Is Sodexo taking over campus?

Raven Dryden  
Lead Writer

Custodial staff no longer have to question their employment with Carroll College due to a decision announced this week by Carroll administration.

For the past 16 months administration has discussed hiring Sodexo to manage the facilities department. The change in management would have required the college to lay off current custodial staff, who would have had to reapply for their jobs under Sodexo.

“We had too many unanswered questions without satisfactory responses to continue the discussion at this time,” said Jim Hardwick, vice president of student life. Hardwick with President Thomas Evans, Vice President of Community Relations and Facilities, Tom McCarvel, and Vice President of Finance and Administration, Lori Petersen, made up the four-person committee that considered Sodexo’s proposal.

The college was approached by Sodexo in January of 2013 with an offer to take over the facilities department at Carroll.

“The college is in the best interest of Carroll to move forward with our custodial staff, to have them responsible to the college at this point in time,” said McCarvel.

“McCarvel had said while the option for facilities to be managed by an outside company was still on the table.

All facets of the college are being examined with a critical eye as Evans completes his second year as president. According to McCarvel, it is the job of a new president to ask how the college can do things better and attract more students.

The consideration of Sodexo’s proposals follows a national trend of colleges outsourcing more and more auxiliary campus services.

In regard to college campuses, “outsourcing” refers to a vendor with exclusive control of a particular campus service that was previously handled by staff of the institution. Food services, bookstores, printing, vending and security are each typical operations outsourced by institutions.

The issue joins a national discussion about whether colleges should focus their resources and energy on academics, teaching and research rather than auxiliary services.

The Class of 2014

Jay Bouchard  
Lead Writer

“We haven’t even graduated yet, and I am already looking forward to our 10-year reunion,” said John Iguidbashian, a graduating biology major from Portland and vice-president of the graduating class.

“It’s hard to tell just where these 280 graduates will be and what they will be doing 10 years from now, but it is safe to say that after they gather together on campus for the very last time on May 10, the Class of 2014 will be headed towards great things. In fact, if what they have shown the Carroll community during their four short years is any indication, these graduates will be embarking on the kind of life journeys that will mean that at his 10-year reunion Mr. Iguidbashian will be surrounded by strong leaders who are making meaningful change in the world.

The Class of 2014’s various journeys will begin on May 10, when Carroll celebrates its 104th commencement.

The herd of nervous, sweaty, pale, lanyard wearing freshmen that flocked to campus in the fall of 2010 is leaving nearly four years later as a slightly less sweaty, cohesive family, perhaps just as nervous for their journeys ahead, but wearing graduation robes instead of lanyards.

The class of 2014 changed and grew during their four years at Carroll. Some of them changed majors. Some changed girlfriends. Some may have even changed majors because of their girlfriends. And all of them, even those who remained faithful to their academic and romantic pursuits, likely changed the way they see the world.

Some of the members of the graduating class transferred in, some transferred back. Some threw touchdowns, some threw parties, some were cautious to the wind, and some just threw up.

Most worked as interns. Many traveled abroad or on mission trips. A few met their future spouses while at Carroll, and a few of them probably don’t even know it yet.

Some of these graduates grew facial hair, some grew bacteria in the lab and others in their dorm rooms. Everyone grew tired of the dining hall food, and nearly everyone grew up, at least a little. To recount every way in which this class grew over the past four years would be too tall a task for an amateur journalist. However, even an amateur journalist can see the many ways in which the class of 2014 and Carroll College grew side by side with and because of each other. Both this graduating class and the campus that they arrived at several years ago have undergone transformation.

Since 2010, Carroll College has changed significantly. The S.T.A.C. (an acronym which amateur journalists use to appease Linda Bahr), got a new name, carpeted floors, and new furniture.

The Castle was sacked, or at least fell off the party radar. The Library got two fancy classrooms and fewer books. The school added physics, health science, accounting, and anthropology majors. But most notably, in December of 2011 Tom Trebon, Carroll’s president of 10 years, resigned.

These graduates, who spent much of their first two years at Carroll storming the Castle on weekends and shaking Tom Trebon’s hand on weekdays experienced abrupt changes. While they quickly realized that the days of pillaging Carroll’s most historic party house were over, the class of 2014 returned to campus in the fall of 2012 as confident undergraduates ready to be led by a new president.

Dr. Thomas Evans arrived. The new president, a blessing from Austin, Texas, brought with him enthusiasm and a pulse to campus. Evans took the reins of Carroll’s leadership—marking a new era for the class of 2014.

Under President Evans’ leadership Carroll began soaring to greater heights. More importantly, though, this class followed Evans’ example and became impassioned leaders.

In fact, their passionate leadership is perhaps the definitive aspect of this class. These graduates have proven to be some of the strongest leaders Carroll has seen in years.
This question drove me through the intersection of abandon and fear. Where you can choose to embrace abandon – and the vulnerability that comes with it – or to park yourself at the stop sign that reads, “Not-possible.”

It’s true, the question can be a good consideration, that angel on your shoulder when you are about to do something stupid or illegal. However, I propose the question is the beginning of you doing something right.

When you feel completely unprepared, ill-equipped and raw – that is when brilliance happens. When you can’t rely on what you know, you tap into a resource deep within that breeds openness and creativity. Not only do you learn that you CAN do it, you learn what you are MEANT for.

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the past three years I found a place for my profound curiosity and desire to experience everything. I learned my writing can ... for people, a love of listening to them talk about their life and a heart that longs to make their uniqueness known.

Maybe my apology is null and void; because though I haven't been plagued by the big questions, maybe the question that has been the undercurrent of my ... the helplessness within “What the heck…?” are you free to discover your passions and pursue them with your whole heart.

If you came to college for answers, I hope you found some. But even more I hope the rest of your life is bolstered with one question: What the heck am I doing?

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OPINIONS

Are the new apartments worth the extra cost?

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Ever had the problem of wanting to live off campus, while still living on campus? A new alternative to off campus living has come to Carroll College. The new Carroll apartments are officially open for sign ups. Maureen Ward, the director of community living, has stated that a large amount of students have already signed up for these apartments for the upcoming school year. This leads to many people asking the question, are the apartments worth the price?

It seems like living off campus would be cheaper,” said Erin Reynolds, a junior psychology and anthrozoology major from Seldon, N.Y. “The real benefit I see is how close they are to campus.”

The price of living in the apartments is $400-450 a month depending on whether you live in a two or three bedroom apartment. This price doesn’t include furnishing, but does include water, Internet, and sewage.

Students living in off campus houses and apartments have stated the average price is closer to $300-350 a month. “Once people are actually living there we will know whether or not it’s a good deal,” said Inderbir Bains, freshman biochemistry major from Spokane, Wash.

The price differential could deter students from wanting to live in apartments, rather than getting their own house off campus.

“Students seem really excited about the look and feel of the new apartments,” said Ward. “The students know the price difference, but seem okay with it due to the convenience”

The building is definitely new and the interior appears to be nice and high quality. The actual apartments are surprisingly spacious, and come equipped with a dishwasher, oven and fridge.

Although well made, a couple of problems could deter students. The apartments don’t have a washer or dryer, and friends of opposite genders can’t live together, unless they are married.

Although the price could deter some, the convenience of location and independence could be exactly what students are looking for at Carroll.

“These apartments could be really cool,” said Bains.

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School’s not out for the summer

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Staff Columnist

College is full of obstacles. Those pesky global diversity and philosophy requirements when your major has nothing to do with the Bay of Pigs or the Gospel According to Luke just name a few. If you feel pressed for time and want to focus on your major’s classes, then Carroll’s summer school program might just be for you.

Personally, I am truly envious of those students who came to college with a year’s worth of credits. Who doesn’t want to graduate in three years!

Nicole Schumacher, a sophomore from Helena majoring in elementary education enjoyed the classes she took over the summer and really felt on top going into her next year.

“It isn’t about the suckiness of studying during a beautiful day, or an additional loan. It’s about making the college experience you want to have to become the person you want to be,” said Schumacher. “For me, that’s about having a lighter class load to really focus on what I’m learning and have a life outside of a textbook.”

The summer school program here isn’t even very expensive. Each student pays $650 per credit they take; compared to a normal semester, summer credits are discounted almost 40 percent. Compared to summer credits in the past, this summer they are discounted 30 percent.

“I am an advocate of summer classes... they enabled me to graduate early and save money,” said Janet Riis.

Janet Riis, the director of financial aid, also did summer school when she was a student here at Carroll, an undisclosed amount of years ago.

Almost 50 classes are offered during the summer that encompasses a broad field of subjects. Classes such as Basic Communication, Spanish, statistics, and business, just name a few. These classes work just the same as if you took them during the semester. You get the same awesome professor, but they just go at a faster pace to get through all of the material in less than a month’s time.

Summer school here at Carroll is for everyone. If you stay in Helena over the break then it should be a definite check on your to-do list. Who knows, maybe you could be graduating a year early? But for whatever it’s worth, most importantly, have a great summer.
Before the class of 2014 crosses the stage in the PE center to receive their diplomas on May 10, there will be several important events in the days and hours leading up to the graduation ceremony. From 10:00am-3:00pm on Wednesday, May 7 and Thursday, May 8, all graduates may pick up their caps, gowns, hoods, and their Baccalaureate Mass tickets in O’Reilly Hall. During this time, the graduating seniors will have an opportunity to bring items for the class time capsule.

At 10:00am on Friday, May 9, the Commencement Ceremony for the graduating Class of 2014 will look a little different. Student Donations and Angelo Malisani, will be held in the rotundas of the Montana State Capital building, the Montana Capitol. The ceremony will begin in the Capitol Rotunda and Colonel Bryan Fox of the Montana National Guard will be the guest speaker.

At 1:00pm on Friday all graduates must attend the mandatory graduation rehearsal. At this rehearsal the graduates will learn the order of procession, how to put on their gowns, how to wear their caps and hoods, and all of the details regarding the commencement ceremony.

After the rehearsal, at 3:00pm on St. Albert’s Lawn in front of Albert’s Lawn, the Class of 2014 will make a toast to the graduating class. Each graduate will get a commemorative champagne glass and share a toast with President Evans. After the toast, the graduates will fill their time capsule with special mementos from their past four years here. Also following the toast, the bricks on the alumni walk with the names of the graduates of 2014 will be unveiled. Families and guests are encouraged to attend but only the graduates and the President will be toasted.

Also on Friday evening, at 6:00pm is the Nursing Recognition Ceremony. During this award ceremony, graduating nurses will receive pins and commemorate their four years together in nursing school. A reception for this event starts at 5:30pm and the ceremony will begin at 6:00pm at the PE center. All are invited to this ceremony marking Carroll’s 40th class of baccalaureate nurses.
about the decision to forgo consideration of hiring Sodexo for the facilities department.

An article in The Chronicle of Higher Education from 2005 states that “Small colleges may have the most to gain from outsourcing because they often lack both the financial resources and the staff expertise to handle auxiliary operations on their own.”

The same article reported information from a survey completed by 325 institutions that belong to the National Association of College Auxiliary Services. The survey found money was the number one reason colleges seek outside vending. The primary concern of these institutions when the decision to outsource was loss of institutional control and loss of potential revenue. The survey reported that employee morale was the most difficult part of outsourcing.

Sodexo has managed the Carroll Dining Services for nearly 50 years, according to Linda Bahn, general manager of Carroll dining services. McCarvel noted the company’s commitment and investment in the institution where it does business. Is evident in the results of the dining hall in the summer of 2012.

“The money part of it [the possible change] was the biggest worry for the administration,” said McCarvel. According to McCarvel, preliminary proposals could not match the caliber of the investment they had demonstrated in the dining hall remodel.

“People are concerned about whether or not to bring in another company would prompt a self-examination by the department on ways they think they could do better,” said Hardwick.

Earlier this month McCarvel hosted a faculty and staff meeting that squelched rumors that a proposal had been accepted and salary and conditions for the Sodexo employees would be the same as Carroll staff.

The department is working on a system of feedback between management and employees. Carroll is also hoping to create a better work order system and provide a professional uniform to re-rect the pride the staff have in working for the college.

McCarvel has already taken employee comments from the meeting to heart and plans to further the discussion with how management can help them do their jobs better.

“They care deeply for our students,” said Dr. Glowienka. “The atmosphere allows for people to speak their mind without fear of being judged and the discussions are very open and engaging,” said Josh McCormick, a communication major from Bismarck, N.D. “Listening to others ideas definitely helps me to reanalyze my own ideas and allows those involved to gain a more unified understanding of life in general.”

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Philosophy Circle gives students freedom of inquiry

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If Plato were to step into a DeLorean and speed into the present to the Carroll College Scota on a lucky Friday night, he would feel right at home.

The Carroll College philosophy department rebotted its Philosophy Circle this year, and it has become a large success. The Philosophy Circle was started in 2008 by Elvira Roncalli, chair of Carroll’s philosophy department. The gathering is organized by Dr. Edward Glowienka and Dr. Eric Hall, both philosophy professors at Carroll.

“It’s an open and rather informal opportunity for students and faculty to gather and discuss broad philosophy subjects,” said Glowienka. The Philosophy Circle is an open forum, meaning that anyone can attend.

A reading is provided in advance and students can attend and discuss with professors and fellow students on their thoughts and views about the assigned readings. Subjects that have been talked about include personal identity over time, how people are led to do evil, pleasure and value as well as many other engaging philosophical topics.

“I value the freedom of inquiry and thought in Philosophy Circle and, more importantly, that students (and most persons in the circle are not philosophy students) feel not only that they have the ability but even the need to express their reasoned beliefs in it,” said Hall. The Philosophy Circle resonates very positively with the students as well.

“The atmosphere allows for people to speak their minds without fear of being judged and the discussions are very open and engaging,” said Josh McCormick, a communication major from Bismarck, N.D. “Listening to others ideas definitely helps me to reanalyze my own ideas and allows those involved to gain a more unified understanding of life in general.”

The group originally met at the Red Atlas coffee shop, but rapidly gained popularity and outgrew the establishment as the group expanded and moved.

The Philosophy Circle now meets in the Scota located between Simpsonman Hall and the Fortin Science Center. Refreshments are generously provided by Student Life. “I value the space it provides to interact with students and other faculty,” said Glowienka.

Both students and instructors find the experience very enriching and valuable to their academic experiences.

The Philosophy Circle is running on all cylinders and shows no signs of slowing down.

“Netlix is still gonna be there when you get home,” said Dr. Glowienka.

Philosophy event raises awareness for students

Josh McCormick
Staff Writer

Carroll put its thinking cap on at the Mountain-Pacific Region of the Society of Christian Philosophers annual conference held Thursday, April 3 and Friday, April 4 at Carroll College in Helena.

The two day philosophy conference featured papers developing the themes of Christian ethics and health care, the slippery slope controversy, plato on Thursday, April 3 was Christopher Kazor, a philosophy professor at the University, who spoke on “Conscientious Objection and Health Care Professionals.”

Conscientious objection is a tense issue and refers to the debate over whether or not health care professionals should have the right to refuse performing certain operations due to moral beliefs.

“I plan on being involved in medicine and having the chance to learn more about the ethical issues in today’s medical world was very beneficial,” said Jill Glass, a fresh new nurse major from Bismarck, N.D.

Four more sessions took place on Friday, April 4 in the shop, and afternoon. The talks were on virtues, medical moral empathy, death with dignity and cancer, and with cancer diagnosis, the abortion debate, the nature of human person-hood, the problem of evil, and moral vegetarianism.

The conference brought in professors, community members and students that felt they were interested to more informed on the issues presented.

“We often talk about the complex world and are faced with many difficult decisions. Gaining an awareness of ethical issues and how to approach them helps us with these difficult decisions,” said Elvira Roncalli, associate professor of philosophy.

Genocide Remembrance

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Genocide Remembrance Day took place on Wednesday, April 23 and was much more than just an event at Carroll College, as a number of students, including a survivor, took part in presenting personal accounts, poetry, and dance.

Irina Makis-Rich, a senior nursing major from Helena, was a young child living in Bordered when the Bosnian genocide took place.

“The evening brought a lot of really amazing stories and experiences from students to light,” said Ashley Smith, a junior communication major from Billings, a roomate speaker whose great-grandparents survived the Armenian genocide. “It was awesome to see so many people come.”

Additionally, Jill Harmon, a senior biology major from Hamilton, Mont., read poetry as well. The poetry highlighted precursors to the genocide, United Methodist Church led a prayer, all followed by a moment of silence to honor those affected by a genocide.

Alex Choytap, a sophomore education major from Longmont, Colo., commented on being a part of this day of remembrance and why it is important to remember.

“It was an amazing experience. Understanding what it was that these people went through during these times of horrific genocide is an important part of human history. Learning about this and remembering the people that suffered during it really help the world see that this type of thing can never happen again.”

While the Genocide Remembrance Day is typically set aside for remembering the victims of the Armenian genocide, Carroll takes the opportunity to recognize all of those affected by genocide, including the Armenian, Rwandan, Bosnian, Holocaust, Cambodia and Darfur.

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While Carroll College was going crazy for Softball Weekend, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) was hard at work in Portland. Carroll’s chapter of the ASCE competed in the annual concrete canoe race with their canoe, “The Sleeping Giant.” A group of students represented Carroll at Portland State University in Oregon. This year’s team took tenth place out of 13 contestants.

The engineering of a concrete canoe made for racing has been a long-standing tradition for the engineering students of Carroll.

Gary Fischer, a civil engineering professor, has been the faculty advisor for ASCE since 2006. He had some very fond memories about the competition throughout the years.

“Back at Portland State in 2008, the canoe broke completely in half,” said Fischer. “It didn’t sink, but we didn’t bring it back because it was pretty much garbage.”

Fischer has worked alongside students to keep Carroll a competitive figure in the concrete canoe scene. He mentions certain students that are integral to the project’s completion.

“The overall canoe captain is Patrick Majerus, he’s responsible for coordinating all the activities with the project. The person responsible for the concrete mix design is Kayla Bayer. We also have Brittany Crawford form designing the canoe with AutoCAD drawings,” said Fischer.

Patrick Majerus, an active participant in not only ASCE, but also Engineers Without Borders, has had his share of good times with the competition.

“Last year, our canoe sunk right after we crossed the finish line on our last race,” said the junior engineering major from Valier, Mont. “It was kind of fun to see it sink but also finish all the races.”

Majerus lead the team to Oregon with his main goal of overcoming minor mistakes in the past.

“This time around we concentrated on our travel going more smoothly so we don’t have cracks in our canoe before we even start racing.”

Majerus also pointed out that all students are welcome to help with future projects, even the non-engineering majors.

“It’s a great opportunity, it’s a lot of fun and we can always use more help,” said Majerus.

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It was a chilly morning on March 22 when Carroll volunteers and participants for the St. Baldrick’s Brave the Shave event crowded into the lower CUBE. Chairs filled with volunteers, spectators and friends were lined up facing the center stage where shavees were called up two at a time. The stage was covered in hair, the air was filled with music, nervous laughter, and the buzzing of electric trimmers. Every time a shavee was called to the stage and stood up, another stepped down with a hairless head, all in the name of fighting childhood cancer.

Participants of Brave the Shave acted as donors, volunteers, or “shavees.” The Capital Hill Barber offered its services and equipment for the event and acted as the official shavers. In total, Carroll students and staff raised nearly $4,000 in donations for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation.

“I do it for the children,” said Steven Cornish, a junior biochemistry major from Helena, prior to stepping up to the stage. “Especially for young women who lose their hair because of cancer.” He noted later that his head felt lighter and colder without any hair.

“I feel like I’m wearing a tight hat,” said Ruth Lerum, a junior English for secondary education major from Idaho Falls, Idaho, after braving the shave with a smile beaming across her face. A junior at Carroll, Lerum raised more than $750 alone in donations and also gave her hair to Locks of Love. Lerum had wanted to participate in Brave the Shave in years past but she says, “I wanted to wait until my hair was long enough to donate.”

Many participants like Lerum likewise donated their own hair if they were able. Even those who did not actively volunteer came to show their support.

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Ruth Lerum

Phillip Lerum, Ruth Lerum, and Steven Cornish

Kathleen Shait and Hannah McDermott

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Brenteson is off to Medical School

Anne Duletski
Staff Writer

Recently accepted into med school, Rob Brenteson is very excited to take the next step in his journey to become a doctor.

“I have had to sacrifice a lot of things these past four years, but it paid off when I got accepted into med school,” said Brenteson.

Brenteson who is originally from Conrad, Mont., has been a biology major with a chemistry minor throughout his four years here at Carroll.

“It’s a challenging program and a lot of students decide to change majors within the first year at Carroll; I’m really lucky that I’m doing what I love,” said Brenteson.

Brenteson decided to apply to the University of Washington and the University of North Dakota because they were among the top medical schools in the country and both were close to home.

“I got accepted into both, but decided that he would attend the University of Washington in Seattle next year.

Brenteson is part of the WWAMI program which requires that he stays around for a year in Montana.

“I have to spend my first year of med school in Bozeman then I get to go to Seattle for a year, and after that I finish my clinical rotation in either Washington or Montana if I choose to do that,” said Brenteson.

Caties Hanser leaves a lasting impression

Jared Smith
Staff Writer

Leadership comes in different styles, from the “lead by example” to those that desire power.

However, there is one leadership style that speaks volumes and it’s done without using words.

“Catie is a silent leader,” said Maureen Boyle, the coach of Carroll’s volleyball team. “She wanted to win like everyone else, but she was pleasant and didn’t add pressure to her teammates.”

Catie Hanser, a senior elementary education major from Billings, played libero (a defensive position) for the last four years and set a school record for digs with 42 last year.

Catie, the oldest of four, followed in her parents footsteps to Carroll’s front door. Her mother was a two sport athlete at Carroll. She too played volleyball.

Catie’s leadership abilities can be seen in her work ethic, persistence, and integrity. Her smile and positive nature are other silent leadership qualities. That’s because it shows others that even when things aren’t going your way that you can still persevere.

During Catie’s time here she has managed to beat Carroll’s own football coach, Mike Van Diest at racquetball, a feat that Catie is proud of.

“She got in two wins when we first started,” said Van Diest. “She’s very competitive and has a great backhand.”

However, it wasn’t just her ability to play racquetball that caught Van Diest’s attention.

“She’s one of those students that could be put on a poster showing what Carroll’s all about.”

Boyle was very high on Catie’s impact on the volleyball team.

“She gave all she had and was solid as a rock,” said Boyle. “Catie is an inspiration for others and I learned more from her than I taught her.”

Not only has Catie played volleyball and got in a couple of racquetball wins, but she teaches hot yoga, which is done in room set at 100 degrees, in Helena.

These are the kind of leadership qualities we wish we all had, especially the smile.

Catie plans on sticking around Helena for at least the next year to be a student teacher. After that she has thoughts of moving to the west coast.

The most important message Catie has to pass on to students is simple. “Don’t take things too seriously and have fun.”
Profiles

Spotlights

Allyn nominated as class speaker

Briar Voy
Staff Writer

In the same year that a new class of freshmen start to walk the halls of Carroll College, there is a class of seniors that will be missed. Saturday, May 10 is the big day. The ceremony in which diplomas are conferred on Carroll College’s 2014 graduating seniors. You guessed it, this day is the day of commencement.

The big question has been, who will the student commencement speaker be? Carroll College is proud to announce that Stuart Allyn is the 2014 commencement speaker.

“He is a kind, caring person who loves Carroll and the Carroll family. He has a great sense of humor and is always ready to celebrate life. He takes time to help those around him. These wonderful characteristics are why his classmates chose him,” said Patrick Harris, director of student activities.

“Stu is an awesome guy to be around all the time,” said Sean Condon, senior biology major from Laurel, Mont. Allyn will be joined by his parents Mike Allyn and Ann Montgomery from Boise, Idaho. Allyn, an honors student, is receiving his bachelor of arts in biochemistry this year.

Allyn is going to Creighton next year for dental school and could not be more excited. He said that his experience at Carroll, “changed his perception of the world”. He is eager to share his knowledge.

“Get involved as early as you can. My biggest regret is not getting involved earlier,” said Allyn.

Not only is Allyn excited for the speech, but his peers are also looking forward to hearing his speech.

“He is one of the most multi-talented people I know and Carroll was lucky to have him,” said Condon.

Noah Kone-Nelson is leaving as Mr. NBA

Alaina Hull
Staff Writer

NBA Brand Manager. Not your typical college job. Noah Koné, a graduating senior public relations major from Portland, Ore., is the man behind the title.

“People think this job is just really cool all the time,” said Koné. “Really, it’s a whole lot of chaos, reading in airports, and trying to play catch up.”

Koné works for former high school basketball teammate Terrence Ross, who just happens to be a small forward for the Toronto Raptors. They stayed in touch over the years, seeing each other on breaks and using social media. What started as an informal personal assistant job over a year ago transformed into a formal position as brand manager.

“Basically I’m in charge of his individual marketing, charity work, social media, and off court appearances,” said Koné.

For the last year Koné has been balancing this full-time job with his full-time school schedule thanks to his professors’ willingness to understand his unique position. Brent Northup, communication department chair and professor with Carroll for 25 years, has worked closely with Koné to find that balance.

“Noah is a young man with his values on straight,” said Northup. “He’s honest and trustworthy. He’s already taking steps towards a successful future in the business of sports. He’ll probably be making double my salary in a decade or less, which is only mildly annoying, but mostly wonderful.”

After graduation Koné will be based in Bozeman, but have the ability to travel more frequently for his job. He looks forward to having real vacations instead of working every school break.

“It hasn’t been an easy road, missing so much school, trying to gain respect with the big name corporations and agencies, and working in, what Koné calls, “a scummy business” where everyone is in it for themselves. But it’s not about the short game for Koné, who, ultimately, hopes to work for a large public relations agency in the future.

“This all looks cool on TV, but doesn’t really mean anything,” said Koné. “I just try to make it so that what I’m doing today will be something positive for tomorrow.”
Good news for chemistry research students

Cody Tredik  
Staff Writer

The additions and improvement to our beautiful campus continues with the completion of the new E.L. Wiegand Integrated Research and Learning Lab. To get a new laboratory, which offers more space and state of the art technology, is slotted to accommodate two new upper level chemistry courses in the Department of Natural Sciences next fall, though students and faculty are already utilizing the finished lab.

Dr. Colin Thomas, a six-year chemistry professor here at Carroll, has headed up this project for a new integrated laboratory, which first took shape about three years ago in a vision planning meeting.

“We thought about what we wanted our department to be in five years, in ten years, and so on,” said Thomas. “The integrated lab offers the great hands on research and life experience for our students.”

The labs are called “integrated” for several reasons. First of all, this space allows for better interaction between students and professors, with the potential for further faculty research including the participation of students. The professors are able to get assistance in their research and students are able to gain great experience which will help them for the rest of their careers. Secondly, “integrated” means that with this new lab students will be able to bring together all that they have learned for hands on chemistry.

“This integrated experience will really take the students’ knowledge of chemistry from a parsed understanding to a more unified one,” Thomas noted.

Students in Organic Chemistry will be able to see how elements from that class fit with others that they take, forming a better overall understanding. Much of this integration of knowledge will be the result of a new piece of technology available in the lab, the high resolution Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer, or NMR.

The NMR is a tool used by chemists to identify and observe substances. Working similarly to an Electrocardiogram, or EKG, it shows the composition and structure of a product by having it absorb and re-emit different wavelengths of electromagnetic radiation. It is a non-destructive process, meaning the students sample will not be used up by the process, and the NMR runs very efficiently, with a low operational cost for the college.

“The NMR has been around for a while,” said Thomas, “but we have one of the newest models. There are only 2 institutions in the country with an NMR like this one, and one of those is MIT.”

With all this innovative equipment, you would expect the price tag on this new lab to be pretty high, but through the gracious donations of several foundations and institutions, this new space was made possible. Fifty Six percent of the funding came from the E.L. Wiegand Foundation, with other considerable grants coming from The Forin Foundation, a NASA grant, and Carroll College itself, putting forward well over $100,000. Another great contributor is our own Carroll facilities, which Thomas points out, “a lot of the success of the construction phase came from.”

Part of the NASA grant also allowed the chemistry department to scout out other locations with this sort of integrated lab to learn how they utilize it, which will be a great asset in how the Carroll lab is used. A few of these colleges include: Bryn Mawr College and Claremont McKenna College in California. Now a part of this community, Carroll will also give feedback on how the integrated lab works for students and faculty in order to continue improving the project.

Despite all of the facts, figures, and benefits, the main focus of this great renovation is the students. Crafting a genuine experience for students in a real world environment has always been at the forefront of all plans.

“We want students to see it as a living lab and department,” Thomas concluded.

“We’re very pleased, now we have to fulfill our promise, which is to make things better for the students.” So far, it seems that they have definitely kept their promise.

“I love it,” said Nathan Bollar, a junior chemistry major from Soda Springs.

“I like the change in teaching me new techniques, and it’s also cool to be the first set of people in it.”

The inauguration and blessing of the new lab will be held on Wednesday, May 7 from 3-5 p.m. in the new integrated lab. This celebration is open to all students and faculty.
New sports teams coming together nicely

Joe Stoutt  Staff Writer

Since the announcement of Carroll’s new men’s soccer and softball teams, new head coaches Aaron Jackson and Doug Mello have begun the advancement of their inaugural teams.

“Both coaches hit the ground running,” said Jackson. “We’ve got some kids committed and those should be announced soon, from all over Montana, Washington, North Dakota, and more.”

According to Jackson, he and the athletic department wish to have a solid mix of incoming freshmen and transfers. They are also excited to see if they can fit any current students onto the team, after the tryout that was held on April 30th.

“Our first goal for the first year is to create a culture based off our core covenants. If we do the right things, the wins will come, that’s how I see it,” said Jackson.

Similarly, Parker announced the hiring of men’s soccer coach Doug Mello. Mello has been coaching for 37 years and has built programs from the ground up several times. Mello has an impressive coaching resume. He has coached a collegiate record 1,154 matches, winning over 700 of those matches. This will become the fifth program Mello has built from scratch after starting both the men and women’s programs at Siena Heights University in Michigan and Luther College in the past. In his first season at Siena Heights, Mello’s women’s team was able to reach the top ten in the NAIA.

Mello has started to build his team and he says he is “leaving no stones unturned.”

While recruiting within the state, “I’m not a huge proponent of just local players or just international players. We want a good mix of good student athletes and good soccer players.”

Mello also plans on holding try outs, he and the athletic department wish to have a solid mix of incoming freshmen and transfers. They are also excited to see if they can fit any current students onto the team, after the tryout that was held on April 30th.

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Track

The Saints track teams have already proven they are among the best this outdoor season with their top 15 rankings in the national team polls. The Saints just got back from an impressive showing on April 26 at the Cougar Invitational in Pullman, Wash. Both the men’s and women’s teams came home with decorated athletes.

Individual event winners for the Lady Saints included freshman Megan Mullaney of Portland, Ore. who won the 1,500 meter run and Kathleen Mulligan, a junior of Des Moines, Wash. who led off the women’s 4x400 meter relay. Nicole Davey and Mullery Knoll swept the first two spots in the 400-meter hurdles. Davey is a senior from Polson, Mont., while Knoll is a junior from Bigfork, Mont. There were numerous other Lady Saints who placed in the meet as well.

The men’s team came back to Helena with a few individual winners too. Senior Eastern Idaho native Hunter Higley won the pole vault event. Fellow senior Troy Solly of Isaiahap, Wash. won the 800 for the Saints.

The Saints also saw teammates place in the top three in running and throwing events.

Both the men’s and women’s 1600-meter relay teams hosted the field to earn first.

Before the Saints traveled to Washington for the Cougar Invitational, they dominated the University of Great Falls track teams on April 19 in Great Falls. The men’s team beat the Argos 107-47, while the women’s team won 109-45.

The Saints’ final two meets will be in Missoula on May 3 for the Montana Open and May 9 for the Tom Gage Classic. They will end their outdoor season at the NAIA national meet in Gulf Shores, Ala. after finals on May 22-24.

Football

The Fighting Saints were recently ranked second in the nation in the 2014 NAIA Football Coaches’ Spring Top 25 Poll. On April 25 the Saints completed their final spring scrimmage at Nelson Stadium; the first scrimmage was played on April 12.

The Saints’ offense had an impressive showing at the latest scrimmage utilizing a mixture of run and pass plays.

The defense held the Saints to a three-and-out during the first series, but the offense responded with three scores in three drives.

“There was definitely improvement from the first scrimmage to the second,” said Dustin Rinker, a senior of Riggs, Idaho.

Rinker will return for the Saints this fall, but did not play in the final spring scrimmage. Veteran Coach Mike Van Dietz noted that Rinker, along with a few other returning Saints, did not play in order to give younger athletes a chance to showcase their skills.

“The younger players are showing some really good things,” said Rinker, “It’s exciting to see them contribute.”

Rinker will play one more season with the Saints next fall.

“It’s exciting to have one more year...I’m looking forward to having one last shot at a national title,” concluded Rinker.

The vacant quarterback position left by graduating Dakota Stonehouse seems to have been filled by sophomore Mac Roche of Whitefish, Mont. Van Dietz told the Independent Record that the quarterback hopefuls will continue to be evaluated throughout the summer months and fall practices, along with the rest of the offensive, defensive, and special teams positions.

The Saints open up the 2014 season on the road against Southern Oregon on September 6. Their first home game will be against arch rival Montana Tech on September 13.

Golf

Junior Connor Hausauer won the Frontier Conference individual title and led the Saints to a second place team finish at the Laramch Golf course in Missoula on April 29. The Saints fell to Westminster College of Salt Lake City. Hausauer, a history major from Bozeman, posted scores of 69, 68, and 77 to win by four strokes. Hausauer’s first place finish earned him a trip to the NAIA national championships, which will take place May 13-16 in Dayton Beach, Florida.

Taylor Ratliff of Fairfiled, Mont. came fourth in the Frontier field. Ratliff is a senior studying business. Hausauer was also named first team all-conference, while Ratliff was named second team all-conference.

The remaining men’s golfers all finished in the top 25 at the conference finale: Colin Gunstream (16), Justin Galiher (19), and Michael Laven (24).

On the women’s side of the tournament, Carroll finished third overall behind Rocky Mountain College and Lewis-Clark State College. The team was led by a top finish from Jackie Mee, a nursing major from Libby, Mont. Now a junior, won the individual conference title last year.

The rest of the women’s team finished in the top 20 spots at the conference finale: Katie Goins (12), Lexi Pyette (17), Amanda Roberts (19), and Tery Green (20).

Before the conference championships, the Carroll linksters competed in the Lewis-Clark State College Invite in Lewiston, Idaho. Mee’s top five finish led the women’s team to third place. Junior Helenana Natalie Amanda Roberts cracked the top 15 and placed twelfth for the Lady Saints. The men’s team was led again by Hausauer and Ratliff who placed 16 and 17 overall. As a team the men placed sixth.
**Saints Abroad**

**Italian Pilgrimage**

**Maj De Christopher**  
Staff Writer

In May, 2010 Father Marc Lenneman led a pilgrimage of 22 Carroll students to Italy, this May he will embark on the journey once again.

The previous pilgrimage was 12 days. Four days were spent in Assisi, Italy. From there the group traveled to Rome to visit the Vatican. This time the pilgrimage will be 13 days from May 12th until May 24th and follow a similar schedule.

On the previous trip Father Marc stressed the trip being a pilgrimage, not something you do for yourself, rather than a vacation or ordinary trip. Upon conclusion of the trip it was found to be a powerful and fulfilling experience for all involved.

David Leslie, a junior health and physical education major from Billings, explains that the trip is offering a once-in-a-lifetime experience with its planned agenda. For him, and possibly many others, the highlight will be celebrating mass in the tomb of St. Francis.

Lesley said, “I know I’m going to see and experience so many new things and that is exciting. But at the end of the day, I hope that it’s my relationship with God that grows and strengthens while we are there.”

This pilgrimage is designed to present students with many new experiences as well as opportunities. Carroll offers many options for students to explore and enrich their faith including mission trips and retreats through their campus ministries. The Italy pilgrimage offers an extremely unique and fulfilling opportunity to do just that.

Joe Acosta  
Staff Writer

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Lead Writer

On Tuesday, April 15, student academic achievement was on display on the Carroll campus. From 1-5 p.m., the Carroll Student Undergraduate Research Festival (SURF) showcased the research of students from several different departments.

Over 40 students presented on a variety of topics in the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. The event attracted a sizable crowd from the Carroll community and beyond. Many students and faculty turned out to listen and watch the various presentations and research explanations.

“What I loved about the festival is that it was so interdisciplinary,” said Alyssa Carlson, a graduating biology major from Marine on the St. Croix, Minn. “The festival combined some heavy biology, chemistry, and natural science research with traditional liberal arts research which made for a nice combination.”

Carlson, who showcased her work in the library, presented her research which aimed to produce a blue light emitting molecule.

“I feel the Student Undergraduate Research Festival is a great experience for those who participate in it,” said Brandon Sheafor, a biology professor and organizer of SURF. “It’s great for both the presenters and the audience members.”

However, Sheafor indicated he would like to see SURF grow in the coming years.

“I would like to see much more involvement by students, faculty members, and administrators than I have seen the past few years,” said Sheafor. “With more support, SURF could grow into an event that not only showcases student research but connects the entire Carroll community and positively enhances the intellectual atmosphere of our campus.”

**SURF draws crowds and showcases students**

Anthrozoology is one of the buzzwords on campus. The major draws in a variety of students and is currently Carroll’s fastest growing major. The reason for this is because there are 54 anthrozoology majors, which is an increase from 45 last year. Carroll College is one of the first university in the field, expanding as the field of study grows and changes. Maybe you’ve had a class with a program dog in it, watched handlers run tracks with their dogs on campus, or seen someone with a riding helmet. But what is anthrozoology? The go-to explanation is “the study of the human animal bond”; however, that doesn’t get to the core of what the study is.

Anthrozoology is a multidisciplinary approach to human-animal interactions. Combining many fields such as: biology, psychology, conservation, history, anthropology, sociology, law and more, anthrozoology studies the effects the natural world plays in the life of humans on an individual and societal scale. As quoted on the Carroll College anthropology home page, “By increasing our knowledge about this bond and animals, how humans enrich each other, we can improve the quality of life for both humans and animals.”

Seeing how we live in America I think it’s safe to say that the majority of people here at Carroll are pro-animal, in fact many people probably love it. To those people who love democracy and the land of the free you all people know that the voting process requires you to be active, and pay attention to the issues.

I have been able to attend a few of the ASCC meetings and I have seen a really active student government. However, I have not been able to attend an ASCC meeting until last night. I met with the ASCC President and was able to ask him some questions about the ASCC meetings.

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How the infamous Softball Weekend began

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Softball weekend has come and gone for the 33rd time, and it has come with due time that the history of the event is observed and honored.

It was 1981 when the event began. Albert David Olszewski, from the class of 1984, was a freshman at the time of the first softball weekend.

Olszewski is currently a Kalispell native, physician at the Kalispell Orthopedic Center, and member of the Carroll College Board of Trustees. He is also the father of current student Albert Michael, an engineering major and member of the class of 2016, and recent graduates Megan, class of 2013, and Sierra, class of 2012.

“It was my idea, and it started as part of my campaign for when I was running for freshman class president. I told the class that if I was elected I had this idea to start this softball tournament,” said Dr. Olszewski.

Alumni, current and future students can all thank the class of 1984, as Olszewski won the election.

The freshman class office held to their president’s promise and organized the weekend to occur in April. His fellow students included Nancy Naegeli, who would eventually marry Olszewski several years later. They remain married and continue to raise their children in Kalispell today. Another notable member of the class office was Mary Kay Lane, mother of current seniors Willie, class of 2014 and Mac Roche, class of 2015. The final member of the office was William “Bucky” Boutu.

Olszewski and his group figured it was the perfect fit. A college that did not have a baseball or softball team at the time, and was neighbors to a softball field complex.

“Pick up softball games were something that we enjoyed at the time, and so it seemed like something to whole school could enjoy.”

The original softball weekend in 1981 had 11 teams. Each team had approximately ten players and games were played at fields that were near the YMCA at the time.

There were still struggles awaiting the first softball weekend planning committee. As the morning of the tournament arrived, the umpires did not.

“Our first year, our class officers had a team, but we had to disband and serve as umpires for the tournament. It was a long and exhausting weekend,” Olszewski explained.

Nevertheless, the tournament was a success and the championship was played on Monday afternoon. The winning team was led by a group of varsity men’s and women’s basketball players named “The Night Train.”

After 1981, the following freshmen class offices continued to host the event and Olszewski served as the advisor for the event until 1984. He never played in the tournament and served as the grand umpire until 1984, even when the umpires did show up in following years.

“My senior year they gave me a send off as the creator of the tournament and I wondered how long it would last.”

As current students and alumni know, the event and Olszewski’s involvement continued to run the event, but by the early 90s the ASCC had to take over the event that had grown too large.

By then there were 40 teams continuously every year.

In 2014, there were 64 teams that competed in the tournament. It has obviously come a long way since 1981. Current student and son of Olszewski, Albert Michael is proud, knowing that his dad started Carroll’s greatest student tradition. “It’s cool going to school knowing your dad started something that is still so big today,” said Albert Michael.

Albert David feels similarly, and is proud of what he has done for current students and his children.

“It’s pretty cool how it’s come full circle. I never got to play, but it’s awesome knowing that I created an event that my kids get to take part in 30 years later,” said Olszewski.

The Toadies are back and better

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Staff Writer

They came from the water 20 years ago and have continued to play Rock Music (album, 2012) ever since.

The Toadies are an alternative rock band from Fort Worth, Texas best known for their song “Possum Kingdom.” They share their ‘90s alternative rock sound with bands like Soundgarden, Nirvana, Foo Fighters, and Stone Temple Pilots.

The band is currently on a nationwide tour to celebrate Rubberneck, their first commercial release and success. Although the Toadies aren’t coming to Montana, they did stop by Seattle on the first leg of their tour on March 26. Ticket prices are around $20 at most venues.

Rubberneck itself is the quintessential example of the Toadies’ raw and offbeat sound. The album begins with “Mexican Hairless,” an upbeat instrumental track that sets the stage for what is to come. The rest of the album is an exercise in all rock greatness then ends with “I Burn” and its primal, almost tribal, drum beat.

Part of the Toadies’ unique sound is their experimentation with different time signatures. “Possum Kingdom” switches between 7/8 and 8/8 time during the verses and “I Come from the Water” dabbles in 6/8 time.

There is a variety of subject matter throughout the album but a recurring theme is the struggle with faith. Christian symbolism can be found in “I Come from the Water” and the subject of keeping faith is explored in “Backslider.”

Feeler, the original follow-up album to Rubberneck, was rejected by the Toadies’ label in 1998. Several rewrites and new songs later, the album became Hell Below/Stars Above, the band’s second CD, released in 2001. The band then broke up in 2002 due to the bassist leaving. Feeler was later re-recorded and released in 2010 after the band’s reformation in 2008.

The difference between Feeler and Hell Below/Stars Above exemplifies the split in evolution the Toadies’ sound could have taken. The former is more experimental and best represented by the opening dissontant chords of “Trust Game.” The latter is more diatonic and catchy with tracks like “Push the Hand” and “Pressed Against the Sky.”

No Deliverance (2008), the Toadies’ third album, sounds a bit average and underwhelming. Play. Rock. Music (2012), the band’s fourth and most recent album, feels like a return to form with a modern twist. Each album has its own sound; there is no “more of the same” with the Toadies.

For alternative rock with a quirkily bent, the Toadies are a must-listen. Their albums are available from any major retailer or through their website at thetoadies.com.
SNAPCHATS

Bachelor life baby

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Got a snapchat worth sharing?
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Advice from graduating seniors!

"Do and go to as many campus activities because that’s where you meet people and create memories."
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"Calculated risks help you progress as a person. Be smart and be safe but have fun and take some chances during your college years."
Tommy Keil
senior
business administration
Portland, Ore.

"Engage with your professors. I know some classes can be stressful and it can make a professor seem abrasive, but if you reach out to your professors, you’ll build strong, meaningful relationships with them, and can work with you to help you get the grade you want in those difficult courses."
Reed Baker
senior
communication
Spokane, Wash.

"Don’t get the unlimited meal plan."
Cody Hopkins
senior
chemistry
Davenport, Wash.

"Dress to impress as much as possible."
Nick Jenkins
senior
computer science
Seattle

"Try and have as much fun as you can because the four years go by really fast."
Alexandria Mamdala
senior
anthrozoology
Orange County, Calif.

"Don’t sweat the small stuff. And drink a lot of wine."
Colleen Behrens
senior
nursing
Corvallis, Ore.

"A coffee a day keeps the doctor away."
Kelsey Walsh
senior
elementary education
Missoula
Cloudy with a chance of softball

On the third day Jesus rose from the dead ... moments later so did Softball Weekend.

The fabled Carroll College Softball Weekend Tournament was canceled and resurrected within a matter of five hours on Saturday, April 26th.

Pouring rain Friday through Saturday morning caused extremely wet conditions rendering Batch and YMCA baseball fields unplayable.

“It sucks,” said Director of Student Activities Patrick Harris.

Harris had tears in his eyes as he wrote the email telling students that Student Activities and the field managers could not run Softball Weekend.

“I know how important it is and what a celebration it is of the Carroll family,” Harris said about having to cancel the tournament that morning.

Teams were supposed to start playing at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. The email was sent at 7:21 a.m. while rain continued to pour.

Harris and Chuck McGurr, head groundskeeper at Chipchase Fields, tried pumping water from the batting boxes that morning. When the tractor that prepares the fields could not be sent out the decision was made.

Games were scheduled to be played at Batch Fields and at the newly established baseball fields at Centennial Park. Field managers were concerned about the young grass sod on the Centennial fields.

“It was very misleading,” said Jena Boenhke, a senior communication studies and public relations major from Missoula who learned from a Facebook post Saturday morning that the tournament had been canceled.

“When someone [on Facebook] said ‘Burn Carroll to the ground’ I figured Softball Weekend was canceled,” Boenhke said.

Some teams showed up at the fields unaware the weekend had been canceled, others showed up in spite having organized pick-up games.

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Softball Weekend Tournament was canceled and resurrected within a matter of five hours on Saturday, April 26th.

Pouring rain Friday through Saturday morning caused extremely wet conditions rendering Batch and YMCA baseball fields unplayable.

“It sucks,” said Director of Student Activities Patrick Harris.

Harris had tears in his eyes as he wrote the email telling students that Student Activities and the field managers could not run Softball Weekend.

“I know how important it is and what a celebration it is of the Carroll family,” Harris said about having to cancel the tournament that morning.

Teams were supposed to start playing at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. The email was sent at 7:21 a.m. while rain continued to pour.

Harris and Chuck McGurr, head groundskeeper at Chipchase Fields, tried pumping water from the batting boxes that morning. When the tractor that prepares the fields could not be sent out the decision was made.

Games were scheduled to be played at Batch Fields and at the newly established baseball fields at Centennial Park. Field managers were concerned about the young grass sod on the Centennial fields.

“It was very misleading,” said Jena Boenhke, a senior communication studies and public relations major from Missoula who learned from a Facebook post Saturday morning that the tournament had been canceled.

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Though skies looked tumultuous Cloudy with a chance of softball Saturday afternoon students played with equal or greater fervor. There were frequent short-short spottings, bleached ‘fros and a plethora of pale arms sticking out of bro-tanks.

The cancellation had not been unexpected. Wednesday prior to the weekend Harris had sent out an all student e-mail warning that games would be canceled if there was too much rain.

Games were rescheduled for Sunday morning. According to Harris there were less forfeits this year, though at 8 a.m. Sunday morning only three of the eight teams scheduled showed.

“We skipped six hours of rain and got six hours of sunshine on Sunday,” said Harris.

In the end, the weekend was a blur as were the champions.

The Blur beat The Homies 12 – 3 in the finals of the weekend tournament. Named for a baseball bat with a “magical” sweet spot, the team assembled of juniors and seniors played Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with only an hour break.

For Boenhke the weekend is “an awesome time to be with your friends, make new friends and kick off spring.”

It was a fairytale finish for the weekend tradition put into question by Montana weather.

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