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Police seek information on reported rape

Jessie Mazur
Montana Kaimin

An unidentified woman told a student she was raped early Tuesday morning, the University of Montana Police Department said.

The student, who filed the report with police, said he was sitting in his car near the Forest Service building when the woman approached him, told him she had been raped and then “broke down in tears and took off.” The man reportedly called a Craig Hall resident assistant who contacted police a little after 1 a.m.

“We don’t know if the female was a student,” said Peggy Kuhr, vice president of integrated communications.

At least half a dozen Missoula city and campus police officers searched the area but couldn’t find the woman.

A “timely warning” released just after noon Tuesday informed students of the incident via email and text message. The message asked anyone with information to contact UMPD.

A group of six administrators, including Kuhr and President Royce Engstrom, decided to issue the warning almost 11 hours after the incident was reported.

“We think there’s no immediate evidence of an ongoing threat,” Kuhr said, “but we err on the side of letting people know.”

The six administrators, who Kuhr called an “Emergency Response Team,” use a mass notification system called Regroup to alert students of emergencies or otherwise concerning situations. Every student with a UM email address or who signed up

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Vietnam War author visits campus

Courtney Anderson
Montana Kaimin

For the first time, the University of Montana and the Missoula Public Library partnered to bring a world-renowned author to campus.

Tim O’Brien came to campus Tuesday night to talk about storytelling, his book “The Things They Carried” and answer questions about his life as an author and a Vietnam veteran. O’Brien’s book was selected as the official book for UM’s first-year reading program for freshmen.

When he was a freshman in college, O’Brien said he thought there were firm answers to life questions. But in his book, he tries to challenge the acceptance of absolute beliefs.

“One day you think you’re a nice person and the next, you’re off killing people in a war. I wanted to play with that in the book, with that blur of what we think is firm, set reality,” he said. So it’s not just in literature, it’s being a human and watching out for absolutsim and your declaration about how the world is, to have a little humility.”

O’Brien spoke about his collection of fictional short stories about Vietnam in the afternoon for first-year UM students.

UM’s Office of the Provost and the Missoula Public Library funded the event. Part of the library’s funding came from a national grant, called “The Big Read,” a program that encourages reading for enjoyment and enlightenment.

“A lot of students here at Missoula have a background in Vietnam and we hope that will encourage them to read the book,” said Megan Stark, a librarian at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, said because of the partnership, Missoula has

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Welding demand overcrowds Missoula College

Charlie Ebbers
For the Montana Kaimin

In an industrial shop just west of city limits, Missoula College students practice groove welds under the watchful eye of instructors. All workbenches are taken, and students collaborate on their projects.

In the hustle of the welding shop, Ryan Wicks, 26, cleans and prepares material for a steel box he needs to finish.

“This program throws you right into the fire,” the second-year welding student said. “You get to weld your first week.”

But Missoula College’s welding program is too crowded, causing the college to start a waitlist for fall 2015.

Welding is one of the most sought-after programs in Montana. No other program at the two-year college registered a similar leap, and few on the main campus did.

The welding technology program has grown 60 percent this year at Missoula College, according to the University’s fall 2014 enrollment report. The same report revealed a 3.2 percent enrollment decline at the University.

“I waited two years to get into the welding program,” Levi Bessette, a second-year welding student, said.

After graduating from high school, Bessette earned a living as a union sheet metal worker. He didn’t like his work environment, so he decided to go back to school for a hands-on program.

He said the traditional classroom wasn’t for him.

Once he got in, his prospects rose quickly. Last summer, he landed an internship in Casper, Wyo., where he worked with professionals in the oil and gas industry.

He felt competent going to work after his first year of classes.

Other welding programs across Montana are also at full capacity.

Compared to tuition for a full-time University student, Montana’s trade schools are more affordable. In-state trade school students pay $3,000 to $5,500 per year, while in-state university students pay $6,550 to $6,800 per year.

Students take classes on the fundamentals of welding and classes in the shop. The Mis-

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It's perfectly understandable that Reinvest Montana couldn't reach the critical mass necessary to evoke any actual change when the majority of students ditched beer cans on their lawns. For all our talk of sustainability and love of nature, Missoula residents lack the will to recycle. It's not that people don't try — my roommates spent years failing to find surefire ways to keep our waste out of landfills — it's that the majority doesn't care enough. When you grow up drinking Mountain Dew out of a different “big gulp” every day, it's hard to find reasons to stop throwing them at deer.

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Recycling is apolitical for everyone who doesn't own Dasani. Using objects repeatedly to save money and resources isn't a partisan issue, but it hurts extractive industries who somehow still have plenty of money to throw around. In the name of jobs (temporary, unsustainable things), Montana timber and mining companies would prefer we wring every last drop of profit from this world even as the sandstorms bury our metropolises and the birds plummet to the Earth by the billions.

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Change on a large scale requires change on a small scale. If communities such as ours can't find ways to make citizens aware, reduce and reuse, we're destined to claw our way atop the majority doesn't care quite enough. When you grow up drinking Mountain Dew out of a different “big gulp” every day, it's hard to find reasons to stop throwing them at deer.

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for text alerts received a message.

A federal law requires schools to alert students as soon as there is an indication of an “immediate threat to the safety of the campus community,” Kuhr said. Since September 2013, UM has issued three timely warnings and four incidents prompted emergency alerts.

It is University policy that at least two members of the response team must agree to issue a campus-wide alert. If a situation isn’t dangerous enough to be considered an emergency, Kuhr said they will sometimes issue a warning if it will not interfere with law enforcement investigations and there’s potential risk of continuing danger.

A single incident might not be cause for alarm, but a pattern of incidents might indicate an “ongoing threat,” Kuhr said. The University issued a timely warning in September 2013 after more than one female student reported a man followed her to her room and touched her inappropriately.

The reports were consistent with Missoula Police reports that charged a former UM employee with 12 sex-related crimes. Another emergency alert was issued in November 2013 after a student reported being groped in the stairwell of the Liberal Arts Building by who police believe to be the same man.

Kuhr said the emergency response team chose to inform students about Tuesday’s reported rape to remind students of the sexual assault resources available to them and to encourage anyone with information to come forward.

“We don’t even know where the assault happened or if she was a student. If we get the word out to the woman who said she was raped, that would mean she has connections to campus and she needs to know where resources are,” Kuhr said.

She said they chose to wait until noon the next day to inform students because they wanted to make sure they wouldn’t interfere with investigations if Missoula Police picked up the case.

UMPD is in charge of continuing investigations. Anyone with more information regarding the incident can contact the department at 406-243-6131.
The Montana Grizzlies suffered their first conference loss last Saturday on the road against the Cal Poly Mustangs. And, as has been the case in all three of their losses this season, the Griz failed to rush for more than 100 yards as a team.

Montana ran for 78 yards against the Mustangs, 42 yards in the season-opening loss to Wyoming and 68 in a 22-10 defeat at the hands of FCS No. 1 North Dakota State.

A week after scoring three touchdowns on the ground, senior Jordan Canada was held to 26 yards. His backfield mate, Travon Van, ran for 45.

"We didn’t put enough points on the board (against Cal Poly)," head coach Mick Delaney said. "This is a team game, and we tell the guys if they have 50, we’ve got to have 51. We didn’t score enough on offense."

But sophomore wide receiver Ryan Burke said all isn’t lost quite yet. If Montana wins the rest of its games this season, it will be guaranteed at least a share of the regular-season title.

"Losing’s obviously not fun no matter what the situation is," he said. "But the best thing about losing is the sun always comes up the next day."

ROAD ISSUES

Another trend in Montana’s losses this season has been where they take place — on the road.

Montana has outscored opponents 156 to 75 in games played at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, but has been outscored in away games by a margin of 58 to 95.

"When you go out into warm-ups last week (against Cal Poly), whose stadium holds a little over 10,000 when full) and there’s not that many people there, it feels like a different atmosphere, and we have to kind of do self-motivation on the road to get going."

Two of Montana’s next four games are on the road, including a Nov. 8 matchup against No. 6 Eastern Washington.

BURKE-LY

A quarterback controversy might be brewing for the Grizzlies.

Following his 50-yard completion to fellow wide receiver Josh Jannsen Saturday, Ryan Burke holds a 66 percent completion percentage for the season (2-3) with one touchdown.

His passer efficiency rating is 389.5

"It’s nice to have a receiver like Josh or Jamaal (Jones) going up for the ball," Burke said. "It’s really a cool thing to throw it up and have them go get it, and it’s worked twice so hopefully we’ll do it again.”

As a receiver, however, Burke has made even more of an impact for Montana.

The Billings native has hauled in nine catches for 112 yards and a score this season, and will look to get more playing time now that Ellis Henderson has left the team for the season to combat a virus.

"It’s kind of been a dream for a long time to play on that field out there, so I’ll take whatever role I’ll be given," he said. “I’ve been fortunate.”

QUICK HITS

Linebacker Kendrick Van Ackeren, who left Saturday’s game after a blow to the head, passed a concussion test and will play next week … DE Zack Wagenmann’s half a sack against the Mustangs gave him 9.5 for the season. … Eastern Washington was also handed its first conference loss of the season Saturday, losing to Northern Arizona 28-27.
It seems like Lady Griz senior Maggie Rickman has played the same people in practice forever. The team started official 6 a.m. practices in October, and it’s been monotonous.

That will change Wednesday when the Lady Griz have their annual Maroon and Silver Scrimmage at 7 p.m.

The scrimmage is the first official item on Montana’s schedule and gets the team in a game mindset.

“I think it’s exciting to get back in front of our fans. It’s a glimpse into the season,” sophomore Alycia Sims said. “When we’re playing in front of fans and in our arena, we feel like we’re back into the season again. It will be interesting this year to see how we all mesh on the floor in a more game-like setting.”

Usually, the Maroon team is made up of players head coach Robin Selvig thinks will start and the Silver is the rest of the team. At halftime, he mixes them up.

But this year might be different as the team deals with injuries. Some players are battling minor injuries, while redshirt senior Carly Selvig, redshirt junior Haley Vining and redshirt sophomore Shanae Gilham are recovering from more severe injuries. Vining and Selvig are limited to shooting at practice, while Gilham practices every other day.

“For us, we just want them to get better and have our players back,” Rickman said. “They do nothing but benefit us. They’re slowly getting back into it.”

With a shortage of players, others have had to fill in, some earlier than expected. Sims said freshman guard Sierra Anderson has picked up plays quickly and is meshing well with the team. Rickman said sophomore Kayleigh Valley has become more aggressive and will be an important part of the offense.

The Lady Griz were picked second this year in the Big Sky Conference coaches’ preseason poll. North Dakota, last year’s regular season co-champion and tournament host, was tabbed to finish first.

Last year, the Lady Griz finished third in the conference standings and finished 14-6 in conference and 23-11 overall. The team hosted two games in Missoula for the Women’s National Invitation Tournament. They lost the next game to San Diego.

“Every year, the goal for the Lady Griz is to win the conference tournament and play in the NCAA tournament. In her final season, redshirt senior Kellie Cole Rubel just wants to be a leader on the court," Cole Rubel said. "And that our team can do the best that they could and not have any regrets.”

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Redshirt junior Carly Selvig, right, looks to score during last year’s Maroon and Silver scrimmage on Oct. 22. Selvig helped lead Maroon to a 67-52 victory.
She was going to have to go big to make up for the wipe-out in the first round.

But when University of Montana student Jasmine Bloemeke dropped the cliff at Lost Trail during the Cold-smoke Freeride Competition, she caught the tip of her skis, which sent her tumbling again. This time the fall culminated with a pop in her knee.

“My first thought was ‘Well, shit, I’m not going to win this,’” Bloemeke said. “And then I felt the pain.”

Hobbling around on crutches while friends enjoy powder days can be tortuous for an avid skier or snowboarder. But early-season conditioning may be the difference between riding the chairlift and riding in an ambulance.

After two months of trying to walk it off, Bloemeke saw a doctor who advised surgery — the doomed word of competitors and recreational skiers.

John Seifert, an exercise science professor at Montana State University, said skiing is physiologically a very complex sport that is hard to prepare for.

Seifert said there are two types of exercises that are worth focusing on. The first is E-centric movements, which focus on stretching and applying force to the leg muscles. This workout includes squatting with weights and helps prevent skiers from falling over during long carving turns.

The second of Seifert’s essential workouts is plyometrics — any high-intensity workout that requires quick footwork or drills. These movements can help a skier adjust to sudden changes in the snow texture and thickness by keeping the body in balance.

Seifert said there aren’t many training options for skiers in the offseason, but they overlook cardio.

“If you take a look where most people go wrong it’s on the aerobic side,” he said.

Seifert said that form breaks down with exhaustion. And that’s when accidents happen.

“I certainly recommend people become more fit, be-
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“Montana Athletic Training in Missoula has specialized in ski fitness for the past nine years. Kiefer Hahn has been a skier since childhood. Hahn’s classes focus on strengthening legs and core muscles, while building a strong balance. He said it’s important to be fit at the start of ski season, when most injuries occur.

“Because we can’t ski 12 months of the year, you have to have some form of training leading into it,” Hahn said. “Skiing is the best way to train, but we can’t do that, unless we move to Chile. This class is designed to build strength and balance that is catered to the skier so they can go into the season with a solid foundation.”

The class has 18 different stations through which participants must go twice. The stations involve cardio, balance and strength.

With blaring workout music in the background, each person goes through at his or her own pace. Though not as intense as CrossFit, the grimaces and groans at each station indicate a hard workout.

“The idea came from when I was a kid, when we did dry-land training,” Hahn said. “As adults we should too, to ward off the injuries, and be able to go into ski season and really push it and not have to get injured or end up so sore you can’t walk for a week.”

There were times when I stepped back and reevaluated things. Then halfway through the season, I started dropping 35-foot cliffs again.’

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Members of the student government found a nice surprise in their mailboxes last week: poems written by an anonymous author.

Some rhymed, some didn’t. Some were cute, some were lewd and a majority were about marriage. The anonymous poems are the latest way student senators and executives unwind inside their University Center office.

“A lot of times, our senate meetings are heated and contentious,” said President Asa Hohman, who did not receive a poem. “It’s just kind of cathartic to break that tension by doing something exceptionally strange.”

Hohman knows about strange. His former vice president taped a Justin Bieber poster to his office window. Next to it is a Dolce & Gabbana ad with Hohman’s face pasted on the body — he doesn’t know who gave him that one.

Celebrity photos are popular in the office. Johnny Depp makes appearances on computer screens and on the wall. Near the front desk, his face is pasted on a Garth Brooks poster.

Senators are required to be in the office one hour a week, and some spend more time there.

“It’s a good study space … for the most part,” said Sen. Sarah Smith, a double major in communications and psychology.

Often, spending too much time in the office results in these small pranks. Another stunt senators pull is replacing the front desk’s name plate with an old name tag from a former senator or office worker.

“Things like that, like very subtle,” Smith said.

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Talk of who wrote the poems was hushed. Smith said she didn’t want to know. Hohman pointed a finger at Sen. Betsy Story, who didn’t receive a poem.

In an email, Story wrote, “I can’t say that I did or did not, but I can assure you that it was all in good fun and product of procrastination and love for the fellow senators.”

The poems were different. Smith thinks it’s the first time she’s gotten a note in her mailbox. It said, “Roses are red, Vi-olets are blue, My mama says, I should marry girls like you.”

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How to write a novel in 30 days

SPEED WRITING

Taylor Wyllie
Montana Kaimin

It was day 29, and junior micro-biology major Ben Mason had approximately 7,000 words to go. In his self-described “writer’s nest” — a bean bag chair and pile of pillows — he stared at the nearly complete manuscript of his novel, “The Self Portrait.” He had less than 24 hours to meet his deadline and he’d fallen behind. “God, I ended up staying up until 2 that night,” Mason said. “It was a long night.”

In September, Mason made the decision to take the National Novel Writing Month challenge. He would have 30 days — from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30 — to finish a 50,000 word novel. He spent the month of October preparing. “I outlined as much as I could stomach,” Mason said.

In December, 51,000 words later, Mason had a finished novel that strayed wildly from his fantasy-horror short story on which it was based. For Mason, it didn’t matter the month didn’t go as planned. “[NNWM] is about dedicating yourself to writing every single day,” Mason said. “That’s the main point.”

Sixteen years ago in San Francisco, a group of struggling writers wanted to feel inspired. The writers — 21 all together — decided the solution lay in a challenge: Write a novel in one month. “We wanted to write novels for the same dumb reasons twenty-somethings start bands. Because we wanted to make noise,” NNWM founder Chris Baty said on his website. “Because we didn’t have anything better to do. And because we thought that, as novelists, we would have an easier time getting dates than we did as non-novelists.”

Sixteen years later, NNWM is a nonprofit organization, and expects 400,000 participants, dubbed “wrimos,” to take the writing plunge. “Every year, we’re reminded that there are still stories that have yet to be told, still voices yet to be heard from all corners of the world,” Executive Director Grant Faulkner said in a press release. “NNWM helps people make creativity a priority in life and realize the vital ways our stories connect us. We are our stories.”

Since 2006, dozens of NNWM books have been published, including Erin Morgenstern’s “The Night Circus” and Sara Gruen’s “Water for Elephants.”

But publishing isn’t the ultimate goal, winning is. To “win,” participants must validate their novels word count on the website. At the end of November, NNWM sponsors provide prizes. This year’s prizes include free books, a 50 percent discount on the writing software Scrivener, as well as cheap access to publishing companies.

NNWM provides resources for aspiring novelists. Wrimos can earn free web banners, find writing prompts and connect with well-known authors. This year, six professional writers including Veronica Roth, Jim Butcher and Tamora Pierce are giving pep talks and writing tips throughout the month. “They went anywhere from just suggesting ways of dialoguing your story, or actual writing techniques, or ways of keeping yourself sane during the month because it was a very stressful month,” Mason said. “It was really helpful.”

There are a total of 816 volunteers globally, called municipal liaisons, who coordinate write-ins and support meetings in their own communities. In Montana, there are seven municipal liaisons, but none in Missoula. However, there are participants in the Missoula area. They will be meeting every Sunday in November at the Missoula Public Library. taylor.wyllie@umontana.edu

RELATED EVENTS SCHEDULE

October 26 - December 17, 2014

Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings
Mansfield Library | FREE
“Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings” is produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and explores how the book burnings became a potent symbol in America’s battle against Nazism and why they continue to resonate with the public—in film, literature, and political discourse—to this day. Please visit the Mansfield Library website for more information and a full schedule of related events.

Monday, November 3, 2014
W. Kamau Bell
7:00PM | UC Ballroom | FREE
Society’s political comedian W. Kamau Bell has emerged as the post-modern voice of comedy. Kamau is best known for his critically acclaimed FX comedy series, totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell. The New York Times called Kamau “the most promising new talent in political comedy in many years.” Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, November 5, 2014
“Speaking Volumes: Transforming Hate” Opening reception
4:00PM-6:00PM | UC Gallery | FREE
What if we could turn negative expressions into positive influences? The Montana Human Rights Network and the Holter Museum of Art invited artists across the country to respond to, integrate, or transform the anti-Semitic or racist books in provocative ways.

“Do Words Kill? Hate Speech, Propaganda, and Incitement to genocide”
7:00PM | UC Theater | FREE | Registration Required
The root causes of hatred and racism haven’t changed, but technology has advanced ways to disseminate hate speech and incitement to violence. Learn when hate speech crosses the line to “dangerous speech,” where dangerous speech is a threat today, and what can be done to counter it without restricting freedom of expression. Due to limited space, advance online registration is required for this free event.

Thursday, November 6, 2014
2:00PM | University Center Theater
Conversation with visiting artist Vanessa German sponsored by DiverseU

Friday, November 7, 2014
12:00PM | University Center South Atrium
Visiting artist Vanessa German speaks workshop in conjunction with DiverseU

Friday, November 7, 2014
5:00PM-8:00PM | Downtown Missoula
Visiting artist Vanessa German performs as part of first Friday Art Walk, Downtown Missoula, various locations. Contact MMAC at 406.243.2010 for a complete list of events.

Monday, November 10, 2014
5:10PM | Social Sciences Building, Room 356
Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Lecture with Vanessa German
The lack of gender-neutral pronouns in the media has led to the mis-gendering of many people.

University of Montana student Casey Hoffman said the media often uses gender pronouns incorrectly, especially when referencing people who identify as transgender.

“The media has a tendency to not only mis-gender people, but to make the gender expression of someone the biggest factor of who they are,” he said.

These mistakes lead viewers to believe mis-gendering isn’t a problem, because it happens on the news, Hoffman said.

UM student Mason O’Kier nan said the media often uses gender pronouns incorrectly, especially when referencing people who identify as transgender.

“The media could be doing more to help raise awareness about gender-neutral pronouns and practice using them more themselves,” he said.

In 2009, CNN reported Twitter users’ anger over the lack of gender-neutral pronouns and practice using them more themselves, he said.

But some people don’t identify with the gender they were assigned at birth, and some people identify as both, while others don’t identify with either gender. Hoffman said.

“If someone is assigned female at birth, they get a pink blanket,” he said. “They are the pretty princess to everyone that was labelled as that gender, Hoffman said.

The main issue with gender pronouns is that there are only two in the English language, Hoffman said.

But some people don’t identify with the gender they were assigned at birth, and some people identify as both, while others don’t identify with either gender. Hoffman said.

“Not having a pronoun that you can identify with is hard when our language requires you to have something besides a name,” Hoffman said.

Co-director of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program Beth Hubble said language is an institution that maintains systems of privilege and oppression.

People are only allowed to talk about binary gender because of the way the English language is set up.

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soula College, Gallatin College, Helena College and Great Falls College teach computer skills, blueprint reading and metalurgy. They offer beginning and advanced welding courses.

Tess Janney, 19, came to Missoula from Butte and started the welding program this fall. Welding is a marketable skill she can carry with her wherever she goes, Janney said.

Confident she will leave school with a strong trade, her goal is to work near mountains and have a sustainable lifestyle.

“It’s going to allow me to make money and travel and snowboard without putting me in a ton of debt,” Janney said.

Some graduates start as trade ironworkers, constructing bridges, houses and steel support systems. Other welders go into custom fabrication, but are often self-employed. Many new welders work in the energy field.

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Male personal care attendant. Physically strong male required.

soula College, Gallatin College, Helena College and Great Falls College teach computer skills, blueprint reading and metalurgy. They offer beginning and advanced welding courses.

Tess Janney, 19, came to Missoula from Butte and started the welding program this fall. Welding is a marketable skill she can carry with her wherever she goes, Janney said.

Confident she will leave school with a strong trade, her goal is to work near mountains and have a sustainable lifestyle.

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