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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We can do better – Here's our action plan

Last spring semester, 19.4% of students on campus self-identified as people of color. This suggests our recruiting, classes, schools, and more, are predominantly white. In Montana, it's easy to say the state's overwhelmingly white population makes it difficult to diversify the University of Montana campus when, in reality, it should be a call to action. People of color go to school on this campus, and we at the Kaimin need to make sure they are represented in this paper.

This conversation is long overdue. The nationwide protests over the summer against police brutality, catalyzed by the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and others, show that. The latest phase of the Black Lives Matter movement has forced institutions across the country to take a step back and reevaluate how they do their jobs. We at the Kaimin are no exception. Here is our action plan to create change:

- We will be conducting a diversity audit of the Kaimin throughout the year, and we will publish our results. The audit will examine Kaimin coverage, including the demographics of our sources and staff, as compared to that of UM, going back to the 2017-2018 academic school year.
- We acknowledge that our editorial board is white, and racial representation is key to accurate coverage. For the first time, our Kaimin advisers are both people of color. Our staff diversity relies, somewhat, on the diversity of the UM School of Journalism. We will be working with our professors and the rest of the J-School to prioritize diversity in recruiting. We plan to reach out to rural high school journalism programs across the state, especially in Native American

communities, to feature their students' work on our website.

- As the independent student paper on campus, we have always strived to hold our institution and UM's administration accountable. Our eyes are on the UM administration as they take actions to advance diversity on campus. This summer, UM's provost and vice president of enrollment both resigned and moved to different universities. We will report on the administration as it hires for these positions, as well as the four interim dean positions that need to be filled by permanent candidates. We expect UM to be more proactive in recruiting from diverse pools.
- We intend to reach out to student leaders across campus and create a student advisory and feedback board, which would meet once a

month. These forums would be optional, open and virtual, and it will be a chance for student leaders to speak with members of the editorial board and the Editor-in-Chief with questions, comments and concerns.

- We welcome letters to the editor and will publish all letters that fit our guidelines, available online. We also encourage submissions for guest opinion columns. We believe in two-way communication with the community we serve, and giving voice to our readership.

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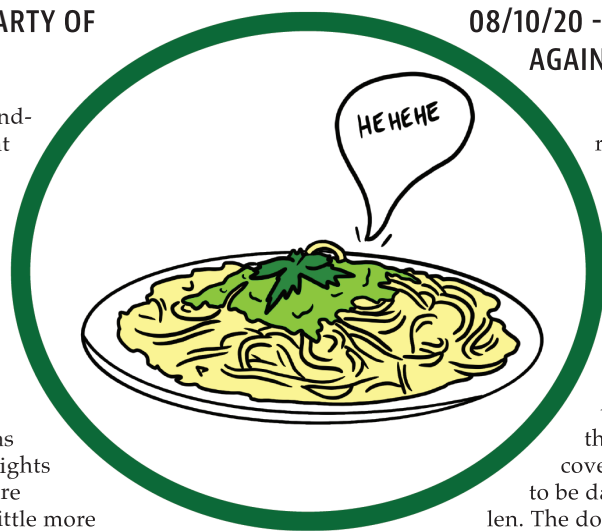
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08/05/20 - PANDEMICS DON'T STOP BIKE THEFTS

Officers responded to a report of a bike stolen from an outside bike rack near the Missoula College on Broadway. By the time police arrived, the suspect, and the bike, were long gone. "It's a common theme every year," Giffin said. "Bike theft and theft is our number one crime on campus."

08/08/20 - PARTY OF TWO

Officers responded to a complaint of a large party happening Saturday night in the Craighead apartments. When police arrived, they were quick to discover it was just a couple blasting music, as most Saturday nights call for. They were warned to be a little more quiet.



08/10/20 - CRIMES AGAINST DOORS

A resident returned to their apartment to find their front door busted open. After a thorough sweep of the apartment, neither the tenant nor the police discovered anything to be damaged or stolen. The door had minor damage, which was labeled as vandalism.

08/11/20 - SURPRISE STONER

A Helena Court resident couldn't help but smell a strong odor of the silly spaghetti, and called in a complaint to UMPD. "It was very distinct and very heavy," Giffin said. When UMPD arrived, the smelly apartment's tenant drove up and said a stoner friend she let stay with her must have smoked while she was gone. While no cabbage was at the scene of the crime, the tenant was referred for conduct on the University policy violation.

ABER HALL RESERVED FOR QUARANTINERS

Aber Hall will be partially closed for the fall semester, open only for students who have been exposed to or have contracted the novel coronavirus, according to Executive Director of Housing and Community Standards Sandra Curtis. Aber Hall was previously under discussion during spring semester 2020 to be converted into an administrative space, and thus was not a living option for incoming freshmen this year. This made Aber Hall the best option for a quarantine space since the administration won't have to reassign students to other living options, according to Curtis. (Hanna Campbell)

RESIGNATION OF COLE AND HARBOR

Vice President of Enrollment and Communications Cathy Cole is leaving the University of Montana after just two years to take a position at Simpson College in Iowa. According to reporting done by the Missoula, Cole stated that her new position as Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Communications at Simpson College is

better for her personal and professional life. UM's Vice Provost Sarah Swager and Director of Communications Paula Short will temporarily take over Cole's position while a search for a new VP of Enrollment is conducted. This comes shortly after former Provost Jon Harbor resigned, as of July 2020, to return to Purdue Global University as its provost. Reed Humphrey is the acting provost until the search for a permanent replacement for Harbor can be found. (HC)

NEW SEA INITIATIVE DIRECTOR

The University of Montana hired its first director of the SEA Change Initiative pro-

gram, which will be implemented during the autumn semester for 2020. SEA Initiative Director Twila Old Coyote is a UM Alumni and has spent several years advocating for access to higher education, according to her story located on the UM website. The SEA Change Initiative is designed to promote equity on campus by teaching its program participants skills needed to navigate gender biases, according to the website. (HC)

RECENT GRADS INVITED TO 2021 COMMENCEMENT

The University of Montana announced Aug. 4 that the 2021 commencement is still

set to happen on May 8, 2021. While the date is set for the end of the next academic year, the fall 2020 commencement, for students graduating this semester, is postponed. Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Reed Humphrey said in an email the decision was based on limiting large in person events, and because the semester is ending early in November, instead of December as usual. The email also said the students graduating this fall, and the graduating class of 2020, are welcome to join the class of 2021 for their commencement. (Griffen Smith)

COVID-19 IN MONTANA UPDATE

Missoula County reported 85 active COVID-19 cases on Monday, Aug. 17, bringing the total active cases in Montana to 1,548 people. Over 5,792 Montana cases have been reported since the start of the pandemic, with 4,162 people considered recovered. Hospitalization rates continue to rise, with over 90 in the state. In Missoula County, a second person died from COVID-19 on Aug 14, and Montana has had a total of 82 deaths. (GS)



A review of Missoula's response to the death of George Floyd

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Starting in late May, people around the nation rallied to denounce a policeman's killing of George Floyd, in Minneapolis, and to demand justice for thousands of other Black lives taken unjustly by law enforcement.

Missoula joined in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement to stage mostly peaceful protests throughout the summer.

On May 29, the Black Student Union (BSU) of the University of Montana held the first George Floyd rally in Missoula.

About 300 Missoulians attended the event, and speakers, most of whom were current or former UM students, told their stories and asked the predominantly white community to be their allies and take action, according to the Missoulian.

After the protest, Black Student Union President Nonso Obieyisi told the Montana Kaimin, "Black people deserve to survive. We deserve to breathe." He wanted people to realize that police violence is not a race issue, but a justice issue, and that all people, even white people, should unite to defend their communities. The turnout surprised him. "It was beautiful, euphoric really, to see and feel the love and support from the community here."

People gathered outside the courthouse every day for more than a week following that first rally, brandishing signs and calling for justice. Groups of mostly white men also patrolled the area, according to Missoulian reporting, sometimes carrying guns, saying they were there to protect people from "Antifa" extremists who never came. A few more large protests were held in the coming weeks, and movements to defund the police and arrest the cops who killed innocent Black people, including Breonna Taylor in Kentucky and Elijah McClain in Colorado, grew throughout the summer both nationally and locally.

On June 5, a Black Missoula teenager, who remains anonymous for his safety, attended a BLM protest outside the courthouse. He said he was approached by a white person who asked him to remove his face covering so they could identify him since he was acting "suspicious." He refused and after receiving some glares decided to bike home, but was followed. He felt being alone was unsafe and turned around. He was biking through an alleyway when armed men cornered him and pulled him off his bike. He ran, fearing for his life, back into the crowd at the courthouse and was tackled and restrained. The detainees handed him to the police who arrested the teen, and released him later that night, according to the Missoulian.

One of the men involved in detaining the



A sketch of George Floyd with the words "I can't breathe" is propped next to Black Lives Matter supporters outside the Missoula County Courthouse on Friday, June 5, 2020. Friday marked the eighth consecutive day of demonstrations outside the Missoula County Courthouse to raise awareness about police brutality. The protesters chanted "Black Lives Matter" and "I can't breathe" as they marched through the streets of downtown Missoula and in front of City Hall. The killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police, including one officer who knelt on his neck for almost nine minutes, sparked nationwide protests.

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Black teen, Mark David Belden, was later charged on July 24 for unlawful restraint and acting as a security guard without a license, according to Missoulian reporting.

On June 8, UM President Seth Bodnar released a statement by email on the BLM movement, acknowledging UM's efforts to prevent systematic racism were insufficient to date. He reaffirmed UM's "commitment to act in solidarity with those who have suffered from systematic oppression," although no action plan was outlined.

In early July, Missoula Mayor John Engen proposed a preliminary 2021 fiscal year budget, which included an increase in police funding, despite BLM's demands. The package would provide just over \$225,000 for de-escalation, bias and crisis-intervention training. Money was also requested for more camera equipment, vehicles,

helmets and showers, according to the Missoulian.

Throughout July, flyers spread around both town and social media saying "Support the local Black community & hold Missoula accountable," with information for an upcoming rally. The organizers remained mostly anonymous, originally calling themselves BLM Missoula.

They partnered with local businesses and radio stations, including UM's KBGA radio, and asked Missoulians to park their cars around town and tune in to either 105.5 FM or 89.9 FM at an appointed time.

On July 25, hundreds of supporters showed up in cars, either parked or driving a loop, or on foot or bikes with signs and radios blasting audio as loud as possible, according to the Missoulian. The radio station played an interview with the Black

teen who was tackled and arrested on June 5.

The teen shared his story: from the confusion of being apprehended for wearing a mask, to the fear of being shot by his pursuers, to the shock as police threatened to break his fingers if he resisted arrest. His story echoed through the streets of downtown, audible even from across the Higgins Avenue bridge.

On August 17, BLM Missoula announced they were changing their name to the 1700 for Liberation. They said they didn't want to be confused with other groups calling themselves BLM Missoula they didn't want to be beholden to the laws of the BLM non-profit corporation, but rather to all of the members of Missoula's Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) community. The name represents the 1700 people who attended their first rally at Caras Park.

Rapid testing, quarantine procedures in place from Curry Health Center

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As the first day of the fall semester drew near, the Curry Health Center received a rapid testing COVID machine. Now, Curry is ready to take on sick students from on and off campus.

“What Curry is focusing on is students who are symptomatic, or if they had exposure to someone who has tested positive and has been contacted by the health department,” lab manager Kelly Osen said. “I think it’s great that we can offer rapid tests where you can get a result in as little as 20 minutes.”

The center is able to test any student who comes in showing COVID-19 symptoms, but they are constricted on testing asymptomatic students. The center will be working with the Missoula City-County Health Department, who are charged with contact tracing and referring asymptomatic students to the center for testing.

When a student feels sick, Osen said the person’s symptoms must fall in line with the CDC guidelines, which include shortness of breath, a fever, the loss of taste and smell, headache and a runny nose. The full list can be accessed on the CDC website.

Students are asked to take the COVID-19 test if they have any of the listed symptoms. While students on campus can walk into the center

for testing, there is also a drive-through site for students who live off campus and feel healthy enough to drive.

The health department is expected to contact trace active COVID-19 cases and reach out to people who have had close contact with others who have tested positive. If contacted, asymptomatic students can then be tested at Curry.

The center received the testing machine from the Helena-based Montana Public Health Laboratory. The machine can give a result in as little as 20 minutes, but does not have a perfect accuracy rate.

“For someone who is really sick, we’re gonna test them on the rapid instrument here and if they do come back as a negative, an insurance provider can always request that it go to a reference lab for confirmation,” Osen said.

Students who test positive or are symptomatic are required by Curry and the health department to be quarantined. Curry Health Center COVID-19 response coordinator Dionne Peterson said the mandate includes those living on and off campus.

She added that quarantined students who live on campus or in university-sanctioned housing will work with UM Housing to get meals, or even move into an isolation space on campus, though that is not set in stone. For students living off campus, keeping isolated from others can be more complicated.



Curry Health Center Lab Supervisor Kelly Owen points out the differences between the two different swabs used for COVID-19 testing at Curry Health Center. The shorter cotton swab, behind, is used for Curry’s rapid test, while the longer, stiffer swab is used to collect a sample to send to a county testing lab. Depending on the case, Curry may perform a rapid test and send a test out to the county for extra certainty.

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“It can get really thorny when you have roommates,” Peterson said. “People living together should try and limit shared items, but

it’s hard when you live together, especially in college.”

Highlighting UM’s Healthy Fall Plan

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The University of Montana released the first draft of its Healthy Fall Plan in early July, outlining the different ways it planned to keep students, faculty and staff safe on campus amidst a pandemic. Here are some of the highlights:

- In class, students will sit six feet apart, and the classroom layout will be socially distanced. Classrooms that can be reconfigured will be. Classrooms that can’t be, like lecture halls with fixed seating, will have seats marked as off limits.
- UM will establish one-way traffic flow in classrooms, buildings and outdoor sidewalks.
- Professors will track attendance and enforce a consistent seating arrangement in class.
- Large classes, with over 50 students, may be held in nontraditional places like the University

Center ballroom, the UC theater or the Dennison theater.

- Students living in residence halls will not be allowed to have guests in their rooms for the first two weeks of the semester. After that, guest access will be phased back in over time.
- The Food Zoo will close for 30 minutes after each meal time, at which point counters, handles, tables, chairs and surfaces will be sanitized.
- The Food Zoo will monitor occupancy and hold students at the door if the cafeteria is getting too crowded. At that point, a student will be admitted as soon as another student leaves. The decision to hold students will be based on the judgement of UM Dining staff.
- Food Zoo meals will be staff-served only.
- Plexiglass barriers have been installed at nearly all reception areas in student services, such as administrative offices and cashier / check out stations.
- Curry Health Center will remain open, with online options for student care. The health center



A makeshift testing center waits for the first test of the day behind Curry Health Center. To keep the center safe for general use, COVID-19 tests are performed outside, behind the building, and the tests enter a back door not used by the public.

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will have a separate wing for COVID-19 related issues.

- Fraternity and sorority members will abide by all UM student and campus guidelines.
- Any student or UM employee can also pick up a Healthy Griz Kit until the end of the week. Each

one includes two masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray. Bring yourself, a mask and your Griz card to the East Auxiliary Gym, by the pool, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day until Friday, or from 6 to 10 p.m. in the University Center Game Room on Wednesday or Thursday.

Tag urself: Quarantine trends edition

Tiger King

- Hey there, all you cool cats and kittens.
- One failed class away from building a zoo
- She definitely killed her husband, right?



Bread baker

- Look at u, little baker.
- Create something with ur hands to FEEL something.
- “yOu hAvE tO CoVeR iT So iT CaN rIsE.”



That one weird whipped-coffee thing?

- Anyone else remember this?
- Felt like a fever dream
- Wowee, u had a lot of time on your hands.
- Bought the coffee, but never did it
Was it worth it?



Anti-maskers

- Freedom?
- Freedom!
- fReEdOm!!!



Mask-on-chin people

- Cool beard, i guess?
- Chin acne



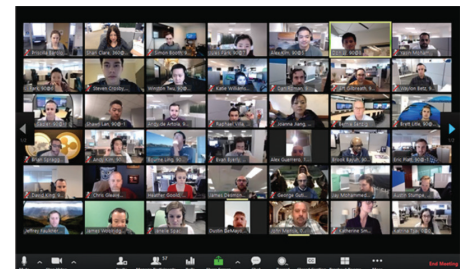
TikTok

- Which side of TikTok are you on?
- Straight TikTok
- Alt TikTok
- Gay TikTok
- Political TikTok
- Cottagecore TikTok
- Beans TikTok
- Home Renovation TikTok



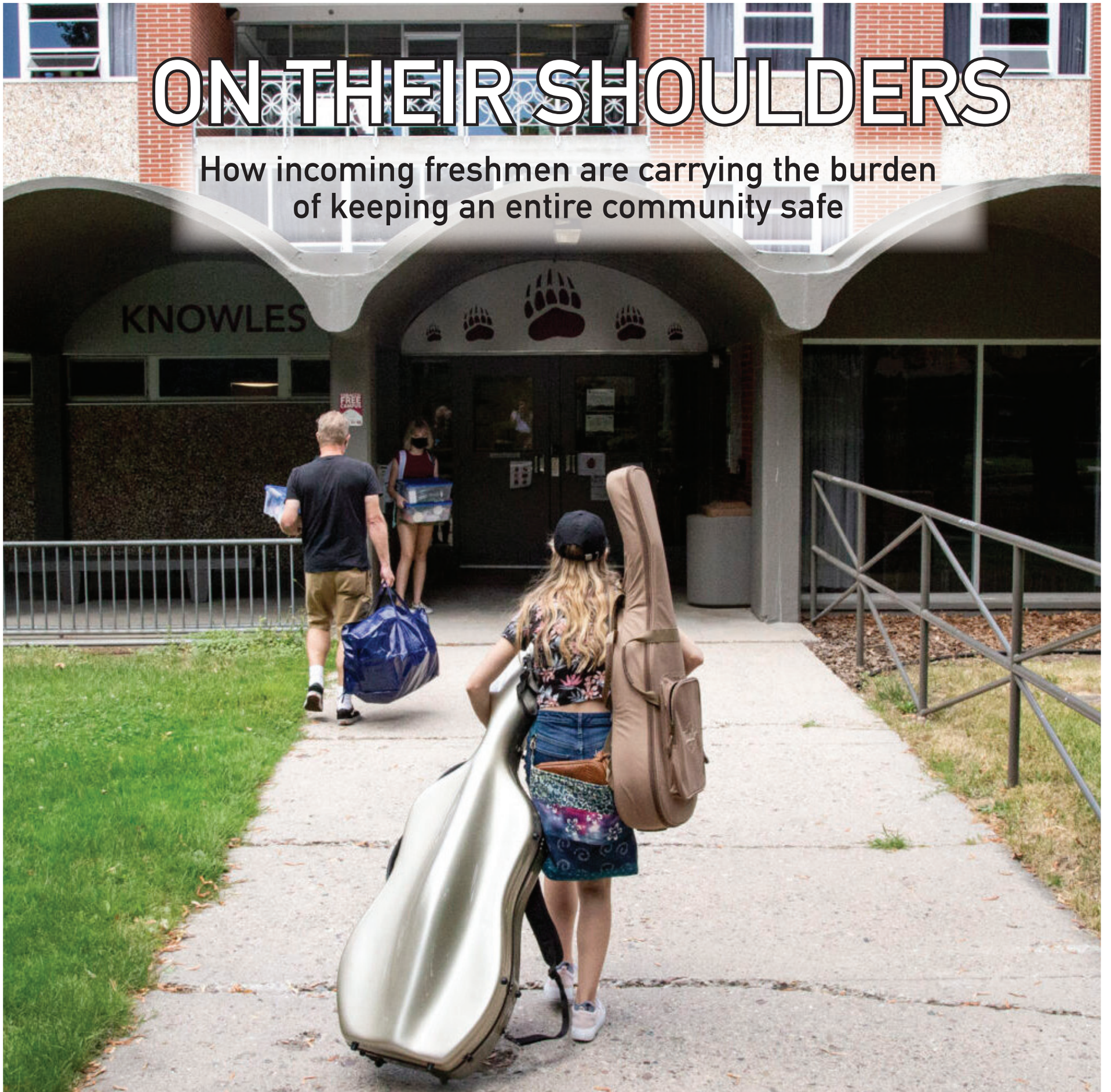
Zoom class

- All black screens
- “Can you raise your hands, please? No, like, with the ‘raise your hand’ button? Like, in the chat bar...?”
- Torture
- Pls don’t make us go back.



ON THEIR SHOULDERS

How incoming freshmen are carrying the burden of keeping an entire community safe



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Emily Tschetter, an incoming freshman from Billings, lugged her cello and guitar toward the newly renovated steps of Knowles Hall on a recent Sunday afternoon. The instrument looked comically large, dragging on wheels behind her left arm. Her guitar, slung over her right shoulder, added a kind of equilibrium.

Campus had oozed back to life for freshman move-in week. Families carted loads of belongings up into dorm rooms. Freshmen registered for two-hour move-in slots ahead of time, to combat dangerous crowds.

Check-in desks were outside under tents, where helpers sat in the hot afternoons with sunglasses and hats.

At peak time on Saturday, it seemed like UM's COVID-adapted process was working. Only a few families moved into each dorm at each time, far fewer than in previous years' move ins. The cacophony of rolling suitcases and squeaky dollies was replaced with a quiet calm of muffled voices, as a few families moved into each dorm at a time.

And not even the omnipresent threat of a pandemic could diminish Tschetter's enthusiasm, as she hefted belongings from her family's car to her room.

"I have wanted to go to college since I was 8 years old," Tschetter, 18, said. "I've always been so excited."

All across campus, signs mark six-foot distances and remind students that masks are mandatory. Hallways are designated as one-direction only, and plexiglass dividers separate administrators and employees from the students visiting their desks. Signs hang above the sinks in every bathroom, reminding students to "defend their den" and wash their hands.

The freshman move-in process looked very different this year. It was spread over five days, from Wednesday to Sunday, to facilitate the staggered time slots, contrasted with the past, where move-ins have been an every-man-for-himself cluster of organized chaos. This year, students were allowed only two people for help moving in, and everyone was required to wear masks for the entire process.

As the first day of in-person instruction arrives with a flurry of socially-distanced activity, freshmen like Tschetter are left to navigate the skeleton of a UM campus without much guidance. They've missed the closure of senior year, with well-intentioned yet — in many cases — unfulfilling graduations, senior trips and final projects. Tschetter worked two years on a cello solo she never got to perform.

Now, as these hundreds of students move into UM's dorms, they face the enticing freedom of freshman year after the stifling



TOP: University of Montana students sit in a circle with their orientation small group outside of Don Anderson Hall on August 17, 2020.

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Emily and her mom Melissa start to make the bed while her dad Marc, right, and sister Chloe, far right, look on. "I'm more worried about my dad than myself," Emily said. Ten years ago, her father Marc had stage-three lung cancer. **HAZEL CRAMER | MONTANA KAIMIN**



isolation of quarantine. They also face the responsibility of carrying an in-person campus on their shoulders. This is the group staying on campus, in the closest proximity and within the largest social circles. Confined to

just a few dorms, one slip up in discipline could result in an uncontrollable outbreak.



"Freshmen are going to come into a whole

new college experience," said Jeff Adams, medical director at Curry Health Center. "Usually you go to parties, you meet all these people, you're always socializing. And now you're expected to be regimented in

how you do things. You wear a mask. You don't touch anybody. You're supposed to stay distant."

If the UM campus is to stay open, it will depend on its residents staying safe. That's not to say every other student needs to take COVID rules less seriously, but simply that the freshman living situations present them with more unique challenges.

"It feels like a wildfire analogy. Like, you can put out a single ember, but can you really put out every ember before it becomes a forest fire?" Adams explained.

And this wildfire is deadly. Adams pointed out that the greatest risk is that students will transmit the coronavirus to their professors, who, because of their age, are more likely to suffer serious symptoms or death.

"It's heavy stuff. And imagine putting that on someone who's just out of high school. Like, 'Here, this is on your shoulders, you guys,'" he continued.

Missoula County has 85 active cases and two deaths, as of Monday, Aug. 17. According to data produced by the statistics portal Statista and updated Aug. 16, Montana had the third-worst community transmission rate in the nation, meaning more people were infected by an infectious person each day here than 46 other states.

Adams and his team at Curry have been preparing as much as possible for the upcoming semester. Curry has access to a rapid COVID test, which is approved only for symptomatic patients. The health center is equipped with one rapid testing machine, which can run a test every 20 minutes. The results, which are 83% accurate, can be produced in 30 minutes. The tests are also sent to the state lab for a second look at results.

The key, Adams said, is less about the accuracy and more about the speed Curry can produce a result. The faster a student can know, with relative certainty, if they're positive or negative, the better. And the faster UM can isolate potential COVID cases, the better shot it has at controlling an outbreak.

Adams empathized with the challenges Tschetter and her fellow freshmen will face.

"It's hard enough for somebody who's 50 years old to do this. Imagine being 19 to 23. You're social animals at this point. You're trying to figure out things in this world, you're trying to find who you connect with. It's a really hard time for this to happen," he said.

"You get an isolation fatigue," he added. "One of my big worries is, can these students do this, to stay in session? Just to put it on the table. I just don't know."



The safety measures put in place by UM, while not ideal, don't bother Tschetter for a few reasons. First, she doesn't have anything to compare her experience to. She never had a non-COVID freshman year. Second, this has become her 'new normal.' If all it takes



LEFT: Emily pulls her black concert wear out of a bag. "I'll probably never use this," she said jokingly to her sister as she walked to hang it up. RIGHT: Tschetter wears her "Vote!" mask and a hat in her new dorm room. College is about growing up and becoming independent, Tschetter said, and having to do that in the middle of a pandemic will better prepare her for the real world. **HAZEL CRAMER | MONTANA KAIMIN**



for her to get to have in-person classes is wearing a mask and staying socially-distant, she's completely on board.

"Anything is better than completely-online school," she said. "Just anything at this point is going to be better than last spring."

For now, Tschetter is content on campus. She's excited to have the opportunity for interaction, socially distant or not. And she's excited to start to feel like a part of something again.

She thinks most students will be responsible, but realizes she can only control so much. She's seen first-hand the varying attitudes toward masks, social distancing and coronavirus in general. Many people in her hometown of Billings refused to wear masks, even after Montana instituted a mask mandate.

Nothing is going to be ideal. Tschetter realizes this. It's going to be an uncertain time, for an unknown while. But she is happy to be here, now, on campus. She's happy to see the University trying to make it work, even if things don't go as planned.

There is one lingering fear she can't shake. It echoes Adams' thoughts.

"What does bother me is this impending sense that everything is going to shut down again soon," she said.

"The problem is, how much time will it take for me to be satisfied with my introduction to this school and this community before it's taken away?" she asked. "If I'm only here for a month, have I really become a part of this school?"



UM Housing has seen some major modifications in response to UM's decision to hold in-person classes.

Dorm floors will have fewer residents. Dorms have been outfitted with special quarantine and isolation areas, each with access to its own bathroom, for when students test COVID positive or are waiting for their test results.

The increasingly common signage that marks six feet and reminds students to wear their masks dominates the walls of each

dorm floor.

Freshmen also had the chance to ship items to UM Housing early, allowing UM staff to get packages into students' dorms.

Tschetter moved in days early, so she didn't have to deal with the crowds or the structure of the official move-in week. She was able to use the help of both her parents and her sister, and take a little more time to finish up.

Sandy Curtis, director of UM Housing, reflected on the changes and what they meant for the freshman experience.

"Certainly, it isn't the same," she said. "I mean, think about the excitement, in a normal year, when you have 1,200 new students moving in, all at the same time."

But all of the changes, Curtis said, have been done trying to keep things as normal as possible.

"We know that it's going to be different, but we're trying our best to make sure they have a good experience," Curtis said.

Curtis acknowledged the unique responsibility that on-campus students have in ensuring the continuation of an in-person

semester, and stressed the importance of following UM's COVID guidelines.

Curtis didn't try to predict the future. Instead, she said she's hopeful and trusting that the students will do what is not only in their best interest, but also UM's.

"I really hope we can lean on them. Everything that we've put in place, isn't going to work if students don't partner with us in order to make this happen," she said. "And I think pretty quickly what they'll see, if they don't help with that, is we're going to have more rates of COVID-19."

"We have to do this together. And we will definitely be counting on the students to help us with this."

Curtis, who's been with UM for over 30 years, has seen many move-in days. Despite the pandemic, despite the uncertainty, despite the nerves and the fear, she feels excited and prepared for the start of the semester. It feels good to see the campus getting breaths of life, six months after its sudden and unexpected abandonment.

"This is almost always like a holiday for me, when students come back to campus," she said. "While there's a little nervousness, we're also very excited. This is what we do. We love working with students. So there's always a great excitement when students are coming back to campus."

UM Dining is another department tasked with the daunting responsibility of adapting to the pandemic while remaining a staple of campus and of freshman year.

Byron Drake, interim director of Campus Dining, explained some of the new precautions.

Meals at the Food Zoo will be completely served by staff and not at the usual self-serve stations. Students will have the free option of taking their food to-go. The cafeteria will be divided in two sections, one with the usual tables of 10, and one with smaller tables for those who aren't comfortable with the 10-seat option.

Traffic will be one way, with the south door being entrance-only and the north exit-only. There will not be an exact, numerical cap on cafeteria admits, but a staff member will monitor the Food Zoo's capacity and use their best judgement, Drake said. If the staff member feels the cafeteria is getting too full, they will hold up the line and wait for diners to leave before admitting more students in.

"We tried to, in many ways, keep the Food Zoo 'the Food Zoo,'" Drake said. "Understanding that it's this traditional, freshman staple."

The menu is very similar to past years, Drake said, with slightly limited options for certain meals.

All students are on the all-campus meal plan, meaning they can eat at more places than just the Food Zoo. There's the food court and The Market in the University Center, and a renovated Cornerstore will open in

September.

All these measures have been put in place with input from various offices across the state and country. Drake said his team analyzed the COVID plans of schools across America and private businesses, like restaurants, to inform UM's plan.

Like Curtis, Drake is excited to have students back at UM. His job revolves around students and their presence on campus. He was thrown off, six months ago, when campus was deserted overnight.

"At the end of the day, our reason for existence is taking care of the student population. So, that's our number one goal. We want students to feel safe," Drake said.

The first thing that pops out in Tschetter's dorm is a poster of Leslie Knope, from the show "Parks and Recreation." "Hoes before bros. Uteruses before duderuses. Ovaries before brovaries," it reads, displayed proudly next to the door.

The poster was one of the first decorations Tschetter displayed. She's a huge fan of the show. Maybe, even, a bigger fan of Leslie Knope.

"I mean, everyone wants to be Leslie Knope, right?" she asked. Dogged, ambitious, loyal and intensely involved. As it turns out, Tschetter has some remarkably-similar parallels to her favorite character.

A recent graduate of Billings Senior High School, Tschetter plans to study political science and journalism. She's in the marching band, an ardent gun control activist, a passionate cellist. She has plans to join UM's student government, and wants to pursue international policy after undergrad. She's in the Davidson Honors College and a member of the Franke Global Leadership Initiative.

And now, she's just moved onto an in-person campus for, what is slated to be, an in-person semester. She is cautiously excited.

"I'm just happy to be able to interact with people again after six months of not being able to," Tschetter said. "That in and of itself I see as more of a positive thing than anything. Everything right now, even with the social distancing, I'm so used to it that it doesn't bother me."



Zane Segal

Living in Jesse Hall.

"Honestly I'm just very excited to learn. I'm taking classes that I really didn't have the opportunity for in high school and I think it's very exciting to take classes in new subjects that you don't really know much about."



Diego Zakers

Living in Miller Hall.

"Definitely the social life, the campus life. I come from a small island, so I'm excited to meet new people and branch out."



Andi Newbrough

Living in Knowles Hall.

"I'm most excited for in-person classes because this way we can make personal connections, not only with professors but also classmates. And being able to have those connections to work through problems and find solutions not through a computer screen, but in real life."

Local music you might have missed

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Are you new to Missoula? Have you been living under a rock this summer? Listening to the same albums as you did when you were a teenager out of *nostalgia*? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you may be entitled to financial compensation. Just kidding, but you should listen to some of the killer local music that was released this summer.



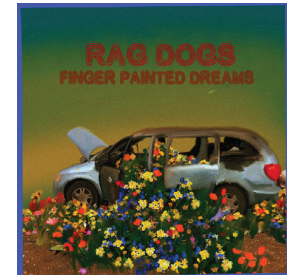
Cookie - I Was Like

Here's a smooth, groovy track to get us started. If life were a 1980s prom, this is what would be playing as you slow-dance with your childhood best friend. Think “Pretty in Pink,” but make it low-key and add some super simple vocals (and no toxic masculinity).



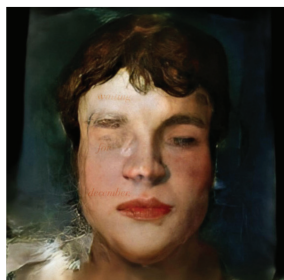
Fantasy Suite - One on One

In this house, we love “The Bachelor.” Fantasy Suite does, too, so much so that the franchise’s iconic one-liners dominate the lyrics of “One on One.” Fantasy Suite sounds like if your parent’s band was actually good, mixing saccharine songs with a sense of what it means to love and be loved.



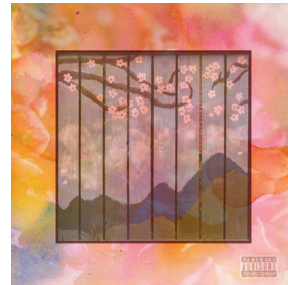
Rag Dogs - Finger Painted Dreams

In case you haven’t figured it out, Missoula is full of hipsters. And if you listen to music like this, congratulations, you’re a hipster, too! Mandolin and fiddle work together to make a mellow soundscape of breezy acoustics that feel like drifting between sleeping and wakefulness.



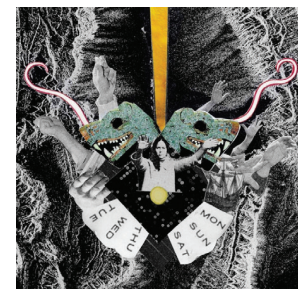
Griffin Knoll - Waiting For December

Yes, this song is unbelievably sad, and yes, we’ve been listening to it all summer. But we promise we’re ok! Listening to “Waiting For December” feels deeply personal and almost voyeuristic. This is the song you cry in the shower to.



s_nya - maua.

s_nya is one of the most talented musicians in Missoula, and “maua” proves it. Everything this innovative artist produces sounds new and exciting. There’s no repetition, even on an album with 21 songs. This is funky, groovy and psychedelic, and it never gets old.



Fuuls - Blood Mouth

Hi! Have you not quite drifted out of your “I’m an angry teenager” phase? Well, “Blood Mouth” is perfect for you. Energetic vocals and angry lyrics dominate, creating an intense soundscape that raises your heart rate, but not so aggressive that your non-punk friends won’t enjoy this.



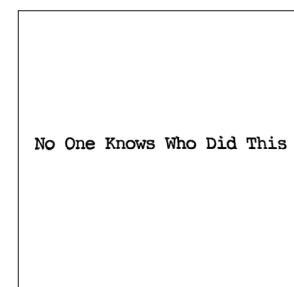
Junior - Goddamnit

It didn’t feel like a summer for sad music, but we guess it was. “Goddamnit” turns the idea of loneliness on its head, mixing banjo and strings to make our melancholy feel less heavy and our isolation less, well, isolating.



Cory Fay - Greetings From The Apocalypse Club

We may not be able to jam at a live show at FreeCycles or in someone’s basement, but listening to Cory Fay LOUD might just be the next best thing. Grungy, dive-bar bands hold a place in our heart, and the “Apocalypse Club” has the largest part.



No One Knows Who Did This - No One Knows Who Did This

The kid who made this record is 100% cooler than all of us. “No One Knows Who Did This” completely changes the idea of what makes a good punk record. It should be weird to hear a 7-year-old singing about being drunk and butts, mixing with yelling vocals and harmonicas, but it isn’t.



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Face masks solve one problem, but cause another

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Face masks of different styles and colors are being sold as a new kind of fashion statement — a response to protective mandates across the country and recently in Missoula. But constant, continued use of face masks could trigger a new kind of problem.

It's called "maskne" — acne that's caused or aggravated by face masks. It may be a more superficial issue, but it's a real concern for students studying in person at UM.

Elizabeth Ogden, a senior studying history at UM, was just getting her decade-long struggle with acne under control when the pandemic hit. Now, with both her job at Ruby's Café and as a caregiver requiring face masks, her acne is reappearing with a vengeance.

Ogden, though, was quick to put her situation in perspective. "I am pro-mask, as the conditions of the world are far worse than my skin problems," she said. "And hey! At least the mask covers my acne!"

Dr. Shannon Foster, a dermatologist

with the Western Montana Clinic, said that people already prone to acne are bound to struggle with face-mask mandates. Foster and her co-workers wear masks all day long, and have experienced even more breakouts than their clients. She noted that the rubbing and clinging of silky material is part of the problem.

"When you have something pressing on the area, if there's any oil and bacteria on the skin, it would plug up the pores," Foster said. "You can get a lot of sweating underneath the mask, and the moisture isn't conducive to letting the skin breathe."

The kind of mask also makes a difference. Masks that are sucked up against skin when the wearer is breathing heavily or that sit flush against the skin constantly are more likely to irritate than the N95 mask or the light and reusable Athleta masks that Foster recommends.

"The blue cheap masks being handed out in stores are better than cheap bandanas and cotton ones," Foster said.

Based on research and recommendations

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), UM's Healthy Fall 2020 plan requires face masks to be worn by anyone on campus when social distancing isn't possible. This includes in classrooms and on-campus cafeterias.

And masks must be properly worn, not looped over just one ear or under the chin or on top of the head, like a hat.

Face masks, when worn correctly, effectively prevent the spread of COVID-19. But students spending several hours a day masked up in classrooms might want relief for their complexions.

Ogden is careful not to skip washing her face in the morning or at night in order to keep the worst of her acne at bay. The American Academy of Dermatologists recommends washing with gentle soap followed by moisturizing to tame maskne.

Foster recommends deep cleaning with soaps containing sulfur for their antibacterial qualities. Rael patches, available on Amazon, offer a subtle way to hide and treat acne; Foster also recommends Adult

Acnomel, Prosacea (Walmart) or Differin (Target).

Considering the level of nasty bacteria building up in reusable masks, it's merciful to sensitive skin to simply wash a reusable mask as often as possible. It's great to steer clear of murdering the environment with excessive use of single-use plastics, especially considering a study, done by the World Wildlife Fund before COVID-19 hit, projected plastic pollution to double by 2030.

Morgan Weidow, a senior studying human biology and business administration, also works long shifts with a required mask. A Curology subscription is her tactic to take on the maskne, and she always takes off her mask the second she can.

"I think that it's a minor inconvenience for me," Weidow said. "So if there's anything I can do that will have even a slight chance of helping, then I'm willing to do it."

Being back on campus feels weird?

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WwWhHHOoAaaHhhH oh BABY! We're McFreakin' BACK. We would high-five you, but honestly, we don't know the last time you "defended your den" and washed those bad boys. Just, you know...imagine we were high-fiving rn.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Hey...real talk. Are u doing ok, Leos? We know we weren't there to listen to you talk about yourselves for the past few months and we shudder to think what transpired while you were stuck in your rooms without — gasp — an audience.

VIRGO (AUG 23-SEP. 22): TBH someone's gotta say it: It's freaky and disconcerting that you color-coded your face masks based on your class schedule and notebooks. We don't like it.

LIBRA (SEP. 23-OCT. 22): (Don't worry, we got your letter about your Cap roommate. We know you're not ~big~ on confrontation. We got this.)

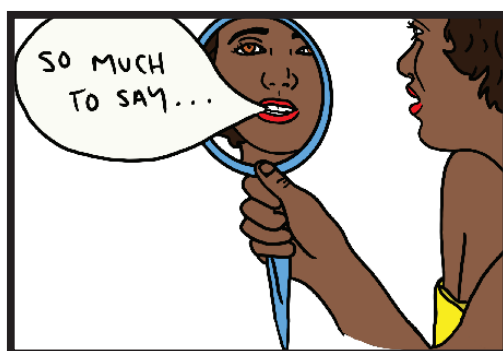
SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): We've gotta assume the silver lining of all of this for you is that you can mutter under your breath when people are being stupid around you and no one would know. It does make everyone else wonder, though. Go

ahead and just tell us if we're driving you up the fucking wall.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 22): Honestly? You would be the type to get one of those creepy fucking face masks that's ACTUALLY a print of your face. We hate it.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23-JAN. 19): Hey champ, maybe — and this is just a suggestion — DON'T go to that party??? We can't believe??? That we??? As a college newspaper horoscope??? Have to be the ones regulating that atm???

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): We're relying on you guys to call out the dumbos who don't put their masks over their noses. Someone's gotta do it, and we admire your sheer disregard for niceties.



PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Bummer that all you guys want is a hug, a vaccine and to sit on the Oval with all your friends. We can offer part of one of those things. Shoot us a letter and there will be a socially-distanced blanket waiting for you by the DHC.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Sending our thoughts and prayers to your family or roommates or

whoever had to shelter-in-place with you while you A. started that band we told you to start last semester and B. cried while trying to get the synth for the aforementioned band to work.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): We are *loving* the wide array of Bath and Body Works hand sanitizer keychains you've got going on there bud. Do we detect a hint of marshmallow pumpkin latte??

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): What's your plan for the inevitable isolation you get placed on? Did you ever teach yourself to make bread back in March?

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): How's social interaction treating us? How's social interaction treating YOU?? Do you remember how? It's honestly unclear. We are big fans of the bread you made us though. <3

Mark your calendars: it's a (virtual) date

UM has some events planned for the rest of August and we thought you should know! It's a date <3

20 THURSDAY

Virtual Convocation 2020.

Online, Thursday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m.

Every fall, the University of Montana hosts a convocation to welcome incoming students. This year's virtual convocation begins campus-wide before breaking off into school- and program-specific events.

26 WEDNESDAY

Student Employment Fair

Virtual fair via Handshake, Wednesday, Aug. 26 and Thursday, Aug. 27, 11 a.m. to 2

p.m.

Looking for a job on or off campus? Register for UM's Student Employment Fair and find your college gig. Work-study and non-work-study options available. Students must register beforehand on UM's Handshake jobs portal.

Surf & Turf Volleyball Tournament

Pantzer Court, Wednesday, Aug. 26, 5

p.m.

Campus Rec is hosting the first co-req and intramural volleyball tournament of the semester on Pantzer's outdoor court. Cheer on your friends! Team entries are due Tuesday, Aug. 25 by 11 p.m.

27 THURSDAY

Instruction Day 7: Last chance to register for classes via Cyberbear

Thursday, Aug. 27, all day

The last day to register for classes on Cyberbear without the express permission of the class instructor.

UM State of the University Address

Online, Thursday, Aug. 27, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

President Seth Bodnar addresses the University live on Zoom from Urey Lecture Hall. Speakers include Interim Provost Reed Humphrey, Faculty Senate Chair Chris

Palmer, Staff Senate Chair Charity Attebury and Associated Students of UM President Taylor Gabriel. Stay tuned for the livestream link on the UM website.

9 WEDNESDAY

UPCOMING: Final day of registration, student health insurance

Wednesday, Sept. 9, all day

The 15th day of instruction and the last day to drop classes on Cyberbear with a re-fund. It is also the last day to add or change credits, switch a class to an audit and accept or refuse UM student health insurance.

UM mask fundraiser finds unpredicted success

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When the Grizzly Scholarship Association started selling masks on July 13, Director of Annual Giving, Coleson Randall, expected to sell a couple hundred masks; a month later, Griz fans have ordered nearly 2,500 Griz-themed masks.

"We didn't really know how many we'd sell and then it kind of took off over night," Randall said. Randall's role in the Grizzly Scholarship Association is to manage the yearly donations, or "gifts" the association receives.

The Grizzly Scholarship Association is tracking where the masks have been shipped to, and has seen masks travel all across the nation. According to the association's website, masks have been sent to 46 of the 50 states. Randall also noted that masks have been sent to two Canadian territories and Washington D.C.

"I'm never surprised by Griz Nation," he said. "I'm from Atlanta and I always go home and see people in Montana gear."

While the map of deliveries was still filling up, the association reached out to former UM and Tennessee Titans star Marc Mariani on Twitter to see if he would be the first shipment to Tennessee.

"Done!!" Mariani exclaimed on Twitter with a photo of his griz mask order on July 16, the same day the association reached out to him.

Originally, the Grizzly Scholarship Association was going to just give out the masks to its members, but then a decision was made to sell them.

After an extremely successful first week of mask sales, the association introduced a retro design that Griz fans could buy. Randall said the retro design peaked the interest of a lot of UM alumni who went to school when UM's colors still consisted of copper, yellow and gray.

At one point, Randall says the association even ran out of masks to sell and had to order more.

"Will be ordering enough for the whole family!!! Go Griz!!!" Griz fan Patrick Montalban announced on Twitter after the association posted that they had received a new mask shipment.

The Grizzly Scholarship Association normally sells premium seats at football games and does a raffle when Montana State plays UM at home. With the football season canceled, the association won't be able to do these fundraisers.

Fortunately, the mask fundraiser has drawn in around \$37,000, which will all go to UM student athletes. Randall was also informed that any royalty money the association sent to UM for using its logo will be donated to COVID-19 relief efforts at UM.

"Any dollar amount really helps us right now," Randall said. "Athletics are so important to the school."

Members of the Grizzly Scholarship Association sent them out with no delivery charge. Randall says masks are still available at upwithmontana.com.

A toy bear models a mask like the ones sold by the Grizzly Scholarship Association in their office on August 10, 2020. The association made \$37,000 off of mask sales so far, with nearly 2,500 masks sold.

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Big Sky Conference postpones all fall sports

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The Big Sky Conference officially announced the cancellation of the 2020 football season on Aug. 7, the first time Montana won't have a football season since 1943 during World War II.

"Our plan is to build a spring conference schedule that leads into the playoffs," Big Sky Conference Commissioner Tom Wistrick said.

Following the postponement of the football season, the Big Sky Conference postponed all fall sports, including volleyball, cross country, soccer and golf on Aug. 14. The conference ruled that fall sports cannot be played until the spring of 2021.

"While I am confident that our conference is making the right decision for the health and safety of our student-athletes, it breaks my heart knowing how disappointing this will be to all of them," Wistrick said.

On Aug. 5, the NCAA ruled that it was up to each individual conference to decide if they wanted to have a fall sports season. As of Aug. 14, the only major conferences in the nation playing football are the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southeastern Conference.

On Aug. 12, the NCAA Division I council recommended eligibility extensions for NCAA athletes who don't compete in sports in 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns. Currently, athletes only receive five years of eligibility including a redshirt through the NCAA.

The NCAA also announced in the spring of 2020 that athletes who had their spring seasons canceled due to COVID-19 would receive another year of eligibility. Athletes who played winter sports in the 2019-20 season did not receive any more eligibility.

No news has come from the Big Sky Conference on whether winter sports, such as track and field, basketball and tennis, will be played in 2020. On Aug. 14, ESPN reported that the NCAA was working toward a NCAA tournament bubble for the 2020-21 basketball season. This bubble is set to resemble the NBA playoff bubble.

UM basketball has been weight lifting and doing socially distanced practices in the month of August.

"If we still aren't allowed to play 5-on-5 then how are we allowed to start school and have in-person class?" UM Junior guard Cameron Parker tweeted regarding UM's limited practices.

Following the postponement of the fall sports season on Aug. 13, UM track and field coach Brian Schweyen announced his resignation. Schweyen's resignation came in an email sent to UM athletes obtained by Skyline Sports.

"A lot has happened in the last five months in both the world and with my family," Schweyen wrote in the email. "Due to current circumstances, I feel it is best that I look at opportunities presented to me to leave the department and team."

He was the head track coach at UM for 12 years and was part of the program for 22 years. His wife Shannon Schweyen also left UM on April 1 after her contract as head coach of the Lady Griz was not renewed.



University of Montana Grizzlies head coach Bobby Hauck at Monday's press conference, Aug. 26, 2019.

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