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- Harry S. Truman

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ABOUT THE artist

Mika Holtzinger studied at the International School of Art in Umbria, Italy before earning her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Wichita State University in Kansas. While completing her Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Oregon, Mika became enchanted by the natural beauty of the West and her painting became more intensely focused on wildlife and the natural world. During this time Mika gained an appreciation for the value of making art in the community while performance painting with musicians, poets and actors. She has been on stage with KRS-ONE, Anthony B and Steve Kimock, just to name a few.



..... Mika recently moved to Montana, the ideal place to build a long lasting home and further her focus of nature-inspired painting. Please visit www.mikaholtzinger.com to learn more about Mika and her work.

ABOUT THE exit gallery

ASMSU Campus Entertainment presents: "Life with Wings," a collection of paintings by Mika Holtzinger. The exhibit will be showing in the Exit Gallery April 5 - April 16. There will be a free public artist reception on Thursday, April 15, 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

The Exit Gallery is located in Strand Union Building room 212, Montana State University, Bozeman. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. See you there!

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NEWS

Moving Towards Sustainability: ASMSU's Composting Project



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A composting project developed by ASMSU's Sustainability Center will decrease the amount of food thrown away by MSU's food service.

While the project is still working on logistical aspects, the plan is to begin within the month. A pilot project will be limited to the Fat Cat Bakery and Salad Bar in Hapner Hall, but will expand over the following year. Morgan Zelif, a Research Assistant with the ASMSU Sustainability Center, believes that an additional semester will be necessary before expanding into the dining halls, but that expansion can be expected in spring of 2011.

Left-over food from the bakery and salad bar, and later the dining halls, will

be put into barrels, and bagged in biodegradable corn-based bags. A rented truck will then transport the food to the compost site, Earth Systems Organic Compost, 14 miles out of Bozeman, which will accept food waste for free. In comparison, the Logan landfill currently costs \$24 a ton to dump MSU's garbage. "Taking it to a landfill is the least sensible thing to do," Zelif said.

"On paper it looks great, but it is more complicated than that," Zelif explained, adding that the money would not come directly back to the Sustainability Center, but would

still be an economic benefit to the university.

The composting program will be partly funded by the ASMSU sustain-

["It's our heritage, it's our food."
- Zack Rogala]

(NECO).

While NECO is not responsible for the project, many of the students working on it are in the organization. Blake Bjornson, NECO's former president said that the composting idea originally stemmed from a NECO project. MSU is making progress in sustainability and composting, but is behind many other campuses and businesses in the nation, Bjornson said. Zack Rogala, a student involved with the compost project, commented that even Wal-Mart composts its extra produce.

Rogala believes that MSU, as a land grant college and a central part of Montana's agriculture industry, should be "investing in our soil." "It's our heritage, it's our food," he said.

To further cut down on food waste, MSU's food service will stop using trays next year.

ability fee, in addition to grant funding and support from the Network of Environmentally Conscious Organizations

Spotlight: Student Activities



ON THE RIVER WITH THE GALLATIN FLYCASTERS

WORDS BY
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Students on campus can cast into the world of fly fishing with the creation of the Gallatin Flycasters. This new fly fishing club on campus hopes to promote the sport of fly fishing and educate others in awareness and conservation.

"We are in a Mecca of world-class trout rivers," said Nick English, the group's president. Surrounded by the Gallatin, Madison, Jefferson, Yellowstone, Boulder and Missouri Rivers, Bozeman is well known for fly fishing, and MSU has been rated as a top fly fishing college by Fly, Rod and Reel magazine.

The Gallatin Flycasters are not the only fly fishing club on campus. The university also supports the Montana State Anglers, a group that covers a wider spectrum of fishing, not only fly fishing. In the past, other fishing clubs have been formed at MSU, but only lasted a few months of the year, eventually discontinuing, as did a class MSU offered until 2006. English hopes the Flycasters will last longer and spur more involvement in the sport.

English hopes the local fishermen in the Madison-Gallatin Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly-Fishers will become involved with MSU's Gallatin Flycasters. The Flycasters are open to all skill levels and age groups, and English believes that incorporating the younger, college-age group with the current local clubs will help the Bozeman's fly fishing organizations grow.

One idea important to the club is educating people on conservation. "Conservation is a big part of fishing... no one wants to fish in a river with trash in it," English said. Without conservation, rivers will be over-fished and unhealthy, he said, adding that, "If you don't have healthy rivers, you don't have healthy fish."

On May 8, a river clean-up will be held

at the Gallatin River to pick up trash and leave the river a healthier environment.

The club began when English noticed the lack of fishing groups in Bozeman. He thought a club would be great for MSU to have, and got together with Camille Egdorf, the vice president of the organization, to plan the Gallatin Flycasters. English hopes his involvement in the group will give back to the sport, and teach people about fly fishing.

The Flycasters held a fly fishing festival before Spring Break, focusing on casting, tying and making an effort to "keep people excited about the sport." Other outings are planned for this spring and the club welcomes everyone. The club has found inexpensive gear for beginners to borrow, and "all they need is a fishing license," English said.

Fishing licenses can be obtained online, at local fishing shops, Bob Wards, K-Mart, Wal-Mart, Yellowstone Gateway Sports and the local Fish, Wildlife and Park Office. A Conservation License (\$8) and fishing license (\$18) are both needed to fish in Montana's rivers, lakes and streams.

Meetings are conducted on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m. in the SUB Union Market. For more information on the Gallatin Flycasters contact Nick and Camille at gallatinflycasters@gmail.com.

Get Involved:

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Senate Allocates \$10,000 for SUB Solar Panels

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The ASMSU Senate approved a \$10,000 request to partially fund a student-initiated project to install a solar panel on the roof of the Strand Union Building. Sen. Blake Bjornson, who presented the proposal, said that the panels will "create a symbol of the university's commitment to sustainability," though they will not provide energy savings payback for a very long time.

The five kilowatt solar array, which will be installed on the angled roof facing Grant St., will produce an average of 6200 kilowatt-hours, according to Bjornson, or about one percent of the SUB's base load electricity usage.

The entire project carries an estimated price tag of around \$35,000. Bjornson said he hopes to acquire remaining funds through other offices and departments on campus and by obtaining a Northwestern Energy USB grant.

The students' contribution will be taken from ASMSU's reserve account, a miscellaneous and emergency fund which is required to be 40 percent of the total operating budget, or \$370,672. Before funding the solar panel project, ASMSU's reserve account held approximately \$560,000, according to Business Manager Garrett Lommatsch.

Sen. Justin Folsom noted that ASMSU has been criticized in the past by the Board of Regents for having a large reserve account. One line of fiscal reasoning, supported most notably by former ASMSU President Teresa Snyder, holds that saving excessive amounts of student fee revenue is irresponsible, because it prevents current students from receiving the benefits of their fee money in the form of ASMSU spending.

Sen. Griffin Stevens responded by asking Folsom if he was suggesting that ASMSU should spend reserve money simply because it is available. Folsom maintained that the panels are a worthwhile use of students' money, and commented that "This is something we should support and support wholeheartedly."

Bjornson said it was appropriate for students to fund the panels because the SUB "is the students' building" and because students have spearheaded the sustainability movement on campus.

Installing solar panels is not a practical project in an economic sense, Sen. Luke Wheeler said during discussion, but is "an important first step [that] would inspire investment." Bjornson also said that he hopes it will serve as the first step towards "transforming MSU's energy to renewable sources."

Sen. Ryan Mohr - the lone vote against funding the project - disagreed, stating that the solar panel's inability to pay for itself indicated to him that "the technology isn't ready."

President Eric Fisher, a former orientation leader, said that installing a symbol of MSU's commitment to sustain-

"This is something we should support and support wholeheartedly"
- Sen. Justin Folsom

ability could help recruiting students. Sustainability is "an important issue for prospective students," he said.

The panels will be "highly visible," Bjornson said, because they are located at a main entrance to campus. The inverter, which converts direct current to alternating current, will be mounted in the hallway next to the Admissions office, and the nearby television will display slides about the solar panel system and sustainability on campus. "It pays back by recruiting prospective students," Bjornson said.

Bjornson also said that the unit's accessibility will hopefully allow it to be incorporated into electrical engineering classes as a learning tool.

Once remaining funding and approval is secured, Bjornson said he hopes to have the panels installed next fall. He has met with several MSU administrators, and said he has received support so far.

DISTRACTIONS

Tired of Studying? Here Are Some Ways To Procrastinate

COMPILED BY
Ben Miller
ASMSU Exponent



Rankin Scroo Coming to the Zebra Saturday

International Reggae Artist Rankin' Scroo was born and raised in Jamaica and music has always been the focus of his life. From his earliest days singing in church to his teenage years as a "DJ-Toaster" (reggae rapper), he achieved recognition throughout Jamaica as a talented musician.

Rankin's musical versatility has given birth to reggae rhythms and vocal styles that transcend this musical category. Urban Reggae is the genesis of Rankin's diverse musical influences. This cutting edge style masterfully blends Reggae Dancehall, Hip-Hop and R&B into a sound that has mass crossover appeal. "Godfada" is Rankin's latest release. This album serves not only as an introduction to Urban Reggae but also to Rankin' Scroo as a solo artist.

Rankin is now working on his latest offering "SOLID," a showcase of Rankin Scroo's authentic Jamaican sound and

style. A work for all music lovers, "SOLID" portrays Rankin's passion for music through his life experiences and revelations.

Don't miss Rankin Scroo and some great Urban Reggae Saturday at the Zebra Cocktail Lounge, located at 321 East Main. Tickets are \$8 at the door.



Bike Swap Bikes Available April 17

Now that the ski lifts are coming to a halt for the season it's time to switch gear - literally - and get out on the ol' bicycle. For those of you looking for a pair of wheels to pedal this summer, the Gallatin Valley Bicycle Club's annual Bike Swap at the Gallatin Valley Fairgrounds is just the place to start. Or, if you have a few too many wheels and need to get rid of a couple bikes, the Bike Swap is the perfect place to make a few bucks selling those extra cycles.

Here's the schedule: On Friday, April 16, from 4 - 7 p.m., sellers can drop off bikes, or other certain cycle equipment, at the Gallatin Valley Fairgrounds. The fee is \$1 per item, plus 15 percent of the amount sold. On Saturday, April 17, the

swap opens for Gallatin Valley Bike Club members at 8 a.m. and the general public at 9 a.m. And from 12 p.m. (a.m. on the Swap flyer) to 1 p.m. there will be a final discount sales hour. Pickup is from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Along with bicycles, there will be bike parts, accessories, tools, clothing and biking and jogging strollers accepted and sold during the swap. Don't miss this great opportunity to help support the Gallatin Valley Bicycle Club. Whether buying, selling or merely browsing, the annual Bike Swap is a great way to spend a Saturday morning.



Upcoming Ellen Events This April

Leon Redbone Thursday, April 15:

Leon Redbone is one of the world's most mysterious and fascinating performers and pop culture icons. He is known for his distinctive fedora, dark glasses, mustache and scruffy baritone voice. This Neo-Vaudevillian crooner captivates audiences with a combination of pre-World War II ragtime, urban folk, jazz, blues and Tin-Pan Alley classics. Tickets are \$28 and \$20, reserved seating; the concert starts at 8 p.m. with cocktails at

7 p.m.

MSU Jazz Band Tuesday, April 27:

Help the MSU Jazz Band travel this summer. In May 2010, the 1 O'clock Studio Jazz Lab Band will travel to Hawaii on two educational missions: to participate in a seven-day music "Festival-at-Sea" on a Pride of America cruise ship, which sets sail from Honolulu; and spend another seven days on the island of Maui conducting jazz workshops and performances throughout the island. The fundraising concert, "Le Jazz Hot," on April 27, begins at 7 p.m. For ticket information contact Howard Hall at 406-994-3562, music@montana.edu, or the Ellen Theatre.

Storyhill CD Release Concert

Thursday, April 29: Red House Records is pleased to announce the April 20 release of "Shade of the Trees," the haunting new album from folk duo Storyhill. A beautifully spare acoustic recording, it features old-fashioned songs about love, war and the many sorrows that accompany them. Proving the Chris Cunningham and John Hermandson are writers and singers of the first degree, this album is Storyhill's most significant work to date. Tom Catmull (Missoula) will open the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m.; seating is reserved; tickets are \$16.

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The Cat Calendar

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Katie Sharp

0408 THURSDAY

THE WHITE RIBBON

WHERE: Emerson Center for the Arts and Culture
WHAT: Marc James Müller, German professor in Montana State University's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, will introduce the Bozeman Film Festival showing of the German film, "The White Ribbon," scheduled for 7 p.m. Winner of three awards at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival, including the prestigious Palme d'Or, and nominated for an Oscar in the 2010 Academy Awards, this provocative and haunting film from writer-director Michael Haneke is stunningly photographed in black and white. Set in a village in Protestant northern Germany from 1913 to 1914, on the eve of World War I, the story revolves around the children and teenagers of a choir run by the village schoolteacher. Strange accidents and misfortunes befall the citizens of Eichwald, gradually taking on the character of a punishment ritual. The film, which is rated R, runs for 2 hours and 25 minutes and is fully subtitled. Müller will also facilitate a discussion following the film.

CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE ON TEEN PREGNANCY

WHERE: Baxter Ballroom
WHAT: Teen pregnancy will be the focus of the next Café Scientifique to be held at 6 p.m. "What's really going on with teen pregnancy — facts, myths, science, and beliefs," will be presented by Andrea Kane, senior director of policy and partnerships at the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

0412 MONDAY

CREATURES OF THE MODERN AGE

WHERE: Black Box Theater
WHAT: Paul Greenhalgh, director of the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., will give a free public lecture on "Creatures of the Modern Age: Modernity, Modernization and the World's Fairs," at 7 p.m. Greenhalgh's premise is that the great world fairs and expositions that were staged in Europe and the United States after the mid-19th century couldn't have happened at any other time. In his lecture, Greenhalgh will examine how and why they developed, then relate that to the larger idea of modernity. He will look at the rise of modern art and design in relation to the expo tradition and argue that the two are intrinsically related.

PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR

WHERE: Lewis Hall 110
WHAT: Peter Brown will deliver his dissertation defense, "Environmental conditions affecting the efficiency and efficacy of piscicides for use in non-native fish eradication," at noon.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

WHERE: SUB Ballrooms
WHAT: Craig Roloff, vice president for administration and finance, will host the 21st annual MSU Employee Recognition Awards from 2 to 5 p.m. The Employee Recognition Awards program honors outstanding performance and contributions by MSU employees. President Wade Cruzado will announce winners at the reception. Light refreshments will be served.

0409 FRIDAY

FIFTH ANNUAL EARTH SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM SCHEDULE

WHERE: SUB Ballrooms
WHAT: The schedule for the Fifth Annual Earth Science Colloquium is as follows:
2 p.m. - Poster set-up available.
3 p.m. - Colloquium kicks off with a presentation by Bruce Fouke from the Department of Geology at the University of Illinois in Traphagen Hall
4:15 p.m. - Poster session
4:30 p.m. - Icebreaker
6:30 p.m. - Dinner
7 p.m. - Welcome and Department Awards Ceremony
7:30 p.m. - Keynote Speaker Paul Lachapelle from the Department of Political Science will present "Science, Politics, and the Art of Citizenship"

LECTURE ON MATH ANALYSIS OF TSUNAMIS AND LANDSLIDES

WHERE: Procrastinator Theater
WHAT: A free public lecture on the use of mathematical models to analyze geophysical flows such as tsunamis and landslides will be given. Randall LeVeque, a faculty member in the Department of Applied Mathematics at the University of Washington, will speak at 4:10 p.m. His lecture, titled "Depth-averaged Models and Software for Tsunamis, Landslides and Other Geophysical Flows," is part of MSU's Mathematical Sciences Colloquium Series.

0413 TUESDAY

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS PERFORMANCE

WHERE: Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
WHAT: The Harlem Globetrotters will perform at 7 p.m. as part of their 2010 "Magical Memories" World Tour. Tickets start at \$20 and are available online at www.ticketswest.com. Individual ticket information, as well as information on group and scout tickets, can also be found at www.harlemglobetrotters.com. Special discounts are available for all MSU faculty and staff. Save up to \$10 a ticket when using the promo code "EDUCATION." Tickets can be purchased at a ticket box office or contact Cyndee Young at 330-262-9790 or young@harlemglobetrotters.com. Deadline to order discounted tickets is Monday, April 12 at noon.

0410 SATURDAY

FIFTH ANNUAL EARTH SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM SCHEDULE

WHERE: Engineering and Physical Science Building
WHAT: The schedule for the Fifth Annual Earth Science Colloquium is as follows:
9 a.m. - Presenter breakfast
9:30 a.m. - Oral presentations, session one
12 p.m. - Lunch
1 p.m. - Oral presentations, session two
3:30 p.m. - Closing remarks and presenter awards

WWAMI PRE-MED CONFERENCE

WHERE: SUB Ballroom D
WHAT: Montana WWAMI will host a pre-medical conference from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The conference is provided at no cost to attendees and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Rising sophomores, juniors or seniors in good academic standing who are preparing for medical school, premed advisors and post-baccalaureate students planning to apply to medical school should attend.

BOBCAT TRACK AND FIELD

WHERE: Bozeman
WHAT: The 'Cats will compete in the MSU Open.

SPIRIT SQUAD TRYOUTS

WHERE: Shroyer Gym
WHAT: MSU cheer, dance and mascot tryouts will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tryouts will also be held Sunday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with results being posted that night.

0414 WEDNESDAY

KHUMBU CLIMBING SCHOOL PRESENTATION

WHERE: SUB Ballroom A
WHAT: Montana State University architecture students and their professor, Michael Everts, who have designed and helped build a school in the Khumbu region of Nepal, will talk about their adventure in a presentation set at 7:30 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public. Everts and groups of students from the MSU School of Architecture have traveled several times over the past two years to Phortse, a small village 13,000 feet in elevation, close to the Mount Everest Base Camp in Nepal. There they assisted the Alex Lowe Charitable Foundation by designing and helping to build the Khumbu Climbing School and community center. The school will be used to teach climbing skills to the native Sherpas of the area, who serve as porters on Himalayan climbing expeditions.

"SOMETIMES IN APRIL"

WHERE: Procrastinator Theater
WHAT: The Montana State University Diversity Awareness Office offers a free screening of the film, "Sometimes in April," at 7 p.m. This HBO original movie tells the story of 100 days, beginning in April 1994, when nearly 800,000 people lost their lives during a purge of Tutsi nationalists by their Hutu countrymen in the African nation of Rwanda. Based on true events, the gripping and inspiring drama tells the story of two brothers divided along political lines by the conflict, and details the extraordinary courage and perseverance exhibited by the people of Rwanda.

0411 SUNDAY

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR LECTURE

WHERE: SUB Ballroom A
WHAT: Renee Firestone, a Holocaust survivor, will speak about her personal reflections of the Holocaust at 7 p.m. This lecture is in honor of Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust Memorial. Renee Firestone was in her early twenties and living with her parents and siblings in Hungary when they were taken to Auschwitz concentration camp. An art show featuring the art of the children of TerezinStadt will precede the lecture at 4 p.m., followed by a dessert reception at 5:30 p.m. The film, "Last Days" by Steven Spielberg, featuring Renee and four other Holocaust survivors, will be shown at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 9, and Saturday, April 10, in the Procrastinator Theater. All events are free and open to the public.

0415 THURSDAY

"THE POETICS OF TEXTING AND TWITTERING"

WHERE: Bozeman Public Library
WHAT: Robert Bennett, assistant professor of English at Montana State University, and visiting English professor Ben Leubner, will explore the links between American poetry and new information technologies at 7 p.m. "The Poetics of Texting and Twittering," will be preceded by a reception, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bennett and Leubner will demonstrate how art and technology can work together and how poets have led the way in the evolution of the American language as not only the first, but also some of the best, texters and Twitterers.

BOBCAT TRACK AND FIELD

WHERE: TBA
WHAT: The 'Cats will compete in the Azusa Pacific Invite.

Academic Changes for 2010 Fall Semester



Microbiology students Nichole Dobson, Erin Field and Grant Severson protest a proposal to dissolve their department.

Photo | Joy D.

Decision Pending Regarding the Future of the Microbiology Department

President Cruzado proves receptive to student and faculty concerns

After meeting with faculty and students, MSU's President Cruzado has responded to controversy over the proposed dissolution of the university's Microbiology Department by agreeing to let it instead search for new leadership.

On March 31, Microbiology students and faculty held a protest in response to a proposal that would have merged the department with another unnamed department, a measure which they were concerned could compromise their program.

Students and faculty particularly criticized what they considered the closed nature of the decision-making process. Unaware of the issue herself until March 29, Cruzado commented that the proposal "took many people by surprise."

In recent years, both an internal task force and an external review panel concluded that the department needed to be strengthened, according to Kristen Brileya, a Microbiology graduate student. Suggestions made by the two reviews included finding a new department head, creating a new department by merging Microbiology with Veterinary Molecular Biology, or merging it with the Chemistry department.

According to adjunct professor Kari Cargill, the administration proposed that the department could be merged with either Chemistry or Cell Biology and Neuroscience, or that Microbiology faculty could be scattered amongst several science departments.

Cruzado met with Microbiology

faculty April 1 to discuss the situation and examine other courses of action. There, the faculty proposed that the university search for a new interim chair for the department instead of dissolving it.

Interim Provost Joe Fedock explained that the key issue that needs to be resolved is departmental leadership. He added that each of the proposals to restructure the Microbiology department are "focused on administrative structure to help the advancement of faculty." As a result, Associate Dean of the College of Letters and Science Melody Zajdel said that Cruzado has approved the faculty's proposed option to search for a new interim chair.

The former head, Michael Franklin, stepped down a year ago, and,

according to Zajdel, no one in the department wanted to fill the position or take a leadership role. Zajdel said she was appointed to act as interim chair in August 2009, with the understanding that a decision to restructure the department had already been made.

Zajdel said the search for a new interim chair is already underway and one candidate, a current Microbiology professor, will be reviewed by the department over the next few weeks. In addition, the department will be hiring two new faculty members within the next year, Zajdel said.

Currently there is no deadline for hiring the new interim chair. However, if a candidate is selected within a few weeks, the changes could go into effect in the fall of 2010.



Other Changes for Fall 2010

In addition, other undergraduate curricula changes will take this fall. A few of the significant changes new to the 2010-2012 course catalog:

Political Science Department:

Two options have been added to the political science major: political institutions, and political theory. The department head, Jerry Johnson, said the decision was based primarily on results from a survey that the department conducted, polling about 150 political science majors. According to Johnson, the curricula changes were "student-driven to the extent we could make them."

Currently, the major has two options: Policy and Analysis and International Relations. With the additional two options, political science majors have the chance to study the operational and philosophical aspects of politics with more depth and focus. In the political institutions option, classes exploring the legislature, the American presidency and campaigns are offered. As the title suggests, the political theory option delves into the theory of politics, and

offers a broad array of courses ranging from PSCI 451, Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy, to PSCI 454, Cinema and Political Theory. Another result of the survey inspired the department to reduce the total number of credits required within the major because "a lot of students want to augment their political science degree with something else," Johnson said.

New Astrobiology Minor:

This interdisciplinary minor explores humanity's understanding of life, its origins and history, as well as its possible future and the potential for its existence on other planets. Required courses range from Philosophy 278, Origins of Life, to Religious Studies 402, Natural, Unnatural, Supernatural.

English Department:

The literature option of the English major will no longer require one year

of foreign language. "We feel it's not our job as the English department to be enforcing that [foreign language requirement]," explained Gretchen Minton, the English Department's Undergraduate Curriculum Committee chair. "What we really think is that it should be a CORE requirement in this university." New classes will also be added to give students more variety. For example, all English majors and minors are currently required to take Lit 110. Minton said that since the course allowed for students of all majors to enroll, class sizes were larger than desired. The 2010-2012 English curricula no longer require majors and minors to take Lit 110, but rather the new course titled Lit 201 Intro to Lit Studies. Class sizes for Lit 201 will be capped at 20 students. The number of English credits that majors are required to take has also been reduced.

For more information, the updated 2010-2012 academic catalog is currently posted on the MSU website at www.montana.edu/wwwcat/.

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Bye, Bye Bridger Lift

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This past Monday, April 5, I found myself swinging gently from the Bridger Lift, catching a glimpse of the pirate flag waving lightly in the wind. It was a brisk day on the mountain, and the sun was trying to shine in the morning but was overwhelmed by another April snowstorm, this one gentle during the midday hours. And as I swung gently back and forth, resting, sitting and ascending up the ski hill, I realized it was the second to last day the green-tower, red-chair Bridger Lift would ever take skiers up the mountain.

This summer, Bridger Bowl will replace the Bridger and Deer Park chairlifts with one lift: A new, triple-chair, Bridger Lift. That's right, those emblematic oh-so-awesome middle-bar chairs will be gone next season - except on Alpine and Virginia City, but please feel free to reminisce and ride those lifts often, please.

It was a rather solemn Monday on the mountain. With far less than a hundred patrons skiing around, it was slightly eerie, mystical almost. The tiptop of the ridge was nestled in clouds by 11 a.m. and it was gently snowing all over the mountain; if you ventured north towards Alpine, which was closed, it was as if each snowflake was whispering, humming a little tune on its flight down.

The new Bridger Lift will begin a ways above the Deer Park Chalet, at the bottom of the Boot Hill and Powder Horn runs. The new Bridger Lift will end at the existing Bridger unload site, which will be widened to make room for more skier traffic. The new Bridger Lift will also feature a midway unloading ramp, an anamnesis of sorts for those locals who remember the midway loading and unloading ramps on Bridger, and Alpine - when Alpine began next to Jim Bridger Lodge.

With the addition of another seat, the new triple chair will take 1,800 people per hour up a 1,427 foot vertical rise, which

equals 2,568,600 vertical transport feet (VTF), the industry standard for calculating lift capacity. The old Bridger and Deer Park lifts had a combined VTF of 2,377,000.

Also in the plan is the removal of the Deer Park switchback road, which interrupts a number of consistent runs from the top of Bridger, including Avalanche Gulch, Sluice Box and Bronco. The midway unloading ramp, located below Bronco, will allow beginners to access the lower terrain, as well as provide quick rides for Bridger Ski Foundation and MSU ski racers to train.

On Monday, tower eight was squeaking a bit, the wheels whining their last hurrah, their goodbye to so many riders grateful for all the rides Bridger Lift has given them. The motor room door at the top was left open too, to let the full bellows of the engine's purr shout out loud, heard all the way at the top of the High Traverse.

Perhaps one of the most beneficial features of the new chair will be its

weight. The old, yet fantastic, red chair only weighed 80 lbs. and could easily swing crazily in high winds, causing wind closures and delays - not to mention scaring the snowpants off tourists. A new big triple chair weighs nearly 250 lbs. and can hang tough in the strongest crosswinds.

Although the benefits of the new chair are plentiful, reasonable and necessary, it's still sad to see the original, though shortened - Bridger chair disappear. If you had the chance to ski either of Bridger's customer appreciation days this year you know it was special (aside from the special addition to the Camerobak), especially if you rode the Bridger chair.

To think of how many fun, adrenaline-filled runs that lift gave skiers is incredible. It was not only a chairlift, the Bridger Lift was a hub, a center, a babysitter, a lounge, a hook-up spot, a friend and home, as cliché as that sounds. Goodbye Bridger Lift; you will be missed by many and never forgotten.

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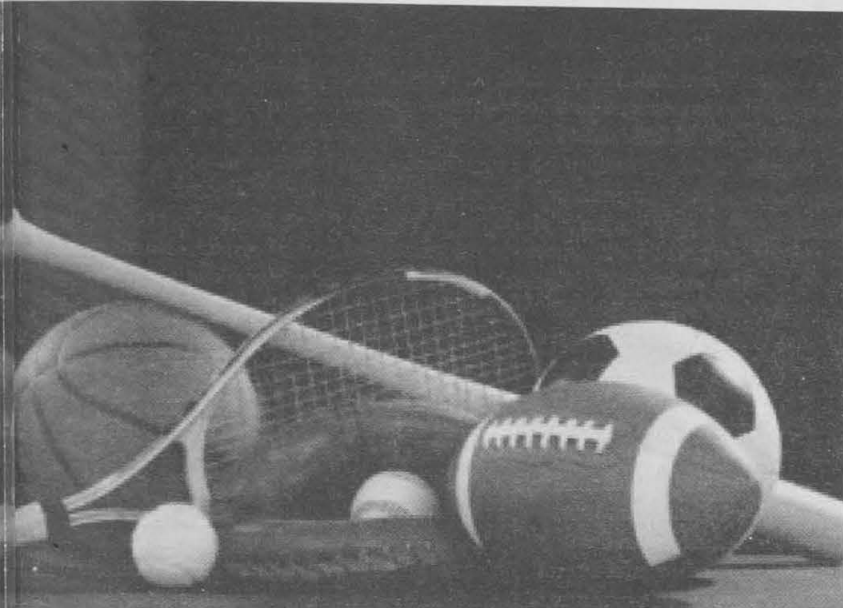


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Although the intense madness of March is over, the world of competitive athletics continues for the Bobcats. Tennis, track and football all competed this week.

Men's tennis player Corey Smith was able to add another win to his streak last week, but it wasn't enough for MSU to pick off a victory as they fell to UC Santa

Sara 6-1. The Women's team put their conference record at its best weekend after successfully sweeping Portland State. The tennis teams will host Northern Colorado the weekend of April 16, with the women hoping to keep their streak alive and the men looking for a redemption.

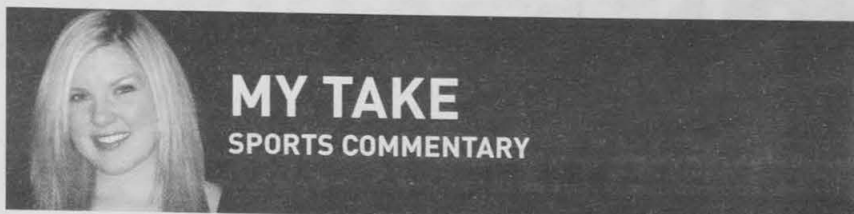
Bobcat track qualifiers include nine women and four men for the Sky Conference tournament. For the women, the qualifiers are: Camille Shand (100-meter dash), Heather Greaney (steeple chase), Jessie Greaney (pole vault), Stacey Irvine (pole vault), Ben Schaffer (shot put), Lena Suek (discus), Allison Jones (hammer throw), Emily Killmuth (hammer throw) and Emily Hill (javelin). The men qualified: Pat Orson (hammer and discus), Casey Jensen (shot put), Matt Adams (steeple chase) and Nick Puckett (400 meters).

These qualifiers will have a lot of season left before they compete for the conference in mid-May. Bobcat track will host their first outdoor meet of the season on Saturday, April 10, on the outdoor track behind Bobcat Stadium.

In the football world, the 'Cats just had their first full-scale scrimmage on Saturday, exhibiting with many promising performances on both sides. Head Coach Rob Ash was very pleased with the performance of the team, and the fact that there were no turnovers

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brought many high hopes for next year's season. Cody Kempt was 12-19 that day and threw for more than 100 yards. The Cats resumed practice this week and will leave on Friday for the Great Falls' Triangle Classic. The Classic will end with a scrimmage on Saturday, April 10, at 5 p.m. at the Great Falls Memorial Stadium. So, if you can't wait for next season for your Bobcat football fix, then travel up to Great Falls this weekend and cheer on those 'Cats.



by Erica Killham

Now That's a Championship

Please tell me you saw the NCAA championship game on Monday. Good. Then you saw one of the best games of the year, if not the absolute best. I haven't seen a game played that well in years. To make it even better, it was between a one-seed and a five-seed. Yes, the team everyone thought would win, the Duke Blue Devils, took home the trophy, but only by two points (61-59) over the Butler Bulldogs. Regardless of the seeds going in or the results, I don't know if I have ever seen two college teams play like they did. Both teams were all heart and all out for the entire game. The result? Impossible rebounds and ridiculous shots were made. The effort by both teams kept Butler in the game and gave fans an awesome experience.

This was the kind of Cinderella story that I just love. No, Butler didn't win it, but they weren't even supposed to be there in the first place. They've powered through upset after upset to wind up in the championship game, and they were the only team to give Duke a run for their money. Duke had steamrolled through the brackets and, with all the other one-seeds out early, they were the favorite to win for weeks. I, for one, expected a painful blowout. Nope.

Everything was in place this week for a classic David and Goliath bout. Look at the two coaches: They could not be more different. Butler's 33-year-old Brad Stevens has been coaching Butler for only three seasons, but his cool demeanor and smart decisions helped Butler make their mark on this March Madness. My guess is that, after this tournament, he's not going to have to worry much about job security for awhile.

On the other side of the court was the famous Mike Krzyzewski, Duke's 30-year head coach (Yes, he started coaching when Brad Stevens was only three

years old). Coach K needs no introduction; he's a coaching legend.

But honestly, how can a team with an agile 7-foot-tall behemoth like Brian Zeibold lose? With his size also came the talents of Kyle Singler, Jon Scheyer and Nolan Smith. The three players combined for 110 of Duke's 139 points in the Final Four. The team this season was just fantastic. And, of course, I can't talk about Duke without mentioning Coach K once again; even a couple of questionable decisions in the final game couldn't keep his team and his ultimate game plan at bay. Even if the teams like Kansas hadn't been blown out early, this may have always been Duke's year to win it all. Not without a fight, though.

On Butler's end, sophomore Gordon Hayward seems like an unassuming player. Until he begins playing, that is. I haven't seen a player from a smaller school play like that in a very long time. His amazing tip-in in the first half was one of the best recoveries of the game, and he was always there for rebounds and recoveries. His hammer from half-court was only inches away from winning the game for the Bulldogs. No one is going to talk about this tournament without his name coming up.

I'll be honest, I'm rarely really impressed by basketball games, but this one was just too awesome not to be. I'll also be honest that I'm the first one to get really dramatic over sports stories like this, so I'll try and reign it in. People are calling this the best championship game in history, and I doubt that. It was, however, a great game between two great teams that surprised and entertained us. Good enough for me.

STATIC

Environment Compromised

Compromise is a necessary legislative tool. Suppose that the Republicans have gridlocked the U.S. Senate with procedural blocks and the Democrats are leveraging executive authority and majorities in both legislative bodies. No progress is in sight. Tensions mount, and depending which side you ask, one side either breaks down or demonstrates leadership through concession.

The general ethos that has been wrought out of our partisan political system is one that values compromise. "Even-keel," "moderate" or "middle-of-the road" are not at all pejorative terms in describing a leadership style. In the case of the Senate gridlock, no legislation will be passed, assuming compromise is the only tool available—unless both sides make concessions.

Last week, Obama not only lifted oil and gas drilling moratoriums on the eastern and southern coasts of the Continental U.S. as well as the coast of Alaska, but also opened up nearly the entire Atlantic seaboard for exploration for the first time.

The reasoning behind this approach is three-fold: America needs to reduce its dependence on foreign oil, our economy and prosperity depend on oil and this concedes a significant amount of political capital to the conservative right. This move represents an attempt from the Obama administration to strike a deal somewhere in between the "Drill now, drill everywhere" Republican crowd from the 2008 McCain/Palin campaign and the environmentalist left.

What is striking, though, is the logic behind the "foreign dependence" argument. It seems like a solid argument: "The Middle-East is unstable/hates Americans; we should make sure they can't screw us like they did in the '70s." The fact is that America gets more oil from Canada and Mexico, the top two sources for U.S. oil imports, respectively, than from the all of the nations of the Persian Gulf combined. The national security/foreign oil argument doesn't quite add up, considering that two of our neighbors—good ones at that—represent our top two import sources.

If the conservative right bases its most significant argument on "national

security," and a threat obviously doesn't exist, how much legitimacy do we grant them? Typically, a conservative counters: "Well, our whole economy depends on oil; we can't expect to operate without it for at least several decades."

America consumes 19.5 million barrels of oil per day—that's 819 million gallons—according to the U.S. Department of Energy. The world's largest producer of oil, Saudi Arabia, holds over 80 percent of the world's producible oil (the U.S. owns 2 percent) and they produce only 10.8 million barrels per day. America, a nation representing only 4.5 percent of the world's population, consumes nearly twice what the largest oil producer in the world supplies and more than a combination of nearly all industrialized nations.



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Alexandra Fuller, a Zambian author, attributed the war, political unrest and rampant poverty that she has grown up with throughout Africa to basic, though massive, inequities in a recent interview. She said, "250,000 [white Zambians] enjoyed the resources that nearly 11 million [black Zambians] were deprived of." South Africa's apartheid system followed the same equation. Arguing that the American economy will have to sustain itself on oil for the next several decades, as it undoubtedly will under Obama's actions, represents an equally flawed line of rhetoric, because economic inequality as a political strategy doesn't have a great track record.

The facts of the matter are that foreign oil truly doesn't represent a security threat, and our economy cannot sustain itself on the enormous inequities that it has been leveraging for decades. Compromise is a useful tool, though its use has been grossly miscalculated by the Obama administration. Legitimacy on both ends is the essential ingredient to compromise. Is it worth sacrificing much of our coastline's natural environment in order to generate some political capital for collaboration with a political party that perpetuates an apartheid economy and is founded on fallacy? How do you compromise like this without compromising integrity?

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A New Era of Bipartisanship

In his presidential campaign, then-candidate Barack Obama campaigned on an end to politics as usual and the beginning of a new era of bipartisanship. Like much of the rest of his campaign platform, it seemed like a gimmick to get votes. In recent days, however, the picture is gradually clearing up.

Recently, President Obama announced that he would be opening offshore drilling in areas where drilling had previously been prohibited. This comes on the heels of rising energy prices, as well as years of demand by the nation to expand offshore drilling and take steps towards energy independence.

Unfortunately, the expansion is a timid one at best, amounting to the first step in a possible 2012 expansion of drilling rights in portions of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, rather than the more promising—and massive—fields in the remainder of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, as well as other currently untapped fields in the Gulf of Mexico and around Alaska. In return, the president hopes to gain support from Republicans on a number of far more controversial issues, such as the Waxman-Markey Bill, an energy bill that purports to address climate change, would deal a debilitating blow to American industry.

This is the president's idea of bipartisanship, then: a withered olive branch on an issue whose significance he doesn't grasp, in exchange for support of the disastrous bills he pushes aggressively. The same thing happened with healthcare, as he touted the Republican ideas—ideas meant for free-market reform—that went into a government healthcare enormity. Apparently, "bipartisanship" can be added to "fiscal responsibility," "the free market" and "rogue nuclear state" on the list of phrases the president does not understand.

The political expediency of this announcement is shamelessly obvious, and liberals are wrong to get bent out of shape about it. Like the touted six Republican ideas in the health bill, this is a sham. The president flushed away an incredible amount of American goodwill

to pass his healthcare bill, and little remains in the bank for his other signature issues. Just like in the campaign, president needs to make some sweet claims on which he will not follow through in order to win over Republicans and skeptics in his own party. Some, like Sen. Mary Landrieu, have constituents who stand to gain big from an expansion of offshore drilling.

Make no mistake: Having more areas to drill is far preferable to having fewer areas to drill. Drilling—for the time being—is the most abundant, cheap and best method of energy production and energy is what drives life. Besides, the world can handle a drilling a lot more ably than man can handle Montana voters without heat.



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that does not excuse calculated expansion of drilling rights that do not begin to negate the damage done if Republican congressmen get into this shallow bipartisanship.

It's a risky game. If President Obama's smooth speeches can't push this policy successfully with Republicans, or if he can't offer more environmental-conscious Americans than he attracts from the ranks of the more realistic-minded, this may be one more "what if" moment for liberals when looking back on a failed presidency. If it does work, and the president's cheap political nature passes for the real thing, this

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be one more "what if" moment for conservatives looking back on a failed country. The idea of bipartisanship carries a lot of support from the American public but this is one plan they need to look a little more closely. As with the healthcare bill, the only thing that needs to be bipartisan about this process is the position.

Speed

Picture this: Easter Sunday. It's 11 p.m., and we are making the drive from Billings back to Bozeman. My friend driving us could probably make something for himself in the world of NASCAR. So, did it surprise me when suddenly blue and red flashing lights were slowing us down the highway? Not at all. Actually, I might have even laughed. The officer kindly informed my friend that he was driving 89 in a 75 mph zone and pleasantly asked for registration, insurance and a driver's license. Since my friend was from out-of-state, he was required to pay the \$40 fine immediately. So, the officer printed out a receipt for the transaction and we merrily went on our way.

This lead me to consider the justice system and so forth which probably was a benefit because we still had an hour left of our trip and that we were required to have the speed limit. Essentially, what happened was pretty menial. We were being the law (and not by a small amount, did I think). As the officer, a keeper of the law, told us over. He informed us of the fine; we paid. Everyone parted

technically, we could have continued to drive at an outrageous speed until we once again reached Bozeman. Say we had been millionaires driving a Porsche and not poor college students. We could have continued at our reckless rate, possibly having one or more encounters with our friends in blue before reaching our destination. Yes, we would continue to drive, but we are millionaires and could afford it. Yes, we would continue to incur traffic citations, but if you keep your excessive speeding within 15 mph of the limit, the citation isn't as bad (this I learned rather unfortunately as a junior in high school, and it probably accounts for my grandmother-like driving). So really, what was to stop us?

Maybe you don't consider speeding on the highways a concern. But, think about this light: As you drove over the speed limit returning home for Spring break, did you not scoff at the looseness of the law? The justice system, as it goes on the highways, seems to be at a loss. Excessive speeding tickets don't stop people from driving excessively over the speed limit, as the chances of being

caught are slim and the fines (at least the one we received) aren't monumental. We probably could have continued on our way at a slightly higher-than-legal speed and been fine. And, ideally, as there were three of us in the car, we could have taken turns paying for the speeding tickets, had we been more financially secure.

I am not sure what action to suggest to abate this issue. Raising fines for speeding, while a potential solution, would probably just miff people off more than do any good. Getting a speeding ticket for \$500 might decrease the number of college students racing down the highways, but I feel like the problem lies deeper than monetary losses.



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From what I observe, the issue stems from the belief that we can get away with it. I have friends that will leave at certain times of the day because they assume there are fewer policemen watching the highways. We are a society that needs speed, literally. High-speed internet, faster cars, shorter lines. We have lost the ability to wait, to have long car rides and awkward silences. Our schedules are packed. Our society is one that is running on a treadmill turned up to full speed whose adjustment knob has fallen off.

And for this speed, are we reprimanded? On the contrary. Promotions are given to the worker that puts in the most hours. Businesses that produce the most of their product are granted recognition. Students that pack their schedules with honors courses, athletics and extra-curricular activities are honored. We are rewarded for always cramming. And even when we are in the wrong, such as my friend was while driving home, we are given a slap on the hand and a gentle chastisement and sent on our way.

What will this do to us as a society? Make us better? Or make us more tired? Will we grow old to be a generation that can't sit in rocking chairs and chat about old times with our old friends? I guess we'll see soon enough.

I would suggest taking a walk and pondering these things, but it will probably be snowing when you read this.

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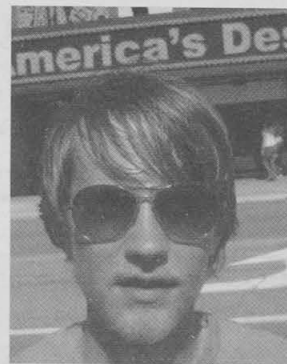
THE POWER OF WORDS

I might give the wrong impression. You might read my column for entertainment value, which is fine by me—even encouraged—although I hope I have more to offer than just that. Maybe you wonder what on earth I said this week. (Exponent authors Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard inspire me to do great things.) I quite possibly have given the impression that I am judgmental (I am), critical (again, bingo), and not happy about many things (the Exponent editorial staff has claimed this in the past).

However, I'm not consistently on a rampage. I don't spend each week looking for someone to pick on, and then attack them. I don't cruise around campus, look for people who differ from me and then "snarl and assume [you] are 'one of them,'" as mi compañera, Ms. Lamothe, elegantly stated in the past. I have something to say, and I say it. I try to include a point.

Now the problem lies in when you expect me to attack everything and be an asshole every week. I can be one, but I'm not completely an asshole. In fact, I tend to think I have some finer points: I like cooking, fancy Chilean wine, watching old movies (try "Singing in the Rain"), and I even wear glasses sometimes.

Yes, I'm busy as hell, I think vodka drinkers are dishonest (Google "The trouble with vodka") and girls with Uggs boots come across as unintelligent, and I hate it when bicyclists ride on the sidewalk.



Mike Tarrant
ASMSU Exponent

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I may often write about irreverent topics, like how much I hate drivers that pull into the crosswalk, and I may also write too seriously, when I ask you why you drink, why you wear the clothes that you wear and to think about how you treat others' time. I try to be honest in my choice of words, and although I try to entertain you, in hopes of my article being the first one you turn to in this fantastic campus newspaper, I am well aware of the power at my disposal.

With all of that said, I want to use my soapbox column to make a request: I

want the ASMSU Senate to broadcast their entire meetings online. Yes, the meetings are hours long, and although my Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. on are usually booked, I want to know what happens during those meetings. I hear (and I cannot say from personal experience, because I have not been able to attend a meeting) that there is a lot of wasted time, inefficiency and just plain dumb talking. I think posting videos of the full meetings online every

week would create an incentive to keep your useless rambling to a minimum. It would also increase student attention, and maybe, just maybe, increase student involvement in our campus government.

There has been much complaining along these lines of late. This is my humble suggestion. I can say that I would make it a point to watch the videos each week with a full growler. I don't think I'm the only one.

I also want God to stop making it snow in April, but words aren't quite that powerful.

Read: "Big Trouble,"

by Dave Barry.

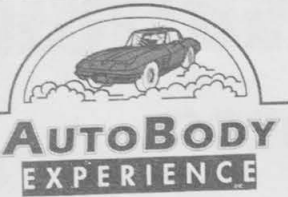
Mike is well aware that he is critical, cynical, and brutally honest, often at the expense of being called a jerk. If you disagree with him, make sure he knows. Email the Exponent at letters@exponent.montana.edu. You can also direct fan mail to his Facebook page.

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But I have reasons for these things. If you disagree with me, so be it. Write the Exponent, call me out, even take me out for beers and argue with me. (If you don't know the reasons why you disagree with me, I really suggest you think about it.)

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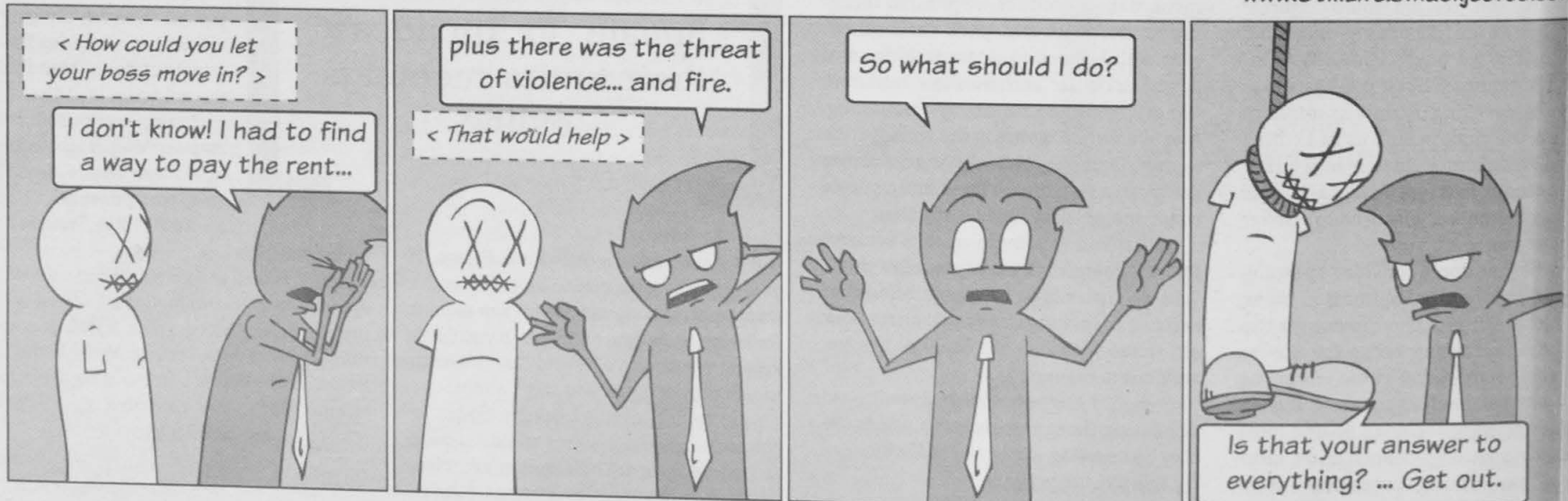
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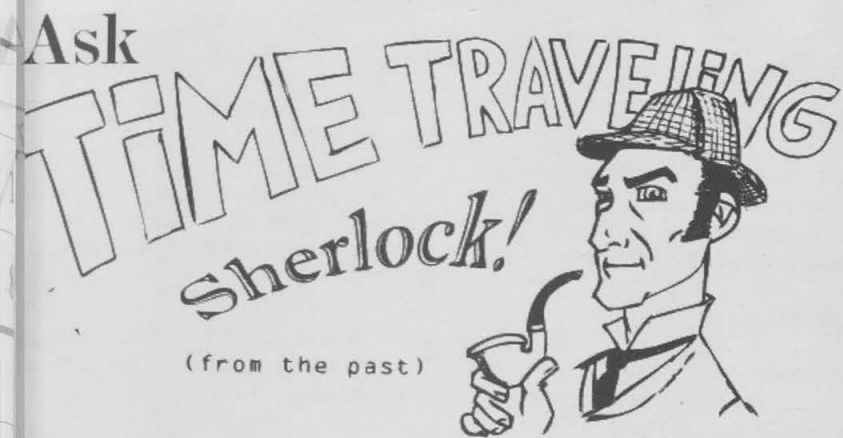
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Last week's solution:

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WORDS BY
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Dear Sherlock,
How is it fair that student athletes
get to have early registration?
-Michael Jordan

A: It's not. But tough biscuits, m'...

Now, I'm sure that your initial reac-
tion to this news was to think back to
one of your entry-level classes when
you were paired up with a large meaty-
faced bloke who was conspicuously
absent most days. He would then show
up to class two days before the test,
apologetically to ask for a reschedule because
he had a game the next day. At that
point your question is quite valid. When
your lab partner is helping you load up
your lumber 10 years down the road at
the end of the semester, then perhaps you'll find the true
answer to that question.

If you ever bother to look at the
MSU homepage, however, you will find
that your lab partner is not the only type of
student-athlete. If you are ever feel-
ing too good about yourself, a quick
passage through the MSU News Service
will cure you of those nasty headaches
and your swollen head. You will be
promptly blasted in the face by images
of intimidatingly good-looking speci-
mens in Bobcat uniforms and tales of
athletic achievement. Not only are they
captains of their teams, but they also
conduct research, have a 4.0 and save babies
from hunger and Janjaweed warriors.
It's just to make sure you got a good
cleaning pile of poop in your cereal,
it turns out they have a really mature
take on life as well.

The truth of the matter is that
student athletes range in their academic com-
petence as much as non-athletes do,
and the fact that they also have to practice

every day. Does that mean that they
should be more entitled? Absolutely
not. You know who really deserves early
registration? The marching band. They
practice nearly as much as the athletes
but don't get any of the free tutor-
ing, exclusive study centers, versatile
uniforms or high-fives. They also don't
make the university as much money,
which may have something to do with
it.

So, just where do they get off asking
to register early, you ask? They have
problems scheduling classes, and ask-
ing for early registration is a legitimate
request. "But, Sherlock, doesn't every-
body have those same problems?" Of
course you do. Do you belong to a group
willing to ask ASMSU for early regis-
tration? Were you involved enough to
speak out when the idea was proposed?
Did you elect a senator that opposed
it? Have you expressed your concerns
at the 6:00 p.m. ASMSU meetings on
Thursdays? If you answered yes to any
of those questions, then you are lying.

Now before you mistake this article
for a preachy "Get Involved" article, let
me remind you of a few facts. I'm Time-
Traveling Sherlock Holmes. I literally
pooped out a brick of gold this morning.
I get a lot of Robert Downey, Jr.'s fan
mail, which would be annoying if half
of them weren't stuffed full of cocaine
and nude pictures. If you're a college
student still complaining about how
athletes get better treatment than you
and you aren't smart enough to figure
out how to fix it, then tough cookies. If
this article seems to favor the athletes
too much, it's probably because my
writer is too scared to offend a group of
people who are faster, bigger, and stron-
ger than he is.

Peace,
Sherlock



EXPO RANTS!
Short, punchy articles where we take the chance to sound off on some
aspect of life, the universe and everything that drives us (and maybe you)
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Unlike our more serious pieces, these aren't intended to be well re-
searched and carefully thought out, instead they're meant to be...well...
rant!
Let us know what you think! Send your comments on this or anything else
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Special Interests

At last Thursday's ASMSU Senate
meeting, there was a discussion about
adding a veteran's seat to the ASMSU
Senate. According to Sen. Sarah Sample,
there are approximately 400 student
veterans, and a veterans' seat may help
better represent them.


On the surface—with only the shal-
lowest analysis—this might sound like
a good idea. Recognizing the service and
sacrifice of veterans is important and
should not be disregarded.

But ASMSU is—or pretends to
be—a representative democracy. This
move, creating a special seat for veter-
ans, would be the equivalent of a veter-
ans' seat in the United States Senate or
House of Representatives. They are not

segregated into specific housing and
cannot represent a specific district like
On-Campus or Family and Graduate
Housing. What would be next, a Senate
seat for the school's miniscule black de-
mographic? Or is that blatantly undemo-
cratic enough for ASMSU to realize what
they are proposing?

Adding a veterans' seat to the ASMSU
Senate would be sanctioning the actions
of special interests and opening the door
to a flood of senators that recognize in-
dividual and sometimes feuding groups
rather than the student body as a whole.
As worthwhile as MSU's veterans are of
special interest, any organization claim-
ing to represent the students should not
head down this road.

-Nick Howard



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