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MONTANA KAIMIN

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New system for tickets, access to stadium

Deborah Brae Tanner
MONTANA KAIMIN

Students will have a new experience on Sept. 8 when they buy their Griz student tickets: Tickets are no longer paper.

Tickets for the University of Montana football team's home opener against Southern Utah on Sept. 13 become available at the Adams Center and The Source at 8 a.m. on Sept. 8. However, instead of waiting for paper tickets to be printed, students will simply present their Griz card to be loaded with an electronic ticket, something like a reloadable VISA card.

This new process should speed up the process of ticket sales, said Celine Fisher, Adams Center box office manager.

"There will be no waiting for us to print another batch of paper tickets because we got low," Fisher said.

Buying student tickets is one thing. Getting into the stadium is another.

All students with student tickets will have to enter the new entrance on the southeast side of the stadium, where Griz cards will be swiped and their tickets will be "unloaded" from their cards, said Chuck Maes, associate athletic director. Immediately after admission, students get wristbands.

Without wristbands, students will not be permitted in the student section, or allowed to re-enter the stadium. Maes said the

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Public Safety cuts illegally parked bikes



Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

A worn-out "No Bicycle Parking" sticker on the rail in front of the Math Building fails to prevent bicycle owners from locking their bikes in illegal spots. Public Safety Officers cut bike locks Wednesday and removed about 30 bikes from the wheelchair access rail.

Mike Gerrity
MONTANA KAIMIN

After a long class on the third day of the semester, Ben Fleischmann left the Math Building to hop on his bike that was safely locked to a handicap access rail outside.

Waiting for him was a group of Public Safety officers. One asked, "Is this your bike?"

About 30 bicycles were cut from handicap access rails all over campus on Wednesday by

Public Safety officers, of which a majority was locked to the railing of a wheelchair access ramp outside the Math building.

Students that went to the Office of Public Safety to retrieve their bikes were fined \$10, in addition to the cost of their destroyed bike locks.

Director of Public Safety Jim Lemcke said his office gets most of these complaints in the first few weeks of the semester.

"This goes on every year," Lemcke said.

Sgt. Ben Gladwin said that most complaints about the bikes come from Disability Services.

"They are attached to disability rails, which impede the pathway from disabled students," Gladwin said.

Fleischmann said he did not believe it was necessary for Public Safety officers to resort to cutting bikes loose that quickly.

"None of the bikes were impeding the ramp at all," Fleischmann said, adding that he did not see

readable warnings that prohibited bike parking on the rail, aside from a ripped and faded sticker.

"You couldn't tell at all what it was," he said.

Yet on the other side of the railing that faces away from the door to the Math Building, several white-stenciled declarations clearly read "NO BIKE PARKING."

"Those signs are still legible," Gladwin said, adding

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Segways back on the beat for UM Public Safety

Steve Miller
MONTANA KAIMIN

After a nearly two-year absence, Segways have returned to the University of Montana campus in an effort to decrease operating costs, as well as to increase the visibility of security.

The addition of the two self-balancing electric vehicles, purchased for roughly \$5,600 each, will drastically limit the number of miles driven by patrol cars by about 9,200 miles this year, said Bob Durringer, vice president for

Administration and Finance. The Department of Public Safety will save nearly \$6,000 in gasoline.

The two Segways that Public Safety used in 2006 were recalled after the model was discovered to be at risk of malfunctioning.

The devices not only cut down the mile usage and fuel consumption of the patrol cars, said Public Safety Director Jim Lemcke, they also require virtually no upkeep and run on the equivalent of 400 miles per gallon. The Office of Public Safety has also added four new patrol bikes and a golf cart

for the campus locksmith in order to further cut down on fuel costs.

Although an ASUM resolution passed in October 2006 discouraged any further purchasing of Segways due to mechanical malfunctions and environmental limitations, Lemcke is confident that these newer models will operate efficiently.

"They've gotten more intelligent, and those are the units we purchased and are using for patrol," Lemcke said.

Lemcke also stated that the new units have been tested on the "M"

and Kim Williams trails, and won't likely be slowed down by rough terrain or weather conditions.

"There's not anyplace I found that I haven't been able to go," Lemcke said. They also "go down stairs pretty well."

In addition to lowering costs, both Durringer and Lemcke said Segways offer a more personal approach to conducting campus safety – a model, according to Segway.com, that is being used by Duke University and University of Memphis, among others.

"In general, it makes us

more visible to students, faculty, and personnel on campus," said Lemcke. "It allows us to go where the people are."

Durringer agreed that the new vehicles would greatly aid this personable approach to campus safety.

"It's a much less confrontational way to do business with people," Durringer said.

Justin Sakalis, a UM senior studying psychology, isn't convinced that the Segways make the officers more accessible.

"Anytime anyone's two feet

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UC Ballroom 10 a.m.
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Editorial

Off-campus interns shouldn't have to pay on-campus fees

Many students at the University of Montana will take summer internships at one point to gain real world experience.

And all interns – no matter how far away from Missoula they work – will have to pay a few hundred dollars to UM in return for credit. However, the hefty price tag also covers fees for luxuries off-campus interns won't use.

To receive college credit, students have to sign up for a class and pay for it. And instead of allowing that credit to be added to fall classes so it would fall in the flat spot – in which a student's tuition stays the same – UM makes students pay all the regular fees for one summer credit.

The University charges these students for use of UM's buildings, computers and other facilities like the University Center, even though many never set foot in Missoula or even the state.

It doesn't matter if you're working in Timbuktu. UM will still charge you for using its buildings and computers, no exceptions.

I took a reporting internship at the Bozeman Daily Chronicle this summer and had to register for one credit.

After registering in April, I checked my Cyberbear account and saw UM charged me \$305.15 in fees.

I was paying all the same fees a student taking classes on campus would pay, but I wasn't even here.

Business Services and Internship Services both responded to my concerns with the same stock response: that's just how the University does it.

How the University does it is unacceptable. UM is a business providing students a service in exchange for their money. If students can't possibly use a service, they shouldn't have to pay for it. It's that simple.

There's no sense in burning money, but UM forces students, across the disciplines, to do just that.

UM claims to care and says it sets tuition and fees as reasonably as they can, but they could do more if they only tried. In a time when people talk of tuition freezes and making college more affordable, it is outrageous for the University to be sucking every penny from students.

The University of Montana is charging students to work, and it's not like interns will necessarily get their money back from their summer employers. Many students take unpaid internships and struggle through the summer working two or more jobs.

A few hundred dollars may seem meager to the University, but to students who don't even get the benefit of the services they're paying for, it's a tough bill to swallow.

– Trevon Milliard, news editor, trevon.milliard@umontana.edu

DROPPIN' THE 'BAUM

Paying for college in a dismal job market may not be worth it

By Alex Tenenbaum



For the past two weeks, I've been scouring the streets in search of a job. When this goes to print, I will have handed applications and résumés to 26 different businesses.

At a low point last week, I signed up with one of those mystery shopper scams where they "pay" you to report your shopping experiences. Not only did they double charge my debit card for the initiation fee, but I then had to fight with their phone robot for an hour to keep them from billing me 20 bucks a month for their continued "services."

This isn't some fancy media stunt. This is desperation, and I'm not alone.

There are 13,000 other students currently streaming into this town, looking for work. This is Missoula, and a river of cheap labor runs through it.

In my own search, the best offer so far came in at seven bucks an hour. Is that it? Am I the ugly guy at the bachelor auction?

Seven dollars an hour.

I was wondering what a college student could expect to buy with that, and after some careful research, I found that no matter how many hours you work, you can really only get one thing, debt.

Even if you somehow managed to work full-time and go to school full-time, having the Jesus superpower of being 100 percent student and 100 percent employee, you'd still dig yourself into a hole – one you probably wouldn't emerge from after only three days.

In a year of working full-time with no vacations, no sick days and no taxes, at seven bucks an hour you'd earn \$14,560. But as the UM Financial Aid Office figures, this year's cost of attendance will be \$16,606 for residents. If that number is right, you'll actually have \$2,000 less than when you started. And assuming tuition and fees don't go up (ha!), you'd only owe \$8,184 at graduation.

Now if you're an out-of-stater, you may not want to read any further because this is going to hurt.

Working under the same conditions and pay as before, you'll be looking at over \$52,000 worth of debt if you can graduate in four years.

You might as well just quit college, get out of Missoula and find yourself a decent paying job. With the \$108,000 you'd save (the projected attendance cost for out-of-state students at \$27,000 a year), you could buy an acre of Caribbean beachfront property in Mexico. You could just disappear, spending the rest of your days lounging on the beach and playing Internet poker if funds started to run low. That, or you could spend the next ten years paying off student loans.

Trying to afford college wasn't always like this. I've heard plenty of parents tell me tales of how they worked their way through college debt free – and that was back in 1980 when the minimum wage was only \$3.10 an hour.

A lot has changed since 1980. Sure minimum wage doubled, but tuition costs at UM have exploded by more than 1,000 percent, while mandatory fees rose by over 700 percent.

According to the Financial Aid Office, if the federal minimum wage kept up with college tuition and mandatory fees, it would be illegal to for employers to pay anything less than \$25.19 per hour. When you look at it like that, seven bucks feels like a stout kick to the groin.

But cheer up. Wipe that fevered look of impending doom off your face and put some ice on your gonads. Call Gov. Brian Schweitzer. He is in Helena right now fighting for a two-year freeze on rising tuition costs – that is if he's not still gladhanding at the Democratic National Convention. If we can only get him to extend the freeze out to 28 years, maybe minimum wage will catch up, and our kids will be able to pull themselves up by their bootstraps, just like dear old mom and dad.

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Correction:

In Wednesday's edition of the Kaimin, a local high school cross country team was identified as the University of Montana team.

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R-O-C-K in the UC!



Kelly Black/Montana Kaimin

Victory Smokes played in the UC Wednesday afternoon as part of the UC Noontime Concert Series. Lead vocalist Michael Gill, a senior in fine arts, described the band as dance rock with inspiration from the bands Television and Interpol. Victory Smokes will have a show at the Badlander on Sept. 5. The next UC concert will feature a hip-hop group called Pallas Athena on Sept. 17.

Crossword

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 - Top of a wave
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 - Cup rim
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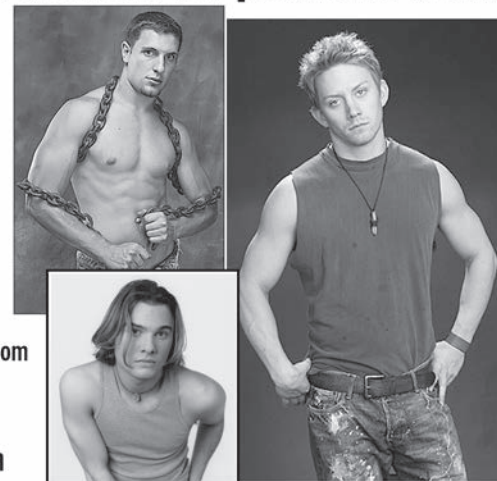
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SESJ wins national award

Stefanie Kilts

MONTANA KAIMIN

Last year, they strolled the campus in cardboard outfits, walked the runway in sweat-free apparel, and staged a sit-in at the University of Montana President's office.

And this summer, the Students for Economic and Social Justice received national recognition for their innovative approaches and tireless commitment for promoting anti-sweatshop policies on the UM campus.

The student group was awarded Action Campaign of the Year by Campus Progress, a project of the Center for American Progress in Washington D.C.

"This award proved this was an important issue on a national scale and a lot of students care where their apparel comes from," said SESJ member Kelly Driscoll.

The group also gained recognition for their progress on campus. In 2007, the University of Montana agreed to sign on the Workers Rights Consortium, an organization that monitors labor conditions in factories.

In April, the group made headlines by refusing to leave President Dennison's office without UM's commitment to the Designated Suppliers Program. The designation would be an agreement from the University to buy university logo apparel from factories that enforce certain codes of conduct.

The award was a shock to many members of SESJ, said Svein Newman, an SESJ member, who re-

ceived notice of the award less than a couple weeks before the conference.

Newman was one of five SESJ students who received the Campus Progress award at their conference on July 8 in Washington D.C. The conference included workshops and sessions on activism and the arts, human rights, activism and the media and climate change, said Ella Torti, a SESJ member who also attended the conference.

"It was cool to go to Washington D.C. and represent Montana on a national level," she said.

Former U.S. Sen. John Edwards conducted the keynote speech during the conference and key panelists included prominent non-governmental organization heads, actor Ryan Gosling, poet Paul Flores and rapper M-1, Newman said.

"The highlight was being around 1,000 activists and bouncing ideas back and forth," he said.

And, to Newman, it built energy for another year of activism on campus.

"The more buzz we can build, the better off we are," Newman said.

But SESJ's continued goal to ensure Grizzly apparel is not made in sweatshops, has not been looked lightly upon by UM officials.

Eight students who participated in the sit-in in April were arrested and received three-day suspensions from UM for violating the campus student conduct code.

Many of these students will be fulfilling their suspensions this semester.

"There is no question that the [SESJ] students are committed to

a good cause," Dennison said, emphasizing that the award commended the SESJ students on a period of activism, not just one incident.

"But with civil disobedience comes the consequences of the actions," he said, "Otherwise it has no meaning."

However, this punishment has not deterred the members from their commitment to the cause. Saara Snow, an SESJ member who received a suspension, said, "I just have more time on my hands to do more activism," she said.

And with a signature short of DSP designation at UM, the students of SESJ are gearing up for further progress on sweat-free policies on campus.

"We're hopeful it can happen. It's both just and reasonable," Newman said.

As in past years, the discussion will continue, Dennison said, and plans are underway for an event in late September between vendors that produce Griz gear with working groups on campus and the community interested in factory and workplace issues.

"I'm not going to sign [the DSP] until all issues are resolved," Dennison said.

And until those issues are worked out, the group will be "prominent on campus," Driscoll said, continuing to educate students on social and economic issues.

On SESJ's plans for the coming semester, she simply said, "We'll be around."

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Former senator Morrison appointed to lead SPA office

Allison Maier

MONTANA KAIMIN

Former ASUM senator Sean Morrison was appointed ASUM Student Political Action director Wednesday in a unanimous decision by the new senate at its first meeting of the semester. Morrison, 23, was re-elected to the senate last spring, but resigned to accept an interim appointment to the post last spring.

After seeing the work that Morrison did over the summer, ASUM president Trevor Hunter said he decided to ask the senate to appoint him as the SPA director at its first meeting.

SPA is an ASUM organization that works to get students involved in local, state and national politics. ASUM senator Lucas Hamilton, 21, who chairs the SPA committee, has known Morrison since they first worked together on the senate two years ago.

"I think he'll be fantastic," Hamilton said. "I think he's got the experience and the political knowledge to get things done efficiently and effectively."

This summer, Morrison prepared for the election cycle, including a number of events aimed at getting students registered and prepared to vote in November.

ASUM has printed voter guides in the past, but they were often extensive and wordy, Morrison said.

He said he has worked to develop a pamphlet that is more concise.

"I've tried to make mine a little more palatable," he said. Morrison said the voter guide would highlight the candidates' opinions on higher education in addition to overviews of initiatives that will appear on the ballot. He

said many people only vote for the president, which appears at the top of the ballot. He wants students to pay attention to items that appear below the presidential candidates.

One such item is the six-mill levy, which has appeared on Montana ballots every 10 years since 1948. It is a property tax that raises money for Montana colleges. Morrison said it is important for college students to realize that if the levy doesn't pass, it will mean higher tuition costs and fewer resources on campus. It will be the last item on the last page of the ballot. Morrison has also worked to organize a number of political events on campus, including a gubernatorial debate between Gov. Brian Schweitzer and Republican challenger Roy Brown on Sept. 15.

Morrison says that the notion that young people aren't participating in politics is a myth and that the current range of adults between the ages of 18 and 25 vote more than any previous generation.

"We vote in higher numbers than Gen X ever did," he said. Morrison said he would bring experience to his new position. In addition to serving one-and-a-half years on the senate, he has been a member of Students for Economic and Social Justice worked with Forward Montana. Hunter said that after conducting interviews, he decided Morrison was the most qualified for the job and that he had a plan for what he wants to achieve.

"He's a very strong and effective communicator," Hunter said. "He has a politically sound mind."

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Missoulian announces layoffs

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The Missoulian has announced it will lay off four full-time and three part-time employees.

"With a tough economic environment resulting in skyrocketing newsprint and fuel costs, along with softening in certain segments, the Missoulian has been faced with very tough financial

decisions, not dissimilar to many other businesses in our community and our industry," publisher Stacey Mueller said Wednesday.

The layoffs in the newspaper, the third largest in Montana, include two newsroom employees, two in advertising, one in circulation and two part-time telemarketing sales staff whose work was outsourced.

"This was a very difficult de-

cision, one we don't take lightly, as the folks impacted were our team members and we care about each of them," Mueller said.

In announcing the decision, the newspaper noted the cost of newsprint, the paper's second-largest expense behind personnel, will rise 26 percent from a year ago in the quarter beginning Oct. 1.

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Former PSU tennis coach takes over for Griz ladies

Teams left short on indoor courts, won't host in spring

Roman Stubbs
MONTANA KAIMIN

In the summer of 2006, Portland State hired Steve Ascher to rebuild its tennis program, which had been eliminated in 2002 due to budget restrictions. For a year, Ascher recruited and built community ties to the program, and by 2007, the Vikings' program was officially a member of the Big Sky Conference, in which it won a combined 11 matches.

Now Ascher will be competing against the program he built, as he was named the Montana women's tennis coach in June after two-year coach Jen Anderson resigned for personal reasons.

"The resources that Montana brings to the table are phenomenal," Ascher said. "It's a great opportunity."

Wednesday was officially Ascher's first day as the women's coach, and he will spend most of the next few days meeting and getting acquainted with his players and staff. Next week will mark the beginning of fall practice, where Ascher will start to implement his system.

"The model that I have used in coaching has been created over ten years of coaching," said Ascher, who played at University of Portland in the mid-'90s, and has also had coaching stints at Millersville (Pa.) and Davidson (N.C.).

Montana returns seven experienced players after going 5-3 last year and earning a no. 4 seed in the Big Sky Championships. There, the teams fell 4-0 to Eastern Washington in the quarterfinals. Seniors Liz Walker and Martyna Nowak are back, as are juniors Danni Paulson and Kayla Mose. Walker had 14 doubles wins a year ago, and Nowak registered a 13-15 record in singles and 15-12 in doubles. Paulson wasn't fully healthy all last season, and Mose returns for her third year. Sophomore Cara Lehman, as well as Amanda and Rebecca Bran, a pair of Australian twins who debuted for the program last year, rounds out the roster.

"I'm just starting to meet the players, but I know they're very strong competitors," Ascher said. "I think we have a nice mix of youth and senior leadership."

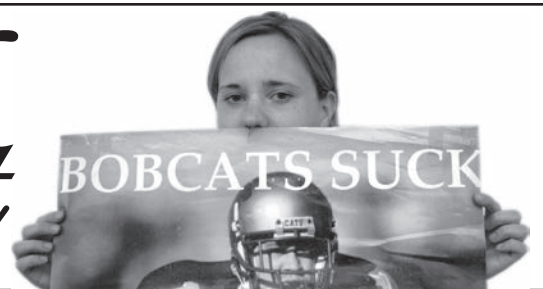
While Ascher faces the challenge of shifting into a new system with a new team, his toughest roadblock may come with the program's facility situation. Montana no longer has use of the Missoula Athletic Club, after the facility was bought out over the summer.

The women's team will open fall practice next week with two indoor options: a portable court in the Adams Cen-

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SPORTS *Whit*

By Whitney Bermes



It was fate.

As a wide-eyed fourth grader on a Sunday afternoon, I was determined to find myself a football team. All my friends were fans. The Steelers. The Cowboys. The Broncos.

I flipped on the TV. And there he was, in all his green and gold glory. Brett Favre. Hooked from the second I laid eyes on him, it was love at first sight.

OK, well it wasn't quite that romantic. But I have loved the

Packers since I was a kid, Brett Favre being the biggest contributing factor to my fandom.

To the chagrin of Packer nation, Broadway Brett put on his big city boots and got the hell out of blue collar Wisconsin this summer after a highly publicized back and forth with the Packers.

And for diehards, fans who bleed cheese, who brave the cold and who know every stat line of every player to set foot on the Frozen Tundra, the loss of the

Golden Boy undoubtedly leaves a bitter taste in their mouths.

But let's not forget what Favre gave the Packer nation over his 16 seasons in Wisconsin. 275 straight starts. A Super Bowl championship. Two Super Bowl appearances. Three league MVP titles. Nine Pro-Bowl appearances. Most career touchdowns, passing yards, completions, and games with three or more touchdowns.

Favre is an eternal child. No matter how many wrinkles stem

from his devious smile, no matter how many gray hairs sparkle his formerly red-haired head, no matter how many aches and pains he has in his aged body, Brett Favre will always be a boy at heart.

If wanting to get out of Green Bay was all about making money, then he got screwed.

His contract with the Jets is identical to what the Packers were going to offer – \$12 million this year, \$13 million next season and

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Cole Bergquist runs drills at practice Tuesday afternoon at the Riverbowl complex. Bergquist will start at quarterback for the Griz for his third season and is ranked ninth in school history with 4,349 passing yards.

Griz football confident despite key losses on defense and in kicking game

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As Montana football coach Bobby Hauck reflected on practice Monday, disappointment lingered in his voice after directing a three-hour session in the soggy August air.

"You know what, it looked like it was the first day of school, and we looked kind of lethargic to tell you the truth. It wasn't quite enough today," he said.

Brutal honesty, yes. But also a sign that amid losing nine defensive starters, two NFL draft picks and an entire kicking game, the expectations for Montana football have gone nowhere.

Even more compelling about fall camp is the progressive breath of fresh air for Hauck and his club after a tumultuous 2007 season. This time last year, there were smoky practice conditions, both physically and emotionally. The program faced heat from start to finish, from an impending murder trial to a shocking playoff loss to Wofford.

Now that the smoke has cleared, and Hauck faces a new season with new challenges – and with the season opener at No. 14 Cal Poly just ten days away, his players are gearing up for the autumn campaign.

"I loved the guys from last year,

but the future is always good," junior tight end Steven Pfahler said. "Sometimes you just have to see what happens and roll with the punches."

Only three defensive starters return, including safety Colt Anderson and defensive linemen Mike Stadyk and Craig Mettler. Stadyk, a Canadian Football League second-round pick in 2007, returned to Montana last year and recorded 43 tackles opposite Kroy Biermann, the Buck Buchanan Award winner and fifth-round NFL pick, while fellow senior Mettler added 44 stops. With experience at a premium, roles of returning seniors Tyler Corwin and Jesse Carl-

son will also be crucial.

Anderson will undoubtedly be the anchor in a youthful secondary. Two junior college transfers and four freshman corners are vying for starting slots, including true freshman Trumaine Johnson, a 6-foot-3 corner who, along with Mount San Antonio Junior College transfer Andrew Swink, has the early edge on the depth chart.

While the likes of Biermann and Tyler Joyce don't grow on trees, Hauck believes his team has the tools to compensate. Biermann's replacement is junior Jace Palmer, who was a menace during the first scrimmage last Saturday, returning an interception 70 yards

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for a touchdown and recording two sacks. Hauck said junior safety Shann Schillinger has had a stand-out camp, as has sophomore Idaho State transfer Erik Stoll, who also scored a touchdown on defense in the scrimmage.

Palmer, Schillinger, Stoll and junior outside linebacker Shawn Lebsock are prototypical defensive talent for Montana this year, having waited in the shadows the past few years. Now they are mirroring the transitional stage of the unit.

"We have a bunch of guys who are excited to be out there, who have waited for their shot," Anderson said. "I think our defense is all about everyone doing their one-eleventh, just flying around making plays."

It's on offense Montana has veterans. As well as senior quarterback Cole Bergquist, returning after throwing for over 2,600 yards in his junior campaign, the offense returns senior linemen J.D. Quinn Brent Russum and Colin Dow, a preseason All-American candidate at left guard. The returning trees should provide plenty of run support for Montana's three half backs, Thomas Brooks-Fletcher, Chase Reynolds and Andrew Schmidt, who are in a battle for starting duties.

Wide receiver and tight end positions are among the deepest. Seniors Mike Ferriter and Rob Schulte are slated to start alongside junior Marc Mariani, who will also handle return duties. Bergquist will also have an experienced stable of tight ends at his disposal, with juniors Dan Beaudin and Pfahler as well as 6-foot-6 sophomore Rob Overton in the mix.

"It's (fall camp) been tough, but everyone's doing well. We still have work to do," Pfahler said. "I feel good (about the offense), I really do. I think it's the best we've been."

Perhaps the most alarming question rests with the kicking game, where freshman Ken Wood will replace all-American punter Tyson Johnson. Brody McKnight, a freshman transfer from Purdue, is competing with true freshman Russell Schey to replace kicker Dan Carpenter, the conference's all-time leading scorer.

The questions for Montana have come full circle, with the Cal Poly showdown looming next Saturday. Hauck said regardless of the challenges facing his team, the expectations are unconditionally the same.

"We always have a target on us. We've won more games than anyone in the country in the past five years," Hauck said. "We can either rise up to challenge or not."

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Favre wants playing time in preseason finale

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HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Brett Favre has never worried about getting injured, and he's not about to start.

The veteran quarterback wants to play in the New York Jets' preseason finale Thursday at Philadelphia, and will speak to coach Eric Mangini about getting in for a series or two. But if he's relegated to clipboard duty, Favre promises he won't be too disappointed.

"I haven't talked with him about it," Favre said Monday. "I don't know what's going to happen. I would assume that he'll probably say no, and if that's the case, so be it. I'll get some practice today and tomorrow. We'll be OK."

"I don't know if three or six plays, although I would like to do that, I don't know what you get out of that, really."

The potential for injuries is a concern for teams in the preseason, but Favre always asked to play in the finale when he was in Green Bay. The Giants' Osi Umenyiora tore the lateral meniscus in his left knee against the Jets and will have season-ending surgery, a scenario that still doesn't deter Favre.

"I've never really thought about (injuries), and I'm not saying Osi did think about it, but I saw the tape," Favre said. "That was meant to be. I mean, it's very unfortunate for him and for the Giants, but it wasn't like guys rolled up on him. That probably would've happened in practice at some point, the way it occurred. He just went down. Injuries are part of it. They come in a lot of different ways."

Favre has played in an NFL-record 253 straight regular-season games.

"I've played so many games, and not that I haven't been injured, but I've overcome injuries, been lucky in a lot of situations," he said. "This is 18 years. Whatever's going to happen is going to happen. I can't control that. I love to play, and that's really all I can think about."

Most coaches rest their starters in the fourth preseason game, using it to evaluate rookie free agents and others competing for a spot on the 53-man roster. In his

previous two preseasons with the Jets, Mangini has rested his starters in the final exhibition game. Favre is a special case because he missed the preseason opener at Cleveland on Aug. 7 after coming out of retirement and being acquired from Green Bay late the previous night.

"We've got two days here," Mangini said. "I'm going to see what it looks like over the two days and then evaluate it. I can't say definitively no or definitively yes."

Added Favre: "I do understand his side of it. I really do. He has the whole team to think of."

If Favre sits against the Eagles, he'll go 13 days without playing before the regular-season opener at Miami. With Favre constantly stressing the importance of learning the system and his receivers' tendencies, would that be a big concern?

"Well, I guess no more of a concern than coming in later and having a week to prepare for my first game like I did two weeks ago," he said of his debut against Washington. "To me, that was a real game, based on the circumstances. At least in this case, I will have had some practice and have worked with these guys. Not that that makes it any better, but I feel more comfortable in that situation now than I did several weeks ago."

Favre went 9-of-12 for 96 yards in the 13-10 win over the Giants, and is 14-of-18 for 144 yards overall with a touchdown and no interceptions. He was hit a few times by the Giants, including being flung to the turf by his jersey on a sack by Justin Tuck.

"After the game, I felt OK," the 38-year-old Favre said. "Yesterday morning, I woke up, and I said, 'OK, not too bad.' By yesterday afternoon, I was like, 'Ohh.' Usually two days after is when I feel the worst. I've noticed that the last few years. Today will be a little tougher when you go out to practice than maybe in previous years. It was good to, not that I like getting hit, but it was good to kind of get that over and done with."

With Umenyiora out, Favre was asked if he thought the Giants should try to persuade Michael Strahan out of retirement.

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\$14 million in 2010. The Packers even offered him \$20 million to not play. But a boy's got to do what a boy's got to do. And for Favre, that means suiting up this fall.

But no matter how painful it is to see Favre not wearing No. 4 for my team anymore, it is physically impossible for me to hate the man.

Basically, it comes down to the fact that Favre left everything out on the field. There wasn't one game during that 16-year span that he didn't give it his all. And for football fans, that is the most anyone could ever ask of any player.

I will forever be a Favre fan and I will forever be a Packers fan. Other Packers fans have turned their backs on him, but Favre will always have a special place in my heart. Come Sundays, I might have the channel tuned to the Pack. But I'll be hoping for the best for my boy over in NYC.

Favre will go down in history as one of the greatest of all time. Thirty years down the line, Jet Favre will be but a distant memory — just like Montana the Chief, Mays the Met and Jordan the Wizard. Favre's legacy will forever live on in Lambeau Field.

Drafted by the Atlanta Falcons in 1992, he didn't start as a Packer and now he won't end as a Packer. His legacy, though, will forever be written in Lambeau. That connection allows me to remain loyal to both the Pack and Brett.

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TENNIS

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ter and a facility in Hamilton.

Because of an NCAA rule that requires hosting teams to have an indoor alternate facility in case of inclement weather, Montana's program will not host any matches this spring. Their home matches will be held in Bozeman and declared as a neutral site match.

"We'll have to deal with the logistics as they come," Ascher said, noting that the team will make the adjustment and focus on playing.

After all, just two years removed from rebuilding a program from scratch at Portland State, Ascher knows how to face and overcome obstacles.

"I think he's really clear with specific goals on where he wants our team within the next couple of years," Paulson said. "It's going to be a transition for everyone, but a transition for the best."

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Obama stumps in Billings

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BILLINGS — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said Wednesday that his Republican rival, John McCain, deserves gratitude but not votes for his years of military service.

Appearing before a largely partisan crowd of several hundred veterans and family members, Obama said that McCain, since leaving the military and joining the U.S. Senate, has not done enough for veterans.

"We have a choice in this election," Obama said. "Do we have a president that gets that people are struggling every day, who gets that veterans are struggling every day? Or do we have someone who wants to give more tax breaks to big corporations including Exxon Mobil?"

If elected, the Illinois senator has pledged to increase funding for veterans' health programs, improve mental health treatment for soldiers returning home and end the war in Iraq.

McCain spokesman Tom Steward responded, "Obama's rhetoric does not match his record," and pointed out the Democrat voted last year against a bill funding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Obama said, at the time, that he did not want to give a "blank check" to continue the war in Iraq without a timeline for troop withdrawals.

Wednesday's event in Billings came a day before Obama is scheduled to accept his party's nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

By reaching out to the nation's 25 million veterans, the Obama campaign is hoping to make in-

roads with a constituency that analysts say has traditionally leaned Republican. Montana has the second highest concentration of veterans in the country — 16 percent of its voting-age population.

During the 2004 election, Democrat John Kerry trailed President Bush among veterans, with 44 percent of the veteran vote versus Bush's 55 percent, said Christopher Parker, a professor of political science at the University of Washington.

McCain is a former Navy pilot who served two decades in the military, including more than five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam after his plane was shot down during a bombing mission.

Steward said he was confident McCain's record would be enough to maintain GOP loyalty among veterans. He added that some of the Arizona senator's fellow POWs would appear with him at next week's Republican convention in Minneapolis.

"No one knows better than Sen. McCain what veterans have put on the line for our country," he said.

"The way Sen. McCain was tested, not only when he was flying his missions but certainly when he was a POW, gives you a good idea of what kind of character he has and how he would operate under difficult conditions."

Yet McCain's service was not enough to sway Army veteran Morris Hall, an Obama supporter who attended Wednesday's event in Billings.

"I admire McCain. I admire his sacrifice. But I think he's lost sight," said Hall, who retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1999 after 34 years in the military.

Clinton forcefully endorses Obama

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Former President Bill Clinton gave his full-throated endorsement to Barack Obama's bid for the White House on Wednesday, telling delegates to the Democratic convention that Obama is "ready to lead America and restore American leadership in the world."

Clinton pushed back against attacks — initiated by himself and his wife during the bitter primary campaign, and later taken up by Republican John McCain — that Obama is ill-prepared for the White House, especially on matters of national defense.

He also suggested that on such weighty issues, Obama would be leaning on his seasoned vice president, six-term Sen. Joe Biden.

"With Joe Biden's experience and wisdom, supporting Barack Obama's proven understanding, insight and good instincts, America will have the national security leadership we need," Clinton said.

Clinton campaigned feverishly for his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, in her long-fought primary battle against Obama, and took her loss hard.

He had not spoken out strongly in support of Obama since he clinched the nomination in June.

But Wednesday, he was unambiguous in passing the torch of Democratic leadership to Obama.

Jabbing a finger at thousands of cheering delegates, he declared: "I want all of you who supported her to vote for Barack Obama in November."

Running just over 20 minutes,

Clinton's speech whipped thousands of delegates into a frenzy.

Where a night before they had hoisted "Hillary" banners, on this night they waved American flags, symbols of the unity the fractious party seeks.

The delegates stood on their feet and roared for nearly 3½ minutes when Clinton walked on stage. The former president basked in their affection, but after several false starts at his speech, commanded: "Sit down!"

Clinton was by turns funny, nostalgic and wonkish, touching on issues like health care and pension benefits.

Clinton, ever mindful of himself, likened Obama's presidential quest to his own bid for the presidency in 1992, when "Republicans said I was too young and too inexperienced to be commander in chief."

"Sound familiar?" Clinton said. "It didn't work in 1992, because we were on the right side of history. And it won't work in 2008, because Barack Obama is on the right side of history."

He allowed that the primary campaign had generated "so much heat it increased global warming."

"In the end," he said, "my candidate didn't win. But I'm proud of the campaign she ran: She never quit on the people she stood up for, on the changes she pushed for, on the future she wants for all our children."

In an unusual gesture for a partisan address, Clinton offered measured praise for Republican John McCain, saying he had served heroically in Vietnam.

"He loves our country every

bit as much as we all do," Clinton said. "And as a senator, he has shown his independence of right-wing orthodoxy on several issues."

But, he said, McCain "still embraces the extreme philosophy which has defined his party for more than 25 years."

McCain's campaign sought to turn the Clinton speech to GOP advantage.

"It is indicative of the concern among Democratic voters about Barack Obama's inexperience that after three full days of the Democratic National Convention, President Clinton was finally forced to testify that Senator Obama is ready to be president, despite his previous arguments to the contrary," said McCain spokesman Tucker Bounds.

Clinton's address elicited some nostalgia of its own among the delegates.

"He can still mesmerize a crowd," said Oregon delegate Sam Sappington.

Standing nearby, Lloyd Henion, who came to Denver as a Clinton delegate from Oregon, said the former president "hit a 500-foot home run. He hit all the points."

Clinton's challenge Wednesday night was tall, because he himself had questioned Obama's credentials.

During the primary race, the former president tried to raise doubts about whether the first-term Illinois senator had the experience to lead the country.

He said Obama's opposition to the Iraq war was a "fairy tale."

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Soaring fuel prices, however, will likely mean increased bike traffic this spring, and less room for bike parking at UM.

Gladwin added that UM is looking to install even more bike racks once funding can be found.

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SEGWAYS

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above you, it's sort of hard to approach them – especially if they're wearing a uniform," Sakalis said.

Liz Kavon, a junior studying business marketing management, believes that the increased visibility will deter crime on campus.

"I think it helps keep things safer," Kavon said.

Lemcke said he was optimistic the fate of the new Segways will be better than those from 2006.

"The new one is a whole different machine," Lemcke said. "The technology is pretty darn good."

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TICKETS

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requirement should keep non-students out of the student section.

The five machines that swipe the Griz cards cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 total, money that was taken out of an equipment budget, Maes said.

The new electronic process is long overdue, he said. Many universities already have electronic ticketing and student entrances.

However, the new process was implemented partially because of past ticket scalping. "There were some issues that needed to be addressed," Maes said.

In the past, student scalpers profited by selling their free tickets, he said.

The possibility of scalping will not be entirely eliminated since guest passes will still be on paper. They cost \$10 and will only be available at The Source.

Because of the new stadium expansion, there will be a total of 4,000 student seats, 700 more than last year, Maes said. Of those seats, 400 are available for guests.

"I think it's a good thing," said Steve Cleveland, a junior who said he attends every game.

In the past, he said, other people, sometimes fans of opposing teams, sat in the student section.

"At a Bobcat game last year things got a little wild," he said. "This will keep opponents out and keeps everybody safer."

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Gustav kills 23; N.O. plans evacuation

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti – Gustav stalled offshore Wednesday and poured more misery onto Haiti after landslides and flooding killed 23 people. Oil workers began leaving their rigs and New Orleans drew up evacuation plans as forecasters warned the storm could plow into the U.S. Gulf coast as a major hurricane.

Gustav killed 15 people on Haiti's deforested southern peninsula, where it dumped 12 inches (30 centimeters) or more of rain. A landslide buried eight people, including a mother and six of her children, in the neighboring Dominican Republic.

Gustav weakened to a tropical storm over Haiti, but was expected to become a hurricane again as early as Thursday over the warm Caribbean waters between Cuba and Jamaica. Its expected track pointed directly at the Cayman Islands, an offshore banking center where residents boarded up homes and stocked up on emergency supplies.

By Labor Day, Gustav could make landfall anywhere from south Texas to the Florida panhandle, and hurricane experts said everyone in between should be concerned.

"We know it's going to head into the Gulf. After that, we're not sure," said meteorologist Rebecca Waddington at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "For that reason, everyone in the Gulf needs to be monitoring the storm."

New Orleans began planning a possible mandatory evacuation, hoping to prevent the chaos it saw after Hurricane Katrina struck three years ago Friday. Mayor Ray Nagin left the Democratic National Convention in Denver to help the city prepare.

Oil prices spiked more than US\$2 to close above US\$118 a barrel, rising for a third day on fears that Gustav – like Katrina and Rita – could damage the Gulf Coast energy infrastructure, home to 15 percent of the nation's natural gas output, a quarter of its oil production and nearly half its refining capacity.

Royal Dutch Shell PLC said it was evacuating 300 people from rigs Wednesday, and other producers were doing the same.

Transocean Inc., the world's largest offshore drilling contractor, said all 11 of its Gulf rigs were pulling up and securing drill pipe and other underwater equipment as a precaution.

Any damage to the oil infrastructure could send U.S. pump prices spiking, possibly before the busy Labor Day weekend.

"A bad storm churning in the Gulf could be a nightmare scenario," said Phil Flynn, an analyst at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago. "We might see oil prices spike US\$5 to US\$8 if it really rips into platforms."

Gustav is particularly worrisome because there are few surrounding wind currents capable of shearing off the top of the storm and dimin-

ishing its power, the hurricane center said. "Combined with the deep warm waters, rapid intensification could occur in a couple of days."

By Wednesday evening, a slightly weakened Gustav had top winds of 45 mph (75 kph). It was centered some 65 miles (100 kms) south of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and traveling west at 7 mph (11 kph).

A hurricane warning was in effect for parts of Cuba, including the U.S. military base at Guantanamo, where base spokesman Bruce Lloyd predicted "a really wet night."

Nearly 30,000 people were evacuated from low-lying areas in eastern Cuba, and state television showed muddy, waist-high water damaging homes.

Fidel Castro pledged in an essay that "no one will be forgotten."

The Cayman Islands ordered citizens to secure loose materials in their yards to prevent them from becoming missiles in high winds, and told them to stock up on food, medicine and fuel for generators.

In the Haitian capital, chocolate waters spilled over riverbanks and into shacks of the Cite Soleil slum.

Residents pushed bicycles and balanced boxes of belongings on their heads as they sought higher ground.

U.N. peacekeepers said they evacuated thousands of Haitians by boat and truck, and were preparing to pull people out of the western town of Jeremie even as rain continued to fall.

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