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Coca-Cola machine vandal still at large

Mike Gerrity

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Always Coca-Cola... until somebody in your morning lecture bears a grudge.

A series of vandalisms on campus in recent weeks have put several Coke machines temporarily out of order, leaving many students parched for their morning pop.

It started two weeks ago when the wires were cut in four machines in the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences buildings. The following week three more were disabled in the Urey Underground Lecture Hall, and one more in Craig Hall a few days later.

Historically, politically vocal students at the University of Montana have spoken out against UM's contract with the soda giant, citing abusive business practices against workers in less developed countries.

UM Public Safety Officers have no leads and have been wary to comment on whether or not the vandalism is politically motivated, but did not rule out the possibility due to the fact that no candy machines have been disabled.

"It could lead you to believe somebody doesn't like Coke," said Director of Public Safety Jim Lemcke, adding that Coca-Cola owns all soda machines on campus.

Svein Newman, an active member of the UM student group Students for Economic and Social Justice, said that no SESJ member he is aware of is behind the incidents.

Although Newman said he is personally opposed to UM's contract with Coke, he said he does not condone property destruction as a means to an end.

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Nader advocates corporate reform

Laura Dawson
MONTANA KAIMIN

Buried somewhere in all the blue and red action sweeping the polls these days is a smaller, less obvious color: green.

Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader holds 4 percent of the American vote, according to Rasmussen Reports polls. And while that may not seem like a lot, it was enough to pack the University Center Ballroom on Wednesday afternoon when Nader addressed the UM campus.

"I don't play blue-state red-state politics," Nader said. "If you're running for president you should campaign all states," adding that he has visited all 50 states during his campaign.

Nader, a graduate of Harvard Law School, began his career investigating automobile safety and has been involved in various governmental and corporate investigation projects. Starting in the 1992 election year, he has run for president five times, four as the Green Party candidate. In 1992 he ran as a write-in candidate.

Nader said he has been fighting the national debate commission for access to the presidential debates, with a goal of having access by 2012.

"It's just a disgrace," Nader said. The Democratic and Republican candidates fail to address the real concerns of the American public, he said.

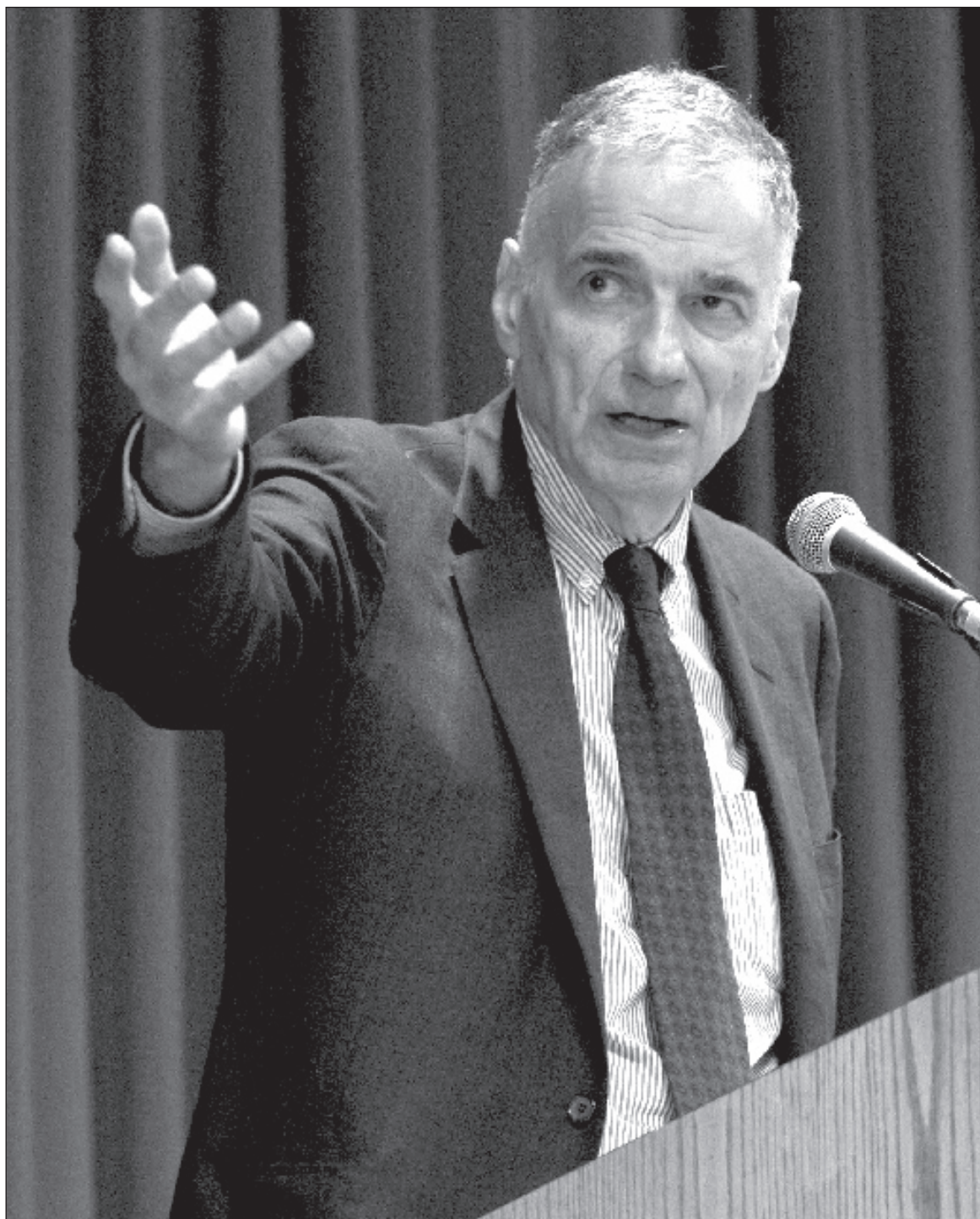
"It's kiss a baby here, wave a flag there," Nader said.

UM student Alex Hessler, who voted early for Democratic candidate Barack Obama, said he thinks the two-party system should be opened up to allow more candidates.

"I wish (Nader) was a more recognized candidate," said Hessler, a junior in resource conservation.

"I feel right now he can't effectively compete. It's unfortunate," Hessler said.

Besides open elections, Nader said his top campaign concerns are universal health care, corporate



Bess Brownlee/Montana Kaimin

Ralph Nader lays out his party platform on Wednesday afternoon in the UC Ballroom. The presidential hopeful has visited all 50 states during his campaign, and according to Nader, Montana is "the finale."

accountability, college affordability, and the environment. He also supports an immediate withdrawal of troops stationed in the Middle East.

Universal health care is impera-

tive, Nader said.

We need "full government health care for everyone, not just the elderly," he said, adding that corporate health care is the problem.

"These buildings are full of

companies denying clients," Nader said. "We have to get away from this perverse corporate system."

But health care isn't Nader's only corporate concern.

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House representative candidates gear up for a forum at UM

Amy Faxon

MONTANA KAIMIN

The two candidates from House District 93, which includes the University of Montana, Lewis and Clark Village, student housing and the UM golf course, will be on campus Thursday night to answer questions from the public.

The House District Forum, sponsored by ASUM, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Gallagher Business Building, Room 106.

For the first half hour, people will have the opportunity to get to know the candidates, from H.D. 92 through 97, and ask them questions one-on-one.

"I think (this is) better than having the invisible wall between the candidates and constituents," said Sean Morrison, Student Political Action director.

ASUM invited candidates from all but one of Missoula County's 10 House districts to

come to the forum.

The group tried to invite candidates from the areas where a lot of students live, Morrison said.

Candidates attending include: Democrat Robin Hamilton and Republican Dan Stusek for H.D. 92; Democrat Dick Barrett and Republican Steve Dogiakos for H.D. 93; Republican Linda S. Frey for H.D. 94; Democrat Diane Sands for H.D. 95; Democrat Teresa K. Henry for H.D. 96; and

Democrat Michele Reinhart for H.D. 97.

Around 7:15 p.m., the forum with H.D. 93 candidates Barrett and Dogiakos will begin.

The moderators, Kaimin editor Bill Oram and Kaimin reporter Kelsey Bernius, will ask Barrett and Dogiakos questions, which the audience will write on pieces of paper during the first half hour of mingling.

Each candidate will have a

certain amount of time to answer the question, but, unlike a debate, there will be no rebuttal, Morrison said.

This is an interesting race, he said. Dogiakos, a UM student taking fall semester off, faces Barrett, who recently retired from UM as an economics professor.

"That's just exciting for students," Morrison said.

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Students shell out dough for filled parking spaces

Leaves are falling, temperatures are dropping and darkness is creeping in earlier every night. Yep, it's almost winter, the time of year when the odds of finding a parking spot at the University of Montana become about as good as seeing the sun for more than 10 minutes a day.

The lack of parking is old news: Every year the university tries to indulge everyone who wants a university parking permit and in doing so issues many more permits than it can accommodate.

And every year, students who shell out the cash (now \$87.50 a semester) for the privilege to park near their dorms or classes discover that the little green decal cemented to their windshield in no way guarantees them a spot in a convenient lot — or any lot, for that matter.

Before the chill set in, some students who live close enough to campus avoided the situation by riding their bikes. Now, there are even more students clamoring for the limited spaces. During the weeknights, most of the dorm lots are full and the Adams Center is the only sure bet for a spot. Not only is this an inconvenience for students who have to walk to their dorms on the opposite end of campus, it's also unsafe.

Kaelyn Kelly, a sophomore living in Pantzer Hall, has an off-campus job and often has to search for a parking spot at night because the Pantzer lot is almost always full. She parks at the Adams Center but doesn't feel comfortable walking to Pantzer alone. She usually picks up her roommate from Pantzer first so that she will have someone to walk back with. "I don't feel that it's safe for anyone to have to walk from the Adams Center to Pantzer when it's dark and freezing," she said. "This campus isn't well lit and there don't seem to be very many of those emergency towers."

For students like Kelly, there is the Griz Guard, an escort service that will pick you up and deliver you anywhere on campus. However, according to the Office of Public Safety, there is only one escort golf cart that fits two people, so there is the possibility that a student calling for an escort may have to wait. Kelly said she has never called the Griz Guard because her roommate is willing to walk with her.

Kelly also said that there is some confusion about which lots students with decals can park in. While most are clearly marked, she learned the hard way that the lot adjoining Pantzer is now reserved parking between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m., a lot which is still designated university decal parking on UM's Office of Public Safety Web site. There are signs, but several of them are facing Beckwith Avenue, not the parking spaces where they would be visible to drivers. She was issued two \$25 tickets at about 2 a.m. for two consecutive days in a row because she didn't go to her car for two days — a price she feels is outrageous for someone who has already purchased an \$87 pass.

My brother, who is a freshman, encountered the same problem in this lot. At the end of his first week at UM, he went out to his car parked in the lot adjoining Pantzer's for the first time that week and was greeted with \$50 in parking fees.

After receiving several pink envelopes on my windshield as a freshman choosing to park in Quick Stop parking rather than walk alone, I simply stopped leaving campus during the week, which was possible because I didn't have to work off campus. But for the students who don't have this convenience, the current system is frustrating and expensive.

UM doesn't advertise parking passes as guarantees, and its efforts to provide free and safe transportation are admirable. The money generated by permit fees and parking fines is actually beneficial to the university's transportation system. It pays the salaries of parking enforcement personnel and contributes to the maintenance of the Mountain Line bus system — which students ride for free — and the parking lots.

I don't know what the solution to the parking conundrum is. Kelly said she would support the construction of another large lot or parking garage, options unpalatable to many who treasure UM's open spaces, which continue to dwindle with each new building. But as with the dorm overflow problem, the current policy of saying "yes" to everyone who wants a parking pass creates a system in which students, who are already paying thousands of dollars in tuition and housing, feel like they are serving the university, instead of the other way around.

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DROPPIN' THE 'BAUM
...on media bias

By Alex Tenenbaum



I used to reject claims that the news industry pushes some sort of political agenda. I thought that if ever the media showed bias, it was only to line up with consumers. People's nature is to search for news that lines up with their views, and I figured money-hungry news organizations were mowing the whole field of American politics to reap green wherever it sprang up. That's not pushing an agenda, it's just selling people what they want to hear.

It made perfect sense, but recent media behavior has proven me dead wrong.

The Washington Post, a paper even liberals call liberal, reported that news coverage of John McCain has been injected with twice as much negativity as that of Obama. According to the study, a whopping 57 percent of news stories showed an undeniably negative bias against McCain, while a dismal 29 percent attained the journalistic ideal of neutrality and a mere 14 percent leaned positive. Maybe I don't read enough, but that 14 percent figure was news to me.

Obama engineered a campaign fundraiser that has brought in over

\$600 million and has received glowing coverage in 36 percent of news stories, while 35 percent remained neutral and 29 percent tipped negative. I wonder how McCain might have fared if journalists had lavished him with such a positive balance.

Of course, a lot of people seem to worship Barack Obama, so perhaps all those papers and news stations were only selling out McCain for advertising dollars. That could be, but the media have pulverized McCain with more passion than mere pandering to public opinion could possibly warrant.

The Associated Press poll reports Obama's lead has shrunk to a minuscule 1 percent, while the Zogby poll has blown that lead to a Reaganesque landslide nearing 10 percent, showing the Democrat with 51.6 percent over McCain's 42 percent. Even if Zogby represents reality, media pandering to public opinion would only allow 51.6 percent of journalists to dance on McCain's face, while at the same time, negative coverage of Obama would have to escalate to 42 percent.

This sort of thing seems ridiculous, but the news industry is dy-

ing, and it seems like neutrality is too much to ask for. If that's out the window, news organizations should be pandering to public opinion as much as possible, if not only for balance, then just to stay afloat.

I swear reporters used to do this. But in the past weeks it's become painfully obvious that the news folks have an overarching political agenda, and it's killing them.

Newspapers were folding long before the election season, but now all the network news programs look like they might trip and fall to the left as well. Even with Katie Couric on board, CBS News has dumped half a million viewers, and both ABC and NBC are slumping similarly.

If it's not political interests and it's not the ad revenues, there's only one reason I can see for the news industry taking a dive for Barack Obama: perhaps by "spreading the wealth" he meant bribing media moguls for favorable coverage. Whatever the case, you can stop believing the news now.

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Get ready for citizen legislature and lobby for UM students

Every two years, Montana's "citizen legislature" convenes in Helena for 90 days to set policy, allocate funds, and discuss Montana's future.

In this small window of time, lobbyists, citizens, unions, associations, coalitions, and many other interested parties converge in Helena, convincing Montana's lawmakers that their initiative should be a high priority on the state's long list of needs.

ASUM and the students at UM are no different. We have a long-standing tradition of sending a student lobbyist to Helena on behalf of more than 14,000 students at this university. Tuition relief, expansion of programs, academic

freedom, strengthening of student services on campus, and overall tuition subsidies to counteract today's unmanageable student debt are all high priorities on our legislative agenda. Today's post-graduate students are faced with soaring college debt coupled with a sagging economy, yet employers demand degrees in order to remain competitive in today's job market.

Sixty-five percent of graduates face an excess of \$20,000 in debt, 25 percent face \$25,000, and 10 percent face over \$35,000 in debt. Furthermore, interest rates are set at 6.8 percent on federal loans (i.e. Stafford loans — the most popular for students), only adding insult to injury.

At this university, our students face many issues, including debt

relief. As a state university, we actually only receive 35 percent of our funding from the state, which places about 65 percent of the burden on students who attend this university.

To put things in perspective, the state reduced its contribution by 35 percent in the 1990s, doubling student tuition. It takes the commitment of students to ensure that education is a top priority. Everyone is welcome to apply — We need you!

If you are interested in lobbying in Helena on behalf of UM students this spring semester, please come by the ASUM office and pick up an application (due Oct. 24 by 5 p.m.).

-Trevor Hunter
ASUM president

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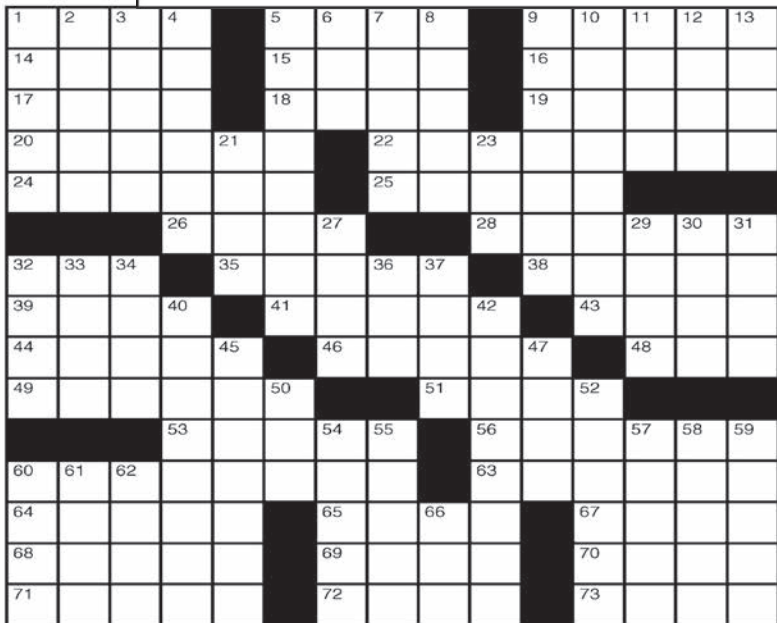
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 - Tranquil
 - Bikini part
 - Softly, in music
 - The Evil One
 - Disburdens
 - Plunders
 - Cacophonies
 - Indian nannies
 - Go for the pitch
 - R.E. of the CSA
 - Reduce in rank
 - Took to court
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Police 'blitz' doles out 883 citations

Melissa Jensen
FOR THE KAIMIN

The Missoula Police Department doled out 883 citations during its six-week crackdown on alcohol-related crime, according to police records.

Lt. Shawn Paul, who created and ran the so-called "blitz," said for now there won't be any comparisons made to other time periods, since the police department has never run the program before and never devoted that many officers to the problem of alcohol-related crime.

The program, which ended Oct. 12, focused on five key areas: driving under the influence; underage drinking; underage drinking parties; over-serving of alcohol; and alcohol-related crimes, such as assaults and vandalism.

Paul said it was a matter of hitting crimes that have long-lasting repercussions on people's lives. He said one weekend in particular offered a real snapshot of those impacts.

In the fifth week, police investigated an alcohol-related crash; a drunk man kicking in the plate glass window of a downtown business; and a young woman waking up in a stranger's car, sexually assaulted and unable to remember what happened.

For Paul, each of those events represented an impact that was felt by the community and especially by the individual. For the young woman, he said, it's an impact that will be felt for a lifetime.

"It is why we did this and why we need to stay with it," Paul said.

The focus will now shift to con-

Citations issued in six-week program:

- 373 open containers
 - 301 minors in possession
 - 72 driving under the influence
 - 64 disorderly conducts
 - 30 urinating in public
 - 25 misdemeanor assaults
 - 11 criminal mischiefs
 - 7 possessions of false identification
- 172 compliance checks were made at businesses with 15 failures (all sales of alcohol to minors)



tinuing efforts to curb these crimes with the department's regular staffing and funding.

"All our efforts can be thrown away if we don't stay consistent," Paul said.

The six-week "blitz" was funded by a number of grants.

Paul said the department is evaluating the numbers and looking at areas where ongoing con-

centration of resources is most needed. He said the concentration will change from week to week.

"I thought you guys were done," is what police heard at a house party they busted last weekend, Paul said.

On the contrary, the lieutenant said, he feels it is just the beginning.

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6:30pm

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3 students to attend presidential inauguration

Joshua Potter
MONTANA KAIMIN

The word "gift" became a buzzword at Wednesday's ASUM meeting when senators passed a vote to help fund scholarships for students to attend the presidential inauguration in January 2009.

The scholarships will be awarded by the Washington Center, a non-profit academic organization offering opportunities for students to learn in Washington, D.C.

James McKusick, dean of the Davidson Honors College and University of Montana liaison for the Washington Center, will select three students to attend the inauguration program after interviewing selected applicants.

ASUM discussed the provision that winners of the scholarships would receive three credits at the completion of the program. Some senators said this is too much like gift giving and that ASUM shouldn't pay for students to receive academic credit.

"In a roundabout way, we are using student money to pay for student credit," said ASUM senator Matt Fennell.

ASUM President Trevor Hunter said helping to fund the scholarships would not be gift giving because the students would be working to receive the credits.

"If I receive a gift or an award, I put the money in my pocket," Hunter said.

Hunter added that students are expected to work to earn the credits and that they will attend conferences all week as part of the program.

They will also be expected to give a presentation to ASUM upon their return.

ASUM will split the cost between its budget and President Dennison's office.

To ensure that there is no perceived partisanship in the scholarship, the deadline for applications will be before the presidential election on Nov. 4. There is also a question on the application that asks if the applicant would want to attend the inauguration regardless of the president being inaugurated.

ASUM also considered a resolution to require all on-campus jobs to be posted on the Griz eRecruiting Web site after Career Services director Mike Heuring spoke at the meeting.

Heuring told ASUM that Career Services is focusing on retaining students, and that most students who leave the university are undeclared freshmen and sophomores who aren't sure of their future goals.

"If they really don't see the light at the end of the tunnel, it's a large part of that group we see leaving here," Heuring said.

Heuring added it is these students Griz eRecruiting tries to

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Sara Aspinwall teaches on and off the field

Colter Nuñez
MONTANA KAIMIN

There are those who lead by example, and there are those who vocally entice followers. On and off the field, Sara Aspinwall aspires to do both.

The fifth-year senior defender has captained an upstart Montana soccer squad from one that entered the season with question marks surrounding its inexperience and youth to one that has four wins in its last six contests. All the while, she has helped enrich the minds of UM underclassmen at the College of Technology, where she teaches one lab section of first-semester anatomy.

"My mom (Mary) has been a teacher for 35 years so teaching has always been in my nature," said Aspinwall, who will graduate in December with an exercise science degree.

It's a bit ironic that Aspinwall is both a student and teacher of science, since chemistry has been a crucial part of the team's success. They welcomed 13 newcomers to the roster at the beginning of the season and experienced significant growing pains as the colors of the leaves began to change, winning just one of their first nine games.

"The chemistry of this year's team is something that every athlete wants to be a part of," Aspinwall said. "We are a resilient team and everyone always comes out and plays hard every game."

Fifth-year head coach Neil Sedgwick, whose squad sits in a three-way tie for fourth place with Northern Colorado and Sacramento State at 2-2 in the Big Sky Conference standings, said Aspinwall's ability to lead on the field with her fiery, competitive personality is of utmost importance to his team's success. But he said her ability to lead vocally is secondary to the example she provides physically.

"She is an example of hard work and determination for all the younger players," Sedgwick said.

Junior goalkeeper Grace Harris agrees that the Grizzly soccer team feeds off of Aspinwall's desire.

"I don't know anyone with as strong a work ethic as Sara," Har-

ris said. "She always makes sure everyone is on top of their game and working hard in practice and in games."

Harris also said Aspinwall's fearless play along the back line helps boost the entire team's confidence.

"I feel 100 percent confident going into every game knowing Sara is playing in front of me and will take a ball in the face for me," laughed Harris. "She is always willing to step up and get it done and sacrifice her body for the team."

Soccer has always been Aspinwall's first love in athletics, but she almost didn't pursue it in college. At Great Falls High, Aspinwall lettered 16 times in five different sports. After her senior soccer season, she had received interest from Montana's former coach, Betsy Duerksen. But following Duerksen's resignation in late November 2003, there was no solid offer on the table from the Griz.

"That winter, my senior swim season went really well and I was leaning toward pursuing that in college," Aspinwall said. "But then Neil got an opportunity to see me play after he was hired and ended up offering me (a spot)."

Aspinwall redshirted her first fall in Missoula, and Sedgwick said the first recruit he ever lured to Montana improved more than any other redshirt he has ever had.

Aspinwall entered the starting lineup the following fall and, save an ankle injury that cost her the last three games of her first season, she has played almost every minute for the last four years. She earned honorable mention All-Big Sky honors as a sophomore in 2006 and was named second team last fall.

Although it seems Aspinwall is always the teacher, Sedgwick said one of her best traits as a player is her thirst for knowledge.

"She has always been an individual that has pursued new lessons within the game," Sedgwick said.

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Eric Oravsky/Montana Kaimin

Senior defender Sara Aspinwall is both a vocal leader and inspiration to her teammates on the Montana soccer team. Aspinwall has helped lead the Griz to a three-way tie for fourth place in Big Sky Conference standings.

Around the Big Sky



Charles Pulliam
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This week in Flagstaff, Ariz., first place in the Big Sky Conference will be determined in a matchup of the league's top teams.

No. 16 Weber State, 4-0 in the Big Sky and 6-2 overall, faces Northern Arizona (6-1, 4-0) during homecoming weekend for the Lumberjacks. Since both teams are undefeated in league play and are tied for first place, the winner will take over sole possession of the Big Sky's top spot.

The game also pits the top two

teams in three major league categories. Northern Arizona is first in scoring offense, total offense and scoring defense, while Weber State is a close second in each category. The Lumberjacks also lead the league in total defense, while the Wildcats are third.

Taking snaps for Weber State is quarterback Cameron Higgins, whose 2,551 passing yards this season leads the nation.

But, the Northern Arizona defense has tallied a league-high 32 sacks.

Northern Arizona racked up 535 yards en route to a 52-30 vic-

tory against winless Idaho State last week. Freshman Deonte Williams led the Lumberjacks, rushing for 194 yards and three touchdowns.

The Wildcats are coming off a 17-10 win at home against Northern Colorado. Higgins threw for 413 yards and two touchdowns.

Last season in Ogden, Utah, Northern Arizona's defense proved too effective in a 29-20 win. Cyrus Lgono led the Lumberjacks with 14 tackles, a fumble recovery, a blocked punt and an interception return for touchdown.

Idaho State (0-7, 0-4) at Portland State (2-4, 1-2)

The Bengals are currently on an 11-game losing streak with their last win against Portland State last season. Idaho State exploded for 28 points in the third quarter of the 38-20 win.

"We know they caused some problems for us last season," said Portland State coach Jerry Glanville.

The Bengals will face the nation's top passing offense, while sporting a defense that ranks eighth in the Big Sky. Portland State is last in total defense.

The Vikings had a bye week last week to recover from a loss at league-leading Northern Arizona.

"This bye week makes a huge difference," Glanville said. "It couldn't have happened at a better time for us."

Glanville said his players needed rest to recover from injuries.

The game also features a matchup of the league's top receivers.

Idaho State's Eddie Thompson averages a conference-best 8.5 catches per game, while the Vikings' Mario D'Ambrosio is

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SUCCESS: The Tampa Bay Ray Way

One of the most compelling sports stories of 2008 is most certainly the Tampa Bay Rays' ascent from perennial bottom feeder to champions of the American League.

The Rays' 3-1 victory Sunday night in game seven against the defending world champions the Boston Red Sox affirmed their place in baseball lore, but there is more significance in the pennant that will soon hang from the rafters of Tropicana Field than simple bragging rights.

I have always been of the school of thought, regardless of what modern culture may dictate, that parody in sports is not a good thing. It is true that parody renders the regular season in professional sports more relevant. And I am not saying I want to see the same team win the World Series year in and year out.

But when dynasties exist in pro sports, so does passion. Unless you're from Denver, you would

probably agree you love or hate the New York Yankees much more than you have any opinion whatsoever about the Colorado Rockies. The passion of fans is one of the most intriguing and important parts of sports. And if two new teams battle for a championship every year, some of that passion is lost on sporting fans of America as a whole.

The thing that I hate most about parody is when teams like the Florida Marlins win a World Series in 1997 and 2003 and then become absolutely irrelevant until they can stockpile enough money to make another run preceding a massive off-season fire sale.

But back to those Rays. Since baseball doesn't have a salary cap, the teams with the most resources can stockpile All-Star rosters with no consequences, save a small luxury tax. Teams like the Yankees and the Red Sox have taken advantage of this over the past decade to the tune of six combined World

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Colter Nuñez
MONTANA KAIMIN

Series championships.

While Tampa Bay may seem like a prime example of the parody I hate, that is not the case. The Rays are not like the Arizona Diamondbacks of 2001, the Anaheim Angels of 2002 or either of the aforementioned Marlins squads. The most prominent player on the Rays that was not a home-grown prospect from their rich minor league system is first baseman Carlos Pena.

The Rays' run through the 2008 playoffs with just a \$44 million payroll is a great story in its own right. But the fact that the Rays were able to outlast the Yankees, with a payroll totaling \$218 million (the Yanks' left side of the infield, Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter, make more than the Rays' whole team), along with the Red Sox and its \$133 million payroll in the American League East for an entire 162 game season, is an even better story.

While Tampa Bay didn't buy its success, it is not surprising that the Rays went from a team that never won more than 70 games since becoming a franchise in 1998 to

American League champs. The Rays have had three of the last 10 No. 1 picks in the June amateur draft and have drafted in the top 10 in every year of their existence, so it was inevitable that the depth of their farm system would eventually reap some benefit.

The question of whether the Rays will become irrelevant next year, just as the 2007 National League champion Rockies did this past season, will not be answered until the contracts of the Rays' young players like lefthander David Price and centerfielder B.J. Upton are up. Within the next few years, the Rays will have to double their payroll if they hope to keep their young talent.

If loveable and detestable dynasties alike are to be challenged by the winds of change, I hope the challengers can remain relevant for longer than just their moment in the sun. The significance behind Tampa Bay's first American League pennant will not be fully known until a few years down the road, but this season showed that teams don't have to have a payroll that stretches nine figures to compete in Major League Baseball. If the Rays' blueprint for success was to permeate throughout professional sports, this writer's opinion of parody would most certainly change.

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SOCCER

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Last summer, the 5-foot-9 defender and fellow senior forward Sara Campbell took their skills to the Women's United Soccer League to play for the Fort Collins Force. Aspinwall said the experience, which put her into the position of the pupil, was a role reversal.

"I didn't start or play that much starting out, so I had to look at it in a positive light that I was getting to play soccer every day at a high level with girls that love the game," Aspinwall said. "It helped me learn how to really develop the mental part of my game."

Following graduation, Aspinwall said that she wants to pursue soccer as long as opportunity and physical fitness allow her to.

After her playing career, Aspinwall said she plans on trying out coaching, whether at the high school level where she can also continue to teach or at the collegiate level where she can pass on her experience.

Although many uncertainties exist in the future of the young woman who says teaching is second nature, the one thing she has learned for certain is her love for soccer.

"I'm not sure where the wind will blow me," she said. "But I know soccer will never be done for me."

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BIG SKY

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second at 8.17 per game. D'Ambrosio is the eighth player in Big Sky history to catch 200 passes in a career. He has 200 receptions entering Saturday's game, while Thompson leads the nation with 51 catches this season.

The home team has won the last seven games in the series.

Montana State (3-4, 1-2) at Sacramento State (3-4, 1-3)

The Bobcats are coming off a tough loss to Eastern Washington at home last week and are looking to avoid their first three-game-conference losing streak since 2004.

Montana State turned the ball over four times in the 34-17 loss against the revived Eagles and their normally strong running game was limited to only 87 yards.

It was the sixth straight time Eastern Washington beat the Bobcats.

The Hornets suffered a 43-7 drubbing at No. 8 Montana last week. Despite the loss, the good news for Sacramento State was that quarterback Jason Smith is back in the lineup. Smith missed two weeks after having an outpatient medical procedure. He also had an ankle injury. Smith went 20-for-26 for 185 yards against the Grizzlies.

"We've played two very good teams and we haven't been playing at the level we should be, but I really believe we will bounce back," Sacramento State coach Marshall Sperbeck said. "We're both in similar situations ... We're just going to see who's going to get over that hump."

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Miss Teen Louisiana arrested, loses crown

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BOSSIER CITY, La. — Miss Teen Louisiana lost her crown 11 days early after being arrested on charges of leaving a restaurant without paying and carrying marijuana.

RPM Productions Inc., the sponsor, took back the title on Tuesday after learning that Lindsey Evans, 18, of Blanchard, had been arrested, president Paula M. Miles said Wednesday.

Evans will have to return her sash and crown, but won't have to return any other prizes or cash equivalents, Miles said.

"She's done a good job this year," Miles said.

Miles said she had been told that the three women with Evans told police that Evans, alone in the group, had paid her bill. But Bossier City spokesman Mark Natale said Evans admitted not paying.

Bossier City police booked all four on theft charges, three on drug charges and two on drug paraphernalia charges, he said.

Natale said Bossier City police were called to a Posados Cafe restaurant Saturday evening because a group had left without paying \$46.07. The manager had found a pocketbook at the table, and police found Evans' driver's license and about 2 grams of suspected marijuana in it, Natale said.

He said officers recognized Evans from the photo when the group returned for the pocketbook.

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The resolution gained support after Heuring's speech, and ASUM will further discuss it at next Wednesday's meeting.

ASUM also allocated \$2,500 dollars for operating fees to the Sustainability Center. Most of the money will go toward printing fees for flyers advertising energy conservation to be posted in student housing. Last year, the center was a new agency and did not receive any funding from ASUM.

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"It's counter-productive," Newman said. "All it really does is run the risk of alienating people."

SESJ has made local headlines in the last couple of years for its extreme tactics in raising awareness of its chief cause — getting UM to commit to buying sweat-shop-free apparel.

Newman said he noticed a backlash from some people who

bought more apparel from major companies like Nike to undermine SESJ's protests, and fears vandalism may only provoke that on a higher level.

"I'm concerned that these sorts of actions may support a knee-jerk reaction where people turn to

Coke," Newman said.

Lemcke, however, said there's room to believe the motivations behind the vandalism may not be as sophisticated.

"I mean, I like Pepsi, so what the heck?" Lemcke said.

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NADER

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Corporations have done serious damage to America, Nader said, citing the recent Wall Street bail-out and corporate crime.

"Law and order in the streets must be parallel to law and order in the executive suites," Nader said.

Corporate lobbying is severing Americans' ties with their representatives as well, he said.

"They've got Washington controlled, inside and out," he said. "The corporate lobbyists are pulling 24/7. They've become our masters."

Nader said his campaign will only be successful if Americans wake up to their civic duties.

"Civic freedom is the power to participate," Nader said, adding that civic freedom begins in the classroom.

"We've never had classes to teach us on the civic community," Nader said.

"We need to reintroduce this. Not those silly tests, teachers teaching just for tests."

Responsibility eventually falls on the voters, Nader said.

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