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University programs to receive federal money

Allison Maier

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Three University of Montana programs are set to receive \$938,000 of the over \$77 million in federal money headed to the state from the U.S. Senate's fiscal year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill, which President Barack Obama signed into law last Wednesday. The bill provides \$410 billion to fund most government agencies and departments through the end of September 2009. It combines a number of regular annual appropriations bills.

UM's Montana Safe School Center (MSSC) will receive \$400,000 from the bill, the University's Montana World Trade Center will receive \$300,000 and the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center in the Mansfield Library will get \$238,000.

The Omnibus Appropriations bill has been controversial because it includes various earmarks, provisions that direct funds to be spent on specific projects. Obama spoke out about the inclusion of funding for over 8,500 projects costing \$7.7 billion, saying it was time for lawmakers to be more accountable and responsible, according to a Washington Post article.

Arnold Sherman, executive director of the Montana World Trade Center, admits that earmarks are controversial but said they can also be beneficial.

"I'm not saying earmarks are good or earmarks are bad, but it does allow

for local input and local representatives to advocate for programs they consider worthy," he said.

The Montana World Trade Center, located on the second floor of the Gallagher Business Building, assists Montana companies in expanding their business to international markets, according to Sherman. He said the center aids over 100 companies a year and helps provide \$20 million of new trade activity for businesses annually.

"We don't take full credit," Sherman said. "We're not in there signing the deal for the company."

The Montana World Trade Center has been housed at UM since 1995 and is one of 300 World Trade Centers located in 100 different countries, according to the Sherman.

Sherman said the Trade Center will use the federal money to pay staff, support the students working at the center and continue basic operations. He said the money for the center comes from grants and appropriations from the federal government.

The Montana Safe School Center is one of few state-level school safety centers in the nation, according to associate director Matt Taylor. The MSSC works with schools nationwide, as well as federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Education, to improve school safety efforts. These include bully prevention, preparation for emergencies, Internet safety and suicide preven-

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Law group to host debate on Kaimin sex column

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A University of Montana student law group plans to host a debate regarding the Kaimin's controversial "Bess Sex Column."

James Reavis, the president of the progressive American Constitutional Society, said Monday night that law professors Kristen Juras and Larry Howell have agreed to participate in a public forum, the date and time of which have not been determined.

Juras has been an outspoken critic of the column, saying she will go to the Legislature and Board of Regents to try to institute a policy that prohibits the publication of senior Bess Davis' column.

Published every Friday—seven times since the start of spring semester—the column has discussed issues ranging from sex toys and techniques to Facebook

relationships and cohabitation.

Reavis is waiting to hear from other members of the club to see whether more people should participate in the debate, possibly Kaimin editor Bill Oram or a neutral voice.

Reavis said the debate would be casual, with a moderator and a chance for questions from the public.

"It's not a snappy back and forth presidential debate type of thing," Reavis said.

He said the group wants to host the debate by March 27, the start of UM's spring break.

The American Constitutional Society was formed in 2001 in opposition to the Bush Administration's Patriot Act and typically tackles progressive issues but is officially non-partisan. Reavis said the group is maintaining a neutral stance on the sex column controversy.

Celebrating International Week



Taka Osuga/Montana Kaimin

During the opening ceremony of the 2009 International Week, Shohina Touraeva, a graduate student in public administration, performs a traditional southern Tajikistani dance in the UC Atrium on Monday afternoon. International Week consists of country displays, workshops and lectures.

Carmen George

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Abdulaziz Alhawas, a University of Montana student from Saudi Arabia, said while it's not easy to understand other cultures immediately, it's not hard to respect them.

"I've been here for three years, and every day I try to talk to people. I'm a Muslim, and I'm an Arab, but am I a terrorist that hates Americans? Absolutely not," Alhawas said. "My country's government has been bombed by this group, why would we support them if they attack us? It makes no sense. They are everyone's enemy, not just you guys'."

Alhawas, like many other international students, hopes UM's International Week, which began Sunday, will help to break down

degrading stereotypes and build up respect and understanding for different cultures.

He said open-minded and understanding people help to change things for the better simply by talking to friends about people they've met from other countries. Telling a friend, "I have met them (someone from abroad), and they are just fine," means a lot more than someone from that country speaking in their own defense, Alhawas said. International Week is an opportunity for students to learn about different cultures personally, instead of drawing inaccurate conclusions from biased media reports, he said.

The International Culture and Food Festival kicked off the week Sunday in the University Center, followed by the opening

ceremony for International Week on Monday. Other than Sunday's festival, the rest of the week's events are free and will continue until Friday. The activities range from learning how to cook Asian-style eggs to speeches, panels and films. A study-abroad information booth will also be set up in the UC until the end of the week. A schedule is available at the booth or as a link on the International Programs Webpage, www.umt.edu/ip.

Felicity Dugo, an International Student Association officer and exchange student from Africa, said, "You have to know about other people's cultures to effectively communicate with them," during her speech at the opening ceremony. She added that this week is also about helping interna-

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Editorial

Butte bars should be able to sell booze on the streets

Numerous students will be hitting the road this afternoon, driving 120 miles southeast for the same destination: Butte. It's Montana's Irish hub and the place to be for St. Patrick's Day. As many out there know, it can get pretty crazy. And police tend to be a little lenient, not handing out as many MIPs as they could.

But this year officials are shortening the leash on Butte bars and other businesses because it has become customary to sell booze outside. Montana's Liquor Licensing Bureau is forewarning business owners that anyone caught selling alcohol outside will be fined.

And police will be on the lookout.

It's against state law to sell liquor outside or even through a window to patrons standing outside. The only exception is when liquor license holders are catering events in which the business is not the sponsor, like weddings. Selling booze on the streets during festivals like St. Patrick's Day doesn't fit that exception.

On St. Patty's Day, everyone is on the streets. Neither Butte nor the state of Montana has an open container law. Even though Butte forbids open containers in vehicles, no city ordinance restricts drinking outside.

Ridiculously enough, authorities are threatening businesses and telling them to not sell booze outside, even though people are going to grab their beers and legally walk outside a few seconds later anyway. That's like telling sunglass vendors they can't sell sunglasses outside in July.

Enforcing this law is pointless and a complete waste of resources, especially on St. Patrick's Day, the one day of the year when, in Butte, it should be let go. The party is in the streets on St. Patty's. Even if bars do obey the law and only sell alcohol indoors, people aren't going to stay in the bars.

What reason do authorities have for stepping up enforcement of this law? What's it going to improve? Nothing. Because people will be drinking in the same place they were last St. Patrick's Day. It doesn't make a bit of difference if they bought their beer at a bar or street-side.

Even laws have their exceptions. And just because something is in writing doesn't make it legitimate. Those in charge need to discern the gray areas, think for themselves and not fight for a law just because it's on the books.

Selling alcohol on the streets of Butte only happens on rare, predictable occasions like these large festivals anyway. It's not going on every day, every weekend or even every month.

Pick a law to enforce that would have a positive outcome on St. Patty's. Step up enforcement of DUIs or even MIPs. But don't bust the bars for a law that will be undone by bar-goers mere seconds later when they legally walk out the door, PBR in hand.

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An uncustomary celebration

A long-standing Irish recipe for longevity:

"Leave the table hungry
Leave the bed sleepy
Leave the bar thirsty."

St. Patrick's Day is a celebration of one of the patron saints of Ireland who practiced missionary work in the fourth century. Traditionally, families attended mass, threw down some corned beef and danced until bedtime — a far less-intense celebration than what many of us experience on St. Patty's Day.

Pounding Irish Car Bombs and picking fights at the bar are not traditional elements of the holiday, nor were they likely something that Irish-Catholics had in mind when the holiday originated.

The holiday was and continues to be adapted and redefined by other non-Irish cultures and eventually evolved into the shitshow we witness today. Holidays of all sorts have become analogous with boozing and a general practice of over-consumption and gluttony. Many elements of the present St. Patty's Day celebration have given the holiday, and Ireland itself, an inaccurate reputation of the celebration of alcoholism.

Irish Studies professor Traolach (Terry) O'Riordain grew up in Cork, Ireland, before moving to Missoula to teach at UM in 2001. He is now a part of the up-and-coming Irish Studies program at UM. O'Riordain has a different memory of the holiday than what

THERE'S A FLY IN MY BEER

By Kelsey Bernius



goes on today in the states.

"When I was growing up, it was much less the drinking type of holiday and more family-orientated," O'Riordain said. "Bars used to close at 10 p.m."

As the Irish started leaving their native land and immigrating to places like the United States, celebrating common heritage and identity ignited the party aspect of the holiday. According to O'Riordain, Irish ethnic pride centered around bars, parades and dinner dances that celebrated being Irish. The first recorded St. Patty's parade took place in New York City in March 1762. Now nearly every city hosts a St. Patty's Day parade — Missoula included. And when we think of places like Butte, what comes to mind, especially for young adults and college students, is the rowdy nightlife. Partying in Butte has almost become a rite of passage for Montanans.

"What catches the public eye is the alcohol and negative aspects," O'Riordain said. "It really is a false and distorted picture

of the holiday."

O'Riordain says he will be celebrating the holiday like he has for years by attending mass in the morning, teaching Gaelic to his students in the afternoon and gathering with family and close friends for dinner in the evening.

"The actual celebration of the holiday is really a moderate affair for most respective Irish," O'Riordain said.

It's highly unlikely that the stereotypes that come with today's festivities will change; the Irish will continue to be known for their high aptitude for drinking beer. Given my personal lack of Irish heritage, I can't speak to this idea being detrimental to the Irish culture. What I do know is that taking shots and chugging infinite amounts of Guinness is just not traditional Irish practice. Instead of a day of religious observance and celebrating Irish culture through music, food and dance, the holiday has turned into an excuse to drink ourselves silly.

And Ireland has one hell of a story of conquest, nationalism and independence worth learning about that is much more telling of the culture. But don't get your Old Navy shamrock boxers in a bunch today; enjoy a beer or two and follow the lead of another well-known Irish wit that says, "He'd step over ten naked women to get a pint." I'm just hoping those women aren't passed out in the alley of Sean Kelly's tonight. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Looks for the Kaimin every day

I sit here listening to Montana Public Radio on the evening of Wednesday, March 11. The big story tonight is the Bess Sex column and one professor's attempts to get the column pulled from our student-supported newspaper. It is with this interview in mind that I must congratulate editor Bill Oram and Ms. Davis on sticking to their guns. I, for one, read the Bess Sex column EVERY week, and I will continue to for as long as it is run. Should it ever be pulled, I will consider it to be a nail in the coffin of the Kaimin. To give up a very entertaining and popular series simply because one professor (not a student who pays the Kaimin/Recycling Fee) has a problem with the subject would simply be wrong. I used to ignore the Kaimin as nothing more than a rag that panders to the administration, but since Big-Ups and Backhands and Bess Sex, I look for the Kaimin every day.

-Ian Jaqua, sophomore geoscience

Don't repress sex discussions

The UM Women's Resource Center would like to voice its support for the Kaimin and columnist Bess Davis in regards to their current dispute with UM law professor Kristen Juras. We may not always agree with what is written in this publication, but we firmly

believe that it is the right of the Kaimin to decide for itself what it publishes.

Furthermore, we believe that repressing open discussion of sexuality hurts both women and men. Articles pertaining to sex are absolutely appropriate for college students, who are able to make educated judgments on topics for themselves. In this day and age, it is absolutely imperative that, for our own health, safety and wellness, we educate ourselves about topics such as these.

And lastly, Professor Juras stated that the Bess Sex column is embarrassing, as it "affects (her) reputation as a member of the faculty." Well, if Juras is successful, and the Kaimin is censored, I'll be embarrassed. As a future UM alum, my reputation will be tarnished for having graduated from a university that is so closed-minded.

-Sarah Jefferson, senior history, women's & gender studies; intern, Women's Resource Center

Column statement of independence

I would like to take this time to comment on the March 11 article regarding the sex column put out by Bess. I agree that the column is not professional. It reeks of young adults and a desire to push the envelope. It is not like anything I have yet seen in this paper, so I can see how Bess Sex would make some



Letters to the Editor

more rightist people uncomfortable.

I must now point out that this is a university paper made by and for young adults who desire to push the envelope. We are at a point in our lives where sex occupies a large portion of our thoughts and, without apology, our actions. This is not to say that we all have sex, or are sexually obsessed, but it is a topic that should not be taboo. Ignorance and insecurity are dangerous to have when considering such a subject. Do not be afraid of knowledge; we are all here to learn.

I have read the Bess Sex articles in previous issues and have, at times, thought them immature but not inappropriate for the demographic. Bess is a columnist whose job is to inspire students read the publication. I would like to congratulate Bess on her last column, the one about Facebook, as it was exactly the type of thing that young adults are worried about.

We're at a point in our social evolution that we must decide what is appropriate. It seems easy for us to do nothing in situations that do not directly affect us, but doing so allows

others to mold the world around you. If nothing else, this is a time for us make a statement of our independence from the thoughts of the previous generations. Propriety is decided by the society in which you live.

-Topher A. Shipp, sophomore, marketing

Davis "Dr. Phil times two"

As a perpetual critic of the Montana Kaimin, UM's independent campus newspaper since 1898, I consider myself to be in a unique position to question the validity of the recent criticism brought forth by UM law professor Kristen Juras concerning the appropriateness of Bess Davis's weekly "Bess Sex Column."

To begin with, I must honestly ask: Kristen Juras, is this the first semester you have bothered to read the Kaimin? I have been on this campus for four years and the Kaimin has always had a knack for embarrassing those of us who attend this institution, to say nothing of those who work for it. Tasteless jokes, atrocious writing, nonexistent editing, and, yes, unqualified employees are the legacy of this campus paper, with occasional caveats like the article written by Allison Maier whose objective portrait of your moralizing crusade assured that the embarrassment will be all yours.

The reality is that the sex column is run on the opinion page of the

Kaimin, which precludes the column from many of the responsibilities present in traditional journalistic coverage. It is the very same page where a few years ago Christopher Lilly would present some weekly rubbish about getting drunk and contracting venereal diseases (that's not hyperbole either — check the archives). You were a professor here then as well, but not a word was spoken, probably because Lilly's weekly content was so blatantly inflammatory and obscene, it attracted no serious critical attention. This makes your allegations that the newspaper's unprofessionalism is affecting your reputation specious at best, since in comparison to Lilly, Bess Davis is Doctor Phil times two. In truth your criticism of the column has nothing to do with journalistic standards of propriety, but your own Christian sensibilities as to what is publicly acceptable.

Whether or not you consider the column appropriate is irrelevant; do not attempt to whitewash our rights as students under a façade of professionalism when your intent is nothing of the sort. What this truly brings into question is your ability as an instructor at this university to separate your personal beliefs from your own professional obligations.

-Adam Tew, senior English

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- Get it wrong
- Hamlet's friend
- The Greatest
- Two-finger sign
- Deviation from the norm
- Moines
- Very unlikely!
- Killer whale
- Allied org.
- Sonnet stanzas
- My goodness!
- Journalist Hentoff
- Oodles
- International prize
- Beverage dispenser
- Hear
- Actress Thurman
- Take care of
- Wildly funny
- Arrow's path
- Document validator
- State of little activity
- Stag or buck
- "Country" Slaughter
- Kingpins
- Coffee alternative
- Free from strife
- Letters that blast
- Once owned
- Gratifies
- T-shirt size
- Ernie of the links
- Most succinct
- Nod of the head

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- "Sliver" author
- Game site
- Big dog
- Siamese, today
- Tune
- Aphrodite's boy
- Bring to heel
- Doesn't go
- "My Sister ___"
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- Sierra Mountains
- Make a choice
- Alther and Eichhorn
- Rimbaud or Verlaine
- Milanese eight
- Dee or Day O'Connor
- Clinton's veep
- Beluga product
- SAT test section
- Booth or Meese
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- On one's own
- In a cheerful manner
- Australian bird
- Heading for Vegas?
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- Labels
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U-Wire

By Allie Wills: Michigan Daily, U. Michigan

Finding tolerance in Christianity

I have always been Christian and religious. I can't remember a time when I didn't believe in God. I grew up in a conservative Presbyterian church that had a "love the sinner, hate the sin" attitude toward homosexuality, so when I came out to myself as queer at 16, I was devastated.

At first, I considered celibacy, which was my church's only answer to homosexuality. I would have done it if I had been sure it was what God wanted, but something nagged at my brain. How could it be a sin? Who was I hurting? Why would God have made me queer if I was supposed to spend my whole life fighting it? I considered fighting it for a while and then started looking for other options.

I found out that a lot of denominations, my own included, have groups of churches that accept lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people without asking us to change. I visited all different kinds of churches: Methodist, Lutheran, United Church of Christ and Presbyterian. I began to believe that homosexuality was not a sin — that God loves and accepts people regardless of their sexuality. Jesus, after all, said nothing about homosexuality and spent his time with all sorts of people on the fringes of society.

Still, I had considered getting ordained for a long time, and if that was what God was

asking of me, I wanted a church in which I could get ordained without having to be celibate. This narrowed my search down to the Episcopal, Unitarian Universalist and Metropolitan Community Churches. I tried a local Episcopal Church and fell in love almost instantly. Sexuality was talked about openly, I was allowed to be a Sunday school teacher and the priest herself was in a committed, same-sex relationship. I was confirmed into the Episcopal Church in June of 2009 and it felt like coming home.

Coming to college, I was afraid I wouldn't find a religious community that accepted me the way my first church had. By the grace of God, I found two: Canterbury House and St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church. The first time I met St. Clare's parishioners was at an Oasis Evensong, a service held once a month by and for LGBT people and our allies. They encouraged me to visit a service at St. Clare's, and sure enough, it made me feel at home the moment I walked through the door.

At Canterbury House, the Episcopal student ministry, I found another terrific community. The music is wild, the preaching is radical and you will be welcomed into the community no matter where you are in life. In it I have found a Christian community of LGBT people and

our allies. I've gained countless Christian friends, some LGBT and others straight.

Robin Williams once joked that the best thing about the Episcopal Church is that, whatever you believe, you are sure to find someone there who will agree with you. In some ways, he's right — certainly not everyone in the Episcopal Church believes LGBT people should be accepted into the life of the church, and we are still struggling over whether LGBT people should be bishops. I love the fact that we can disagree civilly (most of the time), but I wish everyone could see what I see — LGBT Christians pray, laugh, cry, worship, work and raise families in the church just like everyone else.

LGBT people are an integral part of the church. We have a powerful presence in the life of the church and we belong in its sacred space as much as anyone else. Certainly, we have come a long way, but there's still much more to do. Although it won't be easy, I truly believe that LGBT people in all faiths have the responsibility of working to advance our cause in organized religion. We too are faithful people, and we too deserve the chance to be welcomed into our religions the way we are. It's bound to be an uphill battle, but I know we'll get there.

Guest Column

Quixotic Sex against Sophomoric Sex: "Hide this breast I should not see!" ("Tartuffe" by Moliere)

After attacks by extreme conservative elements on educators' course content in Missoula's high-schools, we now have insiders' attacks against freedom of the press at the U of M. Is this the result of some coordination or the periodic raising of censorship's ugly head, poking from under the cloak of good taste, religion or responsibility (Professor's Juras' complaint)?

While the country is free-falling into a depression, questioning the very concept of legality itself in some areas, two UM quixotic law professors prefer to battle the Kaimin's "sex column" of Bess Davis!

But what is unusual in Professor Juras' will to censor the "sex column" is the nature of one of the arguments she uses: expertise. Allying her damaged reputation (lawyer's professional tic — a lawsuit forthcoming!), Juras claims that if the column in question were written by a sexologist, she wouldn't have any problems. According to her, only experts can write on topics of expertise; the others must just sit down and listen. Not only is this attitude undemocratic and very problematic, but it does not sound very persuasive, for the good reason that if Juras finds Bess Davis' comments "inappropriate and embarrassingly unprofessional," what would her reaction be when faced by real sexologists' commentaries, such as those of Dr. Ruth (a psychosexual therapist), Dr. Mildred Brown or Dr. Rajan Bhonsle? I bet her bloomers' redness would pale in comparison to the crimson of her cheeks! Or perhaps Dr. Juras would prefer a column from Michel Foucault's "Ars Erotica," or even excerpts from J.P. Aron's "The Penis and the Western Demoralization?" And we won't even mention psychoanalysis — the "plague" (dixit Freud himself) brought by the dear Master to America. Professor Juras' expertise argument used as an exonerating and self-validating reason does not hold water. Her censorship attacks, joined by those of her colleague Rob Natelson (also from the Law School!) are plain and simple puritan bigotry and false modesty. They are identical to the family-values firebrand Judith Reisman and radio shock-jock Dr.

Laura Schlessinger's periodic attacks on the N.H.A funding of sex research. It's not only the AIDS epidemic that thwarted sexual health, research and family planning — the spin-offs of the 1960s sexual revolution ("make love not war!"). It is also the '80s and '90s Republican ultra-conservative agenda that rolled back the socio-political conquest of the '60s and scuttled the implementation of human benefits inspired by the work of Kinsey and Masters & Johnson, paradoxically making America one of the most sexually repressive and repressed of all Western nations. Professor Juras doesn't need an expert to tell her about "true" sex. As a lawyer, she should be able to tell the true and false apart and take the rest for what it is: a charming fantasy. Sex is 90 percent mind trip anyway (dixit Lacan — another good Master).

One has a right to be a heavy-handed moralist, a fundamentalist or a Puritan, but the First Amendment makes it clear as to how far one can impose one's agenda on others. But what is most reprehensible about Juras' behavior, and which all should oppose is her ominous threat to raise the issue of the Kaimin's state funding with the Legislature if she doesn't receive satisfaction. Not only is this blackmail, but Juras is going much beyond her call of duty as law professor and educator. It's our turn to raise the issue of responsibility. In this day and age of financial catastrophe and state impoverishment, it is utterly irresponsible to call for punitive financial retribution in academically related matters.

A last point: What used to be taken for granted as the fruit and progress of the liberationist battles of the '60s is now under attack. The wheel has to be constantly re-invented and basic truths re-asserted — as if post-modernism had become an eternal boring merry-go-round, a redundant repetition.

Professor Juras, give your tongue some thoughts, so that what you read is not censored by your eyes. Let students be students, Professor Juras. Let it be.

-Michel Valentin
Associate professor
of the MCLL Department

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Obama blisters insurance giant AIG, vows to try to block bonuses

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WASHINGTON — Joining a wave of public anger, President Barack Obama blistered insurance giant AIG for “recklessness and greed” Monday and pledged to try to block it from handing its executives \$165 million in bonuses after taking billions in federal bailout money.

“How do they justify this outrage to the taxpayers who are keeping the company afloat?” Obama asked. “This isn’t just a matter of dollars and cents. It’s about our fundamental values.”

Obama aggressively joined other officials in criticizing American International Group, the company that is fast becoming the poster boy for Americans’ bailout blues.

The bonuses could contribute to a backlash against Washington that would make it tougher for Obama to ask Congress for more bailout help — and jeopardize other parts of the recovery agenda that is dominating the start of his presidency. Thus, the president and his top aides were working hard to distance themselves from the insurer’s conduct, to contain possible political damage and to try to bolster public confidence in his administration’s handling of the broader economic rescue effort.

David Axelrod, senior adviser to Obama, said in an interview with The Associated Press that there was no question that the bonuses and the public’s anger over them could run many things off the rail. “People are angry because they’ve seen exhibit after exhibit of irresponsibility and people walking away with money in their pockets,” he said. “It’s undermined the discussion that we have to have.”

Obama had scheduled a speech Monday to announce new help for recession-pounded small businesses. But first, he said, he had a few words to say about AIG. He lost his voice at one point and ad-libbed, “Excuse me, I’m choked up with anger here.” It was just a light aside, but he meant the sternness of his remarks to come through.

“This is a corporation that finds itself in financial distress due to recklessness and greed,” Obama declared.

He said he had directed Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner to “pursue every legal avenue to block these bonuses and make the

American taxpayer whole.”

Later, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the administration would modify the terms of a pending \$30 billion bailout installment for AIG to at least recoup the \$165 million the bonuses represent. That wouldn’t rescind the bonuses, just require AIG to account for them differently.

Axelrod called the bonuses “spectacularly tone-deaf.”

He said the administration hoped the tough talk would result in voluntary action on the part of AIG and its bonus recipients, although that remains an open question. “All we can do is administer this thing going forward,” he said.

On a separate track, New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said Monday he would issue subpoenas for information on the bonuses after AIG missed his deadline for providing details. Cuomo said his office would investigate whether the employees were involved in AIG’s near-collapse and whether the \$165 million in bonus payments were fraudulent under state law.

AIG spokeswoman Christina Pretto told The Associated Press, “We are in contact with the attorney general and will of course respond to his request.”

One reason that the AIG bonus giveaway is such a compelling story — and a politically troubling one for Obama if not neutralized — is that it offers a simple story line that appears to sum up ways in which the federal bailouts have gone awry.

“This is just the kind of issue that galvanizes public outrage,” said Paul C. Light, professor of public service at New York University. “It’s always the tangible stuff, the things that ordinary Americans can relate to.”

Bailout steps for AIG totaling over \$170 billion since September have effectively left the federal government with an 80 percent stake in the faltering insurance giant.

Obama’s comments came on the same day a new poll showed slippage in his approval rating. The poll by the Pew Research Center showed it dropped from 64 percent in February to 59 percent this month amid divisions of opinions over his economic proposals and what the pollsters said was a growing perception that

the president is listening more to his party’s liberals than to its moderates.

Still, those surveyed generally gave the president favorable marks for doing as much as he can to try to fix the economy, and few blame him for making the economy worse.

Andrew Kohut, Pew’s director, said in an interview that people are most angry with banks and companies but there’s also “pushback against Washington generally. And, of course, the buck stops with Barack Obama these days.”

Obama’s sharp words continued an insistent administration drumbeat over the past few days designed to pressure the bonus recipients to forgo them. Thus far, American International Group officials have refused to rescind the payments.

In a letter to Geithner over the weekend, the government-appointed chief executive of AIG, Edward Liddy, said the bonuses were legally binding obligations and the firm’s “hands are tied.”

Still, pressure was building on that issue — and on the government to rework its AIG bailout to make sure the company repays as much of the \$170 billion as possible.

So far, the company has been honoring its contracts with U.S. and foreign banks, paying out more than \$90 billion in economic bailout funds to big banks and others. The government agreed to uphold those contracts when it seized control of AIG in September, contending that failure would bring even worse global economic problems.

However, Obama officials made the rounds of Sunday talk shows to denounce the insurer. And even Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke weighed in, saying on CBS’ “60 Minutes” that the AIG bailout angered him the most and that he “slammed the phone more than a few times on discussing AIG.” Still, he said a collapse of AIG would have wreaked havoc on the global economy.

Obama was planning an appearance later in the week on Jay Leno’s NBC talk show, perhaps to add a lighter touch to his efforts to show himself in command of efforts to resuscitate the economy.

US military jets shoot down Iranian aircraft

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — U.S. jets shot down an Iranian unmanned surveillance aircraft last month over Iraqi territory about 60 miles northeast of Baghdad, the U.S. military said Monday.

A U.S. statement said the Ababil 3 was tracked for about 70 minutes before U.S. jets shot it down “well-inside Iraqi airspace” and that the aircraft’s presence over Iraq “was not an accident.”

An Iraqi official said the Iranian aircraft went down near the Iraqi border town of Mandali. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

The Ababil is believed to have a maximum range of about 90 miles and can fly up to 14,000 feet. It is primarily designed for surveillance and intelligence-gathering.

U.S. officials have frequently accused the Iranians of supplying weapons, training and money to Shiite extremist groups opposed to the U.S. military presence and to the U.S.-backed Iraqi government.

Iran has denied links to militant groups inside Iraq and says the instability in this country is a result of the U.S. “occupation.” The Iranians consider the presence of about 140,000 U.S. troops in a

neighboring country as a threat to their national security.

In Baghdad, a U.S. soldier was fatally injured during combat operations Monday, the U.S. said in a statement. No further details were released.

It was the first combat death reported by the U.S. military in Baghdad this month and the first among U.S. forces nationwide since March 7, when a soldier was killed in the Tikrit area.

U.S. casualties have dropped sharply since Iraqi soldiers and police have taken a greater role in security. President Barack Obama has pledged to withdraw all U.S. combat troops from Iraq by September 2010.

American combat troops are due to leave bases in Baghdad and other cities by June 30 under an agreement that provides for all U.S. forces to leave the country by the end of 2011.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told The Associated Press on Sunday that U.S. troops may stay in some areas that are not completely secure even after the June 30 date.

He did not identify those areas, but U.S. and Iraqi troops are still trying to secure Mosul, the country’s third-largest city where al-Qaida and other Sunni militant groups remain active.

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International Culture and Food Festival showcases world-wide traditions

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Donning a white chef's coat, Scott Gray parted the mob of hungry people in the University Center's first-floor atrium, his resonant voice booming.

"Hot food! We've got hot food coming through," he yelled, bringing a new tray of hot fry bread to the Kyi-Yo booth, hosted by the Native American Student Association.

It was Gray's second year as the food booth coordinator for UM's annual International Culture and Food Festival, which is hosted by the International Student Association and Foreign Student and Scholar Services.

"Pretty much, if it happens on this floor, I'm in charge of it," Gray said.

The festival opened at noon with bursting beats of African drumming by Unity Dance and Drum.

The barefoot drummers bobbed their heads and boogied to the beats behind student officers from the International Student Association that led the parade of flags up and around the UC. International students and community members carried the flags of their home countries, many clothed in colorful traditional dress.

Twenty-two food booths sold authentic foods, from Sri Lankan chicken curry to Taiwanese bubble tea at Sunday's festival.

Gray, a graduate student in business, has been organizing the food festival since last October. The student groups did all the cooking and prep for the festival, starting last Thursday and Friday and continuing the entire day Saturday before the event.

Gray oversaw each food booth, making sure servers wore gloves and followed proper safety procedures.

With a couple of people from each group

working to get their cuisine ready to serve, the kitchen was a madhouse, he said.

Shortly after noon, people swarmed around the Swedish stand blocking the west entrance of the UC, lining up for meatballs and pastries.

Within an hour after the fest opened, the line for the Greek Society's booth became indistinguishable, stretching out into the hall past the others.

"We are very busy," said one of the six Greek women serving spanakopita, lamb kabobs and baklava. "I had to sit down."

Sophomore Amy Michels, president of the African Student Association, helped serve mbayal and fufu – "everyone's favorite" – which is a thick paste or porridge that resembles mashed potatoes made from root vegetables.

Aromas of curry and chili mingled with women's perfumes. Music from the live performances on the third floor, including Irish and Tajikistani dancing, projected throughout the UC.

People cluttered together and peered down from the balconies of the second and third floors, watching a sea of people in the food bazaar.

Meanwhile, on the first floor it wasn't uncommon to hear "I'm getting a little claustrophobic," "I'm Irish, too" and "We're trying to decide."

Children in cultural dress and T-shirts with logos of different nationalities clung to their parents' hands and babies in strap-on carriers remained quiet and wide-eyed.

Gray said the congestion and swarming of people at the festival is what gives it an authentic atmosphere. "This is part of it," he said.

Michels agreed. And that's what keeps people coming back.

"If you can't travel the world, you can here," she said.

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ABOVE: UM belly dance instructor Kelli Marie Neumayer dazzles the crowd with an American Classic style belly dance.



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ABOVE: Tshering Tempa performs songs on his ornately decorated Bhutanese lute during the International Culture and Food Festival.



ABOVE: People h

TOP: A Kyi-Yo m

GASTRONOMY



Eric Oravsky/Montana Kaimin
 hurry about the University Center floor from one food booth to the next to see what exotic foods they might find next.
 Eric Oravsky/Montana Kaimin
 member performs a traditional native dance.



Bess Brownlee/Montana Kaimin
 ABOVE: Two-year-old Isabelle Poteet tries fruit pudding from the Estonia booth during the food festival. This was Poteet's first year at the festival, which she attended with her grandmother.



Bess Brownlee/Montana Kaimin
 ABOVE: The Taiwanese booth served traditional food and the crowd-pleasing beverage "bubble tea." Bubble tea is a mixture of milk tea and sweet "pearls" made out of tapioca.



Bess Brownlee/Montana Kaimin
 ABOVE: Irish grad student Ciara Wadden waves the flag of Ireland in the UC Commons during the International Flag Parade at the Food Festival.

SIDE LINES



HOME GAMES THIS WEEK

No home games this week.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lacrosse: Montana's club lacrosse team lost a conference battle on the road to Boise State last weekend, dropping a close 12-11 contest. The loss pushed Montana's record to 5-4 overall, 4-2 in conference play. Attackman Will Freihofer led the Griz with five goals and one assist. Attackman Jeremy Brown pitched in four goals and an assist of his own. The Griz will not resume action again until April 18 with a home match against Gonzaga.

Big Sky men's basketball: Weber State head coach Randy Rahe was selected the Big Sky Conference's Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons. Rahe led the Wildcats to a 15-1 regular season record. They were the first team in Big Sky history to finish 8-0 in conference road games.

Big Sky men's basketball: No. 13 seed Portland State, the Big Sky Conference champion, will face No. 4 seed Xavier in the first round of the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship on Friday in Boise, Idaho. Weber State, the Big Sky regular-season champion, earned an invite to the National Invitation Tournament where they will face San Diego State on Tuesday in San Deigo.

STANDINGS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

School	Conf.	Total
Sac. State	4-0	10-5
N. Colorado	3-1	3-7
E. Washington	4-2	7-5
N. Arizona	2-1	6-6
Montana State	2-1	5-8
Montana	1-1	3-6
Idaho State	0-2	0-7
Weber State	0-2	2-11
Portland State	0-4	3-13

MEN'S TENNIS

School	Conf.	Total
Sac. State	3-0	8-4
Weber State	2-0	6-6
Montana	1-1	3-3
N. Arizona	1-0	2-10
E. Washington	3-1	8-6
Montana State	1-1	7-4
Portland State	2-3	6-7
N. Colorado	1-5	1-12
Idaho State	0-2	0-8

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Dancin' shoes: Lady Griz to field of 64

Colter Nunez
MONTANA KAIMIN

Carpentry may not be among the most desirable professions these days, but Mandy Morales just might have to hire someone to build her a bigger trophy case.

Morales, a senior, scored 23 points and pulled down nine rebounds en route to earning Most Valuable Player of the Big Sky Conference Tournament after her Montana Lady Griz defeated Portland State 69-62 in front of 4,746 exuberant fans at Dahlberg Arena Saturday. The win secured the Big Sky's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament for Montana.

The award was the second post-season tournament MVP in Morales' decorated career. Last week she was named Most Valuable Player of the Big Sky Conference's regular season for the second time. All told, Morales has been named first team All-Big Sky four times and has been named conference Player of the Week a record 13 times to accompany her slew of MVP awards.

Montana (28-4) claimed the automatic bid to the Big Dance for a second consecutive year. Morales, who averaged 24 points per game during the tournament, said getting a chance to return to the NCAA's was the team's goal all season long, but she was quick to spread praise among her teammates.

"It's sweet," said Morales, who joined former Lady Griz Greta Koss and Shannon (Cate) Sweeney as the only BSC players to



Taka Osuga/Montana Kaimin

The Lady Griz celebrate their victory over Portland State on Saturday. Montana is seeded at No. 13 in the 2009 NCAA Tournament and will face the No. 4 Pittsburgh Saturday night in Seattle.

win multiple postseason MVPs. "Even playing a good team, Portland State, and getting them two times in a week, it's sweet. Sarah Ena stepped up for us (Saturday). She was an animal on the boards. Everyone contributed."

If Morales was the steady engine that helped Montana persevere in a game that saw nine ties and 14 lead changes, then Ena was the high combustion fuel. The sophomore forward had one of the best efforts of her young career, posting her fourth double-double in her last five games with 19 points and 14 rebounds, seven

of which were offensive. She averaged 16.5 points and 10 rebounds during the tournament and joined Morales on the all-tournament team.

"(Ena's) relentless on the boards," said Montana head coach Robin Selvig. "It's one of the big things she does for us. She plays hard, she's a quick jumper and has a quick first step. It's something some people have a knack for."

In a game in which both Montana (20-of-60) and Portland State (19-of-58) shot poorly, physicality in the lane was the determining factor. Thanks in large part

to Ena's efforts on the offensive glass, Montana won the rebounding battle handily, 46-34.

"You had (Sonya) Rogers, you had Morales, but (Saturday) it was Sarah Ena," said Portland State head coach Sherri Murrell. "If I can find a kid like (Ena) recruiting-wise, I'm going to do everything within NCAA compliance to get her in my program."

Ena said playing with teammates like Morales and Rogers, who was also named to the all-tourney team after 14.5 points per game, makes exerting maximum effort a goal. See DANCIN', page 9



Griz Notebook:

Football spring drills start; men's tennis claims win on road

Roman Stubbs
MONTANA KAIMIN

Football gets first reps of spring season

The Montana football players stuck their necks into March snow flurries Monday afternoon as they kicked off the opening stages of their 2009 season with spring drills at the Riverbowl.

The Griz worked out for two hours, commencing the first official practice since the team's spirited run ended in the FCS National Championship game in December, where the Griz lost 24-7 to Richmond. Montana worked out in no pads and will do the same Tuesday afternoon before gearing up for three consecutive contact practices.

Montana returns 55 lettermen this season, including seven starters on offense and six on defense from the 2008 campaign. Notable losses include the field generals on both sides of the ball, quarterback Cole Bergquist and safety Colt Anderson, as well as the offensive line core of Colin Dow, Brent Rasmus and J.D. Quinn.

"We have to replace some good

players, but that's college football. That's what you do this time of year," said Montana coach Bobby Hauck. "Spring practice allows you to develop your depth... Another thing it gives you a chance to do is allow you to develop technically."

The next four weeks of spring practice will be a breeding ground for younger players to make a name for themselves. It will also set the tone for position battles that will go into fall camp. For one, the rights to replace Bergquist, who threw for 3,156 and accounted for 36 touchdowns last season, will come down to juniors Andrew Selle and Jeff Larson, as well as talented freshman Gerald Kemp. Defense and special teams will also have plenty of dogfights including at punter, which was vacated after Ken Wood left the program this winter.

"Every job is open. It's a great opportunity. For those young guys, it will be their chance to go play college football and show us what they can do," said Hauck. "Anytime you don't have free and open competition at every position, you

get stagnant; you risk not improving."

Hauck remembers his brother Tim, who coached the secondary at Montana from 2003 to 2007, telling him midway through spring practice in 2006 that freshman Colt Anderson would start at safety for them the following year. "There's no way he's going to start for us safety," Hauck remembers telling his brother, but quickly became a believer in the eventual All-American from Butte. "All he did was make plays every day, and he came out of spring ball starting at safety."

Hauck, who is 39-6 in Big Sky games in his six years, just added offensive line coach Chad Germer last week but said there is no timetable to replace receivers coach Cedric Cormier, who was named Miami University's (Ohio) receivers coach on Feb. 17.

Men's tennis gets one win on the weekend, women's tennis goes winless

The men's tennis squad came away 1-2 in its second road trip of the season, sandwiching in a 5-2

win over Lewis-Clark State between losses to Eastern Washington Friday and Idaho Sunday.

Eastern handled Montana 5-2 Friday in Cheney, Wash., and the Vandals edged the Griz 4-3 Sunday in Moscow, Idaho. The Griz are 3-3 overall, 1-1 in Big Sky play.

Montana got two match wins in doubles, as Mikolaj Borkowski and Carl Kuschke picked up a pair of wins over Eastern Washington and Idaho. Senior Felipe Raw and Raydner Ramos delivered a 3-0 sweep in the No. 2 double matches for the Grizzlies, pushing their spring season duo record to a perfect 6-0.

Raw and Ramos won all three double matches 8-6. Borkowski and Raw both won single matches Sunday against Idaho to knot the afternoon's score at 2-2, but the Vandals won the final two matches to seal their tenth win of the season.

The women's team dropped two straight matches on the road, losing 4-3 Friday at Lewis-Clark State and 7-0 Saturday to Washington State in Pullman.

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DANCIN'

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effort easy.

"It's not hard to go relentless to the boards and give everything you have when you're playing with a great squad," Ena said. "I love my teammates. I want to bust myself for them, all the coaches and fans. We approach the game with heart, and we leave it all on the floor, whether we win or lose."

The game, much like the conference regular season, was a back-and-forth battle with each team answering the call when it looked like a run was imminent. Stingy defense by both squads caused for poor shooting but also provided what Murrell alluded to as the determining factor.

Montana did not attempt a free throw in the first half as the game entered intermission with UM up just one, 27-26. But in the second half, Montana capitalized on second-chance opportunities, and its advantage in brute strength to get to the charity strip. UM converted 24-of-27 free throw opportunities after halftime. Ena led the way, knocking down 9-of-10.

"Down the stretch with a lead, we get to the line a lot," Selvig said. "We got a lot of offensive boards in the second half as well. Making those down the stretch is

the key. I'm not even sure how we got that cushion of six or seven. But I've got a team that takes care of the ball and doesn't turn it over, and you've got to foul us."

Portland State (22-9) will earn a bid to the WNIT for its efforts. The Vikings were led by all-tournament team-members Kelli Valentine and Claire Faucher. Valentine, a sophomore forward, finished the game with 16 points. She averaged 19.5 points per game during the tournament. PSU's all-league guard Faucher finished with 17 points, five rebounds and a game-high of four assists. Oana Iacovita of Idaho State was the sixth member of the all-tourney team.

As the final minute ticked away, the Dahlberg faithful showed their appreciation in the most voluminous of ways, sending the Lady Griz off with a resounding standing ovation. Morales said it is something she will never forget.

"It was pretty emotional," Morales said. "I got chills. The crowd was great. It was only 4,700, but it still seemed like it was the 6,700 from last week. They were really into the game. I love it when the crowd is like that. I'm really going to miss this place."

Montana learned Monday that it will travel to Seattle as the No. 13 seed in the Oklahoma City Regional of the Women's



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Junior guard Shaunte Nance-Johnson fights for the ball against Portland State junior guard Claire Faucher during the Big Sky Conference women's championship game on Saturday at Dahlberg Arena. The Lady Griz beat the Vikings, 69-62.

en's NCAA Basketball Championships. UM will square off against the fourth-seeded Pittsburgh Panthers on Saturday March 21. Selvig said he was indifferent to Montana's seed,

but was pleasantly surprised by the location.

"At first I was disappointed because I thought it said we were playing in Iowa City," Selvig said. "But then I realized we

were in Seattle. Seattle was my first choice, and it will be great, because we should have a lot of support."

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Montana won the first two single matches against Lewis-Clark State after Liz Walker won over Jamie Chan in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3, while the No. 2 singles slot went to Rebecca Bran, who defeated LC State's Katharina Marsela 6-3, 6-4. But Lewis-Clark State reeled off three of the next four single sets, negating UM's No. 5 Kayla Moyses' win over Megan Smedley in straight sets 6-2, 6-4, and won the final two double sets to secure their fourth win of the season. Walker and Martyna Nowak won the No. 1 double match over Chan and Marsela 8-2. Walker and Nowak also won 9-7 Saturday in Pullman, Ariz., defeating Arizona

State's Elisabeth Fournier and Bianca Selaru.

Golf finishes 11th in California tournament

Montana shot a final round score of 351 to earn 11th place at the Drake Invitational Bulldog Classic this weekend in Vallejo, Calif.

Carissa Simmons led Montana with a 28th place finish after firing a 250 (81-80-89). Teddi Roberts placed 40th after shooting a 255 (83-85-87).

Montana was in eighth place after the first round Saturday, shooting a 338 on the par-72 course. Simmons led the club by shooting a 40 on the back nine en route to an 81. Roberts finished the round with an 83, while Kacey Valla and Ashli Helstrom both hit 47 on the back nine to earn an 86 and 88.

Montana shot a 335 in the second round Sunday. Valla and teammate Jacqueline Olson tied for 62nd place with scores of 263 apiece, while Helstrom, a freshman, shot a 269 for 79th place.

Central Arkansas won the tournament with an overall score of 949, while Northern Arizona finished in second with a 963 team score. Montana State rounded out the Big Sky representation by firing a 1,028 as a squad, good for 12th place.

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UG 50276	315	30	3	Photography II	2ND	6/29-7/31	MTWR	9:30a-11:20a	FA 415	Krutek	
Online Offerings:											
U 51301	151H	50	3	Art of World Civ: Modern-Cont	2ND	6/29-7/31				Smith	
DANCE (DAN) Special Session											
U 50402	327A	80	2	Dance in Elementary Education	SPEC	5/26-6/18	MTWR	12:30p-2:20p	PART 005	Antonioli	
DRAMA (DRAM) First Session											
U 51295	111A	01	3	Acting for Non-Majors I	1ST	5/26-6/26	MTWR	1:30p-3:20p	MCG 125	Dean	
DRAMA (DRAM) Special and Full Sessions											
U 50646	306	60	1-3	Summer Theatre	FULL	5/26-7/31	Arrange		PART 195	Dean	
U 50398	327A	80	2	Drama in Elementary Education	SPEC	5/26-6/05	MTWRF	9:20a-12:20p	MCG 125	Waldorf	
MEDIA ARTS (MAR) First Session											
U 51303	101L	01	3	Introduction to Media Arts	1ST	5/26-6/26	MTWR	9:30a-11:20a	SS 352	Murphy	
Online Offerings:											
U 51304	102	50	3	Digital Technology in the Arts	1ST	5/26-6/26				Hughes	
U 51306	395	50	3	Introduction to Photoshop	1ST	5/26-6/26				Hughes	
U 51307	395	51	3	Introduction to Web Design	1ST	5/26-6/26				Ghaddar	
U 51308	395	52	3	Digital Photographic Imaging	1ST	5/26-6/26				Fromm	
MEDIA ARTS (MAR) Special Session											
U 50254	111A	80	3	Integrated Digital Art	SPEC	5/26-6/09	MTWR	9:00a-12:30p	MCG 127	Bushnell	
U 51305	112A	80	3	Introduction to Non-Linear Editing	SPEC	5/26-6/09	MTWR	1:00p-4:30p	MCG 127	Staff	
U 50799	395	80	3	Photoshop	SPEC	5/26-6/03	MTWR	9:00a-5:00p	MCG 126	Twigg	
U 50800	395	81	3	After Effects	SPEC	6/18-6/26	MTRF	9:00a-5:00p	MCG 126	Twigg	
U 50801	395	82	3	Stop Motion Animation	SPEC	7/23-7/31	MTRF	9:00a-5:00p	MCG 126	Shogren	
U 51309	395	83	3	Illustrator	SPEC	6/08-6/16	MTRF	9:00a-5:00p	MCG 126	Twigg	
U 51310	395	84	3	Introduction to Final Cut Pro	SPEC	7/06-7/17	MTWRF	1:00a-5:00p	MCG 127	Shogren	
UG 50856	495	81	3	Web Design	SPEC	7/09-7/22	MTWRF	1:00p-5:00p	MCG 126	Ghaddar	
UG 50636	495	82	3	Making Movies: Just Do It	SPEC	7/20-7/26	UMTWRF	9:00a-4:30p	DHC 120	Murphy, O'Brien	
MUSIC (MUS) First Session											
U 50403	133L	01	3	History of Rock and Roll	1ST	5/26-6/26	MTWR	9:30a-11:20a	MUS 105	Brandt	
U 50458	335	01	3	Music Education in Elementary Schools I	1ST	5/26-6/26	MTWR	3:30p-5:20p	MUS 204	Belz	
MUSIC (MUS) Special Sessions											
U 50939	147A	80	2	Beginning & Interm Folk Guitar	SPEC	5/26-6/15	MTWR	1:00p-3:10p	MUS 218	Millán	
U 50515	195	80	3	Studio Recording Techniques and Sound Engineering	SPEC	7/06-7/24	MTWRF	9:30a-12:30p	MUS 217	Nichols	
UG 50459	495	80	3	Studio Recording Techniques and Sound Engineering	SPEC	7/06-7/24	MTWRF	9:30a-12:30p	MUS 217	Nichols	
MUSIC (MUS) Second Session											
U 50519	133L	30	3	History of Rock and Roll	2ND	6/29-7/31	MTWR	7:30a-9:20a	MUS 105	Brandt	
Online Offerings:											
U 51288	120	50	2	Music Fundamentals	2ND	6/29-7/31				James	
U 51289	133L	50	3	History of Rock and Roll	2ND	6/29-7/31				Brandt	
U 51292	195	50	3	Music Notation Soft: Sibelius	2ND	6/29-7/31				Nichols	
U 51294	195	51	3	Intro to American Folk Music	2ND	6/29-7/31				Staff	
UG 51293	495	50	3	Music Notation Soft: Sibelius	2ND	6/29-7/31				Nichols	

A pint of progressive politics



Kenneth Billington / Montana Kaimin

Jeff Bookwalter, University of Montana professor of economics, gives a guest lecture on the the government's economic stimulus plan, the recession and how it compares to others as part of the Forward Montana Progressive Happy Hour. Forward Montana meets every Monday at the Badlander from 5-7p.m.

Prof. says capitalism interfering with pursuit of excellence

Kimball Bennion
MONTANA KAIMIN

Post-modern capitalist society has taken us off the track in the human pursuit of excellence, said Albert Borgmann Monday night at this semester's third installment of the President's Lecture Series in the University Theatre.

"Pursuit of excellence needs the support of politics," Borgmann said, "and politics needs the invigoration of excellence."

Borgmann is a regents professor of philosophy at the University of Montana who has taught at UM since 1970. He specializes in the philosophy of technology, and his latest book, "Real American Ethics: Taking Responsibility for our Country," was published in 2006.

Before the industrial and capitalist revolutions happened in this country, Borgmann said, people were inevitably bound with the land, the seasons and each other.

The eases of technology and the far reach of corporations have changed the way people behave, especially with one another, Borg-

mann said. The experience of going to a corner store where the owner knows your name, your family and your needs, have been replaced by specialized big-box stores where you are another anonymous face in a checkout line.

"Contact with people became thinner, and then, invisible," he said, and the process has been "gradual, but also inexorable."

Borgmann insisted that there are still good, hardworking people out there, but there are also a lot of ominous statistics. He said that one-third of American adults are obese, and fewer than half of Americans can name their state's senators.

"So there are troubling facts out there," Borgmann said, "and we have to take responsibility for them."

Borgmann said that our response to the economic crisis is a good indicator of how comfortable we are with the system.

"The way that this crisis has arisen and the way we react to it, sheds important light on the amount of responsibility we're willing to take on and the amount of responsibility we

suppress," he said.

While we generally take responsibility for our efforts to fix it, we aren't as willing to look at the fruits of the system.

"Most people just go with the flow of the system we have established," Borgmann said, and before we turn the wheel in the right direction, we have to fix the engine that's running us.

The only way to do that, Borg-

mann said, is to set standards of excellence and promote those standards through politics. Many believe that promoting these standards has no place in politics and that individuals are the best judges of excellence, and Borgmann said he agrees with that view to some extent. But there are some philosophical areas, he said, in which politics should play a role.


Knowledge and wisdom have

traditionally operated in America under the assertion that a proper liberal arts education is the basis of a free society, which Borgmann credited to Harvard University reshaping its curriculum after World War II. But that was then, and education has adopted a capitalist operation where means are more important than ends, and students learn procedure, not content.

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CULTURE

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tional students find a "home" feeling at UM and spreading the word about the association, which is open to UM students from the states and from abroad.

UM has 450 international students from 75 different countries, said Effie Koehn, director of Foreign Student and Scholar Services. Koehn, a woman originally from Greece, who credits her accent to the "Irish and Italian nuns" who taught her English, said the program's aim is to "try to make international education more personal."

She encouraged students to get involved with the Global Partners Program or the Missoula International Friendship Program that provide a friend to foreign students trying to adjust to life at UM during their first semester.

The opening ceremony finished with a traditional celebratory dance from the southern part of Tajikistan by Shohina Touraeva and Khushnuda Shukurova, two UM students from the country.

Adina Kaliyeva, a UM senior from Kazakhstan and a volunteer during the International Festival, said she hopes the week's events at least get people looking at a map to find countries they haven't heard of

before.

"I wish they (many people on campus) didn't associate Kazakhstan with Borat," she said with a laugh. "I wish they knew that these 'stans' exist and that they are not part of Russia."

Kaliyeva added that she's often asked if her country is related to Pakistan or Afghanistan.

"I'm glad that we have an opportunity to do this International Festival and International Week," she said. "It feels really good when you're sharing a culture that nobody knows about."

Jeanne Loftus, assistant director for UM's Faculty Exchange program and the head organizer for the week's events, said International Week is largely about helping students become more aware of international groups and activities already on campus.

Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry, assistant director for UM's Study Abroad, said she hopes UM students recognize the value in having international students on campus and that students become more interested in international education and opportunities.

Jamey Pettersen, a UM senior who did an exchange in Austria, is one of many Study Abroad Ambassadors manning the Study Abroad booths in the UC this week in an effort to provide insight to students interested

in the program. She said picking a school to do an exchange at was kind of an "intimidating process," but "I had such a great time studying abroad that I really want to share that experience and help people take the first step."

For Alhawas, studying abroad at UM has showed him that the new "global" culture needs to be a patchwork of all the beautiful parts of every culture.

"For me there is no ideal country. No, none. So how about we exchange from each other and find something beautiful?" he said, adding that when he goes back to Saudi Arabia he's going to stick up for Americans and help newcomers in his country the same way people helped him in the States.

"I still remember every wonderful person who helped me out, I haven't done this by myself," he said. "It's from God, my family and the wonderful people here — I'm never going to forget this. I will be really sad when I go back to Saudi Arabia. America has become a part of me now, it was like I was looking for my love and I found it."

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MONEY

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tion. The center offers various training sessions for teachers. The center has been working on school safety grants and initiatives since 1999 but was formally recognized by the Montana Board of Regents in 2006.

Taylor said the money will be used for specific areas of focus, including bully-proofing middle schools, creating DVD and video training materials and working with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools.

Judy Fredenberg, executive director for federal relations and research communications, said the MSSC receives much of its funding competitively from sponsors, in addition to appropriations. She said UM submits a list of projects for which it would like funding to the state's Congressional delegation. The safe schools project has been on the list in recent years, she said.

"After the list goes in, it's kind of out of our hands," she said.

Congress may respond later

about certain projects, and the University will provide information to help get the program funding, Fredenberg said.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center has received money to create an Institute for Leadership and Public Service. Pat Williams, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, was in office when the bill that created the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation was passed in 1983.

"They have specialized in Far East affairs and done a splendid job at that," Williams said. He added that other purposes of the foundation, especially in areas of public policy, have not been pursued.

Williams said Sen. Jon Tester decided to request additional money to assist the center to further pursue its purposes.

Williams said he didn't know whether the money will go to the Mansfield Center directly because often such funding has to go to a degree-offering center, meaning a program that offers some academic credit. However, he said the money will be used under the Mansfield Center name.

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LECTURE

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"It's been eroded, disfigured and made useless as far as I'm concerned," Borgmann said. "How are we doing at the University (of Montana)? A little better than Harvard, but that doesn't mean anything."

The problem, Borgmann said,

is that we have "unlearned to be embarrassed" by a lack of knowledge.

"We have to summon up the courage to say to our students, 'This is what you must know,'" he said.

Another philosophical realm that has suffered in modern society is that of friendship, Borgmann said. Because of all the alternative forms of recreation

available to us, we become distracted from each other. Relationships suffer from convenience.

"If things get difficult," Borgmann said, "I say, 'I don't need this. I'm outta here.'" The solution is to choose to live in a calmer world, where face-to-face (not Facebook-to-Facebook) encounters can be easier and more commonplace.

Borgmann insisted that he wasn't trying to vilify capitalism or the system that we live in. "I think capitalism is just fine," he said. "As long as it's properly regulated."

The point is not to outlaw technology, he said, but to see what it's doing and make a decision to do something different using the means that politics provides.

"Nobody controls or can predict culture," Borgmann said, "but what we can do is recognize, first of all, we are at a threshold of profound change... we can commit to do what we know is the right thing to do."

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