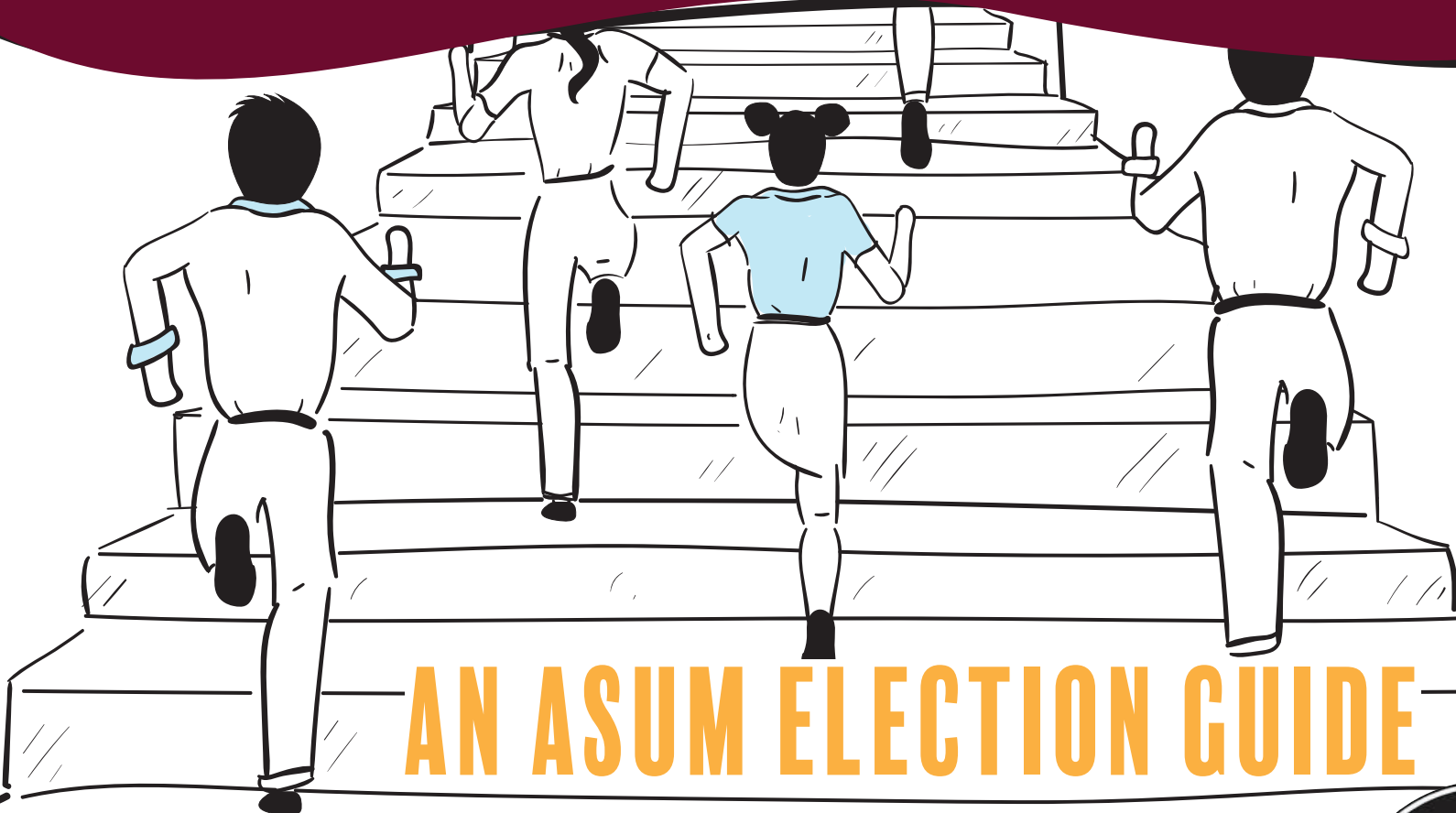


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Mass vaccination is critical, and UM stepped up

We’ve stood in lines outside of the Adams Center so many times while we’ve been students. Basketball games in February, a volleyball match on a Friday evening — even slightly drunk waiting to see Luke Combs perform. And now, to receive our doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

There are long lines outside of the Adams Center again as Curry Health Center continues its mass-vaccination clinics. With the April 1st shift to open appointments to all adult Montana residents, the vaccine is on campus in the highest numbers ever. Thanks to logistical planning by University officials, the space above the Dahlberg Arena is now a designated vaccination station, a rarity for a small public university.

The recipients are those closest to us on

campus: Our professors, classmates and staff. We invested in ourselves in the smartest way possible, and safely.

In just a week, Curry Health Center alone has administered 3,000 doses of the Pfizer two-shot vaccine on three separate days. The amount of planning to keep the clinic on schedule, while caring for at least 1,000 recipients per day is absurd — and welcome.

Waves of people walk through the clinic’s door each minute, more than one hundred people per hour. Messing up staff scheduling or misplacing doses would derail the operation, but the University seems to be pulling it off without a hitch. And more doses are coming.

UM has not been perfect in navigating

the pandemic, but who has? Universities across the country are dealing with sick kids, distance-learning students and tight budgets.

You know what UM hasn’t fucked up? Working to end this pandemic. Curry itself has administered over 10,000 vaccine doses in just four months, many to outlying communities in Missoula County.

Since eligibility was expanded, the clinic has been exclusively for the UM community. It’s powerful, because the places where students learn and teachers educate are safer, with a larger percentage of our population vaccinated. We can see that as COVID-19 case numbers drop on campus and around the state.

Those who get a dose right now are

incredibly lucky, as half of young people in the U.S. are still ineligible to get it due to supply shortages. We are privileged as a community to have such easy access, while others across the country have to travel, often facing potential exposure, in order to get a dose.

Our healthcare workers are actively fighting the pandemic, and it’s why we can see this light at the end of the tunnel.

By graduation we may see high levels of immunity for our students, an investment that can only help us for the future.

— Griffen Smith, Design Editor

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Easter for Seniors



Breanna McCabe picks up a card to fill out and send to a local senior citizen at the Easter for Seniors event in the University Center on Wednesday, March 31. In an effort to spread joy to Missoula’s senior community, Mark Spring with the UM’s Gerontology Department supplied cards and markers for people to address to seniors in the community. **Photo by** Kennedy Delap

SUDOKU

Difficulty: Easy

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	9			3		1		
		4		7		6		

Edited by Margie E. Burke

HOW TO SOLVE:

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

Answers to Last Week’s Sudoku:

1	7	3	6	2	4	9	8	5
2	8	9	5	1	3	6	7	4
6	4	5	9	7	8	2	3	1
5	9	8	2	3	1	7	4	6
4	1	6	7	8	9	5	2	3
7	3	2	4	6	5	8	1	9
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8	6	4	3	5	2	1	9	7
9	5	1	8	4	7	3	6	2

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Briefs: Unconstitutional legislation, missing Native teen and vaccination progress

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Anti-trans bill violates rights under Title IX

House Bill 112, a bill that aims to ban transgender athletes from participating in the sports teams that match their gender, has been amended since its introduction in January to open the doors for a legal challenge that could void the intent behind the bill.

The Montana bill, titled “Save Women’s Sports Act,” states that all Montana public schools, or schools that compete against public schools, must divide their sports teams “based on biological sex” and that “athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls may not be open to students of the male sex.”

However, legislators amended the bill, which now states that it would be void if the Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education issues a letter of impending enforcement action. Essentially, if a transgender student is discriminated against based on this bill and files a complaint with the department and it chooses to investigate, the bill would be undone.

An executive order from President Joe Biden states that under Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, any “educational program or activity” that receives federal financial funding is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of sex, which includes gender identity. The bill passed its third reading in the Senate on April 1 with a vote of 29 to 21, sending revisions to the House.

Missoula Public Schools walkout and missing teen

A 16-year-old Missoula high school student went missing hours after she was seen and photographed at a school walkout on Friday.

Tyra Sepulveda was last seen around 7 in the evening on April 2 when she left home to meet friends at the skate park off Cregg Lane, according to a Missoula Police Department Facebook post. The post also said she texted her guardians the next morning to say she was OK, but, as of Tuesday, had still not been seen or heard from.

The Native American teen has long bright red hair and is 5’7”.

Earlier that day she attended a walkout with more than 100 other Missoula teens to protest racial injustices within their schools, according to a Missoulian article. The walkout was sparked by a video circulating on social media made by one of their white classmates, who spouted dehumanizing and racist statements about Native Americans, according to students quoted in the Missoulian piece. Students participated in 15 minutes of silence in recognition of hate crimes before gathering in Caras Park to listen to student speakers.

When Sepulveda attended the school she held a sign that read, “You’re Living on Stolen Land,” and sat next to a girl holding

a sign that read, “No More Stolen Sisters,” as seen in a photo by Ben Smith for the Missoulian. Both girls’ signs were illustrated with red handprints, a symbol of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) movement.

HB 711 violates First Amendment freedom of the press

Montana’s “Stop Guilt by Accusation” bill, House Bill 711, aims to compel the media to give equal weight to each side when reporting on every case and controversy. The bill’s language refers to the press as a “slander machine” multiple times and states that unaccountable press will “abuse their position with impunity by trampling civil liberties.”

The bill argues that by reporting on cases or controversies and not giving equal weight to both sides and /or following the case or controversy to its end, the media defames the accused and sets them up for failure in the “court of public opinion” — the general population’s opinion. If the media violates the bill it could be subject to lawsuits up to \$10,000 from the accused.

The Legislative Services Division wrote a legal note to the bill, stating, “The U.S. Supreme Court has previously determined that statutory requirements to publish specific

information were unconstitutional,” according to the Helena Independent Record.

“The state has a compelling interest to compel the press to promote the truth because, without the truth, there is no freedom, as freedom comes from the truth,” the bill states.

COVID-19 in Missoula update

The state of Montana has had vaccine appointments open to all residents ages 16 and older for a week. The University vaccinated thousands of students and staff in clinics last week and the county has made progress in its goal for returning to large events.

Missoula County’s COVID-19 vaccine dashboard updates weekly on Mondays, while the state’s COVID-19 dashboard updates daily.

As of Monday, Missoula County:

- Administered more than 73,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, 13,000 more than last week.
- Completed nearly 27,000 second doses, the final step to immunity, 5,000 more since last week.
- Had 106 active cases of COVID-19, 15 fewer than last week.
- As of Tuesday, Montana:
- Administered 534,000 doses, roughly 60,000 more than last week.
- Completed just more than 215,000 second doses, around 29,000 more than last week.
- Had 961 active cases, 63 more than last week.

Blotter: Parking garage antics, graffiti and close-and-personal drones

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Between March 25 and 31, UMPD reported six crimes on and around campus. Disorderly conduct and theft were the most common crimes.

THURSDAY 03/25: ROGUE CAMERA

A camera was stolen from Don Anderson Hall room 306 between March 19 and 23. No suspects have been identified. Too bad they didn’t have a security camera pointed at the missing camera. Ha, get it? No? OK.

THURSDAY 03/25: CAUGHT RED-HANDED

A thief was caught in the act Thursday afternoon in the Mansfield Library. The person was allegedly going through a backpack and attempting to take something out of it near its owner. Nothing was taken, and the person denied searching the backpack to officers despite being caught red-handed. UMPD removed the culprit from the library and the incident was reported as an attempted theft.

THURSDAY 03/25: PARKING GARAGE SHENANIGANS

It’s the saga of a modern-day “Footloose” loud people, loud music and dancing in the University parking garage.

Only it came to an abrupt end around 7 p.m. Thursday night. The attendees were reportedly being too loud and disorderly, and were warned and removed by UMPD.

THURSDAY 03/25: NO-FLY ZONE

UMPD responded to PARTV late Thursday evening where a drone was reportedly flying too

close to a person. Officers were unable to identify the drone’s pilot and the incident was reported as disorderly conduct.

SATURDAY 03/27: LORK?

A witness took a photo of a graffiti artist and his vehicle Saturday evening after he tagged the parking garage. The artist painted the word “Lork” about 2 feet by 3 feet in size. Officers are not quite sure what the word means. A quick Google search redirects you to the Wikipedia page for pork, and Urban Dictionary says — well, we can’t publish that. The culprit was identified and referred for conduct.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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57						58					59			
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63						64					65			

ACROSS

1

Not quite right

6

Fencing sword

10

Burglar's take

14

Two make a diameter

15

Wartime partner

16

Gawk at

17

Market indicator

18

Here or there

20

Theater backdrop

22

One taking orders

23

_____ to rest

24

Suede outfit?

25

Joshua tree habitat

28

Old West chasers

29

Caribou kin

30

Branch of philosophy

35

Animal house?

37

Polished off

38

"Star Wars" captain

39

Scatter among

44

It paves the way

45

Arrive, as darkness

46

School-skipper

48

Desk accessory

51

Word in a Lady Gaga film title

52

Elie Wiesel's "Night" is one

53

Split up

57

Pronounce distinctly

59

Tuckered out

60

End of a winning streak

61

Tall tale teller

62

Flip over

63

Genealogy

64

On pins and needles

65

Substantial

DOWN

1

Cultural pursuits

2

Place to trade

3

Anagram for aide

4

Unattached

5

One way to pitch

6

Lightened (up)

7

Story element

8

Colonnade tree

9

Optical solution

10

Part of a pope's title

11

Playing marble

12

Worrier's worry

13

Suspicious

19

O'Keeffe subject

21

Place to build

24

Hard drinker

25

Supermarket section

26

Sparkle

27

Comedy routine

28

Communion plate

31

Snouted critter

32

Teensy bit

33

Reunion bunch

34

Database command

36

Answer

40

Excavation find

41

Like OR instruments

42

"Quit it!"

43

Printing error

47

Still too green

48

Refine, as ore

49

Bocelli, for one

50

Comedian's job

51

Smelling of suds

53

Like bachelor parties

54

Word after gray or play

55

It may be pitched

56

Circular current

58

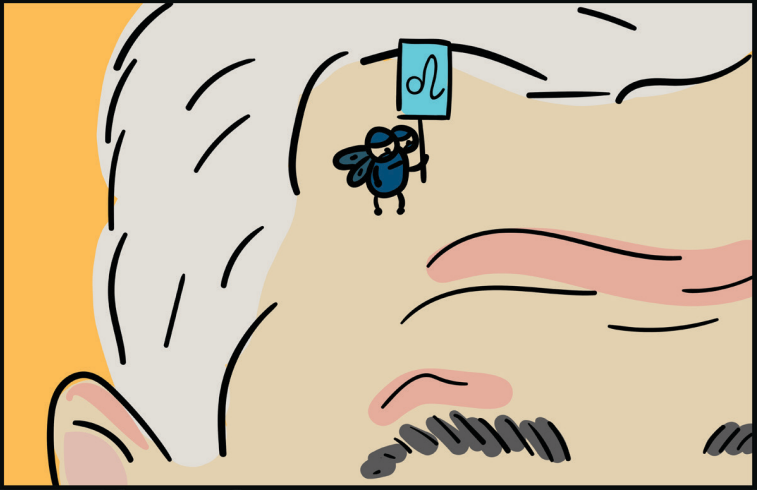
Lend a hand

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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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B	L	O	B		E	L	E	G	Y		P	A	T	E
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Political dumbassery abounds



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Democrat or Republican, we all do stupid things. And that’s okay. We are humans, after all. However, the difference between politicians and us is that our mistakes don’t get watched by our entire nation to be scrutinized. It’s okay though. Their profession asks for it — and you bet your ass we’re going to make fun of them while also sharing some juicy astrological gossip.

ARIES (MARCH 21–APRIL 19): Aries, you’re a wild breed. So is our Yeezus-Christ, Kanye West. Running for president may not have been as successful as he hoped, but the man did get 60,000 votes. Listen, you know the definition of “go big or go home,” and though we don’t recommend you run for president, we ask you DO go out and be the crazy Aries that you are.

TAURUS (APRIL 20–MAY 20): You are hard-working, Taurus — you git-r-done. Unlike Biden, because he did NOT work tirelessly hard to become president, and the entire election was a scam and stolen and millions of Americans did NOT vote, and mail-in-ballots are not real and Biden is NOT president. Nope.

GEMINI (MAY 21–JUNE 20): Everyone who knows you knows you have two faces. Most of the time, it’s a great thing; it’s what makes you special. Take our girl Monica Lewinsky, for example. She got absolutely shat on by America for literally being preyed on by the PRESIDENT, but she turned the other cheek and is now a badass feminist and activist. We love that for her.

CANCER (JUNE 21–JULY 22): You’re a creative little nut, Cancer. If only Ted Cruz had your skills to help to come up with excuses that were not absolute shit for going on a vacation to Cancún during a pandemic. We’re not mad though — it was entertaining.

LEO (JULY 23–AUG. 22): You got guts, Leo. You know how to ride the fine line of being too much, while also being endearingly obnoxious. You know who else pulled that off? The fly on Mike Pence’s head. That shit takes guts to go on television like that, mad respect to my guy the fly. It turned out good though; he is now forever an icon.

VIRGO (AUG. 23–SEP. 22): You know how to get the work done. When duty calls, you heed that motherfucker. Just like the FBI and CIA agents who literally risked their lives for Nixon to get that juicy scoop on the election. We hope you don’t do anything THAT moronic, but you still give off that same energy in a more productive facet of life.

LIBRA (SEP. 23–OCT. 22): Baby, you know a good fit check. Do you know who else does? President Obama. Do you remember that one time he wore a tan suit and the world (Fox News) lost its shit? Your fit this week better cause a national uprising because you’ve spent the last few months thrifting each piece. Even if it doesn’t though, Barry O is still a king and so are you.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23–NOV. 21): You’re a sneaky little baddy, Scorpio. Hopefully, you don’t get caught like Gov. Gavin Newsom did after he went partying and literally violated HIS OWN RULES about the virus. Go be mysterious in a pandemic-friendly way or something, babe.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22–DEC. 22): Hear us out ... Biden’s dogs do be poopin’ and you’re the carpet that they took a shit on. Sure, this carpet has been walked on by the greatest leaders of the world, but that doesn’t stop the dogs from needing to drop the kids off at the pool, or the heckin’ expensive taupe rug. You don’t seem to give a fuck though. #goodvibesonly.

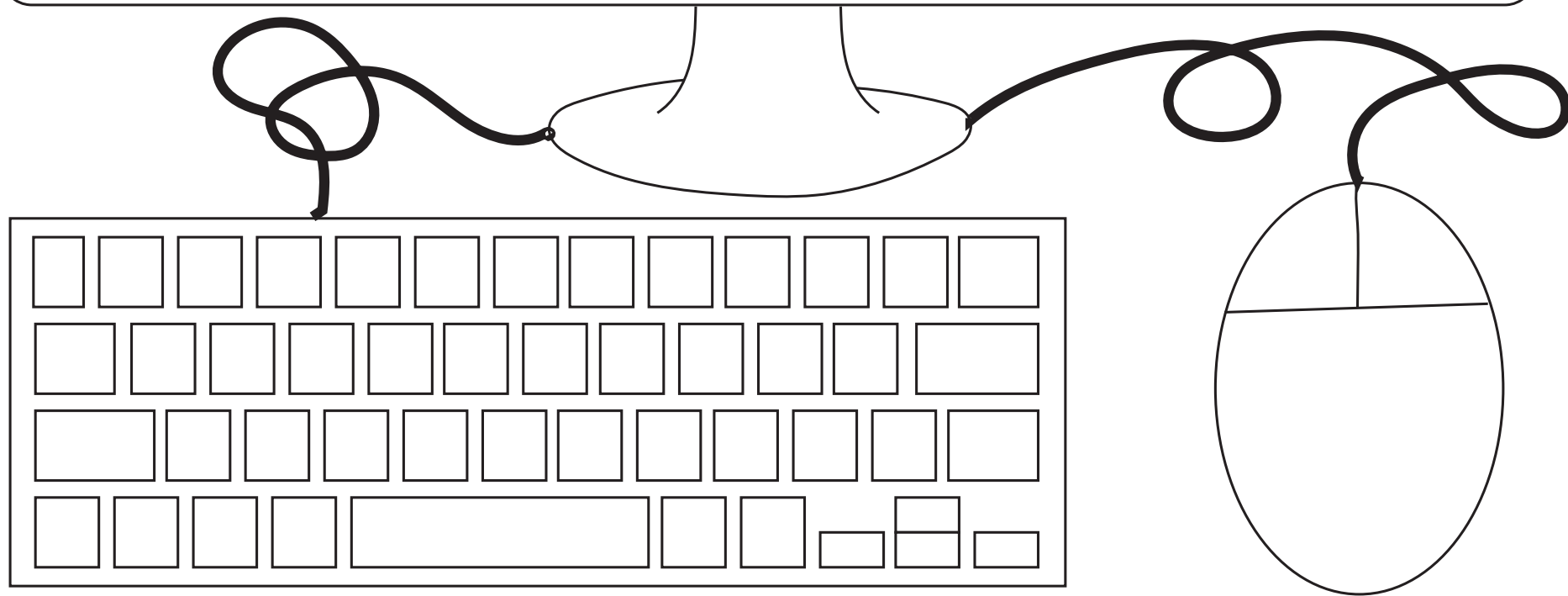
CAPRICORN (DEC. 23–JAN. 19): You like things how you like things, and that’s fine. Making things perfect doesn’t usually cause many issues, unless you’re Nancy Pelosi. Our queen may be a GREAT speaker of the house, but when she got caught breaking social distancing rules to go get her hair done, that shit hurted our quarantining hearts.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20–FEB. 18): You are not like other signs. You unknowingly break norms and we love that for you. Just like Bernie and his gloves — you KNOW the gloves. His quirkiness is feeding the nation and you are too.

PISCES (FEB. 19–MARCH 20): So like ... the first time Trump met the Pope at the Vatican he tried to hold his hand for a picture, and the Pope literally SMACKED that shit away quicker than it takes you to cry. We’re getting very similar vibes when it comes to your romantic endeavors; plz take full offense <3.

RUNNING FOR OFFICE

AN ASUM ELECTION GUIDE



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While the contentiousness of November's election is now a distant memory for most, students at UM can expect to look forward to more campaigning in the next week, in a University-wide election cycle that has come with no small drama itself.

The Associated Students of the University of Montana elections for the 2021-2022 school year are underway. Limited mostly to social media campaigning, candidates vie for students' support with platforms offering sustainability, inclusivity and greater campus involvement.

On the ballot this year are a host of candidates for senate, business manager, president and vice president, as well as referenda and fees for students to vote on.

For the second year running, ASUM is holding campaigns virtually, as many students are still restricted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year there is one candidate for business manager, Jack Rinck, and two pairs of candidates for president and vice president; Lyssa Schei and Sydney Lessinger, and Noah Durnell and Canyon Lock. There are 16 candidates for Senate — six more than last year — though in last year's election a dozen more senate candidates were write-ins. With 20 ASUM Senate seats available, one per 500 students, candidates would have to have committed a grave infraction, such as failing to submit expense reports by deadline, to not be voted in.

Candidates for executive positions — president, vice president and business manager — had to collect 100 signatures from currently enrolled students to be eligible to run. Though an amendment to the ASUM constitution that would negate the rule is being voted on by students this election, Schei and Lessinger were penalized for not reaching the required number of signatures.

They did originally collect more than 100 signatures, but 13 of them were invalidated because of factors like invalid or missing

student ID numbers. As a penalty, the ASUM Senate voted to suspend Schei and Lessinger from campaigning until the evening of March 30 and required them to make up the missing signatures.

Schei said she did not knowingly mess up the count, but that collecting signatures remotely made it more difficult.

"I just want to say, the two of us were trying to be cognizant of local and county COVID guidelines in terms of gathering our signature count," Schei said in the ASUM meeting. "...We think it would be in the best interest of students to waive this requirement entirely in the face of the pandemic."

Multiple grievances were also filed by students against both pairs of candidates, though no other punishments were doled out. One of the grievances made against the Durnell-Lock campaign was that it was encouraging its supporters to harass the other party by liking a controversial Instagram post. Durnell said he hadn't realized the post he liked, which he said was generally about feminism, had alluded to a post about Schei and Lessinger.

"We want to resemble the culture that we believe ASUM to be, which is free of drama, definitely free of violence," Durnell said in the ASUM meeting.

Later, Durnell-Lock posted on Instagram condemning the pages @asum_tea and @abolishgreeklifeumt for being "ill-intentioned" and for targeting Greek Life and ASUM. The ASUM Tea page was later deleted and the Abolish Greek Life page responded in an Instagram story saying its arguments are well-thought out and intended to encourage conversation.

Remote debates were held between senators on Wednesday and will be held between executives on Thursday. The Kaimin will post stories following the debates on our website.

Polls open at midnight on Wednesday, April 14 and will close at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 15. All University students, including graduating seniors, can vote on the UMontana mobile app or ASUM website.



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PRESIDENT AND VP CANDIDATES: LYSSA SCHEI AND SYDENY LESSINGER

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ASUM veteran Lyssa Schei and newcomer Sydney Lessinger have big plans for UM, including policies around gun safety, supporting low-income students and creating an ASUM Diversity Equity and Inclusion position. The duo decided to run for president and vice president of ASUM to put their ideas into action.

Current ASUM senator and presidential candidate Schei — a creative writing major with a double- minor in political science and Japanese — has been involved in a wide range of activities both on and off campus. Schei chairs two committees on ASUM, is the vice president of the College Republicans, president of the Latter-Day Saints Student Association, involved in the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, works for campus athletics and has competed in the Miss Idaho USA Competition.

Schei’s running mate, Lessinger, is a sophomore majoring in psychology. The VP candidate has never served on ASUM before. Her decision to run was a result of an hours-long discussion with Schei about the issues on campus they both had noticed and wanted to improve. After talking with Schei, Lessinger felt inspired.

“I’m trying my best to get involved in the best way I know how, by just taking charge and helping people,” Lessinger said. “That’s all I’ve ever wanted to do, is help people.”

Lessinger, despite being a newcomer to ASUM, said she does have former experience serving on student government in high school, as well as leadership experience from high school sports, where she was a captain of three varsity teams. At UM, she is involved in Kappa Alpha Theta with Schei. She said she hopes to bring a new perspective to ASUM as a student who has never been involved in the organization before.

“We’re only doing this because we see the massive amount of changes that need

to happen and that will help improve the student experience and keep students on campus,” Schei said. “If we get the ball rolling, we’ll count it as a giant success.”

The changes Schei and Lessinger want to see are outlined in the duo’s three-pronged platform, centered around the motto “Real, Strong Leadership.” According to Schei, their platform consists of plans for campus safety, infrastructure improvements and whole-campus wellness.

The duo’s plans to help UM’s campus community include implementing an Uber- or Lyft-based safe ride program that can be used by all students and faculty at UM, updating active shooter policies to prepare for the change in campus policy that will allow guns on campus beginning in June, providing free menstrual products in women’s and all-gender bathrooms on campus, and bringing local Montana businesses into the empty spaces in the University Center.

Schei and Lessinger also have ideas to assist low-income students at UM. One of these is a “swipe out” program, where students can donate money they don’t use on their meal plans to students in need. They also aim to create a campus thrift store where low-income students can find Griz gear and formal attire at affordable prices, with a second purpose of encouraging sustainability.

Schei added she thinks it is important to hire an ASUM Diversity, Equity and Inclusion coordinator who can assist with giving wider access and funding to racial and ethnic student groups.

The pair emphasized that one of their goals is to make ASUM more transparent.

“Having been on ASUM for about two years now, I have definitely recognized that most students on campus do not know what ASUM is, or what they do for students,” Schei said. “That’s a huge problem, because ASUM is handling millions of dollars in student funds.”

Schei said the changes they want to make if elected will be a step forward in



ASUM presidential candidate Lyssa Schei, left, and ASUM vice-presidential candidate Sydney Lessinger stand in front of University Hall on Thursday. **KENNEDY DELAP | MONTANA KAIMIN**

transparency from ASUM. Lessinger said one of her main projects, if elected as vice president, will be to implement “Fireside Chats”, a designated time for students to talk to her about issues they see on campus, aimed at opening dialogue between the student body and ASUM.

“What I also hope to accomplish is for

[Schei] or I to be walking on campus and for people to know who we are,” Lessinger said. “It’s just such an unknown thing, and I feel like it needs to be so much more inclusive.”

For more updates on Schei and Lessinger’s campaign, you can follow them on Instagram @scheilessinger.umontana2021.

PRESIDENT AND VP CANDIDATES: NOAH DURNELL AND CANYON LOCK

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Noah Durnell and Canyon Lock don’t mince words when it comes to describing their passion for UM students.

“We want to represent things that are not easy to represent,” Durnell said. “We want what is best for the students of UM and are ready for that task.”

The pair are running mates for ASUM president and vice president. In these roles, they would be in charge of being the voice of the students at UM and advocating for UM students’ rights.

It’s no small task, but the pair said they were ready to “take back UM to the students.”

Durnell, running for president, is a fourth-year student at UM majoring in music performance with a minor in nonprofit administration.

He has two years of experience working as a senator at UM, a position which built on his experiences as president of the UM Student Music Union. Durnell is currently the longest continuously serving senator in ASUM. In his time as a senator, he has authored and passed over 30 resolutions. Not a single one has failed, he reasoned, “because I write with the best intentions for students.”

Lock, double-majoring in classics and political science, is a junior at UM. He is running for vice president, and his story is a lot different than his running mate’s. Lock is new to ASUM and the inner workings of UM politics. That’s to the advantage of the students, he said.

“I think it’s valuable to have someone who understands how ASUM appears to a student — who hasn’t been working in [ASUM] for a long time,” Lock said.

Lock said he thinks that because he has a more traditional college experience than his running mate, together they can find the perfect medium to advocate for a wide range of students on campus.

“To represent students, I think you need to show that you can connect to them on so many different levels,” Durnell said. “Canyon and I can do that.”

Their main goal right now: Return UM to something it used to be.

This year has been tough, the pair said, but they are dedicated to investing in creating additional student mental health resources, making the campus more accessible to marginalized demographics and reconnecting the students.

“We need to learn from the lessons of COVID and make sure it’s better,” Durnell said. “I think the fall [semester] is going to be a very vulnerable [time] that requires really skilled leadership. We have to consider ‘how do we restructure things in the fall to make students more successful, how do we learn from some of the devastations of COVID-19?’”

Another passion of the pair is environmental sustainability. They said it’s time UM starts to walk the walk.

“I care very much about sustainability,” Lock said. “I think it’s really important. The University really brands itself on being sustainable, so it’s especially important that we [push them to] put their money where their mouth is and really pursue more policies that reflect that branding.”

With sustainability, they think UM has the potential to be a leader in the nation, not just for students, but also staff and faculty.

“We want sustainability and to protect student employment,” Durnell said. “Making sure our campus is as sustainable as possible and that we are being leaders in the nation of that. That we can implement sustainable practice among each individual student but also with the University.”

The pair say that with their diverse backgrounds, their interests and priorities on campus are wide-ranging and are meant to benefit all students who walk the Oval. With the election growing closer, more than anything, they ask people to get out and vote, regardless of who they decide to vote for.

“ASUM actually has a lot of influence on this University,” Lock said. “It’s an important and imperfect organization, but the work that it does to give students a voice is invaluable.”

For more updates on Durnell and Lock’s campaign, you can follow them on Instagram @durnell.lock.2021.



ASUM presidential candidate Noah Durnell and vice-presidential candidate Canyon Lock stand outside of Main Hall. **MATTHEW TRYAN | MONTANA KAIMIN**

BUSINESS MANAGER CANDIDATE: JACK RINCK



ASUM business manager candidate Jack Rinck sits in the lobby of Eck Hall on March 29. **CLAIRE SHINNER | MONTANA KAIMIN**

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After two years as a senator and lobbyist for ASUM, UM graduate student Jack Rinck decided it was time to take his knowledge to the financial side of the association: Business manager. Rinck is running for the position unopposed, but that doesn't mean he's any less qualified. "I have a wealth of institutional knowledge with ASUM; I've been there for quite some time," the former political science major said. "The business manager position is the most outward facing toward student groups, which I think is going to be really important next year as we move from Zoom to in-person activity."

The business manager position oversees all finances of the student government, documents yearly funding and plays a significant role in creating the annual student group budget. As last month marked a year of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rinck said his goal as business manager would reconnect vanished student groups.

"A lot of groups that were recognized in the spring of COVID didn't recognize with us this year," Rinck said. "So re-engaging, reaching out, making sure those student groups know what our funding procedures are and our recognition processes and how to fill out things as simple as financial requests."

Rinck grew up in Sandpoint, a small town in northern Idaho. In 2017, he enrolled at the University of Montana for political science. As a freshman, he co-founded the UM Ski and Board Club. He enjoyed working with ASUM from the perspective of a club.

But he wanted to do more. He decided to join ASUM as a senator in the fall of 2019. He won his reelection in the spring, continuing to serve during the emergence of the pandemic.

He chaired the Zero Waste Oversight committee, the Marketing Outreach committee, and the Sustainability Board. Rinck has also served on several

subcommittees. He said many of these meetings, while important, could be streamlined for efficiency.

"We really have a lot of committees," Rinck said. "A lot of committees don't meet regularly, and it's just a really hard workload on senators."

After graduating in November 2020, Rinck continued to pursue a role in the student government. He started working as the ASUM lobbyist in Helena, where he follows student opinion at UM and backs or opposes bills based on the goals of the student body.

"I've been living mostly in Helena since January of 2021," Rinck said. "Throughout the legislative session I've been representing ASUM in a formal capacity."

Rinck said his graduate degree, a master's in public administration, goes hand in hand with his ASUM experience. He hopes to go into state or local government after he leaves UM.

In his free time, Rinck likes to be outdoors, especially skiing. He also plays guitar and fly fishes as much as he can, even when his job in Helena gets in the way.

For next year, all of Rinck's ideas would be addressed in tandem with the executive duo that wins this April, and he said he's happy to work with whoever wins. His ultimate goal is to get more clubs on campus.

"It's going to be really important to get more student groups back and active," Rinck said. "Especially in the first couple months this fall."

STUDENTS FOR SENATE

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There are 16 candidates running for ASUM Senate positions. With 20 open spots, the top four write-ins could also receive seats. The first debate set in late March was canceled to extend the application deadline for senate candidates, but there was a second debate scheduled for April 7.

Margaret Bell, first-year political science and philosophy double major, said her goals revolve around improving student experiences at UM and making the University a more cohesive, enlightened campus for all. Bell believes all departments are crucial to the entirety of UM, and it should feel that way.

Elizabeth Bowles, sophomore and political science major, said she wants to be a voice for women's issues and to ensure women are being represented on campus. Bowles also plans on representing student groups and working toward compromise among various organizations like Greek Life.

Graham Cobb, a second-year law student, said he is running to provide a voice for graduate students. Cobb wants to bridge the disconnect between graduate-level students and the rest of the student body to help foster a better environment for learning and growing on campus.

Alex Crisp, a freshman majoring in Latin and violin, said he plans on defending the humanities and promoting the cause of any department facing frequent budget cuts. Crisp also wants to promote environmental sustainability throughout the University and its functions.

Trevor Funseth, a second-year law student, said his campaign is simple: He will never vote for an increase in student fees and he will never vote for anything that is considered a waste of student dollars. Funseth believes students already pay too much in fees.

Tor Gudmundsson, junior and literature major with a teaching focus, said he wants to better engage the two-year institutions that are a part of UM, like Missoula College and Bitterroot College, and enable ASUM to par-

ticipate in conversations around changes in general education. He also wants to increase student engagement on campus.

Molly Keller, a freshman business administration major and pre-law student, said she wants to be a voice for first-year students and the Greek Life community on campus, who she said are underrepresented in campus decisions. Keller wants to be a voice for all those lacking representation on campus and said she will bring their thoughts and opinions to the greater majority of ASUM.

Emma Kiefer, a grad student in the environmental studies program, said she wants ASUM to support students from marginalized racial and ethnic backgrounds who are struggling and lack meaningful representation in UM's leadership. Kiefer believes these students work hard to support themselves and others, but go unrecognized and are sorely underfunded.

Jack Kuney, freshman and sustainability science and practice major, said he wants to promote and provide a safe, sustainable and equitable experience at UM for all students.

Nicholas Ververis, senior and accounting

major, said the main ideals of his campaign are inclusivity and transparency. Ververis hopes to make sure students' voices are not lost in the bureaucracy of student government. He says he plans to be a direct voice for students who feel underrepresented, unheard and unimportant.

Cassie Williams, junior and political science major, said she wants to promote student retention and academic success by bolstering a sense of community and connection on campus. Williams hopes to empower students to find where they belong within UM, and spread awareness about the myriad of student support services. *[Note: Williams is the Kaimin's business manager, though she is not affiliated with the editorial side of the paper.]*

The Kaimin emailed all ASUM Senator candidates, but Noah Vanderkar, Katherine Christison, Madison McKenzie, Annie Berget and Teddy Junpp didn't respond by deadline.

ARTICLES AND FEES

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Each year, ASUM introduces new articles and fees for students to vote on. If students pass them through ASUM, the fee initiatives (barring the existing MontPIRG fee) will then go to the Board of Regents for approval. Once approved, fees will appear on the next year's registration bills, and articles will be implemented into ASUM's constitution.

Amendment to ASUM Constitution

ASUM executive candidates currently need a petition signed by 100 registered students to be on the ballot, as required by Article VII, Section IV of the constitution. This referendum would remove the petition requirement from the constitution. ASUM senate candidates have not had the petition requirement since 2015, when the students voted to remove it.

MontPIRG Fee*

The Montana Public Interest Research Group fee is an optional \$5 student fee, which students can opt in

or out of at registration, which began in 2012. Students are asked to approve it every other year, the last time being in 2019. If reapproved by students, the fee would continue to provide additional funding to the Missoula-based organization. The nonpartisan group is staffed by student interns each semester and does work on issues such as renter rights and consumer rights. The group also helps students and community members register to vote prior to elections.

Change to MontPIRG Fee Sunset Provision

Amending the MontPIRG fee's sunset provision — which currently requires the optional fee to be reapproved every other year — would allow it to be automatically reaffirmed every two years, unless the percentage of students opting into the fee drops below 50%. If the percentage drops below half over four semesters, the fee will return to the ballot in the following spring. The fee has been approved with over 70% support the last three times it's been on the ballot.

Arts and Culture Fee*

The University has proposed a new \$25 arts and culture fee. The mandatory fee would provide funding for programs mainly put on by the College of Arts and Media, such as dance performances and plays. The fee would

allow students to get into the programs for free. If students approve it, ASUM could endorse the fee before it's presented to the Board of Regents in May.

BIPOC Student Group Fee*

The Black, Indigenous, and people of color student group support fee would create an optional \$5 fee. This would provide BIPOC student groups on campus with additional funding for on-campus events and programming. The increase in funding for these groups was recommended by a senator who resigned earlier this semester. The senator, a student of color, introduced the fee because, as cited in the resolution placing this fee on the ballot, "these student groups are required to work twice as hard to fundraise for their cultural events." If passed, the fee would also have to be approved by the Board of Regents in May.

**The fees would be per semester.*

‘Generation’ is surface-level storytelling

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Every new teen drama wants to be the show that gets Generation Z right.

Capturing that vulnerable part of life with drugs, pimples and awkward sex is not exactly an easy task — especially when the series’ director, Daniel Barnz, is a 50-year-old man.

HBO’s new series “Generation” is one of many valiant attempts to encapsulate the Gen Z experience, but this show’s effort ends up feeling more like a knock-off brand of its popular counterpart “Euphoria” than an introspective look into teenage life.

But “Generation” does find some sense of stable footing in reality, thanks to 19-year-old queer screenwriter Zelda Barnz.

The series centers around the lives of high school teens living in Orange County, California, crusading against parents and teachers as they explore their sexuality and gender fluidity. A majority of the high schoolers are LGBTQ+, and while it seems the characters don’t know who they are, they certainly know who they want.

Chester (Justice Smith) is a popular water polo player, whose troublesome dress code violation leads to a complicated relationship with his 35-year-old school counselor Sam (Nathan-Stewart Jarrett). Greta (Haley Sanchez), is a little less risqué, nursing her crush on the daring photographer Riley (Chase Sui Wonders), who likes to photograph people having sex for fun. Nathan (Uly Schlesinger) openly explores his bisexuality, though in questionable ways — like when he sexts a boy who is dating his sister Naomi (Chloe East). Naomi’s friend Arianna (Nathanya Alexandra), is in a different boat from most of the other characters — rejecting her two gay dads in an attempt to establish her “straightness.”

The storylines of these characters are chronically fractured. The opening of the first episode is set three months ahead of the original timeline, in an ambiguous mall bathroom that serves as a birthing room. It’s hard to decide if this scene is purely comical, or supposed to make some big impact on each character’s development.

Either way, the plausibility of teenagers pull-

ing off an under-the-table birth seems unlikely. Which is why “Generation” isn’t nearly as revolutionary as it thinks.

This series always strives so hard to be edgy and dramatic that reality gets lost in translation. It is classified as a “dramedy,” which gives it some space to exaggerate, but the way it depicts a generation is a little too much to feel real.

With the exception of Greta and Nathan, none of the characters seem particularly insecure about their sexuality or their bodies. And that is fine. It’s great to see a group of confident teenagers, but it seems to diverge from the whole reality of the teenage experience.

Then there’s the fact that the characters use their hyper-progressivism as an excuse to be assholes — a common trope associated with Gen Z. This includes Arianna stealing cups from a lemonade stand, stating that they’re “reparations” for America’s sins. But it just feels sloppy. But, most poorly-written comedies use bullshit excuses to drive the plot forward.

Despite this, “Generation” does have the strong foundation for a good show. A diverse cast, with a storyline that follows the sex lives

of a historically and continually oppressed generation of people, is a good start. It doesn’t sugarcoat the reality of messy teenage sex lives, nor does it gloss over the naivety of first love. At times, it does infuse some genuine comedy into its characters. Chester’s fashion sense, particularly when he paints his nails with the phrase “pussy power,” is a fun watch.

But “Generation’s” surface level progressivism isn’t the recipe for a good TV show. Its story rings hollow, racking up a series too gimmicky to feel genuine.



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MMCA-hosted ‘Africa Speaks’ panel discusses African culture and art

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Each intricate textile, black feather mask and abstract wooden sculpture featured in the Montana Museum of Art and Culture’s “Homage to Africa” exhibit tells the story of the diverse and rich cultures of Africa — a story historically misunderstood by Western society.

“An exhibition like this can expose us to many different cultures and languages and artistic traditions,” said Rafael Chacón, the director of the MMAC and an art professor at UM. “The more we see of this art, the better informed we will be as citizens.”

The MMAC hosted an “Africa Speaks” panel Thursday to discuss issues of cultural appropriation, European colonization, African culture, and the importance of and controversy around the “Homage to Africa” exhibit. Three panelists were featured, with Chacón mediating the discussion.

The MMAC has extended the run of the “Homage to Africa” exhibition through May 8. The exhibit features a collection of African art collected by UM alumni Tony Hoyt and Molly Shepherd. Both Hoyt and Shepherd are aware of — and concerned about — the complex history of colonization, though they say they believe that their art was traded ethically.

Looting in Africa is a familiar story. Approximately 90 to 95% of Africa’s heritage is held outside its continent, according to a 2018 report commissioned by French President Emmanuel Macron. Restitutions continue to be made, though some museums and countries are ignoring protest. The British Museum, which holds over 73,000 objects from sub-Saharan Africa, has not restituted any African art.

Hoyt, who started collecting during his time in Liberia as a member of the Peace Corps, said that there’s a key difference between buying art from African traders and stealing it.

“I consider this cultural appreciation, not cultural appropriation,” Hoyt said. “I think it’s important to make that distinction.”

While Hoyt and Shepherd did not participate in the panel, they did voice their thoughts on these controversial issues. Hoyt said that it’s important for people, especially in places like Montana, to be exposed to these different cultures through mediums like art. Shepherd agrees.

Shepherd lamented that she’s never visited Africa herself, but she’s learned a lot about African art through her research. Her favorite pieces include the long African textiles woven with strings made of Raffia

Palm, because they tell stories of how each piece was made.

“There’s enormous variation,” Shepherd said. “They’ve developed their own eyes, their own motifs and over time they’ve become more and more abstract and unique.”

The panelists, Hana Shewamalot, Nonso Obieyisi and Joyce Mphande-Finn, voiced their thoughts on this cultural experience through art. While all the panelists said they didn’t come from particularly artistic families, they all agreed that art was more of an experience, and less of an action.

“Culture and art are an integral part of where we live,” Shewamalot, a doctoral candidate at UM, said. “So we don’t necessarily have to come from an artistic family to understand it.”

Panelists also pointed out that traditional art isn’t the only medium of African culture. The three reminisced about their love for the food, fashion, music and dancing in Africa. They said they particularly miss the food and the connections it created with the community.

But panelists said that Western society often doesn’t see this diverse side of African culture. Obieyisi, President of the University of Montana Black Student Union, said that the media often portrays Africa negatively — focusing on poverty, disease and political unrest. Obieyisi also pointed out that Africa is often lumped together as one culture, even though it’s made up of more than 50 separate countries.

“What hurts me the most is Westerners’ portrayal of Africa,” said Obieyisi. “You can’t keep taking from a continent and then depict it as if nothing is there.”

While the media is inching toward more positive portrayals of African culture, through movies like “Black Panther” and “Coming 2 America,” panelists agree that the Western perception of the diverse continent is still skewed. Mphande-Finn, an associate professor at Montana State University Northern, said that movies often exaggerate the reality of Africa, even if they don’t depict it as a “shithole.”

Panelists said that sometimes writing and art are better ways of encapsulating African culture. Exhibits like “Homage to Africa” are only a glimpse into an incredibly diverse and ancient culture that remains the foundation for much of mainstream music, dance, food and art.

“We are the originals,” Mphande-Finn said. “Whatever is going on in the world, we started it all.”



Molly Shepherd stands for a portrait in front two Kuba Skirts, one of which can take around a year to finish. Shepherd’s Homage to Africa collection features African art that she has been collecting for 30 years. **LUKAS PRINOS | MONTANA KAIMIN**

Opinion: Why not break all of the records this football season?

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With football returning to the University of Montana on April 10, the Griz can try to break any individual, team, conference or national record possible without any consequence. The 2021 spring season is just a practice season for UM because its only playing two games that don't count as conference or playoff games. The Griz are also playing two non-rival teams in Central Washington and Portland State.

To some, it may seem like the Griz shouldn't even try because the games don't really matter. But UM head coach Bobby Hauck sure didn't think so.

"It's a game, so we're playing to win," Hauck told NBC Montana. "If you challenge me in a game of checkers, or in a sit-up contest or in a game of football, I'm going to try to beat your ass."

With that response, it's safe to say the Griz will be leaving it all on the field — so they now have an opportunity to break some records. The two games will count against UM's all-time record, and the stats from them will go towards the players' all-time stats.

If UM wants to break records, it should be able to do that against Central Washington, a Division II school.

The all-time record for rushing touchdowns in the Big Sky conference is seven. If Montana gives the ball to its star running back, Marcus Knight, every time it nears the end zone, Knight will have a chance to break the record. If he scores eight touchdowns, then the Griz will have 56 points, which is reasonable for a non-conference game. UM also scored over 60 points against two Division I teams in 2019.

Breaking this record would also break records for points and touchdowns scored for Knight.

The passing yards in a game mark is 624.

Montana threw for 477 yards in a playoff game against a Division I team in its last season, so this mark isn't unfathomable. Teams might look at the Griz a little differently in the fall knowing that UM has a record-breaking passer.

The receiving yards record in a game is 299. Former Montana receiver Samori Toure actually had 303 yards in a game in 2019 — but it was a playoff game, so it didn't count.

Current UM redshirt senior receiver Samuel Akem has the talent to break this record and is good friends with Toure, so maybe he has insider information as to how to do it. Out of any record, this may be the easiest offensive one to break.

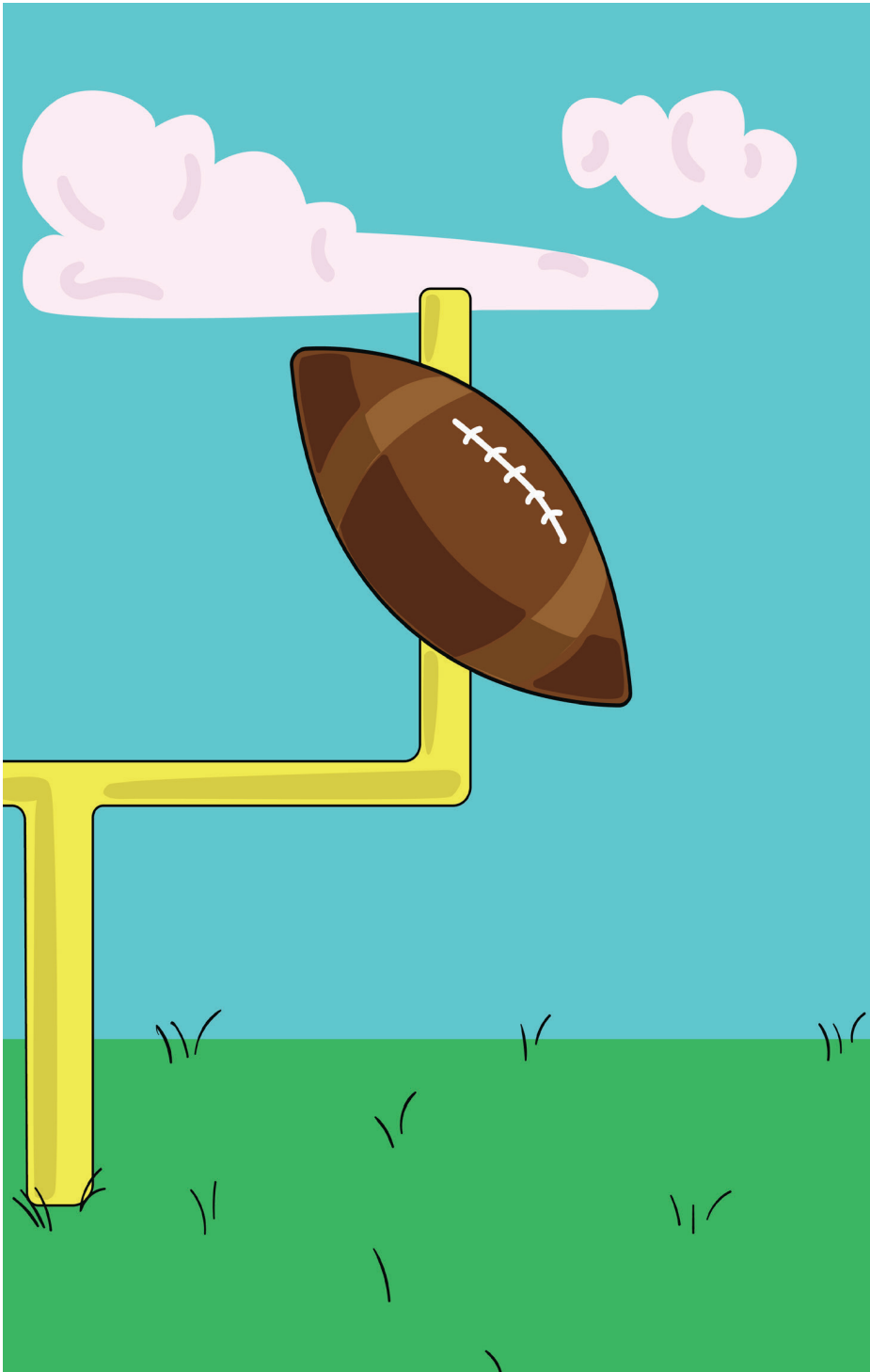
If Hauck is as competitive as he says he is, he could also break some team records.

The yards-per-play record could be possible to break if Montana goes for a bunch of big plays in its first showing since early 2020. If the Griz really want to make a statement, they can score more than 86 points, which is the current record for a game.

The number of 2-point conversions in a game record, which is three, would be a fairly easy record to break. All UM needs to do is score at least three touchdowns and choose not to kick field goals on them. This would be a weird record to break, but hey, it's a weird season.

If the Griz don't want to run up the score, they can keep the ball and burn some time by running it. If UM allows Central Washington to run fewer than 27 plays, it will break the record for least amount of plays allowed. The current record is actually held by Montana from when it held the University of British Columbia to only 27 plays run in 1963.

We'll get to see if Montana wants to etch its name in the history books when Montana takes on Central Washington at home at 11 a.m., March 10. The Griz will also take on Portland State at 11 a.m., April 17.



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Meet Claire Howard: The most dominant UM goalie of all time

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University of Montana senior Claire Howard's shutout record could have ended in disaster if she had mishandled an errant ball that came whizzing toward her team's goal in the second half of a March 28 soccer game against Portland State.

"When it all breaks down, you need a goalkeeper that can keep the ball out of the back of the net," UM soccer head coach Chris Citowicki said. "Claire does an exceptional job of that."

Howard flicked the speeding ball into the air with one of her feet, then skilfully tapped the ball to keep it in the air with the other. The goalkeeper watched as the ball landed softly in her arms, completing a trick that would take a normal person hours to learn in an effortless fashion.

When it comes to saving would-be goals, Howard also makes things effortless.

Until about 2 p.m. that Sunday, the Big Sky Conference record for career shutouts hadn't changed in over 10 years. A shutout occurs when a goalie doesn't allow the opposing team to score a goal in a game. Then the senior goalie recorded her 30th career shutout, just edging out Sacramento State legend Savannah Abercrombie's 29, set in October of 2010.

"I'm standing on the shoulders of giants, and this commitment to defending started long before I got here and will continue long after I leave," Howard said.

Howard's defense led to a 3-0 win over Portland State, but it didn't come without sacrifices. When the game ended, Howard lifted her shorts to display a bleeding wound on her leg she had received from sliding on the turf field for a save. But Howard didn't complain or wince. Instead, she smiled and shrugged it off as she began to talk to media members.

As she continued to give credit to her teammates for helping her break this milestone, they snuck up behind her with a cooler full of water. A group of Griz soccer players dressed in maroon dumped the entire cooler on their teammate, dressed in blue, as she screamed in surprise.

Her teammates also mobbed her right after the game when she first broke the shutout record. Howard's infectious smile only got bigger when she talked about her teammates after the game.

But on the pitch it's a different story, and Howard showed her love for her teammates

by expecting the best out of them. Citowicki said that if a defender messes up, Howard will be the first one to scold them and hold them accountable.

"Defense, at the end of the day, will win you championships," Citowicki said.

With Howard's help, UM has had a great season, holding a 7-0 overall record and sitting atop the conference.

Howard got her start in Santa Rosa, California, where she played soccer, basketball and badminton in high school. Her high school soccer team was dominant, winning back-to-back state championships. Soccer took her to cities like Baltimore and New York before she earned her high school diploma.

Since becoming a member of the UM soccer team, she has racked up 235 saves and played over 6,276 minutes for the Griz.

Citowicki is in his third season as head coach, and he's had Howard in his net the whole time. It's paid off.

Montana won the Big Sky Conference regular season in 2019 and won the conference tournament in 2018, punching its ticket to the NCAA championship tournament. Montana hasn't lost in the regular season since Sept. 22, 2019.

"We're all bought into something bigger than ourselves," Howard said.

Because of the pandemic, the last year has been like no other for Howard. Her season was pushed back seven months, just like every fall sport at UM. COVID-19 also canceled a much longer and far-reaching 2020 season, which included road trips to places like Vermont and Michigan.

"It is an abbreviated season, and [we] don't take anything for granted," she said.

Howard has allowed just one goal all season, in a 2-1 victory over Portland State two days before her record-setting performance. On the offensive end, her teammate Alexa Coyle leads the conference in goals per game. Howard was named Big Sky player of the week after the second weekend of the season, which featured back-to-back 1-0 wins over Idaho.

The Griz have one series to go in the season: They'll host the Eastern Washington Eagles on April 9 and 11.

The key to maintaining the current momentum is "trusting the process," Howard said. "When you have an opportunity, go and take it."

Citowicki echoed that sentiment, citing how much he trusts in his seniors. He says that lately he hasn't even been inserting himself



University of Montana goal-keeper Claire Howard is interviewed after breaking the Big Sky Conference record for shutouts. **MATTHEW TRYAN | MONTANA KAIMIN**

into team huddles because he recognizes that his seniors — six, including Howard — know exactly what they're doing. "I have full trust that they're gonna lead us to where we have to be," he said.

The NCAA tournament looks different this year: It's down from 64 teams to 48 teams, and it's all happening in North Carolina. Citowicki and Howard recognize that to make the tournament they'll more than likely need to

win the conference.

The duo made the tournament in 2018. Howard recalls it as her favorite moment in her UM soccer career, knowing that other teams' seasons had ended and she was still fighting.

"That would be a pretty cool way to go out," Citowicki says. "If this is Claire's final season, then we have to win."

Griz get out-hit in final game of home series

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In the third game of University of Montana Softball's three-game series against Sacramento State on April 3, the Griz were losing 4-1 in the fourth inning and desperately needed to score some runs. Junior catcher McKenna Tjaden stepped up to the plate with a runner on base, waited for a good pitch and swung for the fences.

"When I hit it, it just felt good," said Tjaden, who drove the ball over the back wall for a home run. "It was awesome that I got to put my team back into a tight game."

Tjaden's home run made the game 3-4, but it wasn't enough to win the game as Sacramento State had 11 hits to Montana's 8 and won 9-4.

A majority of Sacramento State's hits were home runs, as the Hornets blasted six homers over the fence against the Griz.

"It's a little bit hard to defend sometimes when the balls are out of the park," Montana head coach Melanie Meuchel said.

The loss came a day after Montana lost to Sacramento State twice in a double header, first 1-2 in extra innings and then 4-5.

In the beginning of the third game, Sacramento State went up 2-0 and kept that lead until UM sophomore infielder Kendall Curtis hit an RBI single to make the game 2-1.

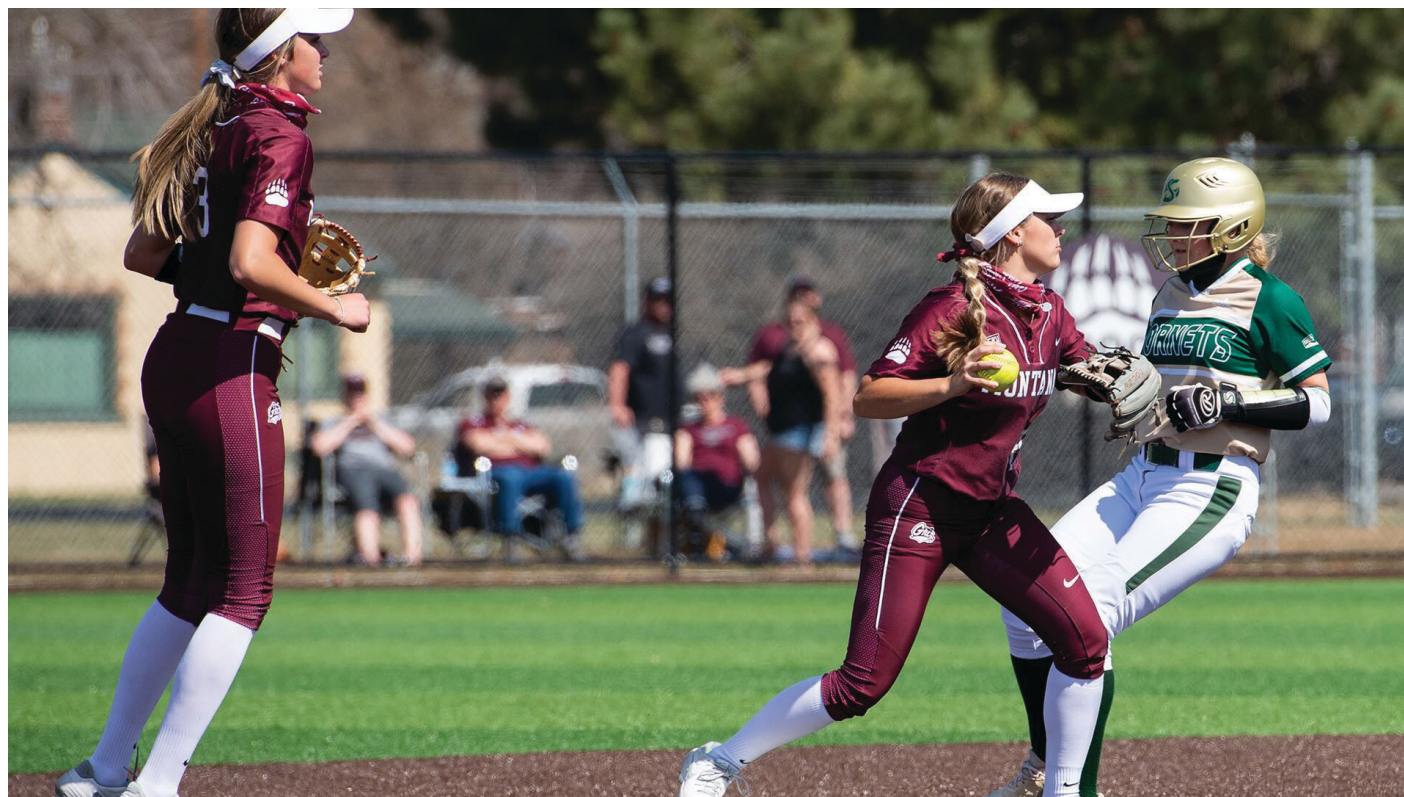
In the top of the fourth inning, Sacramento State continued its dominance, hitting back-to-back homeruns and taking a 4-1 lead. One of those home runs was hit by Sacramento State infielder Alondra Mejia, who had three home runs in the game.

"They're a good team," Meuchel said. "They got a few extra balls on us today."

After Mejia's home run, Tjaden hit her two-run home run to make the game 4-3. Tjaden's home run was the only hit of her three at bats.

In the sixth and seventh innings, Sacramento State pulled away to win the game. The Hornets hit three home runs and took a 9-3 lead. One of those home runs was a three-run homer in the top of the sixth.

The final score of the game came in the bottom of the seventh inning, when UM freshman Anna Toon pinch hit a double that helped one UM runner score. Toon's



Lady Griz softball players face off against the Sacramento State Hornets during the game on Saturday. The Griz lost to Sacramento 4-9. **CONTRIBUTED | DEREK JOHNSON, GOGRIZ.COM**

RBI narrowed Sacramento State's lead to 9-4.

Sacramento State pitcher Marissa Bertuccio picked up a win and her season record improved to 9-7, while Montana pitcher Tristin Achenbach's record fell to 6-10 with the loss. Achenbach pitched over 12 innings in the weekend series.

"She is a phenomenal pitcher," Meuchel said regarding Achenbach. "I want her on our staff."


Achenbach was relieved of her pitching duties by sophomore pitcher Ashley Ward in the fourth inning. Ward was replaced by freshman pitcher Allie Brock in the seventh inning.

There were a total of 290 spectators at Saturday's game.


The 9-4 loss made Montana's record 9-21 on the year with a 3-3 conference record. Montana's next games will be against Northern Colorado on the road on April 9 and 10.

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