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# FUZZ THERAPY

FURRY FRIENDS HELP  
STRESSED STUDENTS

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# BIG UPS & BACKHANDS

The Kaimin's take on this week's winners and losers. Have a big up or backhand to contribute? Tweet us at @montanakaimin!

**Big ups** to the Montana Book Festival for holding onto the delusion that books aren't for nerds.



**Backhands** to the Good Food Store for fabricating a hepatitis A exposure in order to boost kombucha sales. There's no proof, but they haven't denied it either.

**Big ups** to the winter weather forecast for being indistinguishable from any other winter weather forecast, ever.

**Backhands** to Steve Jobs for being too dead to prevent the abomination that is iOS 10.

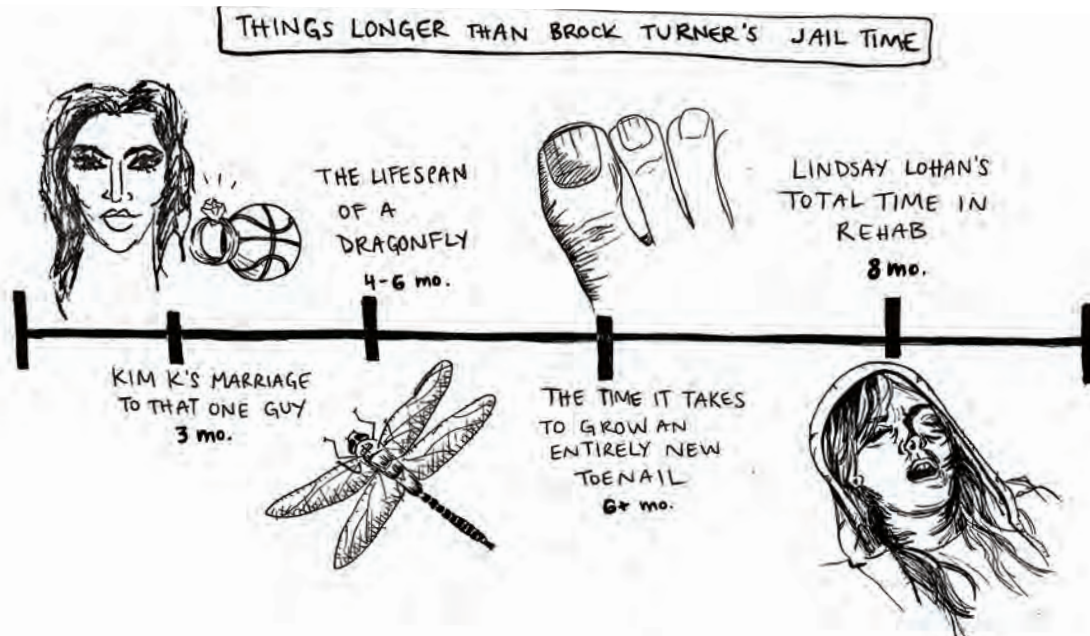


## ON THE COVER:

Kit McDunn, a sophomore at the University of Montana, keeps her two rats, Lana and Zoe, in a spacious cage in her room in Lewis & Clark Village.

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LOST — Fitbit One with the moniker Jackrabbit. Please return. The tortoises are winning the race. 243-4210.

## FOR SALE

## SUDOKU

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### HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to Last Week's Sudoku

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KAIMIN EDITORIAL

# The 'ruff' side of owning a pet

By **Editorial staff** editor@montanakaimin.com

In many ways, college seems like the ideal time to get a pet. We're finally on our own. We're buying our own food and living in our own space, so getting a cuddly companion seems appropriate. Besides, it's so easy to be seduced by the idea when staring into the eyes of an adorable cat or dog while volunteering at the local animal shelter.

Unfortunately, the truth is far more complicated. Pets are not another spur-of-the-moment decision to celebrate newfound freedoms. They're living, breathing animals that need constant care and maintenance. In particular, larger animals like cats and dogs require time and resources many college students are incapable of giving.

College students are notoriously busy. Not only are they balancing coursework and extracurricular activity, but the U.S. Census shows nearly three-quarters of undergraduate students have a job. Beyond that, the student budget is often constrained by balancing tuition and fees without being available to work full time. This puts students in a uniquely difficult position to be caring for a fully dependent, living animal.

It's true that adoption fees are relatively low when buying a shelter pet (\$50 for a cat and \$100 for a dog), but animals are never a one-time expense. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals found first-year costs for pets average \$1,000. The costs can run even higher for larger animals like dogs. The American Kennel Club estimates that the average dog costs upward of \$3,000 each year.

Beyond the cost of food and health insurance (yes, your pets require their own insurance premiums), pets require a lot of time to ensure healthy development. This is especially true for dogs, who require not only multiple meals each day but also plenty of outdoor time. For instance, Missoula's favorite breed, the Labrador retriever, requires at least an hour of exercise each day to avoid destructive behaviors like tearing up furniture. Meanwhile, smaller dogs have small bladders and have to be let out three to five times throughout the day if you want to keep your carpet urine-free.

This is not to say that college students can't own pets. Pets provide stress relief, unconditional love and constant companionship. It's important we are able to provide the same for the animals. When you adopt a pet, you're making a commitment, one that can be rewarding and long-lasting. Before you make that commitment, make sure you're ready. Make a budget and consider a lighter course load so that you have time to treat your pet right. If you can't make the time, consider getting a low-maintenance pet like a guinea pig instead of filling your studio with a Newfoundland.

The last thing any of us wants is a bunch of sad, lonely pets staring out their windows waiting for their owners to come back from chem lab while Sarah McLachlan plays in the background. If you're set on getting a pet, make sure that you're prepared to give as much love as you'll get in return.



**Jake Green / @jake.m.green**

Nearly 200 protesters lined the Higgins Bridge on Tuesday, Sept. 13 to show solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. The tribe has been protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline, which would carry oil through and near the Standing Rock Reservation.



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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Team in a 2003 film starring Colin Farrell
- 5 Bit of parsley
- 10 Exchange
- 14 "Tall" story
- 15 Pageant wear
- 16 Walk the floor
- 17 Weaponry
- 18 Bag of tricks
- 20 Set limits
- 22 Thyroid problem
- 23 Throw in the towel
- 24 Chicken or duck
- 25 Split in two
- 28 Lead singer in "Everyday People" band of the 1970's
- 29 Branch
- 33 Salon activity
- 34 Lifted, so to speak
- 36 Title starter, often
- 37 A bit ill
- 40 Psychoanalysis subject
- 41 Pricker
- 42 Lock
- 43 Famous Ranger
- 45 Barley bristle
- 46 Final transport
- 47 Like a crone
- 49 Word in a Tolkien title
- 50 Imp
- 53 Prepare for publication
- 57 Becket in "The Canterbury Tales"
- 59 Copter's forerunner
- 60 Cogged wheel
- 61 Decree
- 62 Impassioned
- 63 Dressing ingredient
- 64 Kind of box
- 65 Baja bread

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### DOWN

- 1 Alpha Centauri, for one
- 2 Pottery
- 3 Handouts
- 4 Precedent setter
- 5 Big step
- 6 Allotment
- 7 Deep in thought
- 8 Indignation
- 9 Notre Dame feature
- 10 Loot
- 11 "Hold it!"
- 12 Brazilian state
- 13 Kind of review
- 19 Auto club service
- 21 Go back (to)
- 24 Taken wing
- 25 Barbaric
- 26 Shop talk
- 27 \_\_\_ a high note
- 28 Back
- 30 Aromatic solvent
- 31 Fischer's forte
- 32 Clipped

- 34 Like Liberace
- 35 Diner, for one
- 38 Thermometer element
- 39 Commerce imbalance
- 44 Card game with tricks
- 46 "Apocalypse Now" actor
- 48 Be a chatterbox

- 49 On the run
- 50 Threads in shreds
- 51 Atlas stat
- 52 Heroin, on the street
- 53 \_\_\_ room
- 54 Plummet
- 55 Camera part
- 56 Commotion
- 58 Schuss, e.g.

### Answer to Last Week's Crossword:

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KAIMIN COLUMN

# Protesting happy pigs does little for unhappy ones

Advocates for Animals, a group based out of the University of Montana, has drafted a petition against the Program in Ecological Agriculture and Society, a neighborhood farm run by Garden City Harvest. The PEAS Farm serves as both an outdoor classroom for the environmental studies program and an educational venue for school children. The petition was drafted because of actions related to the livestock kept on the PEAS Farm — more specifically, three pigs. But Advocates for Animal's concern isn't with the conditions in which the pigs are kept (which are excellent) or with the food that the pigs are fed (which is all organic). Instead, they find fault with the "routine and needless slaughter" of the pigs in question.

To some degree, Advocates for Animal's alarm may be warranted. The farming of livestock and unsustainable practices used in the process pose a huge threat to humans, the environment and the animals themselves. According to a report from the University of Iowa, inefficient management of livestock waste has been

implicated in a slew of issues ranging from contamination of our waterways to a contributing factor in growing antibiotic resistance.

And of course, the animals in these operations don't fare much better. Cramped spaces and overcrowding creates an environment rife with disease, and the methods of processing these animals are often needlessly cruel.

Kristian Canteens, one of the founders of Advocates for Animals, said, "We wanted to get more involved with things that were happening on campus and that mattered to students."

The group began work last spring after hearing that the PEAS farm was processing pigs. They intend to continue with a protest if a solution is not reached, although Canteens said, "If we can resolve this without having any sort of direct action or protest, that would be ideal."

The way we farm our livestock in the United States is a real problem. But protesting three pigs kept in a large outside enclosure, with plenty of sun, space and

nutritious food simply because one day they will be processed is, frankly, a waste of time and energy. It does nothing for pigs kept in deplorable conditions elsewhere.

"They're primarily here for education," said Jason Mandala, the farm to school director at the PEAS farm. "One of the major problems with our food and education system is there's a lot that's intentionally covered up, especially in the meat industry."

"We want to start that conversation so kids understand where meat comes from, what it takes for meat to happen and that eventually those animals have to die for there to be meat," Mandala said.

In addition to the educational factor, the pigs on the farm consume food waste, and their manure can be used as compost. Another part of the PEAS farm mission statement is to produce food.

"We get food from those animals," Mandala said. "With one of those pigs, the meat will go to the food bank. And we feel like it's important for those folks

who are going to be eating meat as well, because organic meat is extraordinarily expensive."

Advocates for Animal's petition comes from a good place, but in the grand scheme, accomplishes very little. If the group were serious about the animals' welfare, they would tackle bigger concentrated animal feeding operations in Montana with worse standards of care, not a community farm which provides the best conditions possible for its livestock.

For a group that lists one of its goals as, "(educating) others on the horrors of factory farming and the negative impact on the environment," there is little action being taken against any factory farm operation. Advocates for Animals needs to go big or go home, or else they will soon strike out.

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KAIMIN COLUMN

# Religion provides community when individuality fails

Religious people have been recently reported to have higher rates of happiness than non-religious people, according to the Pew Research Center.

There are a few reasons why this may be true. Religion gives people a sense of purpose and order, which can help when dealing with difficult life situations or various existential issues. The biggest reason that religious people are happier could be because of the social connectedness, the joy of being involved in a community.

"Religion comes from the same Latin root as 'ligament,' meaning we're all connected in some way," said Ruth Vanita, professor of liberal studies at the University of Montana. "In moments of crisis, people can get support from their religious communities."

According to another Pew Research

Center study, religion is on the decline. However, when thinking about the rise of individualism in our country, it makes sense. Sage Journals said that this can be seen in a decline in empathy in college students after 2000. There are more people living alone than ever before, and loneliness is an ever-growing, public health issue, so it adds up that there's a void of community that's left from individualism.

Social connectedness is what many people need and religion has always offered that. It's a wonderful feeling of accomplishment when you've done something on your own, but when you fail by yourself it hurts more.

Beyond that, religion also helps narrow the decision-making process. Religion can provide guidance for bigger questions that now have so many answers that it's hard

to decide what's really right, like how to raise your children or how to face societal concerns. For many, this sense of unlimited options can cause problems, but within certain parameters, such as those a religious life may offer, choices can be slimmed down and made much easier.

Religion isn't perfect, it has downsides as well. Where various religions have proven their worth, all of them have also shown their faults. Aside from certain beliefs that can be summed up as ignorant and dogmatic, certain religious groups, where a community is a strong factor, ironically cast individuals away for his or her beliefs, sexuality or anything that doesn't appeal to the groupthink.

In spite of occasionally poorly-founded beliefs, it's important not to entirely disregard religion as an old way of thinking.

Despite the many apparent flaws, there are also redeeming qualities that we can extract from religion and bring into our own young culture.

We can find a middle ground in all of this by finding a way to remove the exclusivity of religious bias and try to build our own sense of community and belonging with other people. By utilizing the positives religion provides us, I would hope that we can develop a similar structure without radical ideals or beliefs that breach others' human rights. Instead, we should work together to support each other and make ourselves stronger.

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# UM grad uses beehives to create elephant-friendly communities

By **Katy Spence** for the Montana Kaimin  
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Bees fly lazily in the smoky air as honey harvester Sophia Weinmann prepares to open the hive. Beesuits protect Weinmann and her colleagues as they pull sheets of honeycomb from the hive, like pulling books off a shelf. But these books are made of beeswax and contain honey-filled hexagons rather than words.

Weinmann scrapes the wax caps off the hexagons, careful to save the caps for later use. After placing them in a bucket, Weinmann turns a handle to spin the uncapped combs at increasing speeds, pulling honey out of them.

After all that work, honey is a pretty sweet reward. What makes this honey even sweeter, however, is that it's elephant-friendly.

From March to June 2015, Weinmann, 27, worked as an intern for The Elephants and Bees Project in Kenya, an international organization dedicated to reducing elephant crop-raiding in African and Asian countries. Thanks to a Fulbright scholarship, she just returned to Africa to continue work as part of her master's project for the Natural Resource Conservation program at the University of Montana.

"It's a meaningful way I can apply my background in conservation and my scientific research and my interest in international development and my experiences working in sub-Saharan Africa all into one thing," she said.

Weinmann is working with the founder of The Elephants and Bees Project, Dr. Lucy King, who was raised in Somalia, Kenya and Lesotho. In 2007, King's research team discovered that herds of elephants retreat at the recorded sound of buzzing bees, something she attributes to the memory or social structure of herds.

This inspired the idea that beehives can be arranged in a fence line with wires connecting each one. Like a spiderweb disturbed by an insect, any significant disturbance to the connecting wires will shake the hives and cause the bees to become aggressive. These beehive fences keep hungry elephants from raiding crops and provide farmers with an additional source of income.

In collaboration with Save the Elephants and Disney's Wildlife Conservation Fund, The Elephants and Bees Project expanded from an idea in a research paper to an established research center and honey-processing room in Sagalla, Kenya.

Today, the project has assisted with the installation of beehive fences in seven countries in Africa and Asia. King said the prevention of crop-raiding is not the only benefit farmers see.

"The fences are also providing the farmers with pollination services and a secondary income from the sale of honey and beeswax," King wrote in an email from Kenya.

The Elephants and Bees Project research center in the Voi community provides an open forum where the community decides if they want to participate in the project. If so, they collectively decide who ultimately receives the beehive fences.

The Project also offers advice and makes their beehive fence design public online for anyone to use, which can be beneficial as human-elephant conflict grows more serious.

Human development demands more space for crop fields and livestock grazing, and elephant migratory paths are disappearing. When elephants encroach on a farmer's land, it can lead to deadly violence. Weinmann said there's no magic fix when it comes to human-elephant conflict, but beehive fences are helping.

"Talking with the farmers, I think it's really helped improve their livelihoods and also their opinions of wildlife conflict," Weinmann said. Many farmers have told her this project has improved their views of elephants, whom they'd previously seen as dangerous pests.

Now, elephants avoid crop fields and farmers get another product to sell: honey. Weinmann's UM advisor Jill Belsky said Weinmann's previous experience gives her important direction and context, as well as a drive to succeed.

"Sophia cares both about the fate of the elephants, but she also cares a lot about the fate of the farmers," Belsky said. "I think Sophia feels passionate about finding these win-win situations."

More than anything, Weinmann wants to find more solutions like the beehive fence — simple, affordable and beneficial for all parties involved.

"I think it's a great example of how you can use scientific knowledge and scientific research to help create solutions to problems," Weinmann said. "You see that this is an issue — this human-elephant conflict of crop-raiding — and then use scientific knowledge to help foster coexistence and come up with ecologically-just solutions." •



*Photo courtesy of Sophia Weinmann*

African elephants drink from a watering hole in Tsavo East National Park in Kenya. Increasing demands for ivory and cropland threaten the elephants, who often venture out of the park in search of food. UM student and Fulbright recipient Sophia Weinmann works with The Elephants and Bees Project which aims to keep hungry elephants out of farmers' crop fields.



*Photo courtesy of Sophia Weinmann*

Wire-connected beehive fences create fences around farms across Kenya, deterring crop-raiding elephants with the threat of painful stings around their eyes or on their trunks.



# UM student found dead in Lewis & Clark apartment identified

By **Matt Neuman** / matthew.neuman@umontana.edu

The student found dead Saturday at Lewis & Clark Village, identified as Rhiana Leigh Dilworth, 22, was a wildlife biology major at the University, according to Wildlife Biology Program Director Chad Bishop.

"She was certainly an engaged student," Bishop said. "Right now we are working to meet the needs of students and those close to her who might be impacted."

Dilworth was found by her roommate on Saturday night. Police arrived around 5:15 p.m. Students were found grieving outside the apartments. The cause of death has not been released pending the results of an autopsy. The Kaimin will update as needed.

## Resources for grieving students:

- Curry Health Center: **(406) 243-4711**
- Crisis hotline: **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**
- Crisis text line: **text MT to 741-741**
- SARC at **406-243-4429** or 24-hour support line **406-243-6559**



Photo courtesy of Dillworth's Facebook

# Winter weather forecast: Dust off your skis or snowboard

By **Kathleen Stone**  
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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted that this winter should bring lower temperatures and higher precipitation.

Nick Silverman, a research scientist for the Montana Climate Office, said this is good news for winter sports enthusiasts.

Silverman said NOAA predicted that the first few months of winter will have temperatures that are slightly warmer than normal with more precipitation. The temperatures will cool down later on, but precipitation will remain higher than usual.

Evan Kaiser is a senior studying wildlife biology and leader of the UM Backcountry Club. He has backcountry skied for the past four years, and he said that he doesn't completely trust the predictions.

"It's exciting," Kaiser said. "I'm always optimistic, but I think it sort of tends to be a little bit of a crapshoot."

He explains that as a backcountry ski-

er, his ideal winters have more storms with less snow because that leads to safer conditions and more powder days.

Ciche Pitcher, the president of Discovery Ski Area in Philipsburg, said long-term predictions for this winter show potential for Kaiser's ideal winter. Frequent storms mean each one will bring a few more inches of snow.

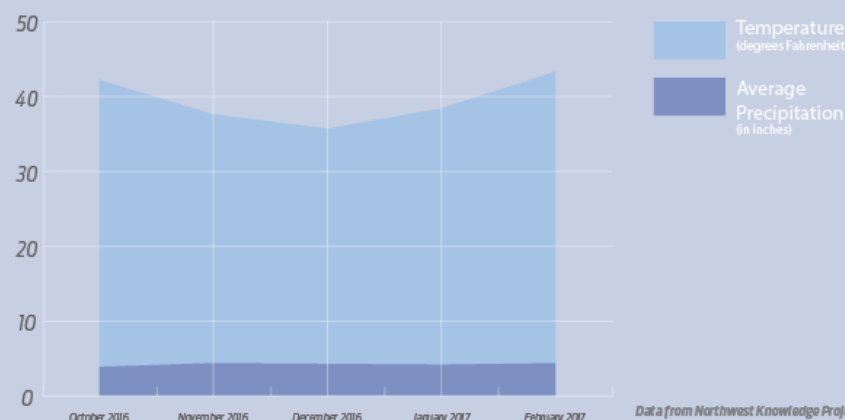
"We've been hearing really good news about the upcoming winter," Pitcher said. "And we're excited and hopeful that everyone can come out for it."

However, he remains wary at this point. "We end up somewhat superstitious in the ski business because you never know what's going to happen," Pitcher said.

Silverman said these weather predictions are helpful for deciding whether or not to buy a ski pass. Right now, the predictions are not reliable enough to decide when to plan a trip, but Silverman said he would buy a pass for this season.

"Just keep thinking snow, and stay stoked," Pitcher said. •

## Missoula's Three Month Weather Prediction



Data from Northwest Knowledge Project  
Design by David Rollins / @daffrolins

# ASUM cabinet settles in for new semester

By **Shae Warren**  
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The new Associated Students of the University of Montana executive cabinet got right to work last spring after an election plagued by technical difficulties.

For President Sam Forstag, Vice President Elizabeth Engebretson and Business Manager Chase Greenfield, dead week was filled with transitional meetings and sorting through documents full of information left by the executives before them while they were still able to contact their predecessors with questions.

After a busy summer, they have each gotten a grip on the demands of their position, and they jumped right into this semester, Forstag said, who is looking forward to holding his position this year.

"I'm glad I'm working in a legislative year," Forstag said, "because that's what's really fascinating to me."

ASUM sends a lobbyist to the legislative session in Helena, which occurs every other year, to represent the interests of students.

Aside from ASUM, Forstag enjoys a lot of activities that pull people to Montana in the first place: skiing, climbing and nature. He also reads a lot and said that if he has time for only one novel this semester,

it will be "Sometimes a Great Notion" by Ken Kesey.

Forstag will be graduating in the spring with majors in political science and philosophy, and he is looking to work on a fire crew in Montana this upcoming summer.

Engbretson is a senior majoring in political science with a minor in military science. She is in ROTC and plans to go on active duty after graduation. She then hopes to attend law school and settle in Montana. She currently lives with her husband of nearly two years, her two dogs and her cat.

Weekends give Engebretson the time to ride her motorcycle, while weekdays are devoted to ASUM.

"Despite how much more work it is than people think, it's great," Engebretson said.

As a junior, Greenfield has a little more time to decide on his post-grad plans, but he said that he will likely attend graduate school for either English literature or philosophy. He would then like to work at an institute of higher education and eventually work up to be part of the administration.

Greenfield also hopes to try for one more year in the ASUM cabinet.

"I feel really comfortable and excited to serve the student body," Greenfield said.

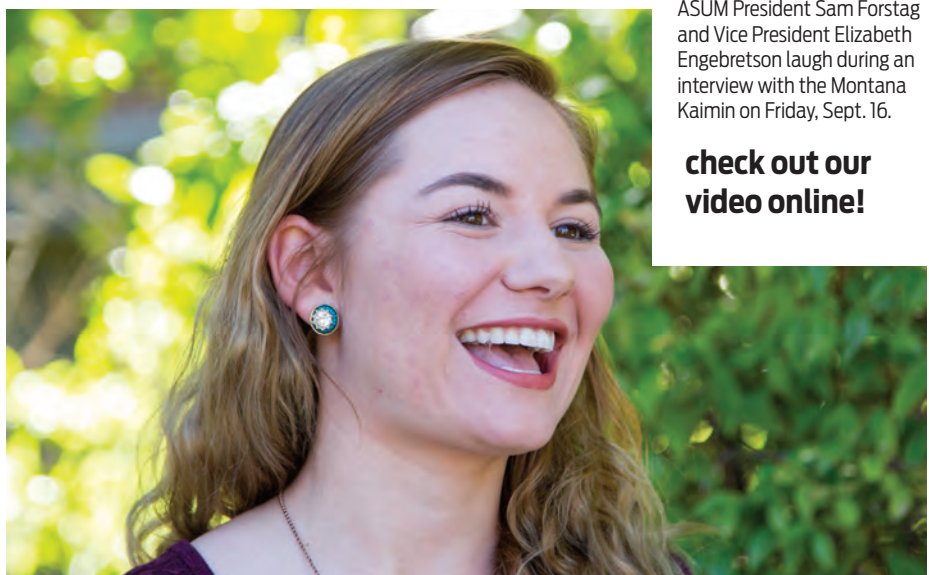
All three executives encourage feedback from the student body through emails or in-office appointments. •



**Jake Green/@jake.m.green**

ASUM President Sam Forstag and Vice President Elizabeth Engebretson laugh during an interview with the Montana Kairmin on Friday, Sept. 16.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

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### AUG. 30 S'MORES ON A BRIDGE

A caller reported a man having a campfire on the west side of the footbridge by Jacob's Island. UMPD gave the man a warning for having a fire as well as an open container.

### AUG. 31 THIS LUNCH FUCKING BLOWS

A caller reportedly found a small, blue lunchbox sitting under a tree on campus and thought UM Police should check it out. UMPD found the box was not a threat — it was lunch.

### AUG. 31 CHIVALRY ISN'T DEAD

Two women were reportedly changing a tire on Eddy Avenue and a caller thought they might need assistance from the police. When UMPD arrived, the tire was almost changed and the women were safe. UM Police analyzed the situation and found no assistance was needed.

### SEPT. 1 PAJAMA DAY

A man was reportedly sleeping by

the elevators on the first floor of the Mansfield Library. UMPD told the man to leave and he was warned about a local warrant.

### SEPT. 2 GROUNDED FOR LIFE

A caller came across a man who was passed out in the grass in front of Elrod Hall at 11 p.m. UMPD woke the man up, called his mom and gave him an MIP. It's unknown whether or not the man received parental punishment.

### SEPT. 3 FOUND: ONE DRUNK FRIEND

A student called at 10:44 p.m. from the football stadium hoping the police would help look for her intoxicated friend who had been missing since the first quarter of the football game. The drunk friend was found about an hour

later.

### SEPT. 6 UMTV cribs

A resident assistant called to report two men who said they were locked out of Aber Hall. One of the men gave the RA a fake name that wasn't listed in the dorm's records, then he said he left his lights on in his room. The other man eventually admitted they didn't live in Aber and the RA saw them run toward the UC.

### SEPT. 8 CAUGHT RED-HANDED

An employee in the Mansfield Library reportedly caught someone masturbating at a computer. UMPD banished the masturbator from the library for 72 hours. •



# FUZZ THERAPY

## Companion animals in student housing

Story by Rebecca Keith  
Photos by Rebecca Keith and Rebekah Welch  
Design by Kelsey Johnson

**K**yle Estabrook, a village assistant in the Lewis and Clark Villages at the University of Montana, plops down on a couch in the apartments' community center and scratches the ears of his dog, Biscuit. The mid-sized, short-haired mutt has a touch of shyness when approached by new people and a lot of laziness when approached by the switchbacks of the M trail.

"Sometimes I feel like I take care of her more than she takes care of me, but that is sort of the point," Estabrook said.

Estabrook adopted Biscuit in October from his dad who was moving back to Japan, and registered her with Disability Services as a companion animal. Biscuit is allowed in all student housing and in the University Center because she is part of a mental illness treatment plan.

As a village assistant, Estabrook was familiar with the signs of mental illness as well as the resources available to students on campus. He thought his anxiety and stress were a normal part of being a college student, until his junior year when it started to get a lot worse.

During spring semester of his junior year, Estabrook went to Disability Services for help and they recommended he see a therapist.

"Because of my family's bad history with medication, my counselor recommended I try a companion animal," Estabrook said, referring to past family members who have suffered from depression.

His family always had dogs around when he was growing up, but he never thought of them as a therapy tool. Biscuit was not special-

ly trained to perform a service to Estabrook, but ever since he got her, he has felt no need to return to therapy.

At UM, all pets, besides fish, are prohibited in student housing, unless they are a service or companion animal. Students must have documents signed by a medical professional and go through interviews with Disability Services and the Residence Life Office before getting approved to have an animal in student housing.

Melissa Neidigh, associate director of operations at Residence Life, who interviews all students who are seeking approval for companion animals, said last semester saw a 10 to 20 percent increase in the number of students with companion animals. About 80 students currently have dogs, cats or other animals that serve as an alternative treatment for mental illness.

The biggest increase has been in the Lewis and Clark apartments and in University Villages, indicating that many students get companion animals as upperclassmen, which follows a trend of increased mental illness cases in young adults.

According to the fall 2015 National College Health Assessment about 23 percent of students reported anxiety as having a negative impact on their overall academic performance, which is a 4 percent increase from the fall 2012 report. Fifteen percent of students said depression was a factor in their performance, a 4 percent increase since 2012.

Kit McDunn, a sophomore in the Russian program at UM, lives in a double room in Turner Hall with two rats as her companion

animals. She said the process of getting her animals approved was not very easy.

"I had to prove that I would be unable to attend school without them," McDunn said of the lengthy process.

McDunn has received treatment for major depressive disorder, generalized anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorder. She purchased her rats, Lana and Zoey, before she came to the University. McDunn drove to the University from Helena to meet with a coordinator at Disability Services. They sent her approval to the Residence Life Office, where she had a second meeting about how to care for an animal in student housing.

Usually students with companion animals are placed in single rooms, but McDunn had already been assigned a roommate when she applied for approval of a companion animal.

"I was lucky that my roommate had owned pet rats before and was okay with it," McDunn said. She said there was no option on the housing application to note that she had companion animals.

Kelly Magnuson, assistant director of student conduct and programs at Residence Life, said that if roommates disagree about service animals, they work with both of them and often end up moving someone. Magnuson said they do not charge either of them the cost of switching rooms.

According to Mike Frost, the director of counseling services at Curry Health Center, the technique of using animals to help people with disabilities and mental illnesses has been around for years. The animals are referred to as

modifications.

"In order to have a recommendation for a modification, they first need to be on a treatment plan," Frost said.


There are many ways to treat depression and anxiety. When students are stressed out, it would be nice to have a dog, especially if they already have a trusted animal, Frost said. They have a lot of students who come in who just want their animal, but he said they can't recommend that when the students haven't been on a treatment plan.

"There are some counselors out there who say 'You want your dog? I support that' and then they approve it and never see the student again," Frost said. He said that a part of the recommendation process for a modification is determining how this animal will help a student function and asking questions about their previous treatment and struggles.

Serena Haller, a resident assistant in Turner Hall had a resident with a cat for a companion animal on her floor. If Haller is around cats for more than ten minutes she breaks out in hives and sneezes.

"I didn't want to tell her that I was allergic, because I didn't want her to worry about it," Haller said. The resident mostly kept the cat in her dorm room, but Haller saw it outside several times. As a student in the residence halls



A close-up photograph of a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, holding a light-colored dog. The dog has large, upright ears and is looking towards the left. The man's hands are visible, gently holding the dog's head and neck. The background is blurred, showing some greenery and a blue sky.

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Kyle Estabrook holds onto his dog, Biscuit, and she listens to a rustle in the bushes during their walk on the Kim Williams trail in Missoula on Sept. 14.





McDunn and Zoey order coffee at Jus Chill'n in the University Center on Aug. 15. Companion animals are allowed in all of the residence halls and the University Center, but they are not supposed to go into classrooms or other buildings.



McDunn bought her rats in February of her senior year of high school and had them approved as companion animals before beginning school at UM. She had owned dogs and cats in the past that had acted as companion animals, but none of them were officially registered.

with allergies, she felt that the rules on companion animals were not as well-enforced as they should be.

Not only are allergies an issue when it comes to animals in student housing, but a lot of students have a fear of or are just uncomfortable with the idea of being around an animal.

Amelia Cantwell, a senior at the University, has a fear of dogs that she said has grown worse since she moved to Missoula from New York City.

"In New York, the leash laws are super strict and everyone follows them," Cantwell said. "But in Missoula, I see dogs on campus and in the residence halls all the time without leashes and it makes me really nervous."

Cantwell was in the Mansfield Library working on a paper, when another student with a dog sat down across from her.

"I looked down at my feet and all of the sudden there was this dog there. I jumped out of my chair and everyone started looking at me," Cantwell said. After the incident she was so upset that she had a physical reaction and was sweating and shaking.

Cantwell has also run into dogs in the residence halls. When she was working the desk in Aber Hall, a dog without a leash was in the office when she arrived, and she couldn't start work until its owner had put a leash on it.

She said she has noticed a lot of dogs in specific residence halls like Aber, and wishes the University would designate one residence hall as animal friendly.

"If I lived on a floor with a dog, I would be very uncomfortable," Cantwell said.

Both McDunn and Estabrook said when they had a meeting with Residence Life about having a companion animal in the residence

halls, they were told to only have their animal in the University Center and their rooms.

According to the University of Montana's policy on companion animals, the animal must be on a leash at all times, and must be wearing some type of collar or harness that identifies them as a companion animal. Estabrook said he takes Biscuit on walks around the Lewis and Clark Villages and brings her to the front office regularly, often without a leash.

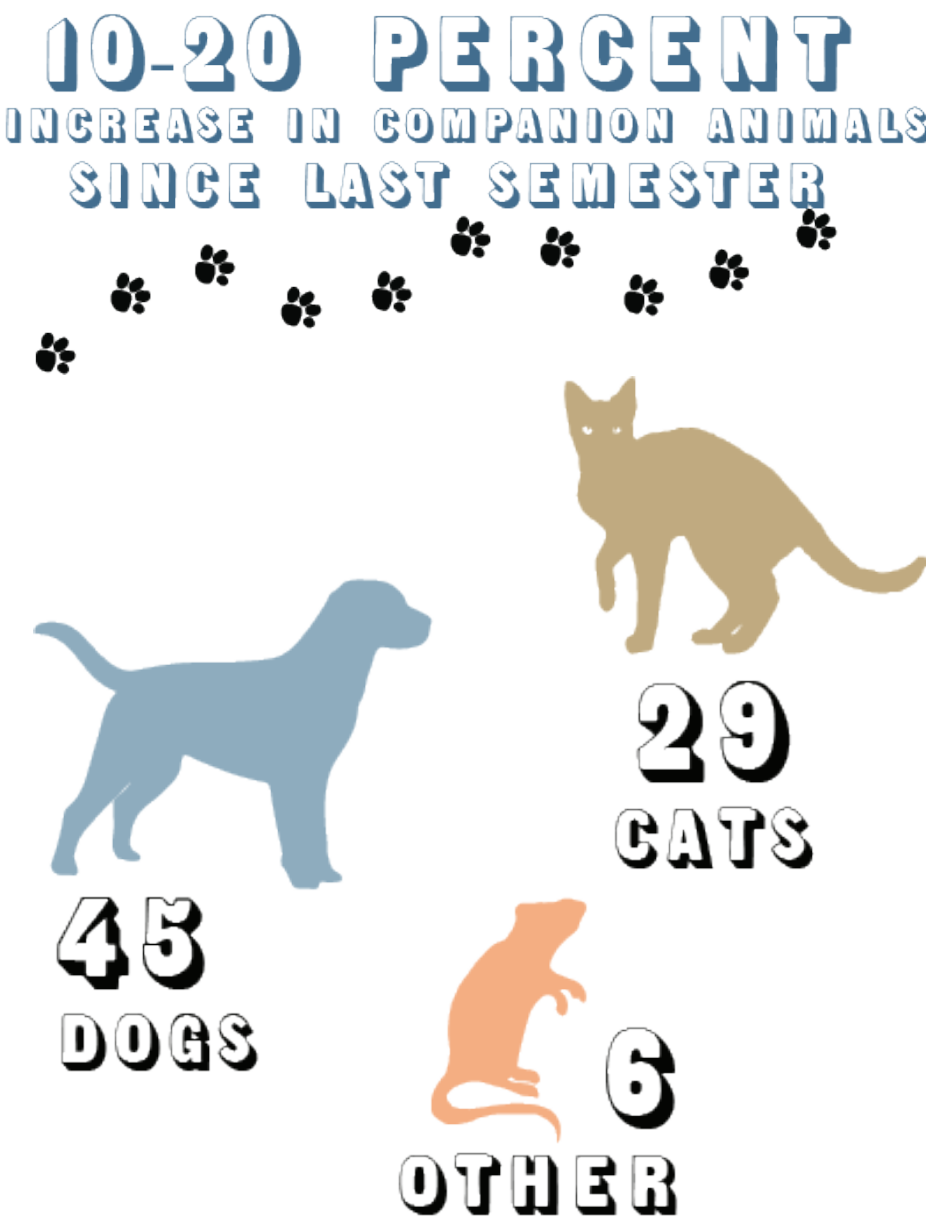
All companion animal owners should also be issued an identification card by the University of Montana that they can produce whenever they are asked if their animal is specifically a companion animal. McDunn said she never received a card, and no one has ever asked her for it.

This seeming lack of rule enforcement in regards to companion animals may make other students feel able to bring their animals into buildings on campus. Don Anderson Hall has a sign on the door that specifically prohibits dogs unless they are service animals.

"I have been bringing my dog Neko to all of my classes for about a year and half now," said Nicky Ouellett, a former graduate student in the environmental journalism program.

Nicky says she walked her dog past faculty and staff in the building, and even though some teachers didn't like dogs, no one ever complained. Neko even had his own water dish in the graduate student's office.

The Residence Life Office said they cannot legally put a cap on the number of service and companion animals allowed in student housing. If the numbers continue to grow, they said there is a possibility that accommodating companion animals around other students could become difficult. •



## THIS WEEK

By **Drew Novak**  
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WEDNESDAY, 9/21

### PAINTED NAILS DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

What if a manicure was a life-threatening situation? Women's Voices for the Earth brings this fascinating doc focusing on that very question. Follow Vietnamese-American Van Hoang as she gets involved in the battle against toxic chemicals in our cosmetics. Presented by San Francisco based non-profit organization DigAll Media.

Roxy Theater

7 PM

\$8

THURSDAY, 9/22

### DROP-IN WINE TASTING

Come experience a wine country style tasting in one of Missoula's best kept secrets. La Grotta Bella is tucked beneath the Old Post Pub and hosts a weekly selection of everyone's favorite beverage. You'll taste a minimum of four wines with a different theme each week, so you'll be on your way to sommelier status in no time.

**La Grotta Bella**  
5 PM  
\$10 (payable at Old Post Pub)

FRIDAY, 9/23

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE LUNCH

Aspiring gourmands can't miss this one. Get a taste of history with some the region's finest American Indian cuisine in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. Dishes will include baked trout, fry bread with honey.

Lommason Center

11 AM - 1:30 PM

SATURDAY, 9/24

### ART HOUSE THEATER DAY -- 'TIME BANDITS' / 'PHANTASM: REMASTERED'

Art House Theater Day recognizes the importance of independent venues and their role in keeping the cinema arts alive. Explore what film can be when it's not the latest Minions movie. Take a trip with a classic from a Monty Python auteur followed by one of horror's weirder works.

Roxy Theater

7 PM. and 9:15 PM

Students pay \$7 for each screening



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A "Magic Men Live!" dancer poses after finishing his act Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Dennison Theater



"Magic Men Live!" dancer Zac, left, tosses Sammi Copp's underwear during the Mr. Grey act at the Dennison Theater on Sept. 13. Copp was at the show celebrating a bachelorette party and was chosen to go on stage.

## Biceps, butts and beefcakes: a review of Magic Men

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The University of Montana campus got a little sexier Sept. 13 with the arrival of the Magic Men Live! all-male adult show. Promotional material promised "men of all kinds," which apparently meant firemen, bad boys and bikers.

Entertainment started even before entering the theater, with women of various ages all dolled up and ready for a good time. Perfume formed a thick haze. Jewelry was compulsory. One almost got the impression it was a night at the opera, but with tight skirts and towering high heels. Sure there were a few men in attendance too, but as the host of the spectacle, Myles, put it, "This is ladies' night."

The show very clearly takes its inspiration from Channing Tatum and Steven Soderbergh's popular "Magic Mike" films, right down

to its name. If you've seen "Magic Mike," you have a basic understanding of what was on display. Muscle-bound dudes with names like Troy the Boy Toy and Valentino the Chocolate Boy Wonder slinked about in costumes -- and out of them. They writhed on stage and on audience members. Squeals of delight were common. Catcalls were practically demanded. One woman held a sign stating, "I love small packages," though how earnest that was is difficult to say.

From the opening voiceover reassuring attendees that, "What you are about to witness is real," to the countrified cowboy striptease rounding up the end, Magic Men Live! steamrolled on with nary a moment to catch your breath. Its performers knew what the audience was there for, and damn if they didn't give it to them.

The camp quality inherent in such a stage

show was not ignored. Guys with raincoats and umbrellas hip-thrusted and body-rolled to the perennial drag queen classic "It's Raining Men" with a knowing wink. A well-toned nerd texted a lucky lady with an invitation to Netflix and chill, only to be interrupted mid-coitus by a call from his mother. There were as many laughs to be had as there were gasps to stifle.

Some acts worked. A surprise appearance by a twerking Elmo was especially appreciated, and added an unexpected gonzo element to the proceedings. A homage to 'Fifty Shades of Grey' and its "Red Room of Pain" worked the crowd into a frenzy. With the highlight of the night being a nearly nude dancer inviting a grandmother out of the audience to come up on stage. The theater erupted into cheers as she received the most entertaining performance of all. •





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Arts Editor, Bowen West gets frustrated with a lock while participating in a department-wide team building exercise at Break Out in Missoula, on Sept. 9.



**Rebekah Welch / @bekah2493**

Arts reporter Boe Clark (right) attempts to solve a clue during a team building exercise at Break Out in Missoula on Saturday, Sept. 9 while Drew Novak watches.

# Make or break: Arts and culture bonding

**Part 1: When the Bowen gets tough...** by Bowen West

By some fluke in the system I, Bowen West, was given the coveted position of Arts and Culture Editor.

There are only a few sacred no-no rules when you command Arts and Culture: you have to produce at least one story on pornography a month, your reporters can't review old movies and you have to try your hardest to make this section worth reading. I won't bore readers with the details, but let's just say this section is the laughing stock on campus.

I refuse to accept the reality that my mother is the only reader of the Arts and Culture section, due to her obligation to me. According to a Forbes article I read half of, the key to good leadership is knowing your employees. I figured the best way to get stronger content would be to form a bond with my reporters.

So I devised a plan to force my reporters to bond with me — a break out room.

The way a break out room works is simple, you're put in a room with several friends or co-workers and have an hour to figure out how to get out of the room. The rooms are designed to create a suspenseful group activity, a real life experience in an era of screen-based entertainment.

Jennifer and Jake Hanson, married couple and business partners, opened Break Out Missoula in May. The two tried their first escape room in Spokane, and after that they were hooked. They set up shop in the Stephens Center on Brooks Street and built two scenarios, "Jailbreak" and "The Secret Laboratory," with a murder-mystery themed room coming next month.

We were going to be in the Secret Laboratory room. Jake Hanson told us the situation for the room; a deadly flu is threatening the global population. The leading researcher in the development

of an antidote has gone missing. It is up to us to comb through the lab and find the antidote. Jake said that the fastest a team had beaten this room was 40 minutes and 10 seconds.

I said that we would beat that time, because of my stupid, stupid pride.

We walked into the Secret Laboratory. It was a bright room with beakers and burners across a stainless steel table. On the walls were charts of scientific things I didn't understand and a spooky mist filled the air. Two cameras were in the room so Jake could watch and give us clues through a TV monitor on the wall. We could use three clues throughout the time period and we clearly had our work cut out for us.

**Part 2: Boe to hell in a handbasket** by Boe Clark

One can't begin to imagine the struggle that I, Boe Clark, was about to endure. We were all fresh, we were all ready, but were we up to the task?

I led the charge with our first clue, looks of adoration splayed across my teammates faces. I knew I was their inspiration. Morale was steady and the mysteries began to unravel, for the first 10 minutes. I don't know how it happened or why, but self-doubt twisted Bowen's guts in a knot while cold indifference crept across the face of my fellow reporter Drew Novak. Bekah Welch, the photographer, hid behind her camera content to be a bystander as the world teetered on the edge of goat flu hell.

It made me sick. Too complex for one mind alone, the situation was desperate as time ticked away. Bowen seemed more at home with breaking down than breaking out; curled in a corner babbling to any god that would give him the time of day, while Drew drifted around rearranging clues and debating to no end.

Words appeared on the TV screen.

"You guys are fun."

I had to drift out to maintain my sanity, I was stuck. Trapped in a room with a man with no heart, a man with no courage, and our resident Dorothy seemed fine just sitting back to document the downfall of fools.

**Part 3: Bite off more than one can Drew** By Drew Novak

My teammates' sense of panic instilled in me something oddly calming. I, Drew Novak, was the only level-headed one in the group Bowen began to crack as the minutes ticked down, and naturally, Boe's knowledge of the laws of mathematics left him entirely.

"Measuring is more of an art than a science, get off my back," Boe said.

I had to stifle my laughter. A man's true character is revealed under pressure, and this exercise proved very enlightening. Still, the seconds dissolved away like the hope in the others' eyes. At some point I withheld information that would prove crucial for our success. Why? I'm still not sure.

How much trouble can basic locks give an adult person? If your compatriots are Bowen West and Boe Clark, the answer is apparently "too much." The clock said that seven minutes remained, and the smell of desperation grew ever stronger. Boe had to measure items to get the code for the last lock and apparently forgot every basic math skill.

Bowen threw his arms into the air, fists clenched in a feeble attempt at rallying his troops. We all saw the tears about to stream down his cheeks, but I was not one to give him a shoulder to cry on.

**Part 4: Bend it like Bekah** by Bekah Welch

With three minutes on the clock, our final challenge boiled down to any journalist's worst nightmare — a math equation. Slowly, we all abandoned Boe as he desperately tried again and again

to crack the code, Bowen pacing behind him, his emotional state swinging back and forth from despair to hilarity like a pendulum. I simply followed with my camera, hoping to capture the failure of the Arts and Culture crew. Out of nowhere, a look of realization came across Bowen's face. With two minutes to spare, our leader tried one last, frantic Hail Mary attempt at getting us out of here — he guessed.

**Part 5: ...The tough get Bowen** by Bowen West

I had to show my team what I was made of. I would never gain the respect of my staff if we lost. The only thing I could do was guess. There was one lock with a four-digit code between us and the vaccine that would set us free. I just had to guess the numbers.

I kept spinning numbers on the lock. We had two minutes left. I kept combining every possible combination. 5-6-1-2. Nope. One minute and 40 seconds left.

I put in another set of numbers and pulled. It clicked. My heart stopped. I looked down and saw that I had opened the lock.

I leapt up like a madman. I reached inside the fridge and found the vaccine. The TV monitor read 1:37. It may not have been a record time, but at least we won. I looked at my partners. Boe seemed as giddy as a child, it looked like Drew was, maybe having fun and Bekah was capturing our every moment of our victory.

Jake Hanson walked into the room to congratulate us. I asked how we did compared to past challengers.

"Better than average, but not by much," Jake said.

Maybe the Arts and Culture section is doomed to fail, maybe we will always be the part of the paper that people skip over. But for one day we were more than losers, we were better than average. For me that was enough. •



P R O G R A M U S A

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# By land, sea and bike: Ackerlund a national triathlon star

By **Zac Allen**

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University of Montana junior, Erika Ackerlund, has a unique one-up on Bruce Springsteen. While Springsteen was “Born to Run,” Ackerlund was born to run, swim and bike.

The Montana triathlete who both ran and swam for Helena High School wasn’t involved in triathlons until she came to Missoula. It was here that one of her friends told her about the club program on campus and she saw the sport as a way to be involved and to stay active.

In that case, she has certainly exceeded expectations.

This past April in Clemson, South Carolina, in less than two years as a triathlete, Ackerlund competed in the 2016 USA Triathlon Collegiate Club National Championships. There, Ackerlund placed second in the first day’s race and third in the second race, which earned her the women’s combined national championship.

“That was pretty exciting,” she said. “The girl who was third overall, I had seen her name the past few years and to finish ahead of her in the points and be up there with the people I’ve looked up to is really cool.”

Despite already having a title, the humble exercise science major still has big aspirations for the future.

“I can definitely improve and I’d like to go back and try and do well at the Collegiate Nationals again,” she said.

Ackerlund’s boyfriend, Elliot Bassett, is a University of Montana grad and has been an integral component in turning Montana into a national powerhouse in triathlons.

“For some people, the hardest thing is to go hard and keep going,” Bassett said.

Bassett has trained with former Grizzly triathletes Ben Hoffman, who placed second at the Ironman Triathlon World Championship in 2014, and Linsey Corbin, who placed fifth in the Ironman 70.3 Pan Am Championships. He believes that if Ackerlund continues to work, she could be among the world’s most elite triathletes.

“She could be a part of the World Championships in the next few years,” Bassett said. “She could be one of the top 40 in the world.”

Ackerlund said it is a big time commitment, but knows that the time is necessary to help make that dream a reality.

Beginning with a morning swim, Ackerlund’s day entails two hour-long workouts every day. In addition to competing in whichever

triathlon she can find throughout the region on weekends, she has to stay on top of a rigorous academic schedule. However, she’s not complaining about her time spent training.

“It’s not really a sacrifice though because I love doing it,” she said.

Though she spends a great amount of time working toward her sport, Ackerlund has managed to be equally stellar in the classroom. She is a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship — the highest academic scholarship available — and with a 3.88 GPA, she is the true definition of a student-athlete.

On Sept. 11, Ackerlund finished first overall and set a new course record of 2:17:01.5 at the Best in the West Triathlon Festival in Sweet Home, Oregon. Ackerlund said she couldn’t have predicted the success she’s had.

“I think for consistency if you keep working for months and months and months then eventually all of your work builds on itself,” she said.

For Ackerlund, whose races have taken her all the way from Florida to Oregon, and California to South Carolina, her next goal is the NCAA Championships this November in New Orleans. Hopefully, she can bring back the national title to where it belongs — Missoula. •



Courtesy of Ann Gilbert

Erika Ackerlund, a junior at UM, celebrates winning the Best in the West Triathlon Festival in Sweet Home, Oregon on Sept. 11. Ackerlund broke the overall record with a time of 2:17:01.5.

## Views from the 406: Missoula’s a better place because of the Griz

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The University of Montana released a study on the contribution of Grizzly athletics to the Missoula economy on Sept. 15, and the results should come as no surprise. If you didn’t see the report, spoiler alert: Griz athletics gives the Missoula economy a massive boost.

For example, 1,284 year-round jobs exist just because of Grizzly athletics. Missoula’s economy sees over \$2.5 million dollars of spending for a single home football game. And that’s just from the out-of-town visitors who come for games.

In a year, Griz athletics stimulate over \$120 million dollars in gross sales for Mis-

soula businesses and boost Missoula’s population by about 1,300 people.

And that’s not just football. Dahlberg Arena is constantly filled for Griz and Lady Griz basketball games. The home opener for Griz soccer neared 500 fans, and softball also drew massive crowds in its first two seasons.

On Saturdays throughout the fall, you can find a crowd of 25,000-plus inside Washington-Grizzly Stadium cheering on the Grizzlies.

There are even more fans that come over to tailgate and then head downtown, drinking at the Mo Club until the early hours of the morning to celebrate another Grizzly victory or drown the sorrows of a rare home loss.

With this in mind, it only makes sense to expand on Washington-Grizzly Stadi-

um to make it even better. The Grizzlies led the FCS in attendance in 2015 by an average of nearly 4,000 fans. Washington-Grizzly Stadium is the crown jewel of FCS football.

The Griz have had 26 home playoff games since the turn of the century. A lot of these were off the pure strength of the program, but occasionally a mediocre Montana team hosts a first round game. The money the NCAA makes off Griz playoff games can’t play a factor in that.

The brand new 32-by-55 foot Griz Vision, complete with HD capabilities the old board lacked, makes the Wa-Griz experience that much more memorable in 2016. The addition of lights in 2012, which allowed night games like the season-opener against Saint Francis that saw a crowd of over 26,000, has been huge, as

have the new ribbon boards around the stadium displaying scores and time.

The athletics department took some flak over the construction of the new Champions Center, but at the end of the day it was a donation of \$7 million from the Washington Foundation that helped make the building possible, and it will be a huge boost for the University upon completion.

The construction is messy now, but the new center will improve the overall appeal and atmosphere of the Washington-Grizzly Stadium, and a brand new multi-million-dollar facility can’t hurt recruiting either. A better team equals a bigger crowd. A bigger crowd equals more money for local Missoula businesses. Montana athletics are great, and here’s to hoping they keep getting better. •



# Montana's Semorian defense: New DC Jason Semore turns heads with style, tactics

By **Nick Puckett**

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Josh Buss prowled behind the defensive line. The rush came, and the Saint Francis, Pennsylvania quarterback, Zack Drayer, knew it.

Drayer shouted directions to his offensive line to protect him from the eight Montana defenders roaming in the box. It was the second quarter and the Red Flash had solely relied on running back Marcus Bagley for yardage. He brought them to the Montana 43-yard line.

Drayer took the snap and rolled to his left. Before he got the chance to turn his head, Buss met him and drug him down for a 14-yard sack.

"We've been working on that play all week," Buss said, smiling after the game. "I thought he was going to get away for a second. I kind of had to swipe out his legs."

On the sideline sat Jason Semore, Montana's first-year defensive coordinator. He's built like a linebacker – short, bulky, with a mountain man's beard – and he coaches with a certain restlessness. So far, they've curbed the Flash all day.

As Buss celebrates his first career sack, the crowd cheers with him.

"We're a defense that attacks offensive weaknesses," Semore said with a trademark grin. "It's important that our guys...understand what the offense is trying to do to them, because they help us make those decisions."

By "guys" he means players like Buss.

By "decisions" he means plays like the

crowd-jolting sack that placed Buss in perfect position.

Semore came to Missoula two years ago from the Colorado School of Mines. He followed head coach Bob Stitt, who hired him as the special teams coordinator, and took over the defense from former coordinator Ty Gregorak.

Now, Semore heads the top defense in the Big Sky Conference. In 2015, Montana led the conference in points allowed (21 per game), sacks (45), turnover margin (+14) and ranked second in yards allowed (3594 per game).

Against Saint Francis Sept. 3, Montana allowed 253 yards on their way to a 41-31 win. Saint Francis scored once on drives beginning beyond Montana's 36-yard line, which is nothing out of the ordinary for Montana fans with high expectations. The man behind the defense's success changed Montana's traditional style into something new – the Semorian defense.

Semore is the new guy. So far, he's delivered a 20-14 win over former-No. 3 Northern Iowa Sept. 10, bolstered the No. 7 Griz to an early spot atop the Big Sky and a 2-0 record.

"My role has changed a lot," Semore said. "[I'm] trying to train these defensive players to understand not only their job within the defense, but how our defense impacts what we're trying to do offensively," Semore said.

Caleb Kidder can be described as larger than life. Literally and metaphorically.

The Preseason All-American is Montana foot-

ball's poster child – 6-foot-5-inches, 260 pounds, dirty blonde hair and the stinging eyes to match. His smile reveals a sense of friendliness, but also a sense that he could snap you in half at any given moment.

When asked about defensive coordinator Semore's coaching style, he replied with a wry smile and said, "He keeps emphasizing 'Just be savages.'"

Semore's defense, as Kidder put it, matches blue collar work ethic with hours of game planning. Ask any player on Semore's squad how much film they watch and they couldn't tell you, but they're usually the last ones to take the practice field following film sessions.

Most, like cornerback Ryan McKinley, just keep it short, and say "It's a lot."

Semore puts it "They work to the point of failure."

With five new starters, Semore needed to match Montana's defensive reputation with the lack of experience. On opening day against Saint Francis, he raised skepticism with his hybrid 4-3 playbook to compensate for the variety of players – like the small, speedy linebacker Buss and his run-clogging backer-mate Connor Strahm.

"He coaches outside the box a little bit," Stitt said. "He's going to do what works rather than, 'Oh, this is the way you're supposed to do it.'"

In Semore's defense, linebackers and linemen constantly move in the box. Kidder, traditionally an end player, occasionally slides to the interior. Sometimes he'll stack the line with five guys on

passing downs.

"It's a two-fold deal," Semore said. "Part of it is game plan... Part of it is a play call standpoint, moving guys in position where they're better. We built rules within the defense so our guys can move and play different positions based on what their tools are."

Semore's coaching style comes down to the mentality his players embrace. They're smart, but aggressive. They trust his style, even if the constant motion creates confusion or question.

"He puts in the hours to get it done," said head coach Bob Stitt, who hired Semore as a graduate assistant in 2006 and brought him back in 2014 to be the defensive coordinator for the Colorado School of Mines. "He has a great balance of discipline and loving them up."

His defense is not perfect. Saint Francis running back Marcus Bagley ran for 95 yards in Semore's debut. Northern Iowa ball-carrier Tyvis Smith ran for 130 two weekends ago, leading the Panthers to 351 total yards.

The way the players carry themselves is the difference in Semore's defense.

To the players, like Kidder and Buss, that means playing like a savage. "Fly around, throw your body out there, rip at the ball, be mean," Buss said, quoting Semore's clichés. "Take shots, throw punches at the ball. Just go out there and really be ruthless. Do everything you can for your defense to get the ball back." •





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