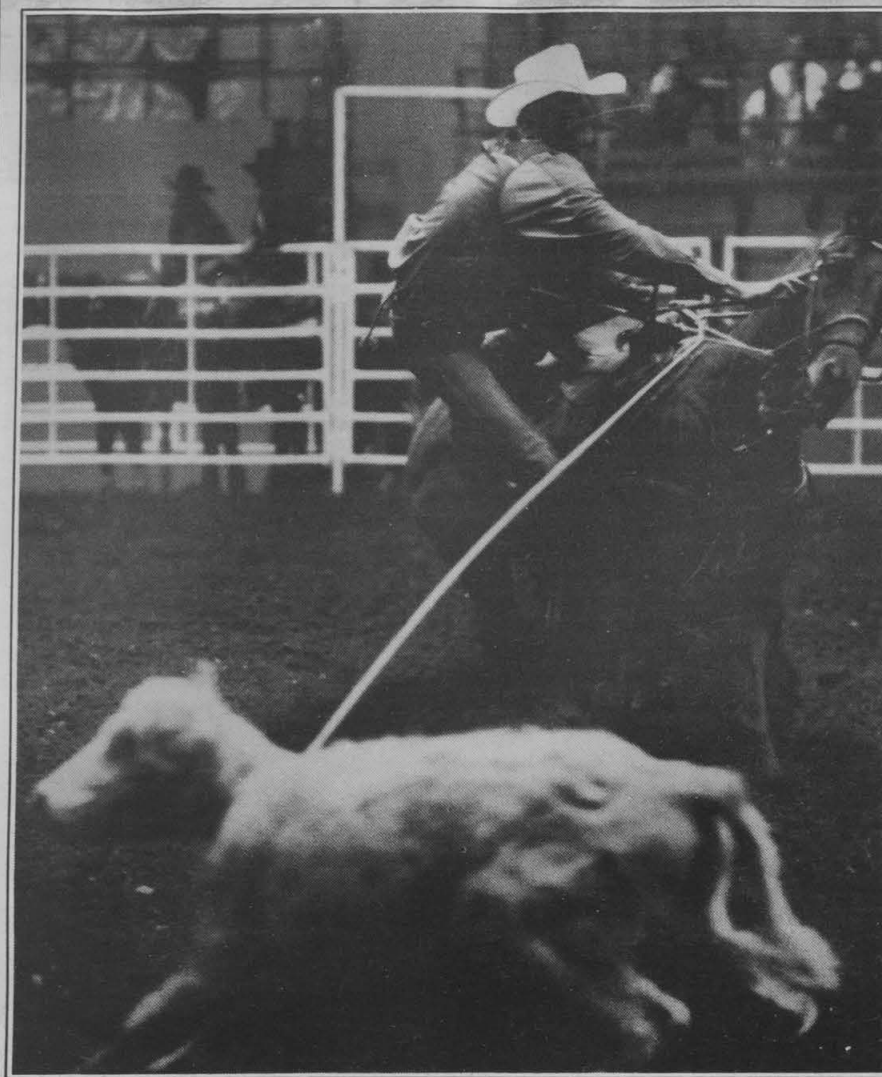


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Ty Spring ropes his calf in Saturday's rodeo.

Montana State cowgirls take rodeo title

Darin Burt
Exponent sports editor

The mark of a true champion is that they can win even when they're not playing their best. Such was the story with the Montana State women's rodeo team at the MSU Spring Rodeo.

The Lady 'Cats roped the team title with 200 points, but head coach John Larrick said they didn't quite ride up to their true potential.

"We didn't have a great rodeo. Our women's team won again - that's seven out of seven," Larrick said. "I don't know what's happened to our goat tyers though. They are a lot better than they've been showing these two rodeos. Kristi Spring is fabulous - she's proven that at the college finals and she's just had heck here."

Junior Brenda Tibbetts won the women's all-around in the second rodeo Saturday night to lead the Lady 'Cats. Tibbetts, who was second in the all-around of the first rodeo, won the Barrel racing in Saturday's final with a ride of 14.73 seconds and placed second in the breakaway roping with an average of 7.7, including a time of 3.2 in the final.

According to Tibbetts, the horse she rode in the barrel racing is still learning the ropes of the event.

"I kind of got a wild one, but she's fast enough that she can make some mistakes. Last night I didn't feel like she was running so we put spurs on her and tonight I think I had a little too much run and I was just a little relaxed," Tibbetts said. "I was

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Say good-bye to inconvenience

Lucy Hansen
Exponent news editor

This November when you register for your spring classes, you won't need to stand out in the freezing cold. In fact you won't even need to put on your coat, because beginning in November, Montana State will be using its new touch tone registration system.

Many colleges and universities across the country use this system of registration and it works well. MSU has wanted to implement this system for the past six years, but money has always been an issue. It has finally been approved and a telephone registration system has been purchased.

But it is still a complex and demanding process. Believe it or not, there are many policies and decisions to be made. In fact, there is a Touch Tone Registration Implementation Committee with a total of 30 members, 10 of which are students. According to Bonnie Ashley of the Registrar's Office, the Office is seeking out much student input. The committee has five sub-committees. These sub-committees include: policy issues, such as drop/adds; publicity; education; marketing, which entails promoting the system and selling the idea to staff and students; and demonstrating the system.

According to Ashley, there are still many decisions to be made, such as whether drop/adds should be taken care of through the system, or whether they should be done manually as they are now. In fact, Ashley said that some decisions won't

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Bozeman retains CNFR for three more years

Community support key in decision

Christine Syme
Exponent staff writer

It's plain and simple: Bozeman is still the best place to hold the College National Finals Rodeo.

That, according to National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Executive Director David Allen, is the reason the CNFR will remain in Bozeman at least another three years.

In a hastily called surprise new conference, Allen praised Bozeman's community support for the event and Montana's knowledge of what rodeo is all about.

"Bozeman has the best understanding of what we were looking for. This was not purely a dollars and cents decision but rather a decision of what's best for the CNFR and most importantly, the college athletes," Allen said.

The announcement, not scheduled to be made until the CNFR in June, came instead on the finals day of Montana State's spring rodeo.

"We wanted to get on with putting on the CNFR," Allen said. "It's a tough time of the year for us, everything comes down in June."

NIRA General Manager Tim Corfield

echoed Allen's sentiments about the early announcement.

"If the challenger is going to become victorious, they have to knock out the champ because the draw goes to the champ," Corfield said. "We didn't see the challenger beating them out so why wait until June?"

"This was ... a decision of what's best for the CNFR."

—NIRA Executive Director David Allen

The other CNFR challengers included Ogden, Utah, Rapid City, S.D., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Casper, Wyo. Allen admitted that other sights offered more in terms of population base and facility seating but Bozeman's experience gained the advantage. The new contract includes two consecutive one-year options.

In a new move, the NIRA will become the sole producer of the CNFR.

"This CNFR in this market at this point in time has grown beyond a volunteerism type of management style. It needs full time attention and full time

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March confronts the silence of violence and abuse

Jan Willms
Exponent staff writer

"We will not be controlled by fear" perhaps said it best for the group of about 40 men, women and children who marched along the streets of Bozeman Monday night.

The phrase was on one of the signs carried by a marcher who participated in the "Take Back the Night" activities.

Erin Corcoran and Annette Gates had been organizing the march for several weeks, as a response to domestic violence, rape and assault. "Take Back the Night" has become a nation-wide activity that is designed for people to symbolically take back the night, and make it safe for everyone.

Corcoran had participated in marches in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Missoula. She said the last march in Bozeman had been in 1983.

This year, she and Annette organized the march as a student organization on campus, and worked with both Montana State University students and community people to make the event happen.

Participants met on the courthouse steps, then walked to the Strand Union on campus, where they gathered in Ballroom B to discuss the issue of violence and what it means in the lives of everyone.

Kathy Coles and Heidi Hahn, representing the Battered Women's Shelter, cited some sobering statistics about violence both nation-wide and in Bozeman.

"Children are often the silent victims of violence," said Hahn. "They are also the ones who witness the violence." She said 70 percent of the cases of battering also involve children; 75 percent of boys who witness domestic abuse will also become batterers.

Coles added that the Battered Women's Shelter provides a refuge from abusive relationships. She said a lot of education and outreach are provided through the shelter, and relatives or friends of a battering victim can call for help.

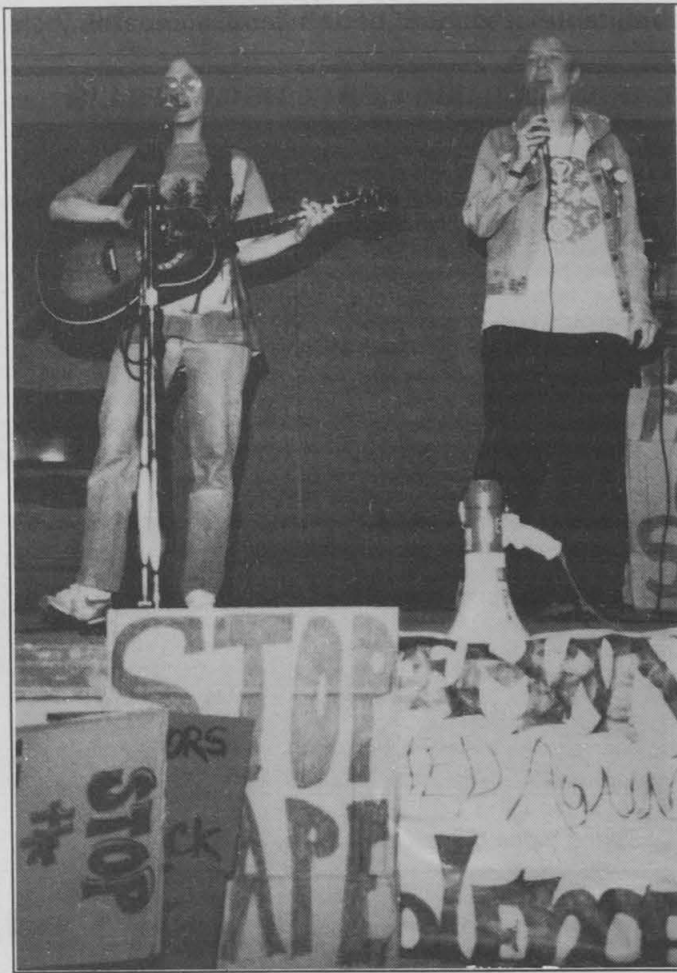
As the microphone was opened to the audience, both men and women spoke of violence they had encountered themselves or were aware of. Some of them spoke of the empowerment they felt in working against such violence.

One young woman noted that she had recently remembered being a victim of incest in her childhood. She said she had felt the strength to tell her father not to touch her when he now wanted to give her a hug.

"Fear can conquer, but if we can have faith in ourselves and each other, we can overcome fear," said one of the men in attendance.

He spoke of men historically protecting women and children. "I believe part of the problem we have now is men failing to take responsibility for their wives and families," he said. "I believe women should empower themselves, . . . but, men must remain as protectors of our women and families."

One woman spoke of her abusive marriage, and her method of



Nathan Howard/EXPONENT

Activists speak and sing out against violence.

dealing with it. She learned aikido and how to embrace the ugliness and hate. "We have to take the responsibility for our own violence and the only way we can do that is by being honest with ourselves," she noted. "I can say no now, I can walk away now, and I can be a loving human being."

Coles told the audience that the best thing one could do for a battered woman was to remain supportive. "Sometimes you are the only link to the outside world for that woman," she claimed.

Another woman expressed frustration at not being able to walk out of a bar at midnight or carry groceries home in the evening without having to think about the possibility of violence. "I just think it sucks that I have to think about the violence," she stated.

One of the participants said she had learned how to joke her way out of a situation as a woman, but commented on the abuse she sometimes receives in public because of her choice of a lesbian lifestyle.

Another male said he felt concern for all minorities, including people who were raided in their homes by drug authorities.

The group also heard a proclamation by the Bozeman City Commission, proclaiming April 1994 the beginning of A Year of Student Bozeman Activities.

As the speakers reflected on some of the violence that had touched their lives, the audience joined together in planning to stay in contact, and work for a violence-free community.

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be made until the last minute- as late as next October.

The system probably won't save the Registrar's office any money, or really any time. The system is being brought into the University for the convenience of the students. And it will be a major convenience, no more standing in long, cold lines or skipping classes. Registration can be done in the comfort of your own home, dorm room, trailer, apartment or whatever.

The system will be quite simple. You will phone the system, identify yourself and enter the

call number of the courses that you would like to enroll in. If a course is full, the system will notify you and inform you of your options. You then can make substitutions, as you normally would. Restricted entry courses will still be handled as they are.

In an effort to get students excited and involved with the new system, the Registrar's Office is sponsoring a contest to name the new registration system.

For further information on the contest and how to enter, refer to the adjoining story.

Name the new registration system and win big prizes

Enter the contest now! You will win big prizes if your entry is selected as the official name for Montana State's touch-tone registration system.

The development of the system is currently underway and will be tested this summer on MSU students. The system will be in full operation by the November 1994 registration for spring classes.

The Registrar's Office needs a name for this system. This name will provide the new registration system with a campus identity and character. Many systems across the country choose names that relate to the school, or are clever acronyms that spell out the purpose of the system. Some examples include: the University of Washington's STAR (Student Telephone Assisted Registration), Seattle University's Touch-A-Class and Ohio State University's BRUTUS (Better Registration Using Touch-tone Phone for University Students).

If you wish to participate in the naming of the system, please fill out

the entry form in this issue of the Exponent, or pick up a form at the Registrar's Office or at the Johnston Registration Center as you register for fall classes. The deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 at the Registrar's Office, 101 Montana Hall. The winners of the contest will be announced in the May 3 issue of the Exponent.

To be eligible to enter the contest you must be a currently enrolled student, or plan to enroll for the Fall Semester. If more than one person enters the winning name, the winner will be selected by the earliest entry date.

Prizes include: register first-classes; get an MSU student parking sticker for 1994-95; win two tickets for the Bobcat-Grizzly football game in Missoula, November, 1994; receive a \$25 gift certificate from the MSU Bookstore and \$50 in a variety of food service coupons and UniBucks.

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Holy Grail promised through virtual reality

Chris Junghans
Exponent staff writer

Calling himself a "soft determinist", Michal Heim told about 200 people at Montana State Thursday night that much of the future is inevitable, if not entirely determined. Heim is a free-lance philosopher from Long Beach, Calif., and the author of *Electric Language* and *The Metaphysics of Virtual Reality*.

"The progress of technology cannot be halted," Heim said. "There will be ripple effects created by lay people who influence the technical people."

Heim encouraged members of the audience, largely composed of MSU students, to get involved with the creation of virtual reality technology. Virtual reality was defined in a video shown during Heim's multi-media presentations high-performance computer technology which produces a three dimensional simulation of reality for its user. Currently used and still developing applications of virtual reality were said to include everything from weather prediction, flight simulation, medical care and research to environment.

"I have optimism about the future," Heim said, adding that people should not merely wait like consumers for the "goods" produced by the development of virtual reality, but "take responsibility for its shaping."

Heim said that virtual reality technology is likely to change our notions about what it is to be literate. He quoted form virtual reality pioneer Myron Krueger who said, "... we must be ready to give the world life, allow it to dance off the page to interact with the people who created it, and eventually to leave the scene altogether." Heim said current forerunners to virtual reality technology, including word processors and CD-ROMS, are already changing the way we write and even think.

"Word processing is not just a tool, it is us," Heim said.

All computer software has a hidden agenda, Heim explained, which is to restructure and improve our thinking and ways of doing things. Heim spoke of the "virtualization of our culture," citing Bozeman as an example of a place which is rapidly changing because of the arrival of people who work by accessing world-wide computer networks. But beyond all commercial applications, Heim said virtual reality technology promises "something grand."

"Virtual reality promises the Holy Grail," Heim said. "It promises to transform and redeem our awareness of reality."

Three people formally responded to Heim's lecture afterwards, including one MSU student who said it was ironic to use the metaphor of the Holy Grail to describe virtual reality technology.

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MSU briefs

Pre-vets meet with Emily Swanson, the WICHE Commissioner at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday**, in the Marsh Lab. **Attendance is required.**

The Montana State Library Staff Association will be sponsoring a **book sale** during National Library Week. The book sale will be held from **8 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 19 and 20**, in the lobby of the Renne Library. Prices are: hardcover books- \$1 and up; paperbacks- \$1; and magazines \$0.10.

The Women's Center is sponsoring a Sack Lunch Seminar entitled, **"HIV, AIDS and You" from 12 to 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday**, in 106 E SUB. Members of the Southern Montana AIDS/HIV Coalition will discuss facts about HIV and how this disease affects women. Sack Lunch Seminars are free and open to the public.

Back from a tour in the Philippines, the **Theatre of Silence** will hold a free performance at **7 p.m., Wednesday**, in Sub Ballroom C. The Theatre uses a blend of mime, songs and sign language.

The **Bozeman Head Injury Support Group** will be holding a meeting at **7:30 p.m., Wednesday**, at the Eagle Mount Recreation Complex located at 6901 Goldstein Lane. The featured speaker will be M.V. Morton, Ph.D, who is the Director of the Montana Supported Employment Development Program at the University of Montana, in Missoula. She will be speaking on the subject, "Part-

ners Program of Richmond". The partners program is a private non-profit organization whose services are provided at no cost. The program pairs persons who have experienced a traumatic brain injury with a friend in the community. Morton is interested in developing and implementing a program in Montana, similar to the one that she developed in Virginia. Everyone is welcome. If you need a ride to the meeting, call 587-4384 or 388-6579.

The Montana Council for International Visitors will sponsor a **forum on Japan-America relations at 7:30 p.m., Thursday**, at the International Center in the Emerson Cultural Center, 111 South Grand. Two panelists, an America professor from Japan and a Japanese exchange teacher living in Bozeman, will address "Trade, War, and the Cultural Clash: How Japan and America Misunderstand Each Other."

The American professor is Kirk Masden, Professor of Comparative Culture, at the Jumamoto Gakuen University in Japan and an exchange professor at Montana State. The Japanese teacher is Shoji Shimada, Kumamoto Exchange Teacher in Bozeman.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call MCIV at 586-8030.

MSU is proud to present the first **"Into the Streets" project April 22 & 23**. All students are invited to sign up with any one of over 25 local community service organizations involved and participate in a service project that the organization has chosen. The various projects are targeted towards improving the Bozeman Community. All students interested in participating can sign up with any one of the community service groups

who will be set up from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., April 19 & 20, throughout the SUB. A free pizza party for all participants will take place after the event on April 22. Experience the rewards of contributing to the Bozeman Community.

For more information call 994-6902.

A public forum on **"Seismic Hazards in Southwest Montana" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on April 27**, at the SUB Ballroom A. This seminar will be presented by MSU's Resource and Environmental Geology class. The forum will include an hour-long slide presentation, followed by a panel discussion by local experts who will be available to answer questions from the public.

The presentation will include an overview of earthquake characteristics, geology of the northern Rocky Mountain region, examples of historical earthquakes and their impacts on society, adequacy of local building codes, effects on public health, community preparedness and recommendations for public safety. This forum is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The Department of Military Science and the Department of Aerospace Science will conduct a joint **ceremony of respect for the national colors at 5:00 p.m., April 28** in front of Romney Gym. As part of the ceremony, the salute cannon will be fired.

For more information, contact the Department of Military Science at 994-4044 or the Department of Aerospace Science at 994-4022.

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Playground shooting defies 'values' rhetoric

John Pettit
Exponent editor

A young boy killed another young boy in Butte last week, on the playground at school. The state mourns the victim, Jeremy Bullock. May he rest in peace after such a violent death.

The boy who shot him, according to reports, lived a life of turmoil because his mother is dying of AIDS and other kids would taunt him. His mother may be charged with the murder of her husband. The boy fought with other children at school. And he shot young Jeremy Bullock.

How can a person address such a horrible situation in any kind of dispassionate way? How can such a thing happen in a country like ours in a town like Butte — so much like Anywhere, USA?

Gov. Racicot was only half right when he spoke of the shooting, putting the responsibility on TV and movies and lack of "family values." He was right when he said violence should be the last resort in resolving social problems, but he muddies the meaning of such a horror when he jumps on the "family values" bandwagon.

This playground killing defies any kind of simplistic, return-to-the-'50s sort of rhetoric. None of that will undo what has been done, nor will it prevent such a thing from happening again.

"Values" are not possessions, or things to acquire and drag out when the need arises.

"We have a desperate shortage of values in our society today," the governor said, as if "values" are some kind of fixed quantity that we just need to get more of, and all will be well.

No. We've got plenty of "values," but of the kind that show the problem to be qualitative rather than quantitative. The very notion of "value" does nothing to illuminate the events that lead up to the death of Jeremy Bullock.

"Values" aren't possessions, or things to acquire and drag out when the need arises. One doesn't say, "Oh, I can't do that, I have family values," or "Oh, yes, I can kill today because I've run short of my family values." That's absurd, but no less absurd than what our politicians are saying.

Children learn how to behave and what is right or wrong by observing their moral environment and the people around them, which lends some credence to Gov. Racicot bringing up society's glorification of violence, particularly in the medium of television. But that is not the whole story, nor does it advance any prospect for proactive response to violence.

This "family values" talk is a way for politicians to dodge issues like domestic violence, AIDS and gun control — all of which are relevant issues to the shooting in Butte.

Whose values are we talking about anyway? Whose family? I think it does a grave disservice to the people who are living through this horror to be scolded for not having "family values." People are living through a great deal of pain and uncertainty at this time in America and no amount of browbeating is going to help families, such as they are, deal with the stresses of modern life.

People can barely survive today in our country's climate of "me first" and "I've got mine." There just isn't enough of the American Pie to go around anymore and it begins to show at the first pressure point — the family. To say that kids killing kids on the playground is the result of a "shortage of family values" is to say that the tail wags the dog. Families are the site of initial instruction in value judgments, but they are truly only a reflection of the larger society, which gives only mixed messages at best.

We live in a country that tells its people that they are less important than trade with Japan. On the subject of violence, our country took out hundreds if not thousands of civilians in Iraq, but that is institutionalized, so it's OK. But that kind of hypocrisy speaks volumes in terms of the values that it promotes. If politicians are so concerned about violence, let them clean up their own house first.

I hope that Montana will never forget Jeremy Bullock. I hope the state will extend compassion to the boy who shot him. But let's not make them both martyrs to "family values."



Green space or parking space Students debate many issues of priority

Lucy Hansen
Exponent news editor

Now that the city parking controversy has been discussed, decided and argued to death, there is a new twist. With the limited access of street parking, residents of Hannon Hall and Hapner Hall are concerned for not only their parking spots, but for their safety.

As a resident of Hannon Hall, I know first hand of the concern for safety and the fact that little if anything is being done to provide that reassurance; other than a couple of debates which shifted much of the focus to protection of green space.

Two weeks ago, I received a letter in my mailbox informing me of the parking dilemma. The hall then offered me two choices — consider not driving to school next fall, or sign up to live in a different residence hall with better parking, such as North or South Hedges. To me, these do not seem like real choices, but rather forced decisions that I do not want to make. I value living in Hannon for the same reasons that most of the residents in my hall do: I value safety.

But the disregard for safety is not limited to the campus parking problem. Safety is an issue that is ignored all over campus. With all of the construction going on, I wish that I saw some more light posts going up, or some telephones being installed in those isolated parking lots that hold so many terrible possibilities for attacks.

And, although I love to sit on the nice grass on campus, I wish people would quit being so protective of all that valuable "green space." Of course there is a need for greenery, but I feel that there is a more urgent need to protect students' safety and lives, than to protect a few blades of grass.

No one is to blame for the dissolving of the

campus escort system, but I think that it is a real shame that we had to lose that. Maybe not many students called the service, but those who did felt that they needed it and they used it. And many other students, like myself, felt safe just knowing that if they were ever forced to walk somewhere alone in the night, that they could call the service. Now, with the ever-decreasing amount of parking spots, there is an ever-increasing need for safety. If nothing is done about the parking situation by fall, I hope that some kind of escort service is reinstated.

Our campus is not isolated from the violent possibilities that other campuses have experienced. Take for instance, the University of Nebraska and its morbid tale of murder. Earlier this year, the University instituted a similar parking policy prohibiting residential parking, and then ignoring the continued need for accessible parking. A girl was forced to walk ten blocks to her car late one night, and was attacked and brutally murdered as she walked alone in an isolated section of campus. There are many areas on our own campus that hold such possibilities.

The debate will continue through the end of the school year and many students will not know what to expect when they pull up in their cars next fall. But for now, a lot of student input is needed. If you are a resident in either Hapner or Hannon, voice your concern. If you are an off-campus student who works or studies late on campus, stand up for your safety.

The Exponent will be conducting a survey on the parking controversy; watch for it in the Friday edition, fill it out, and turn it back in. The results of the survey will be tallied and released in mid-May.

I hope that if students feel scared for their safety with the diminishing parking spots, that they will speak up. If everyone will fear remains silent, nothing will be done to prevent the evident possibility of a violent tragedy. Speak out and break the silence.

LETTERS

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Cosmetic changes don't help school

Editor:

This last week I looked on in disbelief as heavy equipment moved onto campus and moved trees around at random. The first thought that wandered through my mind was "Why?" I suspect this thought occurred to a number of other people, too. Unfortunately, this is not the first time we've seen heavy equipment roaming the campus in search of needed cosmetic improvements.

I keep seeing two distinct phenomena taking place: (1) Facilities on campus are being shrunk back as a result of budget cutbacks, including whole fields of study being wiped out, scientific journals being cut and fewer classes are being offered in most departments every year. Then, we have: (2) A cupola on top of Montana Hall and a row of trees separating the parking lot from the soccer field.

Furthermore, I would like to introduce most of you to another interesting feature of our campus that you may not be aware of. When you have some free time, take a walk up the stairs of Montana Hall. Can you guess which floor the administration lives on? I'm not going to tell you; go look and guess.

Now, I don't really know if it was some alumnus who decided we needed the shift the trees around. (I'm actually told it has something to do with renovation of the steam tunnels.) The point is, we're sacrificing the quality, breadth and quantity of our programs while we make ridiculous cosmetic improvements.

Does anyone ever ask these alumni if they realize the idiocy of a new cupola? Did you even know we needed a new cupola? If someone would ask a few pointed questions of the donors when projects like this were in the planning stage, maybe, just maybe, we wouldn't bother with them and put the money somewhere that it could actually do some good.

That cupola, the nice row of trees or the pornography in Montana Hall will not do any good for an entering freshman who wants a

degree in interior design or speech communication, or someone in search of that elusive journal article. We need to remember what this place is really here for.

Brian Handy
Graduate student
Physics

Militant feminists should just watch Rush

Editor:

Ken Hedges needs to learn how to read. The values that were present in America for over 200 years do make sense. If the founding fathers of this country believed as Mr. Hedges does, the United States would not be the world power that it is today and we would have a much greater crisis on our hands than the Great Depression.

These values Mr. Hedges say will work exist today as socialistic and communistic societies. It has been proven these values won't work now and they never will.

The Great Depression was not necessarily caused by failure of laissez-faire economics. It occurred about 15 years after the U.S. government had started taxing its citizens. The welfare programs that Pres. Roosevelt introduced worked at the time, but are now abused by people who call themselves a minority so people will feel sorry for them.

Also, I will set the record straight. Rush Limbaugh's audience does not consist of people who are scared, desperate or misinformed.

In his audience are strong women who are tired of militant feminists (Lucy Hansen) claiming to speak for them, animal lovers who are sick of the animal rights activists who continuously bully the medical research profession and the beef industry, conservationists who are embarrassed by the loony antics of the environmental wackos, law-abiding citizens who are tired of seeing crime go unpunished and being justified and productive members of society tired of being burdened by a government who takes more and more taxes and spend them wastefully.

Lastly, Mr. Hedges states that

Randy Hartman should take some liberal arts courses to better his knowledge of the world. I suggest Mr. Hedges turn on Rush Limbaugh and become truly informed about what is really going out there.

Greg Lukasik
Freshman
Civil Engineering

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CNFR

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management. We feel the NIRA can give it that attention," Allen said.

In the past, the production was the responsibility of three parties: MSU, NIRA, and the Gallatin Empire Lions Club. As sole producers, the NIRA will contract for facilities and manpower with MSU and also obtain additional manpower contracts with the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce and Gallatin Empire Lions Club.

Allen announced the NIRA has future plans to expand the CNFR including a bucking horse sale and country music concert.

"We're looking at other special events to add to the CNFR. We'd like to create a social event environment beyond six days of rodeo. This has become more than a Bozeman event, it's a state event," Allen said.

Corfield expressed some concern with the change in status of the MSU rodeo program. Last year, MSU rodeo was dropped from the athletic department and ordered

to become self-supporting.

"That frankly was an issue for us," Corfield said.

Corfield added that MSU officials have assured the NIRA that the MSU program isn't in any immediate danger.

"The NIRA is always concerned anytime any school's program goes through that kind of change or reduction. I did have a meeting with (MSU President) Mike Malone last summer at which time I delivered the message very clearly that not only would the NIRA be disappointed if MSU lost their rodeo program but asked him would it be reasonable to bring the CNFR to a community that didn't support its own rodeo," Corfield said.

MSU rodeo coach John Larick expressed relief and excitement at the announcement.

"I'm just really thrilled," Larick said. "It affects my crowds here. It's good for Bozeman and it's good for MSU."

The CNFR, however, doesn't

give a specific boost to Larick's self-supported college program.

"I'm not complaining but people don't understand that I don't get any dollars out of the CNFR," Larick said.

Tuition raises have played havoc with Larick's program.

"It's been kicking me in the rear every year," Larick said. "It hurts the kids more than anything because I need to cut scholarships now. If I don't give a decent scholarship, they'll go somewhere else where they can get one."

Larick's rodeo teams have produced a record number of national championships and the program is regarded as the most productive sports program in MSU history.

Financing college rodeo is a concern of the NIRA also, according to Allen. The NIRA has launched plans to form a foundation with a percentage of future CNFR proceeds to benefit college rodeo and its athletes. The foundation is in the planning stages.

Virtual reality

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"How can we talk about making the world better using virtual reality," Gina Hochhalter asked, "when we can't even take care of this one?"

Robert Romanshyn, a psychologist who has written about the social implications of electronic technologies, was also one of the respondents. He compared virtual reality to the Platonic forms, the dream state and poetic consciousness. Though generally optimistic about its possible uses, Romanshyn warned that "if we become addicted to the dream-like experiences offered to us in virtual reality, we may forget to care who controls the programming." He said that blurring the distinction between reason and dreaming constitutes a mental illness known to psychologists as a borderline personality, which he characterized as "the experience of watching television while someone else changes the channels."

Concluding the formal comments on Heim's lecture, MSU student Michael Weaver said, "I'm concerned about anything that would place importance on a new way to play football," referring to Heim's description of a current project to place a camera in a quarterback's helmet to allow virtual reality users to get in the game.

The Heim lecture was the third event in a series sponsored by the Teaching Learning Committee at MSU entitled, "Literacy: Decline or Evolution at the University."

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EARTH DAY Celebrate our connections

awna Fenske
Exponent features editor

Stop! Don't throw this out!
Don't you know it's almost Earth Day? It's time to start recycling your paper!

The celebration for Earth Day 1994 is getting underway, and hundreds of students are rarin' to go.

Erin Corcoran, a Montana State student on the Earth Day Committee, is in charge of the publicity for the event. According to Corcoran, this year's Earth Day celebration is a bigger deal than some might think.

"I just came to MSU last spring, and there was nothing really going on for Earth Day here," Corcoran said. "This has been like the biggest thing as far as Earth Day since 1990."

The Earth Day Committee, in conjunction with the MSU environmental group EcoVoice, is responsible for putting together this year's events. Melissa Scott, a senior at MSU, is the brainchild behind the decision to make Earth Day a big deal out of this year's Earth Day.

"I got involved, with the group EcoVoice when I got back here to campus last semester," Scott explained. "The reason I looked them up is because if there wasn't already an environmental group on campus, I was going to start one."

After working with the group on such issues as recycling, Scott decided that something needed to be done about Earth Day.

"The other people that I was working with said 'if you have the time, do it,' so I started putting posters up to generate a response," Scott said.

Now, weeks later, the week of Earth Day is jam packed with activities and events for everyone.

Starting today, there will be a variety of activities around campus designed to increase environmental awareness. (see schedule)

Thursday evening, the festivities will continue at 7 p.m. in SUB Ballroom A. Local favorite Greg Keeler will open the evening's show with music. Next, will be a special



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Damien Pitman, a member of the Earth Day committee, puts the finishing touches on a recycling box Sunday afternoon.

slide presentation by local photojournalist Gordon Wiltsie. Drawing from his extensive experiences, Wiltsie will also explore some of the environmental and geopolitical issues that face all of the polar world.

"The pictures that I've seen from that slide show look like it's going to be just incredible," Scott said.

On Friday, Earth Day will blossom into a full-fledged epic.

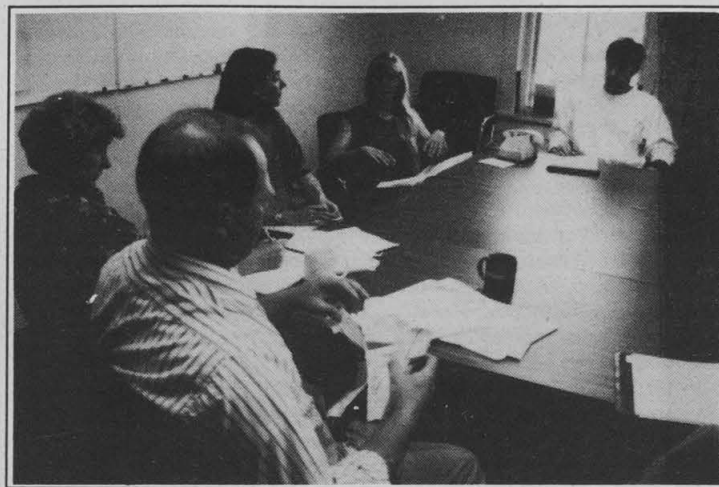
From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lawns behind the library, there will be an environmental education extravaganza with 190 local 4th and 5th graders as pupils. These stu-

dents will be exposed to a wide variety of environmental information, including a bird rehabilitation group, the solar car, booths on sensory perception, and a number of games of an environmental nature. The kids will also be challenged to have a "trash free lunch."

From 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. on the lawns behind the library, there will be dozens of different activities in which everyone can participate.

There will be informational booths by organizations such as

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Melissa Scott, Julie Stoughton, Peggy Nelson and Mark Richland discussing recycleable paper products.

EcoVoice

The faces behind the movement

Jan Willms
Exponent staff writer

In the spring of 1993, some graduate students in the earth sciences were looking for a way to respond to the lack of environmental information on the Montana State campus. They decided to form a group called EcoVoice3 to provide students with information on local environmental grass roots organizations.

Julie Stoughton and Gary Milner started putting together information tables in the Strand Union each week, passing out environmental literature. Scott Ladd was also involved with the activities.

EcoVoice presented speakers with environmental viewpoints. This fall, they enlisted the help of other students and community members, and have undertaken letter-writing campaigns to newspapers concerning environmental issues.

"We co-sponsored a Grazing Reform Seminar and were involved with trying to stop the smoking wall from being built in the Strand Union," Stoughton said.

This spring, Senior Melissa Scott, a student in outdoor recreation, started working on a recycling project. She, Ladd and Stoughton have been expending their energies in this area.

The group has activities planned for Earth Week, April 18-22, and Scott said she has had good response from people wanting to be involved.

Stoughton said the campus has a recycling project, but not much in the way of funds to carry it out. EcoVoice has come up with a proposal related to the recycling issue.

"Many are already in the habit of recycling, but don't always follow through by purchasing recycled products," she said. EcoVoice approached the MSU Bookstore and looked at what was available from an environmental perspective.

"Products with high post-consumer waste are the most important for making recycling economically viable," Stoughton said.

Post-consumer products have already been in the consumers' hands, as opposed to waste material put back into the recycling process.

"Our plan is to encourage the Bookstore to adopt a policy of recycling a wide range of paper products that are high in post-consumer waste," Stoughton noted.

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Schedule of events for Earth Week

Tuesday

Letter writing campaign. SUB 247. 12 p.m.—1 p.m.

Wednesday

Information table. SUB Northwest Lounge. 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Thursday

Earth Day art exhibition featuring local gradeschool artists. SUB Ballroom A. Begins at noon. Evening program. Music by Greg Keeler. Slide presentation by Gordon Wiltsie. SUB

Ballroom A. 7 p.m.

Friday

Main Event. Located on the lawns behind Renne Library (in case of rain, Romney Gymn, third floor). 11 a.m.—9 p.m.

Information tables. All day. Children's stuff. 11 a.m.—3 p.m. Scavenger hunt. 3:15—4:30 p.m. Evening ceremony. Native American Club Drum Roots and Wings Dance Company; Universal Peace Dancers;

Sacred Flute Willy Self (bring an instrument and join the celebration). 5 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Local acoustic music. Deb Mesko, Jim Averitt, Joe Mann. 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m.

Laundry and Bourbon and Lone Star go underground

Tawna Fenske
Exponent features editor

"Underground" is more than just a place where gophers live.

It's the place where you should be at one point or another during the next three weeks.

At 8 p.m. on April 21, Montana State's Underground Theatre will be opening the doors to their latest production. *Laundry and Bourbon and Lone Star* are a matched pair of one-act comedies by James McClure.

The shows chronicle a day in the life of six of the most eccentric inhabitants of the town of Maynard, Texas.

Laundry and Bourbon, the first of the two plays, stars Krista Lamphear, Corinne Fixmer, and J. J. Jacobs as three wives who are forced to deal with their memories and relationships when one of their husbands returns from war.

Lisa Mauch, the play's director, said that the play manages to keep its sense of humor, despite the rather dark topic.

"It's kind of a touching comedy about their lives after Roy [played by Mark Kuntz] comes home from Vietnam," Mauch said.

Lone Star, the second feature in the set, shows the men's perspective of the situation. Dan Yahraes, Mark Kuntz, and Steven Lopez perform a scene which takes place in a local bar. The three men chug Lone Star beer and discuss the changes that have taken place in their lives.

Mauch believes that the play's humor and the theme of change give it a special appeal for the college crowd.

"It's a lot of the same ideas that people in college can identify with," Mauch said.

According to Mauch, this show is quite different from MSU's last production.

"After doing *Mother Courage* this semester, it's nice to do a comedy," Mauch said.

Bill Talbott Jr., the show's publicity director and lighting technician, agreed with Mauch on the subject of the play's humor.



Promotional photo
A drunk Roy (Mark Kuntz) dances with an apprehensive Cletis (Steven Lorez).

"It's a comedy — slightly dark at times — but it is still a comedy," Talbott Jr. said.

The play is being put on by The Underground Theatre, an offshoot of MSU's regular theatre department.

"It's an MSU theatre, but it's student run and produced," Talbott Jr. said. "The faculty supervises, but students do everything else."



Promotional photo
Hattie (Corinne Fixmer) and Elizabeth (Krista Lamphear) watch a gameshow.

The Underground Theatre has been active since 1989, when two students, Jack Crowell and Lisa Scharra, organized the group.

Talbott Jr. has been involved with the Theatre from the beginning.

"It started because we needed

an organized framework in which to do student productions," Talbott Jr. said. "We decided that a regular season with specific time slots would be easier for everyone to handle. It was primarily just to orga-

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From 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., there will be a "Scavenger Hunt," which will be open to anyone of high school age or older. Participants will be given a list of about 25 items that they must find throughout the Bozeman neighborhoods. The lists will consist of such things as pop bottles and paper, which they must bring to the school to be recycled. The top groups will receive prizes, ranging from T-shirts to free dinners. Participants must be in groups of three, and can sign up at the event itself.

That evening, from 5-8 p.m., there will be a musical and dance jamboree, featuring Native American dancers and a variety of local musicians. For part of this event, everyone will be invited to join in.

"We're encouraging everyone to bring instruments," Scott said.

According to Corcoran, the minds behind Earth Day have several goals in mind.

"I think that one of the things that we're trying to do is to provide some long-term goals for the university and community — to give them some things that they can work on for more than just a day," Corcoran said. "It's important to recognize that every day is Earth Day."

BFF and women's view

Now that the ascendancy of Chinese feature film directors from the mainland, from Hong Kong, and San Francisco is recognized both critically and at the box office, one might ask, are there any women among them? Among the Fifth Generation of directors from the People's Republic, there are three women, including Peng Xiao Lian, who now lives in New York.

Like her colleagues, Peng Xiao Lian was molded by her by her experiences during the Cultural Revolution. The child of intellectuals, she was exiled to rural China for nine years and endured regular 14 hour work days. From this evolved her desire to portray the lives of peasant women in contemporary rural China, which she does in this gently observed, wistfully affecting drama. The film, widely shown on the festival circuit, received a standing ovation at the Women's Film Festival in Paris.

In China, the film censors called her female characters "morally deficient," and the film itself "too melodramatic." According to Peng Xiao Lian, "I only

wanted to document... the role of women in society and the effect that long-standing customs, such as placing higher value on male children versus females, have on them." "A Women's Story" shows how such feudal influences as forced marriage and compulsory abortion still pervade the lives of women in rural China.

In the film, three women break away from oppressive bonds in their village: an arranged marriage, a ridiculed family of all girls, and economic hardship. With colored yarn to sell, they journey along the Great Wall to Beijing, where they experience a mixture of urban hardship and amazement at the sophistication of the capital. Traveling on to a provincial city, they learn to survive in the marketplace. Once home, they find that while their village remains the same, they have changed.

"A Women's Story" is 90 minutes long in 35mm. It will be shown at 7 p.m., April 20 in Linfield Hall. Admission is free to Bozeman Film Festival pass holders and \$3 general admission.

Java: beyond coffee

The Indonesian island of Java, situated 1000 miles north east of Australia, has been a site of human activity for hundreds of thousands of years. On this island in 1890, a Dutch physician unearthed a skullcap, femur and lower jaw fragment of a creature believed to be a very early ancestor of modern humans.

The fossilized remains were dated at 800,000 years ago, and the creature who animated them was christened "Java Man."

To Java man and his descendants add a few million Asian, Indian, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese and English immigrants, and you have a late 20th century Javanese population of 100 million. This is incredibly dense for an island only 660 miles long and 100 miles in width.

In 1596, the first Dutch ships arrived on the shores of Java. The Dutch East India Company was

soon thereafter established in the town of Jakarta. The enterprising sons of Holland planted coffee trees on the island, and in 1712, 894 pounds of Java coffee was sold in Amsterdam. It's superior color, flavor and aroma made Java coffee the standard of quality throughout Europe and the U.S.

Today, 300 years after the first island coffee harvest, the word Java is still a popular synonym for that dark beverage that energizes us all.

Another famous word to come out of this remarkable island is Bantam, the name of a town in western Java. According to legend, a small fighting fowl was bred in and imported from this town—the diminutive and plucky Bantam. Charles Dickens, in 1837, was the first to use this word to refer to a small, cocky person. A bantam weight fighter is a pugilist weighing in under 118 lbs.



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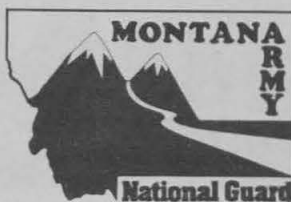
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The Underground Theatre is located behind the MSU Health Service, literally "under" the main stage of the regular theatre.

The format of the theatre itself is somewhat different than that of a regular theatre. The shows are performed in what is called a "black box" room, which is a small room with no permanent seating. This allows the crew to decide exactly where they would like the audience, and how they would like the stage to be set up.

"You're very close to the actors," Mauch said.

Laundry and Bourbon and *Lone Star* will run April 21-23, 27-30, and May 4-7. Tickets for the plays can be purchased at the door for \$4 apiece.

Because of the limited seating, Mauch said that reservations are often a good idea. Reservations can be made by calling 994-5882.

According to Talbott Jr., there are a number of reasons why MSU students and staff should consider attending a performance of *Laun-*

dry and Bourbon and *Lone Star*.

In addition to the play's humor, there will also be a great deal of good country music throughout.

"It's good entertainment," Talbott Jr. said. "It's cheaper than going to the movies."

Mauch believes that the performance can offer some welcome relief to anyone who has come down with a case of the "school blues."

"I think that we're all at a point in the year where we could use a good laugh," Mauch said. "It's very funny."

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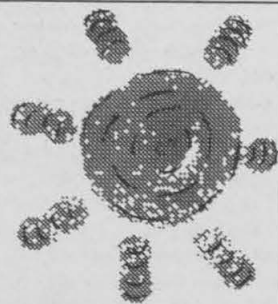
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"We would also support them in providing education for the students about recycled products they offer, so the students can choose to buy these products."

Stoughton said it is sometimes frustrating, because there are not that many people who show up to participate in the letter-writing projects.

"However, even if a couple of people learn something new about environmental issues, it's worth it," she said.



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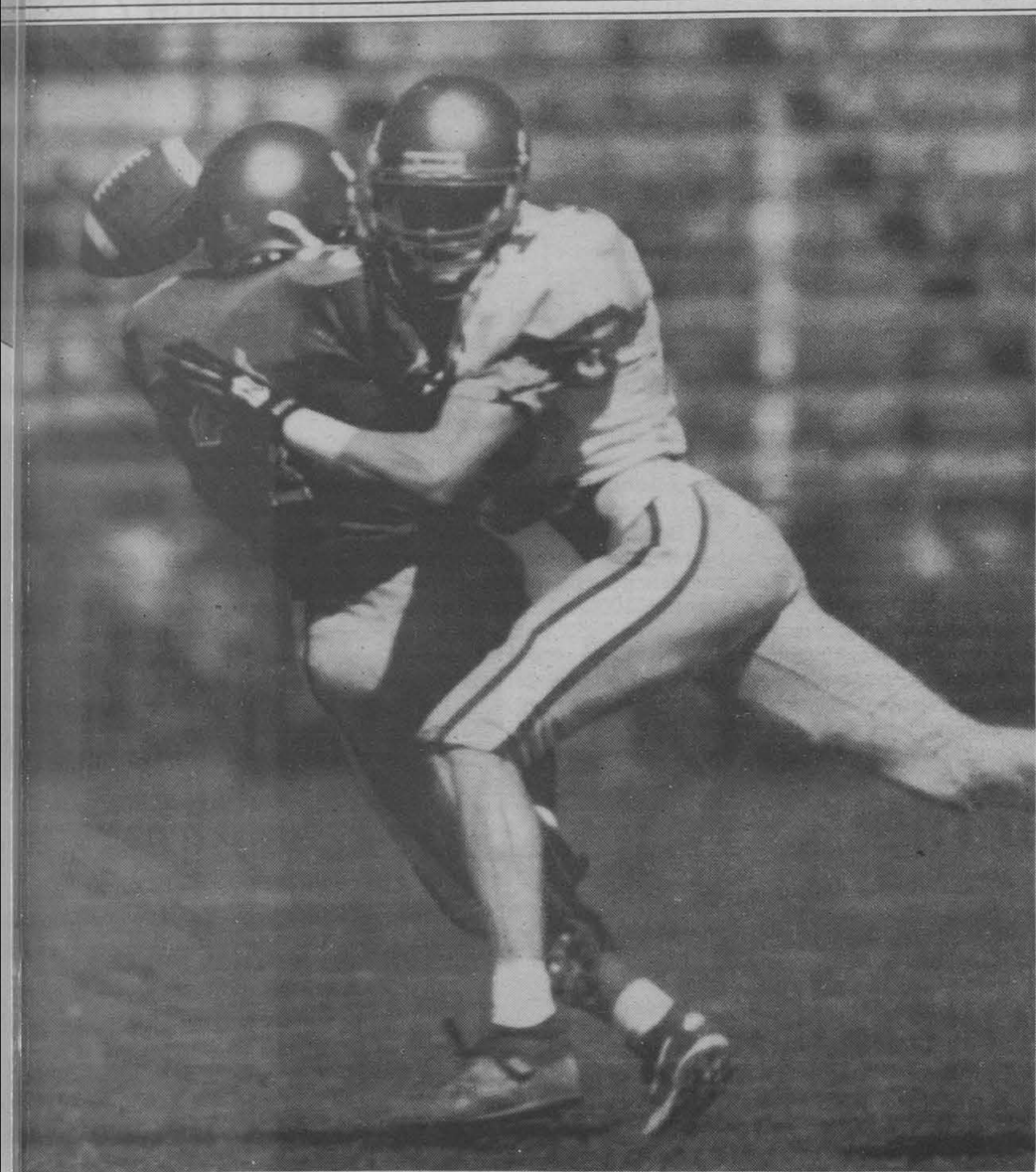
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Junior Mark Grimmer (14) breaks up a pass play during the Bobcat scrimmage Saturday.

O-Day

Defense dominates second scrimmage

Darin Burt
Exponent sports editor

With the sun shining and the temperatures heading toward the tropical 60s Saturday morning, the Bobcats couldn't have ordered a better day for their second spring scrimmage.

By the end of the two hour workout, however, Montana State head coach Cliff Hysell was already looking ahead to where his notable team would be in the fall.

"Spring football is always a case of being frustrated with either the offense or the defense, because you're going against yourself," Hysell said. "There's no question that the defensive line is ahead of the offensive line, which points out what needs to happen in the next four months."

The defense dominated the scrimmage's first 24 scripted, situation-oriented plays, holding the offense to just 27 yards.

"Defensively, we won those situations early on when it was first and ten, third and eight and third and two. They've got to be able to play those situations," Hysell said. "But all of a sudden when we got into the team situations, there was no question that the offense won."

Junior quarterback Brock Spencer led the Bobcats on 65 and 30 yard scoring drives in MSU's first three possessions.

Senior tailback Clint Morton was the top rusher with 60 yards and touchdown on 14 carries, while junior Eric Hopkins was leading receiver with three catches for 34 yards and touchdown.

T.T. Ryan carried the ball five times for 21 yards, Mark Fisher and Matt Engleking each carried three

times for seven yards, and Travis Cormaney carried three times for three yards.

Backup quarterbacks Ryan Grovom and Todd Buchanan also got their turns at the MSU helm. Grovom was 4-of-9 passing for 33 yards, while Buchanan completed 2-of-4 for 14 yards.

Freshman receiver Kenyatte Morgan caught two passes for 34 yards, while junior tight end Pat Gulick caught two of 10 yards. Junior tight end Chad Mayer suffered a dislocated shoulder in the scrimmage and will likely miss the rest of the spring season.

According to Hysell, part of the offense's success was due to improvements in the offensive line.

"A week ago there were times when guys would just blow by the offensive line," Hysell said. "At

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Buckingham scores big at Oregon Invite

Darin Burt
Exponent sports editor

To say the athletes of Montana State turned in some great performances at the Oregon Invitational this weekend would be an understatement.

Naomi Buckingham set the pace for the Bobcat contingent, scoring a career-best 5,048 points to place second in the heptathlon on Friday. The senior from Billings set personal bests in each of the seven events at the University of Oregon's Hayward Field, including career-bests in the shot put, javelin and 800 meters.

Buckingham's marks were: 100 meter hurdle, 14.89 seconds; high jump five-feet, five inches; 200 meters, 25.90; long jump, 18-2 3/4; shot put, 34-3/4; javelin, 117-7; 800 meters, 2:24.24.

Buckingham's second place time in the 800 meters was just six tenths of a second behind defending NCAA champion Kelly Blair's winning mark. "If Bucky would have started her finish drive about 10 meters sooner she would have run right by Kelly and won the event," said MSU women's head coach Dale Kennedy.

Buckingham was modestly pleased about her overall performance in her first heptathlon of the season.

"It was good, I'm really happy

with it," Buckingham said. "I feel like I'm in better shape than I have been in a long time and I think it made a difference in my speed and endurance. I'd also have to say that the level of competition went up for me."

Kennedy, on the other hand, was ecstatic about her effort.

"I left here thinking she could score maybe 4,800 points. It was just a stellar performance on her part," Kennedy said. "The school record is 5,149 points and I really think that is a reachable goal for Naomi now. Everything has to improve though. There are points there to be had. I don't think she's reached the top end yet."

Tonya Tesar of the University of Idaho, who Kennedy said is probably the top returning multi-eventer in the Big Sky Conference, finished third in the heptathlon.

The Bobcat men won five events in Saturday's portion of the meet.

Sophomore Dennis Black captured the shot put and set an Oregon Invitational and MSU school record with a toss of 60-11. John Wurtz cleared 16-8 3/4 to win the pole vault and set an MSU freshman record. Junior Shawn Fouhy won the 800 meters 1:51.74, Blaine Stulc won 1,500 with a time of 3:53.86, while Craig Palm earned first place in the hammer with a lifetime best throw of 175-6.

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Montana State netters sweep Idaho teams

Darin Burt
Exponent sports editor

Seven straight wins is no small potatoes for the Montana State men's tennis team.

The Bobcat built on their 12-10 overall record by sweeping Idaho State, 5-2, and the University of Idaho, 5-2, in Big Sky Conference action Saturday and Sunday on the MSU courts.

Steve Camac lead the way for the Bobcats, posting a pair of victories at No. 1 singles. Other double match winners for MSU included Filip Palsz at No. 2 singles and Francis Lussier at No. 4 singles.

"When you get good play from No. 1 and No. 2 singles it really helps your program, because you're usually beating the other team's best players," MSU head coach Jerry Peach said.

In doubles play, Lussier and freshman Andy Cripe were the only Bobcat duo to sweep in both matches,

defeating ISU's Dan Parum and Callum Davies, 8-6, and UI's Mark Hadley and Keith Bradbury, 8-4.

Lussier was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week on Monday and Peach said it was just another sign that his Bobcats are coming on strong as they look forward to the Big Sky Tournament in two weeks.

"The men up and played like a tough Division I team. We have seen a resurgence in our men's play the last few weeks and it definitely showed," Peach said. "We got good play from everybody."

The Lady Cats earned their fourth consecutive victory, and built their overall record to 12-4, by blanking the Lady Bengals 9-0 on Saturday and downing Idaho 7-2 on Sunday.

The MSU women were led by Jill Vanderkooi at No. 3 singles, who defeated ISU's Michelle Guerrero, 6-0, 6-0, then teamed with Melissa McNickle at No. 2 doubles to beat Guerrero and Jennifer Henze, 8-1.

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MY FIELD



by Darin Burt

I envy Dave Barry.

I imagine that every morning when Dave sits down to work in his South Florida bungalow, a plethora of column ideas just come knocking down his door like a horde of Girl Scouts with a station wagon load of Carmel Delight cookies.

Dave, and I feel like we can be on a first name basis because we're both columnists for major newspapers, has it easy. Before I go too far and you get the idea that I have a big ego, let me just say that I actually have very little in common with the master, besides the fact that we're both writers, of a sort, and we both have chronically crappy haircuts.

Not too many Girl Scouts come calling at my door either. Most of them have been warned by their mothers to stay as far away from me as possible. The reason I say my friend Dave has such a sluff job is that he has a whole world of dorks, misfits, crazies, nut-cases, extremists, eccentrics, loonies, and everyday whackos, including Bill Clinton to write about.

All we have in the field of sports/humor commentary is Tonya Harding.

Twice a week, I stare at my Mac SE and pray that a column idea will come floating by. Most of the time, my muse, Justine, will just unload herself, like she's having an uncontrollable bowel movement, and a myriad of brilliant, award-winning ideas will come rushing into my head. When Justine is on vacation, though, I have to rely on my own imagination and top-notch research skills in a search for suitable topics. Usually, that involves watching ESPN, reading USA Today and listening to Van Halen (not that I get a lot of great ideas from Sammy, Eddie, Alex or Mike, but you can't beat Diver Down for background music).

Monday morning, however, when I sat down at my desk with my usual pint of chocolate milk and a cheese Danish (the breakfast of champions), my mind was blank. I thought about what had happened over the weekend and suddenly realized that I had failed to watch even a single second of TV sports. Not one golf match, not one basketball game, not one fishing show. And now I was without a topic for you, my faithful readers, to ponder as you relax in the comfort of your bathroom stall.

All in all it was a pretty boring weekend.

Saturday morning I went to the Bobcat football scrimmage at Sales Stadium and sat out in the sun for a couple of hours. There I was in the end zone bleachers soaking up the rays and watching the girls do the same. But the Bobcats never got the ball down to my end of the field. The most exciting thing that happened was when head coach Cliff Hysell nearly spat a chew on my shoe during the post-practice interview.

Saturday night I went to the rodeo for the fourth night (a new personal-best for this here city boy) and dodged some more wads of flying tobacco. I thought I would have an easy time finding a column topic at the rodeo. If nothing else, I figured I could whip off a few delicately chosen words about how stunning all the cowgirls looked in their Wranglers. Better yet, I could talk about how silly some of the events are. I mean how often do you run across a situation on a ranch where you find a goat tied up to a stake, and have to ride up to it at top speed, jump your horse while it's still moving, wrestle the poor goat to the ground, then cinch up its little legs with a Hefty bag tie strip? What I'd like to see is something like chicken roping. They could let a bunch of chickens loose in the arena and the competitors would have to ride around and try and rope them, chop off their heads and pluck them. Maybe, MSU could even make some extra money by having a barbecue with the leftovers after the rodeo (sure beats \$2 for a slice of pizza).

After that horse broke its leg during the short-go of the bareback, though, I decided writing jokes about the rodeo would be in bad taste.

I slept in on Sunday. When I finally crawled out of bed, I ate a pack of Strawberry Pop Tarts, watched a rerun of Black Sheep Squadron, and washed my car. Then I went to Wal-Mart to buy an oil filter. By a pure stroke of luck, I had to go in the front door like four times within a ten minute period and each time I went by that greeter geezer he said, "GOOD MORNING! WELCOME TO WAL-MART!" with a gleaming Efferdent smile. It really made me happy to know that somebody cared. Later on, I rode my mountain bike over to Bogert Park and played a pitiful game of one-on-one with my friend Gerry (I'm happy to report that I won with a reverse lay-up in sudden death over-time). I went to see the new Chevy Chase movie that night (and did not play footsie with anyone, just in case you're wondering), and then went home and ate a half-gallon of orange sherbet for dinner while I watched SeaQuest.

So, as you can see, come Monday, I had nothing to write about. And now, here I am, some 12 hours later, wondering what in the world I'm going to do.

Maybe I don't envy Dave Barry so much after all. He has to write a column every single day whether he's inspired or not. I don't have to come up with another brilliant idea until Thursday.

Defense

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least today, the defensive guys had to have awful good efforts to get by them."

Hysell added, however, that he was concerned about the lack of depth in the offensive line, especially after senior tackle Kerry Pribnow went down with a sprained ankle.

"In a game he would have kept

playing," Hysell said. "But the question I have to answer is if that happens four months from now, who's going to be the guy?"

Hysell said he plans to work on the remainder of the offensive and defensive schemes in the last two weeks of spring drills.

"Instead of just doing part of it, I

believe in having the whole offense in and the whole defense in, so in the fall it's just a matter of refining," Hysell said. "They've got to be exposed to it now, so when they come in August they say I've heard this before."

The Bobcats will work out on Wednesday and Friday this week and scrimmage this weekend.

Track

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Trevor Alfrey placed third in the 110 meter hurdles with a third place time of 14.85, while MSU men's distance coach Tom Raunig, running unattached, placed second in the 10,000 meters with a clocking of 30:35.0.

"It was our best meet of the season and one of the best meets we've ever had in the school's history," MSU men's head track coach Rob Stark said. "Granted we just had 10 people out there, but it was a good point in the season for people to do well, it was good competition, and we had some good athletes. Everybody that went to Oregon had a pretty good day and represented the Bobcats real well."

Meanwhile, at the Ricks Junior College Invitational in Rexburg, Idaho...

Senior Woody Woods ran to first place finishes in the 1,500 and 800 meters with times of 4:07.0 and 1:57.2 respectively. Mike Monaghan also picked up a first for the MSU men in the triple jump with a leap of 44-5.

Brandon Crockett, a redshirt freshman on the MSU football team, competing unattached in the meet, won the 100 and 200 sprints with times of 10.7 and 23.2. MSU's Robert Primo, also competing unattached, claimed a victory in the 110 meter hurdles at 14.8, as did Bobcat pole vault coach Dave Christopher by clearing the bar at 15-6.

On the women's side, Misty Blakesley took the hammer title with a life-best 144-9, 23-feet better than her previous best, and earned second in the discus with another life-best of 142-4.

Julie Welker placed second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:17.0, while Lisa Nelson turned in a season's best of 33-2 in triple jump.

"I'd sum up the whole weekend as great weather, great performances, no injuries, just a real nice step up for the team in terms of performances," Stark said.

The Bobcats travel to Missoula this weekend for a triangular meet with the University of Montana and Eastern Washington.

Tennis

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Heidi Tate set the pace against Idaho winning her 96th career victory, defeating Leah Smith 6-1, 6-3.

Peach said the Lady 'Cats are turning in some of their best performances of the season right now.

"They are all peaking at the right time, and they're all playing with confidence," Peach said. "There's nothing I can say about the women's team other than that they've played consistently and they've had good team play match to match. It's not one of those things where one match to the next somebody stands up, everybody stands up every match. This is a real true team."

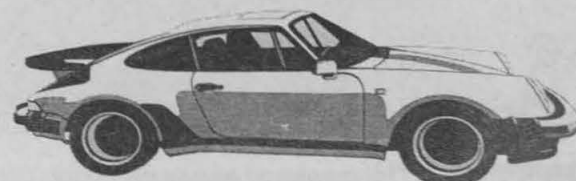
The Lady 'Cats travel to Boise, Idaho this Thursday to compete in the league tournament. MSU is seeded fourth and will play fifth seeded Idaho State in the first round. Peach warned that although the Lady 'Cats controlled ISU this weekend, they can not look past them in

the tournament.

"The caution is of course that now it's the Big Sky tournament and everybody has a chance. All it takes is two or three people on a team to think that they can win and it can get

infectious," Peach said. "We have to be ready, but I think we'll be pretty confident."

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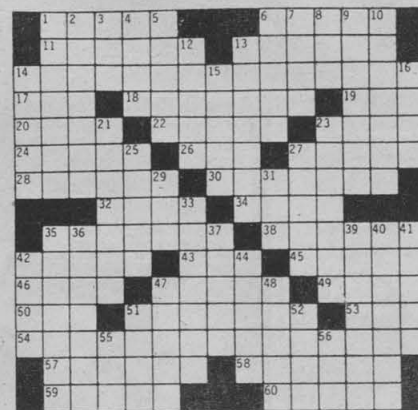
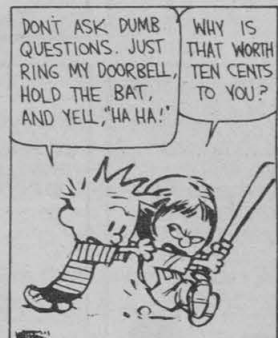
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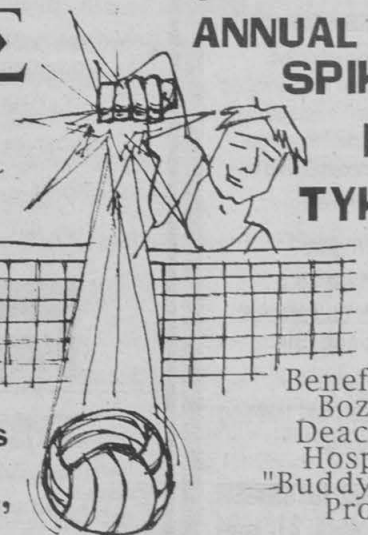
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Rodeo Champs

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Sophomore Jason Jackson won the men's all-around for the second time in the two rodeos. Jackson dominated Friday's bareback short-go with an 83 and held on to take the title with an average of 153. He also won the bareback title in the first rodeo.

"Jason has been consistent all the way through in the bareback," Larrick said. "Today he was sensational in the first four seconds, but his horse just didn't have a very good day. But he (Jackson) went on and pulled it out."

Jackson, a cowboy of few words, let his riding speak for itself.

"I drew some good horses and rode them fairly well and it worked out," said Jackson, who was heading out this week to compete in a professional rodeo in Canada.

Tibbetts and Jackson were the lone winners for MSU in the final average.

Senior J. Billingsly tallied the most combined points in the calf roping. Billingsly, teamed with MSU's Jeremy Not Afraid for second place in the first rodeo and did the same in the closer, matching up with teammate Matt Jones for average of 23.1.

Billingsly told the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* that the rodeo was a retirement party for his horse Pixie.

"I've been riding her since I was in the eighth grade, but I brought her out of retirement for the Spring Rodeo," Billingsly said. "Now that she's won the buckle, she can be out for good. She's retired."

Western Montana College won the men's team championship and also saddled up the most average winners. Ken Holland (steer wrestling, 9.2), Dan Mulkey (calf roping, 22.2) and Shawn Graham (bull riding, 167) won for the WMTC men, while Tanya Hussey

(breakaway roping, 6.5) and Heather Hart (goat tying, 16.6) earned first place awards for the Western women.

Western's 360 points, far out paced Dawson Community College (305), Northwest College (250), MSU (230) and Miles City Community College (90). Heading into the rodeo, Northwest was out in front in the regional standings with 1,620 points, but Western and Dawson gained ground over the weekend in a tight race with MSU for the top three spots in the standings.

"We needed a big rodeo here," Larrick said. "We gained 175 points and we lost 20 back so we've got some points to catch up over the next three rodeos."

The women's race was somewhat closer, with the Lady 'Cats topping Montana (170) by 30 points, while Western finished third (145) and Northwest was fourth (130).

The MSU women stretched their lead in the Big Sky standings to well over 700 points, but Larrick said they can not count their chickens before their hatched where the final standings are concerned.

"Western is a very good team and they truly had a tough run of things here for both rodeos. I expect them to do better at the next one, so we have to do even better if we plan on beating them," Larrick said. "We're not out of the woods yet in the race to get to the college finals."

Tibbetts said she saw a renewed fire in her teammates.

"I think our team did really well. I know now that we're really determined to do as good as we can," Tibbetts said. "I can see that during this rodeo everybody has gotten more supportive of one another and we kind of needed that because before it was kind of like to each his own."

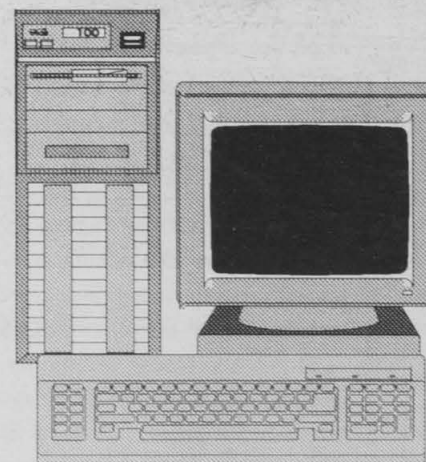
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