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Proposal to convert Leigh Lounge to bar

Leigh lounge will provide alcohol for students and faculty between classes

BY TENDER EDITOR

Because Leigh Lounge has not been used for anything except for sleeping and reading, ASMSU president Jim "Beam" McCray has proposed making the reading room into a full-service bar.

Alcohol would be served from 9 a.m. until the Strand Union closes at 11:30 p.m.

The bar's management would be controlled by ASMSU as a new committee.

"ASMSU is here for the students, and I know a lot of guys who could use a drink between classes," McCray said. "This is my senior year, the first round will be on me."

Bob Bertlesandjames, director of the SUB, thinks the proposal makes sense for the building, though he is concerned some students might get out of hand.

McCray said ASMSU security will be controlled to keep the peace, particularly for students who spend the whole day drinking in the lounge.

According to Phil Erupp, freshman, the proposal is the best idea McCray has come up with all year.

"This will definitely help my studies. I don't have to waste my time walking over

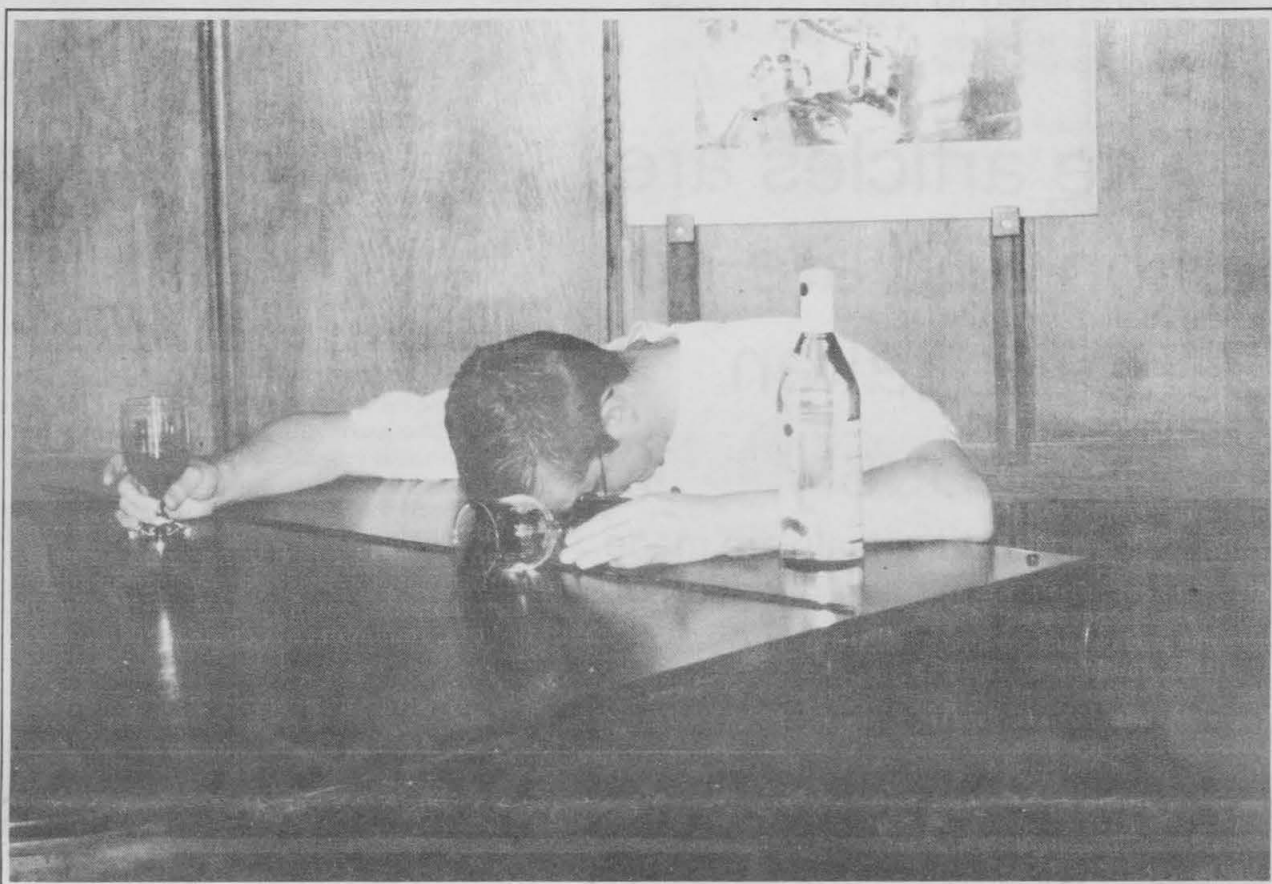


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Students revel in the idea that Leigh Lounge will be made into a full-service bar. This student proves the benefits a full-service bar on-campus would provide.

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Montana State's budget will be chopped by legislature

Helena— With recent budget cuts occurring in the Montana House of Representatives, Montana college students might find tuition more pricey this year, like 99.99998 percent expensive.

Well, what we're seeing is the Legislature cutting the higher ed budget by a nickel," MSU student Mickey Malooney said Monday. "It stems from the busy brewing in the

legislature over the history of the Montana higher education system. You see, we have parties and have fun, they sit around in really tight suits."

Tom Foolery (D-Loserville) said the cuts were essential to fund other state programs.

"The cuts were essential to fund other state programs," Foolery said. "You have to respect the fact that we all have personal goals

here in the legislature and we couldn't possibly buy all the really cool stuff each individual legislator wants and still have enough left over to serve the public interest."

According to MSU lobbyist Betty Cryer, the university has several plans to combat the budget cuts.

"Are you recording?" Cryer asked me. "No? Good."

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MSU found answer to bison problem: let them roam around campus

By WILLIAM CODY STAFF WRITER

Montana State students will soon be bumping into some new neighbors on campus. MSU has agreed to accept all buffalo that migrate from Yellowstone National Park.

Initially, Brick Breeden Fieldhouse will be demolished to make room for the animals. Approximately 100 buffalo are already on the campus.

Football coach Hi Cliffsel was asked about the buffalo being close to his football team during practice. "They will have to be vaccinated of course," Cliffsel said. "Also, they are big, ugly prehistoric animals that only want to eat, sleep, fight and reproduce, but I think the buffalo can get used to them."

Governor Marc Raicot stressed that the decision to stock the campus with buffalo was very carefully researched.

"As you know, last year when we traded three sororities and a fraternity to Ted Turner in exchange for his flounder fishing rights in Sidney, Montana, there was a perception by some that

that was not in the best interest of the university," Raicot said. "Those critics obviously chose to overlook the fact that in just one year Turner has produced some genetically superior stock from those sororities. However, we wanted to prevent similar controversies."

University administrator Stan Alone said the university applied the same reasoning used to decide how many parking lots are necessary for the school. "We found we could support 6500 buffalo on about twelve square feet," he said. "As a double check, we used the formula that we use to apportion computers. The original figures were conservative."

Congressman Max Baucus, instrumental in procuring the \$7 billion federal grant for the buffalo program, said he is enthusiastic about the program. "However, I am writing legislation that will require a five-day waiting period prior to the purchase of a buffalo chip," he said. "Also, no one will be allowed to possess a backpack capable of holding more

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Campus club shoots at comet

BY GAISURE WRITER

The plan to save the world went seriously wrong Monday morning when an attempt to shoot the Hale-Bopp comet with a homemade rocket fell far short of the mark, instead coming to rest near Bozeman's sister city in Argentina.

The near-disaster occurred after members of Montana State's reclusive Astrology Club calculated that the comet, still visible in the northern sky, would be on a collision course with Earth 4,000 years from now on its next pass through this part of the solar system. To prevent this, the club built a rocket from spare parts, household appliances and a substantial portion of an abandoned gas station to knock the comet from its current trajectory.

A witness said that members of the secre-

tive club aimed the rocket at the sky during a candlelit ceremony in the post-Easter darkness.

"They were all dressed in black, and they appeared to be eating chocolate ice cream," said Tom Braun, an MSU graduate student who was on his way to work when he noticed a flicker of candlelight coming from a roped-off construction area in a dark area of campus. Braun followed the smell of incense to the site of the launch pad.

"The rocket was huge, they had raised it upright with a crane, and there were weird planet symbols all over it," he said. "They started chanting, and swaying, and one guy spilled his ice cream on the piece of paper he was holding." Braun said the man then stepped up to a control

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Upcoming Events

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Abstinence for a Better America will meet at 5 p.m. April 2 in SUB ballroom B to discuss how to live a lonely and sad existence. Free condoms will be distributed.

Students Against Just About Everything will host its annual luncheon on 6 p.m. April 3 at the Emerson Cultural Center. The group promises a large amount of anger and an annoying keynote speaker. Free condoms will be distributed.

Feminism, Feminism and Feminism will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. April 3 in Wilson 1-120. Free female condoms will be distributed.

I'm a Trekkie You're a Trekkie Don't You Want to be a Trekkie Too is meeting at 7 p.m. on April 2 in SUB room 273 to pitifully worship poorly-made TV programs and second-rate movies about space explorers. Plans include discussion on how to kill the Star Wars fan club.

Students Against Sexual Assault will hold a meeting about how much they are against sexual assault at 5 p.m. April 5 in Reid 105.

Spelling Errors Anonymous will host keynote speaker Marcus Hibdon, *Exponent* managing editor at 6 p.m. in SUB Ballroom B.

Do you have rabies? Student Health Service will conduct free rabies tests for students starting at 2 p.m. April 7 at the Swingley Health Service.

The Women's Center will sponsor the sack lunch seminar "Bologna and Cheese" at noon in SUB room 123. Free condoms will be distributed.

Student Health Services will hold its annual expired drug extravaganza at noon April 5 in the SUB courtyard. Expired prescription drugs will be available to all students at dirt cheap prices. Free paraphernalia and condoms will be distributed.

Students Against Government Conspiracies will hold a meeting at unspecified time in an undisclosed location. Topics will include avoiding our corrupt and immoral excuse for democracy, how to run a red light and get away with it and how to set up a fake address. Keynote speaker Frank Zimmerman will present a lecture titled "Here They Come to Take Me Away."

A seminar for freshmen only, "May this Friday's Date Replace My Right Hand," will take place after an ACLU lecture on "Sheep, Men and the 21st Century" at noon on Thursday at leader Phil

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The Men's Center sponsor a TV dinner seminar called, "No! You Gotta Peel 'em First" following the Women's Center sack lunch seminar.

Students Over 80 host its annual HipHop from 6-6:30 p.m. April 7. Students over 80. Free condoms will be distributed along with prizes for the walker.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold a meeting to make you feel very sinful and dirty at 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 273. Donations will be accepted if you don't want to go to eternal hellfire with Satan.

An informative meeting on the current political situation at Montana State will be held at 6 a.m. Tuesday morning in SUB ballroom B. Administrators promise to testify that parking has changed, will not charge you to leave them the hell alone, and condoms will be distributed at the event.

Students Against Gender Confusion will meet at 6 p.m. April 8 in Wilson Ballroom. The discussion will focus on the fact that males have a penis and females have a vagina.

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Police responded to a report of Vanilla Ice harrasing its in Hannon Hall. Arrival officers stopped, frated and listened but spect could not be lo-

golden retriever and bitten. The dispatcher laughed long and hard at him.

Officers also listened to a lot of sniveling, whining and complaining this week.

3-31-97

A student reported she was receiving harrasing phone calls. Police told the woman's mother to leave her alone.

Report of wedgie in Hapner Hall.

Police responded to reports

of the *Exponent's* graphic gimp escaping from his cage. Under investigation.

3-31-97

Officers conducted a campus-wide doughnut search.

A high-speed chase resulted when an old woman outran police with her walker after stealing a book on prunes from Renne Library.

Catering services reported they were missing one filter of coffee. Two *Exponent* editors are under suspicion.

Members of the 80s television show FAME were reported in front of Montana officers were powerless to em simply because they ng to live forever.

man reported he was down by a three-legged

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ght buffalo chips." Congressman Conrad could not be reached for nt. His secretary said was in conference on a n Florida, representing a's tobacco interests. ndy Terryson, author, big unter and occasional eclecturer, was also instruin researching the feasi- the buffalo program. "We y examined the marginal s versus the marginal e said. "As a matter of s examined the marginal s of examining the mar- benefits. The buffalo pro- ill work. The way to make ing efficient is to put it overnment control. What arginal benefit of this in-?"

they should be able to teach those buffalo to dance and fly."

Sandra Browndregger, ring girl for "Tough Man" boxing contests and a teacher in the computer science program said she was in favor of having buffalo on campus. "It's like this," she said. "If you want to arrange 200 buffalo in a two-dimensional array, and you want four sub-groups in one matrix ..."

Bert Hibert, chemistry professor, also runs the on campus "Rush Room" to raise venture capital for movies. His last two movies, "Dances With Ditto-Heads" and "A Quiver Runs Through It" were about the sex lives of middle-aged Republicans.

"I am confident the buffalo program will succeed," Hibert said. "I ran a computer model of it for the next five years and the only glitches were that the buffalo starve to death, the university goes bankrupt and the entire human population of Montana dies from brucellosis. I think that is just an idiosyncrasy in the way Quattro Pro accepts numbers, though, so we'll just try the pro-

gram and see what happens. At this point, we don't want to invest the time in revising the computer model."

Professor Norman Egad of the math department explained the role of statistics in deciding to implement the buffalo program. "First, you have to realize there are three types of people—those who believe statistics and those that don't," he said. "We surveyed the entire population of MSU and found that 58.51 percent of the people were in favor, 53.96 opposed and about a third were undecided."

When asked what the standard deviation of the survey would be, Egad said "I think whatever two consenting buffalo do in the privacy of their own football field is their own business." Egad explained that that was math department humor.

Administrator Alone said there is absolutely no danger to students from the buffalo. "There have been absolutely no buffalo attacks on students," he said. "Furthermore, none of the injuries have been serious."

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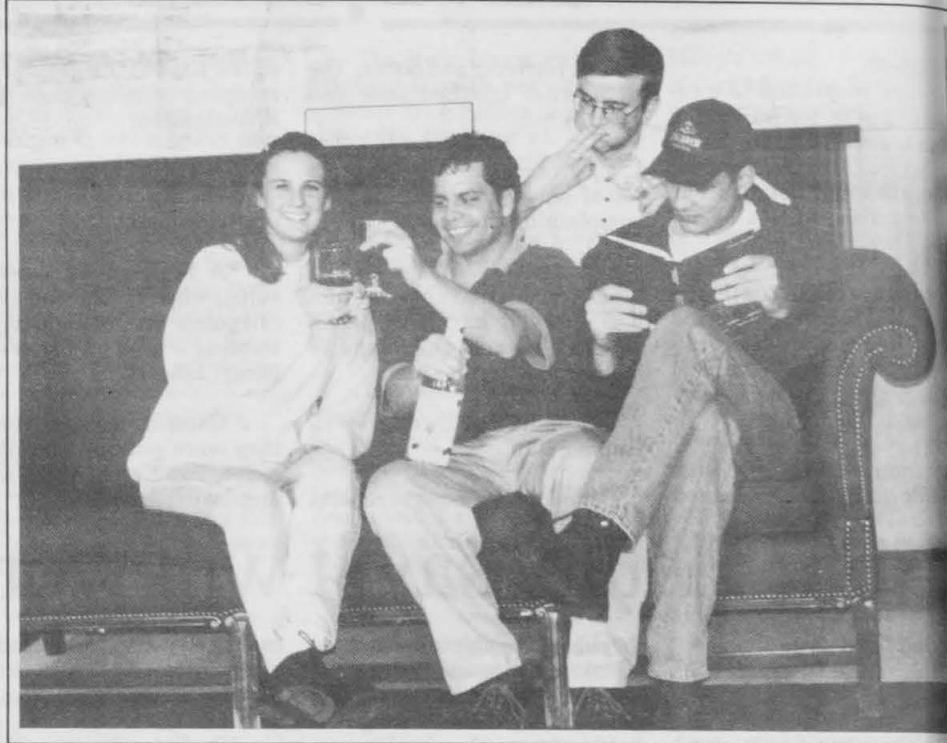


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With the swipe of a card, the declining drink plan will allow alcohol to be served in the quiet reading room so that students can relax while drinking and studying.

Liquor: proposal set to help students stud

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to Spectators," Erupp said. "I'll be able to order my beer and then sit down and do my homework."

McCray said even though the bar will be a student committee, the facility

will also be open to faculty.


"Who better needs a drink in the middle of the day than our professors?" McCray said. "Besides, my political science professor said he will give me a letter of recommendation if I can get this committee passed." The proposal must

pass the senate in order it to become law, McCray said he is confident he will get the necessary votes.

"Could you imagine any senator voting against this bill and still have a hope of getting re-elected?" McCray said.

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Funding: Lobbyists do not seem to care

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We're going to sneak into the legislature under the cover of darkness and murder them in their sleep if they don't give us more money."

Peter Penchpenny (R-Los Angeles) said he has no idea what is going on with the Montana Legislature.

"Are you kidding me?" Penchpenny asked me. "I'm a member of the California legislature and you are a member of the House of Idiots."

James MakeMyday, ASMSU president, said the budget cuts won't af-

fect him at all. MakeMyday also said his favorite food was pizza.

"You know, I sat at home and tried to give a rat's ass about the rising tuition costs but I just couldn't," MakeMyday said. "I keep thinking I'm graduating soon and everyone else is so screwed."

Bradley Curlymoeschlepp, future ASMSU president, said he has a more pro-active idea than MakeMyday.

"I think if we surround the state building and chant 'Show me the money' it'll bring us results or at least really piss them off," Curlymoeschlepp said.

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console to enter coordinates the missile's launch computer from the paper in his hand. A man rubbed his eyes, as if he couldn't make out the writing.

"There was chocolate smeared on it, so he must have fudged the numbers," Braun said.

Thirty-two minutes later the South American city of Bariloche, Argentina, was rocked by the explosion. According to work newscasts, the blast caused property but injured no one.

Dr. Bob Katt, director of Montana State's department of astrology and president of the astrology club, said he was surprised about the mistake.

"We just wanted to know a little bit off course, not describe it," Katt said. "But it must have been written in the stars."

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PUPPY (OR SHEEP OR PIG OR HORSE OR RAT) LOVE

DINA B. SICK
WRITER

Although there haven't been many recent reports of bestiality violations in the state of Montana, the law which prohibits sexual contact between humans and animals still stands.

But all that may change. At least that's what members of the American Civil Liberties Union committee are hoping to accomplish in time for the coming year. "We just think it is time for humans to get out of animal affairs and let them have their own space to graze, frolic, and be loved," said a spokesman from the ACLU. "I wish to remain anonymous for fear of personal attacks because of my sexual preference. What I like is not your issue. Let's let the animals be for themselves."

The non-governmental organization decided it should launch its nationwide campaign, "No Bahhhhd Laws for People," in Montana to reduce the livestock population to one animal for every five to

The issue has come to the front after a Bozeman resident threw rotting buffalo entrails across a table where seven senators were discussing the buffalo situation outside Yellowstone National Park. "Love is the answer,

people. Not guts," said one protester who protested the entrails protest. "Love the buffalo. Really and literally love them. Let's join hands in a big buffalo-love ring."

But the abolishment of bestiality laws is not the only target to come under fire from the ACLU. The group said all "degrading and anatomically incorrect love toys" such as the popular "Love Ewe" should be outlawed, not the animals themselves.

"When was the last time you felt a sheep and touched plastic instead of the trademark woolen coat of our fuzzy friends?" the spokesman said. "And to pass such an imitation around from buddy to buddy is not only degrading, but it also says, 'Hey, I'm embarrassed of true love and have to settle for a cheap sheep imitation.'"

Mixed reactions to the ACLU's movement were nowhere more evident than in the crowd which gathered on the Montana State campus this weekend. Protesters clashed wearing sandwich boards with slogans such as "Cows already have enough bones," "Spring chickens don't get sprung" and "I'm a mommy mommy moo moo, too. Let the animals decide."

One protester was escorted from the scene by university police for carrying a sign that read, "No more tuition raises."



Holden McGroynne of the ACLU makes a raid to purge Montana of "imitation love."

photo by some guy named Al

"That individual was obviously at the wrong protest," said University Police Chief Ed Collins. "We also had to hose down a few hooligans who disguised themselves as 7-11 hot dog vendors when they were actually selling overpriced bagels from the Union Market."

Montana Gov. Marc Racicot called the throng "democracy in action," but was the target of heated polemic from all sides of the issue.

"What kind of governor allows people to protest such moral rights as laws against the degradation of the temple of the body through fornication with animals meant for us to eat?" asked Josiah Elisia Timmons IV, leader of Montana's newest reactionary militia, DIKKS: DarIng to Keep Kids off Sheep.

"This is enough to make me even want to vote Democrat."

ACLU's ANIMAL LOVER AGENDA FOR THE 1997-98 YEAR

- AUG** • Brick Breeden Fieldhouse to be torn down for buffalo habitat and breeding station. See related story on page one.
- SEPT** • ACLU will push for the revenue from parking fees to transfer to Animal Love Toy Fund since funds aren't really being used.
- *Joy of Animal Sex*, by Phurfeils Good, to be released at coffee shops everywhere. Great pictures. Not suitable for Republicans.
- OCT** • Fund drive in conjunction with MSU administration will require MSU employees to volunteer 30% or \$100 of their paycheck to the ACLU, whichever one is higher.
- NOV** • All students receive a autographed buffalo chip from Ted Turner to compensate for a 12 percent tuition hike.
- DEC** • Sheep mouth-to-mouth resuscitation classes offered over break for sheep lovers and really lonely people.
- JAN** • Relaxation after super New Year's Ewe party.
- FEB** • Cutest Couple Contest will be held. Only animal/human couples will be allowed to enter. Prizes include a trip to Michael Jackson's estate for winners of the children's division and a giant bowl of Jello for the adult winners.
- Adult education classes for the community to be held. Courses include "Hamster Etiquette" and "The Proper Uses of Duct Tape."
- MAR** • Auditions for the new television soap operas "The Young and the Thumbless" and "General Veterinary Hospital" to begin.
- APR** • Anti-plastic sheep protests planned. Demonstrators plan to set up booths for bystanders to try for themselves the difference.
- MAY**

EE majors battle the CS majors

POC EHTPOOL
STAFF WRITER

Another senseless night of violence took place on the Montana State campus.

The "Homepagers," a campus-wide group made up mostly of computer science majors battled the "Ohmboys," a local Electrical Engineering gang. Apparently, an "Ohmboy" spotted the red pocket protector of a "Homepager" in the EPS building. Furious thoughts soon turned to vicious attacks and several dozen members of each group soon gathered. Witnesses say that before the campus police arrived, the "Homepagers" who weren't already being suffocated by their underwear being pulled over their heads began hurling 3.5 diskettes at the "Ohmboys."

Due to the increasing amount of violence between the CS majors and the EE majors, security guards armed with underarm deodorant and wire cutters will be stationed at every EPS building entrance. Guards will be required to perform routine pocket protector searches. An anonymous security guard reported that if the violence got really out of hand, they have scantily clad pictures of Pamela Anderson that will quickly disperse any conflict.

When asked about the severity of the violence and the consequences for the campus MSU president Mike Malone said "I will do a study."

Last January, the Electrical Engineering students devised a motion mechanism that shut off the overhead lights in the computer labs when movement ceased, causing not only a huge scare but also 49 CS majors to run out crying because they were not able to turn the lights back on.

North Hedges resident advisor Susie Bite reported seeing a group of strange-looking guys leaving the dorms late Saturday night with scissors and glue, only to find 11 "homepagers" complaining of missing left shirt pockets the next day. Supposedly, the missing pockets were pasted tight to the middle of their pants.

"Where are we supposed to put our pocket protectors now," said head of "Homepagers" Harvey Cateel. "We just don't understand why we get picked on and teased so much, now it's time for pay-back and we really, really mean it."

To show that they meant real business, the CS majors used the wiring in the

This note is for the telepathy impaired:
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Linguistic Society declares Officialium an emerging dialect of the English language

By SALMON DETWINS
STAFF WRITER

Do you sometimes feel administrators of all kinds just don't seem to listen to you? Apparently, the word usage of many officials have drifted so far from standard English that it has been categorized as its own dialect.

According to a pamphlet distributed by the National Linguistic Society, the recognition of Officialium should encourage growth of classes dedicated to learning the dialect. The need for the distinction is apparent any time you talk to "official" people.

"Officialium is present everywhere," said Reedum N. Wheep, a lead-

ing linguist. "Take MSU officials. 'No more tuition hikes' translates to 'Bleed me dry' in Officialium."

Kary Mehome, a micromicrology major, had a similar experience.

"When I started at MSU," Mehome said, "I was told this was a four-year school. Between the classes that were only available on even years and the classes that were too full, I have been here seven years."

The National Linguistic Society is working on a complete dictionary to translate thousands of expressions. Bill Bluff, an official spokesperson for the society, anticipated the dictionary would be ready soon. (Translation: Don't expect it anytime this century.)

OFFICIALIUM TRANSLATIONS

Standard English

- "Yes."
- "We need to build more buildings."
- "In the students' best interests."
- "Leigh Lounge."
- "I'll be with you in a moment."
- "There is not enough student parking."
- "Book buy-back."

Officialium dialect

- "No."
- "We need to tear down buildings."
- No translation.
- "Leigh Fine Dining"
- "I'll be with you in a millenium."
- "There is not enough money charged for student parking."
- "Book rip-off."

Food service battles fat with forks

By IMA NOTTA CROOK
STAFF WRITER

A survey conducted among Montana State students showed an overall decrease in body strength despite attempts to get people in shape.

"What we've got is a bunch of brainy weaklings," said Chuck Lindemann, director of student athletics. "The survey shows what used to be a beef-eating, barbecuing, weight-lifting community has turned into an organic parsley-growing, forest-eating, poem-reading lot of pansies."

Despite food service attempts to inform the average eater about fat, calories and how to keep the extra pounds off, students have continued to gain weight, said Lew Hill, director of University Food Service.

"First we tried to hike our prices up so students could only eat a bagel a day, possibly with a tiny, overpriced package of cream cheese, and that would hold them off from snacking until they got home," Hill said. "That's when we went for more drastic measures."

In coordination with Montana Steel Works, Hill and Director of Student Health Jim Mitchell recalled all silverware from the three dining halls for "modifications."

The new silverware will have an additional 10 pounds attached to the handles in the form of attractive animal shapes made entirely of steel. The engineers at Montana Steel hope to meet the

demands of combining forks and other silverware with dumbbell-like art, said Bob Lashaway, director of facility services.

"At first we just wanted to attach some odd pieces of machinery we have lying around that nobody uses any more," Lashaway said. "But then the health department cracked down on sanitation problems. The pieces were fine; it was the kitchens that needed some work."

Lashaway said he was disappointed to see that his "odds and ends" were going to be junked for the steel figurines.

But the reactions to the new weighted silverware have some students complaining.

"We can't even put our normal plate of fried burgers, tater tot casserole and scones on the same plate as the fork," said Holly Orifice, a distraught sophomore. "I can't even hold the tray up."

"Exactly," Hill said. "This is what it is supposed to do. For your \$5 a meal that you pay, not only will you feel better since you are eating less, but will also get an upper body workout every time to lift your fork."

Hill said the food service hopes to secure higher profits off meals, as long as freshmen are required to buy meal plans at inflated prices and are not allowed to sell them off with the declining meal plan.

"It's a small price you pay to have biceps just from eating our food," Hill said. "The weights will just help them come faster."



Dooder White from the new Valet Driving Service solicits a friendly driver.

photo by Rog

English majors solve parking problem

By YOOGO GIRL
STAFF WRITER

"I think this is the best idea to hit campus since they tore up all that green grass for asphalt," said Rita Book, Montana State senior. "Now all I have to do is pay for more gas."

Book is one of many happy drivers on campus these days, thanks to a new business initiated by several English majors who knew graduation meant being unemployed. "We take it, you shake it (to class)" now offers an alternative to the parking problem on campus.

"What we do is you come and drive those few blocks from your house to campus, find one of our employees and they'll take your car and drive it around while you are in class," said Sam, the brainchild behind the high-profit business, who requested no last name be printed for tax purposes. "You just tell them when and where to meet you, and voila, we'll be

there."

The business leaders said they hope to take their idea to other schools and perhaps even to area businesses which pay astronomical amounts for parking.

"We already have the roads," Sam said. "Why not use them instead of making more parking lots? I see lotless malls, lotless grocery stores, lotless hospitals, lotless car dealers, and all for a lot less."

Many of the bestiality law protesters who gathered on campus this weekend used the service, since parking became a problem.

"I jumped out of my car, grabbed my sign, and bam, I was shouting and pushing people before I knew it," said Ben Widhertoo, a junior in health and human development. "Normally it takes me more time to find a parking spot than I spend commuting from my south sixth home."

Gas stations and their

larger corporation counterparts expressed utmost praise for the genius behind the entrepreneur's idea. Some companies said they hope to their sales of gasoline go up as much as 10 percent in the county over the next four years.

"This is just brilliant," said Binich Blöd, corporate executive for a leading gas company. "I think, parking problems solved, road maintenance have more work which means better economy, EPA officials keep their jobs, police get ticket-writing time in. Growth is just limitless."

Certain fast food chains town have already started lunch time deals for the ers who will sometimes hours in little cars. Wal-Mart announced last week it is being marketing the "driver donut pillow for comfortable driving," which Mart responded with a new

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EPS building plus some additional mechanisms to completely seal off the entire building, closing off all possible exits. EE majors were trapped inside for over 27 hours. If that wasn't enough, the CS majors installed a CD player into the Burns Telecommunications center, creating a sound system the size of a satellite dish which continually played the song "It's a Small World After All."

Since then, the MSU coun-

seling center has been overwhelmed with EE majors complaining of schizophrenia and uncontrollable nervous twitches.

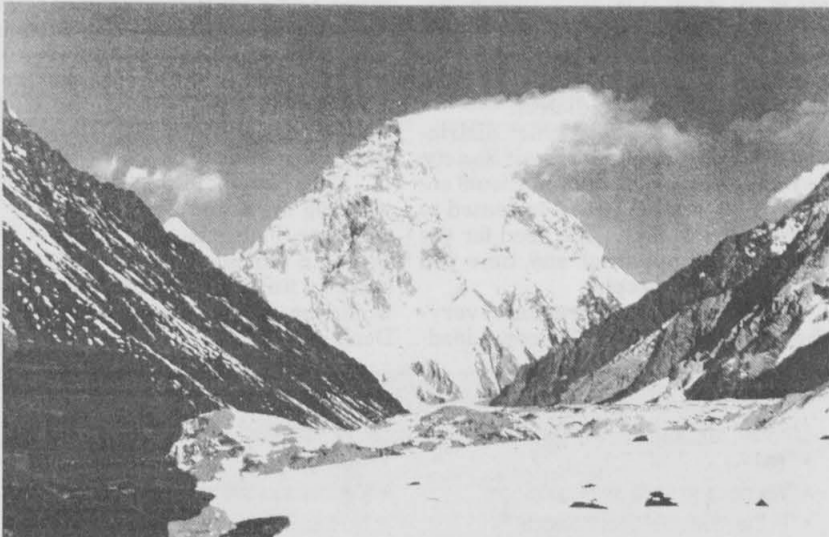
"It's time we played hard ball," said head "Ohmboy" Dick Trickle after being stuck inside the EPS building. "This isn't a matter of geeks against nerds anymore, this is a matter of impotence."

When asked about the steps taken to resolve the problems, Malone said "I will form a committee."

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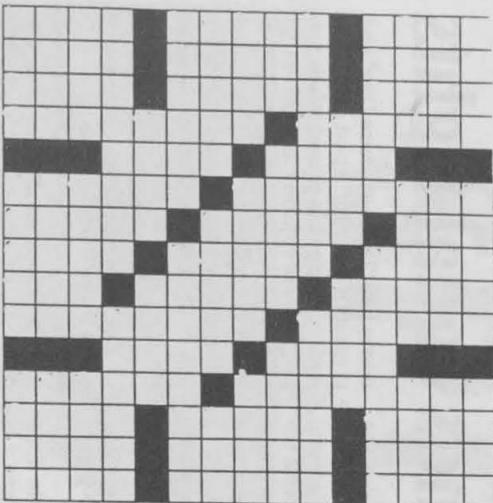
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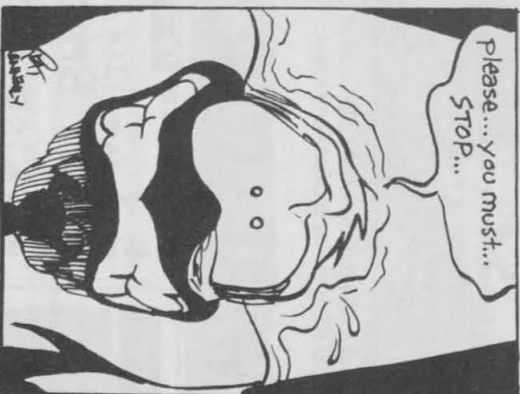
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Martian group demands equal rights

By WEEBE LOWLYFE
STAFF WRITER



An irate band of illegal aliens staged a demonstration this weekend in front of Montana Hall, citing species discrimination as their main grievance.

The group, calling themselves Martians for Galactic Equality, hovered in front of President Mike Malone's office yesterday afternoon and demanded their complaints be addressed or the Registrar's office would be vaporized in time for summer registration. Students witnessing this display showed their support with a standing ovation.

The groups spokesperson, Dwarf Xplat, telepathically released a long list of grievances to college officials after spending nearly two hours looking for adequate parking for their space craft.

"We would like to accommodate all special interest groups but need to draw the line somewhere," Malone said. "It may as well be

drawn between species, I like the idea of having a new office."

Among their complaints were:
1. Reduction of out-of-orbit tuition, currently \$10,000 per credit hour, to the normal out-of-state rate enjoyed by all other Earthlings.

2. Medical facilities for aliens staffed with professionals trained in exoskeleton emergencies.

3. Special classroom seating for their demure 3-foot, 60-pound frames.

4. The need for edible food products in the SUB cafeteria. Interestingly, Martians have the same dietary needs as humans.

5. Adequate parking for their Quark 2 spacecraft. Xplat complained of a \$500 ticket for taking up 29 parking spaces when the craft never touched the ground.

6. Establishment of an Alien Awareness Week, because the aliens felt they are really just misunderstood.

"The only time you people think about us is when a comet passes near or someone makes a

movie like "Independence Day" and gives us a bad rap," Xplat said. "We were visiting this planet when you people were running around eating bugs and wearing rancid animal skins. A couple hundred thousand years of evolution and suddenly you're too good for the rest of us in the solar system."

"We never saw it coming," said Lt. Col. John Alexander, commander of Air Force ROTC detachment 450. "Our only warning was a phone call from a farmer in Amsterdam who claimed to see something that looked like 'flying yogurt' while plowing his field early Saturday morning. Of course we dismissed this as a hoax."

University officials are looking into the surprising lack of preparation for such an event and plan a press conference for Wednesday afternoon.

In a related incident, a dozen pigeons were vaporized after unwittingly using an alien spacecraft for target practice. Several onlookers applauded.

Parking: Lost revenue, jobs for university

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of air fresheners to help compensate for the sometimes unfortunate smell of eating fast-food drivers' specials.

Some university officials, however, expressed concern over the lost revenue from parking tickets and permits.

"People who commute from Bozeman from greater distances will still save with permits, since they will drive everyday and spending more on gas in the first place," said Craig Roloff, vice president of administration and finance. "We could then rip the unused asphalt from the decrease in students needing park and put the grass back."

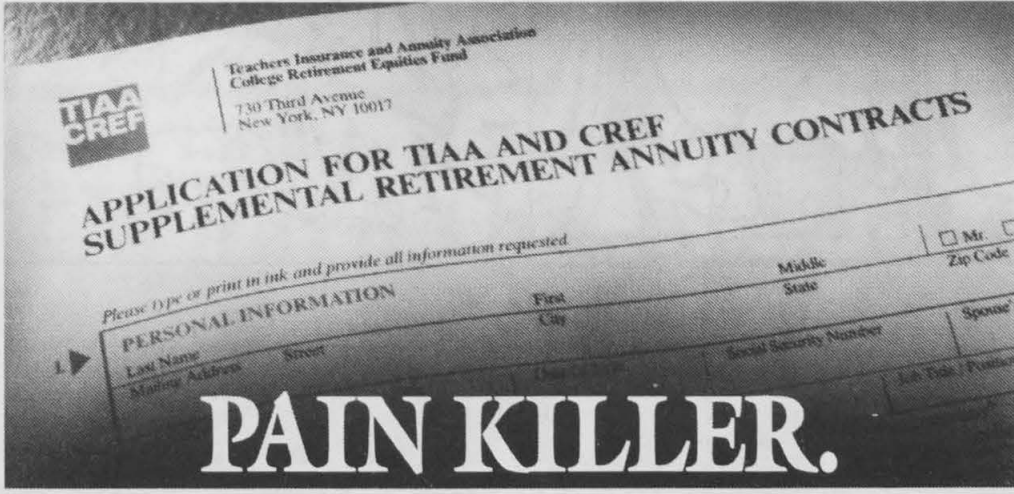
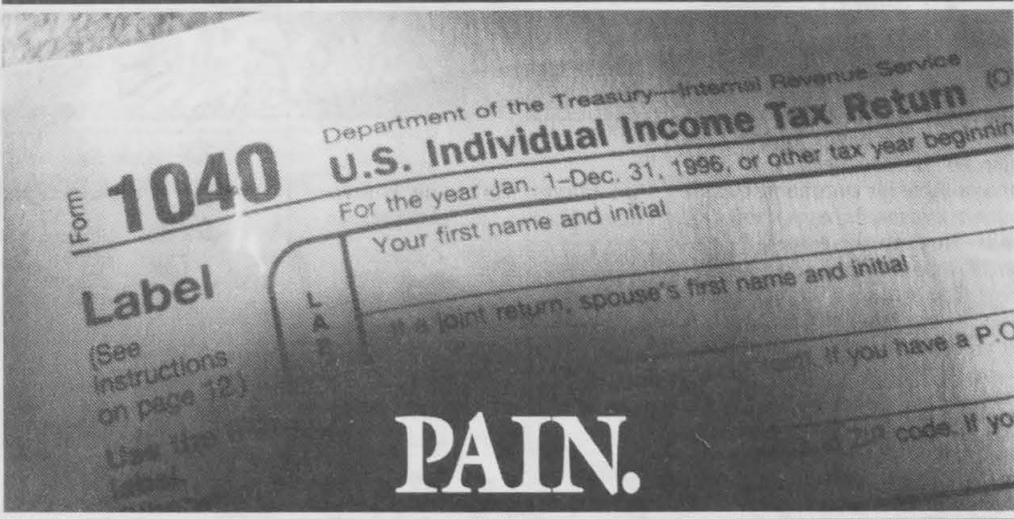
Sam said the laid-off parking ticket writing force, which he said is a "necessary but not a fortunate event," could fit in with the new business.

"We could always use more drivers, and they already have a lot of experience behind the wheel," Sam said. "The pay probably just as good, too."

Dwarf Xplat, the Martians for Galactic Equality, outlines the group's complaints. Xplat also added that the group might overlook the special seating requirements if they could sit in the laps of cheerleaders.

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MICKEY MOUSE SPORTS GODDESS

Despite health officials' warnings not to do it, tennis players wishing to use the bubble might not need to go to the bathroom. That's because starting next week, all players, male and female alike, will have the option to wear catheters.

The move to offer rentals of urinary devices came after a heated dispute erupted when players had to resort to doing number one in the frigid snow.

"I can't believe that someone has actually come up with this idea," said Kitty White, an avid tennis player. "Every time I'm on the court, I suddenly remember I have to go. The new catheters will save me time and discomfort."

Health officials were concerned that "some people's urine is more acidic than others" due to a poor college diet, and that the disposal might be hazardous.

For this reason, elementary education majors have been commissioned to handle the "pee pee." Sue Jacobson, athletic big cat, said the new catheters are expensive to rent, require little maintenance and are unisex.



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"Our lady friends can use the patented Lady J. Adapter that allows them to tinkle and stand up," Jacobson said. "They may be surprised to see a bulge in their pants, but this may help them to sympathize with men and get over any penis envy complexes."

For a small fee, players can rent the equipment designed by campus engineers and nursing students. The architecture department was banned from the project for making the devices "extraordinarily large and laced

with cayenne."

"We would have gotten away with it, too, if it hadn't been for those meddling reporters," said Bob Catchell, architect extraordinaire. "Dang."

The engineers and nurses who worked on the project were unavailable for comment, but an answering machine at their lab said they would return "after playing doctor."

The workers at the tennis bubble can offer players a wide range of colors and even flavors

if requested.

"That's gross," said freshman Anita Life. "I mean, who would request a blue, strawberry one?"

Supposedly, the new device also helps players to hit with more force and have longer endurance, said player Marco de Huevos Fritos, who has been using the devices for several years now.

"I think this could be a great thing for the bars to start using, too," he said. "I know I've been a happy customer for ages now."

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Saying hello to Hollywood

PETER PAN FAGGEN BASKETBALL SMARTY

Two senior stars from the Lady Cat basketball team are taking their childhood dreams well beyond the hardwood this summer.

Blythe Hommes and Julie Brown are road tripping south to "Tinseltown" to film the new Disney movie "Lady Hoopsters".

With her Jane Fonda-like smile, Hommes is finally chasing down her long dream of becoming an actress. Joining her, of course, will be "Downtown" Julie Brown who is well known for her comic outbursts.

Hommes, the 1996-97 Big Sky Player of the Year, is ecstatic about filming "Lady Hoopsters". Featuring a member cast, "Lady Hoopsters" is a feel-good film about a bunch of returned gang members who turn into excellent women's basketball players. Filming for Hillary Clinton High, the reverse group rallies to win the California state high school basketball championship.

Hommes is casting the part oferesa Thomas, a power forward with a lengthy police record and Brown is La Rimerson, a shooting guard who is not more than jump shots.

"Lady Hoopsters" will be playing at local Bozeman theaters by next Christmas.

"I can't wait to show them my moves on the court," Hommes said. "Especially the swinging elbow, triple fake, and away bank shot."

"It's great to be acting again and

since it's a film about basketball, I'm really psyched."

Hommes is graduating in May with a Business Management bachelor's degree, but she has found the business world tiresome and tedious. Hommes knew deep down she needed a change and reflected on what really made her happy besides scoring baskets on an opponent. It was acting. Too late to pursue a drama career at MSU, Hommes resumed her acting passion by taking private acting lessons from Meg Ryan, a family friend, at Ryan's local ranch in the Paradise Valley.

"Meg's awesome," Hommes said. "She laughs at me and gives me pointers all the time. We've watched "When Harry met Sally" and "Sleepless in Seattle" over and over, about 25 times together. We actually created our own little scene with her husband Dennis Quaid and it was hilarious."

Sighing loudly, Hommes regretted her decision to pursue a business degree.

"I shouldn't have listened to my mom and my Uncle Luscious and enrolled as a business major, but oh, well."

In high school at the Manhattan Christian Academy in Churchill, Hommes starred in the plays "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum" and "Amy Fisher: My Life".

Brown is equally ecstatic about driving down to Hollywood, saying she

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Tracksters stand up to coaching staff

By DONALD DUCK TRACK KNOWITALL

MSU track and field coaches are scratching their heads and wondering what went wrong. They are scrambling to fill the holes left when over half the team announced they were quitting this past weekend.

Apparently, many of the Bobcats are taking up more exciting sports. For example, a vast majority of the team has quit track to focus on underwater B-B stacking. The trend that has swept the country seems to have hit MSU as well.

One of the leaders of the stacking fad at MSU is former standout distance runner Mike Feist.

"Running just wasn't doing it for me any more," Feist said. "I needed more adrenaline."

Teammate Emily Thompson echoed Feist's views. "I've never done anything like it before (under water B-B stacking)," Thompson said. "The rush is unbelievable."

Senior Norm Rousey, has been putting in an incredible amount of time in the pool in preparation for the upcoming meet in California. "I stack morning, noon, and night. I can't get enough," an energetic Rousey said.

The craze has even grabbed coach Dale Kennedy. Kennedy has turned his efforts from coaching running, to the intricate teaching of stacking. He has been building his athletes' endurance, and showing them the proper form, which is so very important in stacking. "Stacking B-B's is a lost art, a musical



dance of beauty," a visibly crazy Kennedy said.

Once a NCAA provisional qualifier in the weight throw, Victoria Garcia is now excelling beyond all expectations in stacking. "I think it helped that I used to stack shot puts. B-Bs and shot puts are actually very similar," she said.

Underwater B-B stacking isn't the only pull for ex-Cat track-and-field athletes. Basket weaving has also been a big hit. Former sprinter Josh Sears, has given up his hopes of becoming the next Michael Johnson, and has focused on becoming the next Dat So La Li (famous Indian basket weaver).

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couldn't pass up the chance to perform on the silver screen. Brown said she thought about acting as a young kid, as many girls do, but instead became enchanted with studying the human anatomy. A happy-go-lucky biology major, Brown was intending to take a year off from the school scene before pursuing a graduate education. Now she wants to be the next Ellen DeGeneres.

If it weren't for Vinny DeScagliia, a longtime producer for Paramount Pictures, Brown might not have received the chance.

DeScagliia was present at the Montana State-Cal State-Northridge women's basketball game on January 9.

He immediately noticed Hommes's tenacity on the court and Brown's diving hustle. What sold him, however was Brown's wit in the huddle during one of the Lady 'Cats's

timeouts.

"What do you call the things under the Pillsbury Dough Boy's apron?" Brown said with a straight face.

"Doughnuts."

Coach Tracey Sheehan, attempting to design a play for Hommes underneath the basket, laughed so hard, she dropped her clipboard, slipped on a piece of ice and rolled over. Her teammates couldn't contain themselves because Brown's timing was perfect. They didn't stop laughing after the horn signaled the end of the timeout and once play resumed, they found themselves in hysterics. Sheehan had to call another timeout. The impromptu humor warmed DeScagliia.

"That Brown kid is something," DeScagliia said in a telephone interview. "As soon as she slung that joke at everybody, I knew she had the part of Ryla."

DeScagliia, a women's basketball fanatic received permission from Sheehan to talk to her two stars after

the game.

"I was like, 'What's this?'," Sheehan said. "Then Vinny told me and I said, 'Go get 'em.'"

Hommes and Brown immediately flew down to Los Angeles after the Big Sky Tournament in March and auditioned with 50 women's basketball players. Among those auditioning were Montana's Greta Koss and Skyla Sisco.

"It was pretty intense," Brown said. "But once I got on the court, I was in my element and the jokes started rolling. Vinny told me I got the part."

Hommes's selection came down to the wire.

"They called me and Greta back for another reading and I nailed it," Hommes said. "I remember Meg talking to me and I sailed through the reading."

Filming begins on May 25 and the two friends have found an apartment in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles.

Tracksters: filling spots

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"Basket weaving helps me get in touch with my inner self. I feel one with the twine, the earth and the sky," Sears said. If anyone sees the deranged Sears on campus, please capture him and commit him to Warm Springs.

Nicole Osborne believes that basket weaving is much more functional than running. "Not only is weaving a great aerobic workout, but I have a handy case to put on my head to carry my books to class," she said.

MSU's first annual underwater B-B stacking contest will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Shroyer pool. The facility is expected to be filled to capacity with cheering fans, so be sure to get there early to catch all the excitement.

Midgets rolling a wrestling team together at Montana State

By DEWEY, SCREWIM & HOW I DON'T CARE

Finally after decades of waiting, midget wrestling will finally become a sport at Montana State.

According to Chuck "Chuck bo buck bannana fanna fo" Lindaman, the arrival of midget wrestling is quite an accomplishment for MSU. He said it will provide fierce competition, blatant violence and the entertainment of seeing really small people run around.

"A lot of people think that just because midgets are small they can't start some static," Lindaman said. "I've been beat down several times by packs of raving midgets.

These guys really are tough and they're really tiny. I just think they're cute."

Recruiting for the new midget wrestling team has already started with several very interesting prospects. Tim "I'm a midget" Rowber, the new wrestling coach, said a lot of the recruiting has to be done out of state and sometimes even out of the country.

"Right now were looking at a lot of people," Rowber said. "The problem is a lot of midgets are too nice to fight."

However, MSU's first recruit Tommy Thumb said he has been waiting for quite sometime for a chance to show his stuff.

"I'm very excited and

very ready for the season to start next year," Thumb said. "I'm 60 pounds of pure fury. I move like a butterfly and sting like a bee."

Midget wrestling is a lot different than typical college wrestling, Rowber said.

"The differences are tremendous," Rowber said. "What were doing is basically the World Wrestling Federation on a collegiate level."

Rowber said the styles of the wrestlers are a little different than the professional wrestlers as well.

"You don't see a lot of wrestlers jumping off the top rope," Rowber said. "Mostly because none of the midgets can reach the ropes. Basically what we have to look forward

"I'm very excited and very ready for the season to start next year. I'm 60 pounds of pure fury. I move like a butterfly and sting like a bee."

—Tommy Thumb, midget wrestler

to is a lot of hair pulling and toe stomping."

MSU is the only college to offer midget wrestling but Lindaman said he believed MSU will start the spark to light the fire.

"Sure, we have no one to compete with—yet," Lindaman said. "But that's good we need the time. You can't just expect us to form a team and all the sudden have competitors. I just heard voice one morning. It whispered 'If you make midget wrestling he will come.' I'm not real sure what it meant but hey these guys are a bunch of cute midgets—how bad can it possibly be."

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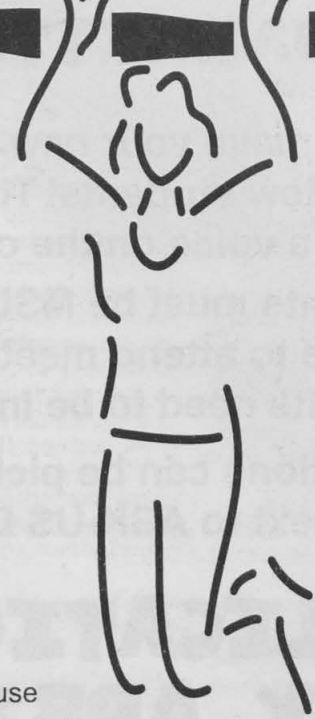
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Coaches show off their skills

Hysell and coaching staff tackle against Bobcat football

By MICKEY MOSES
SPORTS GODDESS

The football team will have new players Wednesday. Football head coach Cliff Hysell and his coaching staff have announced that they will participate in Wednesday's football practice in full pads.

"Their is only so much you can teach these guys and my experience shows me pain is the best teacher. I'm gonna bust heads."

Hysell said he decided to participate in the practice because he was sick of his team not listening to the coaches.

"These guys think they know it all but their standing on the tracks and there's a train coming through," said offensive coordinator Joe McElwain.

Hysell said if the players

can tackle their own coaches, then they will be very tough against any team they meet up against.

The football team is very excited to go up against their coaches. Even though they are just going through practice plays, the players are very excited to take out their aggression on their coaches.

"I've been getting threats from these guys all week long," Hysell said. "Am I scared? No, they'll write the check and I'll cash it."

The coaching staff will risk their bodies for the sake of their team. Many of the coaches are former football players, but are they fit enough to take on the Bobcats?

"I don't think they will try to hurt us as bad as anyone thinks," defensive coordinator Greg Salo said. "Our players are the ones who should be scared."

The football coaching staff wants to make this practice an open practice. They want this



to be an entertaining day only to the players, but to the public also. Hysell said they will make this an annual thing.

"Hopefully we will still have an uninjured football team after Wednesday," Hysell said.

According to team member, Ronnie Back, the coaches are as good as dead.

"I'm gonna run through them like a freight train," Ronnie Back said. "These guys are old, they don't know anything and man are they ugly."

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