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Extended Studies Class whittling away the summer. They are from left to right: Lloyd Dyer, Regina Saskatchewan; Dorothy Phillabaum, Tacoma, WA; Les Visor (Instructor), Angerton, Texas; Gary Ensign, Miles City; Cecil Lutz, Great Falls.

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Ferch Leaves Starner and 'Cats in the Lurch:

Was he right? or Was he wrong?

by N.C. Smith

Guest Editor

"Are you police officers?"

"No, ma'am. We're musicians. We're on a mission from God."

from a scene in
The Blues Brothers

I'm supposed to be happily retired this summer. But, as luck would have it, along comes a topic that demands my attention. And a column.

Last week, Shann Ferch, a 6' 2" point guard who had been a starter for the MSU men's basketball team, announced that he will not be returning here this fall. Shann, it seems, is searching for another basketball program in which to enroll. The language of his announcement was polite and even eloquent at times, but for the most part, it was vague. Most simply put, Shann is looking for a college that will provide a "springboard" to launch him into an NBA career. The announcement was made by Shann's father and high-school coach, Tom.

Shann enjoyed prominence at Montana State both on and off the court, and accordingly, there was immediate response to his (surprise) announcement both on and off the campus.

MSU Head Coach Stu Starner handled the whole thing in typical understated and classy fashion. Basically, Stu's only beef with the Ferch's was their timing. Since Shann waited until mid-July to make his decision official, Starner has virtually no chance to recruit another point guard. Not too many kids hold out until the middle of summer vacation before signing with a school; there just is *nobody* left out there for Starner to nab, let alone a player who could fit into Shann's Converse 3/4 high-tops.

Starner's reaction was mild, even apathetic in comparison to the community's response. The Good Ol' Boys Network from downtown Bozeman was downright angry about the audacity of the whole thing and very quickly, the Ferches became the butt of more than a few snide jokes. Most of these witticisms, as I blundered upon them, accused Tom Ferch of sending his son on A Mission from God.

The Noon Ball Club from the North and South Gyms was even more critical. The elder Ferch, by a few NBC reports, had fallen off his rocker while the younger Ferch, by the same token, had lost all contact with reality. These sources reiterated (albeit in more hostile language) Starner's lament of crummy timing. But both the Good Ol' Boys Network and the Noon Ball Club found consensus that Shann has a snowball's chance in Maui of playing for one of the Springboard Schools. (Personally, and I'll get in trouble for this, I think that the G.O.B. Network is primarily peeved because Shann's decision is an effective

bit of rain on their small-town-sensationalism parade. We do have a very good program here, but I agree with the Ferches' insinuation: a Big Sky title does not a springboard make.)

I have had the opportunity to become acquainted with both Ferches, but I don't really *know* either of them. Shann and I were merrily zooming in completely opposite social and philosophical directions when we met and I've had only a few (but interesting) dialogues with his father. But I do feel qualified to dismiss all this talk of divine intervention and mental lapses. Granted, the announcement probably could not have come at a more inopportune time and unfortunately the possibility of recruiting a replacement is academic. Especially for Starner.

Nevertheless, I'm convinced that Shann has done an admirable thing.

If Tom (as has been suggested) is the true motivating factor behind Shann's decision, then we should write a horribly melodramatic script for the Ferches about an overbearing and ambitious father and his weak-willed and indecisive son. We could even cast Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez in the leading roles. But I think, all kidding aside, that such speculation is inappropriate for this occasion.

Shann is not a loon. He knew that he had a good thing going for himself here. He also must have understood that the good thing, barring any career-ending injury or required course, was only going to get *better*. Shann was bound to become this university's Steve Alford -- Mr. Big Man On Campus -- while his team cruised to a couple more Big Sky Conference Championships and NCAA appearances. If he was willing to forgo such heady stuff, I trust his judgment. If his father, who happens to be the same Tom Ferch who won a couple Class A state championships at the helm of the Park High Rangers, believes that Shann has the talent to look for springboards, I trust his judgment.

Actually, I'm not really concerned about where Shann's saga will end...because it doesn't really matter.

Ten or twenty or forty years from now, Shann will not have to lie awake at night and wonder "what if..." His remarkable decision means that in ten or twenty or forty years, whether he ends up at Duke or at Minot State, Shann will know that he took his chance when it presented itself. I suspect that he will also know that his father (his coach) is proud of him. So Shann will be snoozing while some of the rest of us lie awake.

I can't remember who created this:

Of all sad words of tongue and pen, the saddest are these:

It might have been.

There should be no sad words for the Ferches. Good luck, Shann, and sweet dreams.

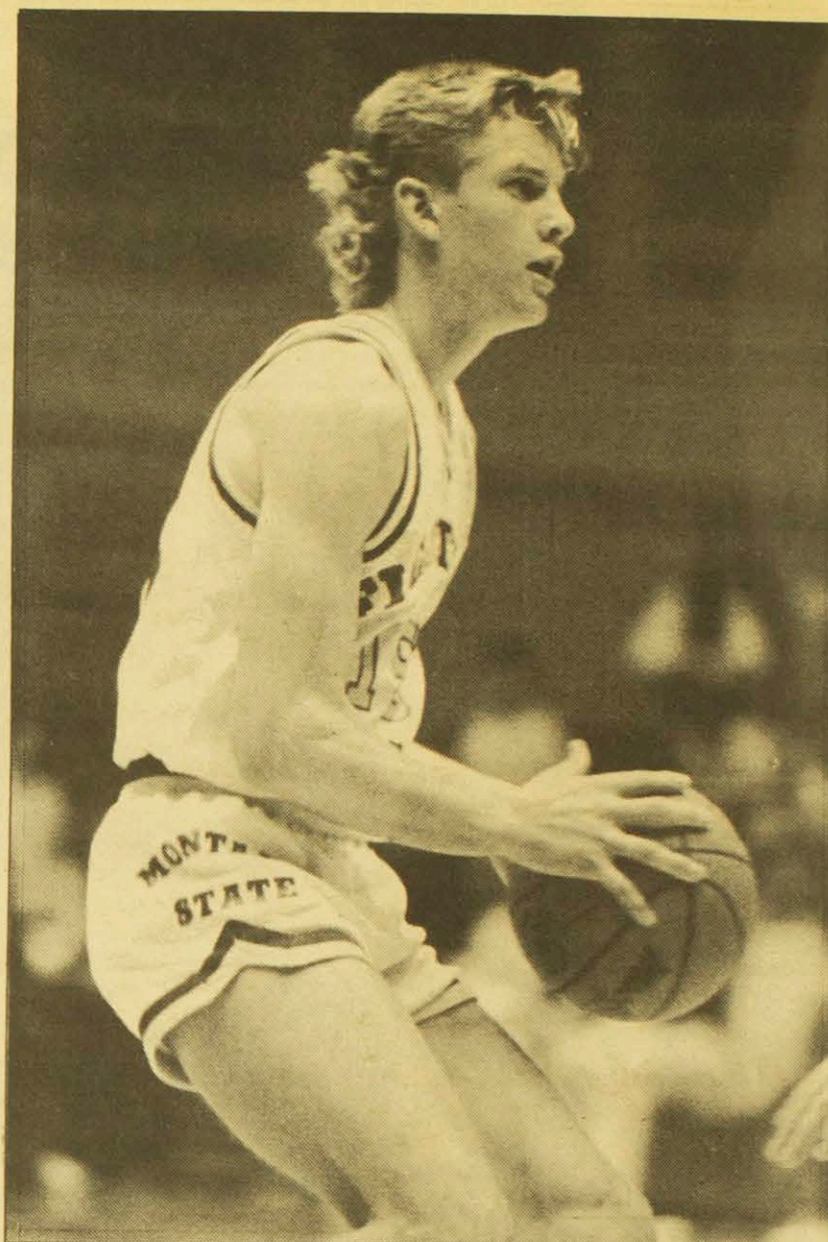


photo by Jeff Johnson

Shann Ferch announced last week that he will not be returning to Montana State. Ferch, a 6' 2" point guard who started last season for the 21-8 Bobcats, would have been a junior. He will transfer to another university in hopes of continuing his athletic career.

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Work begins on collection.

by **Crawl Stew'd Art**

Contributing Writer

Last summer a small team of local experts in art curating, conservation and documentation worked at organizing the MSU Permanent Art Collection. The current exhibition in the Haynes Fine Arts Gallery, *A Montana Collection: Japanese Patterns*, is perhaps one of the most beautiful fruits of their labor.

When the project of sorting through the MSU PAC first began the room where they worked looked like the site of an interesting garage sale of not-so-useful, but curious curios. The 'art collection' had become, over the years, the repository for tourist trinkets and various odds and ends that had been abandoned in faculty offices. Many of the objects and posters were difficult to classify as true art works.

Armed with a grant from the State of Montana's Coal Tax Fund, and under the supervision of Elizabeth Guheen, the collection was pruned, researched, and primed in fine mats and frames. The fine presentation of Japanese patterns is testimony to the success of their efforts.

These patterns were collected by Olga Ross Hannon, who was on the art faculty of MSU from 1921 to 1947. She was chairman of the department when she passed away. Mrs. Hannon traveled extensively in Europe, Central America and Asia and she acquired the Japanese patterns currently on display from a textile factory in Kyoto, Japan.

These patterns were 'working drawings to be transferred onto fabrics which, in turn, would be made into kimonos. Many of the patterns have penciled grids across

them to facilitate the transfer process. The works are executed through woodblock printing, with additional brush work added in a variety of inks and paints. Some of the patterns contain gold leaf applications as well.

The patterns have been dated within the Meiji and Taisho periods of Japanese art (1867-1926). This was a time when Japanese society began to open itself to Western influences, and it is fun to look for some of these influences in the exhibition.

Another interesting way to look at this exhibition is to imagine the textile patterns from the United States from the same period. I bet the pinstripes, calico and gingham would also look pretty nice in some fine frames.

You know, for that matter, just about any group of things will look pretty good if they are presented in consistent fine frames, and if they are spaced evenly across a clean, white gallery wall... It makes you wonder about art...

But don't let my musings keep you from seeing these patterns. It is a gem of an exhibition—restful, too. And, God knows, we deserve a little rest, peace and quiet, in this turbulent world.

Elizabeth Guheen and her crew of art handlers and framers should be congratulated for culling this exhibition from the Permanent Collection. We look forward to seeing other products of their work such as the selection of Depression Era WPA prints and the collection of watercolors and ceramics that are also important parts of the MSU Permanent Collection.

The Japanese pattern exhibition will be on view until August 9. Hours of the gallery are 8 am to noon and 1 pm to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Closed weekends. For more information about the MSU Permanent Collection, contact John Anacker at the Art Department.

Other art announcements

John Hootan, assistant professor of photography in MSU's Department of Media and Theatre Arts, is one of ten Montana artists to receive a two thousand dollar fellowship from the Montana Arts Council. Fellowships were awarded "primarily on the excellence of the applicant's work, demonstrated creativity, and artistic skills" according to the Council. The Individual Artist Fellowships program is funded through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Other artists to receive grants were from Billings (3), Missoula (3), Laurel, Choteau, and Helena.

Opening reception

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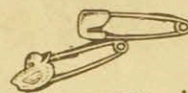
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It's gonna be dry in them there parts.

by Tom Palmer

Contributing Writer

The drought of '87 continues to stalk Montana. By mid-May, a dry, parched summer appeared to be a shoo-in. A steady rain, however, hit the state on the opening day of fishing season and a good drizzle hung on for several days to settle the dust and emerging Elmer Gantry aspirations.

But the threat of a drought has hung on, too, although, with many of the hills still green in July, many Montanans are not aware that there is a problem. It appears this season will produce a bumper crop for the Flathead cherry industry and many of the state's grain and hay crops are doing just fine. Sport fishing across Montana has been incredible. Fishing experts, best known for their hyperboles, describe the 1987 experience on the low, clear rivers and streams as "too good."

Yet, after the May rains, several state and federal agencies warned that the unprecedented lack of high-country snowpack would leave many of Montana's streams wanting. Without the annual spring runoff, spring streamflows were depressingly low. And now that we have reached July, the warnings are beginning to smart.

We're still being stalked. Streamflows in the Clark Fork, the Middle Fork of the Flathead, the Marias and the Yellowstone rivers are running far below historic averages. Soils are dry, but not yet perilously so. Still, it is a water-critical time for farmers who must get water on the hay and grain fields. Irrigation demands increase. Reservoir head gates are adjusted to reduce flows to the rivers to meet the demand and with the already record low flows, seldom seen river sandbars surface like ribs on a malnourished frame.

As the drying of Montana wears on, the lower flows in our rivers and streams could be trouble for the state's fish populations. Pat Graham, Fisheries Administrator for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks explains that low-floating streams, even if they do not kill the fish outright, heap an unhealthy amount of stress on fish and that makes them more vulnerable to high water temperatures, fishing pressure, disease and environmental contaminants.

Unfortunately, there is not much Graham, the DFWP or anyone else can do about that scenario. "It's frustrating, is what it is," he says. "I tell my people in the field not to let it get them down because getting worked-up and losing sleep isn't going to put more water in the stream."

But it is not for lack of trying. DFWP officials have been keeping a close eye on the record low Clark Fork River (which recently experienced its third major toxic contamination-related fish kill in the past three years), the Bitterroot, Jefferson, Gallatin and Big Hole rivers. "You can get a sense of the extent of the problem by watching which portions of these streams go dry," Graham says. "Most of the streams in the state are low. It's very nearly like it was in 1985 and, if we don't get some substantial rainfalls, we're certainly going to have some problems."

In anticipation of those problems the DFWP has adopted a three-tiered Drought Contingency Plan to help protect Montana's fishery resource.

One component of the plan is designed to supplement stream flows through the purchase of stored water, but those kinds of purchases are hard to come by. In 1979 the DFWP was lucky enough to purchase the Ashley Irrigation Company and its water rights to Ashley Lake near Kalispell. The water is used to bolster the stream flow in Ashley Creek. The DFWP also has rights to 5,000 acre-feet of water from Painted Rocks Reservoir, southwest

of Hamilton, and annually purchases an additional 10,000 acre-feet of water to supplement stream flows in the Bitterroot River, south of Missoula.

The DFWP and Bitterroot River irrigators, as they did during the drought of 1985, are presently in the process of hiring a water commissioner in a cooperative endeavor to ensure that the water supply is properly delivered to those with claims and permits.

The second component to the Drought Contingency Plan is cooperative reservoir management. The DFWP works closely with the operators of several major reservoirs in the state to maintain fisheries in the reservoirs while providing sufficient water releases to maintain the downstream fisheries. It is not always an easily solved problem.

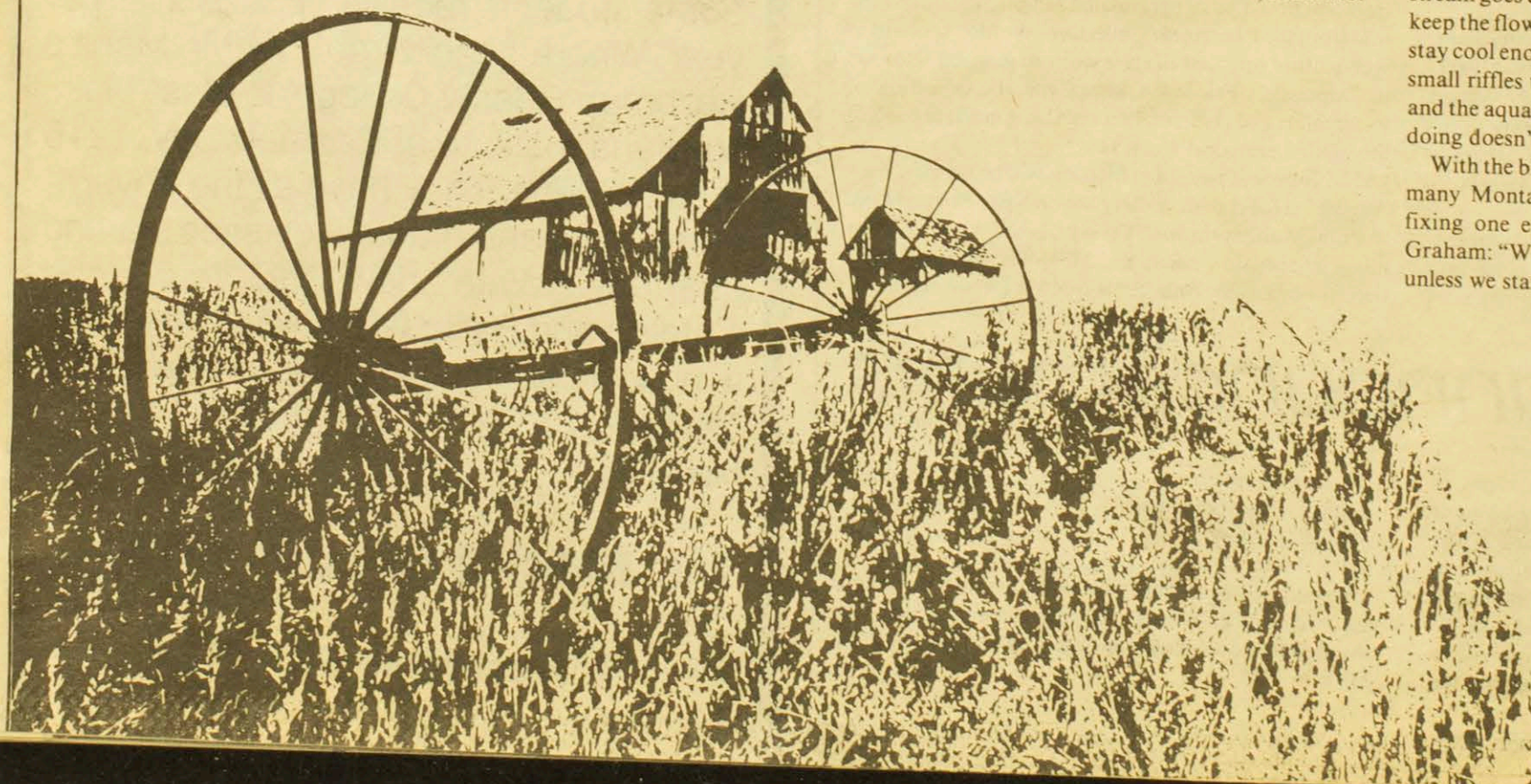
In some cases, advisory committees have been formed to discuss reservoir management options during drought conditions. Discussions are presently on-line with Montana Power Company regarding releases at Hegben Lake on the Madison River and with the Bureau of Reclamation at Canyon Ferry Lake on the Missouri River.

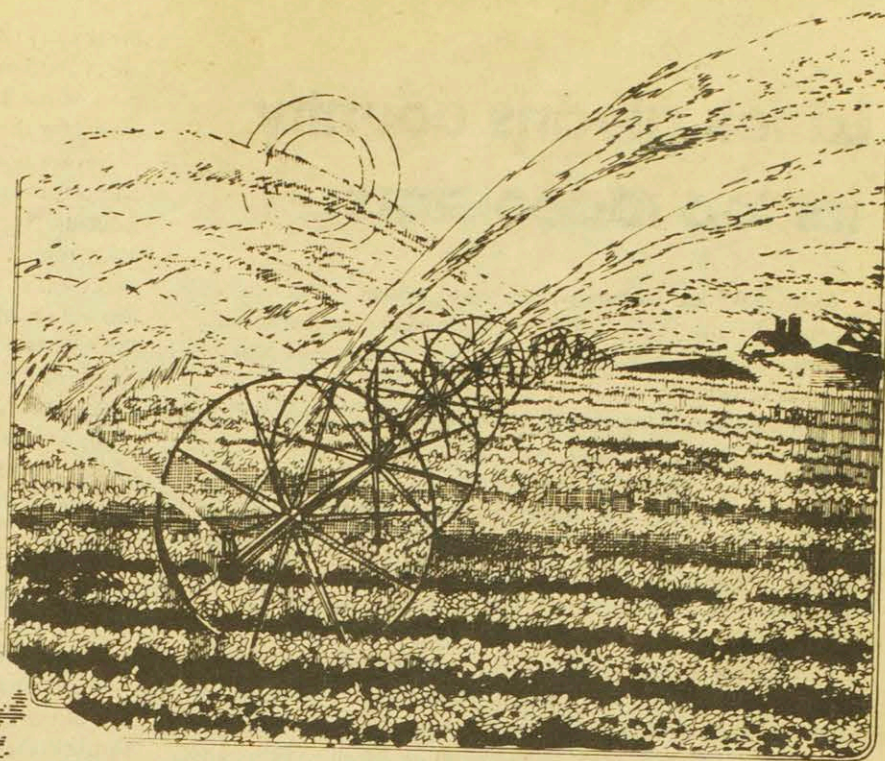
The final component of the plan is the protection of DFWP water rights. The DFWP has so-called Murphy Rights—specially legislated water rights for instream flow reservations to protect fish habitat on 12 blue ribbon trout streams—and water reservations on the Yellowstone River.

Under potential drought conditions, the DFWP will request that water users with junior claims and permits honor the department's instream flow right to maintain the stream's fishery.

"These are the kinds of things we can do," Graham said. "But they're all pretty limited. We don't have many pro-active options but we are encouraging irrigators to hire water commissioners or to work together to help properly allocate their water before a stream goes completely dry. If there is enough water in a stream to keep the flow going between the pools, the water temperature can stay cool enough so as not to decimate the fishery. The pools and small riffles that remain in a stream provide havens for the fish and the aquatic organisms they feed on. All in all, what we end up doing doesn't really affect a lot of people or a lot of water."

With the blue skies as deep and clear as the streams are low, like many Montanans, Graham is keeping his fingers crossed while fixing one eye on the stream and another on the sky. Says Graham: "We'll certainly see problems in the next several weeks unless we start getting some periodic steady rains."





Larick gleans country for top rodeo stars.

Montana State University men's and women's rodeo coach John Larick has completed one of the school's most successful recruiting seasons with the addition of 11 top competitors to the Bobcats squads.

In all, Larick added nine high school and two junior college standouts. The high school newcomers include Chris Mathiason of Miles City, Marc Murfitt of Helena, Scott Robbie of Bridger, Gina Icenogle of Cut Bank, Casey Rindal of Roy, Don Larick of Bozeman, Nancy Collins of Phillipsburg, Darci Nevala of Geyser and Jeff Miller of Faith, S.D. The junior college recruits are Molly McAuliffe of Klamath Falls, Ore., and John Gee of Stanford.

"We have an outstanding nucleus of returnees and the addition of these 11 student-athletes to our squad should make us the strongest we've been in my tenure at Montana State University," Larick said. "There is great potential in this list of recruits. The freshmen have the potential to be talented performers on the collegiate level and it will be exciting to watch them develop. The two junior college transfers should have an immediate impact on our program."

Mathiason, a 1987 graduate of Custer County High School, will compete in calf roping, steer wrestling and team roping for the Bobcats. He finished fourth at the National High School Rodeo Finals in both calf roping and team roping as a junior and will make a return trip to the finals this year. Mathiason recently won the all-round title and finished second in team roping and cow cutting at the Montana High School Rodeo Finals.

Murfitt, a 1987 graduate of Helena High School, will compete in rough stock events on the collegiate level. He too was at the National High School Finals (bareback and bull riding) and finished in the top twenty in the bull riding. Murfitt will make a return trip to the finals this year after finishing second in bull riding and fourth in bareback at the state finals.

Robbie, a 1987 graduate of Bridger High School, has won the bareback title at the Montana High School finals for the past two seasons and will compete in his specialty at MSU. He will make his second straight trip to the National High School Finals this summer.

Icenogle will also make the trip to Pueblo, Colo., for the national finals after placing second in barrel racing at the state finals. The 1987 graduate of Cut Bank High School will compete in barrel racing, breakaway roping, goat tying and team roping for the Bobcats. Icenogle was also the 1986 Montana High School Rodeo Queen.

Rindal, a 1987 graduate of Roy High School, finished first in team roping and second in calf roping at the state finals and will participate in the national finals. He will compete in the roping events as well as the steer wrestling at MSU. Rindal is an academic scholarship winner.

Larick joins his father on the Bobcat squad. He was third at the state finals in steer wrestling and will participate in the National High School Finals. Like Rindal, he will also compete in the two roping events and steer wrestling. Larick, a 1987 graduate of Bozeman Senior High School, will major in business.

Collins is the second in her family to be part of Larick's Bobcat women's team. Her sister Peggy was a member of MSU's 1985 team that finished fourth in the nation and was the national

breakaway roping champion. The younger Collins, a 1987 graduate of Phillipsburg High School, was the 1986 all-around champion at the state finals and will compete in all three women's events for the Bobcats.

Nevala is a 1987 graduate of Geyser High School. She will compete in breakaway roping, barrel racing and goat tying for the Bobcats. Nevala has qualified for the national finals in the breakaway roping and the pole bending.

Miller, a 1987 graduate of Faith High School, was the all-around champion at the South Dakota High School Finals for the past two seasons. He will compete at the national finals in saddle bronc, bareback and cow cutting events. Miller will major in engineering.

McAuliffe joins the Bobcat program after two impressive years at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Ore. She was the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association women's all-around champion as a freshman (earning the title at the CNFR in MSU's Brick Breeden Fieldhouse) and finished second this past season. McAuliffe will compete in barrel racing and breakaway and team roping. An outstanding student, she will study pre-law.

Gee is a transfer from Miles Community College where he was one of the Big Sky Region's top steer wrestlers. He is currently sitting in the top twenty in the world in the event. Along with steer wrestling, Gee will also compete in calf and team roping.

"These are difficult times in the state of Montana and we are committed to finding ways of continuing funding for what we feel is the finest collegiate rodeo program in the country," said MSU Men's Athletic Director Doug Fullerton. "This new class of recruits is the product of this commitment. John has signed not only great athletes but, in the tradition of Montana State University, excellent students."

The Bobcat men's team has won 13 regional titles since 1970 and national championships in 1972 and 1975. This past season, Larick's men's team finished fourth at the College National Finals Rodeo. The MSU women's team has been just as strong, winning 16 regional titles since 1971 and the 1986 national title. The Bobcat women finished eighth at the CNFR this past season.

Goodridge named to Assistant Trainer spot

George Goodridge has been named an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Montana State University, Head Trainer Chuck Karnop announced.

Goodridge, who will work with all sports at MSU, held the position of assistant athletic trainer at Northern Arizona University the past four years. His main emphasis at NAU centered around football and ice hockey.

"We feel fortunate to be able to attract a person with George's background and experience," Karnop said. "He is familiar with the Big Sky Conference and his extensive experience with contact sports. We look forward to having him be a part of the Bobcat athletic department."

A certified trainer with the National Athletic Trainers Association, Goodridge went to NAU in 1981 and served as a graduate assistant trainer for two years while working on his master's degree. He received a master's in physical education in 1983. Goodridge's work at the Flagstaff school also included classroom teaching in the areas of health, athletic training and first aid.

"We have been pleased with George's hard work and commit-

ment to NAU," NAU's Co-Athletic Director Dave Brown said. "George has proven to be an important part of our athletic staff and the commitment to the health and safety of our athletes."

Goodridge, 29, received a bachelor's degree in health education with a minor in athletic training from Bowling Green State University in 1981. At Bowling Green, he was the head student trainer for ice hockey, soccer, track and women's basketball.

Goodridge also has experience on the national level. He served as an athletic trainer at the United States Olympic Sports Festival in both 1986 and 1987 and worked at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in 1985.

Gustafson named

Gary Gustafson, a former All-America selection on the Bobcat football team, has been named field secretary for the Montana State University-Athletic Scholarship Association, better known as the Bobcat Booster Club.

The announcement was made by Pat Kicker, the Executive Director of the MSU-ASA.

"We feel fortunate to have someone with Gary's MSU background and knowledge of the state working for the Bobcats," Kicker said. "This past year has been an eventful one for the Bobcats and the Booster Club and I feel that the addition of Gary to our staff will help us continue our success."

Gustafson's primary duties will be in the areas of fund raising and promotion and he will also be involved with the coordination of the Bobcat Booster Club sat programs around the state of Montana.

"MSU athletics has had a lasting influence on my life," Gustafson said. "I believe in the Bobcats and I'm excited about being part of such a great organization."

Gustafson, a native of Simms, was an all-Big Sky Conference and All-America selection at defensive end in 1970. He was drafted in the ninth round of the National Football League draft by the Cincinnati Bengals in 1971.

Gustafson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from MSU in 1971. He was the manager of the Great Falls Livestock Market Center from 1972-78 and has worked both in the family ranch business and as a real estate salesman in recent years. Gustafson is married to the former Lynda Neilson of Buffalo, N.Y., and they are the parents of a son, Brett, 6.

Program wins award

Montana State University's 1986 football media guide has been selected fourth best in the nation among NCAA I-AA schools.

The contest is conducted annually by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

MSU's guide was written and edited by men's sports information director Bruce Parker.

Parker's '86 book was judged to have the best cover among contest entries. It featured quarterback Kelly Bradley. There are 87 NCAA I-AA schools.

Also, Parker was recently honored by the Football Writers Association of America for "outstanding press box services" at Reno H. Sales stadium.

Parker, 30, is beginning his ninth year as SID at MSU. He's a 1979 graduate of Eastern Montana College with a degree in business management and marketing.

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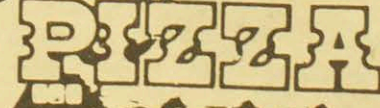
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Stepping back from Protectionism

Gephardt Amendment could start off a wave of retaliation

WASHINGTON - There is no question that the United States needs a more aggressive trade policy, and Congress appears poised to enact one sometime this year.

However, our zeal for action must be tempered with realistic understanding of the perils of protectionism. The goal is not to deprive other countries of access to our domestic market, but rather to obtain greater access to foreign markets for U.S. products and services and to compete fairly without subsidies and dumping.

The Gephardt amendment, narrowly approved by Congress a few weeks ago, was a prime example of what Congress should *not* do. It would have required every foreign nation that enjoys a large trade surplus with us to reduce it by 10 percent a year or face retaliatory action. But economic forces will not yield to such arbitrary limits. Were the Gephardt amendment to become law, it would likely set off a cycle of retaliation that would soon degenerate into a major trade war.

Fortunately, that does not seem likely. Most members of Congress appreciate danger. Several voted for the Gephardt amendment only to send a message to Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone who was visiting in Washington at the time. The Gephardt amendment is not expected to survive, for which we can all be grateful.

Of greater concern are several hotly-debated issues that will determine the effect of the final bill. The main

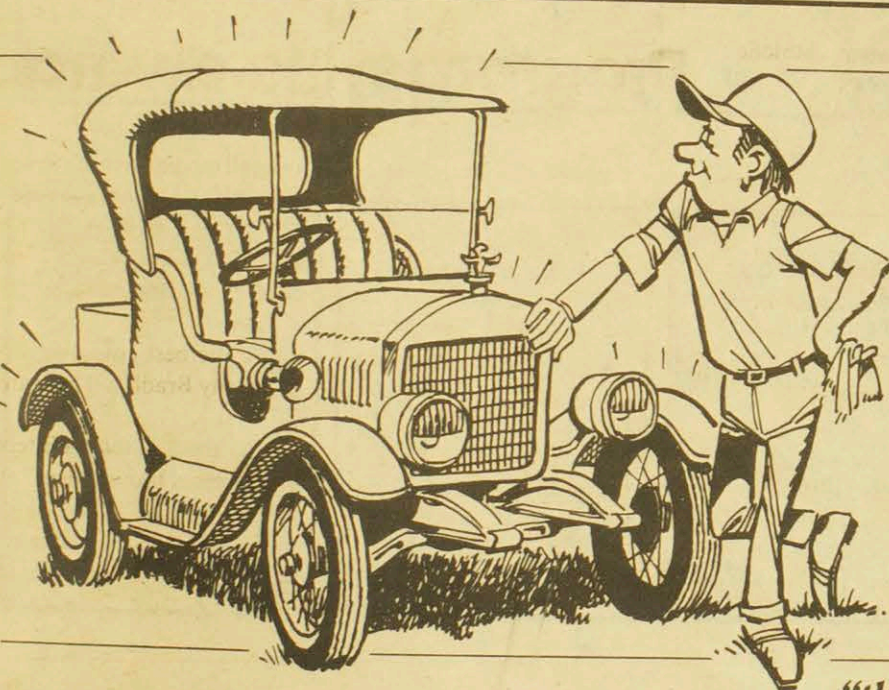
ones are how much Presidential discretion is appropriate for combatting unfair trade practices abroad and how much relief should be granted U.S. industries beset by foreign competition.

The business community is in agreement that unfair practices must be dealt with more aggressively. We must show our trading partners that we will always take action where there is a violation of a trade agreement.

However, there are some in Congress determined to push this too far, requiring the president to retaliate against foreign trade practices that do not warrant action.

That could easily get out of hand. The time has long since passed that the United States can unilaterally determine foreign trade rules and knock down barriers any time it chooses. Any effort to do so will only provide mirror legislation by our trading partners to keep us out of their markets and lead to restrictions upon industries where no disputes exist.

It is imperative that Congress pursue this issue with restraint and wisdom. The trade deficit is already starting to decline, thanks largely to increased productivity of our business and industry, and also to the declining dollar. The worst is behind us. The last thing we want to do at this juncture is go overboard and provoke a confrontation. There are times when judiciousness and restraint are called for. This is one of those times.



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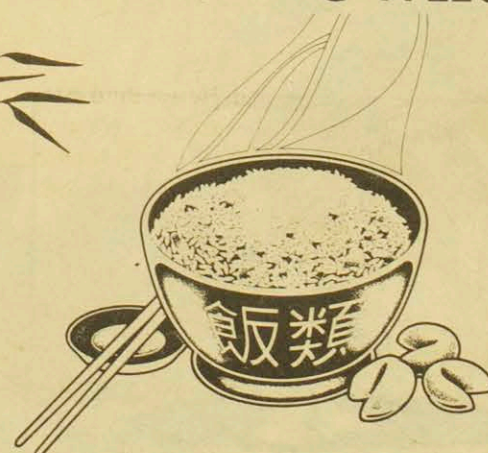
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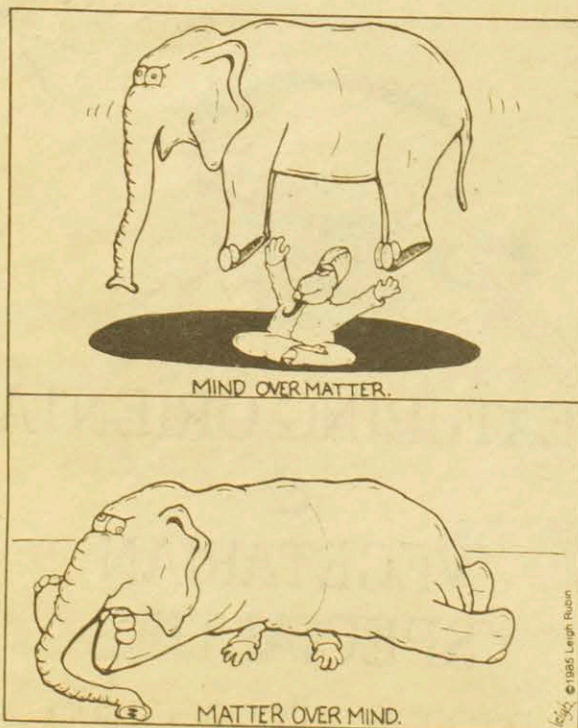
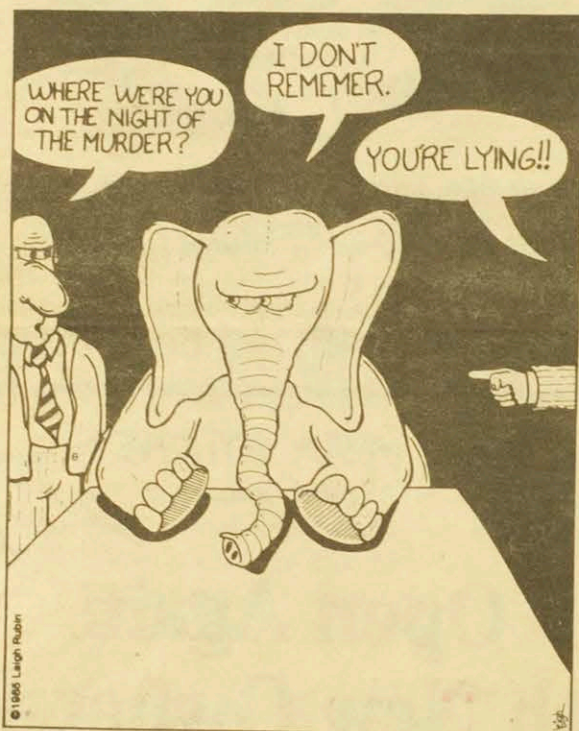
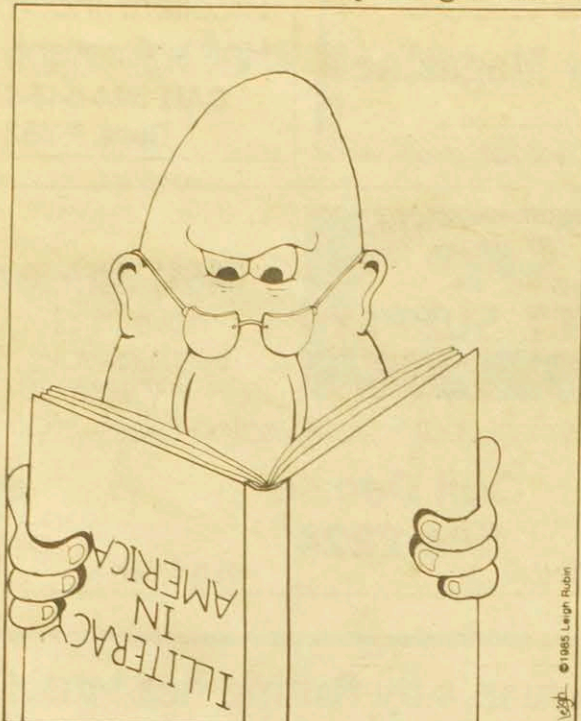
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