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RECRUITMENT

Admin proposes multicultural center

Courtney Anderson
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana may have a multicultural center in its future – which could help a campus not often associated with diversity.

Teresa Branch, vice president for student affairs, said she proposed creating a multicultural center as a way to support ethnicities on campus.

“We’re trying to provide at least basic services for all ethnic groups, which is what a multicultural center could do, because you have some expertise coming from different ethnic groups and that expertise can support the student base that comes in,” Branch said.

Branch said people are not likely to choose this institution if they don’t feel they’ll have connection with people like themselves.

“I’ve had people say, ‘This is a beautiful campus, and I know someone that I work with who would probably enjoy the beauty of it all.’ And they will say this to me, ‘But I have concerns about referring this student be-

cause she or he wouldn’t have a reference group here,’” she said.

Native American students make up UM’s largest non-Caucasian enrollment population and have the highest minority retention rate.

Branch said while it’s important to recognize Montana’s local ethnic population, the University has the ability and responsibility to attract other ethnic students as well.

She said she would like to see the institution be more holistic in looking at diversity.

“You don’t just grab somebody because you want to bring in diversity, you want to do your due diligence in helping students really make a good connection and fit in,” she said.

Branch said a multicultural center could eventually serve as a place where historically marginalized students could find resources on campus.

“You can best support them by having an individual who nears their ethnicity and is familiar with some of the priorities that might be for the differ-



Evan Frost/Montana Kaimin

Shayna Chopein lectures on transgender equality for DiverseU, an event formerly known as the Day of Dialogue. The presentation included a worksheet of filling in the blanks with transgender related terms.

ent groups,” she said.

The project’s potential hurdles include staffing and funding the center.

She said the University Center is a potential location because it has space and is con-

sidered the student beehive.

Branch suggested the multicultural center at a leadership luncheon last week as a part of DiverseU, a weeklong forum that facilitated discussions about different human experi-

ences.

DiverseU, formerly known as Day of Dialogue, covers ethnic and political issues, gender, intellectual disabilities and prejudices.

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EDUCATION

Adventure journalist to speak to campus writing group

Cavan Williams
Montana Kaimin

Writing about adventure is the holy grail for travel journalists, and on Wednesday night, prospective outdoors writers will hear from someone who has made it.

The Outdoor Writers Association of America is holding its monthly meeting Wednesday night and secured former travel writer of the year and Missoula resident Aaron Teasdale as guest speaker.

Teasdale has made a living traveling around the world, writing stories about the places

and people he encounters.

From the far northern mountains in Vietnam, to the Bolivian High Andes and mountain biking through herds of giraffes in Tanzania’s Rift Valley, Teasdale has spent his career exploring exotic places.

Back from Central America, where he relocated his family to get his children out of “a cocoon of domestic comfort,” Teasdale wants to educate future travel journalists on what it takes to make it in the industry.

“I hope they come away with a better sense of what is required to make it as a writer

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Campus committee keeps divestment talks on agenda

Brea Gaudioso
Montana Kaimin

The Sustainable Campus Committee will write a letter encouraging the UM Foundation to listen to students who are asking them to divest from fossil fuels.

In a meeting last Friday, the SCC decided that Reinvest Montana deserved to be heard by the Foundation, but will not take sides on the issue yet.

But according to Eva Rocke, chair of the committee, President Engstrom said the committee’s opinion wouldn’t

prompt him to consider divestment.

“He sent me a two-line email that said, ‘Thank you for keeping me in the loop. No, I do not think the committee should vote. I do not see myself changing my mind on this issue,’” she said.

The Foundation, an independent nonprofit organization, provides financial support and manages donations given to the University through UM’s endowment.

The SCC is a committee made up of equal number

of staff, students and faculty members. Its role is to identify and recommend specific actions and plans focused on sustainability to the president.

Regardless of the president’s opinion, the SCC is interested in taking a stance on divestment and reinvestment, but will wait until next month to lay personal opinions out on the table. Many members felt they needed more time to learn about the issue.

Chris Olsen, a student on the committee, said with or

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JAKE'S TAKE

Make room for an awful movie

By Jake Iverson

Last Thursday, I joined a crowd of ragtag heroes packed into the Roxy Theater. But we weren't there to enjoy an insightful documentary or an indie rom-com. Rather, we'd gathered to sit through all 99 minutes of Tommy Wiseau's 2003 romantic drama, "The Room," widely considered the single worst film ever made.

"The Room" is a masterpiece. It's a stunning, thrilling, 100 percent original piece of work. But more than that, it's horrible. It's spectacularly inept. The film covers the misadventures of Johnny, played by Wiseau, who also served as the screenwriter, director, producer and executive producer (it's something of a passion project).

Johnny lives a seemingly idyllic existence. Every day he returns to his swanky San Francisco apartment to see his beautiful fiancé, Lisa (Juliette Danielle). At least twice, in graphic detail, we see them having prolonged and uncomfortable looking sex. In every scene where that's not happening, she waits at home for him, ordering pizza to relieve him after a long day of oddly unspecified work.

But all is not right in Tommy's perfect world. Lisa's boredom with his sedimentary and secure lifestyle leaves her wanting more. That comes in the form of neighbor Mark (Greg Sestero), who self-identifies as Johnny's best friend at least a half dozen times. Despite his loyalties to Johnny, Mark, in by far the best performance of the film, falls under Lisa's spell.

More gratuitous sex scenes follow. Someone is nearly thrown from the roof. There's a drug deal gone bad that somehow ends peacefully with the armed dealer escorted off the premises by Johnny, who doesn't even come to the hulking man's shoulder. Four men dressed in tuxedos play football in an alley.

Denny, Johnny and Lisa's neighbor is the eeriest of them all. A petulant man-child with a bowl cut – he could easily be anywhere from 15 to 35. But no age excuses his bizarre behavior, which peaks when he sneaks into Lisa and Johnny's apartment to propose a threesome. "The Room's" script supervisor Sandy Schklair, a 25-year veteran of the entertainment industry, called Denny "the weirdest character I've ever encountered."

But despite the disaster, everybody in the theater loved it. People screamed every – almost every – word (Wiseau is only capable of speaking in catchphrases). Everyone brought plastic spoons, which were thrown around the room whenever a framed picture of said utensil flashes on screen. The portrait is inexplicably placed on a table that prominently pops up in almost every scene. This pitiful attempt at a metaphor sums up the film quite nicely. Every scene is a filler. Every character is a red herring.

But if "The Room" is such utter garbage, why would so many people go see it on a Thursday? I noticed many fellow English majors. I've written a lot about the drive to create, and how rough it can be. Perhaps watching something as bad as "The Room" and yelling at the screen acts as a sort of security blanket. An opportunity for everyone to say, 'Well, I'll never make something that bad.' If someone as clearly insane as Wiseau could get "The Room" made, then there's hope for all of us.

It's the type of film that genuinely needs to be seen to be believed. "The Room" sure as hell ain't art. But it's something. Sometimes something is enough.

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around the OVAL

UC
"The amount of gym shorts I have is unreal. Like, feel this bulge."

JOURNALISM BUILDING
"I just can't do this whole school thing. This whole.... sitting down..."

LIBRARY
"This is the second time I've pooped in the library today."

UC
"I feel powerful when I have yard tools."

@aroundtheoval
#aroundtheoval

Missoulians care very little for the members of their community unfortunate enough to not have a home, especially during the bitter winters of the Rocky Mountains. The most up-to-date information on the city's homeless population is nearly three years old, buried in a 10-year plan to end homelessness that focuses more on fighting temporary housing endangerment than chronic homelessness. The plan itself is buried in the United Way of Missoula's servers, and is not found on city, county or state websites.

There were 516 homeless people counted in Missoula in January of 2012, a month in which temperatures remained above freezing for 24 hours only once (hypothermia can begin at 50 degrees or below). Half of those counted were families. More than half were women. A third were veterans, and one in seven were Native Americans. Homelessness has been on the rise in Missoula for years, and these numbers represent low-ball estimates at best.

Of those 516, 149 slept outside the night of Jan. 26 when temperatures fell to 19 degrees. Montanans love to talk about their resilience to the cold, but most are only exposed to the elements on their way from the truck to the liquor store. Not exactly a winter on the streets. Forty-eight families slept in the snow that night, enough to



THE WESTERN CANNON

Missoula veterans slept outside on Veterans Day

Hunter Pauli

fill all the houses by the train tracks on Alder Street, their kids enough to fill several classrooms at Lowell Elementary School. These families slept outside despite the local, county, state and church programs meant to keep them off the streets.

Worse off are the 101 homeless people who have nowhere to go in the winter when Missoula's only shelter fills up. The Poverello Center has space for 70 guests, but often finds room for up to 100. Many cities open up public buildings as emergency winter warming shelters to house guests overnight when temperatures drop to lethal levels. Mobile, Ala., a city that sees snow so rarely it doesn't keep road salt, opens winter shelters when temperatures hit 40 degrees. Missoula has no such program, sentencing its most helpless citizens to subzero temperatures within sight of publicly heated buildings.

In our community, we pride ourselves on an old frontier justice that makes sure those unlucky enough not to cut it out West never will. Downtown businesses pray for the cold to arrive to kill those homeless not forced out of the mountains for the winter. Dehumanizing media coverage reminds citizens

that the homeless are floor meat for the grinder, not neighbors dealt a tough hand.

The hateful self-deception that these people are outsiders and unwelcome in our community is false. More than half the local homeless have lived here over a year, a third more than five years. That's longer than me and almost every other of the University's 13,952 students the community accepts with open arms. Missoulians' hatred of the homeless comes from entrenched racism toward Native Americans, fear of the mentally ill, judgment of single mothers, disregard of veterans and mistrust of the ultra-poor.

If citizens demanded government open emergency winter shelters, fewer mothers would have to explain to their kids why they're sleeping in the snow, and fewer kids would wake up to find their mothers frozen around them. Fewer veterans would be reminded of freezing nights spent serving in the Ardennes, or the Chosin Reservoir or the Korengal Valley.

Simply thanking a veteran for their service is cowardly. Fighting to keep them from dying of hypothermia is service unto itself.

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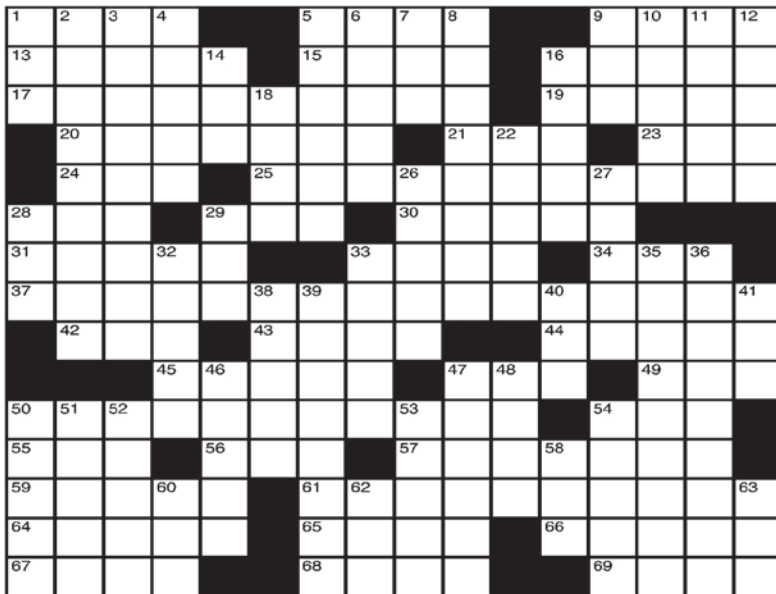
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- 1 Union foes
 - 5 Sing like Joe Cocker
 - 9 Cowl wearer
 - 13 '90s-'00s Lakers great
 - 15 Kevin's "A Fish Called Wanda" role
 - 16 ___ sprawl
 - 17 Progressive Era muckraker
 - 19 Walk away
 - 20 Charms
 - 21 Grain Belt st.
 - 23 TV diner owner
 - 24 "Spring forward" letters
 - 25 "Pretty darn good"
 - 28 Carte start
 - 29 Settle up
 - 30 More unusual
 - 31 Hobby shop wood
 - 33 "Terrific!"
 - 34 With 26-Down, fashionable footwear
 - 37 Assume a military posture
 - 42 Child-care writer LeShan
 - 43 Stirs in
 - 44 Sunburn-causing emission, for short
 - 45 Driving ___
 - 47 Readers of MSS.
 - 49 Corp.-partnership hybrid
 - 50 Waved from the curb, perhaps
 - 54 One of four in Minnesota: Abbr.
 - 55 Chicago trains
 - 56 Sun. address
 - 57 Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior
 - 59 In again
 - 61 NSA surveillance activity ... or, the process needed to dig out the info hidden in 17-, 25-, 37- and 50-Across?
 - 64 Sink down
 - 65 Villainous
 - 66 Proofreader's mark
 - 67 Store



By C.C. Burnikel

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- 68 "Good shot!"
- 69 "One more thing ..."

- DOWN**
- 1 Louis XIV, par exemple
 - 2 Ran over
 - 3 Vegetarian side
 - 4 Occupied, as a booth
 - 5 Cocktail named for a Scottish hero
 - 6 Bikini tryout
 - 7 Mo. town
 - 8 Bikini feature in a 1960 hit
 - 9 Field fare, briefly
 - 10 2009 Peace Nobel
 - 11 Orange variety
 - 12 Mournful ring
 - 14 Fast flight
 - 16 Radii-parallel bones
 - 18 Gossipy Barrett
 - 22 Bewilder
 - 26 See 34-Across
 - 27 Network with the slogan "Not Reality. Actuality."
 - 28 Core muscles
 - 29 Knee protector
 - 32 Traffic problem

Friday's Puzzle Solved



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- 33 Officer-to-be
- 35 Unlikely tomboy
- 36 Pair on a football field
- 38 "Storage Wars" network
- 39 Boston Bruins' home
- 40 Letters after mus
- 41 Lincoln Ctr. site
- 46 Man of fables
- 47 Sigh with relief, say
- 48 Carpe ___
- 50 Grazing groups
- 51 Wide awake
- 52 Insistent words from a sandbox
- 53 Commonly dusty room
- 54 Capital of Yemen
- 58 Open ___ night
- 60 Ticket word
- 62 Bird: Pref.
- 63 Sporty Pontiac

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CAMPUS

Dismantling stereotypes:

Children's book sends message about gender roles and equality

Hannah-Laura Rudolph
Montana Kaimin

Gender stereotypes affect everyone, even those too young to fully understand them.

"I have really become interested in the idea of how we tell our kids what is appropriate activity based on gender," author Craig Pomranz said.

Pomranz' book, "Made by Raffi," is a children's book about a little boy who doesn't like sports, but likes to knit and sew.

"I wrote the book to support young boys and girls who are perceived as different because of their appearance or hobbies," Pomranz said.

Pomranz was a child actor and model who felt isolated from his peers because of his career. Much like the character Raffi, Pomranz was teased for his activities.

Pomranz said the book is based on a true incident involving his godson, who had trouble concentrating. Pomranz bought his godson yarn and knitting needles, thinking it would help him focus.

"He started creating projects for family and when that became successful he was able to make friends who he also made scarves and items for. He was able to live with the teasing and it gradually stopped," Pomranz said.

Raffi refuses to become a victim of bullying and becomes a hero to his class.

Pomranz said he is most proud of the conversation his book is generating.

"I hope it will be a catalyst for conversations in schools and at home," Pomranz said. "Parents and teachers are looking for ways to teach their kids tolerance and kindness."

Junior Kianna Wicklund studies elementary education at the University of Montana. Wicklund said her professors talk about gender stereotypes.

"We're supposed to be supportive and get kids to not judge other kids who might

be blurring gender lines," she said.

Wicklund said gender roles can be a controversial subject.

"We aren't taught to teach about it," she said. "We are being taught how to handle it and to make it seem OK if it does come up."

Wicklund said she doesn't think teaching younger grades about gender roles would be very effective, but teaching middle and high school students might be more effective.

Wicklund said her teachers didn't talk about gender roles

'We're supposed to be supportive and get kids to not judge other kids who might be blurring gender lines.'

Kianna Wicklund

elementary education student

at all when she was in school, but there's now more awareness and gender diversity in curriculum.

"We'll pick books where there's a single parent, or with two dads or two moms," she said. "It's not like we're teaching about it, we're just letting kids know it's OK."

UM student Casey Hoffman didn't learn about sexuality until his freshman year of high school, and didn't discover gender as a construct until even later.

"I firmly believe that if I had learned about gender as a spectrum from day one, I would have been able to come into myself much earlier and in a much healthier way," he said.

Hoffman didn't understand there was nothing wrong with feeling more like a boy

than a girl, and he struggled for years, trying to discover his true self.

"I endured a lot of abuse, both internal and external, because I didn't understand that I could identify as whatever I wanted to," he said.

Hoffman said children should never be told that they can't like something because society labels it either feminine or masculine.

"This is something many gender non-conforming individuals have had to deal with, the deep-seeded self-hate that society creates for us when someone tells us we are wrong," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said educators should be knowledgeable about the existence of gender roles and identities other than male or female.

"They can be the support system for a kid who is beginning to question the way they express their gender," Hoffman said.

"The knowledge that you are not alone can really help kids and teens as they learn about themselves, and having that open education will help everyone in the long run," he said.

People are only educating children about these things if it's necessary, like when there is a transgender or gender fluid child in class, he said.

Hoffman said there is more information available to students in higher grades.

"It's not advertised, but it is there," he said. "This availability is already a big step that was unheard of a decade ago, but I would like to see gender and sexuality of all kinds become part of a regulated and well-written sex-education program that is all inclusive."

Pomranz agreed.

"Montana is a state of independent thinkers, and I believe they would welcome a book that defends the right of each person to live the life they choose."

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HAIR

Shaving lives:

Razor-free November exists for a reason



Jordan Purinton/Montana Kaimin
Sophomore music major Brian Tremper sports what he describes as the "essence of homeless Johnny Depp" for "No Shave November." Dozens of students and faculty on campus are sporting various facial hair styles for the month of November.

Sydney Gillette Montana Kaimin

Facial hair, from the five o'clock shadow to a full mountain-man beard, isn't a foreign look in Missoula, but this month we can expect to see more guys looking like Chewbacca than Don Draper.

During the month of November, men and women are encouraged to put away their razors for No-Shave November and Movember. It is not a contest to see who can grow the fullest beard or stache. Its purpose is to bring awareness to men's health and cancer.

Movember is a global movement that encourages men to grow mustaches to raise awareness for testicular and prostate cancer. The Movember U.S. campaign also focuses on men's mental health and fitness.

Casey Schaefer, a UM alumnus, is participating in the Movember campaign for the first time. Schaefer is growing a

mustache for a couple of reasons. "Well, for one, everybody loves a good excuse to grow a mustache, and for two, when it's for a good cause, it makes it that much more noble."

Movember requires that its participants follow specific rules. "You have to trim and maintain a mustache, it can't be a goatee, it can't connect to sideburns and above all, you are supposed to act like a gentleman," Schaefer said.

No-Shave November is a web-based non-profit whose mission is "to grow awareness

by embracing our hair, which many cancer patients lose." The campaign encourages those participating to donate the money they would have spent on razors and hair grooming to cancer prevention for the American Cancer Society.

Some women are taking a stand for "no-shave" November, but for a different cause. "It was more about feminist reasons for choosing not to shave. Every year, you hear about women getting crap on online sites, because they choose not to shave," said Miriam Krain-

acker, a history and sociology major at the University. She will grow out her leg hair. "It's kind of like a guy can't tell me what I should do with my body. It's a casual way to say 'fuck the man.'"

Man or woman, people putting their razors to rest this month can help raise money by posting to social media. Companies such as Dairy Queen, Dr. Pepper and Newton Run-

ning Company will donate \$1 to No-Shave November for every photo posted with the hashtags #ChickenStache, #5MileShadow and #NewtonRunning.

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SOCCER

End of the road: Perfect season falls short for Grizzlies

Alex Valdez
Montana Kaimin

The shot at a perfect season for the Grizzly soccer team ended last Friday afternoon.

Players collapsed on the pitch sobbing and seniors hugged one another after the team lost 2-1 in the Big Sky Conference semifinals to Idaho State.

The Grizzlies had a target on their back coming into the conference tournament.

The team was perfect in conference, going 8-0-2 before the game, and was the No. 1 seed. It was the first time since 2000 that Montana hosted the tournament.

Everything leading up to Friday was new for this batch of Griz players.

"For our whole program, it's a new experience to be the top seed at home and be the favorite," head coach Mark Plakorus said. "It's a different experience for everyone, hopefully we'll take that and learn from it and be better because of it."

Most of the first half was quiet until redshirt sophomore Savannah Witt scored the first goal of the game.

In the 35th minute, she took a header that bounced off the post from freshman Allie Lucas. It was Witt's third goal of the season and her career.

Montana went into the locker room up 1-0, but both teams came out firing in the second half. The Bengals had nine shots in the second half compared to two in the first and took three corner kicks.

Idaho State tied it up in the 72nd minute.

Conference-leading scorer Amanda Ellsworth scored her 16th goal of the season with an assist from Madeline Gochnour from 12 yards out. Montana tried to follow with shots from Lucas and freshman Hallie Widner, but both failed to score.

The Bengals went up 2-1 four minutes later when Katherine

Roberts scored her fourth goal on a redirected shot. It looked like the Grizzlies had tied it up after a goal from senior Tyler Adair a few minutes later, but the goal was called offside.

As the minutes ticked down, Montana didn't connect with the back of the net again. It was the end of the season for the Grizzlies and its six seniors.

"I think we're kind of still in shock," Adair said, tearing up.

"It's weird walking off that field, and it's not clicking that we're not going to walk back on it."

During the match, Witt had four shots and three on goal. Widner also had four shots with two on goal. Montana took 15 shots, seven corner kicks and six shots on goal.

Northern Arizona University went on to defeat the Bengals and won the BSC tournament.

This year was just another year

of growing pains for the Grizzly soccer program.

Over the past four seasons since Plakorus took over, the team has won the regular season title, won the conference tournament and played in the NCAA tournament. This year's seniors were the first group to play all four years with Plakorus, and they experienced all the ups and downs.

Lucas said she wishes she could redo Friday's game, but

she's storing away many of the positives from this season for next year.

"I think I speak for all the freshmen when I say that our main goal is to carry on what we did this year," Lucas said. "We want to bring the leadership that the seniors brought. It's something I want to strive for, we want to keep it up the next three years."

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Todd Goodrich for the Montana Kaimin

Allie Lucas (right) battles Idaho State defender, Vanessa Cabilan, for the ball at the soccer game in Missoula on Friday. The Bengals beat the Griz 2-1.

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GRIZ recap

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FOOTBALL

The Montana Grizzlies lost its second Big Sky Conference game of the season Saturday to the Eastern Washington Eagles in Cheney, Wash., making the road to the playoffs more difficult.

Montana (6-4, 4-2 BSC) nearly came back from a 23-point deficit in the second half, but the lead proved to be too much and the Grizzlies fell, 36-26, to EWU (9-2, 6-1 BSC).

Eagles junior quarterback Vernon Adams returned after a four game absence. He threw for 399 yards and four touchdowns on 24-for-36 passing as EWU stayed tied for first in the BSC standings.

The unbalanced Grizzly offense meant the running game struggled, totaling just 80 yards on 26 carries. Montana senior quarterback Jordan Johnson set career highs in passing attempts and yards, going 29-for-50 with 447 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.

Jamaal Jones led the way for UM wide receivers. The junior

hauled in nine catches for 139 yards and a touchdown.

Junior linebacker Herbert Gamboa had three of Montana's five sacks, and led the team with 10 tackles.

The Grizzlies hit the road to take on the Southern Utah Thunderbirds on Saturday.

VOLLEYBALL

The Montana volleyball team lost its third game in a row Saturday night, falling in straight sets to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D.

The Grizzlies' (6-20, 6-8 BSC) offense struggled for the second consecutive game as the team continues to battle for a playoff spot heading into the final week of the regular season.

Sophomore Claire McCown, led with ten kills, but the team had a .083 hitting percentage and was out-blocked by UND 11-2.

Montana will return home for the final two games of the season to host Idaho State on Thursday and in-state rival Montana State on Saturday night at the West Auxiliary Gym.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Montana Grizzlies men's basketball team cruised to a 34-point victory Saturday night, beating the Saint Martin's Saints 104-70.

In the final exhibition game before non-conference play begins, five Grizzly players scored 10 or more points, led by

Jordan Gregory, Mario Dunn and Martin Breunig, who all finished with 16.

The Griz shot better than 50 percent for the game and used a 59-point first half to pull ahead of Saint Martin. Montana played a solid defensive game as well, forcing the Saints into 21 turnovers while holding the team to just 19-for-48 (39.6 percent) shooting.

Montana is off until Nov. 15, when they travel to Fort Collins, Colo., to take on Colorado State.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In the final game of pre-season, the Lady Griz dominated the second half and beat Minot State 75-46.

After going into the break with a 30-25 lead, UM played a great defensive second half, holding MSU to 5-29 (.172) shooting.

Junior McCalle Feller was one of three players in double figures, and contributed in multiple categories, posting 15 points, nine rebounds, three assists and three steals. Although UM was outrebounded

45-41, they forced MSU into 24 turnovers and had 19 assists on 28 field goals.

Montana is off for a week before the regular season opens at home on Nov. 17 against Montana-Western.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Montana women's tennis team had a successful weekend at the Gonzaga Invitational in Spokane, Wash.

In singles play, No. 1 Precious Gbadamosi won all three of her matches against Gonzaga, Eastern Washington. Sophomore Hannah Sulz, freshman Cam Kincaid and senior Sasha Carter each got two wins.

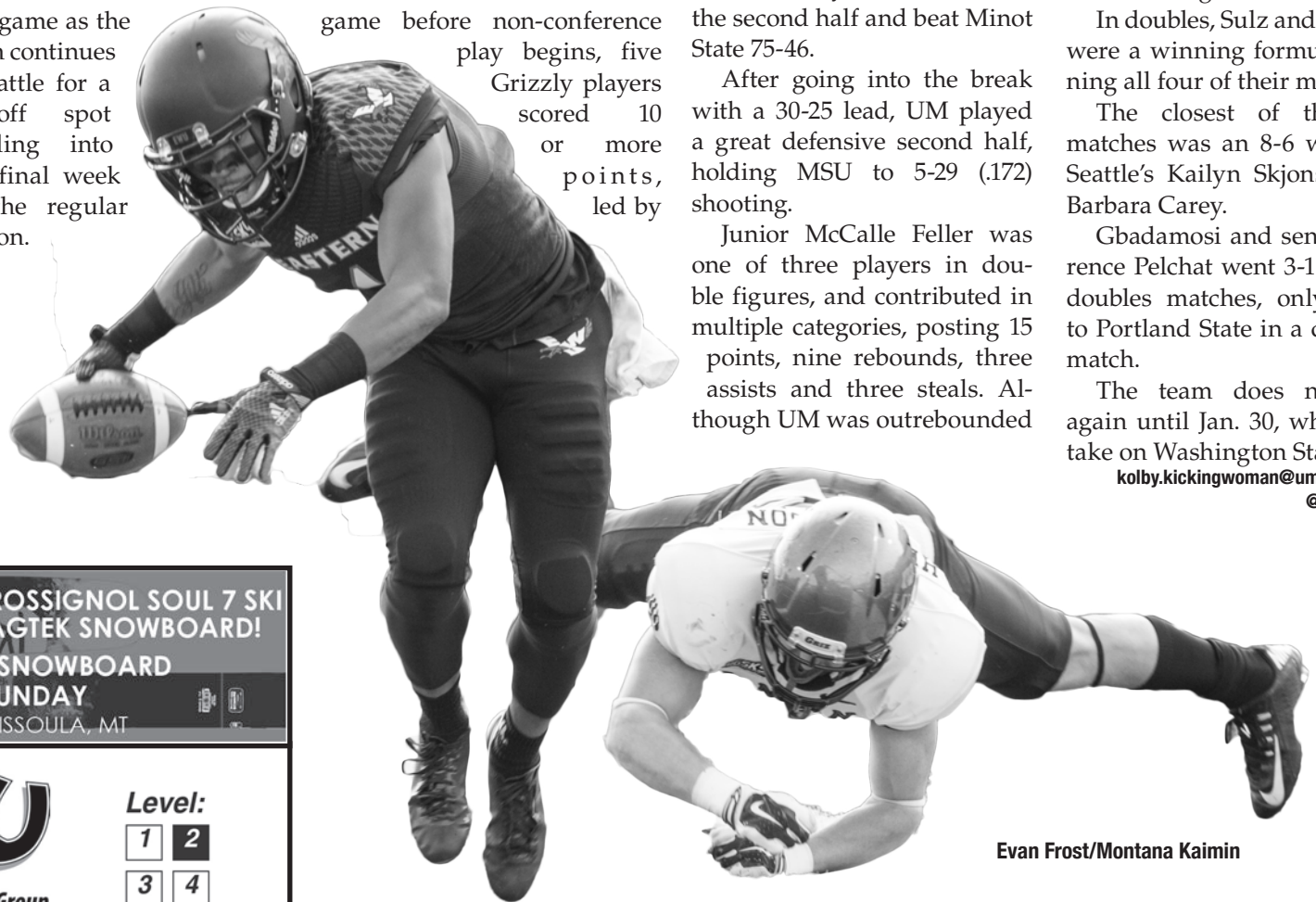
In doubles, Sulz and Kincaid were a winning formula, winning all four of their matches.

The closest of the four matches was an 8-6 win over Seattle's Kailyn Skjonsby and Barbara Carey.

Gbadamosi and senior Laurence Pelchat went 3-1 in their doubles matches, only losing to Portland State in a close 8-6 match.

The team does not play again until Jan. 30, when they take on Washington State.

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DIVERSITY

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Liz Roosa Millar, director of the University Center and DiverseU committee member, said the committee received \$20,000 this year from UM, compared to \$25,000 last year.

"One of the primary goals that we've kept through the whole thing is to ensure that there is opportunity for civic dialogue around diversity," Roosa Millar said.

With markers and sheets of white paper, administrators, faculty, staff and students wrote down ideas at the leadership luncheon to help improve the campus environment for historically marginalized students.

Participants wrote down their ideas, pinned them on a board and voted for their favorites. The multicultural center got the most votes.

Branch said she started DiverseU nine years ago after she attended other institutions that initiated programs about diversity. She felt UM could improve its dialogue.

Asa Hohman, president of

ASUM, said it's going to be awhile before UM becomes more diverse, but awareness and education are the first steps.

He said he supports mandatory diversity training for faculty and staff.

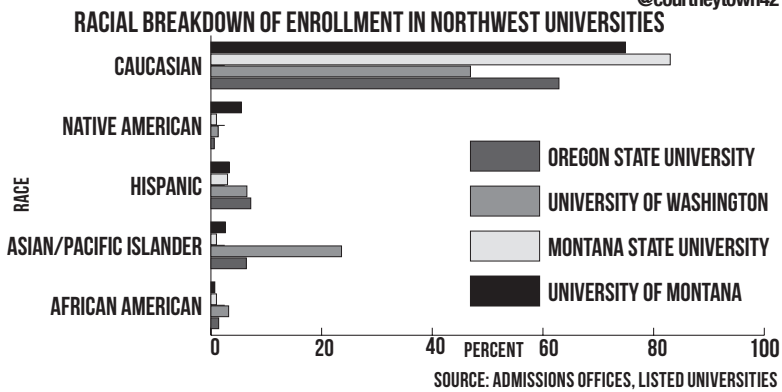
After attending the luncheon, Hohman said the dialogue was more effective than previous years.

Branch said nationally, today's ethnic minorities will no longer be minorities and it would be unfortunate if UM's not prepared to move in a direction to address the change in population dynamics.

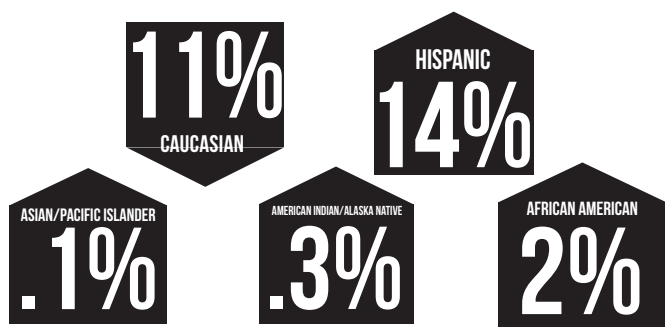
The United States Census Bureau predicts that by 2060, the national white population will decrease while minority groups' populations will increase.

"It can't just be the students. It's got to be the faculty, staff and students who move us into the next century," Branch said. "I think the institution has made some strides, but we have to keep on working at it, and looking at different ways to let students know that they matter."

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and photographer," Teasdale said. "Being good is more than being talented. There are plenty of talented people who didn't make it."

Participation is a key part of Teasdale's writing, and he stresses the importance of immersion.

"Part of it is being a good writer, but part of it is doing cool stuff," he said. "There are certain places in the world that have an energy, a wildness that is beyond cool."

University of Montana student Kasey Rahn is the president of UM's Outdoor Writers Association and said even though the University's chapter is growing, listening to Teasdale is a great opportunity for any aspiring writer.

"For me it's kind of nice to

meet someone who made it, sharing his tips and tricks," Rahn said. "I mean who doesn't want to travel the world?"

The University chapter meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Union Club and is intended for outdoor writers to meet with peers and discuss topics over a drink.

Graduate student Shanti Johnson met Teasdale at an earlier meeting and was inspired after hearing how he pulled his sons out of school to live in Central America.

"He talked to us about how he just got back from Nicaragua and pulled his kids out of school and wanted to give them a life education, and that is the first time I talked to a parent who had that view on life education,"

Johnson said. "I'm excited to hear, during his talk, how he makes it work, how he affords to do what it is he loves to do."

Johnson also said she wants to see what Teasdale sees and, as she plans her own trip abroad, how a story develops during an adventure.

"I'm so intimidated to fly to another country and kind of have an idea for a story, but you don't know if there's a story until you are there," Johnson said. "I would love to hear how you start from scratch in a foreign country."

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the Union Club and is welcome to anyone interested in outdoor or adventure writing.

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DIVESTMENT

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without an opinion from the committee, the letter says that passionate students should be heard.

"Our letter doesn't have to take a stance on divestment," he said. "It's taking a stance on student voice."

Olsen said that, though a vote probably won't change Engstrom's mind, it's a way to say that the SCC stands behind the issue.

Another of the committee's faculty members, Teresa Sobiesczyk, said it's important to find what strategies will help Engstrom and the Foundation to be more open to the conversation.

"Is there a way to educate, instead of being confrontational?" she asked the committee.

A group of environmental studies graduate students will host an informative panel on

divestment. UM student Dov Weinman said the panel's objective is to inform people about the issue. It is in response to Engstrom's call for a wider campus conversation about divestment.

"We wanted to answer that call and hold an educational panel," Weinman said.

The panel is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Dec. 4 and will include four panelists from the UM community.

"We want to catalyze a future conversation, and people may not have enough information for that right now," he said. "Transparency and open dialogue like this are important on a university campus."

Liz Roosa-Millar, a faculty member on the board, said many in the campus community, herself included, need more education on the issue. This can help to clear up misinformation and allow people to form better opinions on the issue, she said.

"If we can get the president

to change his stance, I think he can then convince the board," she said.

Eamon Ormseth, a student leading the Reinvest Montana campaign on campus, said that even if the UM Foundation continues to resist full divestment, the group will continue to pursue its efforts.

"Maybe an audience of the Foundation will help us to move forward on part of our goals," he said.

Although Reinvest Montana's ultimate goal is to get the Foundation to completely divest from fossil fuels, Ormseth said it would be possible for the Foundation to invest in more sustainable and local enterprises, while keeping its investments in fossil fuels.

The committee will work to formalize its position and draft the letter in the upcoming weeks and plans to meet again on Dec. 5.

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