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ASUM SENATE

## First deaf senator elected to ASUM Senate

**Michael Wright**  
Montana Kaimin

It won't be the first time he's been the only deaf person in the room.

Kirk Hash, a well-bearded 38-year-old post-baccalaureate Missoula College student, is used to it by now. Next week, he's expected to be sworn in as the first deaf senator in the history of the Associated Students of the University of Montana.

"It was kind of a gamble," Hash said through a sign language interpreter, of applying for an open senate seat. "Roll of the dice, see what happens."

Hash applied for an open seat earlier this fall. He responded to the interview committee's questions via e-mail and not long after, learned he got a spot.

"It was very surprising, and overwhelming really," he signed.

Hash said he wants to represent Missoula College students in ASUM, a role which he said will become more important as the new campus gets built. Missoula College has one ASUM senator already.

The decision was made just under two weeks ago, and members of ASUM are excited for Hash to join them, though they acknowledge it won't be simple.

President Asa Hohman said it's been tough finding a sign



Annisa Keith/Montana Kaimin

Kirk Hash, left, signs to his interpreter, Brandy Reinhardt, on Tuesday in the TriO Student Support Services computer lab. Hash will be the first deaf ASUM senator to serve the University of Montana. He will be inducted next week.

language interpreter to work with Hash at the weekly meetings. Local interpreters have time conflicts those nights, so the likely option is an interpreter appearing via video, listening and interpreting for Kirk.

"We're figuring that out, but it's not going to be that hard,"

Hohman said.

He said Hash will bring a greater diversity of ideas to the group as both a non-traditional student and a deaf person.

Born in Chicago, Hash went deaf when he was 6 months

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## Missoula police arrest man accused of stealing bikes

**Brea Gaudioso**  
Montana Kaimin

A concrete saw, a concerned citizen and five months of investigation led to the arrest of a man accused of stealing hundreds of bikes: Jonathan Staggs.

According to a press release, the investigation gained momentum after a witness reported seeing a man taking a construction-grade concrete saw from a job site and returning to his home.

Detectives started to piece together cases with similar characteristics that all pointed to Staggs as the suspect and on Sept. 30, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Authorities have recovered hundreds of items, all believed to be connected to Staggs, including bicycles, bike accessories, tools, construction equipment and outdoor gear.

Police advise those who have reported a theft and think their property may have been recovered to contact Detective Brad Waln at his email address — [bwaln@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:bwaln@ci.missoula.mt.us). Callers should include the Missoula Police Department report number.

Because so many items were recovered, police are asking for patience in getting recovered items returned to their rightful owners.

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## ADVENTURES IN DISCOMFORT

Gaying my story  
By Caitlin Piserchia

I once asked a Nicaraguan gay rights activist about bisexuals in Nicaragua, and she told me there weren't any.

I seriously doubt that, but it wouldn't surprise me if there weren't many "out" bisexuals. Here's my theory on that: If you know you're super gay, you might decide to come out in a culture that's pretty homophobic. But if you have enough "straight feelings" to justify calling yourself straight, you're probably gonna stick with that as long as possible. I have experience with that kind of denial.

Growing up, I knew my family would totally survive if I were gay. My uncle came out before I was born, and most relatives worked through their homophobia a long time ago. My grandmother has since become an enthusiastic gay rights advocate. I also started college at a school where homophobia was extremely uncool, so I had a lot going for me in terms of embracing non-heterosexuality.

Early on in college, from the safety of a committed, hetero relationship, I decided yeah, I probably had some queer potential. But once I was single again and I found myself making out with a friend who was bi in real life, I became adamant about my straightness.

Embracing that "yeah, sexuality is fluid, man" is fine in the abstract, but I didn't want to actually rethink my identity. I backtracked to high school assumptions, reasoning that my capacity for crushing on male humans meant I was straight. I was used to ignoring feelings that didn't quite match that label. Taking myself out of the straight box would have meant letting go of assumptions that structured my world.

Thus began a nine-month-long period of clinging to the "straight" label while doing really gay things. I was dating a girl and simultaneously avoiding thinking about what that meant.

At what point do you start letting pieces of information that don't fit into a narrative change that narrative?

The girl I was dating wouldn't drop the issue; she insisted on pointing out the gay things we were doing and calling them gay. I stretched denial to its limits, and it eventually became more painful to stay in denial than to re-evaluate everything.

When I finally dropped the idea that I was "basically straight," I entered into freakout mode. The gray area between straight and gay doesn't have a lot of mile markers, and it wasn't an easy thing to navigate. For one, bisexuality kind of throws the idea of sexual "orientation" out the window, but no one talks about that. It took me a long time to stop evaluating what "percentage" gay or straight I was and accept that my attractions just varied from person to person.

Letting go of the idea that I was full-on hetero ultimately meant I could stop filtering out a lot of my feelings. It meant finally working through a lot of the internalized homophobia I didn't realize I was carrying. It meant letting go of a bunch of self-imposed guilt.

I was afraid of what would happen if I shook up my ideas about myself, but all I did was trade out a story society handed to me for one I wrote myself.

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## LETTERS to the EDITOR

LR-126 undermines Montana's democracy; vote no.

Montana's election system has been a shining example of ease and accessibility in allowing everyone to have their voice heard. This November, LR-126 seeks to place unfair hurdles in front of students, veterans, seniors and rural Montanans by eliminating Election Day registration. Since 2005, some 28,000

**H**e didn't look right. The throws weren't crisp or on-target. It was like he was in some sort of daze, but the game was still there for the taking.

Montana quarterback Jordan Johnson led his team into a tough matchup with FBS Wyoming to begin this football season. And they were hanging.

Johnson just needed to produce a few plays here and there to snag a win, but he was off.

It was hard to tell if it was early season rust. Maybe the offense wasn't clicking, but Montana took a 17-12 loss because of it.

The Griz headed home for an easier matchup against Central Washington. Johnson would rebound for sure. Only problem was, he wasn't on the field during practice.

He stood off to the side in sweats. Maybe they were just easing off a bit, the season was long and they needed Johnson for a long run, so why not give Shay Smithwick-Hann some reps?

They announced it Friday. Johnson suffered a concussion during the Wyoming game. He'd be sitting.

It all started to make sense.

I don't know when he suffered it, but Johnson played that entire game. Didn't seem like the coaches were too eager at any point to get him out of there. So how come it took them until after the fact?

I'm afraid it was for the same reason Michigan coach Brady Hoke seemed to let his 20-year-

old signal caller, Shane Morris, stay out there too. Selfishness. I wondered what Morris' parents were thinking. Everyone in the entire stadium knew he had a concussion, but still he played. But Hoke, the most important person to help decide his quarterback's condition, didn't know. Morris was pushed back off the sidelines by decades of history of football mistreating head injuries.

He played the rest of Michigan's loss to Minnesota in a haze. Hoke says he didn't know, probably because his team's medical staff never got a chance to evaluate him. It's clear Hoke was more concerned about his job than the health of his athlete. That's messed up.

The writing has been on the wall for a while now and Hoke knows it, so why put the potential long-term health of a kid you're supposed to care about at risk? Hundreds of students are protesting on the campus and they want heads to roll.

Michigan's athletic director and Hoke will have a hard time living this one down. They can hear the students marching loudly. The students want them to protect their players.

So this is how one of the most premiere programs in all of NCAA's athletics crumbles... with a blow to the head. I wondered if it'd happen here. Concussions are too severe to take lightly now and these coaches know that. The effects later in life are debilitating, and are even scaring parents away from letting young ones play youth football.

So what good are a few blazing years of football if the rest of your life is spent trying to remember them? Troy Aikman had to write down his hotel number by the end of his career. Junior Seau took his life because of the effects of repeated head injuries.

The silent killer haunts the NCAA too. Thousands of ex-NCAA football players suffer silently at the result of years of reckless coaches forcing their needs on young men.

Former Griz quarterback Dave Dickenson, perhaps the greatest Grizzly of all time, finished his career because of head injuries, so Griz fans know how devastating they can be.

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This is not the first time we've seen Election Day registration attacked by misguided actors in our legislature. Five times before they have tried, and each time Montanans have stood up and defeated their partisan efforts. Let's do it again. Please join me in protecting Montana's democracy this November. Vote no on LR-126.

Blayne Metz  
Troy



## FOURTH AND 26

Head Games  
By Jesse Flickinger

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# ASUM cancels meeting as executives head to D.C.

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Montana Kaimin

The student government canceled its meeting this week as the president and vice president traveled across the country.

Associated Students of the University of Montana President Asa Hohman and Vice President Sean McQuillan are attending the American Student Government Association conference in Washington, D.C. this week.

ASUM is spending just under \$3,500 to send them there, which covers travel, food, lodging and registration for the conference.

They canceled the weekly meeting after deciding nothing important was on the agenda.

McQuillan announced the cancellation in a campus-wide e-mail late Monday afternoon.

Hohman said canceling a meeting is standard practice when two of the executives can't attend, though

two other meetings this year have taken place in their absence.

The pair missed one meeting because of illness and once because they were at the state Board of Regents meeting in Billings. Business Manager Ryan Hazen ran the meetings in their absence.

When he and McQuillan were sick, Hohman said they decided to skip the meeting only a couple of hours beforehand. The other meeting they missed was a student group travel allocation meeting, which ASUM's own policies require to occur on a certain day each semester.

Hazen said whatever would have been discussed this week would be put off until the next meeting. He said a few procedural changes to the group's policies were set to be discussed, as well as the addition of an ASUM representative to the City Council.

He added that a resolution concerning ASUM support for Rafter,

the company that wants to run a mandatory program to loan students textbooks each semester for a flat rate, is slated for next week's meeting.

Hohman said ASUM executives haven't attended the conference since 2012, when Zach Brown and Bryn Hagfors were president and vice president, respectively.

Time is set aside during the conference for Hohman and McQuillan to lobby Montana's members of Congress.

McQuillan said he plans to ask about funding for Pell Grants, a federal need-based grant program to help students pay for school.

Changes in the way Congress funds the program have eliminated the opportunity for students to get a Pell Grant for summer classes nationwide, causing some to shy away from opportunities to get ahead in their programs.

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Enhance the student government's image

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Find out how to maximize the budget

Things the president and vice president should learn at the ASGA conference

(according to www.asgaonline.com)

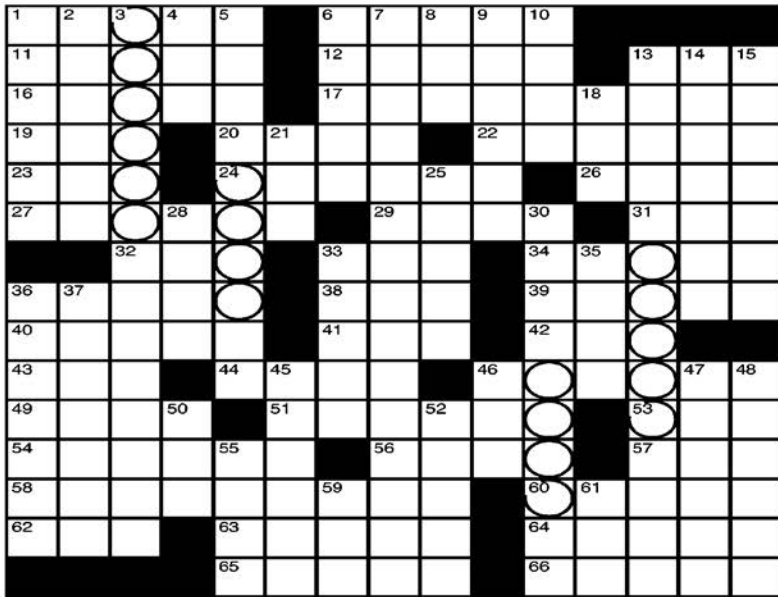
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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

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- 11 Town in a Hersey title
- 12 Book before Joel
- 13 Roadie's burden
- 16 Like some ALS Ice Bucket Challenge videos
- 17 Home of the bush ballad
- 19 Greek letter
- 20 Take in
- 22 Hardest to get close to
- 23 Rocky pinnacle
- 24 Brit who might lose a stone?
- 26 \_\_\_ tape
- 27 Cicero, for one
- 29 From the top
- 31 Half a drink
- 32 CV component
- 33 Three sheets to the wind
- 34 Selassie of Ethiopia
- 36 Stew base
- 38 Snake eye?
- 39 Doctoral candidate's hurdle
- 40 Seventh-century pope
- 41 Blu-ray player ancestor
- 42 Swindle
- 43 Sturdy tree
- 44 Astra or Insignia
- 46 Salad vegetable
- 49 DWI-fighting gp.
- 51 Genesis
- 53 "\_\_\_ Cried": 1962 hit for Jay and the Americans
- 54 Prepares (oneself), as for combat
- 56 Pooch sans papers
- 57 Diminutive, diminutively
- 58 Fated
- 60 Send, in a way
- 62 Ice cream maker Joseph
- 63 Bars with character, to some
- 64 Slower than adagio



By Jeffrey Wechsler

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- 65 Act surprised
- 66 Puts on cargo

**DOWN**

- 1 Donated for the benefit of
- 2 One checking stories
- 3 Classic music hall song that lent its melody to the "Howdy Doody" theme
- 4 Santa \_\_\_ Mountains
- 5 Lake Erie city
- 6 Trading unit
- 7 Apt challenger of this puzzle's circled locations
- 8 Long-eared beast
- 9 Hit the hay
- 10 Painter Chagall
- 13 Unalaska, e.g.
- 14 Name incorrectly
- 15 McDonald's supply
- 18 Succor
- 21 Service station offering
- 25 Wide key

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 30 "No one knows"
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- 37 Like family
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- 47 Certain Muslim
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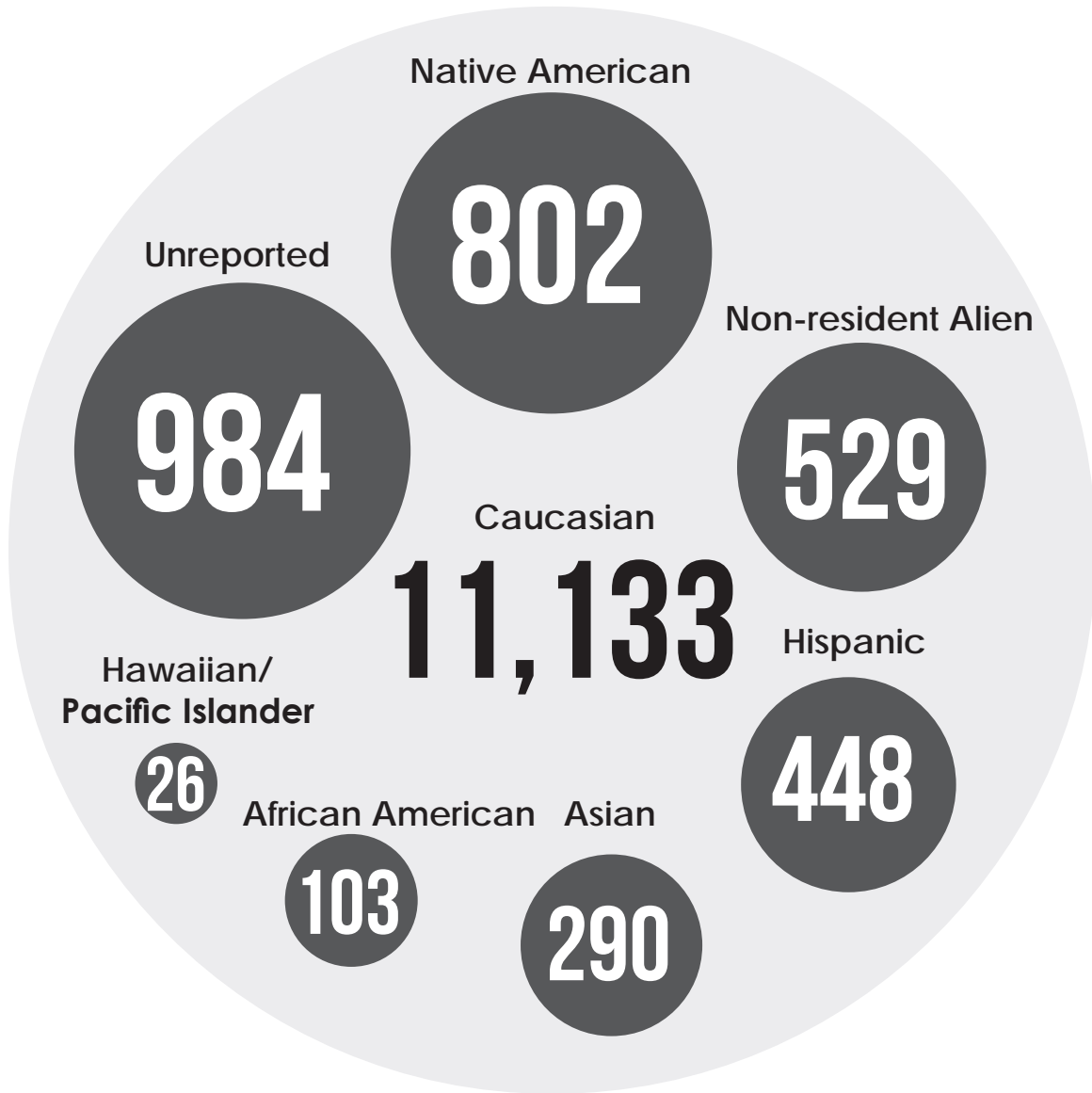
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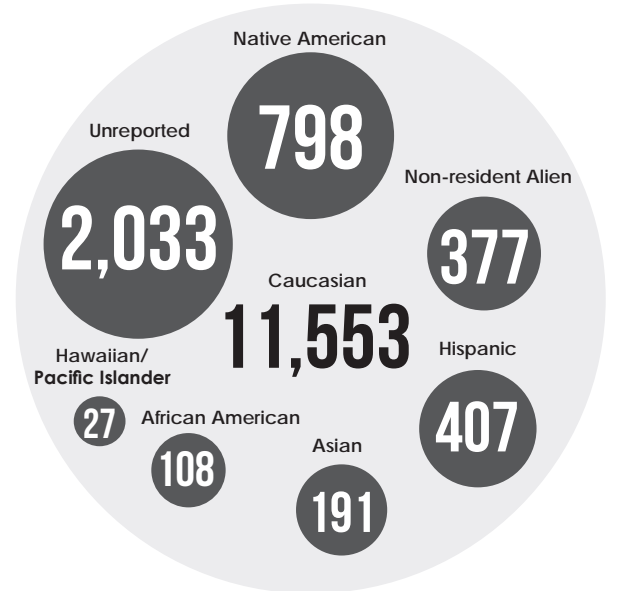
DIVERSITY

# The long road to equality

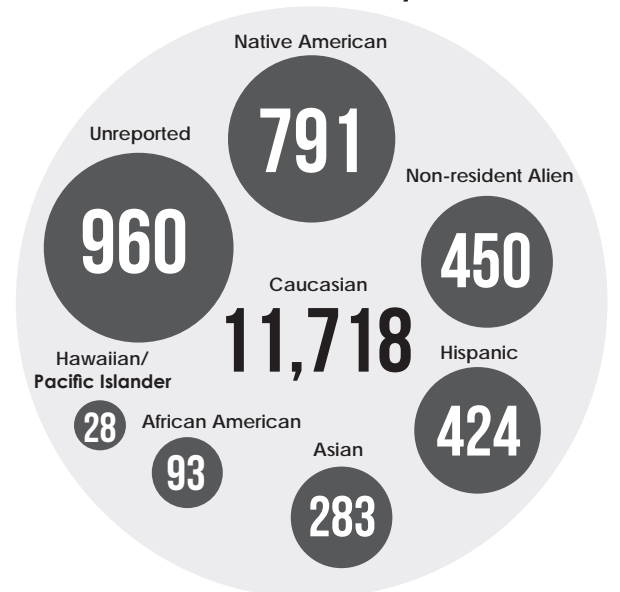
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2011 Total **15,669**



2012 Total **14,946**



UM ethnic demographics by year

Pie charts by James Alan Rolph

## Campus ignorance toward minorities sparks diversity initiative

**Courtney Anderson**  
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana's Diversity Advisory Council intends to create a diversity general education requirement and conduct a faculty diversity workshop, after a survey revealed some students feel misrepresented on UM's campus.

The momentum for change comes from a focus study that the DAC conducted last spring. The study interviewed students of diverse backgrounds, ethnicities and genders about their experience at UM.

"Historically marginalized

and underrepresented groups really feel that the campus climate is a cold one, especially as it pertains to racial difference," Heather Bruce, professor and DAC co-chair, said.

From January to May last semester, the DAC interviewed volunteers from different backgrounds, including international, Latino, Native American, African American, non-Christian and veteran students. The study also included students of diverse gender identities and sexual orientations.

Some of the issues that students reported during the focus study included faculty sin-

gling-out students to represent a certain demographic.

"Some of the comments that we received were, 'If anybody even mentions diversity, they look to the one person of color in class and say, 'Speak for all of your people,'" Bruce said.

He added that ignorance on the part of faculty and staff can make students' experience at UM difficult.

About eight students from each group participated, and 12 faculty and staff members also engaged in the focus study.

The DAC responded to the study's results by creating subcommittees to oversee the

development of a new general education requirement and a faculty workshop on diversity.

The two initiatives are designed to complement each other.

Professors who participate in the workshop could incorporate that information into their classes, and then potentially qualify the class to fill the diversity general education requirement.

"The folks who participate would bring in their syllabi to the classes that they are already teaching," Bruce said. "And we would spend time to look at materials and ideas, for

any number of classes, and just shift the perspective to fulfill a diversity requirement."

However, these changes may take a long time to implement, Bruce said. The faculty senate would have to approve the change in general education requirements, and at the earliest, it could be implemented by next fall.

"I think beginning the conversation is really important and the fact that it will take time and it will be difficult is not a reason not to attempt it," Bruce said.

Desiree Acholla graduated



GREEK LIFE

# Fraternities say "Yes!" to sexual assault training

**Erin Loranger**  
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University of Montana fraternities and sororities have a chance to reconcile the image of being dangerous grounds, said Sexual Assault Prevention Coordinator Kimberly Brown Campbell.

Brown Campbell said the Campus Assault Prevention Office is preparing to educate students for a peer program that offers all fraternities and sororities — as well as other student organizations — bystander intervention training to prevent sexual assault.

The program is shifting toward being peer-focused because students are often the witness to an attack, making them the first responder.

Avon is providing \$5,000 to fund the training for peer educators.

Brown Campbell said fraternities and sororities have previously been viewed as a high-risk area for sexual assault.

"It's bringing the community and the campus together for one, and I think that fraternities and sororities are ready to ditch that image of 'This is where these things occur,'" she said.

Out of the seven fraternities on campus, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Chi have expressed an interest in the program, Brown Campbell said.

The training aims to help students recognize when something questionable is happening and how to stop it. Along with the issues connected to catcalling and degrading jokes, Brown Campbell said students learn about resources available on campus.

The bystander intervention program, run by the Campus

Assault Prevention Office, is in partnership with the outreach office of the Student Assault Resource Center.

More bystander intervention training sessions will be possible in the spring once undergraduate peer educators have completed their training, Brown Campbell said.

"We want to make sure that when they get tough questions they can answer them and feel comfortable with their answers," she said.

Brown Campbell said the training is just as important for men in Greek Life as it is for women.

"With bystander, what we're really trying to promote is that it's everybody's issue and everybody needs to respond and that the gender piece doesn't matter," she said.

Stepping away from sexual assault being just a gender is-

sue helps avoid further stigmatizing groups like fraternities or athletes, she said.

"It's a public health issue, not like all men are rapists," Brown Campbell said, "and I think that sometimes it seemed to be stuck in that place."

Sigma Phi Epsilon President Chance Carter first heard about the training at the beginning of the semester through Make Your Move, a Missoula campaign to end sexual assault, which will assist in the training.

Since joining Greek Life, Carter said he's been aware of the stigma that fraternities are places where sexual assault can easily occur. The training could help them step out of that image, he said.

"I think it's important that, especially for Sig Ep and especially for the fraternities that are on our campus, that we

strive to be the change that we want to see," he said.

Carter said Sigma Phi Epsilon is planning on participating in the training but hasn't been able to set a date yet.

Alpha Phi President Katelyn Frank said sexual assault isn't more prevalent in the Greek system, but is a campus-wide issue. She said she's interested in the tools bystander intervention training can provide.

After a sorority member was attacked last November while walking through the Greek housing neighborhood, Frank said she realized there's a need for further education.

"I think as the president for one — and even as a member of this sorority — my number one priority is to keep my members safe," she said. "The last thing I want to do is get a call that one of my girls is hurt."

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## BYSTANDER TRAINING

If you'd like to schedule bystander training for your class or organization, call Kimberly Brown Campbell, Campus Assault Prevention Coordinator, at 243-4104

SARC Advocates provide confidential support for survivors of sexual assault and violence focused on safety. Call 243-6559 for support or come to Curry Health Center room 108 from 9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. No appointment is necessary.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER

## DIVERSITY From page 4

from UM in anthropology and participated in the focus study during her last semester at UM.

"As a black student, as a black woman on campus, I would have to say that most of my negative interactions came from professors and the administration," Acholla said.

She said that most of the situations that she remembers as being negative rarely came from other students.

"When it came to situations of racial discussion, ethnicity and diversity discussions — these kinds of issues, which are part of my daily life — it seems that I was being asked to use my experience as a teaching tool," Acholla said.

She said that volunteering that information to the class is different than being asked by the professor.

"I'm having to put my own

life up for criticism," Acholla said. "It felt like I was putting my humanity up against somebody who has a PhD."

Acholla said in one of her classes they read a story on black women and she emailed the professor about the racist tone of the article. She said the professor disagreed in the email and brought their discussion back to class without Acholla's consent.

"There is a time and a place when you need to bring the discussion back to the classroom, but some professors maybe don't have the tools to differentiate what should stay outside of the classroom and what should stay inside," Acholla said.

She said that students don't need to extend the diversity conversation as much as the administration does.

"I feel like when it comes to students having whatever kind of white supremacist ideology,

if they come into school with that, the problem is that faculty reinforce it," Acholla said.

This summer, Acholla found racist notes tucked in books in the ethnicity section within the social sciences category of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. She said that the staff at the reference desk showed concern about the note, which contained racist terms followed by "they appear to have aids" and "no future."

"Those would not be upsetting if they didn't seem to be reinforced by people running the institution," Acholla said.

Dara Guedem, a graduate student in economics, came to UM from Chad in 2007.

She said most of the problems she encountered were not with professors or students, but in restaurants and with people that she had short interactions with on campus.

"People didn't really have patience, and would say 'nev-

er mind' when I was learning English," Dara said. "Overall though, I've had a good experience here."

Bruce said that the DAC wants to explore students issues further, and have discussed providing a campus climate study.

The study would ask questions about student, faculty and staff experience with diversity on campus.

He said that to get the faculty on board, the DAC needs students on board.

"Everyone's saying that student populations are shifting in terms of their makeup and it's good for the University of Montana to get on board with this," Bruce said. "It will be good for us, our students, and it will ensure our liability and longevity to become far more sensitive to issues surrounding diversity."

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Double trouble: Schile sisters suit up for Griz volleyball

**Joshua Thomas**

Montana Kaimin

In her first match in a Montana Grizzlies volleyball uniform, the Griz were down 22-17 to Cal Poly with freshman Taylor Schile setting up to serve.

Taylor stunned the crowd, serving five straight points to pull Montana back into the contest. Her older sister, senior Kelsey Schile, looked on in excitement.

The sisters were back in the game.

Now both at UM, the Schile sisters are linking up in hopes of taking this year's volleyball squad to the next level.

Taylor said she is already enjoying her stay in Missoula.

"I really like it here," Taylor said. "It's a great atmosphere in front of a great fan base, and the team has good chemistry. Something I'm picking up is trying to stay positive all the time and being confident and picking up my teammates when they need it."

The Griz have needed that positivity early in their season, getting off to a rough 0-12 start.

But Montana did pick up two important conference road wins against Weber State and Montana State this last weekend.

"During those games, we played a lot of tough teams, teams from bigger conferences than us," Kelsey said. "After a while, we realized these teams are really talented and the fact that we are hanging with them and competing — especially with a lot of our younger players getting court time — it's a great sign for us."

The two picked up the sport watching their older sister Kayla play. During her games, the sisters would grab a ball and go off to the side to practice hitting against the wall.

Later on, the sisters spent two years playing together on Eastview High School's varsity team in Apple Valley, Minn.

"Taylor made varsity as an eighth grader, and I was a junior for the first year we played together," Kelsey said. "Then going into her freshman year, my senior year, we got another year of playing time together which was really fun and great for us."

Making the team at such a young age, Taylor had apparent skill.

The sisters made for a dom-



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Kelsey Schile (left) and her sister Taylor discuss what it's like to be playing on the same team. Taylor is an incoming freshman and her sister Kelsey, a senior. The Montana Grizzlies volleyball team play at home this weekend against North Dakota and Northern Colorado.

inant tandem, finishing their two years together in high school with a combined 33-23 record, according to MaxPreps.com.

While Kelsey left for her freshman year at Montana, Taylor stayed home and finished her career at Eastview, continuing to hone her game for the college level. The only question was where that would be.

"I was being recruited my sophomore year of high school," Kelsey said. "Coach Wagner was able to watch Taylor play when they were watching me for my recruiting, and they loved watching her play. When the time came for her to go to college, they told her that they had a position for her."

One might expect a sibling rivalry to brew up at times, but the sisters insist that each other's presence is a motivator.

"We do play different positions, but I'm not afraid to tell her what she's doing wrong out on the court, and that works vice versa," Kelsey said. "It's constructive criticism."

"I think we help push each other and get it together when we're struggling," Taylor said.

"We don't really have to worry about offending one another because we're sisters."

So Taylor always listens with an open ear.

"I try to take all the advice from her that I can," Taylor said. "She obviously has a couple years of experience on me, and she knows more. She's usually right, so when she tells me something, I listen."

The sisters hope to make their last season together count. Carrying on the Schile name in UM volleyball is an honor the two don't take lightly.

"It's an exciting thing," Kelsey said. "Not a lot of people get to play a sport at the college level with their sibling and have family member after family member play at the same college."

Having her sister by her side for her first year in college has been a nice perk for Taylor.

"I like having her here, so if I get homesick, I'm not alone," Taylor said. "I'm excited to get to play together again, and I'm excited to see what the future has in store for our team."

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CROSS COUNTRY

# Cross country's sweet 16

## Mengitsu adds youth to UM squad

**Sam Waldorf**  
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A notification popped up on Dawit Mengistu's Facebook.

The message was from a 16-year-old curious for advice from an older athlete on how to become a Division I cross country runner.

After listening to Mengistu's advice, the high schooler asked Mengistu how old he was.

"I'm 16, just like you," Mengistu said. "And he just told me straight up, 'I'm not going to listen to anything that you just said.'"

Mengistu is one of two freshmen runners on Montana's men's cross country team.

The Griz competed in the Montana State Invitational on Sept. 20, taking fourth place, and will host the Montana Invitational this Saturday at the University of Montana golf course.

Though Montana's competed well so far, Mengistu said being 16 and on the squad has its negative aspects.

"When people find out I'm 16, it changes everything," said Mengistu, who started kindergarten early and skipped the third grade. "It's a little annoying. They just treat you more like a teenager, but that just

comes with the territory."

So how does a 16-year-old find himself in a Division I program? Email.

During his senior year of high school, Mengistu emailed over 300 Division I coaches around the country. What Mengistu told them was simple.

"Just give me a chance, and let me prove myself," said Mengistu in the email. Montana cross country coach Collin Fehr liked what he heard.

"I got to know him and he just seems incredibly motivated," Fehr said. "He hasn't been running that long, so he has lots of potential."

Mengistu runs around 10 miles a day, in addition to weight lifting in the afternoons. Mengistu said that's what it takes to be successful in a sport that pushes athletes to their limits.

"It's not fake," Mengistu said about athletes collapsing across the finish line. "If you are doing it right, you feel like you absolutely are going to die in the last two miles."

Mengistu started running as a junior at Tumwater High School in Tumwater, Wash. He moved there from Sacramento, his birthplace, when he was 5 years old.

Mark Messmer, a captain on the cross country team, said Mengistu is obsessed with cross country. He even knows useless stats about professional and collegiate runners.

"He understands and accepts that his racing performances will not contribute to the team this year," Messmer said, "but that he will be expected to be a leader in a couple years."

This has to do not only with Mengistu's ability, but with his maturity. Running at a Division I level isn't just demanding physically, but mentally.

"He will be so much more advanced mentally than other kids his age," Fehr said.

Running at a collegiate level is just a different animal compared to high school athletics.

In high school, Mengistu didn't care what he ate. Now, he watches what he eats, how much he sleeps and what he does in his spare time, always keeping running in mind.

"We are doing a lot more stuff than I did in high school, and it is meant for someone more physically developed than I am," Mengistu said, "but even though I am younger, I have to feel confident that I can always win."

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## Montana 7th, Montana State 13/15 in FCS Poll

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The Montana and Montana State football teams remain ranked in the top 15 in the Football Championship Subdivision polls.

Montana is ranked seventh in both The Sports Network and the coaches' polls while Montana State is ranked 13th by the media and 15th by the coaches.

Both teams won their weekend games and maintained their rankings in The Sports Network poll, but Montana

fell a spot and Montana State moved up two spots in the coaches' poll.

Three-time defending national champion North Dakota State remains first, followed by Eastern Washington and Coastal Carolina.

In the NAIA, Carroll College held onto its fifth-place ranking despite having a bye week. Unbeaten Southern Oregon is still ranked 7th and Eastern Oregon is up four spots to 17th after its 27-24 win over previously 10th-ranked Rocky Mountain. Rocky fell to 18th.

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old due to a high fever, but his family didn't know until he was 2 years old. He was watching "Sesame Street" one day and didn't respond to his mother calling his name.

"My mom just thought it was really peculiar," he said.

She took him to a family doctor who performed a hearing test, but couldn't determine that he was deaf. Then they went to an audiologist, who confirmed it.

"I am full deaf," he said. "There's nothing."

Hash said it's something he learned to live with quickly. His

parents started trying to learn sign language immediately—his mom learned quickly, while his dad still struggles from time to time.

He learned sign language by grabbing their books and studying them, even as a 2-year-old. He would see a picture of a ball and the sign demonstration next to it, and he'd learn it. The conceptual and visual nature of the language helped him pick it up quickly, he said.

His parents moved the family from Chicago to Philipsburg, where he and his three younger siblings were raised.

He graduated from the Montana School for the Deaf and

Blind, and the University of Montana was the logical choice for college because of its proximity to his hometown.

In 1999, Hash graduated from the University as a University Scholar, meaning he'd completed the Davidson Honors College program — the first deaf person to do so, he noted proudly.

He wanted to attend graduate school, but his scores on the GRE and his writing abilities weren't up to snuff, so he spent the next 13 years working various jobs, mostly in data entry.

He didn't like his job prospects, so he decided to go back to school to get a more practical

skill. He joined the Missoula College medical information technology program, and expects to graduate next spring.

All the while, Hash took leadership positions in both local and statewide clubs for deaf people. He's been the president of the Missoula Club of the Deaf since 2005, and has been involved in the Montana Association of the Deaf since the same year.

When he returned to school at Missoula College, he joined Phi Theta Kappa. There, he worked with Sarah Smith, a current ASUM senator and recent Missoula College graduate.

Smith said he will be a great representative for the Missoula College, and that his life experiences will be great for ASUM, especially as someone who graduated from college once before.

"Some of what he can offer is institutional memory," she said. "He's seen kind of the evolution of UM."

Business manager Ryan Hazen said his perspectives on Disability Services for Students will be important as well.

"It's kind of a pocket of campus I don't think the average senator is very familiar with," Hazen said.

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