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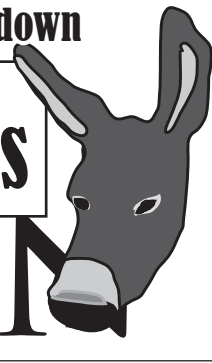
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MONTANA KAIMIN

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Spooky specters could be haunting UM

Kaylee Porter

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Rumors about the ghosts who supposedly inhabit Rankin Hall are easy to come by. Anyone who has done a google search of Montana ghosts can tell you about the class of 20 phantom students who are said to meet in empty classrooms on the second floor and tales of their voices and restless shuffling echoing through the dark, creaky hallways. Several past custodians and professors even claim to have encountered the ghost of Jeanette Rankin wandering the building at night.

But Jason Sanders, the current Rankin Hall custodian, doesn't know any of these stories. He just knows what he heard.

Late one night, Sanders, who has cleaned Rankin Hall for a year and half, heard two people walking around above him. Positive he was alone in the building, Sanders went upstairs to check on the noise.

"I heard an entire class in one of the rooms I had already cleaned and locked," Sanders said. "Then I heard all the chairs move back like everyone was getting up to leave the classroom; but nobody left and when I went in, there was nobody in there."

"That night I just locked the place up and left," he said.

Though he was creeped out by the odd noises, Sanders said he doesn't mind working in a building that might be haunted. He's since heard stories about windows opening and slamming shut, chairs miraculously stacking themselves and lights turning on and off, but nothing has ever moved on his watch.

"They like me. They don't want to spook me too much," Sanders said with a laugh.

But Sanders isn't the only one with a chilling story about ghosts on the UM campus, nor is Rankin Hall the only building rumored to be haunted. According to legend, Brantley Hall, the University Theater and Main Hall all have specters of their own. Whether you choose to believe the stories or not, they are an interesting and sometimes spooky part of university folklore.

Ellen Baumler, interpretive historian with the Montana Historical Society and author of two books about hauntings around the state, said she has heard many of the stories behind UM's resident ghouls, but remains skeptical about the sources.

"I have tried to trace a number of these stories, but I have never been able to link anything to historic

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Blaine Dunkley/Montana Kaimin

A still portrait of Jeanette Rankin watches as students pass by on their way to class Thursday morning in Jeanette Rankin Hall. Rumors have spread of ghosts lurking the halls in the building at night. "It's a dark old building," said social work Professor Jim Caringi. "I've never heard much, but I know some people have."

Day of Dialogue discusses sexuality

Allison Maier

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Elizabeth Birch was "acutely aware" of her sexuality as a child, she said.

She left the small town in Canada where she grew up because she knew her sexual preferences wouldn't be readily accepted, escaping to Hawaii and her first girlfriend.

Now she lives in Washington D.C., and while the country she chose mostly still doesn't allow gay marriage, the country she left now does.

Birch delivered the featured speech to an audience of about 150 at the University of Montana's third annual Day of Dialogue, a symposium focusing on a range of topics, from race and gender to disabilities and mental illness.

Birch's address was titled "Gay Civil Rights: Its Impact on the Individual, Business and Community." Birch was one of the first openly gay heads of a corporation in the United States, serving as worldwide director of litigation for Apple Computer, Inc. In 1995 she became head of the Human Rights Campaign, the country's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization.

Birch said that the last four or five decades will some day be seen as the gay civil rights years. The United States has been slow to adopt gay rights, with currently no place in the federal code that protects gays and lesbians, she said.

"The United States, from a global perspective, is like watching a slug move across Australia," she said.

Many Americans may not be
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UM professors predict Montana to McCain

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With the election just four days away, predicting Montana's presidential pick is as murky as guessing at the national election.

Earlier polls showed John McCain with a strong lead in the state, but a recent Montana State University-Billings survey places the candidates in what amounts to a statistical tie, with 44 percent of respondents saying they would

vote for Barack Obama and 40 percent saying they would vote for McCain.

UM political science professors Jeffrey Greene and Jim Lopach predict the state will ultimately go to McCain.

"I think that when people vote for the president, their vote is based on 'Who is more like me?'" Lopach said.

Greene said that Obama and Joe Biden's backgrounds of Chi-

cago politics and east coast establishment don't resonate with much of the west, with the exception of the west coast.

"Neither Obama nor Biden are like the average Montanan," he said.

A possible threat to McCain, especially in a close election, could be third-party candidate Ron Paul, who won the Missoula Republican caucus and is popular with some Montanans. Greene said

Paul resonates well with many Montanans because of his libertarian beliefs. Paul's influence depends on if the poll is right and it is a near tie in the state, he said.

"If that poll is correct, I think Paul could make a difference," he said.

Short-term factors like the pervasive nationwide anti-Bush and anti-war sentiment could work in Obama's favor, Lopach said.

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TODAY ON CAMPUS

• Costume Contest
Food Zoo, Lommasson Center
6 p.m.

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Festival honoring lost loved ones will happen this weekend

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Police plea, peeling protestors, and paintball punks

FORECAST

High 56F
Low 36F



Our multimedia guy peaced out for the weekend. What to do?

Revert to the old days.

Q1: What is your Halloween costume?

Q2: What is the best costume you have ever seen?



• **Morganne Armstrong**
Freshman, English/Psychology

Q1: "I'm from Alaska, so I'm being an Alaska girl. A big furry hat, Carharrrts, and an Alaskan Grown sweatshirt."

Q2: "The dude went as the guy from "The Big Lebowski." He had the robe, long hair, glasses and everything."



• **Colin Boyle**
Senior, Accounting

Q1: "A doctor in scrubs with blood all over it. I worked as a medical supply dude, so it's got some real blood."

Q2: "Two years ago I was a Ninja Turtle, but the costume ripped."



• **Corey Fifles**
Junior, Spanish

Q1: "There are multiple nights of Halloween. One night, my friend and I are going as Wayne and Garth. The second night I'm going as Carmen San Diego. I hate Halloween sluts."

Q2: "Role reversal costumes are hilarious. Like Sandy and Danny from Grease, except switched. It was the funniest thing I've ever seen."



• **Doug Hansen**
Freshman, Undeclared

Q1: "A bunch of us from Sig Ep are going as Ninja Turtles. A couple people we know have nun chucks and swords, but we're not sure we can get into parties like that."

Q2: "Last year I saw a priest costume with a little boy doll attached to his waist – that's my fall-back idea."



• **Devonna Valvoda**
Freshman, Journalism/Sociology

Q1: "I'm going as a lamp shade with a cord made from cardboard. My boyfriend is going as an outlet and my plug will fit in his outlet."

Q2: "A dude in high school put a pink sheet over his head, and then attached a chair to it and said he was bubblegum under a chair."

BIG UPS & Backhands

BU&BH is all dressed up with nowhere to go for Halloween. Since we thought everybody else was going to be Heath Ledger's "The Joker" this year, we decided to beat down the competition by giving ourselves a home-made Chelsea grin. But now, people are freaking out and instead of giving us candy they're calling the police.

Big Ups to the Montana Supreme Court for affirming the state's support of medical marijuana Wednesday. **BU&BH** is proud to live in the Treasure State, but agrees we need more legal marijuana to mellow out all the crazies up north. A fringe radical who is stoned off his arse watching cooking shows all day won't cause any trouble.

Backhands to touchscreen voting systems, which are reported in some states as completely failing or registering votes for unintended candidates. So instead of voting for Barack Obama or John McCain, you could be casting your vote for your favorite American Idol contestant instead. (Speaking of voter fraud, the Kaimin reminds voters to keep an eye out for faulty voting mechanisms in your precincts on Tuesday. In the words of last week's piece in Seattle's *The Stranger*: "If you see something, say something. Vigilance!")

Big Ups to orgasms. That's right, the Kaimin needs to get off too, which is why it sent two of its staff members to cover the "Orgasming" discussion moderated by sexologist Dr. Lindsey Doe on Wednesday night. Groups meet every Wednesday in the UC to respond to your bumbling, romantic queries. Thanks, Dr. Doe, for giving credit back to "hump day."

Backhands to the Florida man who was federally charged for swindling investors out of \$20 million in a shady Ponzi scheme. **BU&BH** is appalled by this man's reckless disregard for hard-working people everywhere. If you would like to hear us bash him even more, send \$1 to Kaimin reporter Mike Gerrity.

Big Ups to the Montana Kaimin for failing to come up with a Sarah Palin joke this week. But this is the last chance we'll get considering the election is next week, so what the hell: Sarah Palin's a terrorist. Hey, if she can use that Orwellian term in reference to Obama for "palling around" with them, she should be able to answer for her own "terrorist" posse: the Republican Party and George W. Bush.

Big Ups to Jeanette Rankin, whose ghost will be reading today's Kaimin article about the spirits that haunt her Hall on UM's campus. There's one avid reader we haven't lost in decades. We'll be sure to leave a copy in the bathroom. Hopefully the Ghost Busters don't run off with it this time.

Backhands to the guy who speared another pumpkin onto UM's Main Hall without removing the rotten one from last year. When this gargantuan gourd falls off in the spring and smears a student, maybe that will teach you to clean up last year's decorations, you slob.

BU&BH will get back to you when we're out of jail for our macabre attempt at a Halloween costume. Oh, and for those of you who may have been offended by this week's column: "Why so serious?"

Correction:

In Thursday's Kaimin, the front-page photo of the pumpkin set atop Main Hall did not feature Eric Oravsky's byline. The caption also misidentified the UM Office of Public Safety as campus security.

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Police plea, paintball punks, peeling protestors

Mike Gerrity
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Oct. 29, 3:00 p.m.
After a transient was previously told not to hang around the Music Building, he wandered into the building again. Officers were called to remove him.

Oct. 29, 9:00 a.m.
As an ASUM bus cruised by, someone noticed the scrolling marquee on the side of the bus said, "911 emergency. Call police." Police and ASUM were called to investigate, but nothing urgent or criminally related came out of it.

Oct. 29, 12:45 a.m.
A drunken transient was asked to leave Craig Hall by RAs after he wandered into the lobby after hours. When the man raised his fist and threatened a student, officers were called, said Jim Lemcke, director of the Office of Public

Oct. 26, 1:00 a.m.

The Office of Public Safety received a report of vandalism directing them to Parking Lot P. Apparently a male in a black sweater with long "fro" hair was throwing old newspapers at cars. He could not be located when officers arrived.



Police Blotter

Safety. When police tried to apprehend the suspect, he was tasered by the arresting officer. Lemcke said the man was not injured by the taser. The man had just gotten out of jail that morning. "Not a quick learner," Lemcke said. The man was arrested for obstructing a peace officer and assault.

Oct. 28, 9:58 p.m.
An annoyed caller complained to Public Safety that students were being loud and drinking in their room in Elrod Hall. By the time officers arrived, the students were gone, according to Lemcke. "They apparently jumped out their window," Lemcke said. The students

could not be located.

Oct. 27, 11:56 p.m.
Public Safety officers were called to deal with a drunken male in Jesse Hall. After officers checked his ID and found that he was of legal drinking age, they helped him to his room.

Oct. 26, 3:45 p.m.
Storage cubicles were broken into at the Fitness and Recreation Center while two people were climbing. Their backpacks, containing books, cell phones and other valuables were stolen.

Oct. 25, 2:41 p.m.
A bus driver called police to report four young males were shooting paintball guns near the Universi-

ty Golf Course. The driver's bus was shot by paintballs. Officers were unable to identify any suspects.

Oct. 23, 3:00 p.m.
As part of a political demonstration, someone on the Oval was shouting at students on a megaphone. Since the University does not allow amplified speech without permission, the group was redirected to a "free speech" zone, which Lemcke said lies between the library and the UC.

Oct. 23, 1:28 p.m.
Another man was challenged by Public Safety officers for being overly vocal, but this time it was a transient who was yelling at people while dancing to a boom box that they shouldn't own dogs.

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 - 20 Small mounds
 - 21 Mr. Johnson
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 - 23 XXL shoe size
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 - 26 ___ jacet
 - 28 Gal at the ball
 - 30 Sicilian resort
 - 32 Close examination
 - 35 Of the lower back
 - 39 007's film debut
 - 40 Futuristic genre
 - 42 Grenoble girl, briefly
 - 43 Discarded cargo
 - 45 Little Toot, et al.
 - 47 Poetic contraction
 - 49 Greek letter
 - 50 Camp bed
 - 51 Color property
 - 54 Egyptian life symbol
 - 56 Work to be done
 - 58 Nettle
 - 60 Avidity
 - 64 Flighty one
 - 65 Number present
 - 66 Word base
 - 67 Tableau
 - 68 Authentic
 - 69 Banks on a runway
 - 70 Bit of evidence
 - 71 Poet St. Vincent Millay

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- DOWN**
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 - 3 Job seeker
 - 4 Swain
 - 5 White-collar worker

- 6 Seed coat
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- 8 Let me think about it
- 9 Opposite of NNW
- 10 "Mamma Mia!" group
- 11 Hold stuff
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- 26 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 27 Memo phrase
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- 33 TV island drama
- 34 Be in session
- 36 Entree choice
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- 44 Out of town
- 46 Get on

- 48 Charcoal drawing, e.g.
- 51 Old-style verb form
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- 53 Walk onstage
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Voter registration up to the eleventh hour

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If your dog accidentally ate your absentee ballot or you haven't registered to vote yet, you're still in luck for Tuesday.

If you lost your absentee ballot, you can still apply for a provisional ballot, even if you registered to vote in another state.

A provisional ballot can be picked up at the county courthouse or any polling station, said Debbe Merseal, the chief deputy clerk at the elections office located in the Missoula County Courthouse. You

need to bring an ID and fill out a form to get the ballot.

Polling locations can be found on the Secretary of State's Web site and will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. in Missoula.

If you're not registered to vote yet, registration is available at the county courthouse until 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 4.

People can also register until 7 p.m. Friday and noon Monday. An ID or government-issued document showing your name and address is needed to register or vote. The last four digits of your social

security number can also be used to register, Merseal said. You can't register at polling stations, so get to the courthouse early to avoid long lines, she said.

If a person has an absentee ballot but still wants to be a part of the excitement and get the "I voted" sticker, these ballots can also be dropped off at the courthouse or polling stations. She said absentee voting isn't early voting because all votes in the state won't be counted until Election Day. Merseal said all absentee ballots must be in by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, so don't just plan on postmarking it by then if you're sending it by mail.

Casey Chase, a UM sophomore, waited in line at the courthouse Thursday to drop off her absentee ballot while another woman ran up and down the line offering cookies.

"This is the most important election our generation will ever see," Chase said. "If you have the availability to make a difference, you should take it."

Kevin O'Brien, communications director for the Montana Democratic Party, said that Montana is one of the few states with same-day registration. People reg-

istering on Election Day made the difference in many elections, he said.

"The more people that go out and vote, the better it is for democracy," he said.

Matt Singer, a founder of Forward Montana, a non-partisan and non-profit group that aims at getting people to vote, said that every election year has seen a race in Montana decided by less than five votes.

Forward Montana also offers a simple voter guide on its Web site with links to candidates' Web sites, ballot issues and newspaper articles, he said. People can also find where they are registered, he said.

"Voting laws, registration status. It is complicated," Singer said. "None should hesitate to call us with questions, we'd check voter registration status for them. That's why we're here."

He hopes everyone turns out to vote Tuesday, he said.

"We're a small state and anything could change the outcome," Singer said. "There is a very good chance one or two votes could change the election this year. Everyone matters."

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PRESIDENT

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Padee Thao, president of the College Democrats, points out that Obama has also visited Montana a number of times, whereas McCain has not. In addition, there is a strong campaign effort on his behalf.

However, Jocelyn Galt, president of the College Republicans, doesn't think Montana will break its trend of electing Republican presidents.

"I think McCain has it," she said. "It was a very long time ago that Montana went Democrat."

Montana's red reputation is likely due to the fact that Montana has tended to vote for Republican presidents, the most recent exception being the 1992 election, when the state's electoral votes went to Bill Clinton, Professor Greene said.

However, when looking at the state's entire history, Montana has gone back and forth, Greene said.

"Montana's political ideologies have swung like a pendulum," Greene said. He later added that "Montana is mistakenly thought of as a red state, but it's traditionally a swing state."

Professor Lopach agrees that Montana can't be generalized as either Republican or Democratic, especially with such a mix of ideologies represented in the state's governors, legislatures and congressmen.

Montana has been deemed a swing state in this presidential election, but with only three electoral votes, Obama likely cares more about winning states like North Carolina and Virginia, which together would earn him 28 electoral votes, Greene said.

"We're not a prize," Greene said.

The youth vote has attracted a lot of attention during this election season and Lopach acknowledges that it could be a bigger factor in this election than it's been in the past.

Greene said that while young adults were active during the Vietnam War, their movement was largely anti-establishment, and for that reason the concerted effort by many students to elect Obama is unique. Obama's campaign took advantage of the sentiment among many students that they can make a difference, he said.

"You're ripe to be enthused," Greene said.

But for all the analysis, the result of the election is still largely up in the air.

"We don't know," Greene said. "We will know on Wednesday."

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At one of the Day of Dialogue events, dancers perform an excerpt from "Swan Lake: Undercurrents," a senior project by Liz Martin and Jessica Zacharias aiming to promote acceptance. Day of Dialogue seeks to encourage discussion of various issues ranging from religion to sexual orientation.

DIALOGUE

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aware of the lack of gay rights in this country because of the difference between actual policies and the cultural perception of gays, she said. Every sitcom has its obligatory gay character and Lindsey Lohan has a girlfriend.

"I'm telling you, all the gay people are on TV," she said.

Birch also talked politics, saying Barack Obama's emergence was "phenomenal," despite the fact that she was initially a Hillary Clinton supporter. She said she knew John McCain in the past and he used to be a different man.

"He's become like a born-again pretzel, with everything malleable, everything up for grabs," she said.

She questioned Sarah Palin's preparedness for the vice presidency as well.

"We can't be goaded into not telling the truth," she said. "The woman is not bright."

Before Birch's speech, two UM dancers, Michael Leu Becker and Pete Betcher, performed an excerpt of the production "Swan Lake: Undercurrents," a performance that is the senior project of UM students Liz Martin and Jessica Zacharias. The two reconstructed the classic Tchaikovsky ballet, placing the prince in a white separatist family and making the swan black and male, introducing elements of both

homosexuality and race.

"We're trying to make it accessible to show that the swans are just as bigoted as the white supremacists," Zacharias said.

The full-length production will be performed in the university's Masquer Theatre on Dec. 3 and 4.

The Day of Dialogue featured another dance by UM Dance Department's African Dance Class and Unity Dance and Drum. Sounds of drumming and spirited routines attracted a noontime audience in the UC.

"We really feel strongly about being involved in diversity

events," said dance instructor Tarn Ream.

The Day of Dialogue also featured 31 presentations and workshops on a range of topics.

Molly Collins, assistant director of student involvement, said event attendance had increased since last year, though she wasn't ready to release exact numbers.

Tina Brown, Day of Dialogue coordinator, said she received positive responses about several of the presentations.

"I think it's been fabulous," she said.

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Editor's Note:

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 3rd Annual Great Kaimin Pumpkin-Off. Although there were many qualified entries, celebrity guest judge Monte couldn't resist the pumpkin carved in his honor.

The winning trophy and \$20 in cash go to Kathleen McGrew, 19, who is majoring in music.

Happy Halloween everybody!

Special thanks to Ruth Johnson, Joe Licitra and Colter Nuanez for helping with contest details.



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Day of the Dead offers an array of festivities

Kelsey Bernius
MONTANA KAIMIN

The Day of the Dead celebration originated as a Central American tribal ceremony to honor the dead through eclectic dance and decoration. Five hundred years later, these colorful festivities have spread to communities throughout the world.

The underlying theme of the festival is to honor the departed by bringing them back to life as well as celebrate the fact that life and death are so closely linked.

UM students and the Missoula community celebrate through art, dance and music this weekend in honor of the Latin Festival, Dia de los Muertos. The event has taken place for 16 years in Missoula.

"The festival is an opportunity for people of all generations to honor life and death, incorporating Mexican folk traditions while celebrating with the community," Missoula Festival organizer Julia LaTray said.

LaTray said that the holiday has grown throughout the years and foresees the event continuing to flourish.

"The main difficulty the festival faces is fundraising challenges, but the enthusiasm of participants doesn't seem to be waning," LaTray said.

Events this weekend include a Town and Gown Dance at UM, both parade and pre-parade dance performances and a silent auction, topped off with live music afterward at The Badlander.

The Student chapter of the Missoula Folklore Society hosts the Town and Gown Dance on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. at the University Center Ballroom. The Dance focuses on European Folk dances, also known as Contra dancing. A pre-dance workshop runs at 7:30 p.m. in the ballroom where dance-goers can learn the moves.

Vicki Watson, Faculty Advisor to the Missoula Folklore students and environmental studies professor at UM, says the dances are simple and no partner is necessary. Even if people can't make it to the workshop, they will still



Blaine Dunkley/Montana Kaimin

From left to right: Boo Curry, Will Buchanan and Michael Meyer lay down a beat for dancers in the UC Thursday afternoon. The three are part of Unity Dance & Drum, a community group that explores African rhythms and dancing. Unity Dance & Drum will be kicking off and leading the Day of the Dead parade down Higgins Avenue this Sunday.

be able to get along during the dance she said.

"By the end of the dance you will have danced with everybody there," Watson said.

Local act Sleeping Child String Band will perform at the dance. Entrance fees are \$6 for UM students and Missoula Folklore Society members and \$8 for all others. According to the press release, Day of the Dead costumes are welcome.

"This is a super fun activity and it's a great way to build community through American expression," Watson said.

Sunday events begin at 1 p.m. when the Missoula International School will host workshops and performances geared primarily towards kids, such as mask making and face painting. An hour before the parade at 5 p.m. there will be pre-parade performances at the X's downtown by the UM Dance

Jazz Department, songs and dance by Unity Dance and Drum as well as the Red Tent Belly dancers performing a world fusion dance.

At 6 p.m. the parade will begin. It will include UM Improvisation Dance, UM Egyptian Art classes' "Funeral for a Dead Pharaoh," steamroller prints by UM printmakers and more belly dancing.

Post-parade participants can then meander down to Caras Park for a mask dance by the UM African Dance Class, a sorcerer's dance by Unity Dance and Drum and several fire-spinners. For those who have money to dish out in support of the parade, The Downtown Dance Collective hosts a silent auction and other deadly performances at 8 p.m. at 121 W. Main St.

Seattle metal/rock band Akimbo will top off the evening with a fundraising performance at 10

p.m. at the Palace lounge with all proceeds going toward the 2009 Festival of the Dead.

Rituals vary from place to place and no two locations practice identical festivities and rituals. Today, people across the globe dress as skeletons called calacas and dance to honor and celebrate their deceased relatives.

The eminent American author Cormac McCarthy encapsulates the budding relationship of the closeness between life and death when he writes in *The Sunset Limited*, "I want the dead to be dead. Forever. Silence. Blackness. Aloneness. Peace. And all of it only a heartbeat away."

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Griz pluck Eastern Washington Eagles clean

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MONTANA KAIMIN

The usual suspects showed up Thursday night for the University of Montana volleyball team and they served notice that they like to keep their house clean.

The trio of Amy Roberts, Jade Roskam and Jaimie Thibeault led a Montana offensive attack that brought both their mop and broom, as the Grizzlies wiped the floor with Eastern Washington (12-9, 7-4) on their way to a clean sweep of the Eagles in a crucial Big Sky Conference clash at the West Auxiliary Gym, 25-21, 25-23, 25-22.

The Eagles came to Missoula on a six-game winning streak and in a tie for second place in the league. They left just one game ahead of Montana (10-11, 6-5) in the BSC standings following a Grizzly mauling that took but 90 minutes.

"We were really fired up as a team and we prepared really well all week," Roberts said. "It was just time to step up. I think we all felt that way. When we feed off each other we play well and that's what we did tonight."

The 5-foot-10 sophomore outside hitter led the way on offense for Montana with 11 kills, while hitting .200 for the match. Thibeault, a 6-foot-2 jumping jack who plays both middle blocker and on the outside with Roberts and Roskam, was a model of efficiency for the Grizzlies, registering nine kills while hitting .562 on the attack.

Junior setter Taryn Wright was the engine of the offensive attack, totaling 33 assists. Roskam was a rock on both offense and defense, tallying a double-double with 10 kills to go along with 11 digs.

"After a shaky start, (Roskam) really got dialed in," said head coach Jerry Wagner. "You are going to face a lot of double blocks and she isn't the tallest outside hitter, but she really started rattling some balls through and found some creases in the block. That's how most outside hitters are going to get most of their kills, unless they can jump like number 13. Heck, she will just hit one right over you."

The number 13 Wagner alluded to was the Eagles' 5-foot-11 kill-machine Hayley Hills. The junior outside hitter is the reigning Big Sky Conference Player of the Week after registering an eye-popping 30 kills in last Thursday's 3-1 home victory over Idaho State. It was the third time Hills received the award this season. She leads the conference and ranks tenth na-

tionally with 4.44 kills per set, but Montana was able to "limit" her to 13 kills on .143 hitting.

"We had a game plan, but your kids have to embrace it and take it on, and tonight they did," Wagner said. "A lot of their offense goes through (Hills). We were very aware of that and we tried to do all we could to slow her down."

Roskam's defensive efforts were surpassed only by libero Brittney Brown. The 5-foot-6 sophomore transfer from St. Edward's College in San Antonio, Texas led Montana with 13 digs, including a handful of hustle plays that Wagner said were key to the Grizzly victory.

"The hustle plays told me we weren't going to be denied tonight," Wagner said. "We won the majority of the hustle plays. There were long rallies, and finally someone would run around the pole and get one back and put it over. We really trusted our defense and our block tonight and they really came through."

Defensively, Eastern Washington was led by senior libero Mandy Daniels. Daniels, who entered the game fifth in the league with 4.34 digs per set, registered 12 digs for the Eagles. Offensively, Hills led the way, but was buoyed by middle blocker Chenoa Coviare's eight kills.

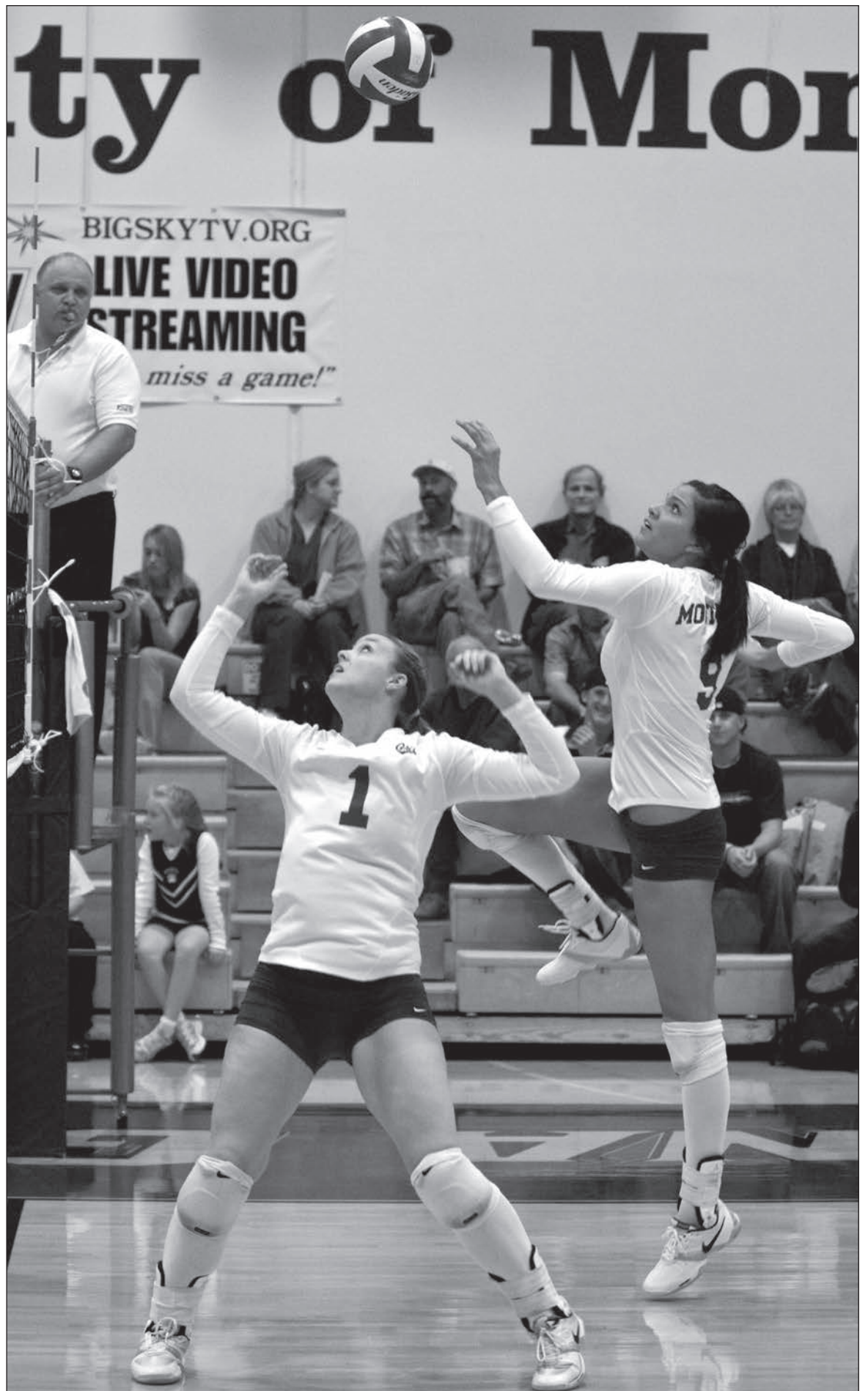
Montana has alternated wins and losses in their last seven games, but Roskam said that Thursday night's dominating victory could put the team over the hump with five league matches remaining.

"This is a great confidence builder for us," Roskam said. "We knew we could play this way the whole season, we just haven't gotten it done yet, and tonight we were finally able to take care of business and played like we can."

Roberts agreed that beating a solid opponent so handily was nothing but beneficial for the Grizzlies in their quest to qualify for the six-team conference tournament at the end of next month, especially with a crucial home game Saturday against the team Eastern shared second place with at night's beginning, Portland State.

"Not only was it a great win at home, but it was a confidence builder as well," Roberts said. "It let us know we can play this well against a tough team and Eastern is a really tough team. We know now that we can play our game and control the tempo; so if we can just keep that in mind for the rest of our games, it will be great for us."

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Griz volleyball players Taryn Wright, left, and Jaimie Thibeault, right, set up for a kill Thursday night against Eastern Washington. Thibeault made a total of nine kills, leading the Griz to victory and advancing them to fifth place in the Big Sky Conference.

Philadelphia parades today

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Many baseball fans here would not speak the "P" word in the anxious days leading up to the city's World Series title, lest they jinx the team.

But now that the Philadelphia Phillies have claimed their second championship, everyone is talking about a parade.

Hundreds of thousands of people could crowd the sidewalks on Friday to cheer the city's first national sports title in 25 years. A hundred thousand more are expected to pack the baseball and football stadiums to watch the festivities on big screens and rally with the players.

"This is a bright and shining moment," Mayor Michael Nutter said. "We're going to have a great time."

But he cautioned against the scattered vandalism that marred the postgame revelry late Wednesday and early Thursday. Police reported 76 arrests and several vandalized businesses; they are also examining photos and video of the crowds to identify and arrest additional offenders.

"You can be joyous; you cannot be a jackass," Nutter said. "That kind of idiotic, destructive behavior will not be accepted in the city of Philadelphia."

The Phillies parade begins downtown at noon on Friday, and is expected to take about 90 minutes to cover approximately four miles to the sports complex in South Philadelphia. Team officials said the players will attend a rally at Citizens Bank Park and make a brief appearance at Lincoln Finan-

cial Field, where the Eagles play.

Free tickets to the two stadiums were gone in less than 90 minutes after becoming available on the Phillies' Web site Thursday.

Officials stressed the importance of using public transportation Friday, though they cautioned that buses, trains and subways are likely to be operating at full capacity.

"Patience is going to be critical, and frankly so is common sense," said Rina Cutler, deputy mayor for transportation.

Fans continued the celebration on Thursday, snapping up World Series T-shirts, pennants and hats. At one downtown sporting goods outlet, at least 100 people stood in a line wrapping around the inside of the store as they waited to pay for their merchandise.

The Kaimin says:
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Crucial game to determine soccer team's fate

Colter Nuanez
MONTANA KAIMIN

Win and they're in.

The University of Montana soccer team holds its playoff fate in the palm of its hand as it travels to Cheney, Wash. tomorrow afternoon to take on Eastern Washington in the regular season finale for both squads.

Although multiple scenarios would qualify Montana for the four-team Big Sky Conference tournament, the simplest and most certain way would simply be a Grizzly victory.

There are no such playoff implications on the line for the Eagles, who are tied with Idaho State for last place in the conference at 3-11-3 overall, 1-4-1 in league play. It may seem like a stroke of good luck that Montana (6-9-2, 3-2-1) gets to play the bottom feeder of the Big Sky with the continuation of its season on the line, but fifth-year head coach Neil Sedgwick said that is not the case.

"They (Eastern) are always a tough game the last day of the year," Sedgwick said. "It is their senior day. Eastern, even with their losses, each year they are the toughest team in the Big Sky Conference to play and get a winning result, so we know it's going to be a very tough game."

The Eagles, who feature six seniors, five of whom start, have registered just three while scoring a mere 13 goals in their 17 games this season. But coach George Hageage hopes the momentum of Sunday's 1-0 shutout Eastern head victory over Northern Colorado carries over against the Grizzlies.

"We have actually been playing really well the last three or four games, we just haven't seen results," Hageage said. "With the way we have been playing, I am expecting an especially strong effort, especially from our younger girls who want to send our seniors out on top."

It has been a tale of two seasons for Montana since the Griz are currently peaking at the perfect time, losing just twice in their last eight contests. The hot streak comes after Montana won only once in its first ten tries this autumn.

Sedgwick said that, while confidence among his players has improved throughout the season, they are by no means complacent as the always-competitive BSC schedule comes to an end.

"My players understand the magnitude of this game and every game in the Big Sky," said Sedgwick, who last led Montana to the postseason in 2006. "It seems to come down to the last game of the season for three or four teams in the league every season."

It is commonplace throughout sports that a team with nothing to play for but to ruin the postseason aspirations of their opponents is oftentimes the most dangerous. Coach Hageage said this has always been a strong philosophy of his.

"Our program is built around the idea that if we aren't going to take as many people as we can with us," Hageage said. "We are going to try to play the role of spoiler for sure. We would like nothing better than to take



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Lady Griz Goalkeeper Grace Harris gets up for the ball during a practice shootout Thursday afternoon at the Griz Soccer Field. Griz Soccer has had a rollercoaster of a season with an overall record of 6-9-2. "I was starting to get worried," said GK Alex Fisher. "But we're a young team and I think we're really starting to come together."

down Neil's crew."

Montana can qualify for the postseason if fifth-place Sacramento State (9-8-1, 3-3) loses to first-place Portland State (5-10-3, 4-1-1) Friday in Portland, even if they lose in Cheney. But a Hornet win or tie combined with a Montana loss would put the Grizzlies on the outside looking in. Sedgwick said that playing simply not to lose is not an option for his team.

"This is sports, this is competition, so we are always playing to win," Sedgwick said. "We don't try to play safe because when you try to play safe you can make one error and you are in trouble."

Hageage said assertive play will be key for his squad as well.

"Hopefully we saved our best game for last and we can put together a complete 90 minutes," Hageage said.

Sedgwick has confidence that

his team grasps the implications of Friday's game firmly, but said Montana simply wants to stick to what has brought them success since October began.

"I think it will be just business as usual," Sedgwick said. "We just have to do what we do best. We are focused on the work we have to do and the way we want to play and hopefully that will be enough."

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Former Bronco running back pleads not guilty

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BILLINGS — Former NFL running back Travis Henry and a co-defendant pleaded not guilty Thursday to federal cocaine trafficking charges.

The 30-year-old Henry and 29-year-old James Mack of Bow Mar, Colo., were arrested Sept. 30 in the Denver area.

Authorities say the two had plotted to supply at least 5 kilograms of cocaine to customers

in the Billings area. They were arrested in an undercover sting operation after authorities said an associate was pulled over in a traffic stop in Montana and found to have cocaine and marijuana.

Both men are free on bond.

In a brief arraignment hearing Thursday, Magistrate Judge Carolyn Ostby admonished Henry for violating the terms of his release on at least one occasion.

"The conditions for release are not optional," Ostby told Henry, who played for the Broncos,

Titans and Bills in a seven-year NFL career. "Your pretrial release can be revoked."

Federal prosecutors in Billings said they did not know the details of the violation, but that it apparently occurred in Denver.

Court documents list numerous release terms for Henry, including a ban on drinking alcohol, travel restricted to Colorado and Montana, random substance-abuse testing and home detention.

The defendants each face one


charge of conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute and two charges of possession with intent to distribute, and distribution of cocaine.

Each count carries a minimum of 10 years to life in prison, a \$4 million fine and at least five years of supervised release.

Henry was released by the Broncos in June after playing one season of a four-year, \$22.5 million contract.

Lawyers for the two men declined comment at Thursday's arraignment.


The case was assigned to U.S. District Judge Richard Cebull.



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Conservation hurts natives

Deborah Brae Tanner
MONTANA KAIMIN

Due to the efforts of good-intentioned environmentalists, thousands of people around the world are now "conservation" refugees, said Mark Dowie, journalist and guest lecturer who spoke at the UM School of Journalism Wednesday night.

Land conservation has become the number one threat to indigenous people, said Dowie, a professor at the University of California Graduate School of Journalism.

He told of attending a meeting where a man from the Maasai tribe in Kenya rose to say, "We are the original conservationists, and you have made us enemies of conservation."

Government agencies, scientists and environmentalists are pushing all people off conservation land to preserve it, even the indigenous people who live in balance with their surroundings, he said.

The United Nations estimates that there are 250 million "conservation" refugees today, with a projection of double that in 2025 and more than a billion in 2050, according to Dowie.

Indigenous people have been responsible stewards of the land, careful to maintain the environment's biodiversity, which is critical to their survival and true to conservation.

They have food security as their first priority and know how to conserve the land because they appreciate it.

"We need a new paradigm in dealing with indigenous people," Dowie said. "They know the relationships between food security and biological diversity."

Western scientists are now acknowledging that the traditions these people use are based on good science, or it wouldn't work, he said.

The difficulty in having this discussion in the first place is defining "indigenous people," he said.

"There are 270 million self-described indigenous people living today," he said.

The central issue for indigenous people is recognition, he said.

The professor has traveled extensively writing books and articles on the environment that acknowledges the need for conservation of land and describes in detail the desecration of the planet.

"I don't want to argue about the success or failure of the environmentalist movement," he said. "I can take either side and win... Species extinction is 1,000 times the expected rate."

Dowie's newest book scheduled for publication in spring 2009 is called "Conservation Refugees: 100 Years of Conflict Between Global Conservationists and Native Peoples."

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Dems modify ad after TV stations refuse to air

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELENA — The Montana Democratic Party decided Thursday to modify a political ad attacking Republican attorney general candidate Tim Fox after TV stations refused to air it over concerns the ad may have been inaccurate.

The advertisement, scheduled to air Thursday morning, claimed "Fox was let go from three jobs for poor performance." The Republicans said the claim was false, and provided letters from the employers disputing the Democrats' assertion.

KTVQ of Billings said it told the Democrats on Thursday morning that it would not be airing the ad due to the claim. Other stations followed KTVQ's lead.

"We did not accept the original version for air, and we let them know immediately that it was a problem," said KTVQ General Manager Monty Wallis. "They decided to change it and it was the right thing to do."

Although the Democrats decided to remove the claim from the ad, the party believes the original ad was truthful, said spokesman Kevin O'Brien.

The party also modified an allegation over Fox's past legal representation of drunken drivers.

O'Brien said that move was made to head off a complaint on the issue and make sure the advertisement got on TV.

The Montana Republican Party still believes the new advertisement, accepted by the television stations, is "character assassination," and it is renewing its objection to the advertisement, said GOP spokesman Bridger Pierce.

Wallis said he would look at documentation on Friday that was being provided by the GOP to back up the renewed claims.

Television stations are required by law to make sure third-party advertisements, such as the one from the Democrats, do not contain factual errors.

Wallis said there are cases nearly every campaign season where advertisements are changed before they can be aired.

The attorney general race is one of the most highly contested in the state this year.

Democrats have poured money into attack ads helping their candidate, Steve Bullock, and the Republicans have done the same for Fox.

The Democrats have tried to portray Fox as inexperienced and untrustworthy, while Republicans have tried to paint Bullock as soft on sex offenders and the death penalty.

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Clifford Lee gathers apples at Mountain View Orchards in Corvallis. The orchard's owner, Charles Swanson, said the trees are producing a bountiful harvest this year. He usually experiences a spike in cider sales around Halloween, he said.

Beaten, Americans spend less

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – Beaten down and watching their wealth shrink, Americans are burrowing ever deeper — cutting back on spending and spelling more trouble for the sinking economy.

One of the biggest problems saddling the country is damage from the housing market's collapse. Mounting foreclosures, falling home prices and soured mortgage investments are taking their toll on both individuals and businesses alike.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, who is scheduled to speak via satellite Friday at a Berkeley, Calif., conference on the mortgage meltdown, is likely to call on government officials and lawmakers to keep working on ways to provide more relief.

The Bush administration is considering a plan that would help around 3 million struggling homeowners avoid foreclosure by having the government guarantee billions of dollars worth of distressed mortgages. The plan also could include loan modifications that would lower interest rates for a five-year period.

Fallout from the housing meltdown has spurred the worst global credit and financial crisis in more than a half century. To combat the problems, the government has taken a flurry of bold steps. The Treasury Department is pouring \$250 billion into banks in return for partial ownership and the Fed this week started buying mounds of debt from companies. It also slashed interest rates to 1 percent, a level seen only once before in the last half century.

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fact. That doesn't mean someone couldn't do it, but you really can't make a strong case out of third- and fourth-hand information," Baumler said.

According to Baumler, Brantley Hall is said to be haunted by the ghost of a young woman who committed suicide after the stock market crash of 1929 when her family lost their farm. Several Web sites dedicated to Montana ghosts support this rumor, adding that the student took her life by either jumping out

of a window or hanging herself.

Though Baumler has never confirmed or disproved this story, she said it could be done by going through the Missoula county courthouse death certificates from 1929.

"It would be tedious work," Baumler said, "but it would give us an idea of how much truth there is to this story."

Regardless of the reason, eerie and unexplainable occurrences continue to happen in Brantley Hall. Mary Kukowski, an IT technician in the building, said she encountered the ghost of a young woman in the restroom one after-

noon. Kukowski said she looked down and saw "really old looking, Victorian-style shoes" in the stall next to her, but no one ever left the stall and the feet were not there when she looked back after washing her hands.

Kukowski said she thinks this may have been the spirit of the girl who committed suicide.

Bill Johnston, the director of the Alumni Association, has an office in Brantley and he too said he has experienced the presence of a ghost. He was sitting in his office on the second floor on a hot July day when he felt an icy breeze. All the windows and doors were closed and Johnston said the building doesn't have air conditioning.

"It started circulating around my feet and my legs, then my torso, then up around my head and shoulders," Johnston said. "Then it was gone and I thought, 'Well that was different.' There was no possible way a normal breeze could have rotated around my body like that. I sat at my desk for a few moments, then I decided to call it a day and left."

Johnston said he had heard other stories about ghostly dogs barking in the hallway and aggressive spirits slamming doors and windows unexpectedly, but never paid much attention to the rumors.

"If there is something in the building, it presents itself every once in a while, but it never does any harm," Johnston said.

Some say the phantom who allegedly resides in the University Theater is more spiteful than the docile Brantley ghost. An October 1999 article in the Kaimin, "UM's Haunted History," included the story of several students who were working in the building one day in the early '60s when they heard yelping coming from the theater.

"The students unlocked the eastern terrace and found a cold, dead, dismembered dog lying there," the article reads, adding that there were no tracks around the body or bloodstains on the stairwell leading to the terrace.

Tom Webster, the theater's current director, said his staff has also experienced weird things in the building.

A few years ago, Kevin Higginbotham, the technical director at that time, was working in the office when he felt an odd presence and papers started rustling.

"The windows and the doors were closed so there was no way for any air to be flowing through there. But the papers just started rustling. He told me he packed up and screamed out of there," Webster said.

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Webster said he believes the University Theater is haunted. "It's a big old building that's close to 80 years old. If you believe in that stuff it's just as likely a place as any," he explained.

For decades, the ghosts in Main Hall have had a reputation for disturbing custodians as they cleaned. However, Bruce Davis, Main Hall's current custodian, said he has never seen or heard any evidence that the building is haunted.

"I try to scare myself sometimes, but I can't even do that," Davis said. "I mean, it's definitely weird in here at night, especially since they just shut off half the lights for energy conservation, but I've never seen anything."

Davis said he can see why people think Main Hall is haunted, citing the creaky wood floors, the noisy pipes and the reflections that bounce off the building's many windows and mirrors.

"People see and hear weird things, and their brains fill in the blank. People want to be scared. They want that experience because it's a great story," Davis said.

"This was open once," he added, pointing to the safe in the basement. "I heard some one crying in there... No, just kidding."

Baumler said one of the most convincing UM ghost stories she ever heard came from Main Hall. After a night class on the top floor, anthropology student David Dick stopped in the basement to use the bathroom.

"He was standing in front of the mirror washing his hands when he saw a man with a flannel work shirt on walk into a bathroom stall. David said he was standing there fiddling with the old paper towel dispenser for quite a while and he thought it was strange he never heard any noise coming from the stall. He looked underneath where the guy went in and no one was there," Baumler said.

Baumler pointed out that simply hanging around these creepy buildings will not guarantee you a similar experience.

"I've come to the conclusion that it's not something you can chase. You can't go to a place and expect something spooky to happen because these experiences people have are so random. If they weren't random we'd be able to explain it," she said.

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