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Food services will eliminate declining plan

Students selling meals allegedly unwise for service

SCHIEFFER
STAFF WRITER

There's no such thing as a free lunch, and it's not a cheap one anymore. The Fall of 1997 University Food Service will no longer allow its declining plan for students.

According to Lew Hill, director of University Food Service, there is a problem with students selling their meals to students, faculty and staff.

"Over the last couple of years we've seen some students going out and buying extra meals off a declining plan, taking the student and putting it on their own, and then setting up in front of the services and selling those meals,"

Hill said the business became profitable when they were sometimes able to buy meals for 50 cents and then sell them for

the student who was selling the meals was making a dollar fifty profit, and it's not clear that student wasn't even a small student," Hill said.

Students have the chance to choose from a variety of different plans. They may choose either the standard plan, which provides 14 or 21 meals a week. Under the declining plan, if the meals are not eaten after the semester they are wasted by the student. Under the standard meal plan students can transfer the meals to their friends. Another plan is the declining plan, which allows a certain number of meals to be transferred, hence students can use more than one meal at once. Students who do not take advantage of the declining plan and are on the declining plan can choose to sell or give away their meals.

Students who live in the residence hall are required to purchase a meal plan. The residence hall students find the declining plan a good way to salvage their losses and not use all of their meals in a semester.

"I bought a declining (plan) and I ended up with a hundred (meals) left and I had to tell them to sell them," said Nell Hill, a freshman in motion picture and television, who could make some money instead of losing it.

Hill said the problem arises when the price of food increases and costs the food service more money.

"As participation goes up and we're adding 100 extra students, or not adding students but customers," Hill said. "It would be faculty and staff and could be students from off-campus who don't need to belong in the food service."

Hillington said it shouldn't cost the food service any more money, however, because the meals were purchased at full price at the beginning of the year.

"I don't think they're losing any

Crash and burn

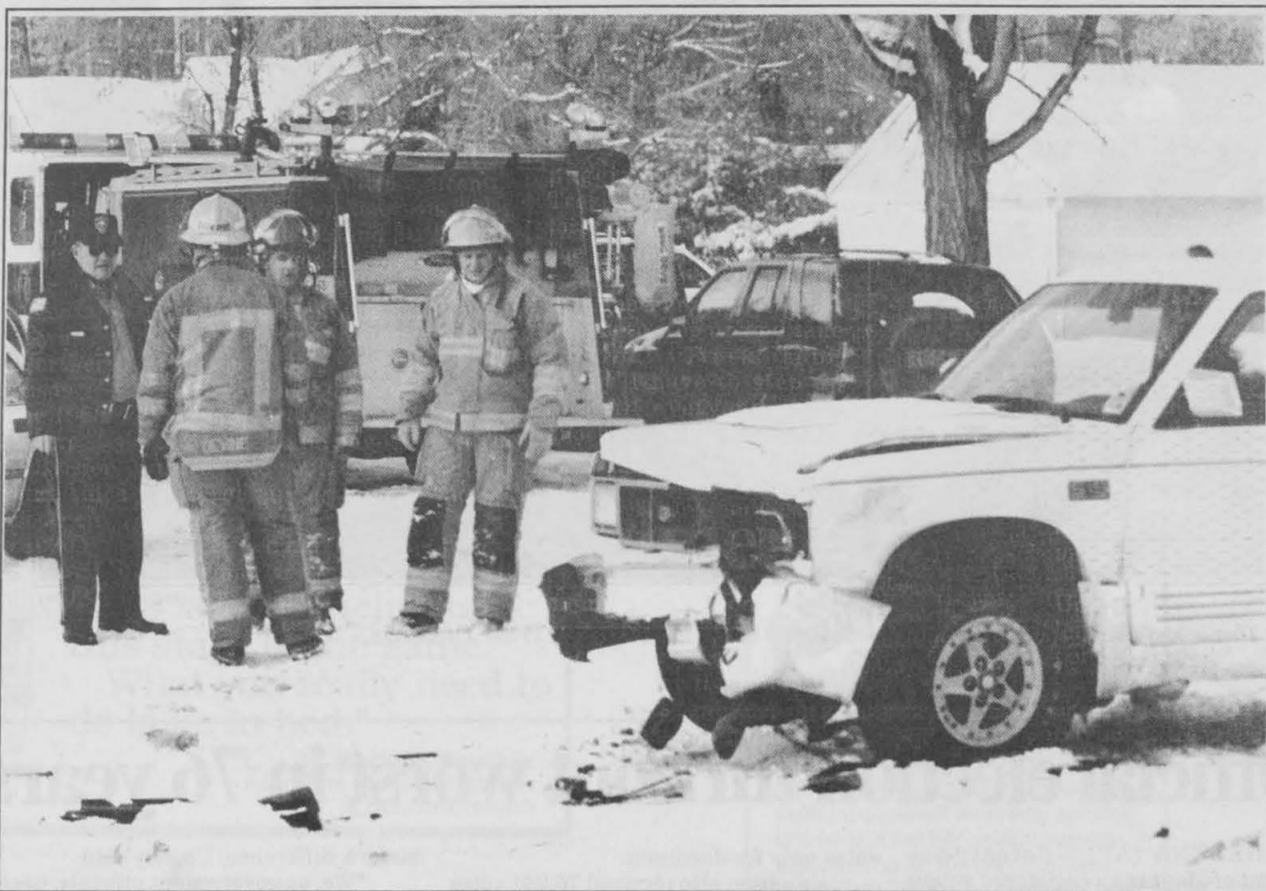


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Members of the Bozeman Fire Department Hazardous Materials crew arrived at a collision in response to an antifreeze leak from a GMC S15. A Toyota 4Runner was also involved in the collision. The GMC lost the battle.

Nine goals of PQ&O Document

- Increase access to undergraduate education
- Enhance quality and availability of advising
- Increase quality of undergraduate education through smaller classes and active learning
- Increase the quality of undergraduate education through expanded involvement of undergraduate in research and creative work
- Increase quality of education through greater access to information technologies
- Reward and develop teaching effectiveness
- Continue growth in external funding support for student learning
- Expand off-campus access to classes and educational resources throughout Montana
- Enhance access to MSU's intellectual and physical resources to support Montana's economic development

Faculty will get raise

By D'ET STEPHENSON
STAFF WRITER

Product, quality and outcomes are the focus of a faculty plan to benefit undergraduate education at Montana State.

"It could benefit everyone," said Gary Harkin, faculty council chair-elect. "It certainly benefits the students by increasing emphasis on instruction. That's positive for the university in general."

The Productivity, Quality and Outcomes Document (PQ&O) outlines nine educational goals. It was drafted in 1994 by a task force composed of eleven MSU employees and was reviewed by the commissioner of higher education. The faculty council approved the revised document in September of 1995.

When the document's goals are met, MSU faculty can look forward to a total 6.9 percent pay raise. Student tuition will provide 4.4 percent of the funds while the remaining 2.5 percent will come from taxpayers.

The raises are being administered gradually over a period of four years. The faculty received raises in the last two years and will receive two more years of raises.

"If you look at where MSU faculty rate on virtually any scale of faculty salaries, they're very close to the bottom on any national or regional scale," said Joseph Fedock, vice provost for academic affairs. "By any measure of comparison, (salaries here) have been significantly lower than the norm."

According to Norm Eggert, faculty council chair, the commissioner's office added a 15 percent increase in professors' teaching workload during the revising of the PQ&O. The increase is based on 1993 teaching loads and is gradually being implemented for several years ending in 1998. Eggert pointed to some problems in measurement and execution of the increase.

"We are looking at a ratio of contact credits divided by full-time equivalent," Eggert said. "When the PQ&O along with the executive summary was approved, we agreed to increase the ratio without defining what the ratio is."

Pat Haffey, policy adviser for education for Gov. Marc Racicot, said there were some problems with the measurement, but MSU has worked hard to make the system fair and accurate.

"In some respects it may be hard to measure, but there was a concerted effort by staff members on MSU's campus and budget analysts in

Hard at work



photo by Roger Dey

This is just another day in the life of MSU soap opera fans, Monday in the TV lounge.

Official election turnout worst in 76 years

HELENA (AP) — Seventy-one percent of Montana's registered voters went to the polls in the Nov. 5 general election, the state's lowest turnout for presidential balloting since 1920.

The official canvass of election results, which showed 417,232 voters cast ballots, did not change the outcome in any statewide or legislative races.

However, the canvass counted for the first time the 7,936 votes cast for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Chet Blaylock, who died of a heart attack two weeks before the election. Technically, votes for him and running mate Judy Jacobson were counted as

votes only for Jacobson.

Jacobson also received 76,241 votes in her capacity as the Democratic candidate for governor and lieutenant governor after she was chosen by the party to replace Blaylock on the ballot.

Secretary of State Mike Cooney said Tuesday the low turnout in Montana followed a national trend in the election, yet the state still ranked fourth in the nation.

He said he is not sure why voter interest waned this year. One theory is that electors were discouraged by the negative campaigning, but other explanations range from laziness to voters' mistaken belief that their votes won't

make a difference, Cooney said.

"We, as government officials, need to sit back and figure out what it is we need to do to bring those people back into the process," he said.

A concerted effort to make registration easier resulted in a record number of people signed up to vote, but fewer of them chose not to go to the polls this year, Cooney said.

The last time turnout was so low in a presidential election was 76 years ago when 68.5 percent cast ballots.

In the Senate race, Democratic incumbent nipped Republican challenger

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Upcoming Events

Sexual Health Awareness, Responsibility and Education (S.H.A.R.E.) will present "The Human Side of HIV," a panel discussion featuring HIV-infected persons, family members of people who are infected with HIV or have died of AIDS and medical personnel working with HIV-infected persons from 7-9 p.m. tonight in SUB Ballroom D. From 7-9 p.m. Dec. 4 in SUB room 276, Ellen Noble of the American Red Cross and members of the Southern Montana AIDS Coalition will discuss methods of preventing transmission of HIV, medical advances in AIDS treatment, how the disease has changed the medical and social services professions and current world, national and state statistics.

Big Sky Wildcare is offering an educational presentation on Montana's winter birds of prey at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the Bozeman Public Library. The program will include live raptors, a slide program and discussion. The program is free to the public.

A free children's reading circle for children ages 3-10 will be held from 1-5 p.m. Dec 7 down Coper Lane in the Main Mall. For more information call cindy Mesko at 585-5399 or Carole Westcoat at 587-3725.

The MSU Physical Therapy Club will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in room 121 of the H&PE Complex. Officers will be elected and future plans for the club will be discussed. All students are invited to attend. For more information, call Chris Hardy at 586-7876.

A Graduate Studies Seminar will be held from 6-8 p.m. tonight in SUB room 276. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about graduate programs at MSU.

Eagle Mount, an organization sponsoring recreation programs for people with disabilities, is accepting applications from those who would like to volunteer to be ski instructors for a day at Bridger Bowl this winter. For more information, call 586-1781.

The Montana State Horseman's Club will host the Horseman's Club Ball from 9 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 6 at the S.O.B. Barn to benefit the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. Admission will be \$5 per person, or \$4 with a can of food. Music will be provided by Rob Quist and the Great Northern.

The MSU Athletic Pep Band will hold its first practice at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Anyone interested in being in the band should contact Dean Ponseti at 994-5757 or stop by Howard Hall room 127.

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society for Freshmen will award 14 graduate study fellowships for the 1997-98 academic year worth \$3,000 each. Members of Alpha Delta Lambda who has graduated with a cumulative GPA of the honor society's initiation standard are eligible to apply. Application forms are due by Jan. 17, 1997, and can be obtained from Mary Noll in Reid Hall room 418 or by calling 994-6436.

Police Report

11-25

Complaint of two juveniles on the McIntosh Apartments. Juvenile located and cited for criminal trespass. They were referred to Youth Probation.

Employee at Haynes Hall reported that two pieces of artwork were vandalized.

Report of an intoxicated, disoriented male at Haynes Hall. Subject was advised to leave the building.

Personnel at South Hedges reported finding drug paraphernalia.

11-26

Report of vandalism at South Hedges. A door was kicked in and damaged.

Employee reported that he received an obscene message on his voice mail.

Officer investigated vehicle accident in Gatton Lot.

Report of a domestic disturbance at a residence in Family Housing. Parties involved were having a verbal argument.

Student at Johnstone reported theft of a bicycle from the bike rack.

11-27

A video machine was vandalized at the North Hedges convenience store.

Personnel at Roskie and South Hedges reported finding several pieces of drug paraphernalia. Investigation is continuing.

11-28

Report of a burglary at the Student Center. Investigation is continuing.

Resident at Johnstone Center reported that someone broke into his room and stole food from his refrigerator.

12-1

Report of an intoxicated, disoriented resident at Roskie Hall. Resident was taken to go to his room.

Officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in the Roskie Lot.

Report of residents in Family Housing having a dispute over noise problem.

The Women's Center Sack Lunch Seminar this week will focus on World AIDS/HIV Day. Noble, a Red Cross HIV/AIDS instructor and will address the significance of World AIDS which was on Dec. 1.

A Basic Avalanche Hazard Evaluation Seminar will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. tonight in the SUB. A field session will be conducted on Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bridger Bowl. The content includes hazard recognition, route selection, fundamental snowpack analysis and search and rescue procedures. Cost is \$30 for classroom session and \$10 for the field session. Advance registration is required only for the field session. Contact ASMSU Outdoor Recreation at 994-3621 for additional information.

A cross-country ski tour in the area of Yellowstone National Park will be facilitated by ASMSU Outdoor Recreation on Dec. 5. Transportation and equipment will be provided. Call ASMSU Outdoor Recreation at 994-3621 for additional information.

Lambda Alliance, a campus organization for bisexuals, lesbians, gays, straights and transgendered, will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in SUB room 273.

ASMSU Intramurals and Recreation holding registration from Dec. 4-9 for intramural archery. Call in Intramural Hotline at 994-3621.

Flu season hits Montana State early Students still have time for an influenza shot

SCHIEFFER
EDITOR

Flu season has visited early this year. Dr. Marjorie Fowlkes, associate medical director of student health, said that two weeks ago the health service began seeing cases of Influenza. Fowlkes said the health service was helping approximately 25 students. She said that a few students have had to go to the emergency room when they became really ill and the health service was not referred to this as a "significant outbreak of Influenza." She said that people

who have Influenza will suffer from fevers, headaches, bodyaches, chills and a dry cough. Influenza will make the person sick for seven to ten days. Anyone suffering from these symptoms should either make an appointment or walk in to the clinic and meet with a nurse or doctor at the health service. The phone number is 994-2311. She said that if students notice they the disease right away they may take Amantadine, which if taken in the first 48 hours of coming down with the flu will shorten the disease's stay in the body. Fowlkes said that the disease is highly contagious, it travels in the mist which comes from people who

cough. Fowlkes said that typically the flu season will come between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Health Services offers flu shots to help people avoid catching the disease. The shot does not take effect for two weeks, but she said there is "plenty of flu season ahead of us." She said the flu season can be particularly rough on students this late in the semester. "It's a hard time for students because at the end of the semester to miss seven or ten days of class is overwhelming at this stage of the game," Fowlkes said. "What you really need to do is be in bed."


Council: pay for performance

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the governor's office to come to a common agreement of what should be measured and what those definitions of classes would be," Haffey said. "They worked pretty carefully to come to some pretty finite definitions and measures of faculty workload ... (and) were successful in the end." Eggert said the proposed 15 percent increase might cause problems with faculty incentive. He said that since input is measured by a teaching ratio, the extra preparation time needed to include technology and multimedia in classrooms does not count toward an increase of the ratio. "If I teach a multimedia class I double my preparation time, but that isn't measured in the ratio," Eggert said. "What is the incentive for me to use technology in my classroom?" Eggert said the original focus of the PQ&O was on whether or not MSU graduates prove to be capable in

their chosen fields. However, Haffey said the governor's office wanted an emphasis on input in the classroom setting, which led to a request for a 15 percent increase in classroom teaching loads. "We realize that faculty workloads include teaching, service and research, but faculty teaching load was the piece we were trying to measure and obtain an increase in," Haffey said. Harkin said he believes the increase is an easy way for Racicot to report university success. "I don't think that even the governor's office agrees with (the 15 percent), but it's the only tool they have if the governor wanted to reform education," Harkin said. Fedock said he thinks the PQ&O document is beneficial to students, faculty and the public. "I do think that all of the goals are good in the sense that they are things that we should be doing," Fedock said. "Educationally they make sense."

the flu season



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Dr. Marjorie Fowlkes
Associate Medical Director
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Guest editorial

The Second Amendment

Don't white out our rights, Walter

by Tom Shoush

This is in response to the commentary by Walter Garre in the Nov. 22 edition of the Exponent entitled, "Bang bang, you're dead."

Walter, while I believe you truly are concerned about the escalating violence in this country, I am concerned that the way you chose to present the subject will only fan our fellow citizen's fears, causing them to make decisions based on fear and inaccurate data versus informed decisions made with knowledge that is rarely given equal press.

You state that, according to Bob Herbert of the *New York Times*, 37,776 people were killed with firearms during 1992 in the United States. I wonder how accurate that figure is. The U.S. Judiciary Committee reported 10,504 murders in 1990, and Bureau of Justice Statistics show 24,526 murders in 1993. Assuming a 35 percent decrease in the murder rate between 1992 and 1993, and assuming even further that all those murders were committed with firearms, one has to wonder if there is another side to this story, since there are usually two sides to every story. Perhaps more telling than the facts you quoted are the following facts:

Twenty-nine percent of all violent crime involves a firearm. What terrible sufferings do the victims of the other 71 percent endure? And how many of them could have prevented their suffering if they had been allowed to defend themselves with a firearm?

During the commission of 672,478 robberies in 1993, 2,254 murders were committed (perhaps this is what Mr. Crabtree feared? And if you believe that he tearfully explained exactly

what happened that day).

The average time served by a violent criminal is just 30 percent of the sentence imposed by the courts.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the police cannot be held liable for failure to protect.

According to the Department of Justice, only 28 percent of calls for assistance are responded to within five minutes (plenty of time to bleed to death).

Only 3 percent of firearms violence is committed with an "assault weapon."

Ninety percent of all violent crime is committed without a handgun.

Homicide rates in Florida dropped 29 percent during the first five years of its right-to-carry statute, and according to the Florida Department of State, only thirty-three hundredths of one percent of issued permits have been revoked due to post-issuance commission of a crime involving a firearm. Non-violent crime (crimes against property) increased during the same period (the criminal knows that an armed citizen can shoot back and a TV cannot).

Florida State University criminologist Gary Kleck has determined that armed United States citizens defend their lives and property one million times a year, with an error rate of two percent (where an innocent person is killed), compared to an error rate of 11 percent for the police.

The FBI Uniform Crime Report shows violent crime increased as a proportion of all crime between 1974 and 1993.

Many law enforcement agencies support the ownership of firearms by lawful citizens (a recent conversation

with a Gallatin County Deputy Sheriff helped me to believe that is true).

There are a lot of gun zealots in Montana (zeal: enthusiasm, hearty and persistent effort). Perhaps this is why Montanans have continued to retain their rights while so many other states are fighting to reclaim them.

The NRA does not state that armor-piercing bullets are needed by hunters, but that outlawing them could set a dangerous precedent (remember *Roe vs. Wade*? Viewed by anti-abortionists as a formidable precedent, it is another evocative issue that continues to polarize this country).

A couple of current proposals that could realistically follow a ban on armor-piercing bullets are a ban on all calibers of firearms "of military design" (a good portion of our popular hunting cartridges) and the requirement of an arsenal license for possession of over 1,000 rounds of ammunition (\$20 worth of .22 shells at the local hardware store).

Indeed, Handgun Control, Inc. documents outline a ten year plan that would restrict firearms ownership to shotguns kept on gun club premises to which one is a member. Sort of sounds like England, the country our Founding Fathers fled. Speaking of our Founding Fathers, in 1764, Thomas Jefferson said, "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes...such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicide, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

And this belief was echoed by John Adams in 1787 when he said, "Arms in the hands of individuals may be used at individual discretion...in private defense."

Readers, feel free to contact me if you would like a listing of sources I have cited. I also encourage all of you to read *Stopping Point* by J. Neal Schulman, for more truthfully largely unpublished facts regarding the defensive use of firearms as a Constitutional right to keep arms.

One additional fact from the Constitution that I will share with you right now is that, upon request by Mr. Schulman, one of our nation's foremost experts on English grammar and use of language, keep and bear arms has nothing to do with the militia.

And Walter, while I would not go so far as to call you a Communist, it is interesting to note that Communist countries general don't allow their citizens to publish writings that go against their doctrine. Before you white out the Second Amendment, be sure that your zealous hands do not eliminate any of our other rights in the process. Our Founding Fathers spoke in great detail on the importance of the Second Amendment. In the original draft of the Second Amendment started with, "The Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms shall not be infringed."

The First Amendment is so close to the Second in a draft that contains humankind's declaration of inalienable rights and incidence?

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Letter to the editor

Where's the sand?

To the editor:

Sand must be getting really expensive! I think I am in company of many fellow students and staff members with sore rear ends when I say that the condition of the grounds lately during this snowy, icy weather is truly pathetic, not to mention dangerous for a place where people mostly travel daily by foot to get from class to class, work station to work station.

I alone have counted at least 20 falls in the last three school days (including my own, and not to mention near misses) by innocent pedestrians, followed by many a four-letter word.

I feel as though I worked within the system before I wrote this letter by calling the Landscaping and Grounds Office to lodge a complaint. The gentleman with whom I spoke at approximately 9 a.m. on Monday

morning Nov. 25 seemed bothered by my call and said that they were doing their best buy that they had a lot of work to do. I expressed that the seemingly most-traveled walkways (in front of the library and the SUB) were very icy and that moments before my call, I had witnessed a woman fall hard, and she was wearing a full leg brace. Now I understand that their office has an extremely large amount of work to do, but I had been on campus since 7:30 that morning and had not seen a single person spreading sand on any walkway.

I had also expressed that it wasn't just that morning; the condition of the walkways has been consistently poor every time the weather has been bad, and well into each of those days. I would think that when one person cleared a walkway, someone would be behind right away to

spread sand. Wouldn't it be if we are tough breed here? I tana (resident and non-resident alike), but no matter what you wear or how long you've been existing in conditions as these, no one is invulnerable.

Now I am taking it upon myself saying that I would be willing to contribute a dollar or so to a "sand fund" is what it takes to save an arm or lawsuit. Or this—could all of you going home to California Christmas bring a pound of sand with you when you get back to school? Maybe people will stop criticizing me from there and I would be a hero for saving a low MSUian from a fall. I fully this letter will make this world a better place. Thank you.

Lar...

Barbie dolls, dumb cartoons will make our children stupid

atched *Toy Story* again
weekend and it got me

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**Darin
Rambo**

Commentary

Mighty Ducks?" They're hockey playing ducks by day, crime fighters by night! How stupid! Furthermore, in the action figure world a classic thing to do is to put out different "action sets" for your hero/heroine to use in different environments. Most lines of toys are pretty tapped on this angle, for example, take "Egyptian Batman" and "Cyberlink Superman." Yep, Batman can now walk unhindered amongst the unassuming and unaware Egyptians while Superman jacks into the Internet (Insert disgust here). Although if he's stopping by WWW.Naughty.com then he can't be ALL bad. (Go there!)

Barbie also fits into this category. She used to be just this chick that hung out with Ken. Now, she's got her own spa, and gear for everything from mountain climbing to surfing. The only possible frontiers left to be surmounted for her are probably going to be "Vegan Barbie" equipped with veggies and a Salad Shooter; "Lesbian Barbie" that could come as a "dual-pack" with the book "Heather has two Mommies;" "Animal Rights Barbie" complete with a sign bearing the slogan "Say No to Fur" and clothes made without animal by-products; and "Reproductive Barbie" that could come anatomically correct and be used for sex education in classrooms with an anatomically correct Ken doll (since kids can recognize them).

So when it comes to toys watch out for stuff like this. You're just setting yourself up for disaster.

How about games? Remember "Chutes and Ladders," "Mousetrap," "Sorry," "Operation"

and "Life?" All of those were pretty cool. I remember in "Life" that I used to have three cars trailing my original car in order to carry all the kids I racked up. Which is pretty friggin' scary! But what about "Hungry Hungry Hippos" or "Hi-Ho Cherrio?" Either of those ring a bell? Anybody who played those games and liked them needs to have Jumanji unleashed upon them with a vengeance.

And what about cartoons? Today cartoons are either siphoned off of movies like *The Mask*, *Ace Ventura*, *Pet Detective*, *Aladdin* and *Beetlejuice* or are "eco-friendly" and sickeningly politically correct like *Captain Planet*. All these kids do is run around and use their powers to battle hordes of filthy rich and nefarious villains whose only goal is to intentionally pollute. Cool.

And how about *Power Rangers* and *Barney*? If it isn't obvious how children are screwed up by these guys then you're obviously a complete and utter dufus! Just watching ten minutes of "Barney" makes me want to become an alcoholic, gun-toting gang member with embarrassing SAT scores and pillaging on the brain!

So since the "official" Christmas shopping season began last Friday (good Lord) you may find yourself in situations ripe with the possibility of buying toys for nieces, nephews, or maybe your own children. All I have to say is SPARE THEM from the mental illness, and I.Q.-lowering effects of the above-mentioned toys and games.

Know that the fragile equilibrium of their psyche can hang in the balance on every toy and game you buy and every cartoon they watch.

This Christmas season, have a heart and be conscientious when you shop. Your children's future and college choices could depend on it.

Letter to the editor

Parking fee is robbery

To the editor:

I write this letter in reference to the parking ticket I received roughly 3 p.m. Nov. 25, in a half-full (if that) lot behind the fieldhouse. I would like to take this opportunity to address a troubling issue: this university's enforcement procedures regarding parking regulations. What purpose is served by strictly enforcing the parking regulations at times when demand for parking is substantially lowered? I realize that I am merely facing the uniform consequence of not purchasing a parking sticker. Nonetheless, I don't think that my occasional parking on campus in the later afternoon to early evening hours (in order to fit in a short, hour-long workout at Shroyer Gym) is really taking away from those students who did pay their unjustified \$80 fee. I feel that I am very courteous and respectful of those who did pay for parking stickers, for I have made a conscious effort all semester long to ride my bike or walk to campus for my morning classes, which for all practical purposes is the peak time in terms of demand for parking. Granted, I did receive one other parking ticket earlier in the semester for parking in the SUB parking lot during peak hours (roughly 10 a.m.); nevertheless, I without protest realized my 30-minute errand to the financial aid office was an infringement upon others' legally purchased right, thus I paid my \$10 fine. However, with this current infraction I can no longer hold my displeasure for this university's parking system.

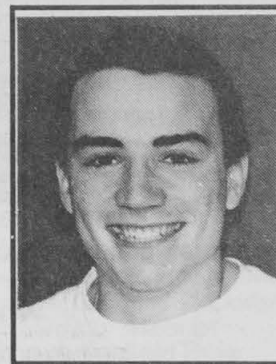
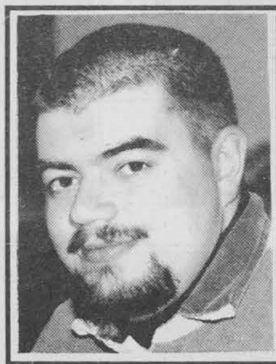
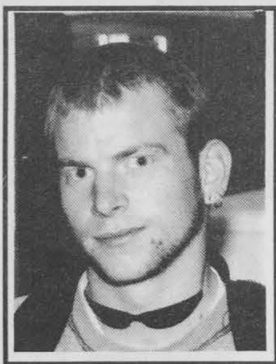
I suppose at this point the question of "why not simply buy a sticker" should be addressed. I, for one, cannot see the justification for buying one. In years past I have spent \$60, \$75, or whatever increasing amount is required for a sticker, and what do I get for that sticker? I get the opportunity to drive around a designated lot for twenty minutes looking for a parking spot that isn't going to be there. I just can't see the feasibility of spending \$80 on this "so-called" privilege. Nonetheless, as a graduating senior in December, the university informed me that I was still required to pay \$80 for parking access regardless of whether or not I'm here for half or all of the school year. This is an outright robbery; I'll be damned if I'll pay more for even less of a service that is already, at best, inadequate.

In conclusion, I would like to ask how this university feels justified in charging what they charge for parking rights, when our neighbors to the north in Missoula pay roughly half of what we pay for virtual campus-wide parking access? I'll tell you why: This university is more concerned about making money than they are with providing the students with the fair and adequate services we so rightfully deserve. In a parting note, I leave this advice for future reference: Either lower the costs of parking privileges or meet the parking demands of the student body (via a parking garage or some other form of expansion).

Kyle Bacon
Senior
Justice Studies

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Meals: Students welcome to pay

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money, since we bought them in the first place," Millington said. "I kind of like it; I have more cash in my pocket."

Tony Smith, a graduate student in chemistry, has been eating dinner at Hannon Hall for the past three years without ever purchasing a meal plan.

"They (food services) want the parents to buy 100 meals and they want the students to eat 50 of them," Smith said. "They will take the profit from those sold meals that nobody has eaten."

Hill said the problem is that the food service is not conducive to feeding other people without compensation.

"Hannon is where it is really bad; we've designed the meal program for residence hall students," Hill said. "It's not designed for faculty, staff or off-campus students to use, although they're welcome to come in and pay cash to use it."

Hill said with the improved One Card, students have the ability to purchase meals with their ID if they have money in their debit account. Breakfast costs \$4.50, lunch is \$5.50

and dinner is \$6.50.

Hill said that students with meal plans will have money by being required to purchase the standard plan.

"In reality students actually be able to get more meals for the same amount of money than they can with the current plan, which is a benefit for the students," Hill said.

Millington said he thought there was nothing wrong with the current plan.

"I feel fine about it," Millington said. "I don't think it's because you're helping people who don't have money to

Anti-abortion group sues state

HELENA (AP) — A Montana law that bans soliciting of votes on election day is unconstitutional, a national anti-abortion group says in a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court here.

The National Right to Life Political Action Committee filed the suit this past week against Montana's Political Practices Commissioner Ed Argenbright and Lewis and Clark County Attorney Mike McGrath.

The group, based in Washington, D.C., was accused of violating state law by telephoning more than 40,000 Montana voters on Nov. 5 and urging them to cast ballots for Republican U.S. Senate candidate Dennis Rehberg and House Candidate Rick Hill, both of whom oppose abortion.

The Montana law says groups or individuals may contact and urge people to vote on election day as long as they do not encourage people to vote for any particular candidate or bal-

lot issue. The law carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Argenbright and several other state officials contacted the group and asked them to cease the voter solicitation. Argenbright hasn't taken action against the group for breaking the law.

The lawsuit claims the restriction violates the U.S. Constitution because it has a chilling effect on free speech. The group is asking that the law be thrown out, the state be prohibited from taking action against it and that it be reimbursed for any costs associated with the action.

"The plaintiff believes that ... the official policy of the state against soliciting voters on election days is unconstitutional and cannot be legally enforced," the lawsuit said.

"NRLPAC has suffered, and will continue to suffer, the irreparable loss of rights to free

speech, free association and equal protection of the law guaranteed by the First, Fourteenth Amendments and the Constitution of the United States," the suit continues.

McGrath said he didn't know why he is named in the suit, but said the group targeted him because he usually prosecutes state practice violations. He plans to refer the case to the state attorney general's office.

Lawyer Clay Smilgin, in the attorney general's office, said his office likely will handle the dispute, but he will review the allegation.

"We'll have to take action on the complaint and whether we think there are defenses for the statute," he said.

"The bottom line, at the purpose of this election is I know that Mr. Argenbright felt strongly that we should preserve a level playing field where everyone was working under the same rules."

Votes: Most lopsided count

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Dennis Rehberg by 19,413 votes, or five percentage points.

Almost all the totals in the major candidate and ballot measure races increased over the unofficial results because of late counting of absentee ballots, said Joe Kerwin, head of

Cooney's elections office.

The three closest legislative races, each involving an incumbent, were settled by less than 100 votes apiece.

Democrat Billie Krenzler of Billings defeated Rep. Bonnie Martinez, R-Billings, by 84 votes. Rep. Dick Green, R-Victor, was ousted by Democrat

Dorothy Simpson of Florence by an 86-vote margin. Attorney Matt Denny, R-Missoula, defeated Democrat Howard of Missoula by 91 votes.

The most lopsided victory was in Missoula's House District where Democrat Diana Green coasted by write-in candidate Ron Kelley, 3,131 votes to 100.

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U film student Cameron Grierson
idea for a feature-length film two
when he was driving home to
A few months later he began to
e 120-page screenplay for his
Rearview Mirror.

erson turned his manuscript into
fall, shooting it entirely in south-
Montana.

take on that much work in a ses-
is almost heroic," said Ronald
professor of media and theater
Grierson's adviser. "It's almost
It's like saying, 'Oh, I'm going to
novel this semester.' How many
you know who could write a novel
short of a time?"

ias said a feature film in Holly-
ld be shot in six months to a year.
made his in 18 days.

had an outstanding cast and crew,"
n said. "They stuck with me
three weeks of virtual hell."

view Mirror is a story of hope to
resh start, living a life without a
leaving everything behind such
Rearview mirror, Grierson said.

er a fight breaks out between a
d-duty police officers and two long-
ners, the two officers and the older
are killed. Thus begins the flight
past as the younger brother
(Lutz) and his sister-in-law-to-be
(Miller) make their way to an
border crossing into Canada.
ay, the two pick up a pair of young
s who add to the tension already

building in the car.

"I'd like to see him take (the film) to Sundance," Tobias said. "He should try to get some attention for it. People like Cam are extremely talented, and if anybody can do it, he can."

The Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah serves as a showcase for independent film makers and has often been the launching pad for Hollywood directors. Quentin Tarantino (*Reservoir Dogs*) and David Lynch (*Wild at Heart*, *Blue Velvet*) got their start at Sundance.

But despite Grierson's high aspirations and the quality of his cast and crew, the project was not without its problems. Working with such a tight budget and shooting schedule forced him to be creative with his resources.

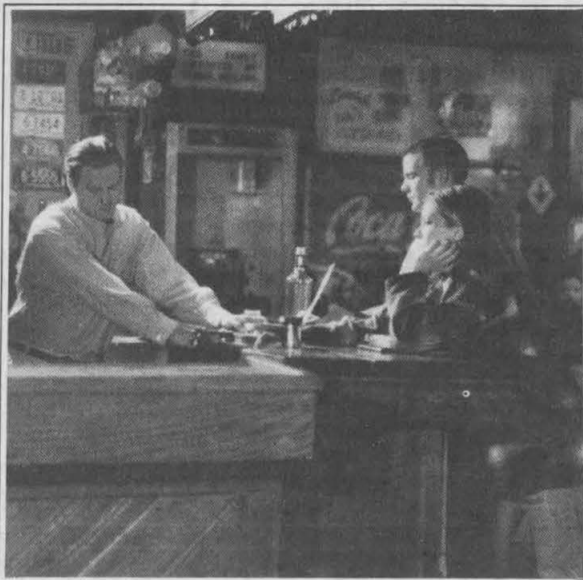
Grierson said the film department only would allow him to use school equipment for only 10 minutes of his film. He could use those 10 minutes for his senior project, which is required for graduation. Grierson then turned to a private source for equipment.

"We were never concerned with (Grierson's) capabilities, but it is a question of limited resources," Tobias said. "If everyone did projects like this, there wouldn't be enough equipment for every student."

Elizabeth Lutz, who graduated in film from MSU and drove back from her home in Minnesota to work on the project, said faculty support for the film was questionable.

"I would not have felt comfortable asking most of the faculty for help," Lutz said. "We are all just students, and I know they applauded our ambitions, but why

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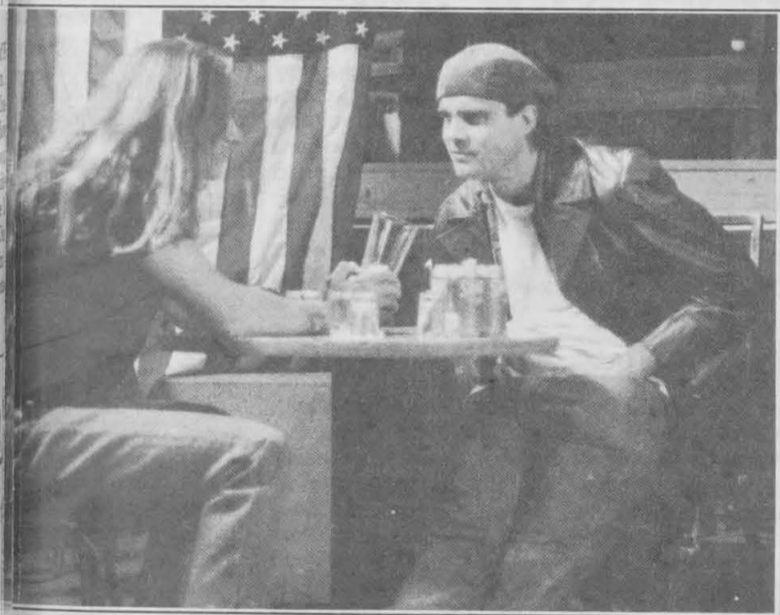
Left: Actor Padraic Culham (behind the bar), Landon Wright and Lisa Cox prepare for the next shot.



Above: The crew rides into action on the highway near LaHood. Clockwise from top: Marshall McAvley, Sean Yaple, unidentified crew member, Allison Whitmer, Cam Grierson, Krista Lampear.

Left: Mark Kuntz lies down on the set.

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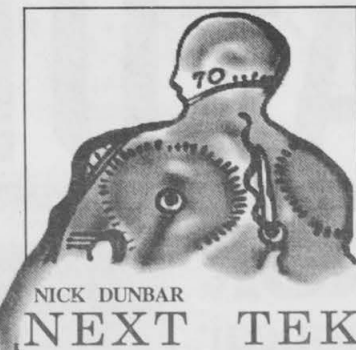
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NICK DUNBAR
NEXT TEK

As the size of the Internet doubles every nine months, experts warn of a worldwide Network overload.

But some are skeptical. In 1977, many believed when the old ARPANET, the forerunner of today's Internet, shut down that the network was dead. The fact is, however, for every problem there is a solution. Engineers and programmers have always found ways to avert or solve pending crises of the Net.

Today the Net is far from dead. Every year, thousands of users are linked up. For more than a decade, user overload has hung over the Net. Each time, the problem has been postponed by an increased number of phone lines, faster modems and communication ports. MCI tripled its capacity this past summer, but it's not enough. The company has seen its network expand 56-fold over the last two years. A large amount of users may not directly cause a world shutdown; however, it does tend to slow data flow.

Another problem with the Net is its addressing system. An Internet address does not contain the location of a Web site; it's just a name. With the growing number of sites and list servers on the

The Internet has its problems but people will find the solution

Web, finding a particular site is very time-consuming for a computer. Computers link to other sites by scanning through large tables of data that contain the site name and directions to the location. These tables are becoming too large to manage. The solution is to organize addresses into a more organized data structure, which would enable the use of high-speed search algorithms. This way linking speed could be much improved.

A third problem is that the Net may run out of addresses entirely. Theoretically, the cur-

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rent addressing system supports almost 4.3 billion computers, but by the end of the decade even this supply won't cut it. New software currently under development, called "Internet Protocol, the Next Generation" should allow every human on the planet up to 100 Network devices. That's enough electronics to build a small mountain.

More problems may be waiting in the dark to attack at the most inopportune time. Sur-

The Net is still de and, in a sense, is still ve tive. Hopefully, the sol these problems will giv a new Net, one far mor tageous and advanced, e the economy and educat

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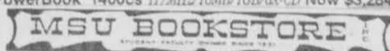
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Rob Quist concert to bring the SOB barn d

By TIM NEVILLE
 FEATURES EDITOR

No one will be singing "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" at this December hoe-down.

The Montana State Horseman's Club offers students a chance to support the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and to have a shakin' time all the while as they welcome internationally acclaimed country artist Rob Quist at 9 p.m. Friday in the SOB barn.

Quist's songs, such as "Rain, Tears and Whiskey," soared on international charts, while his "Blue Jean Love Affair" was chosen by Levi 501 Jeans for the company's country market. Other artists chosen by Levi 501 for additional markets include Taj Mahal, Jerry Garcia, Shawn Colvin, Ry Cooder, Los Lobos and the Subdudes.



ROB QUIST

"I think he really represents the state of Montana," said Rita Sand, faculty advisor for the Horseman's Club. "He will play at the governor's ball in Billings in February, too."

Appearing on "Hee-Haw," NBC's "Country Comes to New York" and other national television shows, the native-born Montanan has toured with The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Chris LeDoux and even stopped for a special performance for President George Bush.

"I want to commend Rob on his latest CD," Gov. Marc Racicot said. "Through his love for Montana and the West, he inspires others."

Whether country music lovers seek inspiration or just a place to dance, Campbell said the concert is for everyone. People will be able to enjoy themselves while a donation of a can of food will

help the community dis season of giving.

"There are a lot during the fall semester is a more let loose deal, Campbell, the vice pres the club. "There are a lot who like to country d except for Little John's, of the few chances to dancing."

Campbell said a lot think kids don't have do in any society anyway Horseman's Club want tribute something to drinking, he said.

"We have nothing drinking—Lord knows touched the bottle m this will be just a good liever," Campbell said. a lot of reasons to do students or for the com you are doing it for the are doing it for the wro

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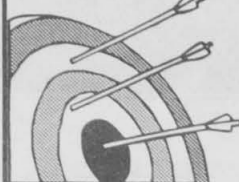
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Relationships between friends is tested in this film as one friend gets sed and the other faces a lonely life with her cat for comfort

BY JIM HAMBURG
AND JEFFREY WEWER

Walking and Talking, a first feature written and directed by Nicole Holofcener, and a first at Sundance, is the Bozeman Film Festival presentation from Dec. 2-5 at the Rialto.

Hollywood has lately attempted to revive the genre of the "90s audi-visual contrived and formulaic" movies. But the efforts lack the ring of truth, the modesty, of independent films like this one. The relationship between two stylish girl friends who have known each other since childhood begins to strain severely when Laura (Anna Paquin) decides to get married, leaving Amelia (Catherine Keener) the female lead of an independent film, *Living in Oblivion*, in a video store. Will she be left to a life of lonely video and chemotherapy for her cat? Can she cope with a new boyfriend, even if he's a video store clerk?

Kevin Corrigan provides comic highlights in the scruffy clerk with an expertise in platter films. Laura is also thrown into

a last minute reality check, becoming obsessed with every possible flaw in her boyfriend Frank (Todd Field). Consisting mainly of brief episodes and encounters, *Walking and Talking* features a fine ensemble of actors and a sense of fresh dialogue. A considerable part of the charm of the comedy is in its serene setting: the neighborhoods of New York City in the summertime.



BOZEMAN FILM FESTIVAL

Abby Nolan of the *Village Voice* writes that the script of *Walking and Talking* is "consistently witty and Keener and Heche give the characters' flaws an amusing edge." Janet Maslin of the *New York Times* calls Holofcener's debut film "a mother lode of revealing little intimacies and nicely neurotic wit. Concentrating on the fine-tuned trivia that fuels so much television comedy, it also creates two bright, appealing heroines and watches them face life's little insults with fresh, disarming humor."

"Holofcener has a wonderful breezy touch," said Karen Schoemer of *Newsweek*. "She lets the friends squabble and miscommunicate in painfully true-to-life ways. She hides life issues in such sweet moment, you barely notice them as they go down."

Christmas elf's skydive seriously injures 1-year-old

NORWALK, California — A skydiver dressed as a Christmas elf seriously injured a 1-year-old girl when he knocked her from her mother's arms.

Hundreds of people saw the incident during holiday festivities at the Norwalk Square shopping center Friday.

The girl was in serious condition and taken to Children's Hospital Los Angeles, spokesman Steve Rutledge said.

She suffered several skull fractures and had some bleeding around the brain, Dr. Craig Elderry told KABC-TV.

The girl initially didn't respond to touch and couldn't move the right side of her body, but was more responsive hours after the accident.

"She's now breathing on her own. She's improved," Rutledge said.

The costumed skydiver, who was not injured, was part of a team participating in the city's sixth annual Jingle Bell Jump to kick off the shopping season. Strong winds blew all but one of the skydivers off course.

The skydiver also struck a 21-year-old woman who is two months pregnant. She was hospitalized for back pain.

Preview: Film at Sundance?

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they then squash

Grierson plans to complete the required 10-minute film by the end of this year. He hopes to have the film ready for festivals in the near future.

In retrospect, I can't help but to think that I could have done more by doing this earlier than I have in the past few years of college," he said. "Before we went into production, it was though I was riding a magical wave. Once production began, however, we have really started to struggle, and without the brilliant people I had working on it, I might have broken my back in my body."

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Mrs. Holliday doesn't plan on losing any Christmas decorations this year.

"I got six of those steel muskrat traps to put around the main decorations," she said Friday.

If anyone tries to cut the wires holding the figures in place, they'll feel the bite of a muskrat trap snapping shut on their fingers.

"They won't be out anywhere where you'd step in them if you were walking across the yard, but they'll be behind the main figures I don't want stolen," she said. "I've already got them double-wired and staked down with iron pipes."

With hundreds looking on, Mrs. Holliday flipped switches Thanksgiving night and her three-acre lot exploded in the blaze of more than 70,000 lights. Snowmen, Christmas trees, manger scenes and other seasonal decorations add to the "Holliday Lights."

Barbara and Gerald Holliday began their light display as a tribute to Barbara's late father,

who loved the Christmas season and encouraged her to decorate with three bushels of lights he had found.

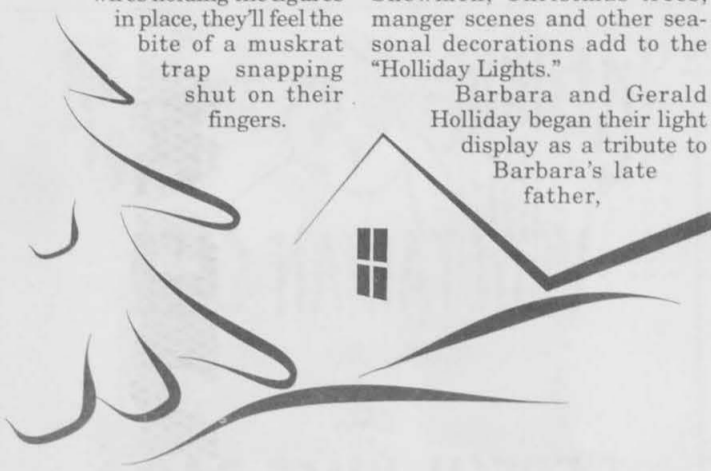
In recent years, Barbara and Gerald have donned Santa Claus suits and waved to onlookers from their front porch.

Because of Gerald's failing health—he suffered a series of recent strokes—he won't be playing Santa this year.

The display consumes massive amounts of electricity. The bill for last year's display was about \$800, Mrs. Holliday said. But donations tossed into a roadside box in front of the couple's home covered the cost, she added.

The power drain blew up three transformers before PSI Energy installed a heavy-duty transformer on a pole outside the house in 1987, Mrs. Holliday said.

"I used to set everything up myself and do all the wiring," she said. "I still do the setups, but now I use an electrician for the wiring. It's gotten too complicated."



One quarter and some Vaseline make Thanksgiving interesting

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—N. Barba's Thanksgiving was ruined over 25 cents.

The West Philadelphia woman spent two hours Thursday attached to a clothes dryer in her apartment basement after her ring finger got stuck in the machine's coin slot.

Ms. Barba had planned on doing a couple of loads before meeting friends for a Thanksgiving brunch. After the wash cycles, she laid a quarter on the flat, three-hole coin slot in the dryer, then remembered the machine didn't work.

So she poked her finger through the bottom of the slot. It stuck.

"I was upset and crying," she said.

A neighbor found her af-

ter two hours, brought her chair to take the pressure off her hand and called police. Later the neighbor brought her a portable phone so Barba could call her son, Khary, 11, and Mukhtar, who were home alone on stairs.

Firefighters cut the box off the dryer and the owner of the company that operates the machines separated the coin slot from the box.

A little Vaseline was it took to wiggle Ms. Barba's now-swollen finger free.

"It was annoying," said Ms. Barba, a hairdresser.

Late Thursday night still in need of clean clothes she tempted the laundry again. There were no injuries reported.



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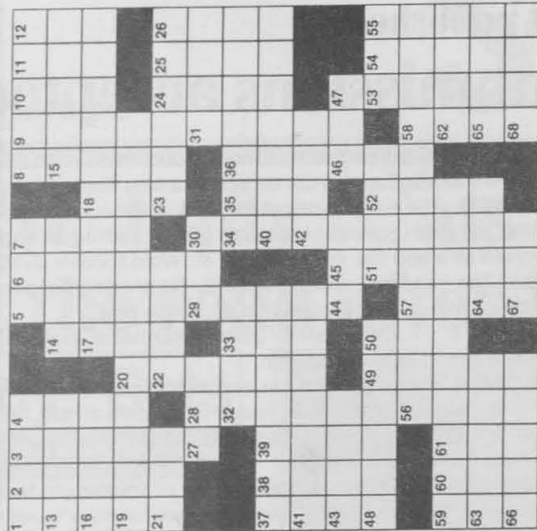
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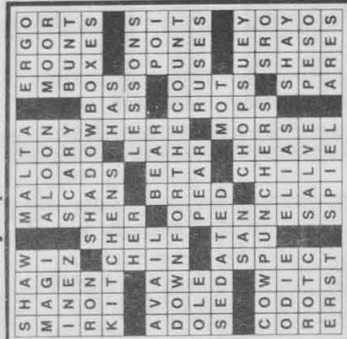
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Nite Court offers something different for students

By JULIE COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Looking for a new adrenaline rush?

Well, look no further than Worthington Arena—home to another episode of Nite Court, from 9 p.m. to midnight tonight.

This free and high-energy event offers Montana State students an opportunity to go out and have a good time and meet new people.

Between 500 and 600 people have attended previous sessions of Nite Court. "Our whole thing is to let people have fun doing things that do not include alcohol," said Mary Kay Minor, head cheer squad coach and Cat Pride adviser.

Cat Pride, a group of varsity athletes, is responsible for planning, organizing and executing Nite Court. They have worked hard this year to expand the number and variety

of activities for students to participate in at Nite Court. "This year will be even better than last year. There are new events, free food and great music," said Mara Forcella, a member of the MSU Cat Dance Team.

The range of new activities include an inflatable boxing ring, water basketball, climbing wall and a beach party by the poolside. The traditional favorites of sumo wrestling, rappelling with Army ROTC and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be going on as well.

Although the activities are challenging and competitive, Katie Crowley, MSU cheer squad member, sees the main focus of Nite Court to be pure enjoyment. "There's activities

you can do that are fun. You can just goof around," Crowley said.

Along with fun comes the issue of safety. Cat Pride members will be assisting with the activities. "All events are supervised. We don't want anybody getting hurt having fun," Minor said.

With the cold weather in town, Minor is hoping to have more people attend this Nite Court than they know what to do with. "We'd like to have long lines at every activity. That would make us very happy," Minor said.

If you're still looking for another reason to attend, Jared Lucero, MSU football player, provided one in the simplest terms: "It's good fun."

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BERT EVERINGHAM
EDITOR

The Montana State Lady 'Cats will travel to Utah this week to take on the University of Utah and Brigham Young University.

The Lady 'Cats are coming off two wins to come out on top of the State Farm Classic weekend in Bozeman. They beat UNC Greensboro and the University of New Hampshire.

According to 'Cat Julie Brown, the wins were a confidence-builder for MSU.

"We're hoping to go on and get two wins," Brown said. "They're going to be re-energized teams, but hopefully we can carry the momentum." With a mix of new and old players this year's team, Brown said last weekend's wins helped the team to come together and the new people on the team are blending well and the

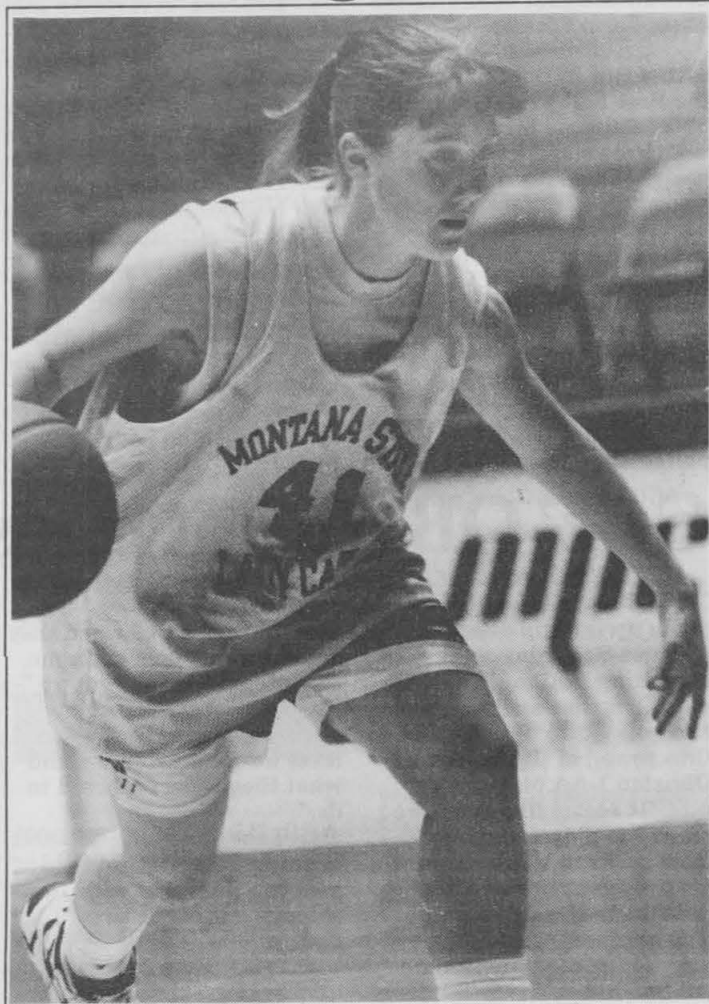


Photo by Roger Dey

The Lady 'Cats get ready to travel to Utah for a week of competition.

See Bobcat, page 16



Choosing a gift for the angler on your list

Thanksgiving is over and the Christmas shopping season is going full bore. If you have a fly fisherman on your Christmas list, choosing a gift can be a difficult and perplexing problem, especially if you don't fly fish yourself. Never fear; Santa Trout is here with a few fly fishing gift suggestions.

Fishing vests are good Christmas gift ideas, and one of the best vests is made right here in Bozeman. Goldeneye Vests are attractive and functional. Goldeneye has several models, including a specially designed woman's model, the

Indigo Bunting. Prices for their vests range from \$100-\$180. Simms Fishing Products, another Bozeman-based company, offers a variety of angling gear, including their widely acclaimed GoreTex wader. The Simms wader has received rave reviews from fishermen and guides alike. Prices on the Simms GoreTex waders range from \$300-350.

Still another example of a top-quality locally made fly fishing product are trout nets from Brodin Nets. Chris Brodin is acknowledged to be a craftsman of the finest nets in the world. His nets come in a variety of sizes and woods, including exotics like mango, zebrawood, chechen and teak.

As I mentioned earlier, fly fishing vests are popular Christmas gifts, and in the same vein, chest fly wallets and chest packs are gaining acceptance from normally tradition-bound fly fishers looking for a way to escape the numbing weight of a heavily loaded fly vest. A fly fisher can carry all the onstream necessities in these nifty little packs including tippets, snips, fly boxes, and hemostats in a much less restrictive and cumbersome format. JW Outfitters offers a wide selection of chest packs and wallets with prices from \$40-\$100.

Fly tying and rod building kits are great Christmas gift ideas. Combine these kits with classes in rod building and fly

See Flyline, page 16

FLY IN A NUTSHELL

by SETH WICKERSHAM
COLUMNIST

Playoff picture focusing

In a weekend when a playoff picture cleared, probable playoff teams chiseled themselves on the wrong side of the scoreboard. Buffalo and Pittsburgh each lost to the Jets, they should have. While the individual losses didn't hurt them in the playoffs, it did allow Denver to take home field advantage in the playoffs. So in the AFC, the Jets lead New Orleans runs high Mile High, a site Denver has lost only one game in 36 years.

14 Game Balls:

Brew Bledsoe passed the Jets past Buffalo into first place in the AFC East. In a 45-7 victory over San Diego, the sure-footed quarterback threw for 232 yards and four touchdowns. Eddie George ran for 141 yards in a win over the Jets. He has apparently bucked the curse of the jinx, so popular among past recipients, as he has rushed for over 1,000 yards, most certainly locked up the MVP of the Year award as the Oilers (7-6) on the way to a playoff berth.

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We'd like to thank the Miami Dolphins for participating in this year's playoff race. The team that Jimmy Johnson claimed was the team to beat in the AFC all but fumbled their playoff chances away in a 17-7 loss to the Raiders.

Kind of Makes You Wonder...

...who will win the wild card game in the NFC East. Dallas and Philadelphia are in the drivers' seats, but if Washington wins their last three games, then determining the top spot will be a huge mess. If Dallas wins their last three, even if Philadelphia does the same, then Dallas will win it. But if Dallas loses the season finale to Washington, then we'll have a three-way tie with the third place finisher out of the playoffs.

Stat of the Week:

Thanks to Dan Marino's touchdown pass in the last few minutes of a 17-7 loss, the Dolphins avoided their first shut-out in 147 games. The last time Miami was held scoreless was Thanksgiving weekend in 1987 against Buffalo.

'Cats 1-2 in Hawaii

TCU 89, MSU 76

HILO, Hawaii (AP)—Texas Christian University came back from a 5-point halftime deficit to defeat Montana State, 89-76, Saturday in the Big Island Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Horned Frogs (3-1) rode a 17-6 run four minutes into the second half to put away the determined Bobcats (1-2). TCU's James Penny scored six points during his team's barrage to give the Frogs a 64-53 advantage with 11:15 remaining in the game.

Montana State would not draw closer than eight points the rest of the way.

TCU also led for most of the first half. A 7-0 Horned Frog run capped by a 3-point field goal by Jeff Jacobs gave TCU a 10-4 lead less than three minutes into the game.

The two teams exchanged baskets for the next nine minutes until an 11-0 run gave Montana State a 31-26 edge with 4:53 remaining in the half.

A turnaround jumper by TCU's Damion Walker tied the score at 34-all with 2:18 left, then a Dan Sullivan 3-pointer ignited a 7-2 run that gave the Bobcats a 41-36 halftime lead.

Bobcats

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TCU's Penny led all scorers with 21 points. Nate Holmstadt paced Montana State with 18 points.

MSU 94, HILO 71

HILO, Hawaii (AP)—Nate Holmstadt scored 22 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Montana State to a 94-71 victory Sunday and seventh place in the Big Island Invitational basketball tournament.

Danny Sprinkle had 20 points and Damon Ollie 15 for Montana State. Scott Tharp led Hilo with 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Merriel Jenkins added 11.

The Bobcats (2-3) started the game with a 15-2 run that the Vulcans (0-4) never overcame. The closest Hilo could get was 19-15 before Montana State expanded the lead to 49-40 at halftime.

Montana State held Hilo to 37 percent shooting, while hitting half their shots from the field.

SKI REPORT

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—Here are the latest reported ski conditions on Montana slopes:

Big Sky—Powder, 43-96 base, 18 trails, 8 of 16 lifts, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bridger Bowl—3-new, packed powder, 44-62 base, 60 trails, 6 of 6 lifts, 100 percent open, snowmaking, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; re-open, Dec 7

Discovery—2-new, packed powder, 20-40 base, 4 of 5 lifts, 85 percent open, 9:30-4 p.m.; re-open, Dec 7

Great Divide—Packed powder, 30-40 base, 3 trails, 1 of 3 lifts, 2 percent open, snowmaking, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; re-open, Dec 7

Montana Snow Bowl—2-new, powder, 19-38 base, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; re-open, Dec 6

Red Lodge Mountain—Powder, 12-30 base, 6 of 6 lifts, snowmaking, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Lady 'Cats two for two over the Thanksgiving holidays

MSU vs. UNC

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)—Blythe Hommes and Julie Brown had 18 points each in leading Montana State to a 68-60 victory over UNC-Greensboro in the first round of the State Farm Classic.

Greensboro (0-3) went in a 10-4 run in the final 4:26 of the first half Friday to take a 37-27 halftime lead.

Brown opened the second half with two 3-pointers to begin a 10-0 run for Montana State (1-1).

A basket by Hommes with 10 minutes remaining gave MSU a 53-52 lead.

Tennyson Ballek scored six of her 10 points as the Lady Cats took a 62-56 lead with about four minutes left.

Jennifer Lewis' 3-pointer pulled Greensboro within 65-

60 with two minutes remaining.

Also in double figures for Montana State was Natalie Smith with 14 points. Hommes had 13 rebounds as MSU took a 50-41 rebounding advantage.

Rebecca Viverette and Melinda Goodson led Greensboro with 11 points each, followed by Lewis with 10.

Montana State plays New Hampshire in Saturday's championship game, while Greensboro meets Air Force. New Hampshire beat Air Force 79-60 in the first round.

MSU vs. UNH

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)—Montana State's Blythe Hommes scored a career-high 38 points and hauled down 19 rebounds as the Lady Cats defeated New Hampshire 94-70

in the State Farm Classic championship game Saturday night.

Hommes, 17-24 from the field, was named tournament's most valuable player.

Also hitting double figures for MSU were Brown with 25 points, Tennyson Ballek with 13, and Jennifer Lewis with 10. They were named to the all-tournament team.

New Hampshire was in scoring by Sheila Brown with 24 points.

Montana State went 15-8 run in the final five minutes of the first half to take a 46-36 lead, then opened the second half with a 13-0 run. Hommes poured in 22 second-half points.

MSU advanced to the championship game while New Hampshire dropped to 1-2.

Griz' QB Ah Yat leads the attack

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP)—Montana's defense made up for any offensive miscues Saturday as the defending national champion Grizzlies stifled Nicholls State 48-3 in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

"It seems like when we reach the playoffs, our defense picks it up," said first-year coach Mick Dennehy. "I thought they played awfully well today."

Top-seeded Montana (12-0) will host East Tennessee State next Saturday in the quarterfinal round. East Tennessee held off Villanova Saturday, 35-29.

Brian Ah Yat completed 30 of 48 passes for 363 yards and three touchdowns, but he also was intercepted twice.

Nicholls State (8-4), of the Southland Conference, could only capitalize on one of those interceptions.

Big Sky Conference champion Montana led 10-0 after a 27-yard pass from Ah Yat to Raul Pacheco, and on a 41-yard field goal by Andy Larson.

Nicholls State threatened when Ricky Wilson intercepted an Ah Yat pass and returned it to the UM 9-yard line.

But Montana's defense held running back Nakia Lumar to minus-7 yards on the first down, sacked quarterback Brad Zeller for another 7-yard loss on the second play, and stopped Lumar for a 2-yard loss on

third-and-goal from the 23-yard line.

"It seems like when they get down into your red zone, the intensity level went up," said UM end Randy Riley. "Everybody's concentration level went up. Everyone did what they were supposed to do."

That forced the Colonels to settle for a 42-yard field goal by Adam Diel with 14 seconds left in the first quarter.

"They gave us a couple opportunities early to keep us in the game, but we weren't able to capitalize," said Nicholls State coach Darren Barbier.

Nicholls State's Demetrius

also intercepted Ah Yat in the second quarter, but the Colonels ran three plays and had to punt.

UM's Greg Fitzgerald blocked an NSU punt on the Colonels' next series and recovered the ball on the 12-yard line. That set up a 12-yard run by Josh Branen on the next play.

"We haven't had a punt blocked all year," said Barbier. "I think that was a major, major play in the game."

Montana led 24-3 at halftime after Ah Yat and

Pacheco hooked up on a yard scoring play.

Reggie Davis recovered a Montana fumble in the third quarter, but the Colonels again had to punt after three plays.

Branen scored on a 41-yard run late in the third quarter. Justin Olsen caught scoring passes of 26 yards from Ah Yat and 27 yards from backup Darren Royce in the fourth quarter as Grizzlies took a 45-3 lead.

Montana's Jake Dennehy intercepted backup quarterback Corey Lamar and returned the ball 57 yards to the NSU 17, setting up a 31-yard field goal by Larson.

Olsen, starting for injured Mike Erhardt, caught eight passes for 129 yards, which was all Nicholls State could manage in total offense.

"Mike Erhardt couldn't have played today, we had him," coach Dennehy said. "He may have a hell of a time getting his job back with the way Olsen played."

UM linebacker Jason Crebo was injured during the second quarter and the coaches held him out, even though it wasn't serious.

Lumar led Nicholls State with 59 yards rushing while Brad Zeller completed 9 of 22 passes for 65 yards. He was sacked five times for a loss of 29 yards.

"That was a butt-kicking," said Barbier. "You would win a lot of championships with that defense."



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Boise State starting hoops suspended for three games

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Senior guard Joe Wyatt, the leading scorer on last season's Boise State basketball team, has been suspended for three games for breaking team rules.

Wyatt will miss the Pepperdine home game on Saturday and road games Monday at Idaho State and

Dec. 7 at Weber State.

The school announced the suspension in a news release Thanksgiving Day. It said Boise State head coach Rod Jensen and Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier would have no further comment.

Wyatt is from Los Angeles. He started in Boise's

season opener last week against Washington State and scored 17 points. Last season, his 11.7 point average was high on the team and he earned Newcomer of the Year in the Big Sky Conference.

Wyatt played two years of junior college basketball at the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, Calif.

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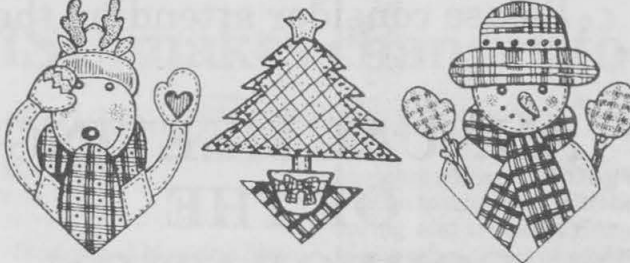
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Sports Briefs

\$1,400 raised for redshirt Bobcat

BOZEMAN Mont.—Football fans at Missoula's Washington-Grizzly Stadium contributed over \$1,400 at the Nov. 23 Bobcat-Grizzly football game to help defray medical costs for Montana State redshirt freshman football player Linn Lucas, who is battling cancer at a Seattle Treatment Center.

The amount donated, announced by MSU Assistant Athletic Director Bruce Parker, coupled with the more than \$4,000 raised at Montana State football and basketball games last weekend, will help the Lucas family with medical costs. Football players and cheerlead-

ers from Denton High, where Lucas was a standout player last fall, circulated through the crowd to accept donations.

"The gesture by The University of Montana to allow us to coordinate this effort was extremely generous, and was made and taken in the spirit which makes this such a great state," Parker said. "The Lucas family and MSU athletics are extremely grateful, but not at all surprised, by the giving nature of Grizzly and Bobcat fans alike. We all wish to extend our appreciation to all who donated."

Two 'Cats named All-American

Bozeman—Senior defensive back Scott Mathews was named to the GTE Academic All-American Region VII team today for the third straight year, and was joined by MSU senior defensive end Devlan Geddes, a first-time choice.

Mathews is a Biological Science major from Anacortes, Wash., with a 3.41 grade point average. He had 116 tackles this year to lead the team, in-

cluding three for a loss. He also intercepted one pass, broke up another, caused one fumble and recovered four.

Geddes is a Social and Criminal Justice major with a 3.71 GPA. The Junction City, Ore., native had 90 tackles this year, and led the Bobcats with 13 tackles for a loss and six sacks. He hurried opposing quarterbacks 10 times, and recovered a pair of fumbles.

NAU Lumberjacks not as fortunate as the Griz'

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP)—Playoff experience wasn't a factor when Furman met Northern Arizona. Playoff desire might have been.

"We didn't work hard all season just to make the playoffs," the Paladins' Braniff Bonaventure said Saturday night after throwing two touchdown passes in the final 4 1/2 minutes of a 42-31 victory over Northern Arizona. "We wanted to do something with it and go on to the national championships."

In contrast, Travis Brown, a redshirt freshman who threw for 3,398 yards in the regular season while Archie Amerson ran for 2,079—a first in college football at any level—was satisfied with what Northern accomplished this season.

The Paladins, the 1988 national champions, were making their eighth Division I-AA playoff appearance since 1982. But they hadn't been to the playoffs since 1990.

The Lumberjacks (9-3) had never been in the NCAA tournament and hadn't appeared in a playoff since reaching the NAIA finals in

1958.

They were the No. 7 seed to Furman's No. 10 after finishing second in the Big Sky Conference. The Lumberjacks played with defensive fury in the final quarter, but couldn't overcome their own mistakes.

"We had the game in our hands, in the offense's hands, but we made a crucial mistake," said Brown, who completed 23 of 46 for 260 yards and a touchdown but also threw two interceptions.

Northern Arizona went ahead 21-7 at halftime after a 5-yard run by Amerson, field goals of 39 and 30 yards by Mark Jagodzinski, and Brown's 22-yard TD pass to Ricky Pearsall, who also caught a two-point conversion pass.

And the Lumberjacks had a 9-yard run by Tyler McDonnell and Jagodzinski's third field goal, this one with 6:19 remaining, to go ahead 31-21.

"If we had executed to the point that we did in a bunch of games this season, I think we'd certainly have had a much better performance," coach Steve Axman said.

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veterans are helping them out.

One of the new people is freshman Melissa Trask who is becoming known as the "Enforcer" for her dominant inside play. She is behind Natalie Smith and said she hopes she can live up to the role she has been put in.

Trask said the team camaraderie here at MSU is much more than that of high school. She said the team's togetherness is coming a long way since the beginning of the season.

With injuries nagging some players, Trask said this will force people to step up in the vacant spots.

"It's a big role, but just another role for other people to step up and take control," Trask said. "They'll have to step up and fill everyone else's shoes."

Flyline:

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tying, which are available through local fly shops, they are gifts that keep giving well past the holiday season. A fly tying or rod building kit can create a hobby for a lifetime.

Books are a Christmas gift standby, and two books I have found enjoyable are *True Love and the Wagon Bugger* by Dave Ames and *Meanderings of a Fly Fisherman* by Seth Norman.

Ames, from Helena, writes from his own wealth of experience as a fly fisherman and fly fishing guide. From memorable characters and stories, his signature character "True Love" takes you to the Bob Marshall Wilderness fish for Arctic grayling and throat trout and to learn a lifelong love.

In *Meanderings of a Fly Fisherman*, Norman, one of America's finest sportswriters, has collected some of his best stories.

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