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Community goes all in

BY GABE BARNARD

As the Brawl of the Wild approaches Bobcat Stadium, the rivalry between the Cats and Griz is reaching its annual fever pitch and the clash of the two schools is extending its claws far beyond the turf. The Can the Griz food drive pits the two schools against each other to see which one can collect the most nonperishable food items for their community. Cans are poured into collection baskets and carts located at grocery stores, businesses and offices throughout the Gallatin Valley.

Food collects in a donation box in President Waded Cruzado's office in Montana Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

PHOTO BY GABE BARNARD

The event, organized by the OSE, calls on community members, students and faculty to donate, both money and canned goods, to the local food banks. Collection began on Nov. 9 and will end on Nov. 23.

Volunteers for the food drive signed up on the event website for three-hour time slots at different pick-up locations, where they distributed wish lists for various food banks and accepted any donations. Local businesses joined in on the collection by signing up to be designated as drop-off sites.

"The donations that we get in these two weeks go for months and months and months throughout the year, way past the holidays," Heidi Worley, OSE Community Engagement Manager, said. "It's helping feed your neighbors, your

friends, family, and children. A fun part of it is that it's another way to beat the Griz off the field."

A total of 263,263 pounds of food and \$185,457 dollars was raised by the Bozeman community in last year's food drive, marking the 16th time the Bobcats were able to "can" the Griz. The tradition is repeating for the 20th time this year, and the OSE has lined up plenty of events to encourage the Bobcats to do even better than the previous year.

Recently, The Bozeman Bowl hosted "Strike Out Hunger" on Nov. 14, during which five cans of food or five dollars earned unlimited bowling and a pair of bowling shoes. The same deal earned entry to the Procrastinator Theater for a showing of "Wasted! The Story of Food Waste."

A "Cranksgiving" scavenger hunt, kicked off on Nov. 16, enlisted participants

to follow the clues around the community and ended with each competitor dropping off seven cans of goods to the food bank.

Bozeman businesses have also been providing incentives for Gallatin Valley residents to donate to the community by offering special discounts and deals for the duration of the food drive. Information on the specials and volunteer opportunities included in the food drive can be found on canthegriz.com.

The OSE is also looking for more volunteers to sign up on the website to help with parking and collecting cans at the Brawl of the Wild game. The end of the first quarter of the rivalry game will mark the end of the food drive showdown, so make sure to roll those cans in before the deadline.



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Agriculture Expo at MSU

BY BROOKE SPIVAK

Last week, thousands of Montana students involved with Future Farmers of America (FFA) gathered on MSU's campus. From Nov. 14-16, MSU hosted the eighth annual John Deere Agriculture Expo to acquaint young students with the agricultural opportunities provided at MSU. The event brought together middle school and high school students interested in agriculture from around the state to participate in various events, workshops and competitions. The Montana chapter of FFA partnered with Montana John Deere dealers to host the gathering.

The event included leadership development workshops, discussions on career opportunities in agriculture, and tours of MSU's College of Agriculture. The students involved in FFA competed in quiz competitions and livestock judgings at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Additionally, Friday, Nov. 15, marked Agricultural Education Enrichment Day, which recognizes FFA and agricultural education.

Kate Kucker, a freshman at MSU studying Animal Science in the College of Agriculture, was involved with FFA for 11 years in her hometown of Modesto, Calif. Her involvement in FFA helped influence her decision to attend MSU and focus on an-

“The goal of the event was to acquaint young students with the agricultural opportunities provided at MSU.”

imal science. Kucker said, “My interest in agriculture really peaked in high school through FFA. It gave me so many opportunities to get involved in local agriculture industries including raising pigs, showing beef cattle and judging dairy cattle.” FFA highlights the importance of agriculture beyond growing crops and raising livestock. Kucker explained, “Agriculture

is prevalent throughout our society and is needed to sustain our growing population.”

Since MSU is a land grant university, there is a large focus on agriculture. The College of Agriculture accounts for one of the seven distinct colleges at MSU. It offers 11 majors including agricultural economics and education, animal and range sciences, environmental science, microbiology and plant sciences. “MSU has a strong agriculture program with faculty who are passionate about the subjects they teach. Most of them grew up in the agriculture industry and understand the hard work and dedication it takes to be successful when working in agriculture,” Kucker remarked.

The annual Agriculture Expo brought light to the hardworking students and faculty in the College of Agriculture. It showcased the importance of the program to potential future students interested in agriculture.

Montana supports 99 chapters of FFA with over 5,100 total members. Of the total members, 1,500 had the opportunity to visit MSU and attend the agriculture expo. FFA is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by providing resources to enrich leadership, personal growth, and career success in the field.




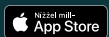
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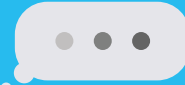

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1916 Exponent names new school mascot

BY GRACE LARSEN

Arguably one of the coolest parts of the Exponent's history is that editors from the 1915-16 school year tagged our university with the mascot "Bobcats." Attempting to break away from the longstanding nicknames the school had been given, including "Farmers" and "Aggies," the editorial staff of the Exponent put out a call in the October 1915 edition through

the sports section "Between the Goal Posts" requesting suggestions for an official mascot. By the end of October various students had submitted ideas, including "Cowpunchers," "Coyotes," "Mavericks," and "Outlaws." Dissatisfied with the student recommendations, standing editor-in-chief, Lester Cole, alongside the sports editor, Fred Bullock, brainstormed a list of potential mascots for our beloved MSU. They compiled all

the fighting animals they could think of that weren't already the representatives of another college or university in the area, and eventually they honed in on the bobcat.

The following is a persuasive front-page editorial that was published in a January 1916 edition of the Exponent detailing the decision-making process of the new mascot.

Additionally, in Oct. 2009, MSU finished constructing the Alumni

Plaza, located directly north of Montana Hall. The plaza features a bronze bobcat named Spirit, honoring both MSU's mascot and the first live bobcat ever found and named on campus. The statue is said to showcase the bobcat's cunning intelligence, athletic prowess and independent spirit, which are all attributes that MSU hopes to cultivate.

Bobcats! Here's The Name For Our Battling Athletes

At last, what promises to be a splendid name for the various teams of Montana State, has come to light. This name is "Bobcats" and fills the bill in every respect. There has long been a need for some nick-name, but this is the first time anything has ever been done toward getting one. Nearly every other college in the country has adopted some animal for its sacred mascot. Those that have not are generally known as "Aggies" or some other such title.

As far as being appropriate goes, none of them have anything on our new title. The ideal name should have a touch of the western, a trace of the Aggie and should be related to the mountains. Now, just analyze bobcats. It fits doesn't it? The common lair of this crafty animal is in the mountain wilds of the west and being an animal is enough to satisfy the rest of the qualifications.

The question arises as to whether this animal has the necessary characteristics. He certainly has. There is more fight and pep in a bobcat than there is in all the rest of the animal kingdom. He is not big, but is highly respected by his enemies. As for be-

ing wild, there is nothing wilder than a bobcat. His fighting tools consist of sharp claws and teeth with which he has developed some wonderful teamwork. He does not depend on brute strength alone but upon headwork and cunning. True he has been known to kill a sheep now and then but that is done in the best animal circles and must be overlooked, and besides sheep, the bobcat has been known in more than one instance to get a goat.

Just try to softly warble that name, Bobcats. It can't be done. You have to spit it out. The name alone has pep in it. Another very pretty thought about a bobcat is the fact that he fights to best advantage when he is on his back for then all four, dagger-tipped feet are flying, besides two jaws full of terrible fangs. Woe to any opponent of this courageous little scrapper when his fury is aroused.

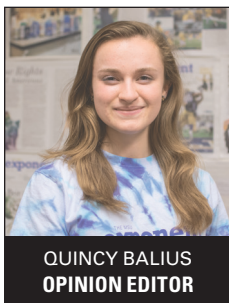
From now on Montana State's teams will be known as Bobcats and if the members of these teams live up to all that this name suggests there need be no fear but that the Blue and Gold will not be victorious in the majority of her battles.



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OPINION

MSU: The Superior Institution



QUINCY BALIUS
OPINION EDITOR

As the Brawl of the Wild game approaches, we must once more confront that all-encompassing question: which

university is better, MSU or the University of Montana? Of course, the answer is MSU. We Bobcats are lucky to attend the best university in Montana, and I'm here to tell you exactly why.

First, the academics at MSU are excellent for a state university. Students have the chance to work with professors at the top of their fields who frequently conduct innovative research and publish their works to great acclaim. There is an incredible range of classes and majors to choose from, and students can create a field of study and degree plan that works for them. Students are supported by organizations like the Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success, which provide services

such as tutoring and other academic assistance. MSU also offers a wide range of internships and research programs to continue learning beyond the classroom.

In addition, as frequently mentioned by our own President Cruzado, MSU is rated as a university with "very high research activity" by the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research's Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. MSU and University of California Santa Cruz are the only two universities nationwide whose Carnegie rating is "very high undergraduate." There is a myriad of opportunities for cutting-edge research across multiple disciplines on the MSU campus. While STEM research is the most frequently publicized, undergraduate students in nearly every major have the chance to complete research. I'm a history major, and I've done valuable research with the university for over a year. What does Missoula offer?

Of course, no one experiences college in an academically-focused, socially isolated

vacuum. Luckily, MSU provides a sense of community that is exceptionally rare for a university of its size. While the school is home to over 16,000 students, it has a small-town feel to it. People are incredibly friendly and will welcome you into their friend groups and activities, no matter whether they're slacklining on the Mall on a hot August day or skiing at Bridger over winter break. While walking around campus, I almost always greet a friend or acquaintance wandering the same sidewalks. I know every professor in my department, and we frequently have long and rambling conversations or grab coffee at International Coffee Traders. My friends who attended the University of Montana felt quite differently about the community, even going so far as to leave the school due to loneliness in what the Chronicle of Higher Education termed a "hollowed-out" university.

Finally, MSU is located in Bozeman, an absolutely incredible college town. Bozeman has a thriving food scene and promotes local food through restaurants

and amazing farmers' markets year-round. The city also boasts several museums and dozens of art galleries, each uniquely fascinating. The outdoor activities in and around Bozeman are second to none, and there's something for everyone to enjoy. However, MSU's involvement with Bozeman goes beyond enjoying its many amenities. Students at our university are deeply involved in community activities in Bozeman, from volunteering at Service Saturdays to working at businesses across the city. While Missoula may boast some mediocre shopping and dining, it is easily outdone by Bozeman.

All this and the Bobcat football team? No wonder MSU's enrollment has grown steadily over the past decade. It's simply the best university in Montana and arguably one of the best in the nation. On the other hand, University of Montana is still waiting to wake up from hibernation. Go Cats Go!



"Food Zoo" Gets Served

BY CALEB RUX &
BRENDAN KRISTIANSEN

Some of the Exponent's weekly readers may remember our story about Dylan Vogel, our commanding chief executive investigative field reporter (respect the title), traveling to Area 51 to cover the raid in mid-September. The article stated that The Exponent lost contact with Vogel, and he was believed to have passed in the chaos of the raid. First, we must apologize to our readers, as this information is inaccurate. Vogel's death was an elaborate cover-up to allow him to get in on the ground floor for an even bigger story. Yes, a story bigger than the secrets behind Area 51.

To understand this, let's rewind a few months.

It was a sunny September day when we received an

email making a very bold claim concerning the University of Montana's dining hall, the "Food Zoo." The conspiracy claimed that the "Food Zoo" had leaned into its name a little too far and started serving actual exotic zoo animals in its meals. At first glance, the editorial team laughed it off as a spam email and moved on with our respective days, since this tin-foil-hat theory reached our emails with little to no supporting evidence. Yet it was intriguing, and as the best student newspaper west of the Mississippi, we felt it our duty to investigate.

After some digging, a few interesting facts supporting the theory surfaced. For one, the university once had a zoology department. So what? A defunct zoology school means almost nothing. But what if we told you that, less than a month after the department was dissolved, the "Food Zoo" opened on the University of Montana campus? This single piece of evidence alone could be dismissed as a coincidence, but further inspection revealed more proof.

Shortly after the supply from the zoology department would have run out, poaching of African game saw a

sharp increase, further validating this tin-foil-hat theory. We also began tracking planes flying in and out of the Missoula airport. One private plane makes continuous trips from parts of Africa to Missoula. Even more interesting is the fact that this plane is unmarked.

This was where Vogel came in. Following his trip to the raid, Vogel worked his way into the "Food Zoo" dining staff armed with a really good fake mustache, confirmations of his death and an uncrackable alias. After two months of tolerating the University of Montana and its tree-hugging students, Vogel, a.k.a. Dilly the Kid, reported back to the Exponent with some damning evidence. Dilly reported contact with butchered meats appearing to come from zebras, lions and hippos among other exotic animals through unloading trucks and prepping food. It looks like the dining hall's "Mystery Meat Mondays" are serving up some interesting plates.

Now, the only mystery that remains is why a campus with declining enrollment is investing in exotic meats. All we can say is that crazier things have happened in "Zootown."

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So, what's all the hype about?

BY ROB JUMP

You Americans love your college teams. This is a bit of a culture shock for me. Back home in the UK, whilst there is a sense of pride in supporting our university teams, religiously showing up to every home game or travelling to select away games is just something we don't do. Perhaps once or twice a year for a particularly big rugby fixture at my university in Exeter, we'll head over to Sandy Park, home of Premiership side Exeter Chiefs, to cheer on the boys. Well, actually, going to watch the game is really just an elaborate cover up for mates to get together and spend an evening drinking too many overpriced beers, shouting insults at the opposition, and, every now and then, paying attention to what's happening on the pitch.

My experience of following the Bobcats in my short time here has been worlds apart from my experience of college sports back home. I sit in my Monday morning class watching people desperately trying to secure tickets for the weekends game, then I watch campus become a sea of blue and yellow on game day. It is a really eye opening phenomenon. In the U.K., you'd be hard pressed to find anyone who knows what team we're playing each week, let alone someone who goes to every game.

The upcoming 'Brawl of the Wild' game highlights even more of a difference in attitudes between the U.K. and U.S. when it comes to college sports. I don't think it's best to compare the Brawl to university clashes in the U.K. To me, it seems more apt to draw parallels to much higher levels of sport. The 'Brawl of the Wild' to Montana is what the Manchester Derby is to us or what El Clásico is to the Spanish. If a university team in the U.K. was able to sell out a game in a stadium of nearly 18,000, chances are we'd all be dreaming—it just would not happen. The level of support college teams receive in the U.S. Some U.S. teams sell out their stadiums with a capacity way higher than that of Wembley Stadium, the national stadium in the U.K.

The game this weekend will be a real eye opener for me. My last experience of college sport back was standing in a muddy field in Devon with about 30 other people. This is miles away from what can be expected come Saturday at Bobcat Stadium. I'm far from knowledgeable when it comes to American football, but I have my fingers crossed the Bobcats come away with the win to make it four in a row. All there is left to say is—go Cats go!

ASTRO WEEKLY | THINK ABOUT YOUR PLACE IN SPACE.

BY CADEN HOWLETT

Sculpted by a never ending combination of plate tectonic motion and erosion, the wonderful and dynamic crust of planet Earth presents us with awe-inspiring landscapes. Tectonic plates scrape past one another, diverge, and crash together, and the rocky crust of our planet is torn, exhumed, deformed, and uplifted. As magmatism and volcanism contribute new crust to the Earth system, streams and rivers work to strip the land of its crust. This is all a part of the beautiful, never-ending rock cycle.

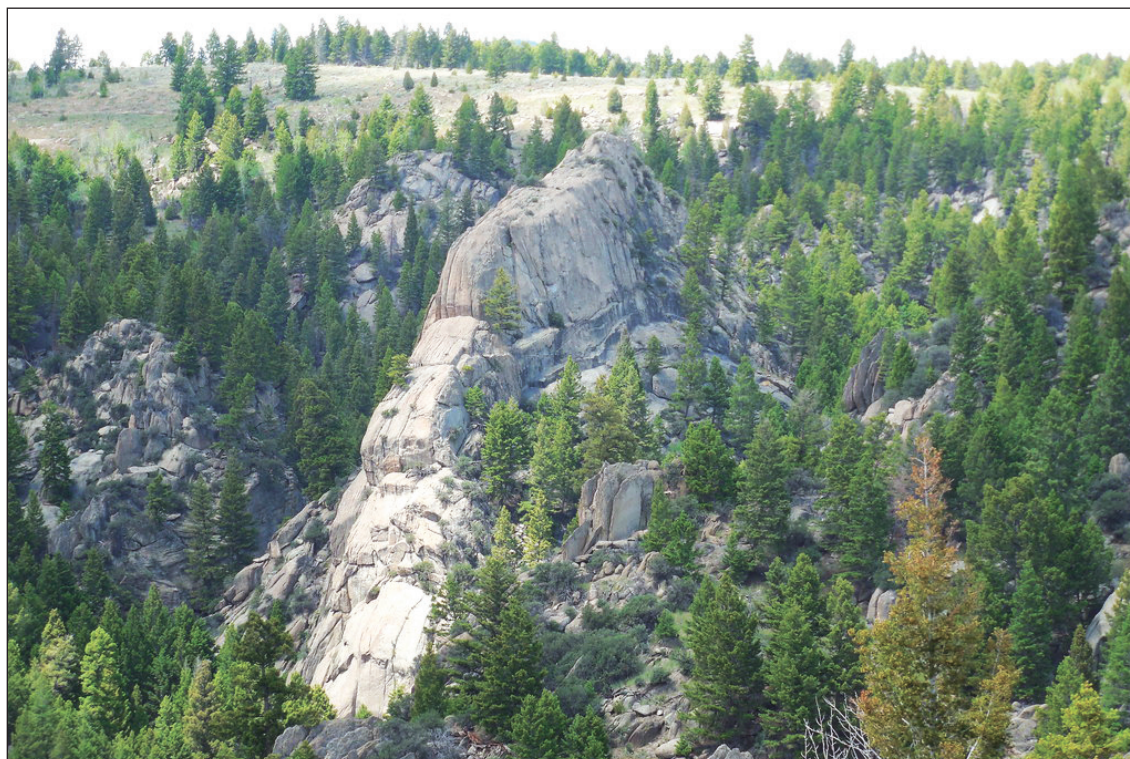
The mighty Rocky Mountains of the western United States rise dramatically from valley floors into the low levels of the atmosphere as a result of the tectonic and erosional processes described above. They represent the culmination of approximately 100 million years of tectonic plate convergence, during which time vast thicknesses of rock pile atop one another, much like the snow at the end of your shovel when clearing your driveway. When the contractional stress was removed, the crust of western North America relaxed and extended. Erosion became the dominant sculptor of the landscape, a role it continues to fill today. The Great Divide represents the crest of this impressive mountain range and serves as the hydrological

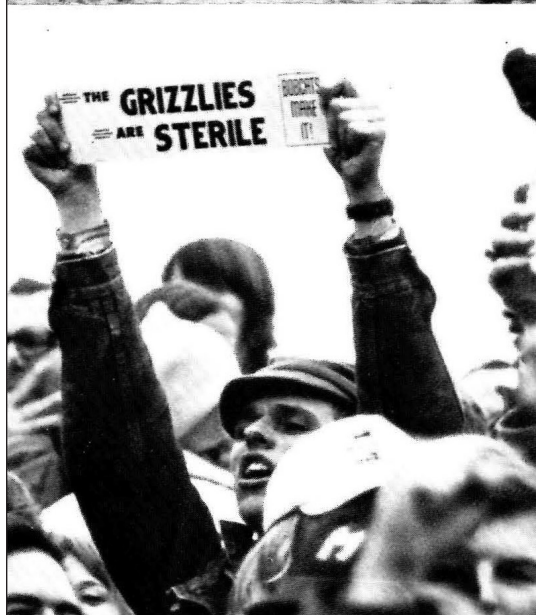
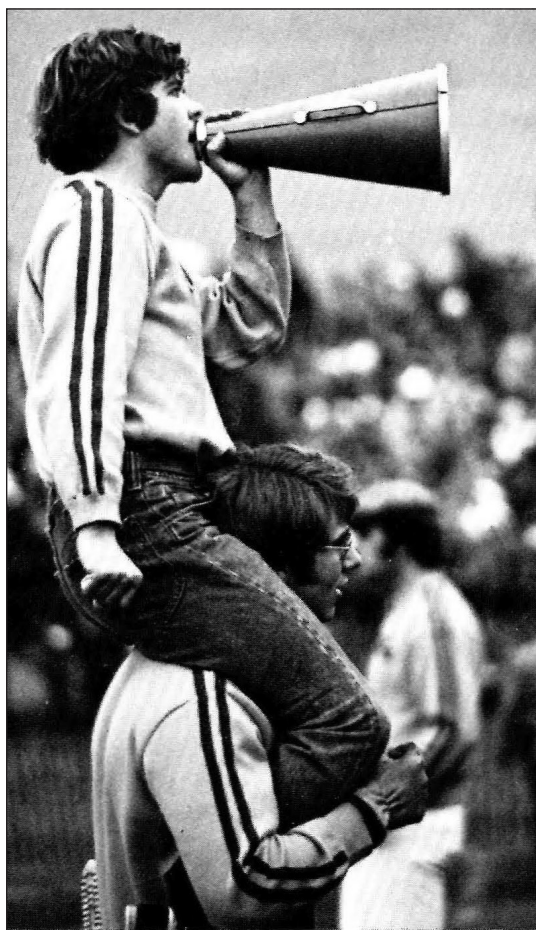
The Great Divide

boundary that determines where eroded material gets transported. Also known as the Continental Divide, this line separates the watersheds that drain into the Pacific Ocean from those that drain into the Atlantic Ocean (and to the north, the Arctic Ocean). It is a particularly impressive hydrological division because of the high elevation and line of prominent peaks that it traces. It is also important to mention (considering the circumstances) that the Great Divide runs between the cities of Bozeman and Missoula, serving as a geographical barrier between Bobcat and Grizzly country (institutionally speaking). The appropriately named "Great Divide Trophy" is awarded to the winner of the UM vs. MSU football game each year as we come together in an intense but friendly rivalry. As we arrive at this point in the year once again, let us acknowledge that the trophy we pass back and forth is named after a geologic feature made manifest by tectonic powers far greater than our own. Let us be humbled by the staggering forces and great antiquity of the planet we inhabit whilst recognizing that the barriers between us are surmountable and that, in the end, we are all on the same team.

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What was Cat-Griz in the 70s?

BY DYLAN VOGEL

The fierce rivalry between the Cat and Griz football teams has been a staple of Montana tradition for ages. With no professional sports teams in the area, Montanans live for the Cat-Griz rivalry, and it has been described as one of the best football rivalries in the country. In honor of the tradition that this game brings, lets see what it was like for some of our ancestors, when they experienced Cat-Griz in 1973.

You wake up in your dorm and tune into KGLT, the MSU's flagship FM radio station. The morning starts off with a rather bleak affair, as news from the Vietnam War comes over the radio waves. You then hear Creedance Clearwater's iconic song "Fortunate Son", as you get ready to walk out the door.

When you walk out of the door, you see a number of different construction projects are going on all at once. The university is experiencing growth, and as a result they are building more and more structures surrounding Centennial Mall. As you walk down the Mall, you see a cowboy and a hippie walking together, like their differences don't matter. You think to yourself, "now that is the beauty of MSU."

After a good breakfast, it is time to head over to the football game. The crisp fall air, screams football and the snow from the previous storm is still on the ground. Your friends are at the stadium already. They might have been at a tailgate hours before the game. As fans walk into the stadium, the crowd grows. You find an open seat with the rest of the students cheering on the Cats.

Bobcat Stadium is full of Montanan's coming from all over the state. Both the marching and pep bands are playing the MSU fight song, and the crowd begins to rise with excitement. The national anthem plays, and the teams run out onto the field.

A lot is riding on this game. Both teams are currently the best teams in the Big Sky and the University of Montana is on a three-game win streak against the Cats. Expectations are running high.

In a stunning game full of stingy defense, the Cats come out on top with a decimating 30-0 win over the Griz, securing the title as the best team in the Big Sky.

After the game, you head back to your dorm and get ready for the night ahead. A local rock band is playing downtown, so you and your friends go to the popular dive bar, R Bar, to get a drink and socialize with the rest of your generation.

Then you might make your way to one of the many frat houses for the party of the night. Since schools have been less stingy on drinking at frats, you don't have to worry about getting in academic trouble (not that you would care either way). Plus the drinking age is 18, so every student is at the party.

Then Sunday comes along and you are transported back into reality, left with nothing but the memories of Cat-Griz Weekend.

This was Cat-Griz back in the 70s and as you may note, not a lot has changed. MSU has definitely kept up with the traditions of our ancestors, by partying down to the bars after the game. It also helps that the Bobcats have beat the Grizzlies three years in a row. Like every other Cat-Griz weekend, this one is slated to be a historic one.

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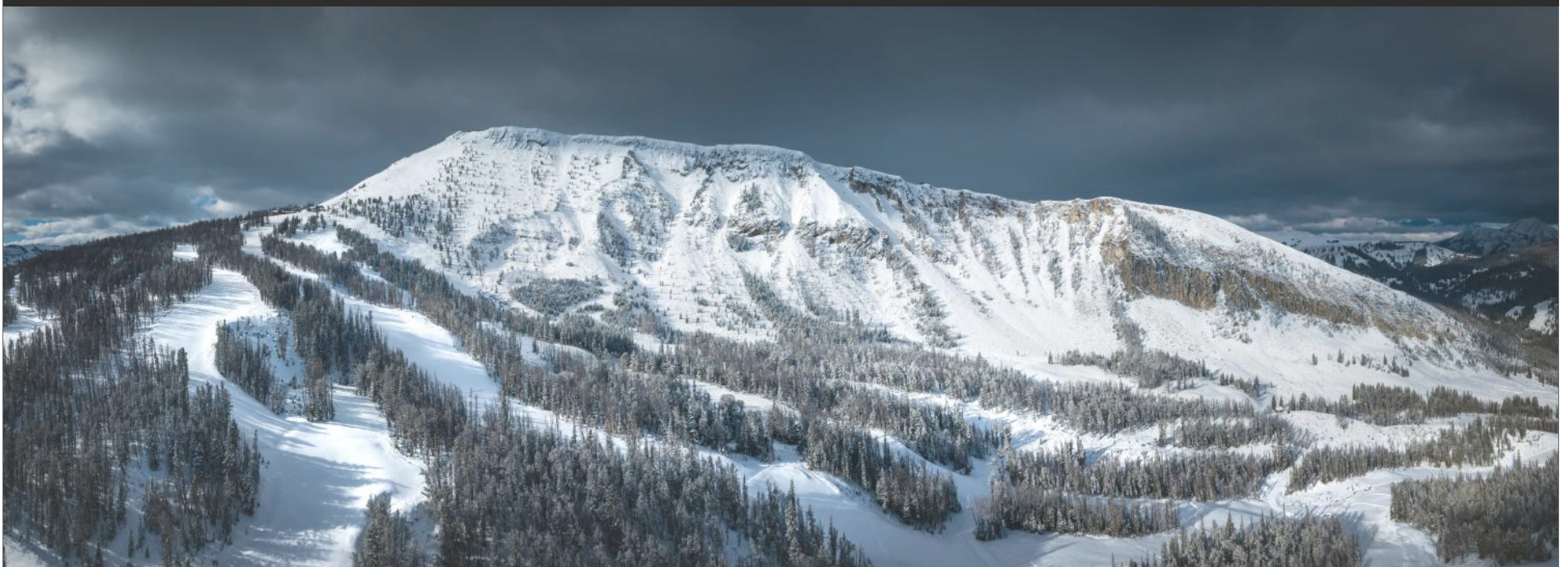
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Commons at Baxter and Love @ 5:30 p.m.**

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SAT 23

**MSU FOOTBALL VS. MONTANA
Bobcat Stadium @ 2 p.m.**

It's here: The Brawl of the Wild. Gates open at 10:30 a.m. and game starts at 2 p.m. Be sure to get a copy of this special Exponent edition in the stadium.

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Haynes Pavilion @ 7 p.m.**

The Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association is hosting a glow-in-the-dark skate party. Admission is \$10 and includes a glow-in-the-dark and skate rentals if needed.

SUN 24

**SCOTTISH AND IRISH FOLK MUSIC JAM
Bunkhouse Brewery @ 2 p.m.**

Join the Montana Reel & Strathspey Society, a part of the Bozeman Folklore Society, for their Sunday jam sessions every Sunday from now until Dec. 29.

TUES 26

**35th MONTANA SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
SUB and Other Locations Around Campus @ 6 p.m.**

The Science Olympiad is Montana's premier STEM competition for youth. This competition will be held over two days in various locations around campus.

**MSU STUDENT COMPOSERS CONCERT
Howard Hall, Reynolds Recital Hall @ 11 a.m.**

MSU Student Composers will present their works at two free concerts in Reynolds Recital Hall.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. COLORADO CHIRSTAIN
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 7 p.m.**

Come out and support the men's basketball team vs. Colorado Christian. Students receive free admission with their CatCard.

THU 28

**WINTER OPENING DAY
Big Sky Resort, All Day**
Ski season begins at Big Sky on Turkey Day.**13th ANNUAL HUFFING FOR STUFFING
Museum of The Rockies @ 8 a.m.**

Help the Museum of the Rockies reach 5,000 participants. Registration and Packet Pick-up is on Wednesday, Nov. 27th. Registration and Packet Pick-up is also available on Thanksgiving morning.

FRI 29

**SHERIDAN HAWKS VS. BOZEMAN ICEDOGS
Haynes Pavilion @ 7:30 p.m.**

Come out and support the Bozeman Icedogs, as they take on the Sheridan Hawks in this classic showdown.

SAT 30

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
Downtown Bozeman, All Day**

Support Bozeman Small Bozeman business all day.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. GREEN BAY
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 6 p.m.**

Come out and support Men's Basketball as they take on the Green Bay Phoenix. Students get in free.

TUES 3

**MSU WINTER STUDENT RESEARCH CELEBRATION
Norm Asbjornson Hall, Floors 1 and 2 @ 1 p.m.**

Come out and celebrate MSU's amazing graduate and undergraduate research. Students will display posters and creative projects in Asbjornson Hall.

WED 4

**FIFTH ANNUAL LIGHTS ON MONTANA HALL
Alumni Plaza with Spirit the Bobcat @ 5:30 p.m.**

The lighting ceremony is free and open to the public, students, staff and anyone who wants to join in on the ceremony.

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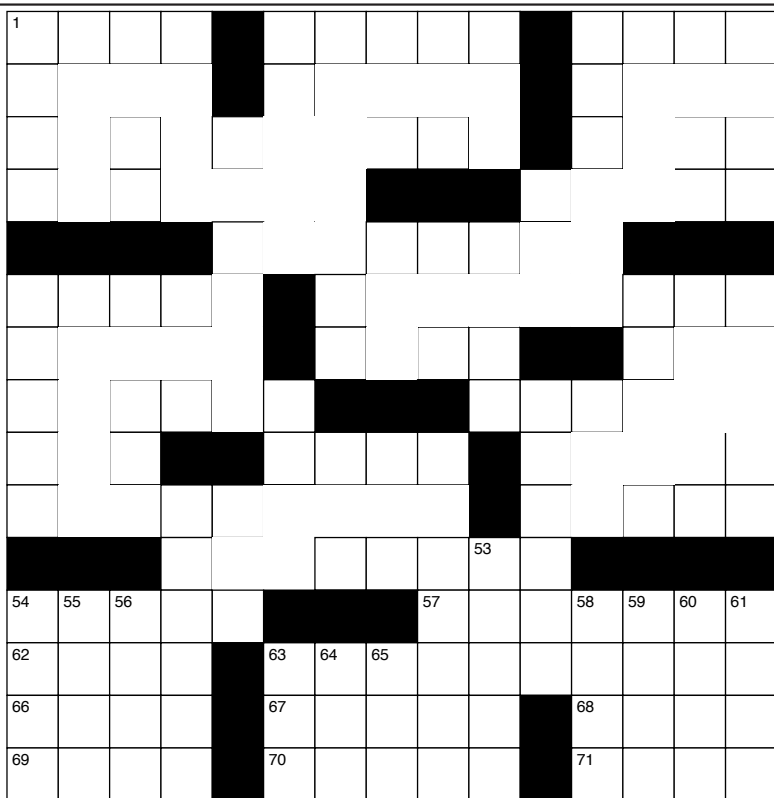
**2019 CHRISTMAS STROLL GINGERBREAD CONTEST
Jacob's Crossing, All Day**

The Downtown Bozeman Association, Sweet Pea Festival and First Security Bank Present the 2019 Christmas Stroll Gingerbread Contest.

SAT 7

**DECEMBER SERVICE SATURDAY
MSU SUB by the AskUs Desk @ 10 a.m.**

Service Saturdays are local service projects held on the first Saturday of the month and offers a great opportunity for community members and students to create relationships and make an impact in the community.



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- Consume with gusto
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- Mobster John known as the "Teflon Don"
- His machine won a gold medal in the Paris Exhibition of 1867
- ___ fours
- Threads
- Half a latin dance
- Reacts to pain
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- Creamy drink
- Word of woe
- Capped nut
- Road blocker, maybe
- Ploys
- Schwarzenegger, by birth
- High-level sci. class
- Like Rubens
- Creepy one
- Bob Dylan hit
- Paris pop
- Fixes firmly
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- Some cameras
- Scary movie locale, for short
- Port on the eastern Mediterranean

Down

- Actress Rogers
- Poker player's challenge
- La ___ Nostra

- Place for B-2s and B-52s, for short
- Crop-eating pest
- Emulated a dragon
- Dallas player, for short
- Seasoned pro
- U.S. cabinet dept. formed in 2002
- Printer's punctuation option
- Diving bird
- Spiritual advisor
- Jacket fastener
- Star, in France
- Raised rails
- Italian sky color
- Word with first or financial
- Ultimate
- Prom wear
- ___ rings (fried side)
- Latin ballroom dance
- RN's specialty
- Spanish eights
- Word in a motorist's question
- Pockets
- Asian outbreak of 2003
- Wasn't just given
- Fort Worth inst.
- Afire
- Kenya's cont.
- Shuts up
- Forfeits
- Half a quartet
- As ___ resort
- iPhone buys
- Lemon zest source
- "Boy, is it cold!"
- Computer game of the 1990s
- Sophie B. Hawkins's "As ___ Me Down"
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- "___ That Jazz"
- "Sounds delicious!"

Tolerable Missoula Things

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- Berkeley Pit energy
- Tie-dyed everything
- The tummy of the grizzly bear
- Downtown at 2 a.m.
- The Fuzz
- It's less crowded
- Coldsmoke
- Just, like, the river ?
- Ending the streak
- The perfect pit stop on the way to Flathead
- Big Sky Brewing Company
- Bayern Brewing Company
- Kettle House Brewing Company
- Closer to a Chick-Fil-A
- The bear in a tree on LivePD
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Tall Tales & TIDBITS

The Great Divide weighs 69 trillion metric tons.

Cat Quips: Brawl Edition

BY ROSE VEJVODA

Each year, Cat-Griz week brings with it building excitement and a fierce rivalry. This year in particular, tensions are running high as the Griz football team makes the journey to Bozeman to compete. Students at MSU have faith in the Cats.



NAME: Sophie Draper
YEAR: Sophomore
THOUGHTS ON THE GAME?
 MSU Football has really progressed this season, and I think we can pull it off.
FAVORITE PART OF CAT-GRIZ WEEK?
 The social aspect.
NAME Riley Wilkinson



NAME: Bryce Akers
YEAR: Junior
THOUGHTS ON THE GAME? Bobcats win by seven. I am confident in the Cats.
FAVORITE PART OF CAT-GRIZ WEEK?
 The game itself.



NAME: Taylor Jones
YEAR: Freshman
THOUGHTS ON THE GAME?
 The Bobcats are gonna pull it off for the fourth year in a row.
FAVORITE PART OF CAT-GRIZ WEEK?
 The excitement and how the whole week is focused on that.



YEAR: Senior
THOUGHTS ON THE GAME?
 Unfortunately, I have only ever been to a rodeo, but I bet we are going to win!
FAVORITE PART OF CAT-GRIZ WEEK?:
 The undie run.




NAME: Seth Nims
YEAR: Sophomore
THOUGHTS ON THE GAME? I hope the Cats win, I have faith in our team.
FAVORITE PART OF CAT-GRIZ WEEK?
 The school spirit.



NAME: Max Frain
YEAR: Sophomore
THOUGHTS ON THE GAME? Those cream junkies are gonna get killed. I mean, have you seen their saddle shin of a wide receiver? That dude couldn't catch a ball if it hit him in the face...and their quarterback keeps launching blubber burners. I have no clue who he is passing to, maybe he is trying to set the record for most incomplete passes in a season. Their defensive backs are a bunch of clink clunks, all they do is stumble around the whole time. It is gonna be like a jailbreak out there, our wideouts are gonna be free to run all day long. Let me just tell you right now...you heard it here first, 55-10 baby.
FAVORITE PART OF CAT-GRIZ WEEK?
 The tailgate.


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Cats win Spartan Invitational

BY PARKER ELLIOTT

While the Griz were busy losing to Montana Tech, the best story of the weekend was thrilling enough to receive hundreds of thousands of views nationally. The Cats were tied with UNC Greensboro with 30 seconds remaining — a team who has lost only three times on their homecourt in the last three seasons — until Saturday. With just three seconds left, UNC Greensboro junior Isaiah Miller laid in a beautiful left-handed layup to take a two-point lead and afterward, emphatically danced in excitement. Although the game was all but lost, MSU senior Harald Frey had a different narrative in mind. “Norwegian Curry” caught the inbounds pass, took three dribbles, and heaved a shot from beyond half-court. The shot kissed perfectly off the glass and in, giving Frey the SportsCenter Top Play of the weekend, Big Sky Ready Nutrition Player of the Week, and most importantly, a Cats victory 67-66.

Even with one of the most exciting finishes in MSU basketball history, the shot was only a small part of the story of the men’s basketball team this past weekend. They finished out the Spartan Invitational in Greensboro, NC a perfect 3-0, giving them the tournament victory. The Cats were underdogs in every game this weekend, but MSU’s stifling defense continually prevailed. The first game saw the Cats hold Appalachian State to just 34.4 percent shooting in a 59-56 victory. After the dramatic finish in the UNC Greensboro game, the Bobcats concluded the weekend with a convincing 52-39 win over

Tennessee Tech. The Golden Eagles’ 25.9 percent field goal shooting is the first time an MSU opponent was held below 30 percent since 2014, and 39 points is the lowest opponent point total since 2000.

Coach Sprinkle, who showed his athleticism during the celebration of Frey’s game winner with a huge leap into the air, described the team’s defensive effort saying, “Our guys have bought into sitting in a stance and playing team defense. Every game you’ve got to be able to have help defense, sit in gaps, and they’re doing a great job.”

After the crazy weekend, the Cats had one day off before playing in front of the raucous Grand Canyon University crowd. The Bobcats put together a gritty performance, but ultimately fell short 69-56. MSU once again showed their defensive prowess by holding the Lopes to 37.3 percent shooting from the field. Some late miscues, a few tough calls, and some timely shots allowed the Lopes to finish the game on a late

run to beat the Cats. Overall, it was a great effort by MSU.

The women’s team remains undefeated on the season by winning handily on Sunday, 93-34, against MSU Northern. The Cats took a 47-8 halftime lead, an effort that is impressive no matter who the competition. Coach Binford applauded the effort, saying, “We did a nice job sharing the basketball, and we did a much better job taking care of the ball at a much better rate, and that was one of our points of emphasis, so I’m really pleased with that.”

The women’s team hits the road this weekend, traveling to South Dakota State Thursday, Nov. 21, and Minnesota on Saturday, Nov. 23. Their next home game is against Gonzaga on Thursday, Dec. 5. The men’s team has the weekend off followed by a home game against Colorado Christian on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. All home games are free for students with their CatCard, so come be a part of the action at Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.



MSU Forward Finn Fleute reaches for a rebound against Rocky Mountain College on Saturday, Nov. 9.

PHOTO BY GABE BARNARD

“Blue and Cold” continue to cruise

BY CAMERON GRAVES

This past weekend, the MSU hockey team rolled. The Cats scored nine goals in both of their games against regional foe Western Washington University, ending up on the right side of Friday’s win 9-1 and sweeping the Vikings Saturday 9-5.

The “Blue and Cold” started Friday’s game off with a 3-0 lead in the first period, which set the pace for scoring for the rest of the weekend. The Cats’ defense also controlled Friday’s game, allowing only one goal, which came after the offensive damage had already been done. Saturday afternoon, MSU met up with the Vikings again, allowing five goals this time, which was no issue as the Cats’ offense once again produced nine goals.

This weekend also included the MSU club hockey team’s first appearance on regional sports

outlet SWX, which broadcasted Friday’s game to households throughout the area. The broadcasting partnership comes during the most successful period of MSU hockey history, highlighted by last year’s trip to the ACHA playoffs and this summer’s hiring of NHL legend Peter Budaj onto the coaching staff.

The “Blue and Cold” began this season riding much of the momentum remaining from last year’s campaign. Earlier this year, they beat the number one ranked team in the region, University of Mary. This squad looks to be players in the west region once again this year. Cheer on the Cats down at Haynes Pavilion this season or catch them in the comfort of your home on SWX. The team returns to action this weekend, hosting the Beehive Showcase. For a complete schedule of games, visit www.msuhockey.com.

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Cat-Griz through the ages

BY CAMERON GRAVES

In 1899, The Agricultural College of the State of Montana was in the middle of what would become a six-game winning streak against their bitter rival, the University of Montana. After that year's 38-0 victory for the Ag school, the Bozeman Avant Courier reported that, "They ran around, over, under and through them; kicked the ball over them, just to save carrying it, and then got it again; they took turns in making touchdowns; in fact, did about everything but give their opponents a chance." This Saturday in the rivalry's 119th meeting, the Ag school that is now MSU will look to repeat history, as this year's team looks to build on the win streak against UM.

The first contest between the Treasure State's crown institutions took place in 1887, making the Cat-Griz contest the 31st oldest rivalry in college football and the oldest rivalry in the football championship subdivision west of the Mississippi river. The earliest seasons of the rivalry were inconsistent in schedule, sometimes playing twice a season and sometimes taking a year-long hiatus. Regardless, the rivalry caught flame from its birth, creating one of the most intense matchups in college athletics. The Missoulan describing the 1903 meeting as "Highly Interesting With No Fatalities in the Contest."

In 1918 the rivalry was put on hold briefly, as World War I and the influenza epidemic caused both universities to spare the health of their football players, who were also cadets in the Student Army Training Corps. The only

former Bobcat football player who served in battle was star fullback Cyrus "Cy" Gatton, who was killed in action one week before armistice. Gatton was named a captain in the Exponent's 1933 Bobcat All-Time team. The blue and gold rekindled their series with the Grizzlies in 1919, resulting in a memorable 6-6 tie where the teams would play in multiple inches of standing water at the old Roundup Stadium in Bozeman.

The rivalry paused once again during World War II. The Bobcats enlisted in droves, including 14 previous football letterman who perished while serving fearlessly in the United States military. Montana State lost more former players to World War II than any other football program in the nation. Frank Whitney of the Washington Post wrote, "As students of Montana State College, yell for their Golden Bobcat football team to roar on to victory when the sport is resumed, there will be lumps in their throats ... No college football team has been as hard hit by World War II as Montana State." Our great rivalry continues with thanks to those former and current students of MSU and UM who have sacrificed and continue to serve our country in times of need.

Beginning with the Bobcats' acceptance into the NCAA in 1957, this current era has been the most competitive and meaningful the rivalry has seen throughout its history. Since becoming equal in competition level, the Bobcats and Grizzlies have a record of 32-29, with UM leading the series. The Cats would win the majority of contests in the 60s and 70s, but the rivalry again became

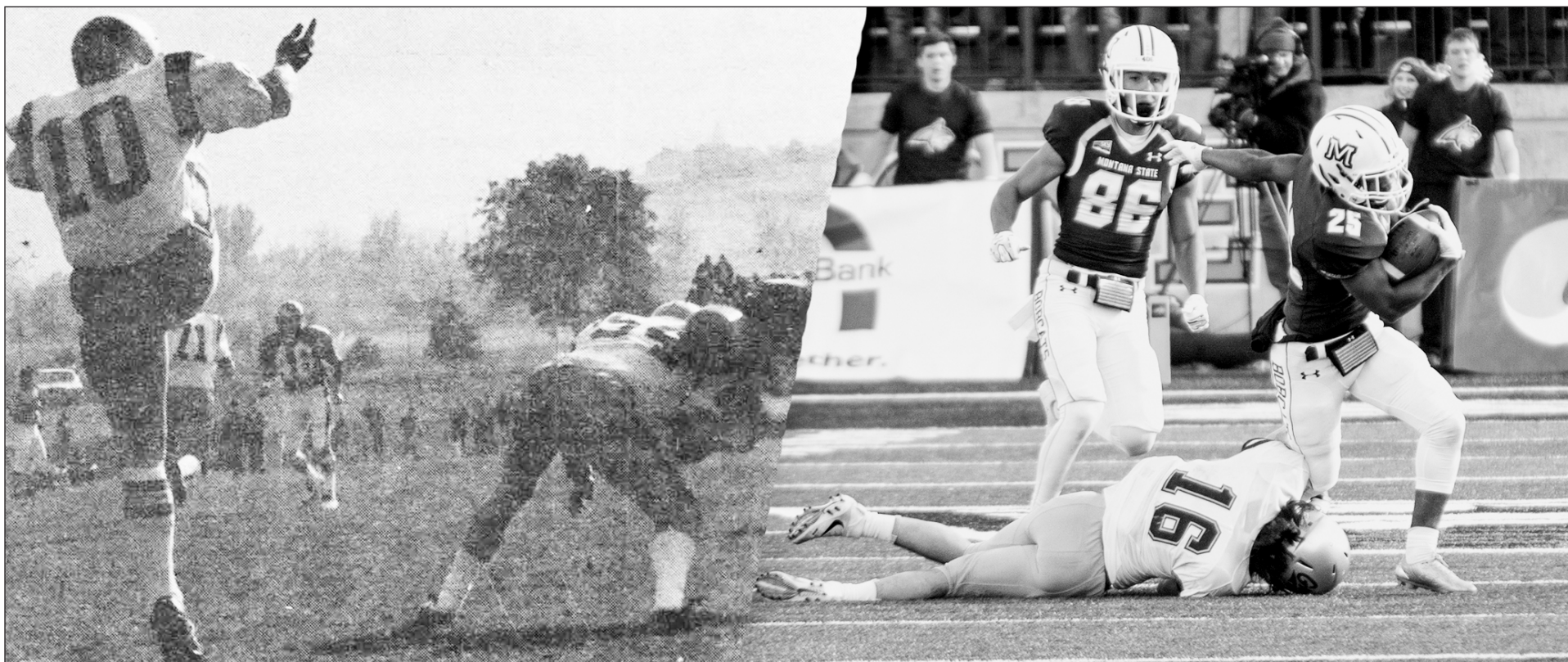
competitive in the 80s. One game in particular that sticks out during this time is the match-up of 1984, where MSU would go down to UM 24-12 at halftime. All-American tight end Joe Bignell, the father of recent All-American MSU linebacker Mac Bignell, and a stout Bobcat defense would go on to dominate the Griz in the second half, continuing a season that would result in MSU's third national championship.

The 1990s and early 2000s were dark times for Bobcat nation as UM would enjoy the fruits of what is now referred to as the streak, a stretch of time where Montana State failed to defeat their rivals from Missoula 16 straight times. Following the streak, the rivalry is once again at its full potential, with the Griz holding a close 9-7 advantage.

Currently Montana State is on a three-game winning streak against the maroon and silver, the longest streak MSU has held since 1985. This year's contest will feature both teams ranked inside the top 10, and the winner will end up with a seed in this year's FCS playoffs. Montana could walk out of Bobcat stadium with a claim of the conference crown.

The history of this rivalry is unparalleled by any in the Rockies. Saturday's high noon showdown on the plains where the Bridger and Gallatin ranges meet will have the chance to become another memorable addition to this rivalry's great story. We cannot appreciate all that we as students, alumni, faculty and Montanans have in this matchup without understanding the deep history of this game. Enjoy cheering on the blue and gold this weekend and embrace the vim made possible by those before you.

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RIGHT PHOTO BY BRENDAN KRISTIANSEN
DESIGN BY PARKER CANBY



Meet the Captains

BY PARKER ELLIOTT

KEVIN KASSIS

NUMBER: 85

POSITION: Receiver

CLASS: Senior

MAJOR: Business Finance

HOMETOWN: El Dorado, Calif.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK TO TAKE DOWN THE GRIZ FOR A FOURTH TIME?

I think it goes down with our class and our legacy. It would be historic for us to do that. We are excited for the opportunity, but we don't view it as pressure. We're just excited to go out there and show what we can do.

HOW DO YOU APPROACH PREPARATION THIS WEEK?

I'm not going to lie and say this is the same as any other week. We are just excited to go out there. We can't let emotions get the best of us. When you start to think about that stuff, you lose perspective on what's important and what you need to execute on Saturdays to get it done. We are trying to maintain our pose, get out there on Saturday, execute and perform.

WHAT DOES THIS SENIOR CLASS MEAN TO YOU?

Those are my brothers. I would do anything for those guys. It's been so fun to experience it with this special group of guys. Coming in here, going through the rebuilding process, and seeing the guys who have stuck around and push through. We were 4-7 with no playoff implications, but now we are in a position where regardless of win or loss, we are in the playoffs. Obviously we want to win this weekend, but regardless it shows how the culture has changed, and it's been exciting.

TRAVIS JONSEN

NUMBER: 10

POSITION: Receiver

CLASS: Senior

MAJOR: Quaternary

HOMETOWN: Fullerton, Calif.

HAVING PLAYED THIS GAME LAST YEAR, WHAT WERE YOUR FIRST IMPRESSIONS IN TERMS OF INTENSITY, BRAGGING RIGHTS, AND TWO OLD RIVALS GOING AT IT?

When I first got here, everyone hyped up the game, and I was kind of downplaying it, but once I got to Washington Grizzly it was intense. The fans were talking all that mad, a kid was talking some S to me. I could feel the intensity, but once we started playing, all those emotions went away.

WHAT ARE THE THOUGHTS AROUND THE TEAM ABOUT KEEPING THE STREAK ALIVE AND THE TROPHY IN BOZEMAN?

I think we aren't focused on the streak. We are treating this game as if it's the first time. We are going to prepare and play hard, and if we win, we'll get the prize.

DEREK MARKS

NUMBER: 95

POSITION: Defensive Line

CLASS: Senior

MAJOR: English Teaching

HOMETOWN: Belgrade, Mont.

LAST YEAR'S GAME WAS WON BY THE DEFENSIVE LINE, TAKING THAT INTO THIS YEAR, DOES THE DEFENSIVE TEMPO HAVE TO BE DICTATED BY THOSE OF YOU UP FRONT?

We say it starts up front and I think everyone's bought in to that in terms of we are the first guys to affect the play weather run or pass. But we have a lot of confidence in the backend in what they can do. They are playing at a really high level, the DB's, but

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it's going to take the whole unit and group in order to affect the game and impact the game. We are going to have to play together and execute the game plan.

STARTING OFF HERE WITH COACH CHOATE, WHO HASN'T LOST A CAT/GRIZ GAME, HOW MUCH WOULD THAT MEAN TO YOU WINNING FOUR IN A ROW?

It would mean a lot, but I'll wait to answer that. It would really mean a lot. We are going to execute the game plan as well as we can and see what we can do.

TROY ANDERSEN

NUMBER: 15

POSITION: Linebacker/Running back/Quarterback

CLASS: Junior

MAJOR: Agricultural Business

HOMETOWN: Dillon, Mont.

Andersen was unavailable for media this week, but he needs little introduction. Griz fans fear him, and he's arguably the most dynamic player in college football. Coach Choate mentioned Andersen at his weekly press conference saying, "On the defensive end I don't think anyone's had a bigger impact in league games...the unique nature of his skill set separates him from other guys... he's smart, tough and resilient, and he's the ultimate team guy."

TOP MSU receiver Kevin Kassis holds off a Sacramento State defensive back during the homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 12. PHOTO BY BRENDAN KRISTIANSEN

TOP MIDDLE MSU receiver Travis Jonson shoves a Norfolk State defender on Saturday, Sept. 21.

BOTTOM MIDDLE MSU defensive tackle Derek Marks tackles a Sacramento State defender at the homecoming contest on Saturday, Oct. 12.

BOTTOM MSU utility player Troy Andersen leaps over a Southeast Missouri State defender in the Gold Rush game on Saturday, Sept. 7. PHOTOS BY PARKER CANBY



The 119th
Exponent Staff
Prediction:

This is the biggest Cat-Griz match up Montanan's have had the pleasure of enjoying in quite a while, and emotions will be through the roof come Saturday. History reminds us of when MSU rose to the occasion as stakes were raised over the past three seasons. UM on the other hand has lost their composure repeatedly in the past three matchups, most notably fumbling steps away from the endzone last year in a game MSU fans have coined "The Miracle in Missoula." Not only does MSU have an advantage in composure, but they also have the advantage of producing a defense that fans in Bozeman will hold as the standard for years to come. When the defense gets rolling this weekend and the Cats' offense begins to find their rhythm after a few possessions, you can bet the Griz better bring their best effort. As seen throughout the season, when the Bobcats are playing up to their potential they can beat any team in the FCS. The Cats will ride the emotions of their fans and the superhuman efforts of junior utility player Troy Andersen to victory Saturday, making their current streak the longest MSU has held over UM since the 70s.

Montana State: 35
Montana: 28.

Big Implications for the Great Divide Trophy

By Cameron Graves

Come high noon this Saturday, Montana's premier institutions will meet on the gridiron for the 119th time in what MSU head ball coach Jeff Choate dubbed "Montana's Super Bowl." Saturday will also make it exactly 1,463 days since the University of Montana has last beaten Choate's boys from Bozeman, but there is much more on the line than just a winning streak. Montana comes rolling into the Gallatin Valley hotter than any FCS team in the country after defeating number third-ranked Weber State last weekend in convincing fashion, 35-16. This year's group out of Missoula is led by seniors who have gained national recognition for their performances so far this season: quarterback Dalton Sneed and linebacker Dante Olsen. Montana State has safely secured a playoff spot for the second consecutive season thanks to the leadership of Dillion, MT junior linebacker/quarterback/running back Troy Andersen, along with the production of one of the toughest defensive fronts in the West.

The tension and stakes of this weekend's Cat-Griz game are the highest they've been since 2011, when the seventh-ranked Grizzlies upset the top-ranked Bobcats in Bozeman. Choate described the game by saying, "This is what the Big Sky Conference is all about. Having two good Montana teams that get to hook it up at the end of the season with stuff on the line." For Montana, a victory Saturday would secure their claim of the Big Sky championship along with a seed in the playoffs. One of the most noticeable improvements the Griz have made from last season is in their offensive line play because of their growth in maturity and size. Their offense is now the second-ranked unit in the Big Sky conference, matching up well with MSU's third-ranked defense. For MSU, a victory on Saturday would give the Cats a seed in the playoffs, and a consequential week off. Back in October, this matchup with

UM was a game that some Bobcat fans were fretting over due to a stretch of frustrating losses and performances by the Cats. But as MSU fans and foes have grown accustomed to the Bozeman boys have once again caught fire in November.

Blowout victories against Northern Colorado and Southern Utah kicked off the month, leading into one of the Cats' more impressive outings of the season when they defeated last year's conference co-champion UC Davis at home this past weekend.

The reason Montana State will win Saturday is that they are once again playing aggressive, hard-nosed football in November. Many around the MSU football program describe this month as the time to play "big boy football." With a confident, physical group from Missoula coming to town, there is no other choice but to play to that brand of ball. Expect Choate to try and slow down the game. Teams that have tried to keep pace with Montana so far have usually succumbed to the fact that the Griz have the ability to score in heaps. The Cats will want to grind down an already weathered Griz unit with steady possessions that present their defense with a chance to catch a breather and keep Sneed on the visitor's sideline. The Bobcats' game plan is no secret. They will rely on their Big Sky leading rushing attack, especially with the return of sophomore running back Isaiah Ifanse into the lineup. The defense for the good guys has been carrying the team for most of the season, and in order for the blue and gold to pull off their fourth straight state championship Saturday, they are going to need another standout performance from that unit. Safeties Jahque Allen and Brayden Konkol back up the best front seven in the Big Sky conference. Look for the senior duo to try and capitalize on the pass rush MSU creates.



	(8) Montana State (National Ranking)	(3) Montana (National Ranking)
Record (Conference)	8-3 (5-2)	9-2 (6-1)
Scoring Offense (pts)	32.5 (29)	37.9 (7)
Scoring Defense (pts)	22.2 (27)	23.5 (36)
Turnover Margin (Takeaways-Turnovers)	+8 (17-9) (16)	+7 (24-17) (24)
Total Offense (yd/game)	431.2 (20)	458.9 (4)
Rushing Offense (yd/game)	259.9 (8)	159.6 (50)
Passing Offense (yd/game)	171.3 (104)	299.3 (12)
Offensive 3rd down conversion	52/157 (33.1%) (100)	69/149 (46.3%) (14)
Offensive 4th down conversion	17/27 (63.0%) (17)	7/14 (50%) (50)
Total Defense (yd/game)	369.4 (49)	408.8 (80)
Rushing Defense (yd/game)	126.7 (31)	112.6 (13)
Passing Defense (yd/game)	242.6 (89)	296.2 (119)
Scoring Defense (yd/game)	22.2 (27)	23.5 (36)
Defensive 3rd down conversion	61/171 (35.7%) (41)	56/166 (33.7%) (21)
Defensive 4th down conversion	10/23 (43.5%) (43)	11/22 (50%) (64)
Fewest penalties (yd/game)	47.45 (30)	59.27 (76)



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Renaissance man: UM receiver showcases talent on and off the field

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Redshirt junior wide receiver Samori Toure caught a deep throw in front of Idaho State's bench on Nov. 9 while one of his hands was pinned by a defender. Toure, who was named after his great-great-great-great grandfather, said he doesn't practice catching it one-handed, but he does practice juggling.

"No joke, it really helps," said Toure. "We have tennis balls in the weight room, so [juggling] really helps my hand-eye coordination for sure."

The Portland native first learned to juggle when his school had a Renaissance fair and he dressed up as a jester. After watching a few YouTube videos on juggling, he found his hidden talent. Toure says juggling has helped him, but he only does it maybe once a week.

Head football coach Bobby Hauck didn't know that Toure juggled, but he thinks "it's logical that the hand-eye coordination part of juggling probably applies."

The receiver's talent doesn't stop at Renaissance fairs. He has been lights-out for the Griz this year, totaling 859 yards and seven touchdowns in 2019.

Toure's skills haven't gone unnoticed by Hauck. "He's got ability, and he utilized it. He's a really good football player, and we're lucky he's on our team," Hauck said.

Before he was catching passes for the Griz, Toure attended Westview High School in Portland, where he became the school's leader in receiving yards, touchdowns and catches.

When Toure first visited UM, he said he was drawn in by the "culture of football at UM and how the whole city was into it." Only a few weeks after visiting UM, he signed a letter of intent to play for the Griz.

After redshirting for a year, Toure had a solid first season with the Griz when he caught five touchdowns and had 553 receiving yards. He also set the UM record for the longest catch without a touchdown in 2017 with an 80-yard catch against Savannah State.

Toure's standing dipped slightly in his sophomore year, when he only caught two touchdowns. In the summer after his sophomore year, he decided to change his jersey number from 82 to 8.

"It was a nice change and I really like it," he said. "But I'm not really superstitious like that. I think the work that I've put in has helped me."

The number change certainly didn't hurt the receiver this year, who already has more yards and touchdowns



Redshirt junior wide receiver Samori Toure juggles three apples after practice in Washington-Grizzly Stadium on Nov. 13. LIAM MCCOLLUM | MONTANA KAIMIN

in 2019 than he did last year, with one more regular season game to play.

"Samori has been willing to work hard to improve," said Hauck. "He's a much more physical player and more technically sound."

Toure helped Montana deal Weber State its first conference loss on Nov. 16

by catching three touchdowns and racking up a new career high of 193 yards. One of his three touchdowns was a 79-yard feat, where he outran every player on Weber State's defense. It was the longest catch of his season so far.

The remaining regular season game for UM is against bitter rival Montana State,

who Toure has never won a game against while playing for UM. He said that the game against MSU is very important to him, but he's only taking things one week at a time.

UM's game against Montana State, the Brawl of the Wild, is on Nov. 23 in Bozeman.

Griz-Cat showdown: 2019 season statistics

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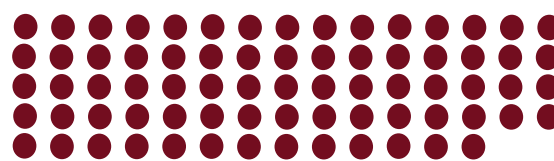
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UM looks to win Brawl of the Wild after back-to-back-to-back losses



University of Montana tight end Zane Whiting runs out of the tunnel at the beginning of the win against Eastern Washington (34-17). CLAIRE SHINNER | MONTANA KAIMIN

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In the 119th meeting between two of the oldest rivals in college football, the University of Montana Grizzlies will travel to Montana State University Nov. 23 and attempt to win the game for the first time in three years.

“It is a huge rivalry,” said redshirt senior linebacker Dante Olson. “There is so much emotion, and it is hard to describe to someone who isn’t in the game.”

This year, Olson and the Griz football team are not just playing the game for the “Great Divide Trophy” or a nice victory against the Bobcats, but are instead competing for a share in the Big Sky Conference championship and a first-round bye in the FCS-Division I playoffs.

The Griz come into the Brawl of the Wild at 9-3, their best record since 2015, when Montana went 8-5 and made it to the second round of the playoffs. In their last game, Montana dominated the No. 3 ranked Weber State 35-16, which is likely to guarantee them a ticket in the playoffs.

“This is what we wanted to do since day one,” said third-year head coach Bobby Hauck. “Being where we are competition-wise is as planned.”

In his second stint at the University of Montana, Hauck has transitioned the team from being unranked at the end of 2018 to being a Top-5 ranked contender in the FCS.

For the Montana offense, redshirt-senior quarterback Dalton Sneed, combined with running back sophomore Marcus Knight

and a group of talented receivers, have led the Griz starting offense to average almost 38 points a game. The team is ranked second in the Big Sky Conference.

Defensively, the Griz are led by Olson and an experienced secondary who have held opposing teams to less than 24 points a game, on average. The Montana rush defense is second in the Conference, only allowing 117 yards on average.

On the opposing side, the Montana State Bobcats enter the rivalry game with a 8-3 start to the season. The Bobcats last played UC Davis on the road and defeated the Aggies 27-17.

The Bobcats, led by senior Logan Jones, who averages 70 yards on his own, have the best run game in the Big Sky Conference, averaging 250 yards per game. The run game is combined with quarterback Tucker Rovig, who was named the starter in September.

Montana State’s defense ranks second in the Big Sky Conference for overall yards, only allowing 360 per game.

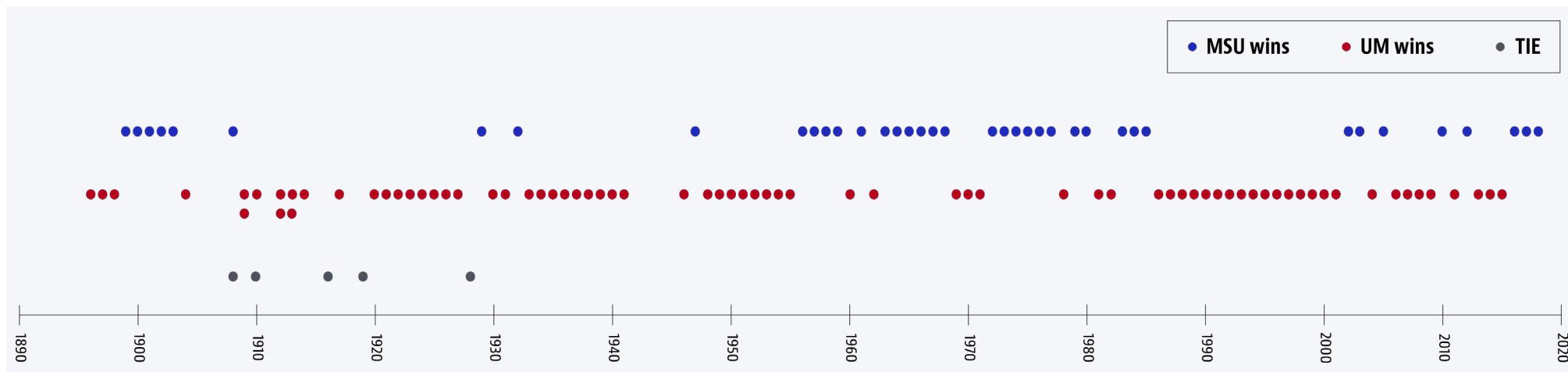
The Griz and the Cats have only played two similar opponents. Both teams lost to Sacramento State in October. Then both teams won against California opponent UC Davis.

The Griz have not won the Brawl of the Wild since the 2015 season.

“The three that I played in are three losses, that is what I remember from them,” said Olson. “We will do whatever we can to change that this year.”

The Brawl of the Wild kicks off at noon from Bobcat Stadium in Bozeman. It will also be televised on the Root Sports Network.

BRAWL OF THE WILD RESULTS, 1897-2018



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Cancel UM until it learns how to actually support diversity

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At the MMIW keynote panel during DiverseU this year, one of the panelists asked if any administrators were in the audience. The only response? Crickets.

No president. No deans. No one.

I was disappointed, but not surprised. *Sips tea.*

This kind of stuff happens more often than not. While it may surprise some people that our institution isn't as diversity-driven as they may think, there are many of us who don't even get upset anymore.

If we want to keep calling on diversity and "recruit" diversity, our administration needs to show up for

and support its diverse students.

While UM has made huge strides in terms of welcoming diverse students and cultivating diverse programming like DiverseU, it still needs to be present and actually support these events in order to consider itself a friend of diversity.

The Kyiyo Powwow is another area where our institution has failed students of color. The powwow is the biggest diversity event on campus, bringing in around 5,000 people for the celebration. The powwow budget is more than \$50,000, money that students have to fundraise.

That's right, STUDENTS have to raise \$50,000 during the school year, on top of being enrolled full-time at UM, and potentially having jobs and families to care for as well.

The kicker of all of this is that the Adams Center just raised the rates for renting out

the venue for the weekend, money the Kyiyo Native American Student Association now has to budget for and fundraise even more. This is exceptionally annoying, to say the least, because our lovely neighbor school in Bozeman allows its powwow committee — with members who are also students — to rent out its stadium for free. *Sips tea again.*

This kind of stuff should not be happening. Yes, things cost money. I get that. But our administration and institution need to understand that this work is not easy, yet we as an institution are only willing to support it as long as it's easy.

Kyiyo and the students who work hard all year to make it happen are not just a cool photo op for the University to post about when they get around to it. The DiverseU coordinators and planners do not put these events on just for the University to point

at and say, "Look! We love diversity!"

This institution is walking all over, and cashing in on, the very hard work of others who actually care about students of diverse backgrounds and cultures.

That is not supporting diversity. Not showing up for diversity events is not supporting diversity. Charging a student group that brings in people the University could never reach is not supporting diversity.

We all want to jump around and talk about how diverse we are and how we love diversity. But when it actually comes down to it, do we?

If we want to be the diverse, liberal school we claim to be, our administration, deans and professors need to show up and actually care. If you can't do that, then sit down in your vanilla offices, stay there and stop wasting our time because the rest of us have actual work to do.



TOP LEFT: UM student Corinne Manley climbs the beginning section of a climb on the Sunshine Wall. This involves using the whole body to create tension, holding the climber up between the wall.

BOTTOM LEFT: Students emerge from a slot canyon while hiking to the Sunshine Wall climbs on the first day of the trip.

TOP RIGHT: As the sun sets over the gorge, a climber rests against the rock in Vantage Point.

BOTTOM RIGHT: After getting down from a difficult climb, Graydon Hidalgo and Corinne Manley high-five. Manley congratulated Hidalgo for his hard work.

UM climbers take advantage of the rocks in Vantage

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Five hours west of Missoula, in absolute-middle-of-nowhere Central Washington, the bright orange helmets of nine UM students and their three instructors bobbed along at the base of 80-foot-tall basalt cliffs in search of some of the best climbing in the state. The students juggled ropes, quick-draws, and harnesses at the base of one of the most popular spots in the area — the Sunshine Wall. The wall features 15 classic routes, mostly gathered along the central basalt columns that jut into the sky, known as “The Kingpins.”

The UM Outdoor Program (ODP) organized the trip. Students spent two full days and one half day climbing in the desert. The students climbed five routes on the first day, and eight on the second.

Despite battling the rain for a few hours, the students enjoyed the first day of climbing in a spot called “The Feathers.” This series of 20- to 30-foot rock columns, leaning on one another, forms perfect routes for beginners. It is one of the most popular walls in the area. Students on the trip smiled and applauded after descending from the wet rock.

“It was really cool to see a place in my home state in such a different way, and to be there with such a great group of people,” said Corinne Manley, a 19-year-old UM student from Seattle. “It made me really proud to go to UM, and made me love climbing even more.”



TOP: University of Montana outdoor program climbing instructor Harrison Schutt takes a break from climbing to eat a snack during the ODP trip to climb in Vantage, Washington.

RIGHT: A kettle and pot sit on the stove early in the morning as students prepare for a day of climbing. Students camped for three nights on Vantage Road in Washington.

to vitamin E acetate when Dunwell introduced her bill to the Montana legislature. Still, she doesn't believe child vaping to be any less of an epidemic, even if legal vapes won't give them the disease.

"If a young person becomes addicted — which is exactly what Big Tobacco wants to happen — they will be addicted for the rest of their lives and die of lung disease," said Dunwell. "Kill me now or kill me later. Neither is OK in my opinion."



While Big Tobacco steadily buys out vape brands, many of Montana's vape shops are locally owned — including Freedom Vapes, Liberty Vapor Smoke and Ublaze Vapor. They're the shops that, along with the Montana Smoke Free Association, filed the lawsuit to overturn Bullock's emergency ban.

The lawsuit states that "if the emergency rules are enforced, Freedom Vapes, Liberty Smoke and Ublaze Vapor will most likely be required to completely shut down ... The petitioners want nothing more than to save the lives and health of their friends, neighbors and fellow Montanans from the ravages of (combustible) cigarettes."

I spoke with Sarah Exum and Sarah Hartwig, the respective managers of Piece of Mind and Atmosphere, about how their businesses have been affected.

63% OF JUUL
USERS DID NOT
KNOW THAT JUULS
ALWAYS CONTAIN
NICOTINE

SOURCE: TRUTH INITIATIVE

"Our sales kind of went up once the ban happened. We've sold a lot of e-juice in the past month compared to what we usually do," Hartwig said, adding that only around 5% of Atmosphere's sales come from vape products. "We have a very small selection of vaping stuff."

Exum says Piece of Mind's vape sales are up as well. She finds it "perplexing," but speculates that JUULers might be preparing for a potential ban, as well as stocking up on mint-flavored pods before JUUL pulls them from shelves.

Despite the spikes in sales, both Piece of Mind and Atmosphere are phasing out their JUUL products. While Hartwig

cites the potential 120-day ban as reason to pull JUULs from Atmosphere's shelves, Exum says she's uncomfortable with JUUL's business practices.

EVALI has hit under-the-table businesses as well. I spoke with a 22-year-old Missoula pot-dealer — whom the Kaimin is keeping anonymous — known for selling THC cartridges about how his sales have been affected.

"I got a bunch [of cartridges] because they were selling really well, then everyone started freaking out — rightfully so. I had one woman who was convinced there was formaldehyde in it. I was like, 'No, these are on shelves, these are legit.' Then they got pulled off the shelves in Washington. So now I just have a bunch and I don't know what to do with them," he said.



The truth is, nobody knows exactly what vaping is doing to our bodies and we won't for years. That's no one's fault — science is slow-moving in its quest for the truth. The conflicting information makes it too easy for people to choose what they want to believe, and addicts like me will almost always use any information they can to justify our addictions.

I've been researching this story for three weeks now. I've gone from feeling certain I'd contract EVALI, to feeling certain I was perfectly safe, to just a giant question mark, really. At this point, I'm pretty sure I'll just die of cancer when I'm old.

Here's what we know for sure: Vaping isn't harmless. EVALI is not a conspiracy by Big Tobacco to revert people back to smoking because Big Tobacco owns the vaping industry. It's becoming increasingly probable that EVALI is a result of black-market vape products using vitamin E acetate as a thickening agent. That said, just because your vape doesn't have vitamin E acetate doesn't mean it isn't killing you. The vaping industry has every motive to hook teenagers on its product, and its marketing tactics mirror those of cigarettes.

Clearly, vapes are evil. Companies like JUUL took America's first generation that stood a chance at a nicotine-free existence, and asphyxiated them with a cookie-flavored cancer fog.

And despite all this, I'm probably not going to quit.

Crazy, right? It turns out I'd literally rather die than quit JUULing.

Part of me is nervous to write this because I know that if I die of EVALI, anti-vape campaigns will absolutely use me as a cautionary tale. Part of me hopes that if I make it public record, I might get embarrassed enough to quit. Part of me doesn't give a fuck and is content living a short, nicotine-infused existence.

If you are struggling to quit smoking or other nicotine products, call the Montana Quit Line for resources: 1-800-784-8669.

Students can also get free tobacco quit kits from Curry Health Center Wellness. Call (406) 243-2122 for more information.

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across the country, becoming the most popular e-cigarette brand by 2017 and dominating over 70% of the vape market by the end of 2018. It's small. It's tasty. It's discreet enough to hit in class. You can charge it with your laptop, and if you shake it right after taking a rip, it will go into "party mode" and flash rainbow.

While the company began independent of big tobacco, it has since been bought out by Altria, one of the biggest tobacco corporations in the world — no surprise, given that Altria took a 35% stake (\$13 billion) in JUUL in December 2018.

They have since lost \$4.5 billion due to the backlash, to which I can only say, "boo-fucking-hoo."

In the span of two months, JUUL has come under fire for knowingly selling 250,000 "contaminated or expired" mint refill kits, announced that CEO Kevin Burns would step down, and said it has a plan to pull mint kits from shelves. It also laid off 16% of its workforce (650 jobs).

While JUUL products don't contain the vitamin E acetate currently suspected of causing EVALI, they're still the most universally hated e-cigarette company for marketing to minors — if "party mode" isn't bad enough, New York high schoolers Caleb Mintz and Philip Fuhrman testified to Congress that a JUUL representative came to their school and told ninth graders that JUULs are "totally safe."

According to the Truth Initiative, one JUUL pod contains 20 cigarettes' worth of nicotine. I go through a pod in about a day and a half. Before I JUULed, I only smoked three or four cigarettes a day. Smoking used to be like a palate cleanser for the mind; a rush of dopamine to clear my head and reset myself. Now that I JUUL,

nicotine is more a matter of maintenance — I don't necessarily feel good when I use it, but I know that I feel bad if I go too long without. When I smoked cigarettes, I only thought I was addicted to nicotine.



I know that vapes are embarrassing. So embarrassing that out of what I can only imagine to be thousands of vape users on campus (I know you're out there, I see your clouds), I could only find one willing to talk to me about it.

Accounting major Polly Urbush, 21, started smoking at 19. She was stationed in Canada for the U.S. Army. "It was something to pass the time, keep you awake," she said.

Urbush doesn't remember when she first vaped, but has fluctuated between her JUUL and cigarettes for at least a year.

"I noticed with vaping, you do it way more and you're way more dependent on nicotine because you're constantly taking it in. You can just do it on a friend's couch. ... You can do it anywhere. Go to the library on campus, and I can guarantee you that people are there, taking rips while studying."

It's that convenience that keeps Urbush buying JUUL pods over cigarettes, despite their adverse effect on her fitness. She says she went from running two miles in 17 minutes while smoking, to running the same distance in 18 minutes while vaping, something that poses a problem for keeping up with the military's physical ability standards.

In response to JUUL knowingly selling 250,000 "contaminated" mint refill kits (although no reports have expanded on what "contaminated" means, and no cases of EVALI have been linked to the "contaminated" pods), as well as all of the headlines about EVALI, Urbush is unfazed.

"I do and I don't listen to it. Anything can cause cancer, or issues ... Either way, you're inhaling something you really shouldn't be.

"I don't really care. I'm sure I've had some that I had for six months and were expired, and I used them anyway," said Urbush, adding that because legal vapes require FDA regulation, she believes EVALI deaths are linked to black-market products.

Even if someone were to contract the disease using only over-the-counter, non-expired JUUL products, Urbush said she wouldn't quit.

"Anything you do like that — drinking, smoking — it's not ideal for your body," she said. "But people are going to do it. Who's going to stop you?"

The biggest problem? JUUL isn't FDA approved, nor are any legal vape brands, and they have until May 2020 to submit an application for market approval. Urbush is no less informed a vaper than I am. I had no idea companies were even allowed to sell consumable products without FDA approval. It turns out e-cigarettes weren't under the FDA's domain until 2016, meaning that any vape products made prior can become retroactively approved.

Maura Ganz, a 52-year-old creative writing major, has been smoking since she was 13. She's tried to quit twice, once for three months, but not "intensely." She tried vaping but "didn't enjoy it in the end because there was no finality to it. You could just go forever; I made myself sick," she said. "Where's the end?"

Ganz sees vaping as a new marketing ploy rather than a way to quit smoking. "It's all capitalism," she says. "The whole marketing aspect really bothers me."



Some Montana activists don't want to wait around for vaping to be proven toxic or for what happens when the lawsuits

and the proposed bans finally settle. Instead, they're vocal about being on the front end of what they know is going to increasingly cause more health problems.

Bobby Sonsteng comes from a long line of smokers. Three of Sonsteng's grandparents have died from cigarette-related illness. His living grandfather beat lung cancer because "he's a tough old bird," Sonsteng said.

A senior majoring in community health, Sonsteng is part of Curry Health Center's PRO (Peers Reaching Out) program. He organized UM's vape pen turn-in drive, which encouraged students to hand over their e-cigarettes in late October for a chance to win prizes that included an Apple Watch or Beats by Dre headphones.

Sonsteng's living grandfather told him that when he was growing up, cigarettes weren't considered dangerous and were even backed by doctors. "I don't want, 50 years from now, people to have all these illnesses and disease and cancers from vaping. ... I see history trying to repeat itself, just with new technology," Sonsteng said.



In January 2019, Montana legislator Mary Ann Dunwell introduced House Bill 312, which aimed to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) outside of 18+ establishments. The bill also required stores to keep all e-cigarettes behind the counter in order to keep minors from shoplifting them. This would primarily target convenience stores, which resisted the bill.

Dunwell, a Democrat from Helena, says she and local convenience stores came to a compromise that would allow the shops to keep selling flavored e-cigarettes, as long as they remained behind the counter and away from customers' reach.

Despite support from local gas stations, the compromised bill died in the Business and Labor Committee. "There are some legislators that just seem to support Big Tobacco," said Dunwell. "I have no idea why. You'd have to ask them."

"Big Tobacco tried a new and different, better mouse trap because we were seeing a reduction in children's cigarette use. I don't buy that they came up with vapes as a way to quit," she said. "It's a way, pure and simple, to hook our young folks for the rest of their lives."

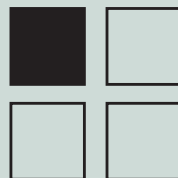
Scientists hadn't yet linked EVALI

E-CIGARETTE USERS

CURRENT
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RECENT FORMER
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 USES E-CIGARETTES

SOURCE: CDC



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When I told my psychiatrist I vape, she suggested I go back to cigarettes. She said it was probably worse than smoking and definitely not what companies wanting my money were making it out to be.

When the news of vaping-related deaths and serious illnesses started breaking, she asked me, “Aren’t you pissed at these companies for lying to you?”

I already knew my JUUL was too good to be true. In retrospect, the vaping epidemic is pretty obvious. Whoever decided to turn smoking cigarettes into a tasty and pleasant experience knew exactly what they were doing, and it wasn’t helping smokers quit.

April 2019 marked the first diagnosis of vape-related lung injury reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There have been 2,171 cases of e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury (EVALI) and 42 fatalities as of Nov. 13. One of those deaths was a Montana teenager this October. Doctors linked the disease to vaping, but unlike other deaths reported by the state health department, would give no other details, not even where it happened. Facts everywhere are iffy on this. Was it tobacco products killing people? Cannabis vapes? Or was it something else entirely?

Before anyone had clear answers, states attempted to ban vapes altogether. Gov. Steve Bullock announced a 120-day ban on flavored vaping products in Montana on Oct. 8. Three vape shops quickly blocked the ban with a lawsuit, including

Missoula’s own Liberty Vapor Smoke.

A month later, the CDC announced that vitamin E acetate — a chemical used in some THC oil cartridges as a thickening agent — is the probable culprit behind the outbreak. But its website states that “evidence is not yet sufficient to rule out contribution of other chemicals of concern to EVALI,” and recommends refraining from all vaping products while the investigation continues.

**ABOUT 3.7% OF
ADULTS USE
E-CIGARETTES
EVERY DAY**

SOURCE: CDC

Still, despite the ban, the reversed ban and the continued headlines about vapers dying, I held out hope that vaping was better than smoking.

But this ban has made me realize something about myself, something I

hadn’t quite come to terms with:

Hi, my name is Lily and I’m an addict. (“Hi Lily.”)

I throw the word “addict” around loosely;

I’m also addicted to Target and energy drinks. I’m addicted to perfume samples, frozen lasagna, celebrity tabloids (did you know that Kendall Jenner is a Bionicle? True story). Most of all? I’m addicted to nicotine, and it’s not cute.

I JUUL first thing when I wake up and last thing before I fall asleep. I JUUL on the toilet. I JUUL while I cool. I JUUL in a box, with a fox, I JUUL here there and everywhere. Shit, I’m JUULing as I write this.

When I used Adderall five times in one week my sophomore year of college, I feared I’d get dependent, so I quit. When I got drunk more nights than I didn’t this summer, I worried I was an alcoholic, so I quit. I even cut back on the lasagna when my jeans started feeling too tight.

Still, I barely even make an effort to quit JUULing.

I know for a fact that I am, without a doubt, addicted to my JUUL. So addicted that on Morning One of trying to quit, I wanted to drive to Helena to shake my own mother — my favorite person — and scream, “You did this to me!” in her face.

My mom bought me my first JUUL a little over a year ago after reading an article in the New Yorker that claimed JUULs were a health-conscious smoking-alternative. She just wanted to help me quit cigarettes. I allowed her naive approval, despite her

lack of scientific understanding, to justify my addiction without giving any serious thought to what it was doing to my body.

That blissful ignorance ended when I learned through Montana Public Radio that a teenager maybe near me died of vape-related illness. A subconscious understanding that my vaping habit will eventually kill me is one thing, but the idea of my lungs giving out, say, tomorrow, is scary.

Still not scary enough for me to, say, quit JUULing, but scary enough to take a step back and learn everything I can about what exactly I’m putting into my lungs.

So I bought some Nicorette gum to ease my cravings and got to researching.



Remember in 2007, when everyone was obsessed with Bella and Edward from “Twilight,” then collectively recognized how unhealthy their dynamic was? That’s kind of what happened with vaping. What we first thought might be a healthy smoking-alternative quickly revealed itself to be a toxic obsession.

While vaping has been around for a hot minute (according to the Consumer Advocates for Smoke Free Alternatives Association, the first “commercially successful” e-cigarette was made in 2003 by Hon Lik, a pharmacist in Beijing), its popularity has skyrocketed in the past few years, thanks in large part to JUUL.

The infamous e-cig, often compared to a flash drive, debuted in 2015 and captured the hearts of middle-schoolers

VAPERGATE

ARE JUULS REALLY KILLING PEOPLE?



Standing in solidarity: Students organize Transgender Day of Remembrance

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Students are holding vigil to honor trans people, especially trans women of color, who have died because of anti-transgender violence. The Student Involvement Network and the LGBTQ Lambda Alliance are hosting the event on Nov. 20 in observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR).

Elliott Hobaugh, the student organizer for this year's TDOR vigil, said he wants to create a safe space for all of Missoula's LGBTQ community to come together.

"I hope that [attendees] feel a sense of community and belonging," said Hobaugh.

The vigil will begin on the Oval at 7 p.m. and includes candles, reading of victims' names, original poetry, moments of silence and Main Hall lit in the trans flag colors. Lambda also displays posters in the UC with the names and ages of the trans victims from the U.S.

After the vigil, trans and nonbinary people are invited to the Branch Center for a conversation about improving safety and support in Missoula.

Hobaugh, who is president of Lambda and the student coordinator for the Student Involvement Network, said he hopes that the conversation leads to concrete plans for future activism.

He remembers attending TDOR in Boystown, Chicago, a few years ago. A four-block radius full of people came together in his home city to read poetry and remember the victims of violence due to transphobia.

Hobaugh uses his personal experiences growing up in Chicago to plan Lambda events like Rainbow Welcome and TDOR. He also serves as a student ambassador for Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a nonprofit that aims to accelerate acceptance for the LGBTQ community.

Doing activist work in Montana can be challenging because there is a lack of diversity within the LGBTQ community. Hobaugh wants the vigil to bring awareness to trans victimization.

According to TransRespect Vs. Transphobia Worldwide, a European transgender research organization, 85% of reported murders of trans persons in the U.S. are against trans women of color. Hobaugh acknowledges the importance of using his privilege as a white trans man to stand in solidarity.

"I just have to try and do the best I can to honor those people," Hobaugh said.

Sophomore Kevin Lee, RA of the gender-inclusive floor in Miller Hall, plans to bring his residents to the vigil.

"I think that [my residents] will really enjoy being able to participate in a discussion with their peers about these issues, and about violence that transgender women of color are facing," he said.

Lee said he appreciates having a range of LGBTQ-forward events on campus hosted by groups like Lambda.

"I think it is really essential that we put just as much of a focus on events like this, remembrance events and honorship, as we do to more joyous and prideful events," said Lee.

Teddy Jumpp is one of Lee's residents on the gender-inclusive floor in Miller Hall who plans to attend the vigil and discussion. As a Black, nonbinary person from East Helena, Jumpp is passionate about LGBTQ activism at UM.

"We've lost a lot of people who identified as nonbinary or even two-spirit because of hatred," said Jumpp. "I think to have a day where we can stand in solidarity with our trans brothers and sisters is really, really important."

Events that Lambda hosts make Jumpp feel accepted and supported on campus.

"Trans people deserve love and support," Jumpp said.



Elliott Hobaugh, 21, is a senior at the University of Montana studying psychology and women's gender and sexuality studies. Hobaugh is also the president of LAMBDA on campus and the organizer for the Transgender Day of Remembrance. COLTON ROTHWELL | MONTANA KAIMIN

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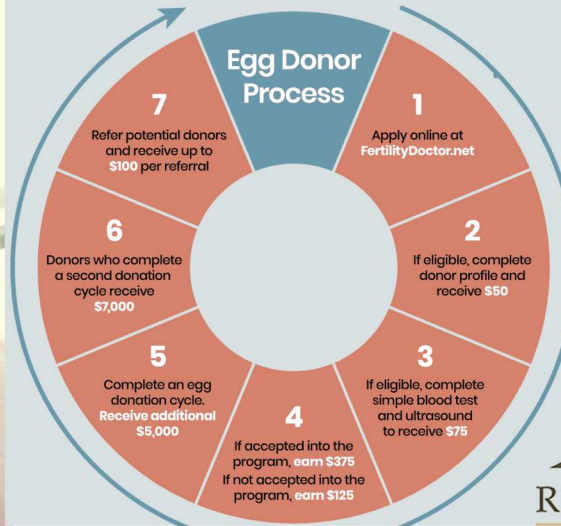
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Esports expert says competitive gaming lacks gender inclusion

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An MIT professor told a University audience Friday night that women are still “sidelined as viewers” in the world of competitive gaming.

T.L. Taylor, professor of sociology and comparative media studies at MIT, spoke at a President’s Lecture Series’ event hosted last week. She addressed roughly 100 students, faculty and community members about making esports, formalized competitive computer-gaming, more inclusive.

Taylor is also the director of AnyKey, an organization aimed to increase diversity, inclusion and accessibility in competitive gaming since the organization’s creation in 2015. She said she co-founded the group because of harassment and stereotypes women face in esports.

“Women had to fight to get equal access to traditional sports,” said Taylor. “A lot of the work we are doing is the same.”

While 72% of young men ages 18 to 29 said they play video games frequently or sometimes, roughly 50% of women said the same, according to a Pew Research poll in 2017.

A separate Pew Research poll in 2018 found that 83% of teenage girls in the U.S. said they play video games. An AnyKey document published in Oct. 2019 states “women’s participation [in esports] as either club members or elite players is not proportional to the rates we know they are gaming at.”

Taylor referenced chat rooms and esports live streams as places where communities are created and audience participation is high and involved, like a crowd at a football game. However, as esports matches have become more popular and highly trafficked online, moderating them for offensive or threatening language has become increas-

ingly difficult, Taylor said.

“Harassment online is not simply an individual offense,” said Taylor. “It doesn’t just harm the person it’s directed at. It acts socially. It splashes across all who see it.”

Taylor said this is especially true for female players. Nikita Ware, a JV Grizzly Esports player, said she sees and hears harassment all the time.

“Literally when you get on [competitive games] that’s where I’m seeing it,” said Ware. “It’s literally like ‘Oh my god! A girl is playing League. Can I get your number?’”

Taylor said continued online harassment can cause streamers and players to quit esports and prevents new and interested players from joining in the first place. She said this kind of activity can’t be tolerated if people want esports to be taken seriously.

“If we understand live streaming as an increasingly significant sector of media and as a cultural development, this is an issue that has to be front in center,” Taylor said.

Taylor referenced arcade gaming and amateur competitions as the beginning of esports in the 1970s. She said esports were popularized as the games and the sport became extremely competitive in the 2010s.

The National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE) started with seven esports programs participating in 2016. As of 2019, NACE has over 170 partner institutions that compete. The University of Montana is one of them.

Ware said the UM Esports team plans to reach out to other clubs and groups on campus to include people from different backgrounds.

“Just branching out and not just staying within our community would be really good,” said Ware. “That way we can gain more access to everyone else and let them know we’re here for them.”

The Grizzly Esports team has three women that play



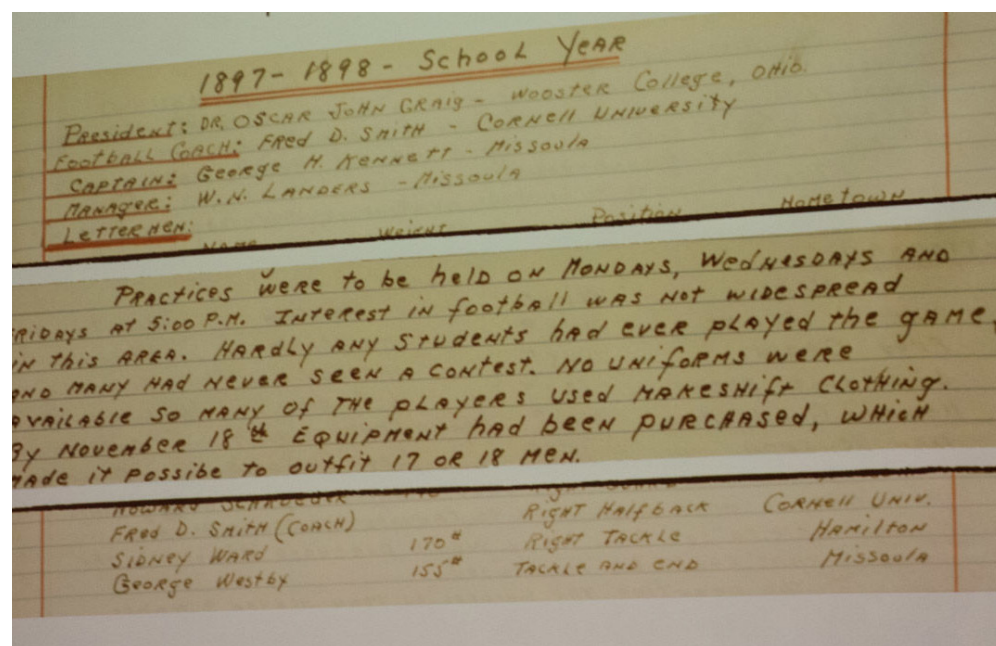
on the roster now. Taylor applauded this, saying gender inclusion is still unusual throughout esports.

“The young, white male demographic without a doubt makes up an important part of esports fandom, especially historically,” said Taylor. “But the problem sets in when it gets conceived as the unchanging and primary one.”

Taylor is also the author of multiple books, including “Watch Me Play: Twitch and the Rise of Game Live Streaming” in 2018. These texts cover the growing popularity and industry of esports and live streamed gameplay.

President Bodnar also announced a new game-based degree on Friday. He said the game design and interactive media degree is moving through the faculty approval process now.

“This will actually be the first degree of its kind in Montana,” Bodnar said.



TOP: MIT sociology and comparative media studies professor T.L. Taylor speaks about the need for inclusion within esports. She explained that many chatrooms on esports platforms like Twitch are full of hateful and racist speech that turn discriminated groups away from gaming.

BOTTOM: Taylor displays a letter that was written in 1897 at the University of Montana. She explains how unpopular football was in the first few years it was played at UM. Taylor believes that esports have the potential to grow just like football did.

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ASUM senators consider making sustainability fee mandatory



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Students proposed to make the optional \$6 Associated Students of the University of Montana sustainability fee mandatory on Nov. 6. Money from the fee goes toward campus amenities like covered bike lots and water bottle fill-stations.

According to the resolution introduced by ASUM Sens. Zoe Nelson and Kyle Johnston, the ASUM Sustainability Fee is “a major source for the University of Montana’s sustainability efforts.” However, this fee is the only optional ASUM fee, and some students want this to change.

“I’m very much in support of it. I think making the fee mandatory is something that would be really great to happen,” said Madeleine Jones, the full-time ASUM sustainability coordinator.

According to Jones, the opt-out rate for the fee encompasses 30% of the student population. If the fee was mandatory, it would generate an extra \$38,000 in sustainability funding. That would make a real difference, according to the UM’s sustainability coordinator Eva Rocke.

“Doing so would increase our revolving energy loan fund so that we could fund more sustainable projects and larger, more impactful projects,” said Rocke.

Such projects include installing more solar panels throughout campus, purchasing a combustion gas turbine that would increase energy efficiency or renovating buildings to make them more sustainable, Rocke said.

However, even though the fee is currently optional and generates less funding, it still supports the student-led organization Kless Revolving Energy Loan to Fund

(KRELF). This fund allows students propose projects that encourage carbon emission footprint reduction. Multiple projects have been put into place through KRELF, including covered bike racks, residence hall recycling bins and longboard racks.

Making the ASUM sustainability fee mandatory could also help with recruitment, according to Nelson, who was also an author of the fee resolution.

“Sustainability issues are becoming more and more important to students, and the University doesn’t do much,” Nelson said.

When Nelson was looking into the efforts made by UM to become more ecologically friendly, she was not impressed. “I know when I was looking at schools, one of the biggest detractors of UM was that I noticed that they were not doing anything,” she said.

Since the student senate approved the ASUM Sustainability Fee Resolution

on Nov. 13, the student body will now have to vote on it during the 2020 UM student elections. If students support the resolution, it will then go to the Montana Board of Regents, which oversees higher education institutions throughout the state. If the board approves it, the sustainability fee will become mandatory.

This is the third time the proposition to make the sustainability fee mandatory has been up for discussion. The first time, it did not get to the Board of Regents, and the second time, the Board turned it down. However, Nelson is not discouraged.

“Hopefully, if all goes well, it goes to the Board of Regents and gets approved,” Nelson said.

“Seems like a really easy way to leverage one of our existing tools for making sustainability happen on campus,” Rocke commented. “I fully support it.”

We see you, University of Montana. And we're so thankful.

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We know we can be hard on the University. Some things are getting better. And after all, we're just a bunch of whiny students, right? So for our last issue of the semester, we wanted to remind UM of some of the things we're thankful for.

1. We're thankful for the Office of the Registrar, for ripping away our precious Academic Planner. Life is much better lived in a state of mystery and confusion.
2. We're thankful for UM administrators, for hosting, but not attending, diversity events on campus. We know you were there in spirit.
3. We're thankful for the office of Fraternity & Sorority Involvement, for keeping track of every time a student breathes at a fraternity party. You're right, those Griz swipes are definitely not sexist or privacy-violating at all.
4. We're thankful for Business Services, for dropping students for unpaid parking tickets. How dare they park illegally. There are so many available parking spaces, especially after 10 a.m.
5. We're thankful for the Office of the Registrar, for charging students as much as possible to graduate. A degree from the University of Montana will certainly pay for all the money we've put into this institution.
6. We're thankful for UM marketing and recruitment departments, for managing to shrink student enrollment by over 40% in the last eight years. It was getting much too crowded. And who needs two-ply toilet paper?
7. We're thankful for UM administrators, for naming permanent deans over the summer when students were not on campus. We probably would've just gotten in the way, anyway.
8. We're thankful for Jon Harbor, for leading the charge to give an online program management company 55% of student tuition for the courses it runs. Genius.
9. We're thankful for Griz Athletics, for increasing the price of football guest passes. We know who should be paying for upgraded facilities. Students!
10. We're thankful for UM Dining, for taking the vegan line out of the Food Zoo. This is Montana. This is meat country.

So thank you, University of Montana, for all that you do. It certainly does not go unnoticed.

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Opening band The Greeting Committee picks up the pace at the Hippo Campus show at the Wilma in Missoula on Nov. 15 with its last three songs, including "Hands Down," which kicked off the young band's popularity with its release in 2015. CLAIRE SHINNER | MONTANA KAIMIN

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