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Fair provides some "prime" entertainment

by LARRY SIEDSCHLAG

The Montana Winter Fair 1986 is proving to be one of the "biggest and best" fairs, according to many attendants, to make port in this county in a long time, with more than 100 commercial exhibitors participating and a wide array of contests, of which some serve solely as entertainment.

One of the most unusual contests of the fair so far, that provided some "prime" entertainment, said a spectator, was the Miniature Tractor Pull.

The event was initiated to this part of the country four years ago when a "big puller" from Powell, Wyoming brought some of the tractors to Gallatin County. Since then the event has caught on among local clubs and individuals.

The miniature tractors were not hauled into the county on semi flatbeds but rather fishing tackle boxes, though leaving no room for tackle. The tractors are at a regulation 1/16 scale size of a normal tractor.

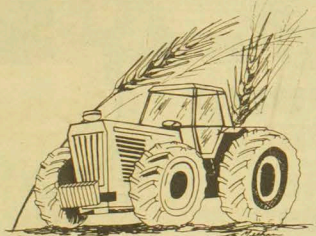
But overall the tractor pull is not a new event.

According to John Youngberg, employee at Gallatin Equipm.nt, the idea was conceived from the cox-car, which is a little motorized car introduced about ten years ago. Supported by hobbyists who invest two to three hundred dollars in the tractors, the contest has become a national event.

purchased a John Deer and an Allis Chalmers. Presently their other tractor is siezed with a broken drive shaft, according to Sarah Scherzer, vice president of the club.

Ernest Vesser, president of ASE and a participant in the contest, will be chairman of the regional tractor pull next year.

ASE members participate regularly in regional contests of which they took first place last year but due to a lack of funding were unable to travel to Chicago for the nationals.



"We have regional meetings sponsored by ASE and there are also student clubs from other universities come with their tractors...and alot of trophies are awarded," Vesser said.

Unfortunately ASE members were unable to stop the winning streak of the undefeated regional champion, Youngberg. Youngberg has been involved in miniature tractor racing for over four years. He became involved with the hobby while using the tractors as a means of public relations activities for Gallatin Equipment.

Youngberg said there are a few "key" factors that ascribe to a winning pull.

The tires are the most important factor in winning a contest; and a long process is involved in preparing the tires for an event.

Days prior to arriving at the event, the contestant will soak the tires in acetone or alcohol, and then the tires are sunned for several days. According to Youngberg, "Once you get 'em in shape you don't

have to mess with them."

Then immediately before a pull, the contestants apply the alcohol to the tires with a brush. After this a well prepared contestant activates a blow dryer to heat up the tires.

Scherzer said,

"Last year at Moscow (Idaho), we had to hold them (tires) next to a muffler to warm them up."

This reflects the same practice used by drag racers of spinning their tires in a rubber dissolving solution prior to the race to create better traction.

"The judges would take a cotton ball and touch it to your tires," Vesser said, "when you pull it away it can't stick."

The classes of miniature tractors are determined by their weight, i.e. the smallest class is three pounds, the largest is six pounds.

Another key element in a good pull is getting the weights placed on the tractor properly balanced. Youngberg said, "You want to have so much weight on the back so you don't spin out and enough weight on

the front so you don't tip it over backwards."

After each pull there is a rigorous cleaning of the run-way to eliminate debris in preparation for the following contestant. The contest is like any other tractor pull. A tractor pulls "X" amount of weight a predetermined distance, i.e. a tractor in the six pound category pulls 80 pounds 15 feet, a regulation distance.

As the contest proceeds the tractor keeps pulling more and more weight eventually eliminating its competitors.

The miniature tractor simulates the "real thing" Youngberg said. Nothing stops the tractors from doing wheelies at the end.

"They will start bouncing around at the very end, just like a regular tractor pull."

And, Youngberg's five pound tractor achieved a "clean pull" of 80 pounds for a victory at the Montana Winter Fair 1986.

There is a display of the tractors during Engineering Week, February 17 in the Main Mall.

The fair will continue until Feb. 1.

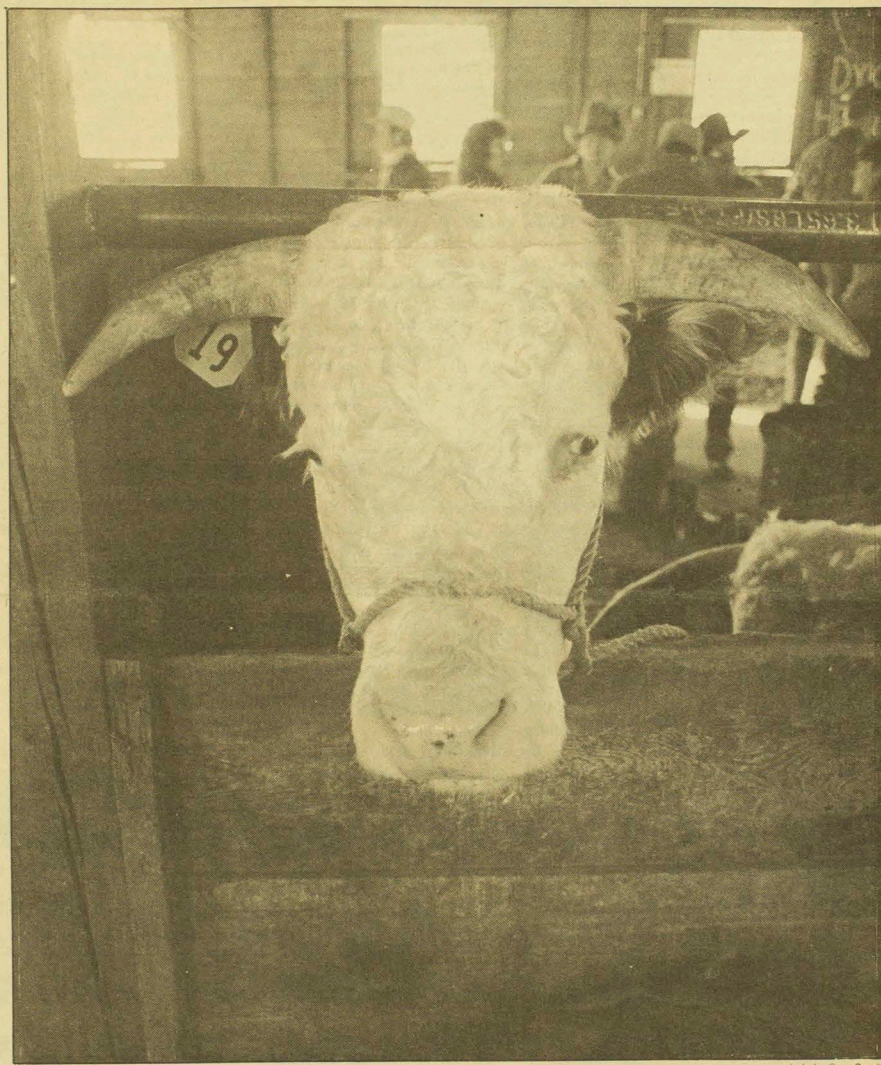


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Along with events like the Miniature Tractor Pull, number 19 (above) a hopeful for the upcoming Mr. MSU contest, provided spectators at the Montana Winter Fair with more "prime" entertainment.

Better job prospects predicted for 1986 grads

BETHLEHEM, PA (CPS)—Students who graduate in 1986 will enjoy "slightly" better prospects for landing a job than 1985 grads, the College Placement Council (CPC) predicts.

All told, American businesses expect to hire about two percent more grads next year, the CPC found in its annual mid-year assessment of the student job market.

The CPC's report, the first of three national job outlook surveys published by major agencies in November and December of each year, forecasts better times ahead for most kinds of majors.

But last year, the CPC's rosy predictions of a bumper job market for college grads did not come true, in part because of the computer industry slump.

"The recovery slowed down to some degree," explains CPC spokeswoman Rhea Nagle. "The big fall-off in the Silicon Valley was the category we were off in."

This year "there will be plenty of opportunities (for computer majors) outside the computer industry," says John Shingleton, placement director at Michigan State and the sponsor of another of annual job outlooks.

Shingleton expects his report to appear in a few weeks, and that it also will indicate a "slightly" better job market for the Class of 1986.

He also predicts starting salaries will rise more slowly than the Cost of Living Index compiled by the federal government.

In the CPC survey, firms said they expected to hire seven percent more business grads than last year. They also forecast having four percent more openings for masters of business administration, although last year was a bad one for MBAs.

Students with degrees in science, math and technical disciplines—excluding engineering—should also experience a slightly improved job market, CPC predicts. Employers expect to hire three percent more bachelor's grads in these areas and 13 percent more who have a

master's, CPC data show.

Employers' predictions of engineering grads' prospects "are contradictory," Nagle says. "Employers are saying one thing, but when they project figures, those figures show a decline."

The data indicate corporations will hire five percent fewer grads this year, but in interviews engineering execu-

tives thought there would be a rising demand for engineers, explains Nagle.

"It's particularly surprising at the bachelor's level because they have been the most sought after for a number of years," she adds.

Companies expect to have seven percent more job openings for engineering students with advanced degrees,

however.

Liberal arts majors face a similarly confusing job market, Nagle contends.

While the data show companies anticipate hiring three percent fewer liberal arts majors in the coming year, many employers say they are increasingly interested in hiring humanities students, Nagle says.

The rising interest of employers, if in fact true, "is a positive note for liberal arts grads. It shows employers recognize the value of the skills liberal arts majors have."

Of the contradictions in the survey responses, Nagle speculates, "Maybe, if the survey was bigger, the results would have been different."

AIDS is preventable through treatment

This is the second in a two part series dealing with AIDS. Health Habit is a weekly feature of the Exponent in conjunction with the Student Health Service.

CAN AIDS BE PREVENTED?

Yes. Cases of AIDS related to medical use of blood or blood products are being prevented by use of HTLV-III antibody screening tests at blood donor sites and by members of high risk groups voluntarily not donating blood. Heat treatment of Factor VIII and other blood products helps prevent AIDS in patients with hemophilia and other clotting disorders. There is no vaccine for AIDS itself. However, there is good reason to believe that individuals can reduce their risk of contracting AIDS by following existing recommendations. Communities can help prevent AIDS by vigorous efforts to educate and inform their populations about the illness, with special emphasis on educational activities for members of high risk groups. Meanwhile, the discovery of the AIDS virus and methods developed for producing large quantities of the virus for experimental and other purposes enables scientists to work at developing a vaccine.

The Public Health Service recommends that the following steps be taken to prevent spread of AIDS:

Do not have sexual contact with persons known or suspected of having AIDS.

Do not have sex with multiple partners, or with persons who have had multiple partners.

Persons who are at increased risk for having AIDS should not donate blood.

Physicians should order blood transfusions for patients only when medically necessary. Health workers should use extreme care when

handling or disposing of hypodermic needles.

Don't abuse IV drugs. If you use IV drugs, then don't share needles or syringes (boiling does not guarantee sterility).

Don't have sex with people who abuse IV drugs.

Don't use inhalant nitrites (poppers). Their role as a cofactor for KS is being investigated.

Special recommendations for persons with positive HTLV-III antibody tests have been made to further prevent the spread of AIDS.

A regular medical evaluation and follow-up is advised for persons with positive tests.

Persons with positive blood tests may pass the disease on to others and should not donate blood, plasma, body organs, other tissue, or sperm. They should take precautions against exchanging body fluids during sexual activity.

There is a risk of infecting others by sexual intercourse, sharing of needles, and possibly, exposure of others to saliva through oral-genital contact or intimate kissing. The effectiveness of condoms in preventing infection with HTLV-III is not proved, but their consistent use may reduce transmission, since exchange of body fluids is known to increase risk.

Toothbrushes, razors, or other implements that could become contaminated with blood should not be shared.

Women whose sexual partner is antibody-positive are themselves at increased risk of acquiring AIDS. If they become pregnant, their children are also at increased risk of acquiring AIDS.

Revised recommendations will be published as additional information becomes available. Further information about AIDS may be

obtained from your local or state health department or your physician.

The above information was provided by the U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services. The Public Health Service AIDS Hotline number is 1-800-447-AIDS. Atlanta area callers should dial (404) 329-1295.

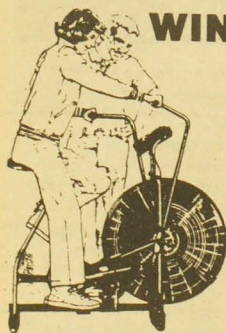
IS THERE A DANGER OF CONTRACTING AIDS FROM DONATING BLOOD?

No. Blood banks and other blood collection centers use sterile equipment and disposable needles. The need for blood is always acute, and people who are not at increased risk for getting AIDS are urged to continue to donate blood as they have in the past.

HOW IS AIDS TREATED?

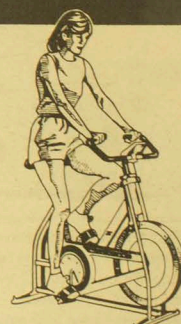
Currently there are no antiviral drugs available anywhere that have been proven to cure AIDS, although the search for such a drug is being pursued vigorously. Some drugs have been found that inhibit the AIDS virus, but these do not lead to clinical improvement. Though no treatment has yet been successful in restoring the immune system of an AIDS patient, doctors have had some success in using drugs, radiation, and surgery to treat the various illnesses of AIDS patients. Therapeutic agents are needed for all stages of AIDS infections, to block action of the virus once infection has occurred, and to build up immunity in patients who have developed AIDS symptoms. Eventually, a combination chemotherapy to combat the virus and restore the immune system may be the most effective therapy (PNEUMOCYSTIS CARNI pneumonia, for example, can be treated with antibiotics).

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Briefs

Big Sky snow

Big Sky Resort is reporting the best snow conditions of the season with over 26 inches of new snow since January 15th. The snow pack is 72 inches at the top of Big Sky's triple chair, and 44 inches at the top of the gondolas. "Ski conditions are excellent with a packed powder and powder base," reports Sean Monahan, Director of Ski Patrol.

Big Sky has experienced consistently better conditions than most Montana areas this season. This is credited to the fact that Big Sky's base elevation is at 7,500 feet. Forest Service figures indicate that snowfall in the Gallatin drainage, including Big Sky, is closer to normal than in other areas.

The resort reports a good business season with strong indications of a record year. Better ski conditions along with more discounting programs for Montanan's are credited for the optimistic view. The most dynamic Montana skier discount program is "McSki the Sky." Anyone purchasing certain entree items at McDonald's Restaurants in Butte, Billings, Helena, and Bozeman can ski Big Sky for \$14.00, an \$8.00 savings. This program runs Monday through Thursday throughout the season.

Big Sky is also benefiting from improvements made over the past several years. A new gondola, more ski terrain, snow making, a new economy lodge, over one hundred condominiums, and several new bars and restaurants have been added. Several ski shops and stores are also new.

Alcohol affects grades

Fayetteville, Ark.-(I.P.)-Surprising results are being found as the data is compiled from an alcohol questionnaire completed by University of Arkansas Students, Chudley Werch, professor of health education, said here. Werch said 410 subjects responded to the questionnaire that included questions on demographics, quantity of drinking, alcohol problems or consequences and self-control behaviors.

Werch said participants were selected for the study by taking every third person from a computer-generated mailing label list and then randomly selecting 410 of those persons. "We found that 81 percent of this sample that responded drank to some degree," he said. "By drinkers, I mean anywhere from an infrequent drinker to a heavy drinker."

Werch said some of the differences between the sexes were worth noting. He said 21 percent of the males responding to the study were in heavy drinking category, and seven percent of the females were in that category also. "The question is do these percentages have an effect on alcohol-related problems," Werch said, "because there is more of a sense of men drinking heavily, you might assume that women have less problems, but it is interesting that the study showed that there are no differences between problems for men and women."

Werch said the big reason for the lack of differences is that the onset of alcohol-related problems takes place before heavy drinking occurs. In fact, he said, most of the problems begin when one reaches the moderate drinking classification—moderate being drinking once a month but not more than three or four drinks or drinking once a week but no more than one or two drinks at any one sitting.

"What we found was that when an individual began drinking moderately, a significant increase in problems resulted," Werch said.

Werch said the study also showed that there were some differences between the amount of alcohol consumed and grade point average. "The heaviest group—the group that had the most heavy drinkers included—had a GPA of 2.5," Werch said, "but the next highest group that drank heavily were the people that had a 4.0 GPA—maybe there are some stress factors. As soon as you hit 3.5 GPA, heavy drinkers are fewer."

Werch said that what this shows is that there is a relationship between people who have a 2.5 GPA and alcohol consumption and problems. "It doesn't mean that there is a causative relationship, which means that we can't say they have a 2.5 GPA because of their drinking problems; they might have a 2.5 and because of that, they have a drinking problem."

"Marry a university"

Cornell University president Frank Rhodes recently commented that picking a college is a risky and divorceable operation.

"Picking the best institution to attend is more like identifying a future spouse than picking a stock for investment. When you encounter the one for you, you'll know it," said Rhodes.

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4:10 p.m.

Juan Chavez, biology, will speak on "Transferring in Domestic Sheep" in 304 Lewis Hall.

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Romeo LeBlanc, a former official in two previous Canadian administrations, will speak on "The Acadian Rer. Cance: Rejecting the Melting Pot" in 104 Reid Hall.

6:05 p.m.

The Montana Woman Radio Program will air "The Play's the Thing: Women and Local Theatre" over KGLT, 92 FM.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m.

A seminar on "Profiles of Leadership," focusing on Jim Robinson, dean of the College of Business will be presented. For more information or to register call 994-3583.

7:30 a.m.

The Japanese Club will meet to discuss travel and entertainment in Japan with a slide show in SUB 274.

7:30 a.m.

A faculty forum on SD1 (Star Wars) will be held in SUB Ballroom B. Speakers will be Professors Dan Clark and Ken Nordtvedt.

7:00 and 10:15 p.m.

The film "Godfather" will be shown in 339 Johnson Hall.

Friday

3:00 p.m.

William Kemp, Rangeland Insect Lab, will speak on "Thermoregulation in Grasshoppers: Some Like It Hot" in 325 Johnson Hall.

7:00 p.m.

The film "The Wanders" will be shown in 339 Johnson Hall.

8:00 p.m.

The Gallatin Woodwind Quintet will perform in the Reynolds Recital Hall.

9:00 p.m.

A dance will be held in SUB Ballroom A.

9:30 p.m.

The film "Stroszek" will be shown in 339 Johnson Hall.

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Opinion

Who cares about a 'Fridge man?

I've never been too interested in football. God knows I've tried. I once spent three solid weeks plowing through the turgid prose offered up by the average newspaper sports writer in a valiant attempt to kindle even the smallest ember of excitement. Every Sunday I would join with the thousands of faithful in the mass electronic rite of NFL Football, drinking beer, chomping on pretzels, and offering my fervent agreement that, yes, indeed that certainly was an illegal tackle. The trick here, considering by singularly embarrassing lack of knowledge of sporting topics, was to agree with what at the time appeared to be the prevailing opinion in the room, rather like hitching your wagon to the political candidate who's prospects seem most hopeful. But unlike politics, if the tide should turn against your chosen point of view you should not drop your stance; instead, calling everyone else in the room a blind bastard and hurling a few well placed pretzels should suffice to conceal your astounding ignorance.

As I said, I labored at this facade of "jockness" for all of three weeks, and a long three weeks it was. But at the end I knew I had been defeated: I still cared less about football than I had about the instruction booklet for a General Electric Refrigerator which I found myself reading during yet another thrilling game. I dropped the whole idea and returned to throwing the sports page in the garbage with all the ad circulars and other junk that I never read. Football and I went blissfully our separate ways, neither the worse for it.

Which, as you might well have guessed dear reader, brings us to this bright Sunday afternoon where even as I sit and write this column I am missing the major viewing event of the year: Super Bowl XX. Yes, I am one of the two to three hundred people in the civilized world who are not at this very moment bathed in the blue light of their television screen enraptured by the modern day reincarnation of Roman gladiators in glorious battle.

Now the whole idea behind my "Learning to Love Football" phase was to avoid precisely this situation; to become one of the initiated who glory in their communal sense of victory and defeat as their team fights through the year. But with my to over come what must be an instinctive dislike for the game, I high-lighted my failure as a social animal.

For instance, until I happened to see a television news story on the topic I hadn't ever heard of William Perry who goes by the nickname of "Refrigerator", a

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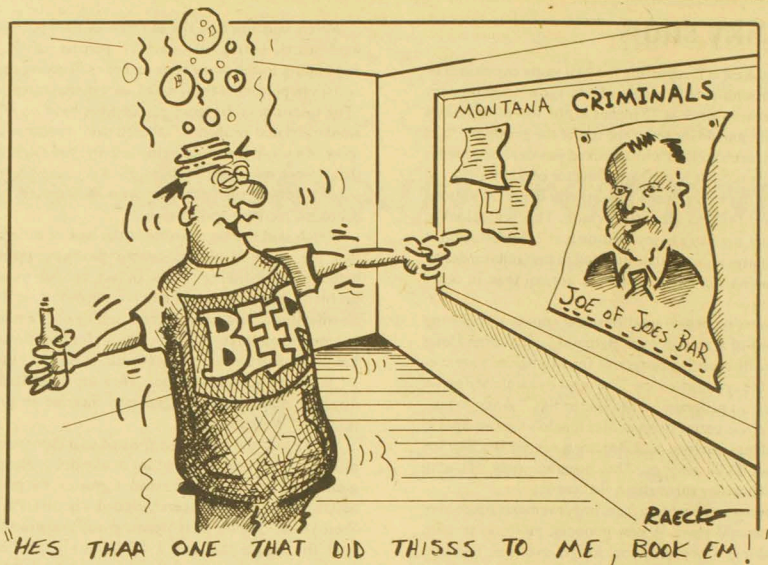
reference to his tremendous size. So when the Exponent's editorial cartoonist submitted a cartoon submitted a cartoon on Mr. Perry I had to admit that I didn't quite understand it; he assured me everyone else would. But the past few weeks have been the worst of all as I've been frequently asked who I thought was going to win the Super Bowl. Now, when this first happened I cleverly parried the query with the valuable old stand-by of, "I don't know, who do you think will win?" Thus I was able to cover up my ignorance: I didn't even know who which teams were playing in the Super Bowl! Can you imagine the social foo-pah? The disgrace? The inevitable ostracization from the Clan should I have been found out? I resolved then to investigate the question as soon as possible and discover not only the teams playing but which was the more likely to triumph.

But then I realized how cowardly this was. Had I not made a real attempt to enjoy football? Was it my fault that my genetic structure precluded any interest in the goings-on of large, beefy fellows with uniforms? Surely there were others out there who shared by feelings, who were waiting for a champion, a crusader, to reveal him or her self and lead the revolt forward. It was then that I made the solemn decision to finally express my true beliefs; It was time for this football hater to come out of the closet.

The next time I was again asked about my feelings of the outcome of Super Bowl XX, I told the truth: "I don't know who will win. I don't know who is playing." Ah, the laughter in her eyes, the disbelief that any person could be so uninformed, so helplessly out of step with the rest of America. But with pride in my purpose and the knowledge of true self-realization I could smile back in triumph.

Things continued this way for a time until my kindly sports editor took pity on me and told me who the contenders were for this year. It didn't matter though—I still knew nothing about either team and didn't have a clue as to which would win. I'm afraid a refrigerator manual is still of more interest to me than a Refrigerator Man.

P.S.: To any of you clever folks who think this piece was a thinly disguised comment on all the letters about homosexuals the Exponent has been printing lately, you're totally wrong. But as for all the meatheads, clods, yipops, roach-brains and schmucks who wrote in attacking the gays: Be sure and pray every day that your faces are never as ugly as your souls.



Students rally with aid

WASHINGTON—When Bill Hoogterp finally returned my call, he was phoning from Philadelphia. I had left a message at the student center of Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He checks in there most days, now that he's always on the road. He said he had just come from Boston, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, and still had to make a stop in Buffalo before a swing down to Houston. And Hoogterp has a lot more stops on his "U.S. tour" before he graduates in May. Actually, before April 19, the day of the Hunger Clean-Up.

This gung-ho senior finished his coursework for a degree in international studies last semester and is now driving around the country spreading the word about a good idea for a good cause. It's called the Hunger Clean-Up, begun last year by Grand Rapids students who had the novel thought of raising money for

enough to give the students a sizeable grant, which they've used to print how-to information and spread the word to other campuses. That's what Hoogterp's road trip is for—to convince other schools to take up the idea, with local variations. So far more than 200 colleges in at least 25 states are planning a Hunger Clean-Up for April 19. Response, Hoogterp says, "has been terrific." Those interested can contact: The Hunger Clean-Up, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Hoogterp's project, though, is not the only one organizing students on hunger

relief, or even the largest. That honor goes to the National Student Campaign Against Hunger, an effort of those inimitable campus organizers, the Public Interest Research Groups. The student-run PIRGs have the closest thing to the official project, too, in cooperation with USA for Africa. With the endorsement of Lionel Richie, the campaign is called So Let's Start Giving. And students are.

The campaign (which works closely with Hoogterp) has reached colleges in all 50 states, at roughly one college out

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hunger relief by a work-a-thon instead of a walk-a-thon. Last April students from all nine colleges in the city drummed up sponsors—corporate as well as individual, which increased their earnings substantially—for their work in such chores as cleaning city parks, painting buildings and repairing houses. About 350 students volunteered, and they raised \$10,000 in three hours. Half the money stayed in Grand Rapids to alleviate local hunger, but the rest went for overseas famine relief via USA for Africa, because "we were very impressed with how they used the money." In addition to the fundraising, the clean-up improved the town with free labor, instilled a bit more pride in the community, and smoothed town-grown relations.

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Letters

Expensive water

To the Editor:

We all have heard of the new laws against driving drunk—stiffer penalties, party host and bar liability. What is the purpose of this legislation? The purpose is to eliminate driving drunk by making it more expensive. Appealing to a person's rationale is the best way to solve a problem; not banning alcohol consumption as in prohibition years. This solution is working. We have the Home Free program and people are encouraged to keep one member of their group sober to drive. It is good for all. People may still drink if they wish, the bars stay in business, and a sober person is behind the wheel. So why do certain bars insist on upsetting a good solution?

The Cat's Paw has begun to charge fifty cents for water! Correct us if we are mistaken, but isn't the bar in a position to lose the most if alcohol consumption is abolished or severely curtailed? And, aren't they the ones complaining about their liability in case of an accident? So why are they making sobriety more expensive? People are starting to cooperate by letting a sober person drive, and this bar is providing an incentive that is totally counterproductive. It would seem that the ones with the most to lose would be the first to cooperate with solutions that keep them in business, and decrease the chance of an accident they could potentially be liable for. But alas, this isn't true. The Cat's Paw is using it as a way to make an incredible profit percentage. The mark up on water must be astronomical. We would like to say that charging for water is needless and only works to counteract a reasonable solution for driving drunk. The Cat's Paw should realize that free water is a cheap insurance policy against accident liability. We seriously doubt that the profits on water will pay for the cost of a liability claim.

We would also like to say to the bars that have free water, or those that have special prices on soft drinks, more power to you. It's good to see people who know a reasonable solution when they see it.

The Les Bouffons

Nazi Greeks

Mr. Editor,

What ever happened to the Personals section, it used to be a source of some sick type of amusement, it now has more the appearance of a Kappa Wappa Dappa newsletter.

To find anything of interest in that section now is not unlike sorting through junk mail in search of something a little bit interesting. I realize that there is no discrimination involved in who is permitted to submit a personal ad, I feel this is the one area where discrimination is justified. I propose that you at the Exponent not accept any ads of any type, or any articles for that matter, from anyone who looks like, speaks like, or in any way could pass for a member of a greek organization. For greek organizations are nothing more than expensive (to members as well as society as a whole) instant 'brothers' and 'sisters' who claim they just simply love you. It is their nazi, fascist, supremacist attitudes that I find annoying. It is this attitude of these beautiful young republicans that will eventually ruin not only college campuses across the nation but eventually the entire world (their motto is "THE EXPONENT TODAY, THE WORLD TOMORROW"). Nuclear war would be cheery blissfulness when compared to a Greek Holocaust. Just think about those pretty boys and foo-foos is enough to make me want to sell Buicks.

Have a special day,
Geoffrey A. McMichael

Right Wingers

To the Editor:

I am writing to congratulate the obviously right wing typesetters and proof readers at the Exponent for making it look like I am an irrational leftist. Although I was prepared to endure a certain amount of grief for calling the President a lying, two faced son of a bitch, I was not prepared to do so based on the letter which was printed.

The sentence that was printed as "I could not understand why a policy of constructive engagement and quiet diplomacy is applied to Nicaragua," should have printed: I could not understand why a policy of constructive engagement and quiet diplomacy is applied to South Africa while a policy of constructive imperialism and silent diplomacy is applied to Nicaragua.

Since responses to the letter which was printed will undoubtedly label me as a mindless name caller, I will elaborate on the point I was trying to make. President Reagan is a lying son of a bitch because he lies to us. For instance, he lied to us when he said that our country was not mining Nicaraguan harbors when it in fact was.

Reagan is a two faced son of a bitch because he applies a double standard to

human rights violators based on their economic system. For instance, trivial sanctions have been applied against capitalist South Africa where 5 million whites control every aspect of 24 million black lives. In contrast, crushing sanctions have been applied against COMMUNIST Nicaragua where the existence of human rights violations has never been adequately demonstrated to me.

Sincerely,

Daniel Harelson

P.S. Keep up the sloppy work.

Misplaced opinion

To the Editor:

Patricia Wiersma, I am confused — after re-reading your "fear and loathing" review of Yakov Smirnoff's recent appearance I still don't understand how you and I could arrive at such different conclusions about the audiences' conduct.

You see, I too was interested in how the crowd reacted to his request for questions about the Soviet Union and his life there.

I found encouragement in that from a crowd of that size (it was a sellout) few of the questions asked were pointed and none that I can recall were, in my opinion, perverse. This reaction to a source of information about 'the' political rival of our time was somehow comforting to me.

To be sure not all of the questions were questions I would have asked . . . but I thought that the vast majority showed an honest and natural inquisitiveness about the 'closed' Soviet society.

Further, I can honestly say that I learned from the performance; for education takes many forms and Yakov Smirnoff is a delightful medium for enlightenment. (He certainly removes the dour face with which the Soviets are typically portrayed in our mass media.) Also, I must believe that Yakov enjoys being the vehicle of such information lest why ask for questions?

Your article on the other hand would have us believe that "the majority of those in attendance twisted a performance in a close-minded attempt to reaffirm their hallowed ideals of their small short-sighted world. America, what a country."

That statement, as well as a significant portion of your entire article, show unwarranted malice towards a group of which I was party.

In the future Patricia, I and whatever portion of Exponent readers may agree with this assessment of your review, should view your

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Deficit insanity

WASHINGTON—When the recidivist dieter decides he can't go on any longer, one more Twinkie and he'll implode, he does this: He locks the refrigerator door and mails the key to his uncle in Yuma.

The strategy is, of course, illogical. If he has the willpower to resist the call of the pilot light, he doesn't have to go through these shenanigans. And if he doesn't have the willpower, he can still fly to Yuma, pick up the key, come home and open the refrigerator. What's the point?

The point is that it is long way to Yuma. People don't always have the will to do what they know they have to do, so they rig things to make the alternatives unpalatable.

Welcome to the world of Gramm-Rudman. If Congress and the President cannot agree on a budget that cuts the deficit by a reasonable amount (1/5) every year for the next five, automatic cuts go into effect. An agent of the President (director of Office of Management and Budget) and an agent of the Congress (director of the Congressional Budget Office) agree on the amount of the shortfall. A referee (the comptroller general of the General Accounting Office) then resolves discrepancies.

The three uncles calculate the projected deficit and the required across-the-board cuts to meet Gramm-Rudman targets. The cuts then automatically go into effect. Unless, that is, the threat moves Congress and the President to reason, i.e., judicious, non-automatic defense and domestic cuts and a tax hike.

From the anguished cries of critics, you'd have thought representative government as we know it had come to an end. Twelve House members are asking the courts to rule unconstitutional this transfer of power from the elected branches to the unelected.

But it is the elected branches that created the formula that governs the cuts. The formula—calculate the shortfall, divide by x, add y, and multiply by the number of cowards in Congress—is in the Gramm-Rudman bill. And being a bill, it was passed not by the Supreme Soviet but by Congress, and signed by the President, also elected.

How can one seriously talk of excessive delegation during the reign of an imperial Federal Reserve? Who elected Paul Volcker? What the CBO and the OMB and finally the GAO do is no more than, as we used to say in grade school, plug in the values. Theirs is not a political decision, but a determination of numbers, something the elected branches delegate to unelected folk all the time. Census Bureau calculations determine huge shifts in the allocation of federal monies, even of congressional seats. Who elected its chief?

George Krauthammer National Columnist

So, line of attack No. 2: Gramm-Rudman allows no choices. To govern is to choose, said John Kennedy, an insight recently rediscovered by the New York Times and Sen. Daniel Moynihan, among other critics.

If to govern is to choose, the United States has been an anarchy for some time now. Last month, faced with a reconciliation bill cutting \$75 billion over three years, out of a three-year deficit maybe eight times that size, the 99th Congress boldly chose to adjourn.

True, Gramm-Rudman has no priority list. But neither does Congress. At least Gramm-Rudman has three classes of program: those subject to full automatic cuts, those subject to partial automatic cuts, and those exempt. Call it the modified flat cut, the budgetary equivalent (but enjoying none of the vogue) of that hot political property, the modified flat tax.

Now, if nothing happens other than Gramm-Rudman, the results will be absolutely intolerable—soon. Soon no FBI. Soon no Coast Guard. Soon national parks paved over to pay their way as parking lots.

In short, a disaster, and a man-made one at that. But the deficit (dignified by the adjective "structural" to make it sound inherent to the natural order of things) is equally man-made, and threatens a worse disaster. What awaits us in 1991 if we accumulate \$1 trillion more debt is far more serious than asphalt in Yellowstone (the debt will pave over the whole economy) but far less tangible.

And that is the genius of, and sole justification for, Gramm-Rudman: Nothing but a threat this palpable will concentrate the mind of Congress and the President on cuts and compromise.

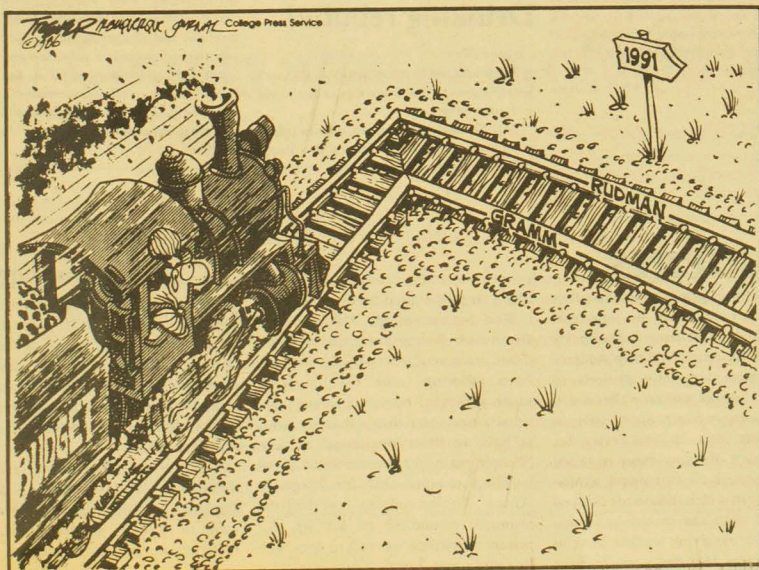
It is only January and the assumption is proved. In Washington today, political talk starts and ends with Gramm-Rudman. Everything is driven by Gramm-Rudman. That is: driven by the deficit. Except that the term "Gramm-Rudman" has the law behind it and a buzz saw ahead of it.

In Congress, says Rep. Les AuCoin, "people are looking at this (coming session) with real dread." Already, words of hope.

Says Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole: "There's likely to be a lot of china broken around here before it's over." A nation strains to hear the blessed sound.

The elected branches, incapable of choosing and aware of the incapacity, have undertaken an act of reckless wisdom and daring cowardice. They mailed the key to Yuma.

Sure it is a trick, the worst trick around except for all the others.



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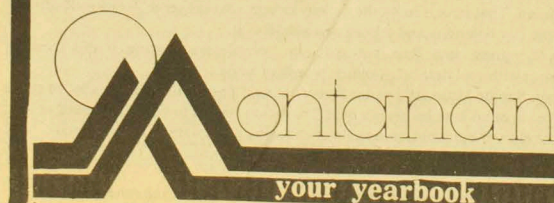
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by-line with an element of skepticism... for it seems to me that while opinion is entirely at the discretion of the reviewer, blatant editorial commentary is more appropriate and appreciated in this portion of the 'Exponent'.

Patrick Harris

And Hat's off to Campus Entertainment — the one point on which you and I can agree.

Drinking's great

Dear Editor:

If you live on-campus you probably received a questionnaire asking about your perceptions and usage of alcohol. Instead of being a valid balanced method of finding out what people's attitudes are toward drinking, this form is just another anti-alcohol propaganda piece churned out by the reborn temperance movement biased to enhance their respectability. Was this questionnaire paid for by MADD?

Let's read a little deeper into the questions asked. People how almost all of the questions subtly project alcohol and the people who use it in a negative light? #31 blatantly attempts to link drunk driving with drinking in general, thereby shifting all the negative PR cranked out by special interest groups such as MADD from anti-drunk-driving to simply anti-drinking. #36 asks if you respect non-drinkers, with the implication being that a drinker is not to be respected. Personally, I respect people who don't try to force their views on me and get upset when various self-righteous "holier than thou groups" tell me how to live my life. #42, which asks how likely are you to tell a friend there is nothing funny about being drunk when he is bragging about his drinking, clearly shows the anti-alcohol bias present in most of the questions. Notice how they subtly slip their moral values into the question? by claiming it is not funny? That is an individual judgement decision each person makes on his own, just as deciding whether or not a joke is funny.

Unfortunately, the temperance movement is just one of many neoconservative special interest groups trying to force their morality on the rest of us. There seems to be committees springing up everywhere trying to ban books, censor music, enforce dress codes, and limit what you can see on bookstore shelves. And of course, put "classroom monitors" (a polite way of saying "spy") in college classrooms to weed out teachers who don't go along with their conservative viewpoints. Just like in Russia.

So what's wrong with drinking and getting drunk? Why, some of the best times I had in high school were in my car with a cold-pack and a member of the opposite sex (who shall remain nameless to protect the guilty)! If you don't drink, fine.

Chris Walters

Iranian victims

Dear Editor-Exponent,

The history of civilization tells us that the general trend of religious civilization has not been upward. It is more appropriate to say that it has a semi-cyclic trend.

History has shown that there is always some sort of turning point in this spiritual decline. The first purpose of religion is to unite humankind and generate love, peace and tranquility rather than disunite and generate hatred.

As time passes the religious bonds lose strength and can no longer serve the first purpose of religion and it loses its divinity. It then gets spoiled by the politics, kills and creates differences among men.

There are always people who are being killed for their religious beliefs, either by their fellow believers or others—the most tragic example being the Jews in Germany. It is still happening in 1985, in a country which used to claim distinction as the Golden-Gate of Civilization—Iran.

In September 1985, once again the evil face of prejudice appeared and stained its hand with the blood of innocent people by the execution of two more members of the Baha'i Faith imprisoned there, at the hands of the Islamic Government Officials. Their crime was being Baha'i. This brings the number of Baha'is executed in Iran to 200, there are still 767 imprisoned, and many thousands made homeless and many more thousands forced to flee the country to try to find refuge in all other corners of the world.

What will be the fate of those who are still in Iran? Baha'i marriages are denied, offspring of these marriages are labeled "illegitimate" and denied public education, Baha'i wives are being considered prostitutes, and even Baha'i graves have been desecrated.

Who are the Baha'is and what is their goal?

Baha'is are the largest religious minority in Iran, numbering over one-half million believers. Essentially, they are striving to establish love, peace and unity of mankind, promised by Christ and firmly stated by Muhammed. Unfortunately this love and unity of mankind is not shared or understood by many blood-thirsty fanatics.

It is important that we do not lower ourselves to the level of those who feel they are righteous enough to judge others. We must not succumb to the temptation of believing ourselves good enough to be totally responsible for the lives and choices of one another.

Hamid Abbasi Farahani

Drinking rebuttal

To the Editor:

We would like to respond to Mr. Skinner's letter suggesting that drink should be allowed in Renne library.

Mr. Skinner, we propose, should take a couple of observation tours of the library before he makes his statements.

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The first tour should take place at 7:30 a.m., just as the library opens and is as clean as possible.

Please note that the terrazzo floors in the lobbies and on the stairs are spotted in a multitude of places with brown stains. These stains are the result of coffee and soft drinks which have been spilled and allowed to soak into the wax for a period of up to sixteen hours. Although admittedly not permanently damaging, these unsightly stains will remain for all to endure until the next quarter break when all the wax can be stripped off and a new series of coats applied.

Next he should examine the carpeting in the study and stack areas. In every area he will observe that the carpets are badly stained. Many soft drinks contain dyes which are indelible and even coffee which has been allowed to soak in long enough produces stains which cannot be removed.

Keep in mind that these carpets were thoroughly cleaned last summer and the brown carpeting is just over a year old. Project the life of the carpeting at ten years and, at the present rate, it won't even be the same color at that time.

The next tour should take place at 11:00 p.m. at closing when Mr. Skinner will discover that "crap" was indeed 'wantonly spread all over hell and gone.'

Soft drink cans and bottles at varying levels of emptiness, coffee containers, gum, crumbs, lunch sacks, fruit peels, snuff, and the occasional wine and beer container can be found on the tables, carrels, and floors. The trash cans are half full of the same. Many tables and carrels are covered with spilled liquids which have soaked into notebook paper, books, newspapers, etc. (we have rarely seen evidence that anyone who has made a major spill has made any attempt to clean it up). Half full cans of soft drinks or snuff spit can be found cleverly balanced on the shelves among the stacks. The ultimate evidence of total lack of consideration, piles of used Kleenex or toilet paper (share your disease), spread at random. The place is a mess!

The Custodians of Renne Libraries

MSU's "system"

To the Editor:

Let the student beware for within the "system" at MSU there exists a dark side — a place you don't want to go. I've been there and feel lucky to have sustained only minor damage. A friend of mine is at this moment trapped within MSU bureaucracy. She has lost my sympathy. "They" will calmly inform you that if you keep your paperwork in order and meet any and all appropriate deadlines then you too will become a respected and much loved blip on Honeywell CP-6. But what happens when an office clerk misfiles a slip of your paper or your blip becomes a blob? I'll tell you what happens — the "system" has you for breakfast.

Mark Langer

Students

of three. The emphasis is on education as much as fundraising, on long-term relief as well as short-term. Grant money from USA for Africa will help students who establish long-term projects to solve local hunger, not only alleviate it. Some impressive efforts are bringing in considerable sums. In New Jersey, for instance, one Rutgers campus raised \$17,000 through a rock concert, a miss-a-meal day at which thousands skipped lunch and gave the money to famine relief, a Thanksgiving student drive at grocery stores for food contributions,

and a student-staffed food warehouse.

Rod Stewart of the PIRG at New Brunswick Rutgers campus says students are working on projects that will have enduring value. "We've pretty much dedicated ourselves to the community and some things that are going to have an effect long-term," he says. "People really got more excited about working at home than for hunger in Africa." To that end they "use the community's resources" to set up, for instance, gardens in vacant lots with donated seeds. Local groups give what-

ever portion they choose to the national campaign that goes to USA for Africa, which has a similar policy of funding farming and other long-term development projects. For more information, write the National Student Campaign Against Hunger, 37 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111.

The efforts of these students speak for themselves. To all those in the National Student Campaign: though you hardly seem to need it, good luck. To Bill Hoogterp and friends, Godspeed.

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photo by Gary Small

County attacks problem of bouncing checks

by KIRK HANSEN

Bad check writing has been a major problem in Bozeman and the Gallatin County for years. The County Attorney's office has helped handle this enormous problem through State Legislature policies.

In the last 2 years alone, over \$60,000 in bad checks has been handled in the County Attorney's Office headed by Mike Salvagni. Salvagni pointed out that merchants use the county Attorneys office as a last resort to collecting bad checks and that collection is usually handled through other services such as Check Rite.

The State Legislature recently amended the laws to applying to bad check policies. Before October 1, 1985, bad checks could only be collected on property services or labor. Now, a law is enforced on all bad checks written to persons who intentionally write bad checks. If a bad check

is written for less than \$300, it is considered a misdemeanor; if over \$300, it is considered a felony.

Salvagni said that between January of 1983 and April of 1984 that a complaint was simply filed against any bad check writer in which case they would have to appear in front of the Justice of Peace.

From April of 1984 to October of 1985 a bad check writer was then required to go to the merchant he wrote the bad check to within less than 10 days to pay for the bad check.

Since October 1, 1985, Salvagni said that bad check writers have had 10 days to come into the County Attorney's office to pay their bad check. Salvagni pointed out that there is a minimum three dollar service charge on all bad checks that are paid through the county Attorney's office. Salvagni said that this is to help deter costs for Gallatin County. Payment at the County Attorney's office is in lieu of filing a complaint with the Justice Court.

Salvagni says that if a complaint is filed, the bond is usually set at two times the amount of the check. If the bond isn't paid, then the bad check writer is seized and sent to jail, and then is released after meeting with the Justice of Peace, which could be several days later.

Salvagni said that if the bad check writer pleads guilty to the Justice of Peace, the check is paid in full and a fine of the check amount is paid to the county.

Bad checks are taken care of usually by other agencies who handle these problems and some times the merchant will file a suit against the bad check writer. The merchant can collect up to three times the amount in court if a suit is filed.

Salvagni pointed out that if the bad check writer pleads not guilty, a trial is held and there is a subpoena placed on the person's checking account to check their checking account records.

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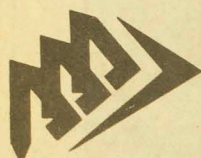
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Profile: Ken Weaver

Prof gained experience as mayor of Bozeman

by JOHN FIREHAMMER

Serving as mayor of Bozeman was a taxing, difficult, but ultimately satisfying experience, according to Dr. Kenneth Weaver. Weaver, the head of the political science department at MSU, recently relinquished the post of mayor of Bozeman, which he held for two years.

Weaver says he thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being mayor but is also relieved to be "just another citizen" again. He valued the opportunity to be able to use some of the political theory he teaches in his classes in real-life situations, and is looking forward to incorporating some of his experiences into his research and teaching.

More than holding an active role in politics, though, Weaver said his first love is classroom teaching. Weaver teaches five courses a year, covering themes such as political theory, research methodology, and state and local government on both graduate and undergraduate levels. Weaver says he enjoys teaching freshman level courses the best because he, "loves to take part in the process of discovery of new ideas by younger students." Weaver said he often feels that he takes part in all his other activities, including his recent role of mayor, just to help him keep his classroom teaching fresh.

Although Weaver discovered he wanted a career in education quite early in school, he went through many diverse experiences before he ended up in the classroom. Weaver, who was born in the Bay Area of California, spent his first two years of college at San Francisco State University studying marine biology, which he had developed an interest in during high school. After completing his second year, Weaver found he had to make a change of plans because he didn't have enough money to enroll for another quarter at SFSU. He decided to join the Air Force, which would pay for the cost of his education.

Weaver's stay in the Air Force turned out to be quite longer than he had originally planned and he served actively from 1953 to 1979, when he retired from active duty. During his years in the service Weaver shifted his educational interests from biology toward political science and went on to attain several titles. He went back to SFSU to earn a masters in Social Science, then went on to study at the Air Force Staff College

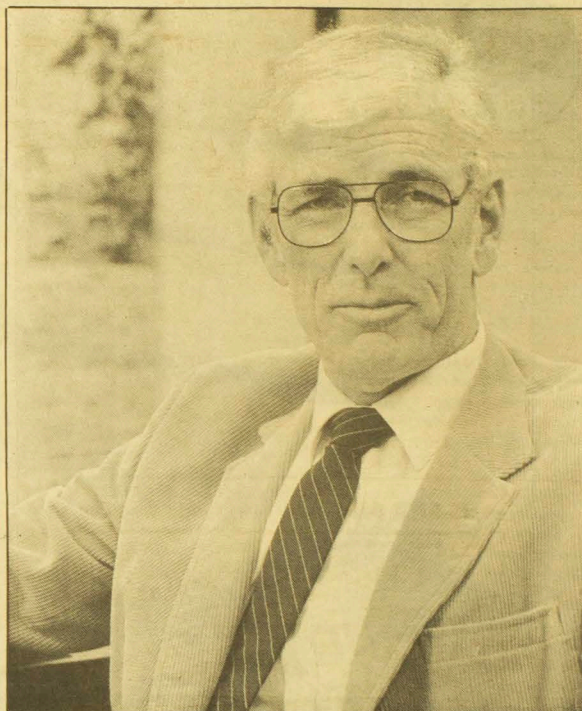


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Ken Weaver, head of the Department of Political Science, admits that his first love is teaching.

and earned his PhD in Political Science specializing in international relations at the University of Washington in Seattle.

After spending eight years on the faculty at the Air Force Staff College he came to MSU in 1975 as the head of the Air Force ROTC program, a position he held from 1975 to 1979. In 1979 he retired from active duty in the Air Force and became an adjunct professor in political science. He has been chairman of the political science department since 1983.

Given his job and the field he teaches in, Weaver is quite conscious of student attitudes. Weaver said he sees two trends which may be contradictory among many college students. On one hand he sees many students as having a preoccupation with vocational imperatives and insured employment and a no-nonsense approach to class. However, he also feels that many students are showing a renewed interest in the humanities and are concerned with problems in maintaining the environment and inter-

national affairs.

While today's college students do not seem to be as active in showing their feelings on issues as their counterparts did in the 1960's, Weaver said this doesn't necessarily mean students are not concerned with the issues, they just aren't as mobilized as in the past. When the right issue comes along students may mobilize, he said. An issue such as the Gramm-Rudman budget balance law, which could have a tremendous impact on student aid, may get students on their feet, he said.

Weaver said he had no near-term political objectives after recently stepping down as mayor, and wishes to concentrate on his teaching for the time being. He plans to use his experiences in politics to write a scholarly publication on state and local government within the next two or three years. Weaver said he is very happy to have the job he has now and greatly values being able to teach in the classroom, which he says has always been his first love.

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Beyond Borders: Born in Great Britain

by LYNN GEARING



When I first heard I'd got a place at MSU I thought, great, but where exactly is it? Then I found out-in the middle of nowhere! I had quite a culture shock too when I arrived. I was looking for a bar in the Student Union, but there wasn't one to be found, aghhh! In all the colleges in England there is always a bar in the student union. This is a good place to go in the evening and meet everyone before going to a club. The beer in England is quite a lot stronger than here in the U.S. of A. The drinking age is 18, but that does not stop everyone from going to the pub, as we do not need I.D.'s!

The school system in England is very much different from the one in the states. People start school at five and then at 11 years old people take an exam to determine which school they go to. At 16 years old we take O-1 level exams in various subjects which we choose at age 14. After O-1 levels we specialize in 2 or 3 subjects and take our A-1 levels in these subjects after 2 years of studying. These exams are needed to continue to higher education at a university. We don't have graduation until we have finished at a university.

Another shock is the amount of money people spend to get through college. The education in England is free for everyone and we receive a grant cheque for living expenses each quarter. I was also pleased to find out that our degree courses only take 3 years to complete, whereas it's 4 or generally more here.

It seems weird to me that many Americans don't know where exactly England is. Somebody even asked me if London was in England! I mean-Is Washington, D.C. in the United States of America?

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON

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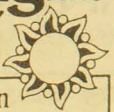
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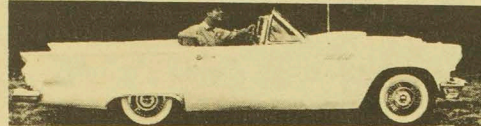
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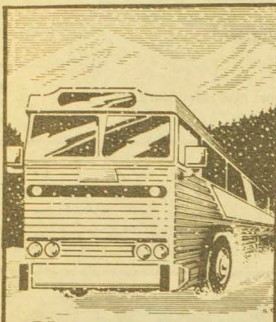
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Liberals and conservatives clash

Last quarter while researching an article on religion, Exponent staff writer Peter E. Hirsch had an interesting conversation with Marvin Shaw, a professor of religious studies.

The subject of politics and religion, of left and right factions of Christianity, were brought up by Shaw.

This is the first in a three part series which will examine the different philosophies and how each reconciles with the Christian faith. See next Tuesday's Exponent for the second part of this series.

by PETER E. HIRSCH

From the Middle East to Afghanistan, Europe to Central America, religion is intertwined with political and personal life.

In the United States, the church plays a prominent role in the daily discussion of issues: from those of individual conscience such as abortion and homosexuality, to concerns of a national scale like family values and American foreign policy.

How can religion, specifically Christian theology, be active and outspoken on both ends of the spectrum? Fundamentalist Christianity maintains a strong voice as an advocate of right wing ideology in its support of the Right to Life movement, campaigns condemning homosexuality, and its backing of President Reagan and policies in Central America. Liberal Christian doctrine effects a more moderate and tolerant stance toward these same domestic issues, while actively condemning U.S. actions in Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador. How can Christianity be so vehemently vocal and active on opposite sides of the very same issue?

Reverend Philip Shull, United Methodist Campus Pastor, offers a historical perspective on the cultural and political role of the church, and some insights into the liberal and conservative ideologies.

"The motive behind both sides is people's commitment to moral perspective," he says.

The activity of the church on such issues is nothing new. The Old Testament Prophets were the social and political critics of their time, and that role is still valid today.

Jesus was also a critic of his culture. According to Shull, he confronted the concept put forth by national leaders that citizens should be completely loyal to the nation as if the nation itself were holy. Jesus encouraged people to put God first, love

for fellow man second, and justice for all third.

Shull characterizes the liberal wing of the church as traditionally more tolerant of different points of view. They are more open to ideas and independent thinking and have been comfortable in the mainstream of the academic community. They are the founders of many institutions of higher learning both here and abroad, and were tolerant of the enlightenment and scientific theory. He also finds the liberal church more sensitive to the needs and problems of the poor.

The more conservative element within the church has been less comfortable with higher education. Shull emphasizes that they have changed, but historically express little confidence in new ideas and concepts.

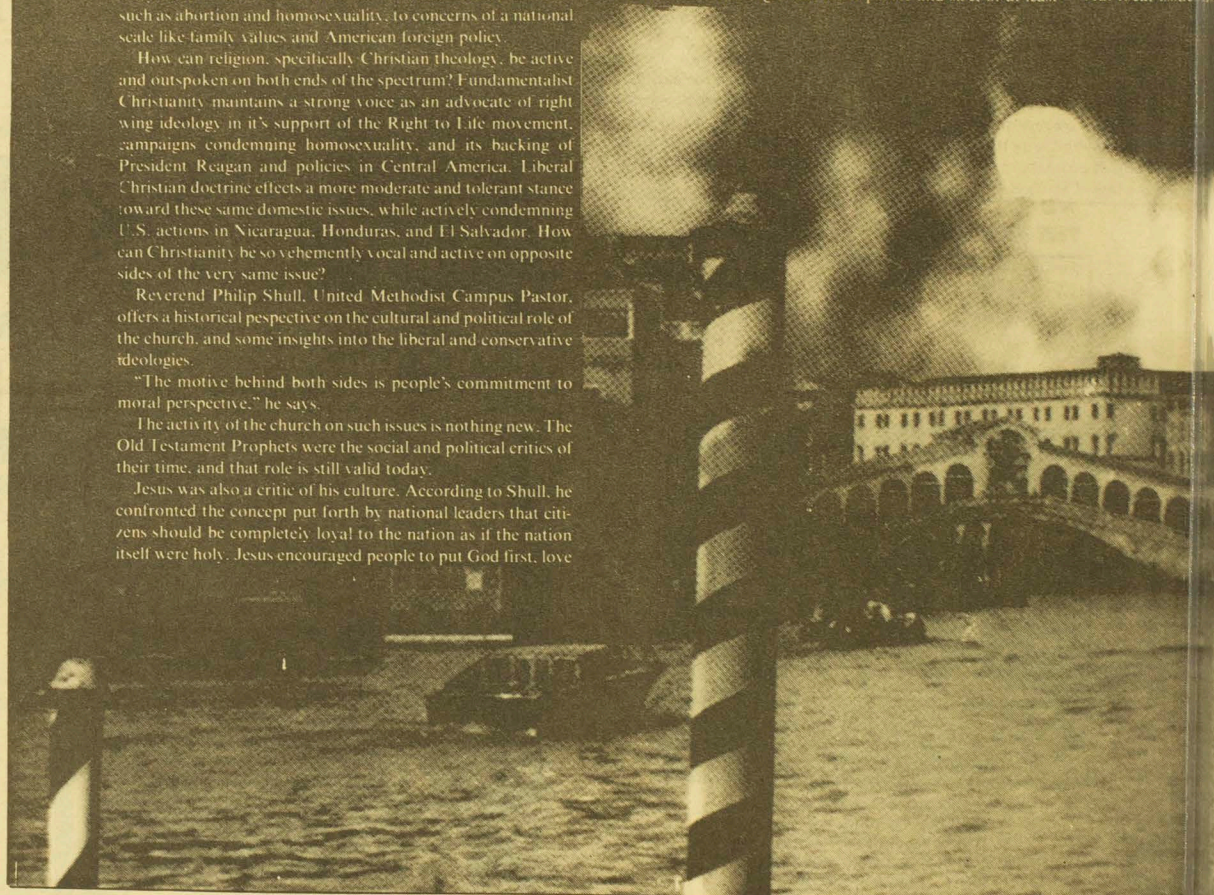
Both sides are idealists, and want to move society toward something that is unattainable. In these times, liberals maintain an utopian ideal, while the conservatives seek a more family, value-oriented goal.

At this time, the Right has more power and size, or at least

the common people in the middle ground and the pendulum swinging one into the other spotlight.

In the 1960's, when the offensive was made and the progress was made. Now, in the 1980's, the emphasis is on the U.S. as an example.

At the core, the politics and social conscience of the nations which are real local issues.



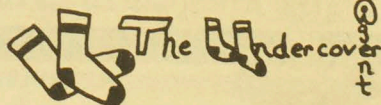
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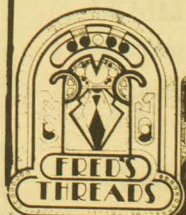
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Christian ideology

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people. They become arrogant and

abusive.

The church, on the other hand, is fundamentally people
oriented. Its role is significant as defender and representative of
the poor and powerless. Shull gives the example of the Catholic
Church in Central America as perhaps the most active in this
area. It is at odds with the governments of both Nicaragua and
El Salvador, involved on all sides of all issues.

With current active debate of the proper role of church and
its involvement with government, Shull offers this anecdote for
consideration. During the 1960 presidential campaign, it was
feared that John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic president,
would become a "puppet of the pope" if elected. Once President,
he called together representatives from all faiths, to assure them
that this would not be the case. But most important, he asked
these gathered church leaders to do one thing. "... continue to
criticize government." The church as conscience of the people has
an important role in the working of a Democracy, and it will
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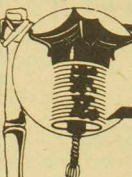
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Sports

Lady 'Cats thrash BSU, edge Idaho

by STEVE KIRCHHOFF

The Lady Bobcats finally fulfilled expectations as they swept games against Boise (62-35) and previously nationally-ranked Idaho (80-78) in week-end contests at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

"We knew it could happen," Assistant coach Eric Ferris commented about the sweep, "We knew we could match up against anyone in the league, and things finally fell our way."

On Friday nearly everything the 'Cats tossed in the area of the basket fell their way, as they shot nearly 60% from the field en route to accumulating a twenty-seven point margin of victory over the Broncos.

Add to this potent offense a stingy defensive effort, and you get the Bobcats performing at the level head coach Gary Schwartz and his staff have expected all season long.

But did anyone expect a victory over Idaho, a team which had impressed pollsters enough to earn themselves the 20th spot in the national rankings, and which boasted the tallest front line in the WMAC, and which had already rolled to decisive victories over Boise, Idaho State, and Weber?

"We didn't expect it," Ferris said, "but we didn't NOT expect it, either."

In Saturday's contest against the

Bandals, Jennifer McGary, who finished the night with 12 points, coolly tossed in the game winning basket with :26 seconds remaining in OT to ice the Bobcats' victory.

Kathleen McLaughlin supplied most of the muscle in the 'Cats scoring punch, however, as she scored over, around, and through the Vandals' "Twin Towers" for 28 points.

Tracy Hill led the Bobcats in rebounds, acquiring eleven of them, while adding a sixteen point scoring performance. Kelly Angelos dished out six assists, to round-out the offensive attack of the 'Cats.

Although the 'Cats reached their potential in their floor game over the weekend, they have as yet to fulfill expectations from the foul line.

On Saturday a heroic last-minute effort was required from McGary to seal the victory over the Vandals—and this after the Bobcats had taken several trips to the line that could have achieved the same end with less heartburn. The 'Cats almost shot better from the field (53%) than from the foul line (55%) for the night.

Despite their poor performance from the charity stripe, the 'Cats made believers of Idaho—and by now of everyone else in the conference who has heard the news. Their record now stands at 3-3 in conference, and 9-8 overall.

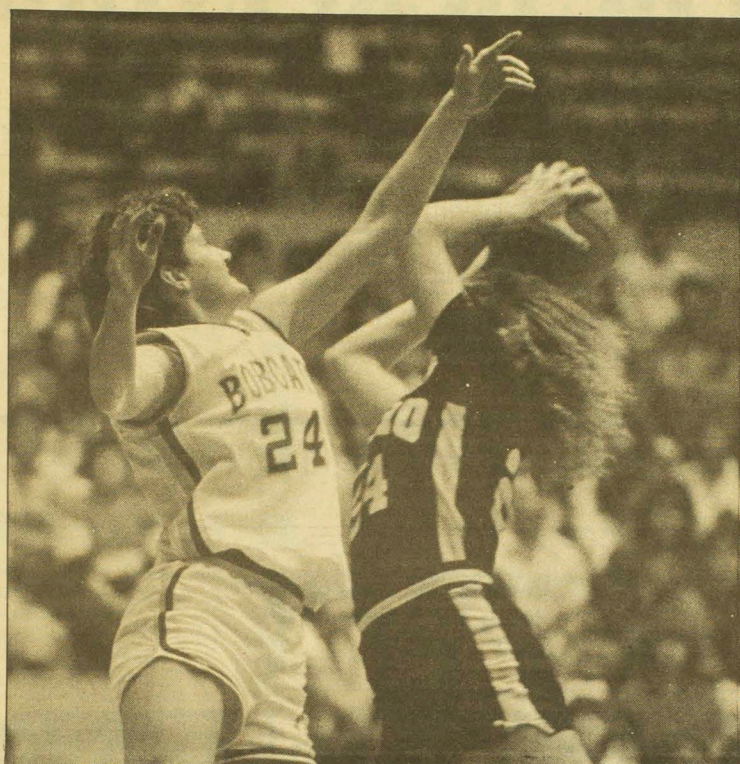


photo by J. Johnson

Reserve guard Jennifer Bosley contests a shot by an Idaho player. MSU topped the nationally-ranked Vandals 80-78 in overtime Saturday.

MSU track teams bested in indoor dual by ISU Bengals

by DAN O'GORMAN

The Montana State University men's and women's track teams opened the indoor collegiate track season with a 113-103 loss to Idaho State University in a dual here Saturday at Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

The ISU men's team defeated the Bobcats 58-54, and the ISU women were 55-49 winners over the Lady Bobcats.

"I was real pleased with the way that they came out and competed in spite of some real odds," said MSU women's coach Dale Kennedy. "It has just been so negative in the program the last two or three weeks. It was just great to see a group of walk-on kids perform so well."

The track teams at MSU are faced with budget cutbacks in travel expenses and other areas due to reductions in the MSU athletic budget. The women's team had to drop several meets due to cutbacks and are facing the possibility of losing some team members.

"Our indoor team travel is gone because we don't have enough money to travel," said Kennedy. "Three of our big outdoor meets are also gone. We are really up in the air right now. We don't know if some of our kids are maybe leaving at the end of the quarter because of the cutbacks in the track budget."

Sophomore Theresa Zacher collected two first place finishes in the 800- and 1600-meter runs to lead the women's team. Zacher also completed the final leg of the 1600-meter relay which MSU won.

The MSU men's team recorded some top performances, but a pair of disqualifications in the final two events stirred some controversy that kept men's coach Bob Stark busy after the meet.

"It was a great meet all-around from start to finish," commented Stark. "It should have ended up a three-point meet with no disqualifications. Without those things marring it, the meet was very competitive."

The disqualifications that Stark was talking about came in the men's 3000-meter run and the 1600-meter relay. Montana State was disqualified in the 3000-meter run because several MSU team members ran alongside the runners near the end of the race. Idaho State was disqualified in the 1600-meter relay because one member's shorts didn't match the team colors.

"This is a real young team. Our people weren't completely ready yet. We have had to date this year 75 percent of our points scored by freshman and juniors. We give these guys some time and they will come through." —Stark

Aside from the controversy, several athletes placed well for Montana State. Mike Geer jumped 6-10 in the high jump for a lifetime best performance. Nelson Fernandini, Anthony Terry and Scotty Neuman took the top three positions in the 55-meter race.

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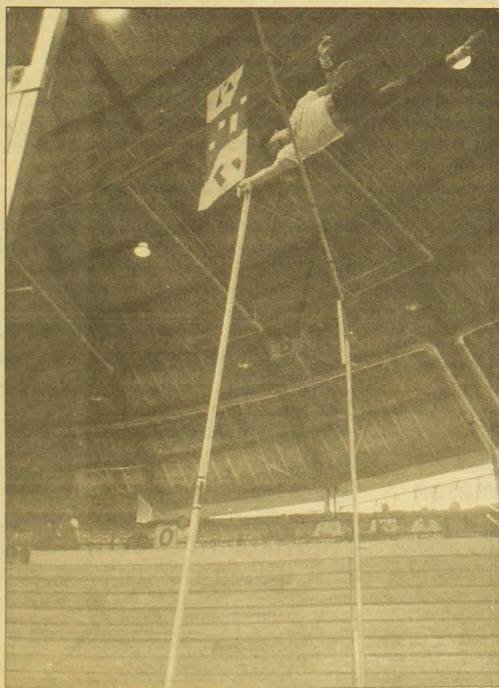


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The MSU men's track team suffered disqualifications in the final two events Saturday in falling to Idaho State, 58-54.

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Walters' rejection salvages 'Cat split

by RON VYSE

The MSU men's basketball team split two road games this weekend, falling 73-70 to Boise State on Friday and edging the University of Idaho 70-69 on Saturday.

The Bobcats' record now stands at 3-3 in conference play and 7-10 overall. MSU is currently in a tie for third place in the Big Sky with Weber State. Northern Arizona leads the league with a 4-1 record.

7-0 senior Greg Walters hijacked a last-second jumper by Idaho's Chris Carey to secure Saturday's victory. Ray Willis had given MSU the lead with 25 seconds remaining by nailing a baseline jump shot.

Kral Ferch led MSU with 21 points. Sophomore forward Tom Domako, who has been on a tear of late, added 20 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Willis also reached double figures, tossing in 10 points.

Friday, the Bobcats were simply unable to get over the hump.

Boise State led for almost the entire game before buckets by Ferch and Domako tied the score at 67. Bronco

forward Eric Hayes was the major factor in the attempt to snuff out the Bobcat rally. His four free throws in the final 1:03 gave him 16 total points, all of which came in the last ten minutes of the contest.

MSU guard Tony Hampton registered a three-point play with just 18 seconds left pulled the 'Cats to within a point, but Hayes dropped both ends of a one-and-one 10 seconds later to give the Broncos a three-point bulge. Hampton subsequently missed a desperation three-point attempt.

Domako led MSU with 22 points, followed in double figures by Ferch and Hampton with 16 and 13, respectively.

The 'Cats, dead last in conference statistics in rebounding, have now out-rebounded their last four opponents, including a whopping 40-22 surplus against Boise State.

MSU will next see action Saturday against the University of Montana. Tickets good for both the men's and women's games (immediately preceding the men's game) can be purchased at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. Prices are \$8.50 for reserved and \$6.50 for general admission.

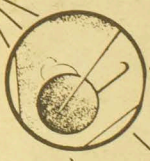
Rec Center update

A near upset occurred during the ACUI campus Darts championships held at the Strand Union Rec Center last week. Thain Cashmore, after losing his second match to Pat Valentine, started a 7 match winning streak before he lost to Brian Abel, winner of the darts competition last year and ranked Number 1 for this event. Abel defeated Cashmore the first 3 games of a 3 out of 5 match to claim his title for a second year. Cashmore was the highest placing Fraternity entry being a member of SAE. The top six finishers out of a field of 32 were: 1. Abel 2. Cashmore 3. Eric Neu (ranked 2nd) 4. Mike Weidler, also from SAE 5. Bill Mulhollan (ranked 3rd) and 6. Val-

entine (ranked 4th).

February 2nd, the AOPi's will be holding their 2nd annual Rose Bowl in the Rec Center. Proceeds from this event will go to aid Arthritis research. Activities for the 5 hour fund raiser will be moonlight bowling for prizes as well as pool and video games. Starting at 5 pm, and ending at 10 pm, this seems to be a good way to spend a Sunday evening.

Other events this week at the Rec Center include a Mixed Doubles Table Tennis tournament on Wednesday, Open 9 Ball tournament Friday evening, and a Scratch Bowling tournament Sunday afternoon.



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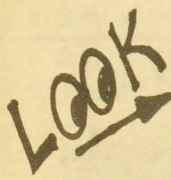
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'Cat wrestlers sixth in meet, Ayala flatbacks everybody

by MSU SPORTS INFO

The basketball court won't be the only place that the Bobcats and the Grizzlies will meet this week.

Thursday, Coach Lanny Bryant and his Montana State University wrestling team will make the 200-plus mile trek to Missoula to battle the University of Montana. The action will take place in the Harry Adams Fieldhouse and is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's dual will be the second meeting between the two schools. The Grizzlies defeated the Bobcats on Nov. 23, in Bozeman, 31-17. Montana is currently 9-0 on the season in dual matches while MSU is 3-5.

"I think Montana, along with Boise State, are the top teams in the Big Sky Conference," Bryant said. "Montana is a complete team with a strong lineup from 118 to heavyweight. We will need to be strong in the lower weights and hope to pick up some wins in the middle weights to have a chance. It should be an outstanding match."

The Bobcats enter this week's action after a sixth place

finish at the Mountain Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Tournament (MIWA), held last weekend in Laramie, Wyo. Led by Wade Ayala's individual title, the Bobcats finished with 45½ points. The host Wyoming Cowboys won the tournament with 163 points.

Ayala was impressive in running his overall season record to 18-2 with 10 falls to his credit. Ayala, whose only losses this season are defending NCAA champion Dan Chaid of Oklahoma, defeated Dana Craig of BYU (11-4) and Kurt Knechtel of Utah State (11-3) in the preliminaries. He pinned John Braggs of Wyoming, the number one seed, in 4:18 to become MSU's first MIWA champion since 1969.

"Watching Wade, it seems he is improving each week," Bryant said. "His goal is to be an All-America selection this season and he has a legitimate shot at it. He was ranked 14th nationally last week and I'm sure he'll move into the top 10 this week."

Two other Bobcats also placed at the tournament. Junior Bourck Cashmore compiled a 4-1 record and earned third place while sophomore Ryan Mapston was fifth at 134.

"Bolmania" engulfs the NBA as the Dinka Dunker swats shots

LANDOVER, Md. (AP)—Little by little, so to speak, Manute Bol is becoming a force in the National Basketball Association.

After just half a season, the 7-foot-7 rookie of the Washington Bullets already is being called the best shot blocker in league history.

The superlatives flowed anew Saturday night after Bol keyed a 111-103 victory over the Atlanta Hawks with 15 blocked shots, a total exceeded on the all-time NBA list only by Elmore Smith's 17 blocks Oct. 28, 1973.

Bol, who once caused Atlanta rookie Jon Koncak to stagger out of bounds with the ball after consecutive crushing blocks Saturday night, also forced many other shots to be altered harmlessly out of range.

"He's the best shot-blocker ever," said Washington Coach Gene Shue, a contemporary of Bill Russell, the Hall of Famer whose shot-blocking has been considered the measuring standard for that special talent.

Coach Don Nelson of the Milwaukee Bucks, who played on some great Boston Celtics' teams with Russell, gave the same evaluation after Bol rejected a team record 12 shots in his first NBA start Dec. 12.

Bol, expected to be worked in gradually with the Bullets after being drafted on the second round, was forced into action after center Jeff Ruland suffered a broken ankle bone.

Now, with Ruland working out and expected back shortly, Shue anxiously awaits the prospect of having both players in the lineup at the same time.

"It may take a couple of weeks for Jeff to get into the flow of the game," Shue said. "But once he does, we'll be great."

The Bullets have a 12-10 record without Ruland, the team leader in scoring and rebounding when he was sidelined. Guard Frank Johnson also has been out, missing 15 games while recovering from a broken bone in his left foot.

"Manute is doing what I thought he could do...once I got over the idea that he couldn't play (in the NBA)," said Shue.

"I saw him twice in the summer league," Shue said, "and I kept saying, 'He can't play, he can't play.' But he kept blocking 15 shots a game."

Bol's latest performance was timely, since he is due to make an appearance on David Letterman's late-night television show Monday night.

Shue said Bol is especially valuable because he keeps the ball in play after the blocks, noting that players like Smith and Wilt Chamberlain swatted half of their blocks out of bounds.

"Manute is athletic and he has fine instincts," Shue said. "He also has long arms, so he doesn't have to be off his feet to block shots."

"When he extends his arms, Manute can reach about 10-5 or 10-6," Shue said. "That's quite an advantage."

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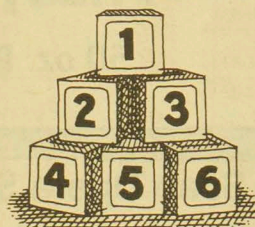
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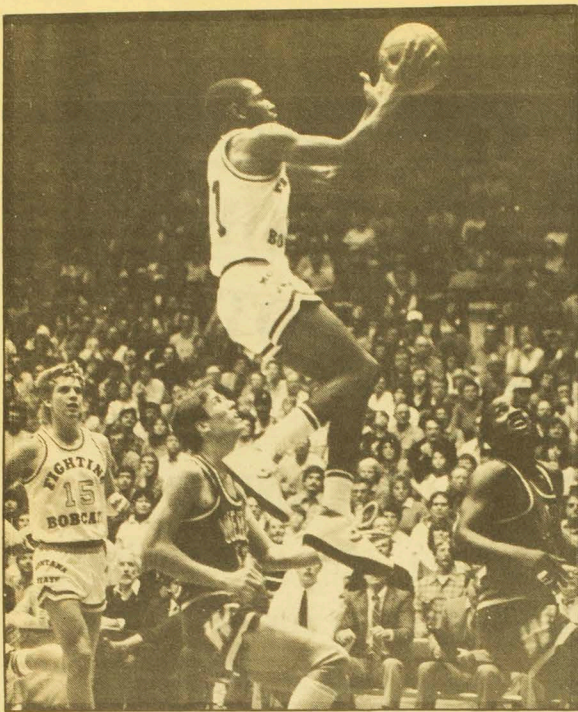
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MSU senior guard Tony Hampton cavorting gleefully in the rarefied upper-reaches of the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. The accompanying story and several others were omitted from last Friday's Exponent due to some unfortunate circumstances plaguing our beloved typesetters. Your sports editor offers his most humble apologies, and swears that, should it happen again, he will forthwith enlist in the United States Marines.

The Hamptonian Dilemma

by RON VYSE

Basketball coaching, by its very nature, is a very stressful occupation.

But if the coaches in the Big Sky Conference are taking an extra swallow or two of Maalox these days, take pity on them. Picture them watching game films and recoiling in horror as this skinny little guy takes apart their defense and perhaps you'll understand their problem.

Let's just call it the Hamptonian Dilemma.

Tony Hampton, Montana State's senior point guard, has been on fire of late, averaging 19.2 points a game in the Bobcats' last five outings. Included in that string was a career-high 27 points in 72-71 road win over Loyola-Marymount January 2.

"Through our first four games he's played at a first team all-conference level," MSU head coach Stu Starner said of the 5-11 perpetual motion machine. "He has an opportunity to be one of our first first-team Big Sky players in several years."

Players and coaches alike are learning that there is no real secret to stopping Hampton; you must seek merely to contain him. If a defender plays off him, he will pound the jump shot in his face until the cows come home.

Yet even that option looks good after an attempt to get in his jock. Any player doing so usually winds up being blown away like lint, as Hampton makes one of his always-memorable trips to the hole. Those rapid excursions into a forest of arms eager to make him digest Spalding have two common results: a layup for a teammate or just another ho-hum, gravity-defying finger roll.

"I just go with the flow," Hampton said in reference to his penetrating moves. "If the defender's hands aren't up I just shoot the ball. If his hands are up I try to scoop it under him. I just take what the defense gives me. Rarely is it premeditated."

A quick look at Hampton's stats is evidence enough that he's currently on top of his game — .557 from the field, .817

from the line; 13.9 points and 4.3 assists per game. He also leads the team in minutes played while in charge of bringing the ball up court.

Yet perhaps the most impressive aspect of the 'Cat floor leader's game is the one the average fan never sees. Although steadfastly refusing to execute one in a game situation, Hampton occasionally unwinds after practice by displaying his dizzying array of dunks. You may recall that he is indeed only 70 inches tall.

"One of the reasons I don't dunk in games is the fear of missing. Lately, in these last two games, I was seriously thinking of getting a dunk because we were up so many points. I know that if I miss I'll be sitting next to Stu," Hampton explained, laughing. "But I promise you that I'll dunk before this year's out."

As talented as Hampton is on the basketball court, it would be easy for many people to dismiss him as just another one-dimensional Basketball Jones. Such is not the case. Hampton, a public relations major, is a refreshingly articulate antidote to the monosyllabic and garbled speech of many of his fellow student-athletes.

During the summer Hampton has worked several different basketball camps, including one run by Portland Trailblazer head coach Jack Ramsey. The Portland native was a counselor at ten camps last summer, eight of which were in Canada.

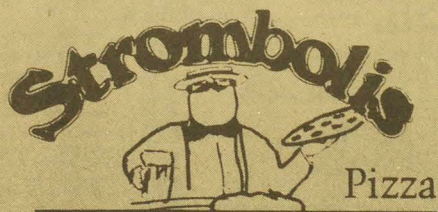
"I've been working with kids in camps ever since I got out of high school," said Hampton. "I like working with them because I see a lot of me in each and every one of them."

Hampton earned All-City and All-State honors as a senior at Grant High School in Portland and then spent a year at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA. Hampton explained why he left the school after his freshman year there.

"I had played to my potential at the junior college level and I wanted to play three years of Division I basketball instead of two. I wanted to fly instead of ride the bus and get some shoes," he laughed. "You only get one pair of shoes at a JC."

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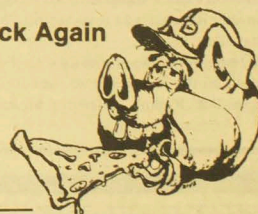
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Hampton plans to enroll at the School of Radio Broadcasting in Portland after he graduates but knows he has some unfinished business to attend to.

"Individually, I'd like to make first or second team all-conference. As far as the team goes, I'd like to see us win the Big Sky tournament. If we don't, I'd just like for us to play to our potential."

Starnar knows that for the Bobcats to achieve such lofty

goals, Hampton must be the Pied Piper.

"He's our senior leader and he has to set an example for our younger players," said Starnar. "He's done a good job of that and it's real important that he does so for the rest of the season."

Who knows — maybe Big Sky Conference respect is just a finger roll away for the Bobcats.

Gophers will finish season

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — The University of Minnesota basketball team will finish its season.

The future of the team was in doubt after arrest of three players last week on charges of sexual assault. University President Kenneth Keller considered canceling the rest of the season. But he says the team will continue with the eight remaining players and an interim coach . . . who'll replace Jim Dutcher,

who quit after the arrests.

Keller adds there will be changes in the school's athletic program. He says the school will place greater emphasis on recruiting players with good character. He adds that the university will set up a counseling program for the victims and perpetrators of sexual assault.

The Gophers forfeited their scheduled game with Northwestern yesterday . . . but will play at Ohio State in Minneapolis Thursday night. Some football players have been considered to fill vacancies on the basketball squad.

Formal charges of sexual assault were brought against players Mitchell Lee, Kevin Smith and George Williams in Madison, Wisconsin.

Lee was acquitted in another sexual assault case earlier this month.

MSU club wins state title

by RON VYSE

The MSU Powerlifting Club captured their fourth consecutive title in the state tournament held last Saturday in Helena.

MSU strength coach Rocky Gullik-

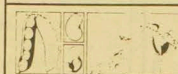
son lifted a total weight of 1,955 pounds to set a new state record. He also qualified for the junior national tournament in Dallas, TX.

Marcia Mecklenburg, an assistant women's track coach for the Bobcats, earned a berth in the women's nationals to be held in February.

Other MSU standouts included Randi Rognlie, winner of the women's heavy division, and Drew Cloud, named best lifter in the 114-181 pound class.

The club has an upcoming meet on March 1 in Worland, WY and will compete in meets in Boise and Spokane during Spring Quarter.

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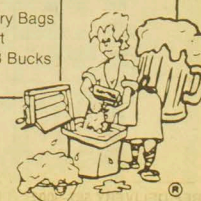
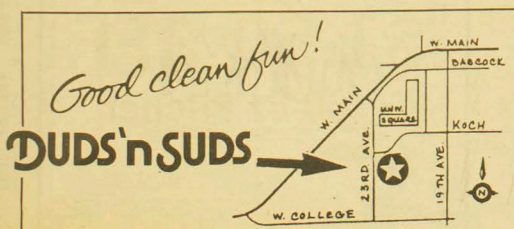
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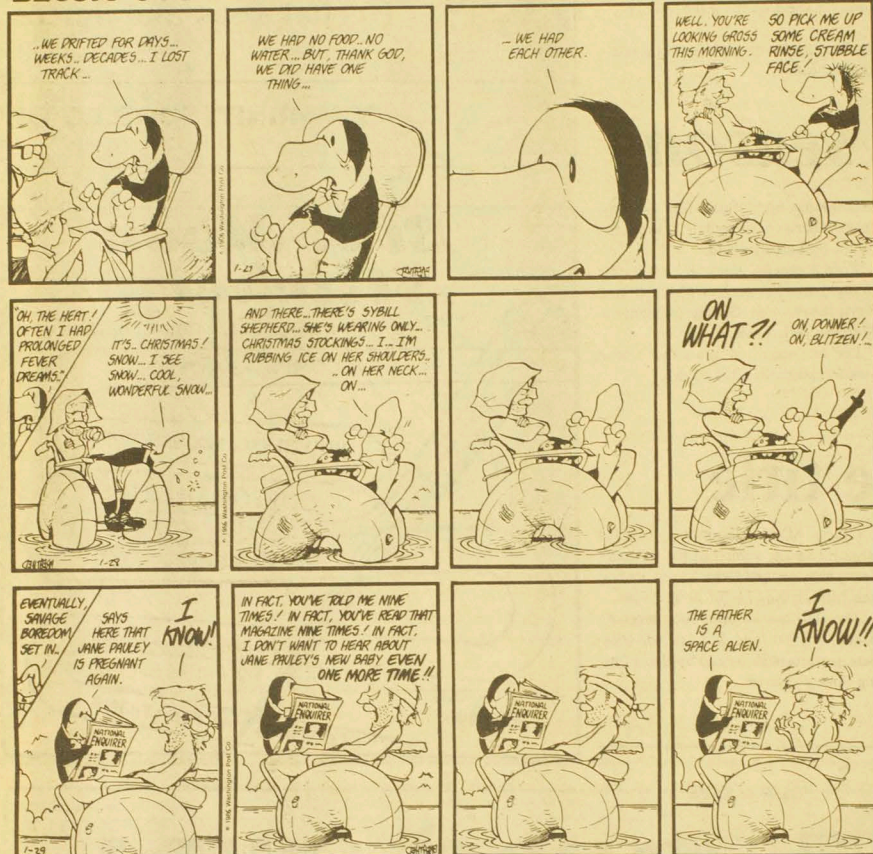


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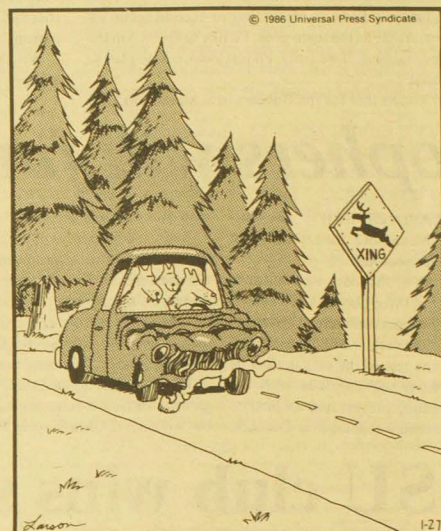
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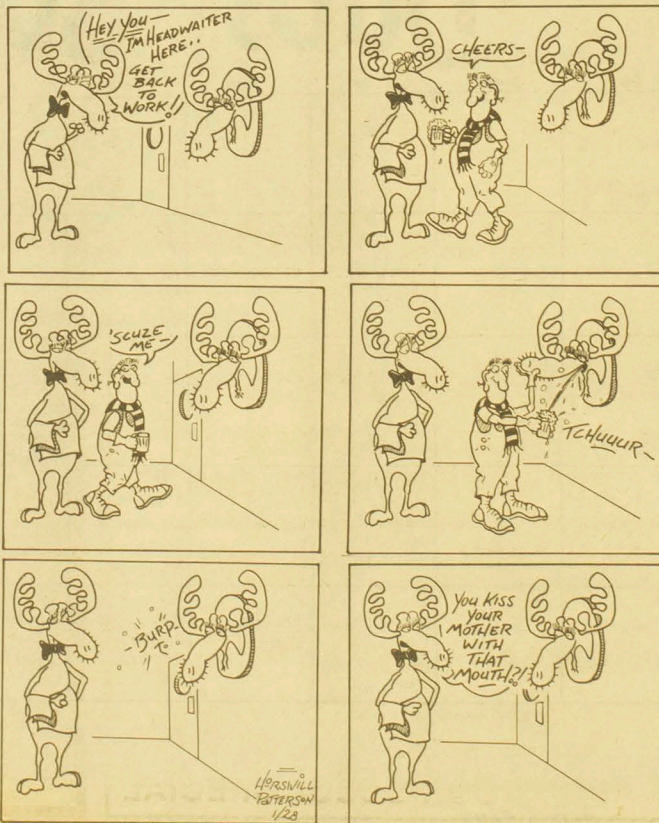
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Don't miss all the fun. Watch the Mr. MSU Contest tomorrow! Tons of doorprizes will be given!

J.B. loves M.A.! Yep, he does! 16 days to Valentine's and counting. wanna be mine? I Ruv RV roots root!

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Donate 25¢ to win a date with Mr. MSU!

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Take a study break. Come watch the Mr. MSU Contest!

Chicken little I love you lots Tse-Tse Fly.

Look what's heatin' up MSU's winter?

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Don't miss the Mr. MSU contest!

Go Kappa Delta!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE STUDENT TRAVEL CLUB is going to PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO for SPRING BREAK. \$549 includes air out of Bozeman, 7 nights in real nice hotel, room taxes, transport to and from airport and more. Call Paul at 586-6848 or Sun Chaser Travel 586-4778.

Get your dates early for the Valentines Day formal. February 14, 8:00-1:00 at the Elks Club Music by Local Hero Quarter Beers.

An Objectivist association is now being formed in Bozeman to study the Philosophy of Ayn Rand. For more information write Objectivism, Box 1355, Bozeman, MT 59715.

ALTA and SNOWBIRD for Spring BREAK. The MSU SKI CLUB will be in Utah for 6 nights lodging, transportation. 5 days skiing Deposit \$0.00 due Feb. 12th meeting 7:00 p.m. SUB. Info call John 587-1385 POWDER!!!

Marketing Club Meeting, Wednesday the 29th in Room 401 Reid at 5:30 p.m.

Help AOP's "Bowl Over Arthritis" at the SUB Rec Center Sunday, February 2nd, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

AOP's Rose Bowl will have a pizza party from little Big Men's for the campus group with the most participation.

Razzle Dazzle Booster Club is having a bake sale for the Razzle Dazzles IGA, Feb. 1st 8-4.

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