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For some of you, this may be the first time reading the Kaimin. For others, it may already be part of your weekly reading list. Either way, thanks for picking it up. It truly does mean a lot – you’re the reason we do this.

It’s my first issue as the editor of the paper and I wanted to clear a few things up. To say the least, the opinion of the Kaimin varies across campus. I think one of the easiest ways to address some of the confusion around the Kaimin is to define what we are, as well as what we are not.

For starters, things that we are not:

We are not run by the University. Our stories aren’t approved by the University, the student government, faculty or anyone else. We are comprised of student journalists who work here and make the Kaimin happen week after week. That’s the way it has been for the 120 years we’ve been around.

We don’t make stuff up. All of our stories are reported, fact checked and copy edited by the reporters and editors that work here. We try to report stories we think students should know about. Are they always happy stories? No, of course not. Do we only seek out bad stories? Also, no. It’s the students who pay for the Kaimin through a small fee on every tuition bill, and we are here to bring the news that matters to students.

Are we missing something? Did we get something wrong? Call me, email me, stop by the office, mail me a letter, anything. I want to know if we’re missing something and I will be the first to admit when we make a mistake. Hopefully, those are few and far between – we are only human.

That leads me to what we are:

We are students. Most of us are journalism majors, but we’ve got a few history majors, media arts people and some creative writing students as well. We take classes, most of us have second jobs (the Kaimin is far from a lucrative endeavor), but we do this because we love it.

We are relentless. We want to find the truth and bring it to you. We stick our noses into things that probably don’t want noses in them. Oh, and we also have a pretty killer arts section if you want to know where the best house shows or cheap eats are in town. Don’t forget we’ve got a website that holds so much more than we could possibly fit into the paper.

Students are the reason this University exists, and students are the reason the Kaimin exists. We work for you. And most importantly, we are you. So give us a read, give us a call, and let us know how better we can serve you – after all, that’s why we’re here.

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Just dance, it’ll be OK

Between zombie-walking from class to class, burying yourself in the library studying, working and remembering to pay rent, don’t you ever wish you could be in kindergarten again? So do I.

 Thankfully, I balance my two jobs and rigorous journalism course load by giving myself a more creative and physically expressive outlet in my other major: dance. Not to say being a dance major is easy. We do intense physical activity day into night, with strenuous rehearsals, multiple shows a year and dense dance-academia requirements. That being said, dance offers great stress relief. I can disappear into the studio and forget the things on my to-do list. I can find peace and clarity of mind, zoning into my body and how it feels in space, releasing my many emotions and pent-up energy from sitting in lectures or at my desk in the newsroom.

Spending time in the basement of the Performing Arts Radio Television building in our studios each year has shown me you don’t have to be a dance major to utilize the program. In fact, we’re constantly luring students from across campus to come down to the basement and see what we’re about. Many of our classes are open to all students at the University of Montana, from modern to ballet, jazz or African. You don’t even have to be in the program to audition for our shows. My freshman year I even convinced my roommate, Briane White, another journalism student, to take a class after growing jealous of my fun schedule, running around campus in a leotard. Taking Modern I both relieved her stress while helping her meet other students. “Each day brought something new and unconventional, and I always left the studio refreshed both emotionally and physically,” she said.

Dance class allows you to access your imagination and let it run wild like a kid again; it’s ultimate freedom to use your entire brain, heart and body to express yourself. It’s great physical exercise that’s fun and fly by without being grueling or tedious, allowing you to sweat out your stress and feel healthy and powerful, full of endorphins. Not only do you gain a better understanding and control of your body, moving more gracefully through life, but you learn to love your body and the amazing things it does, boosting your confidence. Also, the dance faculty are a riot. They’re very fun, bad-ass headstrong mamas who believe with their whole hearts in the power of dance to unify and heal. They are warm, welcoming and receptive and always see you for your potential. They will energize your spirit and enrich your soul, making you not only feel like a better mover, but a better human.

I am a huge proponent of self care and I think that everyone should schedule physical and creative outlets into their daily lives, it’s so important in these hectic times to prioritize our mental and physical health. Dancing is an easy way to do both.

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A welcome from your student government leaders

Welcome back to campus all returning students, and a big welcome to all of our new Grizzlies! We are so excited to be starting this year with all of you.

We are the Associated Students of the University of Montana – your student government. We are comprised of 26 senators, a business manager, vice president and president, six agencies, almost 200 student groups and growing. As your student government, we are here to represent and advocate for all students. Our history is one of opportunity and growth, all aimed toward improving the student experience at UM.

Some of our agencies help tell this story.

The Office of Transportation began almost 20 years ago when parking was difficult and transportation to campus was limited. ASUM bought a van to shuttle students to a class and back, and as demand grew, so did the agency – eventually purchasing two electric buses and, recently, receiving a $1.5 million electric bus grant to purchase more.

Being a student can be difficult, but being a student and a parent is near impossible. Recognizing the need for childcare services on campus, ASUM created a daycare center for students, faculty and staff. Our childcare program has five classrooms for 85 children ranging from infants and toddlers to preschool. It is one of the few student-run programs in the nation and the only that hires students -- and we are hiring!

Check out our website, umt.edu/asum, for more information about all of the great work opportunities at ASUM.

Along with our agencies, we have almost 200 student groups, which any student can start, from Women’s rugby to the Pacific Islanders Club and International Student Association to Fire Club. Groups may seek funding from ASUM to go on trips, buy food or equipment or to put on an event. We can also help you start a student group! This fall we will be hosting workshops to train and support student group leaders about how to be a successful group.

This year is going to be busy, and we are going to need your help! In November, the Stx Mill Levy, which helps fund Montana’s higher education system, is going to be on the ballot, and we need students’ help to make sure it passes. If it doesn’t pass, you can expect to be paying higher tuition.

If you want to get involved and make a real, tangible difference on campus, we are a great place to check out. Whether it is starting a student group, serving on a university or ASUM committee, or becoming a student senator - we want to enhance your experience at UM. Our office is located in UC 104, and we would love for you to stop by!

We are here to serve you and we cannot wait to help you pursue your passion at UM. Have a great first couple days of classes, and we can’t wait to see you around campus!

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Last fall, as students made their way back to campus, thick wildfire smoke still hung around the Missoula Valley. The University of Montana was led by a slew of temporary executives, students were rallying against proposed cuts to some of their most beloved lecturers and morale was generally low. As some of you may have noticed, we’ve been spared the smoke this year, we have an almost entirely new permanent administration filling Main Hall, and all of the lecturers are still here. Wait, scratch that last part. A lot of them are actually gone.

What else has changed, what will change and how did we get here? We’ll try to break it down without getting too technical, and we’ll focus on the things that students are probably wondering, like whether or not your major will still be offered come graduation day. We’re not trying to beat a dead horse here (what a messed-up saying), but to understand the news, it takes a little context. Here’s the basic summation of the last seven years at UM: Declining student enrollment meant less money to run the University. Less money meant cutting faculty and staff, which make up the vast majority of UM’s budget. So, what is UM going to do to stop the drop in students before there is nothing left to cut? Here’s us laying out the facts and making a couple of predictions along the way.

HOW DID WE GET HERE? A TIMELINE OF TEA

Jan 6, 2012
Griz linebacker Beau Donaldson arrested and charged with rape. He pleads guilty nine months later.

September 23, 2010
Then-provost Royce Engstrom hired as UM’s president upon George Dennison’s retirement.

December 16, 2011
The Missoulian publishes uncited news tip alleging UM has a problem with indifference to crimes of sexual violence.

Jan 31, 2012
The investigation led by former Justice Barz finds “UM has a problem with sexual assaults.”

July 31, 2012
Griz quarterback Jordan Johnson charged with rape. He is expelled from UM, but on March 1, 2013 found not guilty in court. Days later, he was reinstated as a student and Griz football player, apparently in a decision by Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian and (now former) Dean of Students Rhondie Voorhees.

April 20, 2012
US Department of Justice opens investigation into the sexual assault response policies of UM, UM police, Missoula police, and Missoula County Attorney’s Office.

Summer 2014
UM President Royce Engstrom forms AAIP, a committee to review academic programs. Engstrom assures campus that the budget is not a factor in the review, and it won’t be used for making cuts. In the committee’s mission, it hoped to increase enrollment by 2015.

October 13, 2016
UM hosts a workshop with author Robert Dickson, who wrote the book on program prioritization, a method of cutting ailing programs and boosting successful ones.

November 8, 2017
APASP, UM’s program prioritization task force, meets for the first time.

April 6, 2017
APASP finishes ranking academic programs, including their accuracy and dependability of their work.

April 12, 2015
Journalist Jon Krakauer releases “Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town.”

March 6, 2016
In response to Kaimin information requests, UM release data outlining which positions were cut and which open positions would be left unfilled or funded through other sources, totaling 307 positions lost, 270 of which were positions that would be left empty indefinitely.

December 1, 2016
Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian announces Engstrom will step down on Dec. 31 and be replaced by former commissioner Sheila Stearns until a permanent executive and Green Beret commander, is selected as UM’s next president, beginning Jan 1, 2018.

October 3, 2017
Seth Bodnar, a former GE executive and Green Beret commander, is selected as UM’s next president, beginning Jan 1, 2018.

February 16, 2018
Bodnar convenes the University Planning Committee to reanalyze programs, including their cost-effectiveness and relevance to UM’s mission statement.
Whose who at the U?

Who's who at the U?

Seth Bodnar: President of UM

Former GE Executive and Green Beret command-er. Second youngest president in UM's history. Started the job on Jan 1, 2018 and has since been working on a reorganization of Main Hall in an effort to improve student services and enrollment.

Jon Harbor: Provost and Executive VP

As Bodnar’s second in command, he leads UM’s academics and student life. Harbor officially started at UM on August 1, and is the first to oversee both academics and the student experience under Bodnar’s reorganization of Main Hall.

Cathy Cole: VP of Enrollment and Strategic Communication

UM’s new enrollment mastermind, hired into the role after Tom Crady was let go at the end of his contract this spring. Her job is key to UM’s success, as a roughly 30 percent drop in students since 2011 caused a budget disaster.

Kelly Webster: Chief of Staff

Formerly the director of the Writing Center. She described her role as making sure Bodnar stays focused on student success.

Scott Whittenburg: VP of Research and Creative Scholarship

Leads the one section of UM performing exceptionally well: research. External research funding has grown more than 50 percent since Whittenburg took over in 2013, up to $88 million last year.

Alex Butler and Mariah Welch: ASUM President and VP

The 2018-19 leaders of UM’s student government, ASUM. Butler, the president, holds a seat on Bodnar’s cabinet. In addition to managing student groups across campus, the pair often act as the students’ voice in UM’s decision making.

Clayton Christian: Commissioner of Higher Education for the Montana University System

Oversees all public universities in Montana. Still in a years-long battle with Jon Krakauer over the author’s request for records showing how Jordan Johnson’s expulsion was overthrown.

What’s up with enrollment and can we fix it?

The University of Montana has been struggling with recruitment, enrollment and retention for nearly a decade. Since 2010, enrollment at UM has dropped nearly 30 percent. But with a newly restructured office and a restored budget, the new vice president of enrollment and strategic communications, Cathy Cole, plans to make social media the star player in her recruitment strategy.

UM announced in June that Cole was offered the newly created position after former enrollment vice president Tom Crady was let go. Cole comes from the University of North Florida, where she held a similar position.

Cole said President Seth Bodnar’s combination of enrollment and communications, previously two separate offices, was a “genius change.” Her enrollment staff now includes not only recruiters, but also videographers, writers and photographers from the communications office.

Cole also said she wants to aim marketing at younger high school students, and her office will use Instagram and Snapchat to appeal to this demographic.

The Missoulian reported that Bodnar restored $1 million to the enrollment budget that had been allocated elsewhere a few years ago. This may help UM compete with Montana State University, which has been spending about twice as much as UM on recruiting in the past few years and has seen soaring enrollment.

Cole confirmed UM signed a contract with the Messina Group, a consulting firm founded in part by UM alum Jim Messina. Messina was campaign manager, then White House deputy chief of staff, for former President Barack Obama. Shortly after the former enrollment vice president, Tom Crady, was asked to leave UM unexpectedly in March, the Missoulian exposed how Bodnar’s wife, Chelsea, had sought out Messina to help UM, and requested UM turn over sensitive student data to Messina’s firm, which Crady questioned.

Bodnar announced restructuring of the Office of the Provost and Crady’s former position at the same time.

With a larger graduating class last spring and almost 500 students graduating this summer, enrollment is expected to be down again at UM this fall.

Shaylee Ragar,
News Reporter

Where are all the deans at??

In the past year, five deans have left their positions and been replaced with interims, either for jobs elsewhere or to return to teaching.

Deans, who oversee both the academics and staffing of their respective colleges, are among the most influential players at UM. Newly hired Executive Vice President and Provost Jon Harbor recently tasked deans with cutting faculty to meet shrinking budgets by 2021. With so many temporary leaders filling the role of dean, decisions about the future of academic programs will be made by people who may not be around when the changes are actually implemented.

Chris Comer, who was dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences for the past nine years, stepped down to continue teaching. Jenny McNulty, who was associate dean under Comer, has been interim dean since Aug. 15.

Brock Tessman was hired this summer as deputy commissioner for the Montana University System after about three years as dean of the Davidson Honors College. Tessman confirmed he had been a semifinalist in UM’s presidential search which hired Seth Bodnar. He was also a finalist for top administrative positions at the University of Central Arkansas and Lewis-Clark State College, but was not hired.

Kaetlyn Cordingly, who has been the DHC’s career development coordinator since fall 2017, is acting as interim dean.

Shannon O’Brien was dean of Missoula College before taking a voluntary buyout in December. Clint Reading served as interim dean until recently, when Roger MacLean, dean of extended and lifelong learning, was called on to work double-dean-duty until a permanent replacement at Missoula College is hired.

Robert Evans, former dean of the College of Education, stepped down from her position as dean in fall of 2017 but continues at UM as a professor. Adrea Lawrence has been serving as interim dean since January.

Dean of Students Rhondie Voorhees, was asked to leave in late August for reasons still unclear at print time. Voorhees will continue to be paid until her contract expires in June of 2019. With Voorhees gone, Shali Zhang, dean of libraries, is the only permanent female dean at UM.

According to UM’s Human Resources department, recruitment has not begun to permanently fill any of the vacant dean positions. A timeline has not been set.

Shaylee Ragar,
News Reporter

Cassidy Alexander
Daily/Breaking News Editor
Is my major safe?

Three times in the past 4 years, the University has taken a hard look at every major and whether or not it will keep being offered to meet budget constraints. President Seth Bodnar announced the results of the latest review process last May. Dubbed his “Strategy for Distinction,” it outlined numerous programs that could be discontinued, merged with others or redesigned, and cuts to more than 50 full-time faculty positions.

While the plan was not a binding document, merely a draft, it caused an uproar among students who were unsure of the future of their programs.

During a press conference following Bodnar’s State of the University address on Aug. 24, Provost Jon Harbor stressed that the “Strategy for Distinction” is just one part of an ongoing discussion. Harbor described it as an initial proposal, not a final decision.

But last spring as department heads were leaving and professors were taking buyouts it was uncertain how many lecturers’ contracts were renewed. The uncertainty caused students to question whether or not they would be able to graduate.

If a program is cut, or phased out as Harbor referred to it, students will still be able to take the courses they need to graduate.

“The University has a commitment that any program that is phased out, all of the students in there will be taught out. They’ll get the set of courses they signed up for,” Harbor said.

It is unclear what the “teach out” process would look like, but Harbor said it will be created once the decision has been made to phase out a program.

“No decisions have been made and I do not expect many program closures,” Harbor wrote in a follow up email, but as the process continues UM remains in limbo, uncertain of what the future will be.

Kept students and the campus community aware of the process and engaged in the discussion surrounding program cuts is important, Harbor said. UM’s main form of communicating with students is through email, but as the process continues UM remains in limbo, uncertain of what the process continues.

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We want to be communicating through channels [students] pay attention to,” he said.

If students are wanting to have their voices heard, Harbor suggested reaching out to the student government, ASUM, which represents and advocates for UM students as part of the University’s shared governance agreement. Harbor also suggested speaking with academic advisors and faculty mentors.

Why do budget cuts matter to me?

The University is cutting spending on employees as part of its strategy to make up for the budget deficit. Both faculty and staff are at risk to lose their jobs. Provost Jon Harbor has told deans to meet budget needs by cutting faculty. If not enough people agree to resign or retire, UM will consider forcibly cutting tenure contracts to make up the slack.

Faculty aren’t the only UM employees who have been targeted to help lift the University out of its financial woes. Last winter, over 500 UM staff were offered a severance package to cut their losses and move on. After 84 employees took the buyout, student services across campus have become bare. Griz Central, Financial Aid and the Office of Civic Engagement are among the majority of spaces that are now seen empty. As more staff leave and UM determines the future of its programs, many services students rely on could be reduced to the minimum or disappear entirely.

Students will feel the structural changes of growing or shrinking programs across campus as they are phased out in the next four years. Some programs and services will disappear entirely in addition to the people who run them.

Cutting isn’t the only solution to solving UM’s crippling financial problems. The students on campus have also compensated for less revenue by paying more to attend the University. Last year, tuition increased for undergraduates by 3.2 percent for out-of-state, 8.5 percent for in-state and 9.3 percent for Western Undergraduate Exchange, according to Montana University System documents. This year, out-of-state undergraduate tuition will stay the same while undergraduate tuition for in-state and WUE students will increase by about 2.5 percent. Graduate students and Missoula College students will see tuition increases as well.

Tuition could spike again next fall if the Six Mill Levy, a property tax that is voted on every 10 years to help fund higher education across Montana, is not renewed by voters this November.

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The Bookstore went corporate?

After nearly a century as a nonprofit, the UM Bookstore is now managed by a private company.

Founded in 1921, the UM Bookstore experienced falling sales in recent years, largely due to the enrollment drop, leading it to reduce staff and sell the University Center Market last year. In May, the Bookstore announced it would contract Barnes & Noble College to manage the store, and made the transition on July 2.

BNC operates 760 campus stores nationwide, according to its website. Its parent company, Barnes & Noble Education, separated from Barnes & Noble in 2015.

BNC Regional Manager Michele Yanko said BNC followed the Bookstore’s lead to keep the Bookstore’s brand, rather than adopt Barnes & Noble branding. She said BNC has affordable options for textbooks, including a robust rental program.

“The relationships that our textbook department has with the various publishers helps us ensure we have pricing that is competitive and we are able to deliver course materials in a manner in which students can save the most,” Yanko said.

The Missoulian reported the Bookstore’s five-year contract with BNC provides the nonprofit with a guaranteed minimum payment or a percentage of sales, whichever is greater.

Bookstore Chief Operating Officer Eamon Fahey said the contract limits BNC to a 25 percent markup on textbooks. He said it also must sell school supplies at or below the manufacturer’s suggested retail price.

The Bookstore will no longer recognize student group index codes, which allow student groups to charge purchases directly to their accounts. Fahey said that was Main Hall’s decision.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Rosi Keller could not be reached for comment.

“The nonprofit will now act more as a foundation,” Fahey said. “It’s going to be managing the bookstore’s assets.” The assets include the BNC contract and Fact & Fiction, a downtown bookstore. He said the nonprofit will invest revenue in student groups, though it has not yet determined which ones.

The Bookstore also moved its textbook section to the ground floor. University Center Director Adrienne Donald said the UC will rent the upstairs space to the Broader Impacts Group, which is part of the research and creative scholarship office.

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Summer session successes and shortcomings

The University of Montana boasted a successful summer session this year with an increase in enrollment, however it didn’t happen by chance, with the hiring of a new director of summer programs.

Linda Shook was hired last year to spearhead UM’s summer programs, to connect administrators and professors, and to work on marketing summer session. Shook came from Auburn University, where she held the same position. and is interim until UM hires a full-time director this fall.

“What can you do in summer that will help you graduate in a timely manner?” Shook said of how she approaches summer programs.

Summer session can be vital for some students to graduate.

Katy Lindberg, 21, from Belgrade, Montana, was conditionally offered a spot at UM’s law school provided that she complete two summer session classes. She walked at graduation with a degree in economics, but needed two more electives to finish the 120-credit requirement. Without summer session, Lindberg would have had to wait until next fall to start law school, costing her more time and money.

“I’m grateful that the opportunity was there, and it helped me advance my academic career,” Lindberg said.

But some students aren’t so lucky.

Erin Toole, 27, from Missoula, is a part-time sociology student who has to limit her workload due to a variety illnesses, including rheumatoid arthritis and epilepsy. She registered for summer session in order to graduate this fall. But Toole’s class was cancelled due to low enrollment, and she won’t be able to make it up in the fall, so she must push graduation back another semester. She started studying at UM in 2011.

Registrar Joe Hickman said summer session courses can be cancelled for a variety of reasons: low enrollment, consolidation of classes, at the discretion of the faculty member, and credit conversions from traditional to independent study.

“I just feel that there has been a lot of miscommunication and disorganization. I’ve struggled to get what I need there,” Toole said.

Toole needed that class to graduate, and there was no substitution course. She’s taken summer session courses every year since she started college, knowing her health would require extra time in school.

Shook said course cancellation is common for summer session and happens every year. She said it was a campus-wide effort to promote summer programs and increase enrollment. This included colleges working to offer a range of diverse, elective-type courses, more online options, and a marketing push in spring to help UM accomplish this goal.

Summer session enrollment increased by 17 percent from last year, the highest it’s been since 2014, according to a press release on July 30. UM offered a record number of online options, in which about half of this year’s summer session students enrolled, the release said. Almost 3,000 students chose from 453 courses, according to the Registrar’s Office.

Associate Provost Nathan Lindsay partially attributed the enrollment increase to a change in financial aid allocation, which allowed students to use Pell Grant funds for summer session for the first time. Federal guidelines changed to let students to use their personal leftover funds from the grant for a third semester.

Shook said a number of out-of-state students enrolled in UM’s summer session, registering for courses unique to the Missoula campus to be transferred back to their home universities. In the future, she said out-of-state students will be a priority for marketing.

Paula Short, UM communications director, said the Provost’s Office, under interim Provost Paul Kirgis, created the director of summer programs position.

“Our number one goal, our purpose, is to equip students and prepare them for productive lives,” Shook said.
University of Montana Productions closed its doors after the Associated Students of the University of Montana cut the agency’s funding this year. While campus works to find a sustainable replacement for UMP, students learning to work in entertainment management are without a valuable career-building opportunity.

UMP was a student-run, student-funded organization for the past 49 years, promoting and producing shows mainly in the Adams Center, Dennison Theatre and the UC Ballroom. It has helped students secure internships across the country. Kaylee Osentowski, a theater, dance and entertainment management major who landed an internship at Walt Disney World, said she learned things she couldn’t have elsewhere.

According to ASUM Vice President Mariah Welch, UMP’s student employees and its accountant, Marlene Hendrickson, decided that due to UM’s current financial landscape, the Adams Center could no longer support paying for UMP’s services.

“We wanted to explore ways that those students could still gain that knowledge and experience, but it just wasn’t in the current structure that we had,” Welch said.

UM Productions and the Adams Center maintained an occasionally rocky relationship, including a 2015 dispute between the directors of the two organizations over their operating agreement.

UM Productions accused the Adams Center of denying its share of rental fees and not giving it “right to first offer” when negotiating with promoters. The Adams Center started to work as a co-promoter and building manager, leaving UMP out. ASUM passed a resolution stating “after the settlement of current violations of the memorandum and outstanding debts, ASUM supports the rewriting and renegotiation of this agreement.”

With both directors gone, little had come out of the conflict. UMP was producing “significantly less shows” at the Adams Center, ASUM business manager Andria Schafer said.

Brandon Kress, director of operations at the Adams Center, said though they worked together, it was “silozed out between all the venues, and they were all butting heads trying to bring in shows and revenue.” He hopes with a new model, they can work more cohesively.

Director of Entertainment Management Mike Morelli acknowledged the changes. Arguably, the biggest loss is the ability for students to book shows.

“UM Productions is where many of UM Entertainment Management’s founders received their training and got their start in the business, and one of the biggest things they got out of that was booking and working on shows,” Morelli said. He believes students are “anxious to create something new.”

A committee was formed in the spring to develop a replacement model. Spearheaded by interim Vice President for Finance Rosi Keller and co-chaired by Kress and Stephen Kalm, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, the committee comprises ASUM students, professors and various campus sectors, including athletics and business. The committee is working to build a better business model to expand entertainment for the University, the community and Montana overall, getting students involved and centralizing services for venues.

This relies on a structure that promotes better communication, exploring cross-venue programming so large events aren’t scheduled simultaneously and standardizing protocol to ease navigation. This will allow for better booking on campus, in turn generating more income to support the program. Kalm said, “[We] have been successful in trying to break the silos and are moving forward together to create a unified map for UM arts and entertainment.”

Larger venues on campus need to be equally competitive, available and flexible as other Missoula locations like the Wilma or the KettleHouse Amphitheater. It’s important to attract a greater diversity of talent and entertainment and utilize all facilities, suggesting the Washington-Grizzly stadium could become more available, Kalm said.

Students are the center of the experience, Morelli said, and the committee is figuring out how to utilize them in building a “pipeline to go back out for students who are graduating to go work.”

This will include increasing the amount of internships and ensuring students are involved in all aspects, from planning and promotion to marketing and producing shows.

“The University recognizes the value of entertainment and how unique Missoula is and wants to capitalize on it,” Morelli said. Though it can “walk fine lines between allowing artistic creativity and financial viability,” it strives to incorporate its students.

“I think it is a lofty goal and a very worthy goal,” he said.
Following an eight-year journey to the Bowl Subdivision of college football, infamous Montana Grizzlies football coach Bobby Hauck is back at the team’s helm. But sparking the Grizzlies’ return to relevance won’t be easy after missing the playoffs in back-to-back seasons for the first time in 25 years.

“There’s a couple [position] groups I really worry about us having enough bodies to make it through the season,” Hauck said.

Montana received the No. 25 seed in the FCS preseason coaches poll and seventh in the Big Sky Conference coaches poll. This was likely due to holes at linebacker, corner back and on the offensive line.

The Grizzlies’ roster isn’t flush with talent like it was during Hauck’s first stint in Missoula, which lasted from 2003-09. Still, Hauck is committed to his “Return to Dominance” mantra, but even he has hinted that a total transformation may not come over night.

When Hauck replaced Bob Stitt as the Grizzlies’ head coach in December, he replaced seven of 12 assistant coaches. One of the newcomers is offensive coordinator Timm Rosenbach, who worked with Hauck for two seasons at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Hauck recruited quarterback Dalton Sneed to UNLV in 2015, but Hauck and Rosenbach had moved on from the school by the time Sneed arrived at the Las Vegas campus. After a few years apart, Sneed said it was an easy choice to transfer to UM and join the duo in Missoula because of how well his personality meshed with theirs.

All but one of the Grizzlies’ five starting offensive linemen from last season graduated, leaving junior left guard Angel Villanueva as the lone returner. At one point during spring practices, the team could only field nine linemen. With no seniors and only three juniors on the roster, at least two underclassmen will start on the Grizzlies’ offensive line. But Villanueva said he isn’t worried.

“We put any guy in and I trust them with my life and I know they’ll do anything in their power to get the job done,” he said.

While the offense is struggling to find enough blockers, there are too many talented playmakers to fit onto the field at one time. The six Grizzlies with the most yards from scrimmage in 2017 are all returning to UM this season.

Adam Eastwood, a running back, followed Hauck to Missoula after being recruited to play at San Diego State last year. Now a redshirt-freshman, Eastwood will have to fight for snaps in a crowded backfield that retains Aljah Lee and Jeremy Calhoun, the Grizzlies’ leading rushers last season.

“Competition always pushes you to become a better player,” Eastwood said. “If you don’t come out here and perform every day, someone else will take your spot.”

That competition extends to the wide receivers too. Keenan Curran and Jerry-Louie McGee both received all-conference honorable mentions last fall. Samori Toure and Samuel Akem are big targets who are primed for larger roles in the offense.

“We’re crisp and we’re ready to go and everyone’s doing the right thing,” Toure said of the receivers.

Defensively, the Grizzlies should be strong in the running game in 2018. David Shaw, Reggie Tilleman and Jesse Sims form a dominating and experienced trio in the trenches. Behind them are a host of young players with high ceilings who will likely see playing time.

“Coming out to practice every day we have a lot of energy and everybody’s improving on the little things,” Sims said.

While the most complete group on the Grizzlies’ defense is the linemen, the unquestioned leader is linebacker Josh Buss. Now a senior, the Boise native is in position for a big season and could be drafted in April. The only question is when Buss will be available to play. He’s still recovering from an offseason injury and until he comes back, another player will need to fill his position.

“The young guys are giving good effort,” Hauck said about his depth at linebacker. “They’ve made plays in our team periods, which is needed.”

The secondary is one of the biggest question marks for the Grizzlies this season. Their safeties have a chance to be the best in the Big Sky but the situation at cornerback is muddy. Justin Calhoun has 1,210 receiving yards in his career, but the redshirt-junior is now playing cornerback because of the shortage at the position.

The combination of a young roster, featuring just 12 seniors, and a new coaching staff makes it tough to project where the Grizzlies will shake out in the race for the Big Sky title. Who they’ll even put on the field is still in question. You might even see a true freshman or two.

“It’s a long season,” Hauck said. “We don’t have great depth… If we need them, they’re playing.”

The Grizzlies kick off their 2018 season at Washington-Grizzly Stadium against No. 12 Northern Iowa on Saturday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m.
As the Grizzlies took the field for a spring practice in early April, the sun disappeared behind sheets of pea-sized hail. Only a faint outline of the “M” overlooking Washington-Grizzly Stadium was visible, and, within minutes, the ice pebbles on the ground outnumbered the black beads of rubber padding the turf. It was cold, windy and next to impossible to grip a football.

Or as head coach Bobby Hauck put it, “It’s Montana.”

Hauck, now 53, took over his alma mater’s football program in 2003 and led it through an unprecedented run of success. In seven seasons, he won 80 games and seven Big Sky Conference titles, while appearing in three national championship games. When the Grizzlies’ head coaching job opened again this winter, the Montana native jumped at the chance for a comeback.

Despite the Grizzlies on-field success during his first tenure, off-field disciplinary issues knocked Hauck out of favor with some Missoulians.

One Grizzly defensive back during Hauck’s first tenure pleaded guilty to two felony charges stemming from an armed robbery near campus and was arrested multiple times for throwing beer bottles at people in downtown Missoula. He was eventually kicked off the team shortly after refusing to cooperate with detectives during a murder investigation.

While an outlier, it was far from the only story of off-the-field misconduct. One player was a serial drunk driver, another was accused of holding a gun to the head of a woman who owed him money. Future NFL star Trumaine Johnson was allegedly part of a group who beat a student outside a frat house. When a Montana Kaimin reporter asked Hauck a question about the incident, the coach covered the reporter’s recorder and cursed at him, according to multiple reports.

Nobody argued the reporting was inaccurate, but the Kaimin was subsequently shut out by Hauck, who effectively banned his players and coaches from speaking to student reporters.

Hauck’s return to Missoula was met with a petition on Change.org titled “Tell the University of Montana not to hire Hauck. Women are more important than winning.” It detailed the crimes committed by his former players, ranging from misdemeanor assault charges at bars in downtown Missoula to a rape committed by one of Hauck’s recruits after the coach left for UNLV.

Bobby says this storyline is a “false narrative.”

The scope of his mistakes is up for debate — you can’t expect a college football coach to sniff out every rotten apple — but there were at least a few things he could have handled differently the first time around. That doesn’t mean hearing him call a timeout from across the field during short-clock drills shouldn’t bare warm memories of Montana football’s golden era.

On his first day back on the job, Hauck said his four core goals for his players haven’t changed since the last time he was here:

“To get your degree. To win the rivalry game. To win the Big Sky Championship. To win a national championship. It isn’t real difficult to figure those ones out.”

But he should add a fifth to the list. Bobby must realize the gift he was given. A return to his alma mater with a chance to relive his glory days comes with a condition: If Grizzly football players’ names show up in the paper, they’d better be in the sports page.

If not, the next petition might just work.

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KAIMIN PREDICTS

Flickinger feels: Don’t give up on griz soccer yet

When first-year soccer head coach Chris Citowicki accepted the job, he knew it was destined to be an uphill battle.

Citowicki was hired in May after Montana’s soccer recruiting season had already ended. Assistant coach Katie Benz recruited 10 new players three months prior to his arrival for the 2018-19 season.

At Citowicki’s debut, the Montana soccer team lost on Aug. 17 against Fresno State for a 1-0 loss. The Grizzlies played excellent defense, only giving the Bulldog’s five shots on goal in the entire match, but still came up short after Fresno State scored from six yards out in the 78th minute.

In their second home match on Aug. 19, Montana’s intensity didn’t show up in the first half, resulting in an unrecoverable 2-0 deficit against San Francisco. Citowicki’s team struggled to put shots on goal against Fresno State and a lack of intensity in their second outing contributed to a 0-2 start.

Montana needed the Rainbow Wahine Invitational in Hawaii to continue to learn from its mistakes. Instead, the tournament was canceled due to Hurricane Lane which forced Montana to schedule a match against Arizona State — a tough Pac-12 opponent.

Misfortune again played against Montana after an hour-and-a-half weather delay postponed the match, with another 30-minute weather delay later in the contest. Montana lost 3-1 but played Citowicki’s intensified style for a full 90-minute match, coming away scoring their first goal of the season.

Former Montana soccer coach Mark Plakorus’ contract wasn’t renewed in January after using a university-issued cell phone to text escort services during recruiting trips. On top of being more closely watched because of the scandal, Citowicki has big shoes to fill from Plakorus’ coaching success on the field. During his seven seasons, Plakorus went 65-56-24, advanced to the Big Sky Championship six times and claimed three Big Sky titles.

Citowicki played soccer professionally for several years in Australia followed by one season of college soccer at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, a Division II school. He then coached as a graduate assistant for two seasons at Bemidji State University, another Division II university.

As Montana’s fourth coach in program history, Citowicki’s only head coaching experience came from his six-year tenure at St. Catherine University, a Division III school. His only experience working at the Division I level came after leaving St. Catherine and working as an associate head coach for the University of North Dakota for 13 months.

It’s going to take patience before Montana starts firing on all cylinders. Citowicki inherited a team he didn’t recruit and has minimal Division I coaching experience. Three games isn’t enough time to find the same on-field successes Plakorus had achieved.

The Grizzlies host the Montana Invitational next week and could finally string together a complete performance, leaving misfortune of the early season behind. An 0-3 start isn’t anything to panic over, yet.

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