades of grey in between.

"Fifty Shades of Grey" is an erotic romance novel featuring bondage/discipline, dominance/submission and sadism/masochism, known colloquially as BDSM.

A local BDSM community member said the books are great for encouraging sexual self-expression, but that some people are putting themselves in dangerous situations.

"Anyone can pick up a flogger and start hitting someone, but to do it in a way that's safe and won't truly harm the recipient takes time and research," said Dovah, who asked the Kaimin to refer to her by her "domme" name in the BDSM community.

"It's a very taboo subject and I have people in my life who would not accept that particular lifestyle, including my family," she said. "It also protects the people who identify as my submissives so people won't begin to question them as well. Anonymity is extremely important in our community and outing someone is one of the worst possible things you could do."

The trilogy of books follows the relationship and sexual exploits of college graduate Anastasia Steele and businessman Christian Grey.

Doctor of Human Sexuality

and clinical sexologist Lindsey Doe said the books have brought much awareness to BDSM culture. She said it has prompted more discussion and normalized it in conversation.

"It's a starting point for dialogue, which may even be to say that this is not what practical BDSM looks like," she said. "On the negative side, you have a single perspective of BDSM, which can't be representative of all the experiences of BDSM."

The books have sold over 100 million copies, and helped popularize BDSM worldwide.

"The Fifty Shades of Grey' books are more than a trashy piece of literature. They're a gateway for many people into the world of BDSM," Dovah said.

Peer health educator Emily Cohen said she has done research on BDSM in Missoula. She said the "Fifty Shades of Grey" books give the community a bad image and that it goes against everything they practice and believe in.

"A lot of misconceptions about BDSM is that it is sexual abuse, that it is extremely violent and only aimed to hurt people," she said.

Cohen works for the Curry Health Center Wellness Office and plans on becoming a sex educator and counselor. She said she has never practiced BDSM herself, but has witnessed it at events before.

"People think that the main

thing is flogging and riding crops but there's a lot more to it. There's sensation play, there's fire play, there's ice play and a lot of stuff that doesn't even cause pain," she said.

Cohen said that bondage can be very dangerous; it can cause nerve damage and cut off circulation in limbs when done incorrectly.

Dovah said the BDSM community is all about safety and consent. She said the members meet before a scene to make sure everyone is educated about it and that everyone is consenting.

"I still ask my full-time submissives if they're okay with the tools I use and if there are any areas they are uncomfortable with on that day. After all, what is okay one day may not be okay the next," she said.

She said the community uses safe words and plans aftercare, a cool down scene where a "domme" will help bring the "sub" down from a euphoric state caused by adrenaline.

She said that drugs and alcohol are not tolerated during public events and that everyone who participates must be in a stable state of mind.

To learn more about the Missoula BDSM community, visit fetlife.com.

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New Kindle service challenges libraries

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Every chance she gets, sophomore Carissa Lund grabs her Kindle and settles into her bed, ready for the next adventure.

She's read hundreds of books on her tablet, from well-known classics to independent novels. Each year, it's cost her anywhere from \$100 to upwards of \$200, Lund said.

That's why Kindle Unlimited — a new service that's basically a library card for Kindle — sounds like an incredible deal, she said.

"There are so many books on my Kindle I've read, and now I just have [them] and I'll never read them again," said Lund.

The subscription service, released this summer, lets users read an unlimited number of e-books for \$120 a year.

"I think that's a really fair price — to buy a good book, like 'The Hunger Games,' is about \$16. If you could rent it for the month with other books, that'd be great," Lund said. "I like to read books really quickly, and go through them a lot. I buy a lot of books."

According to an Amazon press release, Kindle Unlimited is a perfect service for avid readers. It allows them to explore new authors and titles without worrying about the cost.

"With Kindle Unlimited, you won't have to think twice before you try a new author or genre — you can just start reading and listening," Russ Grandinetti, senior vice president of Kindle, said in a press release. "In addition to offering over 600,000 e-books, Kindle Unlimited is also by far the most cost-effective way to enjoy audiobooks and e-books together."

"In my humble opinion, no it's not," said Mansfield visual librarian Tammy Ravas. "Go to the library, go to some free websites, which give free access."

She's not the only one who feels this way.

"When I first heard of Kindle Unlimited, it sounded like a great opportunity for authors to reach readers," Smashwords founder Mark Coker said on a blog post. Smashwords is a company that helps independent authors publish e-books. "After reading the fine print, however, I've concluded it's a bad idea, not just for authors, but for readers as well."

One of the most common criticisms of Kindle Unlimited is their treatment of independent authors. According to PBS, of the 600,000 e-books available, 85 percent are self-published.

Money spent on self-published books goes into the Kindle Global Fund, a cash pool with which Amazon pays independent authors. Authors are paid based on how many books they sell compared to other self-published authors. For example, if 500,000 titles are downloaded and an author is responsible for half those sales, they'll get 50 percent of the KGF.

As of 2014, this fund is at \$2 million. But an author doesn't get paid unless customers read at least 10 percent of his or her book.

"I think the whole idea that people have to read 10 percent of the book before an author gets a royalty — that's terrible," Ravas said. "As librarians, we want to make sure people that are creating content are getting paid fairly."

Ravas said that isn't the worst part.

"There's the problem with exclusivity with self-publishers," Ravas said. "That is strange to me. You have these authors trying to get more exposure, and yet they have to sign this exclusivity agreement with Amazon and it's very frustrating."

In addition, Ravas said the 600,000 titles are nothing compared to the millions of books at the Mansfield center.

"You can check out for free here, a good, popular reading collection," Ravas said. "Yes, it's not going to be neatly on a Kindle, but you can still carry it

around with you. It's low-tech, you don't have to worry about the batteries dying."

The Kaimin tried to contact Amazon multiple times but received no response by press time.

The Kindle Unlimited controversy is only one feature of the murky world of digital media, Ravas said, particularly for libraries.

Libraries, which operate under section 109 of the copyright law, are trying to find their footing in the 21st century, she said. This section, known as the first-sale doctrine, allows copyrighted materials to be resold. It doesn't apply to digital media.

Ravas said the rationale is that digital media always replicates perfect copies, whereas hard copies can lose quality over time. However, she worries new technology means that what we have now will disappear.

"Our culture is going to be lost if libraries can't do the job they've always done, which is to preserve and create access to information," Ravas said.

Libraries are struggling to buy online products to lend, as companies are moving toward leasing agreements instead.

"We're moving now toward a culture where publishers are not selling us products, they are leasing us products," Ravas said. "Think of Academic Search Complete. The content within, some of it can be pulled at any time. Here today, gone tomorrow."

In fact, Ravas said clicking "buy" in a digital medium, say on iTunes or Kindle, isn't what it seems. These companies have the right to take back purchased media at any time. It's all written in the Terms of Service.

"I don't want to sound like I'm denigrating the technology or these services per se," Ravas said. "But I would like to see more variety in such services, I would like to see authors and artists getting fairly compensated."

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RUGBY

New rugby coach returns to UM

Seaborn Larson
Montana Kaimin

With the athleticism and size to dominate the Montana Rugby Union, the Jesters racked up a 28-game winning streak for their second straight title in 2013. Now the club team is hoping to stack its chances at a 3-peat with Eric Taber, the newest addition to the coaching staff.

Earlier this spring, Taber saw a job opening at the University of Montana as the athletic department's director of new media. The career choice pulled him back to where he started, the Jesters.

"It's pretty clear rugby has been the driving force in my life," Taber said. "That ultimately led me back home, Missoula."

After taking the job at UM in July, Taber emailed Skip Hegman, his former coach on the Jesters, hoping to land an assistant coaching spot.

"We were glad to get him back here like this," Hegman said. "We're happy to have someone with his level of experience and expertise."

Taber first learned the game in

1999, while on a college vacation in New Zealand. He returned to Missoula and played four years with the Jesters. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 2003, he was drafted to the Rugby Super League and played for teams in New York, Los Angeles and London.

In 2007, he worked at USA Rugby's head office in Boulder, Colo., and began making connections. The same year, he joined the University of Colorado club team as an assistant coach, winning a conference title in his first year.

Hegman, the Jesters head coach since 1995, said UM has had success playing its own brand of rugby in past years, but is at a perfect point to reorganize the team as a faster, hard-nosed unit. Hegman and Taber are looking to rebuild on a championship team that lost a few major players from its massive front line.

The Jesters new team president, junior Shane St. Onge, can see the advantages that come with an industry-veteran like Taber.

"He definitely has some things to utilize," St. Onge said. "He's got a lot of connections with USA Rug-

by, whether that's reaching out to get fundraisers going, or making connections to play on the road. We're picking up new drills and learning some new techniques on the field, simply getting better as a team."

Taber believes that with a higher level of technique and play, the Jesters could become something given little consideration: a club team that parallels University-sponsored athletics in terms of popularity.

But this idea wasn't new to Taber; he's made similar moves before.

Taber has been developing models and writings for how to grow the sport of rugby domestically. Between 2012 and 2013, Taber blogged for growrugby.com, covering different topics like successful points of hosting a rugby tournament and debating the financial principles of infrastructure in the sport.

Taber said the UM Jesters, a social club team with fewer obligations to University standards, would have a long way to go to achieve college sport status.

"Growing the team here doesn't



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Rugby coach Eric Taber speaks to the team alongside players Ty Trucco (left) and Andrew Blizka during practice at Dornblaser Field.

necessarily mean becoming a sanctioned varsity team," Taber said, "because there's a lot that has to go into that. The president of the University basically has to be 100 percent bought into the program." Taber's vision is simply a team that can be associated with the UM Grizzlies, and open dialogue between the University and the club organization.

St. Onge said goals to become a recognized college team instead of a club team are daunting, and that it may take a few years to build a strong relationship with the Uni-

versity. Right now, he's staring down the oncoming season that has yet to be scheduled.

"We should have a solid team this year," St. Onge said. "It's just a ways off; we haven't gotten to play together quite yet."

The Jesters began practicing at Dornblaser last week, the team's last season before officially moving to the fields south of the softball complex construction.

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FOOTBALL

Griz Notebook: Van explodes, Johnson to start



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Montana's running back Travon Van (8) scores a touchdown against Central Washington in the first half of the Grizzlies' 48-14 win on Saturday.

Andy Bixler

Montana Kaimin

What a difference a week makes.

Seven days after he was limited to just 19 yards rushing against the Wyoming Cowboys, the Montana Grizzlies running back Travon Van exploded Saturday for 153 yards of total offense and four touchdowns.

He's just so electrifying in space, that's what we have to do, we have to get him the ball,"

The senior running back scored his first three touchdowns on his first three touches of the 48-14 win over the Central Washington Wildcats.

They rushed for 298 yards against the Wildcats, 83 of which came from Van. He put up 70 yards receiving, making him Montana's top receiver and second-leading rusher Saturday, behind fellow senior Jordan Canada (96 yards on 15 carries).

said head coach Mick Delaney after Saturday's game. "We've got to get him the ball on some routes, we've got to get him the ball in the backfield."

It was a much better day overall for Montana's ground game, which only posted 42 combined rushing yards in the season opener the previous week.

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Coming into the game, the Montana coaching staff's goal was to mix Van's touches. He is listed as a running back, but only carried the ball three times Saturday.

"I'm enjoying it," Van said of the coaches' change of focus. "Like Coach Delaney was say-

ing, going out there and getting in space that's my main thing, and they all do a good job of picking plays and getting me out in space."

JOHNSON A-OK

Delaney said senior quarterback Jordan Johnson should be available to start against the University of South Dakota Coyotes following a concussion he suffered in the season opener against Wyoming.

"By Friday of last week he was feeling pretty darn good," Delaney said. "But it's still a process that you have to go through. I believe he threw a little bit (Monday), so that was the first day of real activity."

Johnson sat out the game against the Wildcats. He threw for 185 yards and one touchdown against the Cowboys.

FAMILIAR FOE

When Montana takes the field against South Dakota on Saturday, it will feel almost like

a Big Sky Conference game.

The two teams have met each of the past two years and both times the Griz have walked away with wins.

In 2012, Montana opened its season by hosting the Coyotes, cruising to a 35-24 victory.

Last year was a different story. The Coyotes had a 24-10 lead starting the second half, but a furious 14-point comeback in the fourth quarter, capped by a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Ellis Henderson, gave Montana a 31-27 win.

"We didn't play as well as we needed to," tight end Mitch Saylor said. "We kind of snuck away with one."

The Coyotes' coach is Joe Glenn, who brought Montana its last national championship in 2001 before leaving for Wyoming.

"They'll come in loaded for bear, so to speak, with guns flying," Delaney said. "This is a really important game for him and for us."

QUICK HITS:

Senior DE Zack Wagenmann recorded a sack on Saturday, bringing his career total to 23. The school record is 32.5 ... Van's 85-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter last Saturday was the fifth longest receiving touchdown in school history ... DT Caleb Kidder will miss the 2014 season due to an injury. Kidder was fourth among returning players last year with 40 tackles ... Delaney said WR Ellis Henderson, recovering from a bacterial infection, is 60-70 percent, and still won't play the whole game Saturday.

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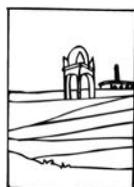
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