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Know your path, freshmen

Hi there. Welcome to the Kaimin, the student newspaper here at the University of Montana. Whether you are a new reader or a longtime fan, the Kaimin serves the students here as a hub for campus news.

The staff of the Kaimin has been in your shoes before. It's an exciting time with new friends in a different place with lots of opportunities. You finally have a space of your own, unless you are stuck in a temporary study lounge bunkroom. For some, this could be your first time away from home.

When I came to the University, I drove all the way from my hometown of Dripping Springs, Texas. I didn't know anyone at UM besides my roommate. But by the end of my first evening on campus, I met so many great people, some of whom are my closest friends

today.

If you are new around here, learn these three things about UM. First, college is hard. Unlike high school, you are the person in charge of your education. No professor teaching a large lecture course will get on you for missing class, which sometimes can be a saving grace when you need a break.

But if you are getting behind, nobody will tell you. It is up to you to make the best out of your experience. And while some professors might not help you with everything you need, I would argue most will provide assistance if their students reach out. Don't be a stranger to your teachers.

Second, know what you want. College is all about making decisions. What will my major be? Will I take a semester to study abroad? Do I

need an extra year? These questions will soon haunt you as you try to craft your beautiful college experience.

So, trust your gut, and step out of your comfort zone. Take a special topics class, even if it isn't exactly what you need to graduate. They show up as 391 classes when you register. At the end of the day, we are all trying to get better. Try new things, meet new people and enjoy yourself.

Third, this freshman class is part of new momentum at UM. From 2011 to 2021, the University lost as much as 40% of its students.

Less demand for humanities degrees, the nationwide rape scandal catalogued in John Krakauer's 2015 book titled "Missoula" and Montana State University's recent growth have likely all contributed to fewer students.

But last fall, the University reported a 3% increase in students. It's likely we will get another large group this fall, especially with at-capacity residence halls. Watch UM's leaders closely this year as they navigate a possible resurgence of the University.

As a first generation college student, I did not expect to earn the opportunity of editing the Kaimin. Nor did I foresee the great memories I would make with classmates and friends. Enjoy your time here and know that you can do more than you think.

Good luck.
— Griffen Smith, Editor-In-Chief

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Flying frisbee fun



UM art history professor Jerod Peitsmeyer throws a frisbee to his son, Cezanne Carlson, on campus on Aug. 22. **RIDLEY HUDSON | MONTANA KAIMIN**

Where to park on campus

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Complaining about limited parking on campus can happen almost as often as saying “go Griz” in conversations with students at the University of Montana. Luckily, the endless struggle to find a spot should improve this semester after construction zones shrank during the summer.

If you find yourself in the position of the obligatory friend with a car this year – and especially if you work in between classes – here are some tips to find reliable parking and avoid getting towed.

First, you need to pay for a parking pass. The two options cost \$128 for six months or \$256 for an entire year. It’s a big chunk of change, but is much better for residents or frequent visitors than paying \$4 a day for day-long passes.

There is no convenient free public parking close to campus. You can get your parking pass by listing your license plate and paying online on the Parking Portal.

Last semester the University closed 220 parking spots in front of the Adams Center to build the new Montana Museum of Arts and Culture. But most of the spots – two-thirds, according to University spokesperson Dave Kuntz – reopened on Monday for UM permit parking.

Other renovations removed fewer than a dozen spots behind Knowles Hall and some rows of spots east of the heating plant, which will reopen in the spring. The dining hall construction will not impact the nearby hourly-pay parking lot.

The largest and often most trafficked lots sit west of the Adams Center and the corner lot off Beckwith Avenue by Elrod and Pantzer halls. They both are on far corners of campus, with the Adams Center lot closer to humanities buildings and the Elrod lot closer to STEM buildings.

For larger lots in a more central part of campus, there are two lots with several rows of spots along Campus Drive behind the UC, which connect to the parking garage where floors one and three are UM permit parking. The lot usually fills up during school hours, but parking along the shoulder of Campus Drive itself is allowed with a UM permit.

There are also sizable lots next to McGill Hall and Washington-Grizzly Stadium along Campus Drive. The lots are farther from dorms and classrooms. Other medi-



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um-sized lots include the one on the bend of Campus Drive by Schreiber Gym, the lot behind Knowles Hall off Arthur Avenue and a branched out lot surrounding the Interdisciplinary Science Building off Beckwith Avenue.

There are smaller lots along Connell Avenue, next to Curry Health Center, and two connected lots next to the Mansfield Library and the forestry building. There is a small lot with slanted spots behind Jesse Hall, but it is usually full from freshmen in the surrounding dorms parking there.

There are two smaller lots that are great alternatives to closer parking when you're

scrambling to class. They surround the practice field off Fifth Street and reliably have open spots, especially now that the Adams lot reopened.

There are many different UM permit lots on campus. Some are busier than others, but it's hard to predict which lots have open spots day-to-day. The two best ways to park on campus during school hours are to arrive before most classes start, or leave yourself with at least 10 minutes to find parking and walk to your destination.

If you have a car but don't need to leave campus during school days, try to limit using your car during weekdays if possible.

There's usually much more open parking when students are not tied to campus on the weekends.

Kuntz, UM's spokesperson, also urged students to use the Dornblaser Field Park & Ride service, where students can park off campus without time limits for free and take a two-minute UDASH bus ride to campus.

Kuntz said there is enough parking for every student and UM employee with more to spare. Missoula is also very bike-friendly and the bus system is usually on time, but try to leave early and find a pattern that works best for you.

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- Just found the perfect tree gap
- Might be sunburnt
- Amazing balance



Beleaguered professor

- Seen dragging their feet to their fifth class of the day by noon
- Will fail anyone that talks back to them
- Consistent class cancel-er



Bear

- Could be mistaken for a big dog
- Likes to walk around and eat garbage (people) on campus
- Do NOT feed them



The MontPIRGs

- “Hi, are you registered to vote at your current address?”
- Will not take no for an answer
- Can help you register to vote from dorm room



Pardis Mahdavi

- First permanent provost in two years
- Writes a lot of books
- Might be too qualified to work here

Charging football player

- 300 pounds of corn and beans
- The reason “Griz mornings” exist
- Likely a business major



Cyclist

- Will zoom by you unexpectedly on the oval
- Unlimited drifting in the winter
- Probably is racing to get to class





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A college student's guide to gettin' out there

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Head out any direction from Missoula and you're bound to find a trail, a bear or both. If you're itching to get out of your stuffy dorm room and into the fresh mountain air, the University of Montana is the place to be.

Missoula offers anyone with hiking boots, sneakers or flip-flops a chance to explore its expansive and accessible trail system.

IN TOWN

The first and most-treked hike in the state is UM's pride and joy: the M-trail. With 13 excruciating switchbacks, this 1.2-mile out-and-back trail climbs roughly 620 feet up Mount Sentinel and offers a panoramic view of Missoula.

You also get a chance to touch the giant concrete "M," the most distinguishable feature of both UM and Missoula since it was constructed in 1908. Access to the trail starts at the parking lot across from Aber Hall on Campus Drive. Take the trail to the right to go up the traditional route up the front side of Mount Sentinel.

If you're looking for something a little easier on the legs, head toward the Van Buren footbridge. Located between the Clark Fork River and the Adams Center, this bridge is a hub for walking, running, biking and roller skating.

If you have a furry friend, it also connects to Jacobs Island Bark Park, a strip of land in the middle of the Clark Fork with water access for off-leash dogs to run amuck.

Or, if you're not a dog person, head across the bridge and north into the Rattlesnake neighborhood. Here is Greenough Park, with paved paths that stretch up into the neighborhood, along the creek.

West of the park is access to the Waterworks trail, a half-mile gravel-packed trail that provides a scenic overlook of downtown Missoula. While this trail is a little more rugged, it's a great place to watch the sunset with friends or trail run.

To get away from the city, head north from Van Buren footbridge to the Kim Williams Trail, which runs parallel to the south bank of the river. This wide, dirt trail goes east up the river for miles and gives good access to the Clark Fork River at several points. Anyone who is feeling ambitious can also use the Kim Williams to access several trails up to Mount Sentinel.

You can also head west on the Kim

Williams trail. This paved path is great for running, biking and walking your dog. To explore the south side of town, keep going past the Bear Tracks Bridge and under Orange Street. This takes you on a paved bike path that eventually heads out of town and down the Bitterroot Valley for 51 miles.

If you're itching to go downtown and grab some pizza, cross the Madison Street Bridge to access Ron's River Trail on the north side of the river. This is a great path for the Farmers' Markets on Saturday mornings.

DESTINATION SPOTS

For anyone eager for a more intensive hike, there are a few places out of town that are a little less busy and a little more rewarding than the steep, hot "M" trail.

Twenty minutes from campus, the Blue Mountain trail network offers a number of extensive hikes with a wide range of difficulties. Whether you're in the mood for some steep hikes, semi-bushwacking or a mellow walk through a flat meadow, Blue Mountain has it. At the top of the Blue Mountain Recreation Area is also UM's observatory, a perfect place for stargazing.

Rattlesnake Recreation and Wilderness Area trails offer a similar range of both difficult and easy hikes. Despite being only a 15-minute drive from campus, these trails are the most remote of the local trails.

The primary trail is relatively flat and wide with rolling hills, but other offshoot trails offer varying difficulty. Some extra advice: If you're enrolled in any flora class, this is the perfect place to find wildflowers for your plant collection.

Aspiring mountaineers can tighten their hiking boots and make the rocky ascent up Cha-paa-qn Peak – the pointy mountain on Missoula's northwest horizon. About 19 miles west of Missoula on Interstate 90, this 7-mile round trip hike offers some eye-popping 360 degree views of the Missoula, Flathead and Bitterroot areas. The easy hiking ends after 2.9 miles at a four-way junction.

Once you turn right, you climb up an increasingly steep and rocky route that takes you above the trees to talus slopes. The last 0.3 miles to the summit are talus and boulder fields that while non-technical, make you question the hike in the first place.

Do not fret, with this guide you'll be prepared for anything. Just remember to bring a pair of hiking boots (preferably waterproof), bear spray, water and lots of granola bars before you get out there. Best of luck and happy hiking!



Waterworks trail pictured on July 24. NATE SANCHEZ | MONTANA KAIMIN

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Hey newbies, welcome to Missoula! In your first year of college, you'll learn so much more than how to read a syllabus for those gen-ed classes. You'll learn how to live on your own, balance work and school, meet people and try to find things to do off campus. Hopefully, you have a bike or car (or a friend with a car) to get you out into the world and out of the University of Montana bubble. If you don't have those options, don't worry, you can always catch the bus. Here's where your default hangout will be for the next year.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEP. 22):

You're looking for nothing less than perfection in your food, and making a Food Zoo sandwich just isn't cutting it. You'll head to Tagliare Delicatessen, a sandwich shop where you can enjoy every flavor in one massive bite.

LIBRA (SEP. 23-OCT. 22):

You gotta go to Pearl Boba Tea every day because you bought a reusable cup and

you'll be damned if you don't get your money's worth while saving the planet. Nothing will make you feel better than sucking on boba pearls and watching TV in the shop. On your way out you'll get an extra drink for your friend who's experiencing a breakup.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21):

You'll want somewhere where you can sit down and girlboss your way through your lab report. You'll enjoy Liquid Planet for the ambiance and drinks. But let's be honest, it's also to get away from your neighbor who plays music too loud during your study time.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21):

After quickly getting tired of the Food Zoo, you'll crave something better than canned fruit. You'll take all your friends with you to the Missoula Farmers' Market every weekend. Of course, you try all the free samples, but you're really there for the fresh fruit, zucchini bread and cute succulents.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19):

Your idea of getting out of the dorm is going somewhere where you can get shit done. You'll organize for your whole study group to go to Clyde Coffee. That way you can have

your turmeric chai while you tell Chad to pull his weight in the group project.

AQUARIUS (JAN 20-FEB 18):

After discovering the wonders of Rockin Rudy's for the first time, you'll insist everyone and their grandma visit with you. You'll probably buy crystals every time you go in, along with fun utensils for the kitchen you don't have.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20):

While college will be better than high school, you'll still feel weighed down by structure. You'll frequent The Book Exchange, where you can escape into a western space vampire mystery romance novel so you don't have to pick a genre.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19):

You'll impulsively go to Mobash Skatepark with people you met five minutes ago and ditch orientation. You don't even know how to skate, but you bet you can still impress the cute girl there. Just make sure you wear a helmet and don't miss mandatory parts of orientation.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20):

You need some "you time" to feel ground-

ed and prevent that burnout. You'll take your emotional support cat with you to the Clark Fork. Playing ukulele in a hammock with your cat will be your new morning routine.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20):

When the dorm feels just a little too quiet, you'll bring a friend to Paul's Pancake Parlor so you can bombard them with questions about their favorite parts of Stranger Things 4. You'll also be working on eating everything on the menu so you have something new to try every visit.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22):

You've already been checking The Roxy Theater for independent films you can go see. You'll love watching old movies in the comfy chairs because the nostalgia is wayyy better than your ever-changing reality.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22):

You'll convince your roommate to drive you to Westside Lanes for every \$2 Tuesday. You mostly throw gutter balls, but at least you can make a spectacle of it when you hit the pins. Your miracle strike will feel better than that A on your midterm.



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Freshmen athletes taking on the challenges of fall sports and being far from home

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While incoming freshmen end their summer trips and get ready for the impending school year, a select few are already hard at work on campus, or more likely, at practice.

Freshmen athletes at the University of Montana have already been on campus for a couple weeks now, battling the grueling heat and gearing up for the fall sports season.

In addition to putting in the reps on the field or in the gym, these young guns are also adjusting to life in the Garden City.

Reeve Borseth and Maddie Pyles are two freshmen hailing from outside of Montana. Both have ambitions of title contention and living the signature Missoula lifestyle.

Borseth, a freshman on the soccer team, made her way to Missoula at the start of August from the small town of Marysville, Washington.

She is accustomed to living in the rainy Pacific Northwest just 40 minutes away from Seattle. Her family hails from Marysville as well. Her siblings are staying close to home while she makes the eight-hour move out east.

Her love of Missoula didn't come from major recruiting, but was spur of the moment. Borseth took a quick trip to get a new family puppy from someone near Flathead Lake. But on the way there, she found some joys through the food, the local stops and the Missoula people who treated her family with kindness.

"We were like, 'Why don't we just kick it out and see what it's like?' And right when I got here, I was like, 'Oh my gosh.' It's so peaceful here," Borseth said.

Now after two weeks, her first impression and her team spirit remains intact.

Camellia Xu, the Grizzlies' star goalie, and other upperclassmen are making the transition to college easy for all the freshmen.

"Cam would drive us around, take us to get groceries. We went and played volleyball one night. She took us to a beach. So there was a lot that shows how caring they are even towards the freshmen that are new," Borseth said.

Borseth has been on downtown outings with her squad while keeping up with the intense practice schedules and the first non-conference games of the year.

Her goals are to keep her head above water and be a presence both on and off the bench. She wants to win the Big Sky this

year as well. The Grizzlies are reigning Big Sky Conference champions.

"If you just work hard enough, there's always gonna be something good that comes out of that. It's like one of the quotes we have, 'Nothing is given, everything is earned.' So really, you can always work hard for something," Borseth said.

While Borseth and the soccer team are taking to the field, Maddie Pyles and the volleyball squad are revving up in the Adams Center with some slightly cooler but still grueling summer scrimmages.

Her recruiting, like Borseth, was a stroke of chance.

"I was actually at a volleyball tournament and my coach was scrolling through Instagram and she saw a picture of Montana and she just called me and was like, 'You look like you would enjoy going to Montana,'" Pyles said.

Pyles is a little more than two states away from her home as she comes from Kennedale, Texas, a small town about twenty minutes outside of Fort Worth.

Pyles comes from a Texas family, a state where football reigns supreme. However, it wasn't Friday night lights for her. It was playing club volleyball across the Fort Worth-Dallas area, raking up awards such as three All-State selections and a District 10-4A MVP her senior year.

And now, she is making herself known as one of three freshmen on a roster with high expectations.

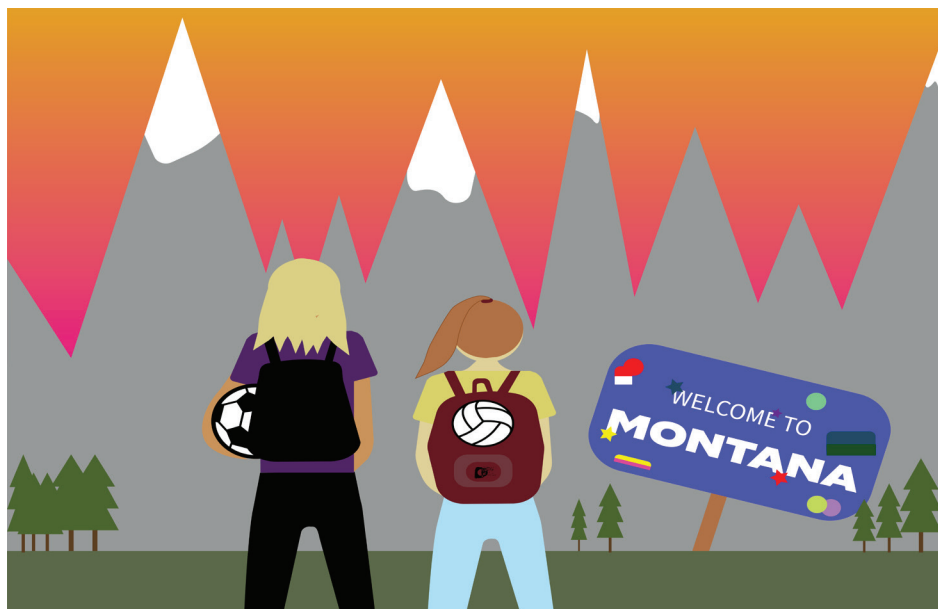
But before she needed to worry about practicing, her family went on a trip around the Treasure state to see its wonderful sights.

"We drove to Whitefish and then that was super fun. We did a lot of shopping and then, since we were so close to Whitefish, we went to Glacier (National Park) and then Lake McDonald and everything. And that was just like, unbelievable," Pyles said.

With the image set for her time in Montana, Pyles is now ready for volleyball season. And her biggest goal: Making her name known.

"I think a big personal goal would be proving my point, gaining some playing time and I think a really big goal that I could reach for, is winning some kind of conference award," Pyles said.

The Montana Grizzly soccer team recently finished up its first tournament, the Rumble in the Rockies, and now the Griz look to take on Wyoming in Missoula on Aug. 25. Grizzly volleyball will start up its first tournament, the Farmers State Bank Invitational, on Aug. 26.



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Montana's football team for newbies

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The University of Montana football team enters the 2022 season ranked top four in the Football Championship Subdivision, its highest preseason ranking in years.

The ranking seems to indicate a successful season on the horizon, but for the Griz to succeed, some streaks need to be broken.

UM hasn't won a conference title or advanced to the playoff semifinals since 2009. Last year, Head Coach Bobby Hauck led the Griz to an upset victory over the University of Washington and beat both Montana State and Eastern Washington.

However, he hasn't appeared in the FCS national championship during his second stint at UM.

For new Griz fans, pay attention to UM's regular season success this year, but keep an even closer eye on its playoff success.

NUMBER 37 WATCH

The Griz football team is no stranger to controversy. When fall camp started this August, a player tradition of passing a jersey stood in limbo after no player took to the practice field sporting the number.

The Griz legacy jersey, number 37, was supposed to be passed from former linebacker Jace Lewis to current linebacker Marcus Welnel. UM made social media posts of Welnel wearing the jersey on July 29, but when fall camp started, Welnel was wearing number 10, his old number.

"We've got some more consulting to do," Hauck told reporters on Aug. 8.

The tradition of a Montana-born player giving the number 37 jersey to another Montanan has been alive since 1987. In 2011, a similar controversy happened with the passing of the jersey, but a day before the season opener, it was resolved.

"It's been a dream of mine to wear that number so we're just going to talk through some things and see how that goes," Welnel said.

Welnel touted his old number 10 in the last open media practice Aug. 20. Griz fans should keep an eye out for the legacy jersey as the season begins.

SCHEDULE

Unfortunately for students, two of UM's biggest games this year are on the road. The Griz will travel to Sacramento State on Oct. 22 and to Montana State on Nov. 19. The Sac State game will be at night on

ESPN2 while the Griz will be looking to beat MSU during the day in Bozeman for the first time since 2015.

Despite some big showdowns on the road, there will still be some must-see games in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The Griz will battle South Dakota on Sept. 10 before battling Eastern Washington on Nov. 12 in Missoula.

South Dakota hails from the powerful Missouri Valley Conference while Eastern Washington played Montana in two games last year that featured plenty of trash talk. The Griz will also host Portland State for homecoming on Sept. 24 and battle Idaho for the Little Brown Stein trophy on Oct. 15.

STUDENT TICKETING

All UM students who have paid their athletic fee, which is included in the tuition bill, get one free ticket to each football game. Students must go on Griztix.com and claim the ticket, which will show up in their student email as a mobile ticket. Students may enter through the student gate on the south side of the stadium.

While it may be fun to tailgate, have a "Griz morning" and stumble into Washington-Grizzly Stadium right before kickoff, the student section is general admission and it fills up quickly. You can find ideal seats in the student section by arriving at the stadium early on gameday. Bringing your Griz Card also helps get into the student section and sometimes get free t-shirts.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

The Montana defense is loaded this year, especially in the secondary. Fans should look for Justin Ford on the field. Ford led Division I football last year with nine interceptions and has an on-field moxy that intimidates opponents. Opposite Ford is the quiet but skilled Corbin Walker, who can effectively put opposing receivers in a sleeping bag.

"The secondary is the strength of the defense," said Hauck. "They've done a really nice job."

Linebacker Patrick O'Connell is also a must watch while the Griz D is on the field. He blitzes often and his sheer speed and tackling ability made him the preseason Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Year. O'Connell will line up next to Welnel, who is sure to make tackles regardless of his jersey number.

"We're really tough and the expectations are really high here," Welnel said. "It's championship or nothing."

On offense, the Griz welcome in new transfer quarterback Lucas Johnson, whose 6-foot-2 frame suggests he might be able to run over opposing defenses. Johnson saw success in a bowl game while playing for San Diego State but didn't get welcomed back for his final season, so he may play

with a large chip on his shoulder.

Johnson will look to throw to receiver Junior Bergen, who had an insane true freshman season last year while lining up at running back. Now, Bergen will catch passes and look to once again use his speed and shiftiness to elude opposing defenses.

UM will open its season on Sept. 2 at home against Northwestern State.



Marcus Welnel (left) and Patrick O'Connell watch football practice on the south field on Aug. 19. Welnel is wearing jersey number 10, even though he was handed the Griz legacy number 37 earlier this year.

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Move-in day swarms campus

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On a hazy Monday morning, incoming University of Montana students moved into their dorms, grabbed their Griz Cards in the University Center and later attended the Bear Fair.

Some family and friends sat in the shade and walked around campus while they

waited for check-in to be over, while others waited in the long lines.

Campus is likely to be packed, as officials estimated all residence halls will fill up.

Once the day is over, students will spend the week getting to know other students and explore Missoula.



Emma Michael, incoming freshman, stands with her parents David and Meghan Michael for the classic Griz Statue picture on the Oval. **RIDLEY HUDSON | MONTANA KAIMIN**



Susie Euker waits for her daughter, Jackie Euker, outside of the University Center with their dog Roscoe. Her daughter moved into Jesse Hall on Monday. **RIDLEY HUDSON | MONTANA KAIMIN**



Parents and students push carts of full dorm furniture during move-in day. **NATE SANCHEZ | MONTANA KAIMIN**



ABOVE: Haven Sager and her dad fill out a slip with all of her classes in the University Bookstore.

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LEFT: Students and their families wait in line to register for orientation between the library and University Center on campus.

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