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MSU students are invited to the Pow Wow on April 4 and 5 at the Fieldhouse in celebration of Native American Awareness Week.

Native American Awareness Week

ODIE DEIGNAN
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"The Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the Earth." Chief Seattle's famous words represent a theme circulating campus next week. Native American Awareness week provides various activities for students to learn about and participate within the Native American culture. "We try to raise awareness so much for Native Americans but for non-Native Americans," said the Center for Native American Studies Director, Odie Deignan. "All of these activities are centered in Indian

culture, and how we, as all of do, adjust to the living thing that is culture." Stein said Native American culture is largely based on caring and consciousness for the Earth. "We want to tell the story to our non-Indian neighbors and friends about how we view the environment," Stein explained. "We want to explain why we say what we say about the buffalo in Yellowstone Park, the salmon in the rivers, and the management of ranching and logging." This year's theme of Native American Awareness Week, "Environmental Justice for All Generations" focuses on a ques-

tion taken from the Iroquois Confederacy who base all decision-making policies on: "How will this decision today will affect the next seven generations?" One of the earliest democracies, the Iroquois Confederacy's political structure influenced the formulation of the United States Constitution. "Heads or Tailings," the title of the week, refers to water quality. Headwaters are the original sources of water for streams and rivers, tailings are waste and refuse that are left in

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Legislative cuts may increase students' tuition

By MARCUS HIBDON
MANAGING EDITOR

Facing numerous budget cuts, Montana State hopes to persuade state legislators to provide more funding for higher education this week as House Bill 2 enters the Senate Finance and Claims committee. Last week, the University system faced serious funding cuts in the House of Representatives. The House also stripped language from House Bill 5 which authorized MSU and the University of Montana in Missoula to build new structures when it passed the legislation Saturday. ASMSU President Jim McCray said that ASMSU plans to protest these actions through lobbying. "Consequently we are receiving less allocation and recently the new student building was proposed to be cut and (the cut) passed the house this last Saturday," McCray said. "However, we will be working intensely

with the Senate to try to reintroduce that language and get authorization for a new student building." According to student lobbyist Jeremy Fritz, the House seriously altered previous appropriations to higher education, thus threatening students with a possible tuition hike. "It depends on what the Regents do," Fritz said. "With the current budget, tuition could increase anywhere from 12 to 20 percent per year, and it was estimated before it came out of budget cuts—when it came out of subcommittee—that tuition would only increase 6.88 percent per year. Students are going to make up the difference if the state isn't paying." MSU president Mike Malone said if the budget passed as it stands now the University system could be in serious trouble

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Legislature takes building authority from MSU, UM

HELENA (AP) The House approved a bill Saturday that includes \$7.75 million for the preservation of Virginia City and Nevada City. But House Republicans took out \$35 million in spending authority for construction projects at the University of Montana in Missoula and Montana State University in Bozeman. The amended bill was narrowly approved, 52-48, and still faces a final House vote this week before it is sent to the Senate. Stripped from House Bill 5 was authority for MSU to spend \$19 million to put up a new academic building; and for UM to spend \$16 million on several projects, including repair and renovations and a new building to house the UM Alumni Association and Foundation. "It's a black day for the university system ... as we move through this bill and devastate these projects," said Rep. Dan Harrington, D-Butte. "It's shocking, and almost pointless to understand," Acting Higher Education Commissioner Richard Crofts told a reporter. "There were no state dollars in any of the building or any of the renovation." The \$35 million was to come from private donations, federal grants and student fees including a fee increase approved by MSU students to pay part of the cost of the new science laboratory and classroom building in Bozeman. The total cost to the state for all of the projects would have been \$150,000 a year as the state share of maintenance costs for the new MSU building, Crofts said. Amendments to take out the \$35 million were offered by

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Rep. William Rehbein, R-Lambert. Rep. Joe Barnett, R-Belgrade, spoke in favor of the cuts, telling the House: "I just feel we're moving in the wrong direction. We're facing an ongoing cost. ... We should back off and take a look at where education is going."

Where it's going, according to Rep. Bill Wiseman, R-Great Falls, is into the era of telecommunications and distance learning, where a student can take many or most classes at home via computer or television.

It is a new era in which spending millions on bricks and boards no longer makes sense, Wiseman said.

Tuition: Current budget will raise higher education costs

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as far as rising tuition and increasing student enrollment are concerned.

"Right now we're below current year levels and we're looking at two to three thousand more students coming in," Malone said. "We're in a pretty desperate situation. We need to find out what will happen when we get into the Senate and see what happens there but I have to tell you, right now it's not a very happy picture."

According to Fritz, the state has cut funding that matches state dollars with grant money. He said most grants require the matching money for approval, and the absence of this funding may cause the university system to miss opportunities for grant money.

Fritz said the general fund for MSU is approximately \$5 million less than the money appropriated for the 1997 biennium. The result leaves \$3,823 per in-state student per year to supplement tuition costs compared to \$4,067 for the previous biennium and close to \$4,800 in 1992.

Malone said he was hopeful the legislature will reconsider removing the language giving the University system authority to build new structures.

"If it didn't pass we'd be talking to students about other options," Malone said, "asking 'Are there other ways we could this?' For example, remodeling buildings or a thing like that or is it better to wait until 1999? Whatever we do we'd be working with student leaders. We wouldn't do anything arbitrarily. I'm hopeful we can get that back though. I think we've got a decent shot at it."

Fritz said the budgeting will affect more than just Montana college students.

"It's very serious," Fritz said. "If you look at the overall higher education since 1992, the cost of it has only increased 15 and one half percent. Of that 15 percent only 12 of it is inflation. Since 1992 students are paying 77 percent more tuition and with this current budget have to pay 12 to 20 percent more tuition per year. It will have a huge impact not only on the students but the families helping that student go to school."

Malone said recent events in the legislature give an indication of the importance of higher education to the legislature.

"It certainly doesn't indicate that we're high on the priority list," Malone said. "I think that might be an understatement. I'm hopeful that these are just bumps on the road and not a hole we've driven into here."

"I think it's pure politics," said Rep. Bob Ream, D-Missoula, a UM forestry professor. "It's vindictiveness." He said Democrats "are being taken to task" for refusing to support the governor's plan to spend coal tax money on public works.

House Minority Leader Vicki Cocchiarella, D-Missoula, didn't see it that way. Rather than political intrigue, she viewed it as a straightforward attack on higher education.

HB5 includes \$7.75 million dollars to buy and preserve the historic properties in Virginia City and Nevada City. The money comes from draining the state's arts and culture trust fund.

Lawmakers Saturday approved an additional \$400,000 a year over the next four years to help pay for maintenance of the properties. The money comes from proceeds of the state "bed tax" on hotel and motel rooms.

The vote to tap that source was 87-10.

Affirmative action bill tabled

HELENA (AP)—Two that would end affirmative action programs in Montana were tabled Tuesday by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"This is a great day for man rights in Montana," Christine Kaufmann of the Montana Human Rights Network shows Montana is not going to show the trend of California and a slap at minorities and women.

That is how opponents generally characterized the two bills. Rep. Bill Boharski, R-Kalispell, passed the House earlier.

Montana's Indian tribes campaigned heavily against the bills, which would have ended Indian student fee waiver in state university system and ended the Indian hiring preference for state agency jobs and projects on reservations.

Rep. George Heavy Runner, D-Browning, whose district includes the Blackfoot Reservation said he was pleased to hear of the committee's action, but added it was too early for opponents of the bills to celebrate.

"A tabled bill doesn't guarantee it won't return later in the session," Heavy Runner said. "Many people in Montana need to keep the pressure on the Senate to urge them to resist bringing bills to the floor."

Tabled on a 7-3 vote House Bill 303, which would prohibit preferential treatment in hiring and contracting by state and local governments based on race or gender. It would also bar state universities from granting preference due to color or sex.

House Bill 299 was tabled on a 8-2 vote. It is a proposed amendment to the state constitution that incorporates the substance of HB303.

Boharski and other backers said they oppose affirmative action efforts because they contribute to the racial divisions they were intended to bridge.

"Anything that keeps dividing us on the basis of race — we never going to come together in doing that, if we keep ourselves in compartments," said Sen. Al Bishopp Billings, who voted against tabled both bills.

Sen. Sue Bartlett, D-Helena said the majority of the committee members do not think there are problems with affirmative action programs in Montana.

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Legislators investigate MSU spending

Four state legislators visited campus March 14 to investigate anonymous complaints about the mismanagement of funds at Montana State administration. Two Republicans and two Democrats came to campus at the invitation of President Mike Malone to talk with students, faculty and administration about the allegations.

The anonymous letter writers accused the administration of opulently remodeled administrator's offices and cited runaway country club memberships, cruises, excessive entertainment expenses and travel reimbursements in excess of State of Montana rates. The latter allegedly were provided by the Foundation and Alumni Association funds.

Following the visit, Rep. Ray Peck, D-Havre, one of the legislators, said the group found no evidence of misused funds. However, the group did voice concerns about the distribution of some funds provided by the MSU Foundation. In response to these concerns, a bill which would allow the state Auditor's Office to review some of the financial transactions of the Foundation has been introduced to legislature.

Legislation addresses unpaid college tuition

HELENA (AP)—If you drive a car, hunt or fish, or are in a state-licensed occupation, the Legislature is giving you a powerful incentive to ensure your college loan is paid back.

The Senate on Saturday joined the House in endorsing a bill to suspend your state license if you are found to be in default on a guaranteed student loan, and you have refused to arrange a payment plan with the state's student loan program.

"We signed obligations to repay them. Most of us did (repay), but a lot of people have apparently forgotten that a promise is a promise," said Rep. Ignon Waterman, D-Helena, who led the effort to pass the bill in the Senate.

House Bill 180 specifies that if your license is suspended, and you refuse to use it, you could be found guilty of a misdemeanor, fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in the county jail.

The bill, which passed the House in January, won a preliminary vote of 30-16 Saturday and faces a final vote in the Senate Monday.

The Montana Guaranteed Student Loan program has about \$496 million in outstanding loans. About \$27 million, or 5.4 percent of that, is in default.

HB180 provides that a 90-day warning be sent to anyone more than six months in arrears on a student loan. The delinquent party could request a hearing and ask for an exemption, if loss of a state license would be a "significant hardship" on the loan recipient or the person's employer or employees.

The Senate advanced the bill with little discussion.

Earlier, when it was debated in the House, critics asked whether the law could legitimately be applied to loans already made. One lawmaker suggested the measure would drive graduates out of the state to avoid the penalty.

MSU women of achievement honored

The Montana State Women's Center and the Office of Alumni Affairs are sponsoring the fifth annual "Herstory Reception" in celebration of MSU women, past and present, and to wrap up National Women's History Month.

The Women's Center will honor this year's choices for the "Women of Achievement" Award. Eleven women have been selected, each demonstrating leadership abilities, excelled in school, exhibited excellent team building skills and have been good role models for their peers and for younger women in the community.

The recipients of this award are: Melvina Adolf, Julie Brown, Elizabeth (Beth) Douglass, Angela Frandsen, Kendra Long, Biljana Kovska, Lisa Morigeau, Kristina Palmer, Jessica Parks, Maren Peterson and Cynthia Tusler.

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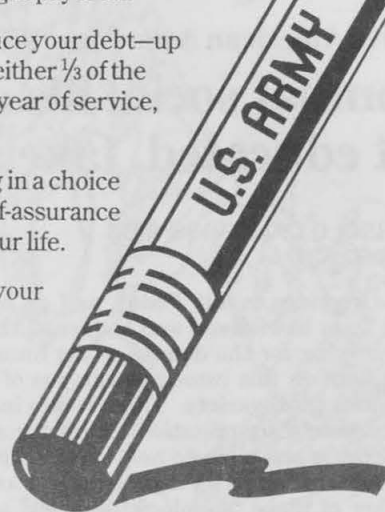
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Native American Awareness Week

Combat social ills on campus; get educated, take action

By ARNOLD CALF BOSS RIBS
GUEST EDITORIAL

Greetings to all! Today, as I sit at my computer desk and type, I am bewildered and saddened that many of the negative issues vying for the demise of the human population are found right here on this esteemed campus of ours, especially those of the sociological variety. These issues include but are not limited to: racism, discrimination, character assassination, ignorance, intolerance and a whole host of other "phobias."

As a minority on this campus, I am confronted with one or another of these "sociologic diseases" on an almost daily basis. However, in a Darwinistic society where only the "strongest" survive, these such confrontations are "character builders." In particular, these such confrontations are considered "learning tools." These confrontations are also utilized as "survival mechanisms" within this Darwinistic society or ours.

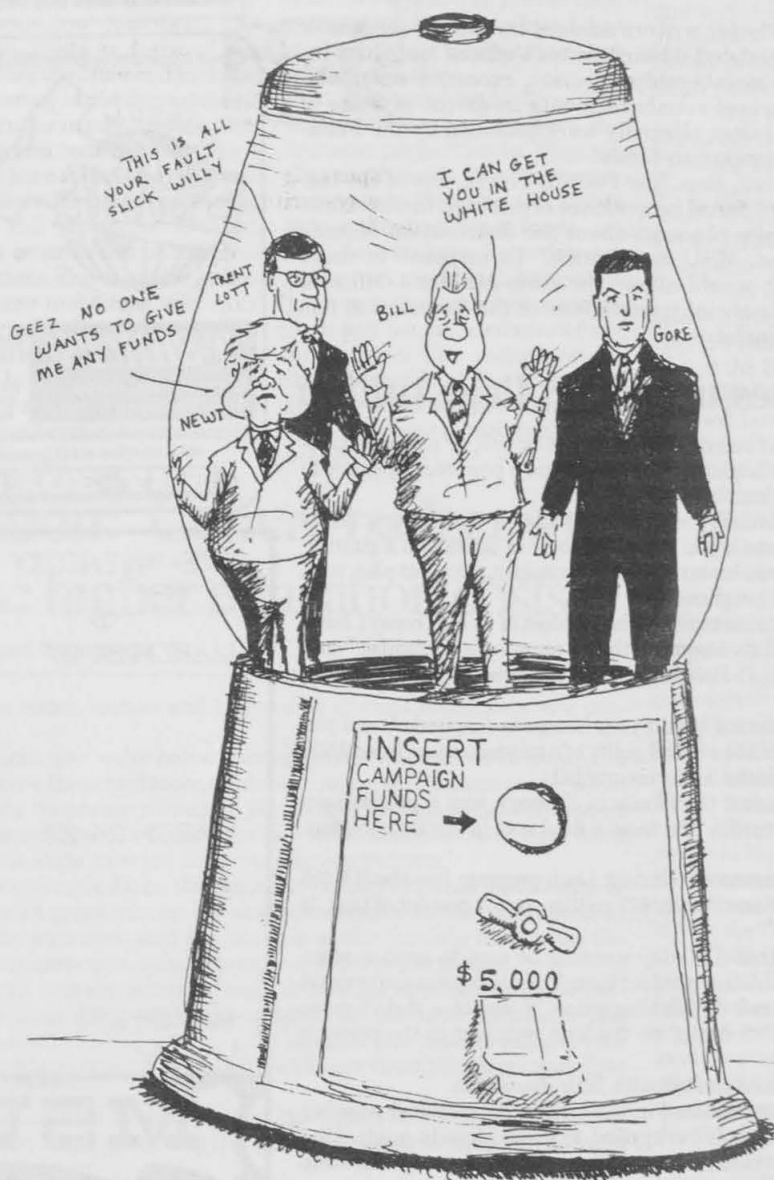
However, as an educated, intelligent person, I know that the above-mentioned "sociologic diseases" will not dissipate on their own. I also know that if we as a human race continue to ignore, accept, teach and tolerate these issues, then our human population will disband and continue to plummet into the downward direction that it is heading in—especially today and tomorrow's generations.

Therefore, as a concerned human being and as your fellow student and friend here at Montana State, I am encouraging you to take a look at how these "sociologic diseases" affect each and every one of us in our daily lives. After we have done some "soul searching," then let us start to take action(s) to rectify our present personal scenarios in regards to these "social diseases."

For example, let us ask ourselves these questions: How have I positively impacted society today? What good have I done for myself and others today? And lastly, Will my actions benefit not only myself, but will they also benefit all of the "Human Race" as well?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, then you have played your part in making this campus and the world a better place to live. Thus, you have just played a part in eradicating the "sociologic diseases" that plague our campus and the society we live in.

In conclusion, let me also point out that as a minority on this campus, we have activities designated throughout the year to provide opportunities to become aware of where we are as individual cultures and as groups within the society as a whole. I encourage you, the university community, to take the time to use these activities to gain an understanding of the minority cultures on our esteemed campus. Also I must stress that when you are becoming aware of us minorities, please do so with an "open mind." By doing this you will also help to eradicate the "sociologic diseases" that plague our esteemed campus. So please, take the time to participate in the upcoming Native American Awareness Week and Powwow, as well as next year's Black History Month, International Week and Women's History Month. A'ho! I have spoken.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Too many students relinquish right to vote

To the editor:

With studying and partying, who has time to vote in an ASMSU senate election? Nobody important is running, just some students I don't know. Besides, the guy running for president is unopposed. There's no reason to vote.

I feel that this is the students' mentality towards the elections. They feel that they don't need to vote, especially if there is an unopposed presidential race. To those of you who didn't vote, I'll tell you this: The president only has so much power. It's the senators who represent our voice to the

university. When the parking issue comes up, who did the students see? ASMSU senate, that's who. When the declining meal plan was in jeopardy, who did the students see? You guessed it, ASMSU senate.

The students don't realize how important it is to vote. Voting is your right to hire and fire people in your government. If you don't like what's going on in government, vote the incumbents out. If they are doing a great job, then re-elect them. If there is an opening, let your voice be known on who you want to fill it. The students you elect will

have to make tough decisions, some which may involve something you take granted.

My point is this: I time there's any kind of ernment election, please vote. It may be one of the most important things to keep your rights safe, to improve MSU.

If you didn't vote in last ASMSU election, member that if ASMSU something wrong, it's just much your fault as ASMSU's. You could have hired someone else.

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Barbie, breasts, pageantry; God bless Miss America

"Beauty pageants hurt all men" resounded from Michelle Anderson's lips two weeks ago as she stated her 007, undercover, cloak-dagger, self-proclaimed feminist mission to bring the suffering and misery to light these exhibitions visit women.



Darin Rambo

Commentary

Here's some of the info about contestants she cited:

- 80% of the viewers are female.
- The average winner has gone from being 5'8" and 117 lbs. in 1950 to 5'8" and 117 lbs. today.
- Contestants pay more money in than they win.
- Most are in college and are educated women.
- Women who have been married, co-habitated or divorced are filtered out.
- They encourage contestants to use fake eyes, fake nails; use Vaseline, hemorrhoid cream, and vaseline on places they weren't intended; tape or surgery alter their breasts; and to be tan, show a lot of fake tan and exude a pristine virginity along with a fake, non-intelligent stare in order to move up very high in the standings.
- They contribute to inaccurate perceptions of beauty, portraying the ideal woman as a twelve year old with twenty-year-old breasts.
- Winners serve as lackeys for big business to use as a venue and advertising poster girls.
- They hypocritically promote health and merit, but in practice they do the exact opposite.
- Judges use the ridiculous criterion that legs can be seen at the thighs, knees, and calves.
- The effects pageants have on children, pushed them at an early age.

I agree with her on several things, but as you can probably guess, I tend to disagree with Anderson on several issues, especially considering the people attending her "awareness-raising session" were "more enthusiastic about feminism" and probably didn't provide her with much interesting debate. So, I've been dying this week to give some rebuttal and thoughts on the subject.

First, 80 percent of the viewers being women is not to point out that guys don't give a crap about beauty pageants and thus affect our behavior that much. Second, the size of the average winner dropping from 117 lbs. is not directly correlated to pageants. Look anthropologically, the "ideal" woman's size fluctuates with the ease in acquiring food. In times of threat or crisis, such as World War II, the ideal woman was the Jane Mansfield, voluptuous type packing big breasts and even bigger breasts. Also, look at other places like Siberia and Polynesia. They have had more undeveloped food supplies or harsh climates, thus leading to the desire for larger women to ensure their kids' survival. Read up on it, because it's evolutionary psy-

chology in action. Only today, with plentiful food and relatively smooth times, can we afford the anorexic, heroin-addict look, so popular in Calvin Klein ads. As soon as the sh*t hits the fan, it will swing the other way again. Look at history.

Third, contestants may pay in a lot of money, but a lot of doors open for the winners with prestige and speaking tours/offers or whatever. Hell, they can always write a book about their "ordeal" and make millions.

Fourth, if these are educated women, why would they debate themselves to win these absurd contests? I guess they're duped innocents or in it for the prestige and money. I can't really blame them for the latter, but the bottom line is this: there's no one holding a gun to women's heads to enter these known hypocritical abominations of beauty. They know the playing field and I will not stand for a victimization argument being foisted on me by the likes of Michelle Anderson. If it is so horrible, don't enter. These are mature women who **have a choice**. Engage brain and make the decision. Furthermore, many other pursuits such as sports and dance, to just name a few, put their participants in the position to use steroids, or suffer from damaging their feet from entering point-work at the age necessary to compete, respectively. Going to extreme lengths to win is not inherent in beauty pageants. It's everywhere.

Fifth, we've always liked visages of young, fertile, twelve-year-old bodies with large breasts, or should I say, large cleavage. Breast size is irrelevant for the most part; we just like the cleavage. Welcome to what being a male is like.

Sixth, using those measurements to judge women's legs seems ridiculous, but how else are they supposed to do it? Like gymnastics, they need to quantify attributes to reduce the subjectiveness of judges.

Finally, children being pushed into these things for reasons such as parents living vicariously or getting their jollies watching their daughter grind up the competition, are horrible. I agree there. But in the grand scheme of things, the long-lasting effects can't be more devastating than children being pushed into soccer, music, or a major at college. I was pushed into a lot of things as a shy little tike, and it made me, and I'm positive others like me, into stronger human beings. Parents almost always know better than children. That isn't the case all the time, but children are resilient little buggers and we'd have a country, and a world, full of child therapists otherwise.

In the end, I think pageants are just another example of the hypocrisy juggernaut milking moronic Americans for money—the majority of whom are women. There's no crime in being dumb, only consequences.

I believe the fundamental reason for a pageant is to worship and revel in the beauty inherent in the fe-



male. Lets face it, women kick ass and rule the world. I don't want to see them adulterated with various gadgets and gizmos and labeled the epitome of what I want.

I agree that pageants are hypocritical edifying a sham as perfection, not to champion the voice of feminism whose doctrines and leadership commit analogous sins under a facade of securing equality, but in defense of what I foresee most guys think, and that's this: If we're going to purely physically appreciate a woman with any medium other than our hands, tongues and most important part, we really don't mind empty-headed, air-brushed Barbies strolling around. We don't really give a crap if this contest-winning bimbo shows up at the grand opening of a gas station, monster truck rally, or goes to Bosnia to be some emissary of peace. We know Barbie's unreal, unless under our gaze or a healthy coating of saliva, and we treat her accordingly. I know 99 percent of guys wouldn't mind being dominated by Miss California. But we don't want to wake up next to a woman who requires an Indy pit crew to gear her up for the day. When choosing a mate, we've learned, hopefully, through dating that personality is paramount alongside the rig that rocks our world. It really sucks that life doesn't require a mandatory personality bumper sticker across women's tushes, but hey, Miss America isn't about personality.

In any case, I don't think beauty pageants sway our perception of beauty any more than anything else, and thus to any rational human being, hurt women. And if you've got great breasts, a great figure, an unabashed impulse to win and little shyness, then they're an outlet for some women to get ahead in the world.

YOUR TURN

What was your most exciting moment over spring break?



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"Spring skiing up Fernie in British Columbia with awesome conditions."



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"Surfing at Huntington Beach, California."



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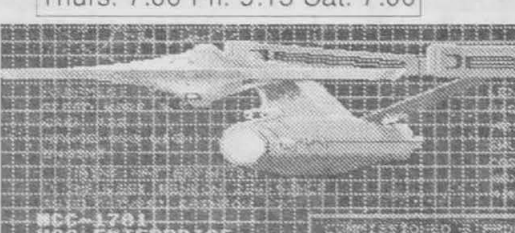
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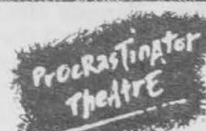


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Native: activities to promote awareness

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various processes of milling, mining and distilling.

Each day will feature several seminar lectures and presentations on various Native American perspectives on the environment and Native American cultural activities such as Pow Wows, drumming and dancing presentations.

Marj Brown, Affirmative Action personnel specialist and professor of intercultural communication, helped organize Native American Awareness week. Brown encouraged students to attend the different activities.

"Students will gain an enhanced awareness of cultural differences," Brown said. "They can expose themselves to another culture and language differences

through Native American music and the art. They can gain hands-on experience interacting with Native Americans rather than basing their opinions on hearsay or stereotypes they've heard."

Brown said Montana State is a land-grant system which takes an active interest in enhancing the awareness of Native Americans, Montana's largest minority.

"The Board of Regents approved policies in 1990 that advocate the overall curriculum in diversity by infusion of content which enhances multi-cultural awareness and understanding," Brown said.

"A concept of balance is what we need to strive for, a recognition that human beings are only part of the whole picture."

Brown, of European de-

scend, pointed out varying perspectives between the cultures. "Culturally, we are different because we see dominant over other species."

"Environmental justice for all generations doesn't mean there is anything wrong with the environment," Stein said. "This is for all people and talks about land uses. There is nothing wrong with logging, fishing, hunting as long as you do it right."

Stein said students learn a lot by participating. "There are lot of ways to give gifts of the environment, destroying our resource," Stein said. "We don't have to cut the last tree before we go. As a species we know better."



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SPORTS

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Lady 'Cats return with victories, not tans

men's tennis
up against top
ed teams

NNA LEUSCHEN
EDITOR

ring break didn't
un in the sun for the
ats. The women's ten-
n traveled to Colorado,
ng and Idaho to get ex-
e playing top national

nce the men's tennis
was in California,
a's assistant coach
ate traveled with the
Cats for the first half
trip.

ae Lady 'Cats left
an without their num-
t player, senior Yoshika
, due to injuries. Fel-
ior and team captain
nderkooi had to rise to
asion and step in at the
r one position.

was a little nervous,
ited for the opportuni-

ties and experience,"
Vanderkooi said.

The Lady 'Cats started
the week in Colorado
Springs, where they played
a tournament hosted by the
Air Force Academy. Accord-
ing to Tate, Montana State
was seeded in the middle of
the pack and the team rose
to the occasion.

The Lady 'Cats started
the tournament playing the
Air Force Academy, winning
7-2. The next day, the Lady
'Cats swept the University of
San Francisco 9-0. On the
last day of the tournament
the team beat Gonzaga 8-1,
and the Lady 'Cats came out
of the tournament unde-
feated.

The team then traveled
to Denver to play Denver Uni-
versity. They were the under-
dogs going into the match.
The Lady 'Cats came out of
the singles play with a 4-2
team score.

The team went into
doubles play needing to win

just one of the three doubles
matches, but instead the
Lady 'Cats swept the doubles.
The Lady 'Cats pulled an up-
set over DU with a score of 7-
2.

The tennis team then
traveled to Wyoming to play
the University of Wyoming.
The Lady 'Cats fought hard
in singles play and came out
even with the match score of
3-3. Sophomore Cherie
Ritsco pulled out her singles
match in a tough three-set
match winning the third set
6-1.

"We had to quickly ad-
just our games to a new chal-
lenging surface," Ritsco said.
"My singles win gave me con-
fidence for the upcoming
matches."

In the doubles play the
Lady 'Cats fought a tough
battle. The team score came
down to 4-4 with the number
one doubles team, Ingrid
Bakke and Yvonne Kraus,
still on the court just starting
a tie breaker. Bakke and

Kraus fought through the tie-
break, but lost 8-6. This gave
the Lady 'Cats their first loss
of their break, 5-4.

The Lady 'Cats traveled
to Boise to end their spring
break trip. They played
against Nebraska, Southern
Mississippi and Nevada-
Reno. The team started the
weekend with Nebraska and
were swept 9-0. The Lady
'Cats redeemed themselves
the next day, beating South-
ern Mississippi 6-3.

The tennis team ended
their weekend and spring
break playing Nevada-Reno.

"I felt the whole team
played to the best of their
ability, considering it was our
last match of spring break,
but unfortunately Nevada-
Reno was always one step
ahead of us," sophomore
Sharon Cleland said.

Ritsco was the only 'Cat
to pull out a win in singles
play. She played Alison
McNellis and beat her 6-3, 6-
2. The Lady 'Cats had al-

ready
lost the
match
going
into
singles
play.
This
didn't
stop
them
from
playing

tough. The number two
doubles team, Vanderkooi
and Cleland, was the only
team to pull out a win, 8-2.

"It was a disappointing
way to end our spring break,
considering we all stepped up
our games throughout the
past nine matches," Ritsco
said. "I feel we all improved
our game on the court as well
as mentally and throughout
our great wins. We have be-
come a better team and a
much more confident team,
ready for our upcoming
matches against Montana
and Idaho."



Jill Vanderkooi

Bobcats have
long break,
ready for Griz'

NNA LEUSCHEN
EDITOR

ae Bobcats are coming
tough spring break, but
dy to take on the Griz-

ach Jeff Northam and
ntana State men's ten-
m traveled to Idaho and
nia for vacation.

We started out the week
ugh matches, but ended
p on a positive note,"
m said. "We are ready
on Montana and prove
es from the last time."

ast fall the Bobcats lost
Grizzlies in a tough
4-3. This match was
st match of the year and
tham.

don't think anybody
really prepared and

ae Bobcats page 10

Club Sports attract MSU many students

Nine crowned in
wrestling tourney



Romney Gym was
packed Monday and Tuesday
for the annual intramural
wrestling tournament. The
non-stop action was hard
fought in every weight class.

Carol Kolarich, intra-
mural events coordinator,
said this was the all-time
high participation for this
tournament.

In the end, Lambda Chi
emerged victorious in the fra-
ternity league with a score of

120 points. Phi Sigma Kappa
was second with 100 points,
Pikes were second with 90, and
Sigma Nu placed fourth with 80
points.

Nine individuals were also
crowned in their respective
weight divisions as wrestler
champions. Aaron Wagner
(126), Jeff Smoot (134), Scott
Wandler (142), Paul Stanford
(150), Kevin Yager (158), Kurt
Blunt (167), Trent Gardner
(177), Bradley Hickok (190),
and Jason Westbrook (Heavy-
weight), all battled through two
tough days of competition to get
to the victory stand.

All nine wrestling champi-
ons were awarded intramural t-
shirts.

**Bobcat fencing
club foils Grizzlies**

Retaliating against the re-



cent thrashing of the Lady 'Cats
at the hands of University of
Montana, the Montana State
fencing club launched a counter-
attack last weekend.

Twelve members of the elite
MSU fencing club, led by rank-
ing Mistro Brian Segal, took over
Schroyer Gym for a grueling
nine-hour fencing competition.
Montana State pummeled the
Grizzlies, winning 115 of 170 in-
dividual matches.

In the individual standings,
medals were awarded to Dave
Karplus (MSU) for first place foil,

Paul Rodriguez (MSU) for sec-
ond place foil and Chris Neville
(MSU) received the third place
foil.

The fencing club meets in
the Romney Gym on Saturdays
from 4-6 p.m. and new recruits
are always welcome. There is
no charge for participation.

**Bozeman Cutthroats
remain undefeated
on their home turf**

The Bozeman Cutthroat
rugby team made their first
Montana appearance of the
season last weekend in the
Butte SpringFest Rugby
Tournament. The team has
not lost a game in Montana
since last fall.

The Rugby team came
off of a loss in Seattle and was
ready to prove themselves in

See Club Sports page 10

Football snaps into spring

BOZEMAN, Mont.—Montana
football program is scheduled to
its spring training session on
28, but as always, head coach
Hysell is making a familiar ca-
Hysell is opening his sixth spring
ing as a Bobcat head coach.

Weather permitting, that is,"
said. "We'll have to see next
what the weather is like and what
actice field is like."

Hysell said their is great excite-
surrounding this spring.

think everyone's ready to get to
Hysell said. "I hope the seniors
ber last year's success and real-
y have a chance to be apart of
ing really special, some positive
y."

he positive history would be
o-back winning seasons for the
me since Hysell was an assistant

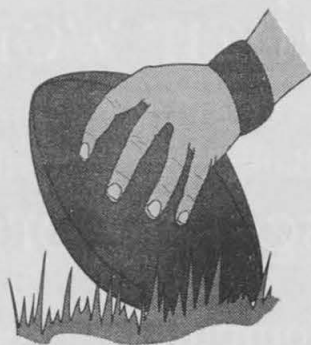
at MSU
in the
late
1970s.

Hysell
said
there's a
lot of
work to
be done.

"This
is an im-
portant
spring," Hysell said.

"I know how
things went in the weight room over the
winter; now we need to translate that
into getting things done this spring,
then getting back into the weight room
over the summer."

Montana State's spring game is
scheduled for April 25 at the Sales Sta-
dium in Bozeman.



Editorial

Wrapping up Big Dance tourney

By PETER FAGGEN
STAFF WRITER

Oh, I should have listened to my
conscience, and not my head. When will
I learn?

Probably never.

My reliable head told me to pick
Kansas because they were 32-1 going
into the NCAA Tournament.

My gut said take North Carolina or
UCLA, anybody but Kansas, whom I
have never rooted for—ever.

But I kept hearing and reading how
Kansas was so dominant and had the
best this and that. So how could I go
wrong with the Jayhawks?

Bring in Mike Bibby and Mike
Dickerson from Arizona, a team that
outplayed the supposedly superior
Jayhawks. They were quicker to the ball

and dominated KU's two big men in the
middle, Raef LaFrentz and Scot Pollard.

Now I have to take my roommate
Patrick out to dinner because I am, how
can I say this politely, *eliminated* from
our tournament pool.

It's all in fun, at least I hope that's
the case with you, but I honestly ex-
pected to win, picking those Jayhawks.

Patrick has the Gophers from Min-
nesota going all the way, with good reason.

Judging from the way they
throttled UCLA Saturday, who would
argue with him? Of course, I picked
UCLA; not a bad pick, but get serious.
Who's gonna stop Clem Haskins's bunch?

The Gophers play Kentucky Saturday
(I picked local favorite Utah last week-
end) in what will be an intriguing

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Big Dance: UNC vs Minnesota

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matchup between Kentucky's outstanding full-court press and Minnesota's heady, steady backcourt of Bobby Jackson and Eric Harris.

Minnesota has the inside game and the better bench to do it, so they're my bet to be in the final versus ...

North Carolina who should beat Arizona.

Dean versus Clem.

HOT HOOPS

You talk to Dean Smith and he doesn't want any of that "Dean Smith" nonsense. To him, it's all about the players, and he's got some good ones. Antwawn Jamison. Ed Cota. Vince Carter. Shammond Williams. Serge Swikker.

And if you keep listening to Smith, it's about everything who has ever surrounded North Carolina. Guys like Dan. Worthy. Perkins. Kupchak. And yes, KU's Roy Williams.

Poor Roy.

Bobcats: ready for Grizzly match

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ready," junior Dean Owen said. "We have experience under our belt and we have a lot more confidence than the last time we played them (UM)."

The number one doubles team of Owen and senior Rick Kovacevich are coming off the week with only one loss. According to Owen, the loss was good for them because the confidence was getting to high. Owen said that losing a lot is not very good, but losing every



once in a while doesn't have to be negative.

"We learned from the loss and it prepares us for regionals and the Big Sky," Owen said. "We had to look at this loss in a positive way." Regionals and

the Big Sky Championship will be held in Idaho next month.

"I feel I have to win things, but I am going in with confidence," said.

He said this will test of how much the team improved and will give an opportunity to see they have to look forward to regionals.

The Bobcats travel to Missoula Friday to take on the Grizzlies at 3 p.m.

Club Sports: rugby beats Billings for title

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Montana. The Cutthroats started with two wins, bringing them into the championship games.

In the championship game, Richard Jeske and Mark Gayle scored for the Cutthroats, with Erik Unbright adding a three-point penalty goal to win the tournament over the Billings Bulls, 15-7.

The Cutthroats' next appearance will be in Billings this weekend in the April Fools tournament.



Golfers go Hawaii

Bozeman, Mont.—Montana State's golf coach Dan Davies knows all about shock. This week he's hoping to avoid shock.

Davies and the Montana State women's team traveled to the Hawaiian Islands for the Hawaii Invitational that started yesterday and finishes today. The tournament will feature some of the strongest programs in the west. Montana will be taking a veteran group back to Hawaii, one which he hopes will deal well with the traction of its first outside competition in spring.

"We have some players who have never been through this before, playing outside for the first time after a long winter," Davies said. "I never really know how a group will handle it, but I feel like this group is as well-prepared as any."

The tournament will be held at the Keonohi Klipper golf course. Seniors McGregor, Paula Nelson and Kylie Petersen, with junior Amy Trautman and sophomore Moran, will comprise Montana State's team.

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--ASMSU Business Manager

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Applicants must be MSU students taking 7 credits or more with excellent money management/accounting skills. Pick up applications at ASMSU office (next to ASK-US Desk).

Applications due Friday, March 28th before 5:00 PM



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- Public Relations Director
- Student Security Director
- Wellness Coalition Director



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