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We got the beat



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Davidson and The Global Rhythm Tour visited MSU Thursday night. The event was hosted by ASMSU Campus Entertainment. Drums were provided for the first 300 students, and some brought their own.

Chicken wire project in library delayed due to lack of money

SHIBDON
EDITOR

Due to budgeting conflicts, the Montana State University facility services will have to rely on the courtyard safety measure—chicken wire. The chicken wire was installed on the safety railing after two children fell from the bars, suffering serious injuries.

The project to bring the railing up to code, to begin over Christmas, has yet to be approved, Lashaway, director of facility services, said. The project was budgeted for \$120,000.

Because the project came in over budget so we're working with the A&E division (who bid the project) to see if we can get within budget, Lashaway said.

A contract has not been signed yet and budgeting conflicts prevent construction from beginning.

Lashaway said the work will probably begin

during spring break and continue until the end of the semester, or wait until after commencement.

"It will have to fit into whatever the library has as a window," Lashaway said. "It should be fairly non-obtrusive work so I guess it could proceed just about any time."

Bruce Morton, dean of libraries, said he thinks the construction will inconvenience library users.

"My expectation is that it would be an inconvenience on the stairway," Morton said. "They would have to narrow the stairway at any given point they are working, which to me seems to be dangerous, and they need to work around the courtyard on the various levels, and that's going to disturb students or preclude students from studying in that area while they are doing their

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Malone appointed to head international association

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Michael Malone, president-elect of the Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Universities Commission (ASULGC) on Internationalization, was appointed to head the organization.

ASULGC is a voluntary association of pub-

lic universities, land-grant institutions and many state university systems. The international commission overlooks all of the international activities, exchange programs and classroom activities that are involved with international programs.

Malone will serve as chairman-elect in 1997, chairman in 1998 and past-chair-

man in 1999. The appointment also makes him a member of the board of directors of NASULGC. In this capacity, Malone will assist the executive council in making decisions about the fundamental directions the organization should take.

"It's an honor," Malone said of his appointment. "We're making a major effort to internation-

alize our campus."

According to Malone, the most important aspect of NASULGC is student involvement in international exchanges. "We want hundreds of students a year spending semesters elsewhere as well as students coming here."

Florence Dunkel, an entomology professor at MSU, has been encouraging Malone to put

funding into internationalizing the campus, the community and faculty and student programs.

"I am ecstatic about this election," Dunkel said. "I have been increasingly happy with how he has responded to the internationalization process at MSU."

"I want to turn the volume up," Malone said. "Get the word out."

Grade-line falters during vacation

Students suffer through dilemma

By DAX SCHIEFFER
NEWS EDITOR

Over the break the MSU grade-line received an "F".

The grade-line was plagued with problems over the vacation as students dialed to receive their grades.

According to Rob Schneider, assistant director of admissions and records, the system was providing grades, but somebody else's.

Schneider said the system was shut down when it was discovered that some students were hearing the wrong grades.

"It was happening where a student could actually hear someone else's grades," said Rocky Brown, systems analyst for the Information Technology Center, "but they don't know whose they are, thank God."

Bonnie Ashley, assistant director of the Registrar's office, confirmed that students may have received the wrong grades but they would not know whose grades they were.

Schneider cited the Family Rights and Privacy Act, or Buckley Amendment, which requires this information to remain confidential.

"We don't want erroneous information out there, so we just shut down the whole system until we were able to get a handle on that," Schneider said.

Brown said the problem was not noticed right away because his testing instruments indicated the system was working properly. He said there were many problems with the system over the break, including the year change and a lack of disk space.

"It was one problem after another and they hit us all at once," Brown said. "It was a nightmare."

Dominic Zuccarini, a senior in marketing, said the problem became expensive for him because he was calling from out of state. He said the system worked fine until the prompt for grades, and then the system would stop, so he would have to try again.

"I decided I would have to wait until I got back to Bozeman and I called again and again and again and finally I received grades but they were not my own," Zuccarini said. "I tried a few times after that and couldn't receive anyone's grades."

"I would have been happier had they not had a grade system than having one that didn't function properly," Zuccarini said. "It wouldn't have cost me my money."

Ashley said her office continually tries to improve the lives of students by using phones instead of making them wait through long lines.

"You can't improve a service to people and then have it all of a sudden not work or create more hassles for them (students) because then you undo what good you've done. It's something we're really aware of and we're going to great lengths to fix," Ashley said.

Brown said he is confident they can get the system to work properly, and they are committed to reviewing the program line by line to fix any glitches.

"I am going to completely re-do all of this," Brown said. "We have set up a team of about nine or ten of us, and they will go through all of our problems."

Ashley said she would like to mail out the grades, but there is not enough money in their budget to cover the mailing expenses. She estimated the cost may be close to \$10,000.

Ashley said not all of the problems were the system's fault. A number of students failed to establish a personal identification number.

"There seemed to be a real confusion between the difference between the PIN, which is a self-assigned four-digit number that doesn't change until a student changes it and an RAC (Registration Access Code) that we assign every semester so that they can get in and register for their classes," Ashley said.

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Chicken Wire: Temporary safe measure taints Renne library's image

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work. I have always conveyed that the optimal time to do it is either during intercession or the summer to minimize the inconvenience to students."

However, Robert Harrison, a university architect, added that though a disturbance is unavoidable, facility services hopes to keep any distraction to a minimum.

"It obviously will cause disturbance," Harrison said. "They will be there doing work while the library is in use. There's just no time that the library is not in use. Steps have been taken in the design to minimize that disruption."

"The intended modifications relate to the height of some of the rails and then the openness of the balusters, the vertical piece that holds the rail up," Lashaway said. "So we would have to have some kind of a metal panel that would be fit in to preclude people from going through the rail."

Of course it (the stairway) met code at the time the building was constructed, and of course code has marched along and we have requirements. It will be updated to meet the requirements."

Harrison said the construction is a simple. "That means raising most of the railing and adding an infilled panel, probably glass, to the vertical area between the railing and the wall to bring the spacing requirement up to code," Harrison said.

Morton said the project is needed because the chicken wire taints the image of the university.

"It affects the image of the university for visitors, parents and students considering the institution," Morton said. "I've worked for over a year with it now and have to make do, but I don't think it presents the image we want to project."

Upcoming Events

The Bozeman Civil War Roundtable will present "The Politics of the Lincoln Administration," a talk by Barbara Brown at 7 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Bozeman Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

Classical guitarist Michael Videon will perform at 8 p.m. Jan. 25 at Reynolds Recital Hall. Admission is \$5 for the general public and free for MSU students.

The Department of Media and Theatre Arts will present an actor training workshop from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Jan. 31 in the Strand

Union Theatre at MSU. The workshop is titled "Toward a Psychophysical Acting Process: Martial Arts in Actor Training" given by University of Montana's movement specialist Dora Lanier.

MSU Women's Center's Sack Lunch Seminar will be at noon Jan. 29 in room 106E in the SUB. The topic is "Readings and Oral Interpretations by Local Students." Seminars are free, fun, informal and open to everyone.

Montana Winter Fair will present a Rendezvous Jan. 25 through Jan. 28 at the Win-

ter Fair. The rendezvous will feature current trends in goods, services, home decor, robe, gifts, art, tack and related areas. Fair can be purchased for \$4 during the week. For more information contact Jena Nash 1397.

Students Against Sexual Assault will have a weekly meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Leaf and coffee shop on Main Street. Students are welcome to attend. For more information contact Betsy Danforth at the Women's Center, 994-1397.

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graduate students win awards

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FREEZING COLD: Wind chill factor causes extra winter worries for students

Montana State University
COMMUNICATION SERVICES

BOZEMAN- Perhaps "no man is an island," but each of us, literally, exists with a little boundary area around us that is part of what keeps us warm in winter.

That can change quickly in the wind. Even a gentle breeze can make zero degrees feel like 20 below zero, and it does that by blowing away that thin boundary layer of warm humid air around us.

When the wind blows it away, the body ends up constantly trying to reheat the surrounding area.

The reason a down jacket, or any jacket keeps us warm is that it creates still air trapped between our bodies and the outside air. Our body is able to heat the still area as if the wind were not blowing.

That's also why it feels warmer on the leeward side of an evergreen out in the open, or warmer anywhere there is

a slowing or blocking of the wind.

Still air is a very good insulator, which is why a double-pane window keeps a home warmer than a single pane. The layer of air between the two panes acts as insulation.

Officially, the "wind chill factor" quantifies the effects of heat loss from a body, and we use this as a measure of how cold it feels, said Wraith. Though there are ways of calculating wind chill, usually weather reporters rely on a series of charts that give air temperature, wind speed and the resulting wind chill.

For instance, at 20 degrees Fahrenheit, a 10-mile-per-hour wind will chill us as if it were 2 degrees above zero.

The faster the wind, the greater its chilling affect. So at zero degrees a 10 mph wind, feels like minus 22 degrees, but make that a 20 mph wind and it will feel like minus 40.

"MSU sent two students to the competition and we both came away with honorable mentions. So MSU had a 100 percent success rate for awards and no other university has ever done that to my knowledge."

Matthew Carroll, graduate student—entomology

cates that we have quality students and that the students under the direction of their major advisors are doing extremely well," Jenkins said.

Jenkins and Carroll said they were surprised by their awards.

"They divide the competition into different categories and mine was one of the largest categories," Carroll said, "I didn't go in expecting to win something, but I did feel very competitive."

Jenkins and Carroll have spent a month preparing their presentations and they have been researching for over a year.

Carroll said MSU's appearance at the meeting was very impressive.

"MSU sent two students to the competition and we both came away with honorable mentions," Carroll said. "So MSU had a 100 percent success rate for awards and no other university has ever done that to my knowledge."

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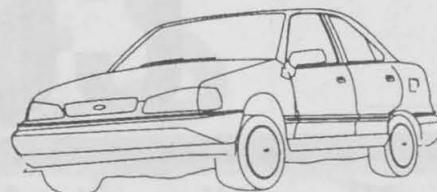
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The Exponent

To the editor: Biker asks for peace this new year

It may not seem like it's the season to be biking. For some of us that do not have the two car family option, it's biking season year round and we make the best of it.

I am writing in support of Beverly Eschberger's *Exponent* about mad revenging bikers. I wish I was talented as Beverly to think I could ride around town using a handlebar mounted semi-automatic weapon on ignorant motorists, while conquering the icy winter streets of Bozeman. At most, it is all I can do to ride hugging the side of road, hoping the mad honker behind can see around my burly biking body enough to pass on an uninhabited 4-lane

road.

Of course not many of these drivers whom take the time to cloud my day, ask me why I choose to ride my bike while tears freeze the sunglasses to my cheek. As the case is so often, these folks whom Beverly's newly patented Revenge Rifle will be aiming at are not par for the course, though their unempathetic rudeness seems to prevail. I do have to recognize those outstanding individuals who have stopped to offer a ride, told me I'm crazy, and even asked if I was okay. Maybe they had attempted winter biking once before.

The targets of my shared outrage are those similar to the

person who yelled, "Jesus Christ, I almost ran you over!", as I skidded penguin style across Olive Street trying to avoid their vehicle when it casually blew through a stop sign in front of me. So I've resorted to waving back ever so kindly, knowing I'd rather be freckling their vehicle with my imaginary side arm. I suggest a peaceful New Years resolution those of you who prefer not to share the roads (if you do not know who you are, we do); try a day of commuting to work or school mid-winter... it's a genuine humbling experience.

B.J. Giese
Psycho Biker

Facilities Services monopolizes, binds in red tape, man says

By DICK ROLFE
GUEST EDITORIAL

Having never worked for the government before, there are some radical differences between the way business is conducted in the "real world" and how we are expected to do things when we work for the State of Montana.

Any of us that are in charge of spending your annual dollars should be accountable for the way those dollars are spent. Maintenance, repair, remodeling and building projects is something that many of us deal with, from the painting of an office to the building of multi-million dollar facilities. It is not possible, at the present, to accomplish things with any element of efficiency, without breaking contracts and state statutes. A union controlled bureaucracy of its own has grown like cancer throughout the university system, experiment stations all across Montana. Here at MSU, that carcinoma Facilities Services.

I have yet to talk to an administrator on the MSU campus that has not suffered from the expensive and painful service from this bureaucracy, that by law, has the first right to our building and maintenance needs. There are some trades people that work at Facilities Services, the system we have to work in is the cancer. When people are allowed to take an unfair advantage of the system that supports them, they "milk a job" or stretch it out much longer than it should be. To accomplish or assign more laborers than needed to do simple tasks (each one driving separate vehicles of course).

The pendulum has swung too far when an MSU Facilities Services cannot even paint their office or hang a picture on the wall without breaking a union contract, breaking state laws, and being fined. At the Livestock Center, we needed some electrical and electrical work done to adequately supply water to the Nutrition Center and the experimental feedlot before the livestock could be brought in and fed this fall. My job is to make sure that the livestock are taken care of and handled properly. We started digging and planning this project last spring and in May or early June, we were told to stop the project, because the contracts were being broken.

I tried to play by the rules, it took eight weeks to get a quote, I didn't like the price of the quote but was willing to pay Facilities' price if it could be done in a timely manner. Facilities Services dropped the ball and did not get the job done for four more weeks. I had the farm crew at the Livestock Center complete the work to the point of making the plumbing system functional for a long time. Our crew completed the job to this point for less than \$4,000 including excavating, plumbing (by hand and machine), labor and parts for the electrical and electrical work, cost of rental equipment and hiring a tractor when it was not safe for our people to do the work.

The original quote from Facilities was \$10,000.00. It was just for the plumbing and electrical work, assuming we did all the excavating. In twelve weeks we did not get any action from Facilities Services, but in only in hours we found out that we did our work, my boss was saying that we were going to be blessed with union guys filed against our department and possible fines. One can wonder just where the priorities of this cancerous bureaucracy really lie.

To meet Montana State Code, Facilities is expected to charge us over \$3200 for installing two back flow preventers (can hardly wait for the bill). But fellow taxpayers, it's not better, the unions and our "servants" at Facilities Services to charge us based on one hundred twelve labor hours for fifty more hours than it took us to do the plumbing and electrical portion of the project. Wouldn't it make more sense if their trained trades people should be able to do the work in less than a bunch of ranch hands, cowboys and farmers?

On the eve of a new legislative year, here in Montana, let us look at some ways to solve this cancerous problem. First, A, we should become a right to work state and remove the unions and regulations that are presently in place that do nothing but support this unionized system. Should plan A fail, Plan B, let's privatize Facilities Services at every college and university in the state, and allow us to do this work where appropriate, and contract work out when needed. I believe that we would save millions of dollars across Montana University systems each year with either plan.

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THE PURSUIT OF GOOD TIMES AND GOOD DEEDS

What do Juarez, Mexico, Elgin, Arizona, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Phoenix, Arizona have in common? Montana State University students looking to do a good turn.

Approximately 50 MSU students participated in Away, a new program being offered by the Office for Community Involvement (OCI), over Christmas break. Students gave their time, money and energy to build playground equipment in Mexico, teach school in Phoenix, build a wildlife-friendly fence in Elgin and housing with Habitat for Humanity in Las Cruces.

The OCI arranged transportation and lodging for students.

The cost was \$150 per student. The focus of the trip was as much community service as a cultural exchange, since students were to interact within the bounds of another community while working ... and playing. Students reported sand sledding at a national monument, playing many games of soccer to a youthful "Mexico" and visits with area ranchers with roadside "camping expeditions." The OCI plans other trips to warmer climates during spring break. Destinations are to be announced early this semester but will include some new as well as the some repeat sites where the projects are ongoing.

To get involved contact Jeff King at the Office of Community Involvement at 994-6902.

Buenos días!
This experience in Juarez has truly been eye-opening. I have learned so much in the short time our group has been here in Talocho. Spending time at such an underprivileged school has given me the chance to stop and think about values and what is really important in life. I will never forget the children's faces when the project was finished. My heart melted.

Jeannie Coaks

Hey, how's it going? Just thought I'd write and tell you about how Mexico is. It feels just like home down here, snow and everything. But I can't complain. This is the experience of a lifetime! The work, what there is of it, is challenging and the kids are great. I never did understand a word they said, but I could tell they were happy we were there. Well, time to get back to work, oh and by the way they were right, you really shouldn't drink the water! see ya, Josh

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in sunny
Juarez, Mexico! The people
always are wonderful
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we have in Bozeman.
For me, this experience truly
describes "reaching out," but
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(me...). Travelling broadens
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Joshua



REVIEW

by MAXWELL YANOFF
REELING AND WRITHING

To appreciate a dream one must abandon interpretation and embrace image. Easier said than done? Sure, that is why a Bozeman company, Dross, LLP., has combined the latest in dream understanding with Internet and Web technology to make the leap from interpretation to image.

Conventional dream analysis, based on Western notions of psychology, focuses on interpretation. However, according to Timothy Tate, Dross co-founder, recent emphasis is placed on finding the image in the dream. That image represents a task that only the Self can understand and bring to waking life. And the waking life task of Dross's website, <http://www.dreamwv.com>, is to help find the individual's task in the dream image. Icon driven and refreshingly in-

"Play with the dream, roll with it, let it drape the tongue like a good red wine."

James Hillman, dream appreciation authority

tuitive, *dreamwv* walks through a number of linked sites. These pages connect to tutorials, updates and bibliographies with the sole purpose of helping the dreamer find the image that resonates.

For example, *Dreamages* is a primer site that suggests and reminds the dreamer how to recall and extract the most from dream images. In a recent online chat with James Hillman, the foremost authority on the noninterpretive model of dream appreciation, he offered this technique: "I focus on keeping the dream around during the day, along with the accompanying package of feelings, as an

echo chamber if you will." Play with the dream, roll with it, let it drape the tongue like a good red wine, Hillman suggested.

Having trouble coaxing an image from the dream? Go to the *Muse* page, the site of classic dream themes drawn from mythology and history (visit the Canadian sister site, *Mythological*, from here). Ever wonder about the collective dream experience? Go to *Scribe*, and see what activities around the world may be influencing the dream image, or vice versa.

Want to mull over the image while reading some thought-

ful prose? Go to *Paragon* find essays, short stories, poems that stand alone, poems that serve to prime the dreamer (catch *Large Black Man* by MSU professor Norman Sexson at *Paragon* now).

What makes this site different from most sites on the America Online (AOL) *dreamwv* a 97 percent rating according to an AOL spokesman that score means the website is extremely well built, easy to navigate and therefore worth the time.

However, what is still different about this site is that it offers something of substance and insight and value. The site does not interpret but offers education. It is the dream and the dreamer.

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Local group hosts benefit to halt bison slaughter

ETTE RULE
S EDITOR

Bison activists banded together Sunday evening to celebrate the woolly mammal's historic condemnation of the recent sanctioned slaughter of thousands of bison around Yellowstone National Park.

Each date, more than 560 bison have been slaughtered and 80 are slated to be killed, most by gunshot.

The benefit, called Boogie in the Park, featured music by Montana's Greg Keeler and local musician Joe Mann at the Cultural Center. Chili and music were the highlights of the event.

The focus was clear. "We want to stop the killing of bison in Yellowstone National Park and we want free bison," Stan Wilson said, addressing a crowd of about 25 Native Westerners. Stan Wilson, a relatively new member of the Bison Action Group, planned the ben-

efit. The Bison Action Group is a very small grassroots organization and the Wilsons will use public demon-

stration and civil disobedience, not lobby techniques or lawsuits, to halt the killing. "National organizations don't have much of a track record on solving local problems and I really believe in thinking locally while acting globally," Stan explained.

The Wilsons also believe there are other solutions to the perceived problem. "We think that the buffalo should be moved to reservation lands and several tribes have offered to take live bison," Delyla added.

Documentary film maker Mike Mease agrees. Mease, a native Montanan, works out of Missoula for Cold Mountain, Cold River, an organization rooted in the premise that from one mountain flows many rivers. The group focuses on educating people about the lesser-known issues concern-

ing human rights and the environment. Mease does this through film and hopes to release a documentary on the slaughter of Yellowstone's bison this February.

"I'm not an animal rights activist, I'm a Montanan; I hunt, I'm a Montanan," Mease said of his work focus.

Much of Mease's work is the result of tours with the National Park Service and talking his way into slaughterhouses with his camera.

"I only want to do this work because these are the issues that aren't being covered and because these

aren't just Montana's bison, they are the world's," Mease said.

BAG maintains, like many other environmental organizations, that the chance of bison transmitting brucellosis in the wild is slim and that there are no

documented cases of transmission in this ecosystem. "Brucellosis is the justification for killing these animals but we believe the real reason bison are being killed is for public lands grazing," Stan said, referring to the area outside the park which is mainly used for ranching. "They basically don't want to share their graze," he concluded.

"There are solutions like reintroducing bison to reservations as a way of giving back to the Native American culture or purchasing the CUT ranch," Mease said, referring to the Church Universal and Triumphant's substantial land holdings in the Paradise Valley. "Removing grazing priorities on national forests would help, too," Mease suggested, stating that the land's original purpose was wildlife habitat when President Teddy Roosevelt created the park system in 1872.

Keeler also provided his perspective, as well as entertainment. "I've always been hooked up with the environmental community," Keeler said. "I believe that all animals and people, we're all part of the same bio-region."

"National organizations don't have much of a track record on solving local problems and I really believe in thinking locally while acting globally."

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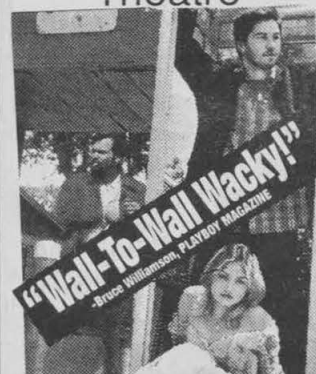


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Mysticism seminar invites audience participation

By JUSTIN DISNEY
STAFF WRITER

For those who have wondered why people would want to wear a habit, forswear material possessions and consider the poor their brothers and sisters, upcoming seminars may have the answers.

The Salt Company/Baptist Student Union is hosting a series of seminars examining Christian mysticism, a side of Christianity that has influenced people like Saint Francis of Assisi and Puritan minister Jonathan Edwards.

"The introductory seminar will deal with a broad overview," said Chris McRae, director of the Salt Company/Baptist Student Union. "(It will be) more of a historical perspective and a discussion of what is mysticism and what it is not."

Matthew Rojahn, a senior in religious studies and the chief organizer of the seminar series, will lead the discussions.

"One of the main misunderstandings is that when a mystic goes out to seek God, they're seeking God for an object to hold onto (for) themselves ... and that is not mysticism," Rojahn said. "What we find in the mystics is that after they reach a unionative experience (with God), they have been the most superactive

reformers and voices in the church."

The seminar series will be a historical progression examining these reformers, their historical context, their writings and their influence on the Christian church. Some mystics will receive more attention than others because they have more writings or are well-known.

Almost all of the world's major religions have a mystical side. Dr. Marvin Shaw, a professor of religious studies, defined mysticism as "the experience of union with divine reality (through) the use of techniques."

"Mystics in all the traditions usually have a set of techniques or practices that will lead to (a mystical) experience," Shaw said. "That quite often involves a different kind of lifestyle, like that of a monk or nun, vows of poverty and chastity and prayer and meditation techniques."

But just as there are commonalities between the various religions' mystical sides, there are some fundamental differences.

"For Jews, Christians and Muslims, you always stress God's prior activity," Shaw said.

"The techniques that the mystic uses cannot make the experience happen. If it comes, it is

an infused experience, given by God."

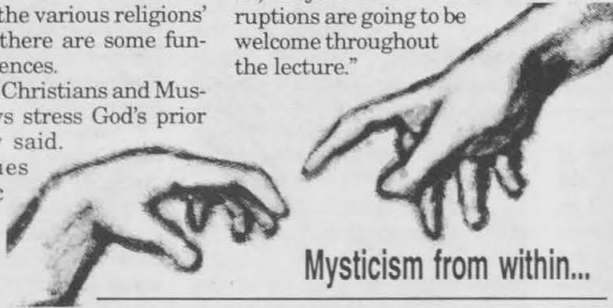
For Buddhists, Taoists and some Hindus, the mystical comes from within the individual as opposed to some outside force, Shaw said.

Though religions other than Christianity are not the focus of the seminars, people of other religions may find the series informative.

"We are going to concentrate specifically on Christian mysticism," McRae said. "Not that we're going to ignore or exclude other traditions; for someone from an Islam or Hindu or even Native American spirituality, what they might come and get from (the seminar) is the distinctiveness of Christian mysticism."

Though each seminar will have a half-hour lecture, the format and discussion involved will vary according to audience interest.

"I want it to be as open as it can be," Rojahn said. "Interruptions are going to be welcome throughout the lecture."



Mysticism from within...

Credits earned for travel

By JODIE DEIGNAN STAFF WRITER

As if exploring Europe is not appealing enough, students can receive three to six credits for traveling to European cities.

Montana State's professor of Management for college of Business, Jim Lee, is teaching Mgmt 465: A Summer Exchange in Europe. The class objective is to provide students with an understanding of the Western European business environment.

"We will watch the sun come up in the central markets and watch the fish coming up at the docks in various places in Western Europe," Lee said of the trip. "That way we will see not just the corporate levels but all the facets of international business."

The class begins May 12 with a flight from Gallatin Field to Shannon Airport in Ireland connecting students to Montana state's sister college, University College Galway.

Students will travel to western England and visit another sister college, University of Lancashire. Along the way, students will be visiting the cities of Dublin, London, Paris, Milan, Venice, Barcelona and Bordeaux, two other sister colleges are included in the itinerary: Elberhard-Karls-University and Paul Valery University.

"We are going to hit the road running," Lee said. "We will be visiting six countries in four weeks. It will be a great way for students to learn how to travel safely and cheaply."

Lee has traveled throughout Asia and worked at the University of Malta as a Fulbright Professor in 1981-1982. Lee also started the exchange with Kumamoto-Gakuin University in Japan.

Interested students should contact Lee at his office, 455, at 994-1776, or e-mail: ibmjl@gemini.oscs.montana.edu. Students should respond ASAP because the program requires rapid notice to the airlines for reasonable fares.



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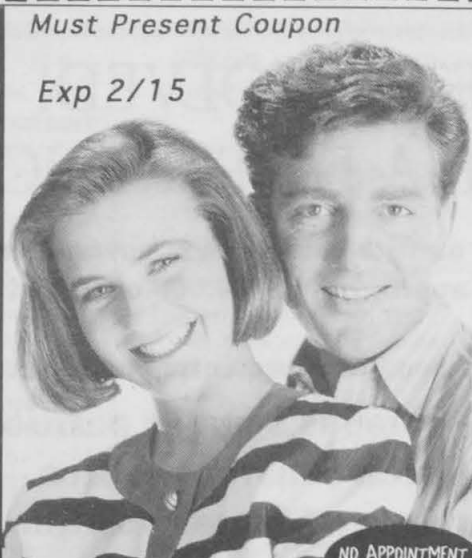
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Lady Bobcats hit key shots to beat PSU

ANNA LEUSCHEN
WRITER

The Lady 'Cats game Saturday night came down to free throw attempts by Jamie

The Lady 'Cats had a slow start, Portland State scoring four points. Then Julie came down the floor and hit a three-pointer to bring the Bobcats in one. Portland State scored two more points, which gave them a three-point lead. She then fouled and she had one of her two free throw attempts. With the next possession, all, Jayme Merrisette hit a three pointer to give the Lady 'Cats a two-point lead. According to coach Tracy Sheehan, with injuries on the team, Merrisette was a redshirt up until a few days before the game when she decided to play for them.

Merrisette is a pure shooter and it's nice to have her finally," Sheehan said. "She's such a threat, you respect her when she's on the court."

The Bobcats battled and at the end of the half, the Bobcats led 11-10.

Coming from halftime, the Lady 'Cats scored 11 points in the second half, which gave the Bobcats a 22-10 lead. Then, Hommes stole the ball from PSU and broke away for a layup to stretch the lead to 23-10. The Bobcats held on to their lead for the rest of the game, winning by two with 11 minutes to go.

"I think that our defense for a while there lacked, so we let them back into it," Spring said. "But, after coach told us a couple of times, we got our defense back into it and I think that's what stopped them and got us back into the game."

Hommes left the game with an injury in the final minute and a half of play time. Leading by only three with 31 seconds left, Spring went to the line, hitting one of two free throws. With 10 seconds left in the game, Spring found herself at the line again with the lead at two. She hit the first free throw and missed the second.

"We just wanted opportunities to convert; we needed a couple of big baskets. Jamie (Spring) really stepped up and really sealed it up for us at the free-throw line," Sheehan said. "It's not even a matter of what we did or what we didn't do, it just comes down to, sometimes you don't play very well and you still win and that's when you know you're a good team. I kind of feel that was the story tonight."

At the buzzer, Portland State's Karrin Wilson bounced a three pointer off the rim to give the Bobcats a 73-70 win over PSU.

"We thought we were ahead and thought we could do it," Brown said. "We needed to come out and play and put better pressure on defense and I think in the last three to four minutes we did that."

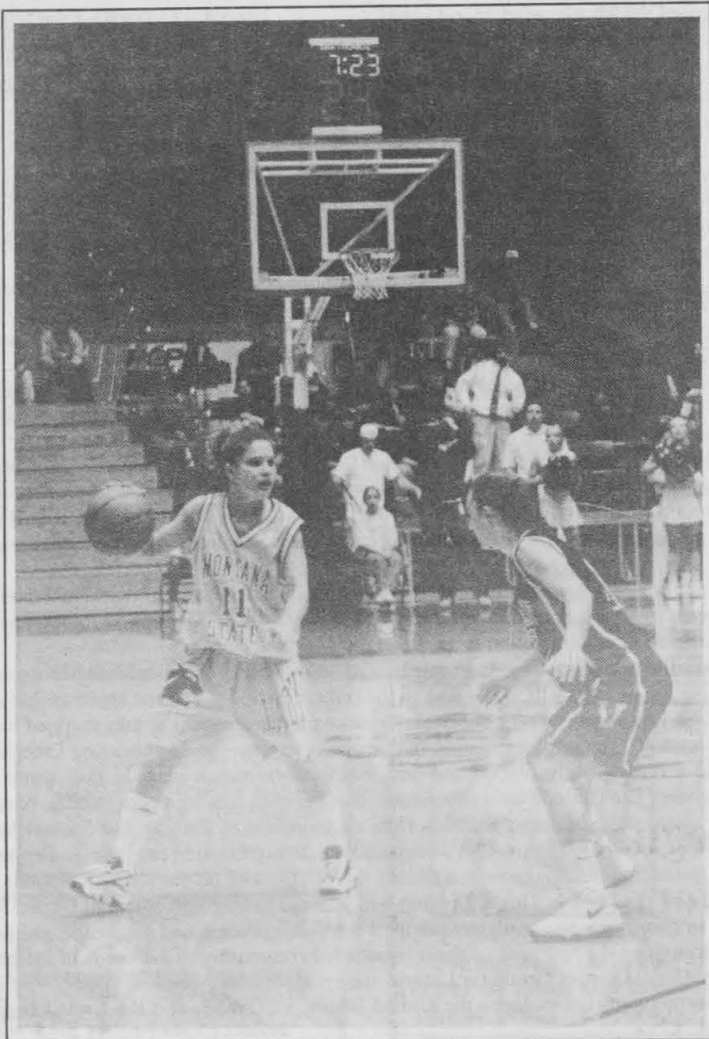


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Jamie Spring brings the ball down the court to set up the winning play that helped the Lady Bobcats beat Portland State.

Indoor track season ready for starting gun

PARISH
WRITER

The indoor track season filled with high expectations and hopeful prospects under way this Saturday at the Montana State University indoor track and field facility.

MSU will take on Big Sky University of Montana and Montana State, along with perennial Big Sky Conference powerhouses BYU. The Redwood Fieldhouse will be the battleground for the teams.

The men's team is looking to move up on its 4th place Big Sky finish of last year. This team is young, with over half the squad made up of freshmen and redshirt freshmen. Newcomers will be joined by veteran athletes.

The team is led by junior Ryan Mizner, who finished last year's Big Sky Championship. Mizner, who has his college career as a freshman, has blossomed into a number-one thrower. Galeana, the school's mile record holder, is off redshirting the cross-country season and is rested and ready to go. Look for Galeana to mix the mix come the end of the season.

The 'Cats will be looking to build on the success left by redshirting Mark Koefeld in the 400m, John Wurtz in the 800m, and Eric Robb in the 1500m. Sophomore Jess



Photo by Rhonda Whiteman

Tara Moeller throws a 25-pound weight during an intrasquad meet.

Mortensen will contribute in the high jump, along with senior Chris Roper in the pole vault. Brent Sampson and Ryan Burrows look to be MSU's top sprinters and hurdlers.

Runners in the 800-meter event, senior Chris Blomquist and junior Zac Gertsch are in the best preseason form ever and are leading the way in the middle-distance events. Distance runners Norm Rousey, MSU's number-one cross country runner and standout Kevin Jacobsen are proving in early season trials that they are to be reckoned with.

"With a lot of hard work, we can realize the potential of this great team," said Head Men's Coach Rob Stark.

The women's team, like the

men's, is looking to improve on its 1996 4th place finish by jumping into the top three. Not an easy task, especially with the new nine-team Big Sky Conference.

The Lady 'Cats are led, as they have been the last two years, by junior Christy Otte. Otte is the reigning indoor Big Sky 400-meter champ two years running. She also qualified and competed in the NCAA Indoor Championships last year in Indianapolis, an accomplishment she plans to repeat this season. Otte also owns numerous school records in both indoor and outdoor track.

Backing up Otte in the sprints will be sophomore Trisha Skinner. Versatile junior Janet Claypool, who was 4th in last

year's Big Sky Championship in the high jump will also be MSU's number-one hurdler. The Lady 'Cats will lose triple jumpers Tiffany Jimison and Tracy Hammond to injuries.

The Lady 'Cats' deepest and strongest area is the throws, "a product of the excellent development and recruiting of throws coach Mike Carignan," said Head Women's Coach Dale Kennedy.

MSU returns NCAA provisional qualifiers in the weight throw, senior Victoria Garcia and sophomore Tara Moeller. They are backed up by Kari Hanson and Sherri Brunner, giving the Lady 'Cats four possible Big Sky scorers. Gina Cotton who was All-Big Sky as a freshman, will compete in the shot put.

The distance events look strong as well, with the return of many veterans. Sophomore Holly Stanish has the talent to score in the 800 through the 3000, and looks to be MSU's most versatile distance threat. Senior Darcee O'Donnell will be tough in the 3000 and 5000, and Chris Determan, Rachel Jaten and Emily Thompson have valuable experience and are running well.

"Everybody is pulling for each other, everyone wants each other to do well," said Otte.

All of the MSU athletes and coaches would greatly appreciate as much support as possible at their coming season opener at home this Saturday.

Bobcats lose one at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Matt Ambrose came off the bench to score 17 points and Jamaal Sanford had two key blocks in the final minutes to lead Portland State past Montana State 76-69 Saturday night in the Big Sky Conference.

Derek Nesland added 15 points and Brian Towne had 13 as the Vikings (3-12 overall, 1-5 in the Big Sky) converted free throws in the closing seconds to preserve their first conference win of the season.



Danny Sprinkle led the Bobcats (9-9, 3-3) with 26 points, including 6-of-9 from 3-point range, and Mel Claxton added 11 points.

Sanford started an 11-0 run in the second half and Mike Vanderhoff's back-to-back hoops gave the Vikings a 51-42 lead with 11:07 left.

Nate Holmstadt, whose only first-half points came on two free throws, scored consecutive baskets with 5:48 left to close Portland State's lead to 60-55. But Nesland then hit a 3-pointer to put the Vikings ahead 63-55.

The closest Montana State got was 68-65 on a layup by Lance Fay with 2:08 remaining. But Sanford blocked a pair of shots to shut down the Bobcats' next two possessions.

Vanderhoff sank two free throws and Towne hit two more with 54 seconds left to put the Vikings ahead 72-65.

Sanford finished with a team-high nine rebounds and five blocks.



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Liberia should have a special place in the conscience of the United States of America. Its impetus to become a nation came from the United States. For 149 years, it was a state ally of the United States. Yet for the past years, as a civil war has taken almost 200,000 lives, displaced more than two-thirds of the population and destroyed its infrastructure, the United States has treated this great tragedy as a regional problem.

Liberia has a unique historical and cultural link to the United States. Settled by African Americans, many of them former slaves, in the early decades of the 19th century, Liberia became a republic in 1847. The United States influence on Liberia is reflected in the African nation's constitution, the star and stripes of its red, white and blue flag, the structure of its government, the names of its cities, its schools' curriculum, its official language and the remarkable degree of good will its citizens feel toward America. Through all the major conflicts of the 20th century, Liberians have been among the most dependable allies of the United States. In both World Wars, Liberia declared war on the enemies of the United States and offered vital bases, ports, and natural resources to support the United States military. During the Cold War, Liberia voted with the United States on every significant resolution at the United Nations, hosted facilities for electronic monitoring and became the largest base for United States intelligence-gathering in Africa.

Yet when Liberia's security was most at risk because of civil conflict the United States government deferred to ECOWAS, an under-funded regional organization composed of some of the world's poorest nations. Half of the \$10 million earmarked by the United States to support a peacekeeping force had not been committed by April 1996. Meanwhile, the cost to the United States of responding to the humanitarian crisis since 1990 has been emergency relief assistance valued at over \$445 million, over \$66 million provided in the past year alone, more than eight times the amount committed to peacekeeping.

In the absence of a viable security plan, the torrent of refugees continues to undermine Liberia's relations with its immediate neighbors. Though the United States has implied that it will support those nations to admit Liberian refugees, its own record of Liberian admissions decries the long relationship with that nation.

The approach to achieving peace in Liberia has revolved around the ECOWAS process for six years. This process has, in turn, been dependent on a core group of ECOWAS member states with the will and very limited resources to engage in diplomacy or to commit forces for peacekeeping. Fourteen peace agreements have been largely brokered without the United States and other international parties, such as the United Nations or OAU, present with ECOWAS as working partners at the negotiating table. The result of this agreement and the lack of resources, and leverage, necessary for successful implementation, this failure to produce a concerted approach to all aspects of the peace process, from mediation to negotiation and implementation, produced the tragic results that we have witnessed in Liberia.

On August 7 the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) concluded meetings that provide a new timetable for the peace process. Starting August 20, the warring factions are to observe a cease-fire, dismantle checkpoints and withdraw from zones of combat. The peacekeeping force, expanding from 8500 to 18000 troops, is to deploy throughout Liberia in November. Demobilization is to be completed by January 31. Elections are to be held on May 31 with a turnover to an elected government on June 15. The revised plan calls for sanctions against members of the warring factions that obstruct the peace process. Sanctions include restrictions on travel, freeze on economic activities, exclusion from electoral process and war crime charges.

Now the United States has another opportunity to assert its international leadership at a critical juncture to ensure that the success of the new peace process. This leadership will lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States must heighten its diplomatic efforts to help coordinate the process of peace and gather the funding that is necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization in Liberia.

The United States should take the necessary steps to ensure that its commitment of \$30 million to support the ECOMOG peacekeeping force is obligated before the end of the fiscal year 1996. While the United States pledge of \$30 million is a step in the right direction it will not alone enable a doubling of ECOMOG to the 18,000 troops necessary for deployment in November. It is vital that the United States provide additional funds to make up this shortfall or take the lead to obtain significant pledges from other donor countries.

A top priority of the United States should be the implementation of a serious program for demobilizing Liberia's combatants. Regrettably, no additional funding has been pledged by the United States to improve what was an inadequately funded and designed demobilization plan. In fact, some of the funds allocated in early 1996 for reintegration of Liberia's 60,000 combatants have been diverted elsewhere. The United States should take the lead in designing a comprehensive demobilization program. This program will not involve United States troops but should include the resources for every stage of demobilization from encampment to training and counseling of combatants. A contribution of \$20 million (non-food related) from the United States will provide the resources necessary to initiate a well-conceived demobilization program and encourage future contributions from other international donors.

President Clinton and the United States Congress must make Liberia a priority on our foreign relations agenda in Africa. United States leadership is critical if the key elements to be achieved on schedule under the new peace plan. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States through its Special Representative must heighten its diplomatic efforts to coordinate the implementation of the peace process and gather the additional resources necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization.

The United States should strengthen the response of the international community to the needs of the peace process. The foundation for a new international approach to the peace process already exists with the International Contact Group for Liberia, the group of donor countries that have pledged support to the peace process. The concept behind the ICGL should be expanded to a tightly coordinated partnership that includes the United States, ECOWAS, and the United Nations. This high level of cooperation will ensure that scarce resources are effectively utilized.

The outbreak of fighting in Monrovia in April-May of 1996 was the latest in a series of clashes in Liberia's intractable war. During the past nearly seven years, the war has produced shocking humanitarian conditions for Liberian civilians. The most recent fighting exacerbated even further these conditions. Humanitarian assistance organizations have been unable to deliver food and other emergency services because of the fighting in Monrovia. Their resources looted by gangs of combatants and the safety of their relief workers threatened. Humanitarian organizations closed or dramatically reduced their operations in Liberia.

As a result of the civil war in Liberia, an estimated 800,000 Liberians are internally displaced; another 800,000 are refugees in neighboring countries that are among the poorest in the world. Approximately 50 % of the population in Monrovia, upwards of 350,000 persons, were forced to flee their homes due to the April-May fighting and another 3,000 died. During June and July, some 3,300 new cases of cholera were reported in Monrovia and a July survey found malnutrition rates for children in displaced shelters have increased up to 25%.

Now that the dust of the Civil War in Liberia is settling down, an era of a NEW LIBERIA is at hand. Whether anyone likes it or not, a leadership is bound to emerge, supposedly to show the national responsibilities of politics and administration and to ensure the continued survival of the Liberian people and culture.

That such leadership will be genuine and committed is a matter that you as Liberians and friends of Liberia can decide, or at least influence. But choosing national leadership is a serious and difficult business. In Liberia, bombed-out homes and shops are painful reminders of what happens when leaders are chosen unwisely. We cannot allow this to happen again. This is why the Liberian Social Justice Foundation is campaigning for PEACE, SECURITY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE IN LIBERIA.

The Liberian Social Justice Foundation has carefully examined the administrative and operational policies of both the past and present administration in Liberia, and in our view, much more needs to be done to help Liberia go in the direction she needs to go. We as Liberians must try to have a positive influence on the selection of the national program and the corresponding leadership which will inevitably affect our lives and the lives of our people for many years to come.

My fellow Liberians and Friends of Liberia, the Liberian Social Justice Foundation has embarked on a mission to ensure that PEACE, UNITY, SECURITY, FREEDOM, and SOCIAL JUSTICE prevail in Liberia. This is an awesome responsibility that can only occur if we cooperate as a team. History will judge us not by what we say, but by what we do. With the help of God and the determined mind, there is nothing we cannot achieve for our Liberian Society. It is in this light that I urge you to support and contribute to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation's programs.

Liberia, the African nation established in the 1800s by freed American slaves, has been torn by civil war since 1989. What does the Liberian Civil War mean to Americans in terms of health care, humanitarian relief, stability throughout Africa and the continuation of missionary work? If you share in the dream of peace in Liberia, a country founded upon American ideals, you are invited to become more informed by writing to the LIBERIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION, POST OFFICE BOX 31438, CINCINNATI, OHIO 45231. (513) 931-1872.

I am writing to introduce you to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc., a broad-based social nonprofit organization. The mission of the LSJFI is two-fold: we are dedicated to restoring a just and stable society in Liberia, and to improving the quality of life for all Liberians, both at home and abroad.

On behalf of our members, I appeal to you for financial assistance in support of LSJFI activities. An application for membership is included which contains a breakdown of membership fees. Please know that any amount you can contribute will be helpful to us. Your support of the Foundation, and your awareness of its concerns is deeply appreciated. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to write us or call. Thank you for your time, your contribution, and your generosity. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc.

Best regards,

Edwin G.K. Zoedua
Executive Director/Chairman

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Faces of hunger in Liberia

Liberian children await arrival of a food convoy in Tubmanburg, 50 miles north of Monrovia. The city was cut off for months by fighting. People surrounded the trucks Wednesday; when bags of wheat were opened, they grabbed handfuls and ate it uncooked. **World/A8**



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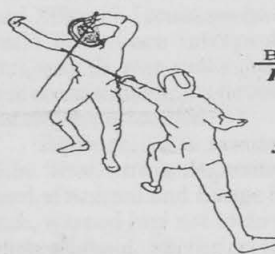
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