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Used book debate continues



PHOTO BY ZACH TANNER

Today, the second round in the fight for students' rights in book purchases was fought. At an open forum, students and faculty alike voiced their opinions on the policy.

Bookstore controversy continues in open session

MERIS JOHNSON
Writer

The second of two public forums to discuss the "used vs. new" book policy was held today at 5:00.

All members of the Bookstore Council, including students and faculty except Rob Spector, Vice President of Administration and Finance, were present as well as the textbook manager David Knickerbocker. This meeting was limited to the discussion of textbook ordering, which was primarily one sided by the students in favor of the current policy.

The current policy, in place since 1991, states that if a professor does not specify the use of only new books the bookstore will attempt to fill the order with 100 percent used books. The bookstore averages, over

all disciplines, only 40 percent used books. The policy also allows for a student to special order any new book.

General manager of the bookstore, Mark Frisby, stated "[A student] can purchase a used book and when [their new] text book arrives they have the ability to refund in full the used text book."

A few students, especially those studying the humanities, voiced their concern about this policy. They claimed that after a special order has been placed, they have had to wait up to five weeks to receive their new book, causing them to fall behind in their studies.

Also in the current policy, if a professor requests only new books to fill their orders, the bookstore will attempt to fill the order up to 20 percent. It was brought to the attention

of the committee by Linda Sexton of the History department that the intent of the current policy was to fill the order with at least 20 percent new books and not to cap it at 20 percent.

This policy also addresses workbooks and study guides. The bookstore does not buy back workbooks or study guides if they contain more than five pages of writing. Unlike the attempt to buy 100 percent used textbooks, the bookstore only attempts to fill the workbook and study guide orders with 50 percent used supplies.

Many faculty opposed the stereotype that all professors want the bookstore to only sell used books. Rather, they stressed that they want the current policy redefined. The history department em-

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MSU student arrested in Missoula shooting

MISSOULA (AP) - The man shot and killed at a Missoula residence was identified Sunday as 28-year-old Joseph Marvin Fogel of Victor.

Police arrested Fogel's acquaintance and fellow National Guardsman Eric Dunn, 27, at the scene of the shooting Saturday morning. Dunn was charged later Saturday with negligent homicide and is free on bail.

Missoula County Deputy Coroner Don Morman said Fogel, a veteran of the Gulf War, worked for Rall Logging in Victor and served with the guard in Missoula.

Missoula City Police said the shooting happened at about 5 a.m. Saturday. Two other people were present at the time of the shooting. Police seized a 40-caliber handgun they believe was used to shoot Fogel.

Lt. Jim Neumayer said Dunn, a former Missoula resident who attends Montana State University in Bozeman, was in town for National Guard training. He also said investigators don't believe Dunn planned to shoot Fogel, but stopped short of calling the shooting an accident.

Poll: Adults rank drugs as biggest problem facing kids

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Adults continue to rank drug abuse as the most troubling problem facing children in America, according to a new survey. Crime emerged as the second biggest worry, followed by family breakdown.

But experts were concerned that respondents to the survey commissioned by the Harvard School of Public Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation did not rank poverty, child care and health care among the issues facing children.

"Three issues dominate the public's concern about the future of children in this country — drugs, crime and home life breakdown," said Harvard University's Robert Blendon, who directed the study.

"What isn't on the list, and this is very important in terms of politics (and) community service, is poverty among kids, health care among

kids, day care among kids, smoking, alcohol."

In the survey, 1,500 adults were asked to name the most serious problems facing American children today. The results: 56 percent named drugs or drug abuse, 24 percent said crime, 17 percent said poor quality of education, and 16.6 percent said breakdown of home life.

The new survey revealed that many families who qualify for government-sponsored health insurance for their children don't know that such insurance exists.

"We have what is called an historic piece of legislation to try to cover 11 million uninsured children," Blendon said. "That's the good news. The bad news is we have a nation that does not know that we've enacted this legislation."

The Social Security Act was amended last August to include \$24 billion over five

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Student laziness responsible for poor coverage, student says

I am writing to you about a problem that I see within the *Exponent*. I did not, however, start this article of my own volition, but because a dear friend of mine expressed her concern over a problem with the reporting techniques within the *Exponent*. While she is a much better writer than I am, she was too shy to write the article and thus it fell to me. This problem also bothers me and because of it I generally tend to discount any truth within an article expressed in this manner. The problem is unobjective reporting, also known as "yellow journalism." The best definition I have found for yellow journalism is defined as "a style of writing in which either the facts are not pursued in a thorough fashion or when such facts are expressed in a manner that colors the facts with the writers own beliefs and prejudices." As reporting is a active process that brings information to the public so that they may read, analyze and digest the material, yellow journalism leaves the reader with half-digested crap to wade through, trying to separate what is fact from what is nonsense. This basic idea, I will substantiate with three separate cases, all from the *Exponent*.

The first case, in response to the query of the aforementioned friend, is about unbiased reporting. On October 31, an article dubbed 'Conservative Wave Takes MSU' was published by the *Exponent*. While the article was laced with political ideology, the article was a fairly straight forward account of the rise of the "right" in Montanan colleges. 'College Democrats at MSU' was written in response to this article. Yet instead of contrasting Democratic vs. Republican growth, the article moved into the slightly messy arena of mud slinging used in modern politics. While the Conservative Wave used an impartial, objective air, 'College Democrats' article spouted quotes such as, 'the republican controlled legislature...cut funding to the states education system.' I am very liberal in the political spectrum, however, I was saddened to read this. I cannot think of why it

is important to assign the blame to others, instead just of "the democrats on campus" working to get some of the money back into the university. This sounds vindictive, yet a reporter implies that he is blaming a series of events on one isolated occurrence, it is ignorance of what objectivity entails.

A second instance, I was introduced to only recently concerns the lack of research. It concerns a proposed bill dealing with used book stores. When I first read the article in the *Exponent*, I was furious that any professor would have the audacity to dictate books I could purchase. In the course of trying to recruit students to attend the forum, I found a little piece of information that greatly disturbed me. According to one source Mrs. Sexson is the head of the Used Book Department, Mark Frisby, advised the proposed plan before talking to the Bookstore Board. Mr. Frisby was apparently quite angry about Mrs. Sexson's plan and proceeded her to the Bookstore Board. There, he told the members of the committee that Mrs. Sexson

Guest Editorial by
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Your Turn

What's the most creative way you can think of to blow off steam during finals week?

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Grab a cup of mocha and run through the streets naked

-Josh Lockie



Get naked and roll around in bubble wrap.

-Shawna Cooper



A snowball fight. It's fun, no one gets hurt and you can relieve all your anger.

-Anne Dickerson



Either give out regular coffee here at The Daily to those who ask for decaf (just kidding!); or dye your pet pink!

-Either Kristin Nybo or Dave Stevens



Mug night at the Zebra

-Sean Langley

Business: Exponent students do not work hard enough

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...to do away with used books. When Mrs. Sexson decided to submit her proposal, the committee was apparently so concerned that she was unable to see her viewpoint. Instead she spent all her time answering the committee's questions. It is possible my source is expressing the view that she sees, but this does not explain how the rumor, about the away with all used books, spread around campus. In fact just today, I read a comic in the Exponent about a corner drug store who switched over to deal with used text books to college students. This joke brought home the fact that the article was very clear on the bill or how it would work. With the loss of the declining Meal card option and the increase in

money for housing, parking and classes for those of us who live on campus I cannot fathom why this proposed plan was not explained thoroughly before frightening the students, who have few ways to save money left. As of yet I have not talked to Mrs. Sexson but I will be before the forum so that I can decide how I feel and I encourage anyone who wants to have the whole story to do the same.

The last point involves a pet peeve of mine. While I view myself as a relatively open minded. Screwed up young man I was very annoyed by the way Dr. Dianna Russell's article was portrayed. Opening up an article with 'millions of men regularly ejaculate to degrading photos of women,' is an excellent way to get someone's attention. It is not an

objective approach to reporting. Once I restarted the article, and made myself read the entire thing, I found that much of what Dr. Russell had to say made sense. I have a hard time, however, believing that the best way to make someone interested in a subject is to risk insulting them. In this case not only does it hinder the ability to spread Dr. Russell's opinions it also makes it very easy for those who are not predisposed to agreeing with her to place Russell in the stereotypical militant feminists group. This is neither fair to her nor the cause of equal rights that she is trying to put forth. I am surprised that some of the stronger women I know have not called attention to this fact. Perhaps it is because they do not read the Exponent.

In the essence of fairness, I must say that the problems I have discussed point to a symptom. This symptom is laziness. The problems that I have discussed help make the overall opinion of the Exponent fairly low in many students eyes; ranging from "It's great if all you love is sports," to "They're worse than the Bozeman Chronicle, at least the Chronicle spells the names right." According to Mahatma Ghandi, reporting can bring worlds together and thus is a very important profession. For this reason I have a hard time understanding when reporters, even student reporters, do not take the time to get the whole story. They may not be as experienced as those who work for the Wall Street Journal, but they are being paid, so damnit do the job.

You've got Questions? we'll find the answers

You've all seen *Your Turn* and wondered what we were thinking. Well, now it's *Your Turn* submit your questions and we'll ask *students* what they think. Drop of questions in *room 330* on the third floor of SUB in care of the editor and be *tasteful*.

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Job market best in decade, college survey finds

BY COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

More than 70 percent of employers surveyed said they planned on hiring more college graduates in 1998 than they did this year.

A booming economy, low inflation and a labor shortage will add up to lots of job opportunities and decent starting salaries for college graduates, said Camille Luckenbaugh, the NACE information director.

"The unemployment rate is 4.7 percent, the lowest in 24 years," said Luckenbaugh. Because of the low unemployment rate, employers are having a harder time filling their positions with experienced employees, she added.

"This has created a trickle-down effect," she said. "Employees can't find experienced employees so they're hiring new college graduates."

Overall, hiring will be up

19.1 percent for new grads, according to Job Outlook '98, the NACE's annual forecast released in November. For the report, 1,529 employers were asked to complete a survey about their hiring intentions, and 421, or 21 percent, did. Of those employers who responded, more than 25 percent said they expected to maintain current hiring levels. Only 3.1 percent of employers said they planned to hire fewer grads.

"This is the best job market in recent years," said Bradley Richardson, author of "JobSmarts: 50 Top Careers." "Companies are having a hard time finding quality employees, so they're offering more things, like benefits or other perks."

To snag qualified candidates, employers are traveling to

campuses more to recruit new hires, according to the survey. More than half of the employers reported an increase in campus visits, and overall, campus visits are up 8.8 percent.

Luckenbaugh said that in the past, employers could take a "wait-and-see" approach to recruitment and often made job offers later in the recruitment season. This year, employers who wait risk coming up empty, she added.

"Those who have traditionally hired from the campus are elbow to elbow with those who are turning to inexperienced candidates to round out their workforces," Luckenbaugh said.

Stiff competition isn't the only worry employers face. Preliminary data from NACE's most

recent student survey show 60 percent of 764 students responding said they would renege on a job offer if a better one came along.

Most in demand are graduates with computer skills, Luckenbaugh. Entry-level computer science and computer engineering grads can expect to collect paychecks that are 6.3 percent higher than last year. Computer science majors will earn an average of \$38,475 annually while computer engineers pull down an average starting rate of \$39,593.

However, the biggest anticipated increase in starting salaries is expected to be for liberal arts majors, who will see

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MSU EPICenter

Student Organizations:

Within the next three years ground will break for the construction of a new building north of Montana Hall. The new structure will be called the EPICenter, otherwise known as the "green building." Ninety percent of all students will use the building not only because of the core classes being offered there, but also due to the conference rooms and an abundance of informal space offered allowing students to interact with faculty, researchers, and other students. Due to state of the art technology, students will have many options for obtaining information around the world.

You, as students realized the potential benefits the EPICenter would create and decided the fee increase was worth it by voting in favor of the building last October. We are the ones who will be most affected by the building, so we need to speak up. Final recommendations are voted on by a committee of eight individuals, four being students.

January fifth through the ninth is an important opportunity. If you have any opinions of what you would like to see in the building please attend the design meetings and contribute your ideas so that this learning center can truly serve the needs of the MSU students. This is the future of Montana State University and now is the time to get involved. If you have any questions please contact Kath Williams, project chief at 994-7713, Brad Schlepp, MSU student body president, at 994-2933, or Nicole Chinadle at 994-2634.

Hope to see you there!

Americans spent \$57 billion in 1995 for illegal drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two-thirds of the estimated \$57.3 billion that Americans spent on illegal drugs in 1995 went for cocaine purchases, a report by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy says.

The report, released Monday, said estimated spending on cocaine, heroin, marijuana and other illicit drugs compared with \$57.5 billion in 1994 and continued a downward trend from 1988, the first year of the study. In that year drug sales were estimated at \$91.4 billion.

According to the report, Americans spent \$38 billion on cocaine in 1995, \$10 billion on

heroin, \$7 billion on marijuana and \$3 billion on other illegal drugs.


"These billions wasted represent countless opportunities lost," Barry McCaffrey, director of the office, said in a statement.

He noted that the amount spent on drugs could have bought four-year college educations for a million people, or 22 billion gallons of milk to feed undernourished babies. The social costs of drugs also are compounded by their association with increased crime, major health problems such as hepatitis and AIDS and disruptions in family and personal lives, he said.

Since 1988, spending on cocaine and heroin appears to have fallen while expenditures for marijuana have increased slightly as prices went up then decreased slightly as prices dipped.


The report noted the decrease in cocaine use may have driven down street prices which fell from roughly \$100 per pure gram in 1988 to \$139 in 1995.

The report estimated in 1989 there was 547 tons of cocaine shipped to the United States, with 1995, shipments were in the range of 421 to 513 metric tons, seizures 98 metric tons.



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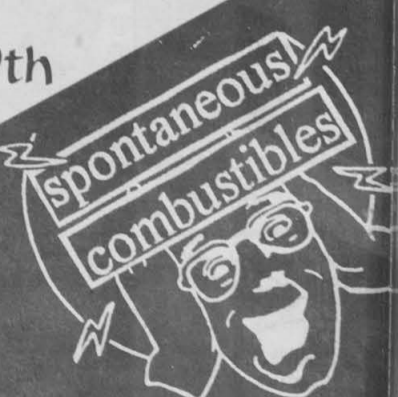
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Tuition could earn tax credit under new IRS provision

BY JANE SIMMONS
Bozeman (U. Texas-Arlington)

ARLINGTON, Texas — Beginning in January, tuition costs and related expenses may earn income tax credit for some students or their parents under a new Internal Revenue Service (IRS) provision.

Taxpayers who pay for secondary education tuition may be able to claim nonrefundable Hope Scholarship Credit when reporting for 1998, Shirley Binder, vice president for student enrollment, said Tuesday.

"This is nice, a wonderful boon for whoever's paying the tuition, whether it's the student or their parents," she said.

The Hope Scholarship Credit, a Clinton initiative named for the president's home town, does not apply to expenses paid before Jan. 1, 1998, but can be claimed for tuition paid in 1997 to cover academic expenses in 1998.

Under the provision, up to 100

percent of the first \$1,000 and 50 percent of the next \$1,000 of tuition, and other related expenses, may be claimed for income tax credit by whoever pays a student's tuition—but some restrictions apply.

To claim the credit the student must be enrolled at least half time, in one of the first two years of postsecondary education and in a program leading to a degree, certificate or other recognized educational credential. Expenses for graduate-level courses are not eligible.

According to IRS Notice 97-60, the amount of the possible tax credit differs according to the taxpayer's income, but \$1,500 is the maximum credit allowance. Expenses not eligible for tax credit include costs associated with room, board, student activities, athletics, insurance, books, equipment, transportation or personal expenses. "Taxpayers who have a modified adjusted gross income between \$40,000 and \$50,000—\$80,000-\$100,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly—can

claim tax credit for tuition and other fees, if the other requirements are met. Those with a modified adjusted gross income in excess of \$50,000—\$100,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly—may not claim Hope Scholarship Credit.

The IRS notice states that tax credit can generally be claimed by parents who pay for a child's tuition as long as the parent supplies more than half the child's support for the tax year and the child is younger than 19 or is a full-time student under 24.

Tax credit can be claimed for more than one family member during the same year, as the credit is based on a per-family basis. But the credit cannot be claimed by both a parent and child at the same time.

Tuition costs paid for with Pell Grants, tax-free employer-provided educational assistance or other tax-free scholarships are not taken into account for tax credit under the plan. Only out-of-pocket expenses may be used to calculate the amount of income tax credit.

Bookstore policy under scrutiny of students and faculty

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that they did not oppose buying used books and asked for professors to keep in mind the cost of books for their students.

If, in case, the professor wants to use new books in a particular class, there was the suggestion that if a student could not afford the price of the new book, a waiver for purchase of a used book could be made. Mentioned many times was the idea of an outside dealer cre-

ating competition for the bookstore by selling used books to students at a discounted price.

On-campus senator Jared Harris stated, "College is not just to provide an education but also to teach us what life is going to be like. In order for that to happen we need responsibility to be put on our shoulders." He stressed that all options should be opened for students to decide what is best for them.

Another reason for buying used books brought to the attention of the board was the environmental impact of reducing the amount of new books being printed by reusing used ones.

The board will be accepting written comments until Dec. 18, when they will make their final decision on the matter. No public comment will be received at this meeting.

ASMSU Senate

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Vote necessary: majority

Intent: To show our disapproval of the proposal to give the faculty the ability to mandate that the Bookstore only offer new books for their classes on a book by book basis.

Whereas: The bookstore currently offers a minimum of 20% new books and it will try to buy back no more than 80% of used books for resale.

Whereas: The profit margin on used book sales is greater than the profit margin on new book sales. Therefore, if the sale of used books decreases, the overall profit margin will decrease, lowering the discount on future book sales.

Whereas: We recognize that students have the ability to purchase or special order new books free of shipping and handling charges if no new book is currently available.

Whereas: Students should be given the freedom to choose which books they would like to buy and determine whether they can adequately learn from a new or used book.

Whereas: The more affordable price of used books better suits the budget of many MSU students.

Whereas: The faculty of each department currently determines which publications, editions, etc. that the bookstore offers.

Therefore be it resolved: That the Associated Student Senate of MSU strongly believes that the faculty should not be given the ability to mandate that the bookstore offer only new books for their courses.

Be it further resolved: That copies of this resolution be made available to President Malone, Vice-Provost Allen Yarnell, ASMSU Exponent, MSU Bookstore Directors, and the students of Montana State University.

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Upcoming Events

Bozeman community announcements for the coming weeks

The **Alumni Association** is hosting a reception in honor of all Dec. 1997 Candidates for Degrees from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14, in the Foundation/Alumni CAenter.

A **Holiday Jewelry Sale** will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, and Friday, Dec. 12, in the SUB. Sponsored by the Metals Guild, these items are great for holiday gift giving.

The **Montana Student Nursing Association (MSNA)** is conducting a fundraiser for the children of Gallatin County. All proceeds will go directly to Head Start. Please help decorate the tree in First Interstate Bank with gloves, mittens, and hats in the SUB from Dec. 5 through Dec. 19. Thank you for your support.

ASMSU Day Care invites student parents, their children and friends to attend a **Christmas Party** at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Louise Shunk Day Care/Community Center. Santa will put on an appearance, so come on over!

ASMSU Outdoor Recreation will be offering a **Christmas Break Renters Special**. The rental period will extend from Thursday, Dec 18, through Wednesday, Jan. 14, for the weekly rate. The Outdoor Recreation Center will remain open throughout the break, however, hours of operation will be adjusted. Contact ASMSU Outdoor Recreation at 994-3621 for additional information.

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Do you have a favorite professor? Nominate him or her for **Mortar Board Professor of the Month**. Nomination forms are available at all Department offices around campus or at the ASK-US Desk.

Poll: Drugs aren't the nation's biggest trouble

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years to fund the creation and expansion of health assistance to uninsured, low-income children.

Only about 26 percent of parents of children without health insurance knew about the program, according to the survey.

People believe they have to be on welfare to get Medicaid coverage for their children, said Sarah Shuptrine, president of the Southern Institute on Families and Children.

"The perception that Medicaid is available only to families that are dirt poor or only families that are on welfare may be a large part of the problem," she said.

Another finding of the new survey: 50 percent of the public believes that children

are better able to get health care when they need it, and 63 percent believe U.S. children are healthier than children in many other industrialized nations.

In fact, the U.S. ranked 23rd among 28 other industrialized nations in infant mortality, according to the November issue of Health Affairs.

Programs for children's health are competing with other programs for the country's attention, Blendon said.

"With the exception of children's immunization and prior programs dominated America's program for government policies," he said. "But programs which support low-income Americans are seen as least important."

Survey opens up eyes of graduating students

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starting pay increase an average of 6.5 percent. While the \$28,875 starting salary of the average liberal arts major lags considerably behind "in-demand" disciplines such as engineering and computer science, the size of the increase "shows just how strong demand is [for new hires] across all industries," said Luckenbaugh. Job opportunities for liberal arts majors are most plentiful with insurance and merchandising firms, she added.

Business grads can anticipate a starting salary of \$29,784, a 5.5 increase from last year's salary. These grads, like many liberal arts students, will find jobs openings in insurance and merchandise companies.

The salary increases for 1998 are in sharp contrast to 1992, the year in which the NACE recorded the worst job market of the decade. Then, 41 percent of the majors surveyed showed a decrease in starting salaries, said Luckenbaugh.

Whether employers are looking for computer programmers, accountants or retail managers, most say they are interested in hiring candidates who have integrity, are motivated and who are good communicators. Employers also said they don't have time to spoon-feed new employees.

"Employers said they want someone who has honesty, motivation, teamwork and interpersonal skills. They also want someone who has done research on the company and is able to ask intelligent questions about it during an interview," Luckenbaugh said.

Even though 1998 promises to be a job-seeker's market, Richardson advised students to remain flexible with their

job choice.

"Don't pigeonhole yourself; don't limit yourself," said. "You're not locked into any industry if you remember that there are common positions in a multitude of industries."

Other findings from the NACE survey include:

* Despite the strong demand from employers, graduates with computer science training, statistics from the U.S. Department of Education show the number of graduates earning computer science degrees has dropped 43 percent from 1986. At the same time, the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 70 percent growth in computer and data processing jobs by 2005.

* The South leads other regions in job market growth. Employers there expect they will hire 27.3 more graduates than they did last year. The West came in second with employers reporting a 16.2 percent increase in new hires. Midwest employers plan to hire 16.2 percent more graduates, though the Northeast lags behind all other regions, employers still anticipate hiring 16.2 percent more new graduates in 1996-97.

* The market also is strong for two-year graduates. Fifty-four percent of respondents indicated that the two-year degree graduates are most hotly recruited students are engineering technology and computer science students.

* The Internet is growing in popularity as a recruiting tool among employers. In a year more employers used Internet job postings than newspaper advertisements, and a list of their favorite recruiting tools.

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features

Students donate time, energy to help children

WESLEY SCHROEDER
Writer

As the Christmas Season grows near, it is very easy to get caught up in the presents and vacations, or hate it for the constant reminder of "Feliz Navidad." Whether elves or grinch-like characters dominate the holiday this year, MSU students have been practicing the art of selflessness that lasts the whole year through.

Four voluntary mentor programs involving community members and MSU students are providing Bozeman elementary schools with the gift of giving.

One program, America Reads, was initiated by President Clinton to motivate elementary students, 40 percent of whom are not reading up to their potential by the end of third grade. President Clinton has addressed colleges and universities to act as mentors for students in surrounding elementary schools and has designated a generous amount of work study for America Reads.

Under MSU President Malone's direction, 18 students have acquired placements in the program for work study and others have volunteered their time for free.

Another program, Peanut Butter Pals, was designed in

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In the spirit of Christmas



PHOTO BY ZACH TANNER

A child is offered warmth and sustenance by a loved one at Saturday evening's Christmas Stroll.

MSU play astounds viewer



PHOTO BY ZACH TANNER

of the leads of "Criminal Hearts" establish a bond.

IEGHAN SAPP
Writer

I have never been a person who goes to plays. I went to the productions my high school put on and I was even in one once. Yet, the only professional production I have ever been to is Phantom of the Opera. I wasn't really dreading going to Criminal Hearts, written by Jane Martin, I just wasn't expecting to like it. I was completely wrong.

When my friend and I walked in, we were the only people there, which gave the room, as well as the atmosphere, a kind of eerie, empty feeling. The stage was in the middle of the room with four rows of seats all of the way around it. The set consisted of a bed lying

flat on the floor with empty pizza boxes and Dr. Pepper cans littered around. According to the program, the first act was supposed to be in an upscale Chicago apartment, which left me a little confused, but it was quickly cleared up.

I really didn't know what to expect from the play, but what I got I never would have guessed. The basic plot consists of a rich upscale woman in her mid-20s who is left by her lawyer husband. However, this play turned out to be about a lot more than such a simple concept. The lawyer husband, in his wife Ata's words, "Called me 'babe'...and he was cheating on me with six other women, including his secretary who scheduled all of his 'appointments'." Ata is then awoken from her sleep by a female robber who gets upset because the apartment is stripped. Ata and Bo, the robber, form a strange sort of friendship that Ata uses to help herself get out of her nervous and neurotic moods.

Mellisa Miller, who is playing Ata, did a fabulous job with her character, as did the rest of the cast. Miller did a series of very emotional monologues that made the audience feel almost guilty about eavesdropping. Alyson Sprankel succeeded in coming off as a woman with a questionable reputation as Bo, a born and bred criminal. She seemed to be a woman who was larger than life and had

seen the harsher side of life. She made such a large impression on me that I was surprised when I saw her after the play because she can't be more than 5'5." Robbie is Bo's accomplice, or partner in crime as it were, and served as the play's comic relief. Played by Shannon Ford, Robbie acted anywhere from being just an observer, to a lusty thief who referred to malt balls in a way I have never before contemplated. Scott Nidermaier plays the perfect stereotype of the sleazy, lecherous attorney, Wib. Overall, I was quite impressed with the professionalism and talent displayed by the en-

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Interracial unions praised

KNIGHT-RIDDER/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

As Americans wrestle with the complexities of life in a multicultural society, the rise in mixed-race marriages is proof that the walls of racial separation are slowly crumbling — one couple at a time. Though prejudice still exists in large and small ways, people of different races are getting married in increasing numbers. In 1960, mixed-race marriages totaled about 150,000; in 1995, the number was 1.4 million.

Certainly interracial marriage can foster more racial tolerance between individuals, but sociologists caution that its impact on the country as a whole should not be exaggerated.

Each time two people of different races get together, there is a ripple effect. Their family members, friends and neighbors could get to know someone who is different from them. Each interracial relationship can also bring stares, insults, isolation and even cross burnings. Still, many mixed-race couples and their children say the rewards Velina Hasu Houston, 37, a playwright in Santa Monica, Calif., endures hostile glares every time she, a descendant of Japanese, black and American Indian parents, goes in public with her German-American boyfriend. But, Houston said, peoples' awareness expands a tiny bit every time they are seen together. In response to the gawks, Houston said her boyfriend often grasps her hand or gives her a peck on the cheek to send the signal: "Yes, you're seeing what you're seeing and we're doing just fine." Interracial relationships have come along way

since the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court Loving vs. Virginia ruling. Until then, mixed-race couples could not marry in 17 states. Those who defied the law risked jail sentences or exile from their states. Charles Byrd's parents faced that problem when he was born in 1952 in Virginia to a black and American Indian mother and a white father. They did not marry because of the state law. "My mother doesn't speak about it much," said Byrd, publisher of an online magazine, "Interracial Voice." "I think she felt a lot of shame, guilt and denial."

How far attitudes have changed can be seen in President Clinton's comment this week in praise of interracial marriages. They can "break down stereotypes and build bridges," he said in an interview. "I don't think people should get married to make a statement — they ought to get married for the right reasons. But I think it's a good thing." In 1995, 1 in 40 married couples, or about 1.4 million, were interracial. About 328,000 of the marriages were between blacks and whites. Nearly a million were between whites and races other than black. The share may be small, but the issue fuels a lot of hostility, evident in the contentious debate over biracial adoption, in the long battle over a "multiethnic" category in the Census, and in the daily experiences of thousands of people. "Attitudes are better now than in the past, when a relationship between a black man and a white woman could have meant death or castration for him," said T. Joel Wade, a professor of psychology at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. "But racial attitudes are so ingrained, it's still thought of as a taboo."

Movie connoisseur speaks his mind

By CHRISTOPHER ABEL
Staff Writer

Sorry kids, I didn't make it to the movies this weekend. As luck would have it, the one weekend that I could not attend was the very same weekend as the pre-Christmas lag. The new Bond flick, "Tomorrow Never Dies," will be released in two weeks, as will James Cameron's "Titanic" (a.k.a. "The Most Expensive Film Ever Made"). For quite some time, I have wanted to put to paper some of my complaints concerning the conduct of a small, yet distinguished class of moviegoers. They are easy to spot, characterized by talking (either out loud or in a hushed whisper which is still disturbingly audible), throwing popcorn, or just being a general nuisance.

Theatrical releases are the sort of thing where talking is definitely not encouraged. I don't mean during the previews, certainly that is the time to talk things over. Granted, a hushed tone is still preferred, but I can't hold it against anyone if they feel a need to say to their friend, or just out loud for anyone to hear, "That looks good, I think I'll go see it." When the opening credits begin to role, however, you should feel obligated to button up. But, there is always at least one obnoxious individual that feels that the plot need be summed up for the rest of the audience every two or three minutes.

I average at least one obnoxious goon per every three movies. Admittedly, I have used poor judgement in choice of seats on occasion and plopped myself down right in

front of some very talkative people. Pity I didn't sit behind them, for at least I could have had the satisfaction of kicking their chair in petty retaliation. On most occasions, however, they seek me out with an uncanny (radar guided?) accuracy.

Certainly, you all know what I'm talking about, but I have a pretty good anecdote and an excellent opportunity to share it. Last year, I went to see the latest screen adaptation of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." In the final scene, where Romeo finds Juliet seemingly dead, there was one idiot who seemed to think that he could change the outcome of the story by speaking loudly to the characters. He said, and I quote, "Hey, she's not dead." Maybe he wasn't actually speaking the Romeo, but it sure looked that way. Fortunately,

someone had the presence of mind to throw something at him and threaten further violence, and he shut up.

I'm not trying to be the bad guy here. I have sat through movies where the entire audience was putting in their two cents worth. Of course, you have to have the right movie for that sort of thing. Generally, it has to be so bad that the audience feels that the only way they can get their money's worth is to entertain each other.

The only thing I ask is that you remember that a movie theater is not your living room. You may have paid good money to see a movie, but so did everyone else in that theater with you. If you really want to display your rapier wit and impress your friends with snappy comments during a movie, stay home with a rental.

"Criminal Hearts" steals imagination of local audience

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I found a few interesting opinions of Criminal Hearts. J. Anderson, a freshman at MSU, said, "oh.. If only you men knew just how smart we really are, referring to the "men are evil, women must revenge yet not in a femmy way" theme of the play.

Anna Kolash, another MSU freshman, didn't want to remark on the spicier parts of the play. She said, "The play was an interesting look at relationships between men and women." I agree with her, some ideas and emotions demonstrated within the script that go far deeper than some were looking for.

People of all ages and backgrounds were at the play that night. There were senior citizens from the community as well as families of children and college students.

Overall, I feel that Criminal Hearts is a great experience for anyone who is looking for something to do this weekend. It's enlightening, funny, thought provoking, and it has an unexpected twist. I recommend seeing it, but I forewarn you the profanity might offend those who do not appreciate such forms of expression.

Educational programs help kids all year long

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1991 by Hawthorne Elementary School Principal Marilyn Delger to help Hawthorne students with academic and social problems. Originally, sorority members volunteered to be "pals" to kids. After the first year, however, it was open to all MSU students and to all Hawthorne students.

The job of a "pal" is to attend lunch at Hawthorne for one hour a week. There are currently 63 "pals" and many kids are requesting one. The program requires at least a semester-long commitment. Those wanting to volunteer can do so by contacting Hawthorne Elementary School at 587-9942.

Child Advancement Program (CAP), is a program designed to give extra support to kids, kindergarten through eighth grade, who seem to have "fallen through the cracks." Half of the volunteers are MSU students and half are members of the community. The commitment for CAP is from November to May, when volunteers meet with the kids

at school for one hour a week. "It makes a tremendous difference in the kids' lives," said Tanya Totton, a CAP coordinator. Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) is a program designed for mentally gifted children. Established in the 80s, GATE is currently at its peak. Although focused on third through fifth grades, first and second grades are sometimes considered. Once again, MSU students have volunteered their time and effort to help, tutor, and even be tutored, as one

young man learned by working with a child on his electrical engineering homework.

"It gives college students a chance to help children who are gifted. It's a really rewarding thing to do," commented mentor Angie Hanson.

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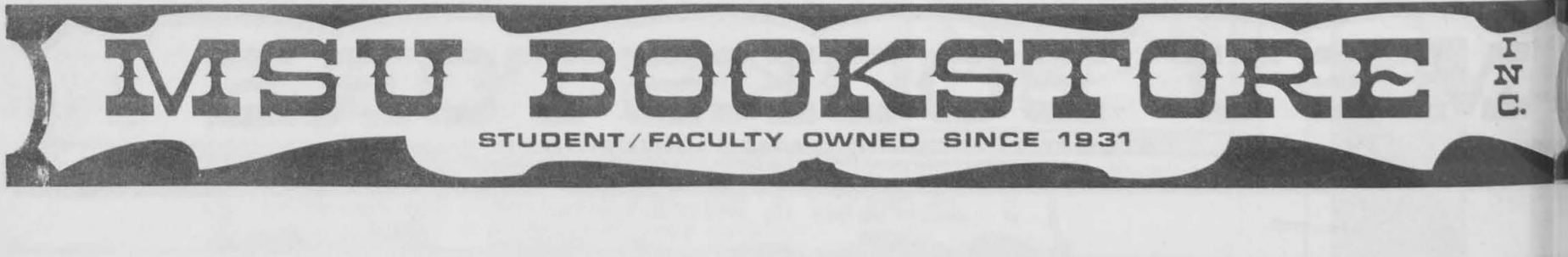
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Lord of Word offers positive vibe

By CORY JAMES
Writer

Much of today's music looks at the glass as half empty instead of half full. Lord of Word and the Disciples of the Cross, who will be visiting the city on Saturday night, try to be positive in their message even though many of today's musicians focus on the negatives.

"We're all angry," said the lead singer of Lord of Word Theo Smith. "But when you are in a positive mood, you should communicate with that. People you should use a positive message rather than just being pissed off."

The interracial group hails from very diverse backgrounds and tries to blend East and West sounds. The group weaves together rap, funk, rock and soul into a very danceable mix. The lead singer feels that the best description of their music is "new beat."

Rapper Smith is backed by guitar, bass, drums and the Horn section. The band has 17 members at one time but has slimmed down to five to make touring easier. People have been taking notice of the band on their first actual tour. Smith's role as a rapper who focuses on a positive message has been well accepted by those looking for members of the new breed of musicians. Smith who writes the lyrics has tried to give the band a



different look at rap. If you are looking for a chance to move your feet to the beat check out Lord of Word Saturday, December 13 at the Zebra Cocktail Lounge. Show time is at 10 p.m. and tickets are \$5 at the door.

Go Ask Alice...

I've been having headaches off and on for the past year and noticed that it seems to coincide with days that I don't drink coffee in the morning. I've heard of becoming "addicted" to caffeine, so I decided I should just go ahead and quit for awhile. This past week I cut out coffee and all caffeine related products from my diet and have been suffering from pounding headaches every day. Today (6 days from my last cup of coffee) is the first day that I don't seem to have a headache. Is this common? And also, any ideas on what will happen if I do have some coffee? Will my system require coffee every day again (at the sake of a pounding headache)? I'm completely clueless on this, and I LOVE coffee, so any advice would be helpful. -de-caffeinated and hating it

Dear de-caffeinated and hating it,

Headaches are a normal response to an abrupt and drastic cut in the supply of caffeine to the system (i.e., your body). If you drink lots of coffee, or somehow provide your body with a steady, high supply of caffeine, with time, your body will develop a tolerance to caffeine. When you deprive your body of the caffeine it has grown accustomed to, your body struggles to cope with this sudden change. In the coping process, you end up with a pounding headache. Headaches, irritability, lethargy, nervousness, and mild depression are all fairly common withdrawal symptoms associated with caffeine intake.

Withdrawal symptoms from caffeine "detox" are nowhere near as severe as symptoms of withdrawal from other drugs; this would explain why your headaches lasted only five days. Although it is, most of us would not identify caffeine as a dependency-producing drug. For more information on caffeine specifically, you can check out Long term effects of Vivarian in Alice's Alcohol & Other Drugs archives.

As for your other issue, it's not a question of "if I do have some coffee...?" rather than one of "if I can have some coffee without having some more, and then maybe one more cup for the road...?" Alice's point is that it's possible to drink a cup of coffee every now and then, or even one a day, without developing such a strong tolerance that your headaches will be back to haunt you on your first coffee-less morning. The key here is moderation. It's also important to be aware of the caffeine content of other beverages you drink, primarily teas and sodas. Make sure you're not substituting one form of caffeine for another.

You have other java options, too. If you really can't live without coffee, you could try drinking one cup of full strength and then switch to de-caf for other cups of coffee during the day. Or, make your pots, like Alice, half decaf and half caf (and use great coffees, like French Roast, Gold Coast, and Yukon Gold — get the aroma?).

Bottoms up!
Alice

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Dynamite In Nightmare Land



Ian Fleming's raunchy super-spy James Bond explodes on screen for the 18th time in "Tomorrow Never Dies" starring Pierce Brosnan in his second attempt as British secret agent James Bond 007.

This time the depiction of James Bond is a darker one according to Pierce Brosnan. "It's got great style that shares a certain film noir quality while also taking a cue from the Asian action film" Brosnan said in a press release.

Director Roger Spottiswoode ("Air America") commented "The high-tech realism and real colors and light truly add a dose of reality to the picture... ['Tomorrow'] has the feel of a modern thriller without losing the characteristic touches of the 007 series."

"Tomorrow Never Dies" seems to have the usual Bond "women" but Bond's "women" are no longer his toys.

Terry Hatcher of tv's "Lois & Clark" plays Paris Carver who shares a secret romantic past with Bond. Carver's "the one" that got away and now she's married to the villain.

Michelle Yeoh who starred with Jackie Chan in "Supercop" plays the mysterious Wai Lin. Yeoh imported a personal fight choreographer and after seeing her perform Spottiswoode added a few more fight scenes for Yeoh's character. The question is does she "punish" agent 007?

The villain hopefully carries more zest than the soggy, not-so-sinister ex-agent

Alex Trevelyan

in "GoldenEye". Media baren Elliot Carver played by stage and screen

actor Jonathan Pryce ("Evita") is a Ted Turner/Rupert Murdoch-esque madman who tries to start a war by sinking a British Naval warship in Chinese waters. Thus Bond's mission is established—save the world from the fiendish plans of Bill Gates turned Dr. Jeckyl!

Location, location, location! Without exotic locals a Bond film just isn't a Bond film. "Tomorrow Never Dies" moves from England to Germany and ends in Thailand. The signature pre-title sequence is set high in the French Pyrenees mountains and involves James Bond, four Czech L39 jet fighters, 400 gallons of gasoline, several pounds of dynamite and a high altitude air strip.

Gadgets-a-plenty for our man Bond. 007 drives a BMW 750 equipped with rockets concealed in its sunroof, self-inflating tires and a metal cutter hidden under the BMW badge. The bodywork produces an electric shock to unauthorized personnel.

The soundtrack is classy to say the least. It resembles the vintage brassy sharp tunes John Barry whipped into "Goldfinger" and "From Russia With Love" yet

"Tomorrow's" composer David Arnold has not forgotten the modern twist Eric Serra injected into "GoldenEye's" score.

Sheryl Crow sings the title song which rings like a combination of the "Perry Mason Theme" and Shirley Bassey's "Goldfinger". It stays sharp and thick unlike Tina Turner's shrieking "GoldenEye" title track. Those who like Monty Norman's twangy "James Bond Theme" won't be disappointed. Unlike the "GoldenEye" soundtrack "Tomorrow" contains several versions of the Bond theme including Moby's jacked up remix.

Music, gadgets, women and exotic locals are crucial elements in all 007 films but what outweighs these elements is the performance of the actor portraying Bond. Pierce Brosnan was good as 007 in "GoldenEye" but audiences are hoping his wooden tendencies have disappeared in "Tomorrow Never Dies".

"Pierce Brosnan was okay but I come from the Sean Connery/ Roger Moore perspective" says Dipali Patel an Electrical Engineering student at MSU. "Brosnan didn't have the confident look Connery had." Dipali said.

But Pierce Brosnan supporters prove eager to see him as Bond on screen. "Brosnan is the best since Connery," said MSU Bio/Med student Sean Hogan. "He fits the role and is cocky at the same time." Hogan said

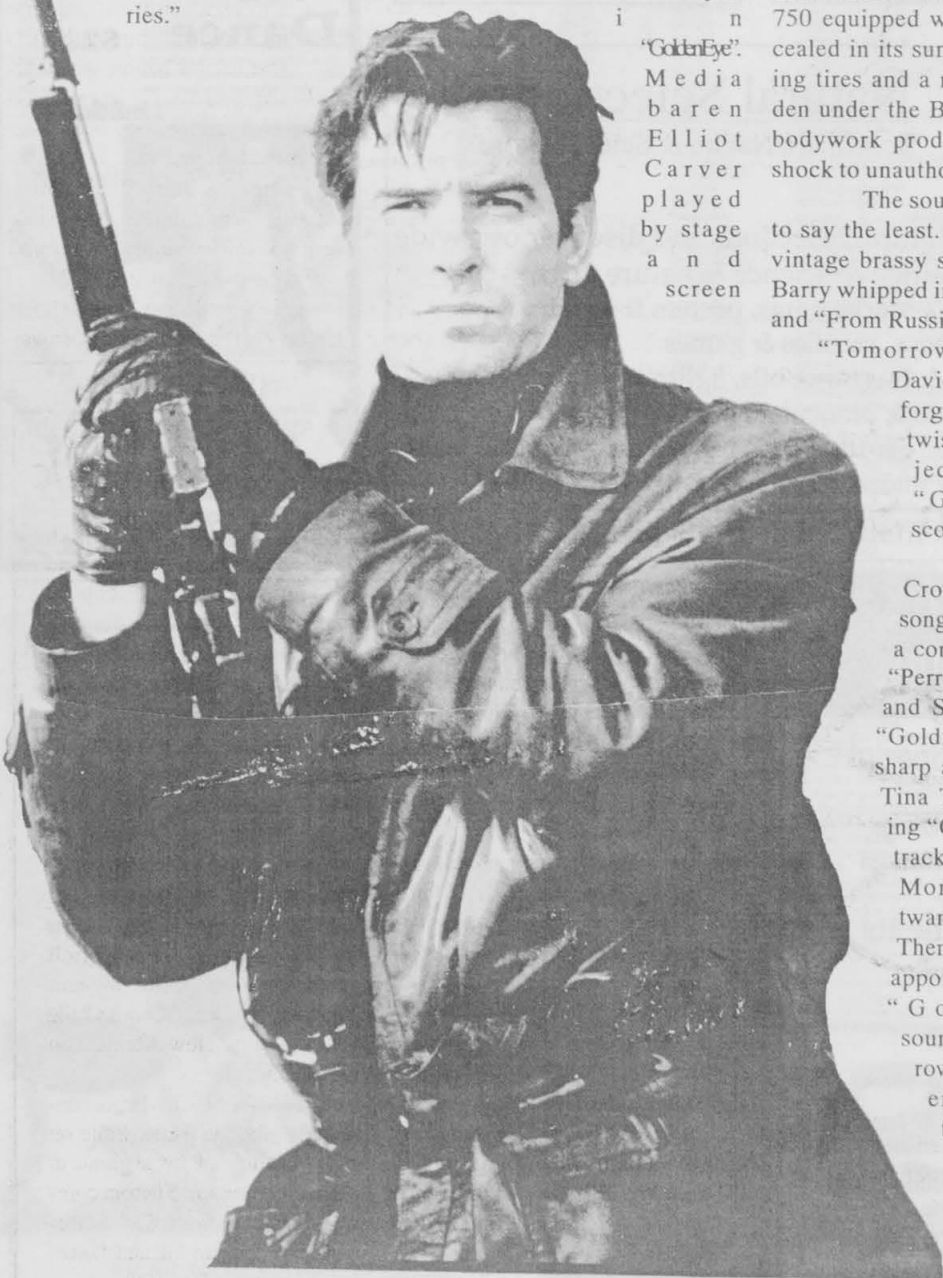
We also have expectations to see a good story and when it doesn't happen \$60 million thrown at the screen isn't going to smooth it over. On December 19, "Titanic" and "Tomorrow Never Dies" debut and it's sink or swim for agent 007. A grand cinema battle is in the making considering this double barrel release and "Titanic's" grossly inflated budget sitting at a couple

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sports

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BY TONY AND JEN GEISER
Sports Writers

Sometimes they're hot, sometimes they're not. It was a tough weekend for the Bozeman Ice Dogs with two losses and a win yet they still stand atop the American Frontier Hockey League standings at 21-7-3 and host Great Falls at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday at the Valley Ice Garden.

Exact revenge will be first and foremost on the minds of the Ice Dog players who, on Sunday, lost a 5-4 overtime game to the Americans in Great Falls

The Dogs led 3-0 until the final 17 seconds of the second period when American, Paul Cox, beat Bozeman goaltender Erik Woodin with his 16th goal of the season. This gave Great Falls the momentum for the third period.

The Americans scored three more times, taking the lead away from Bozeman before Ice Dog defenseman Thomas Hajek scored for Bozeman, forcing the overtime.

It looked as though the Dogs were going to score early in the overtime period when the new Ice Dog member Ryan Mullen's shot hit the post and Chris Hryckowian just missed the rebound shot.

With less than a minute left in the overtime period, on a pass from Cox, Matt Smith scored the winning

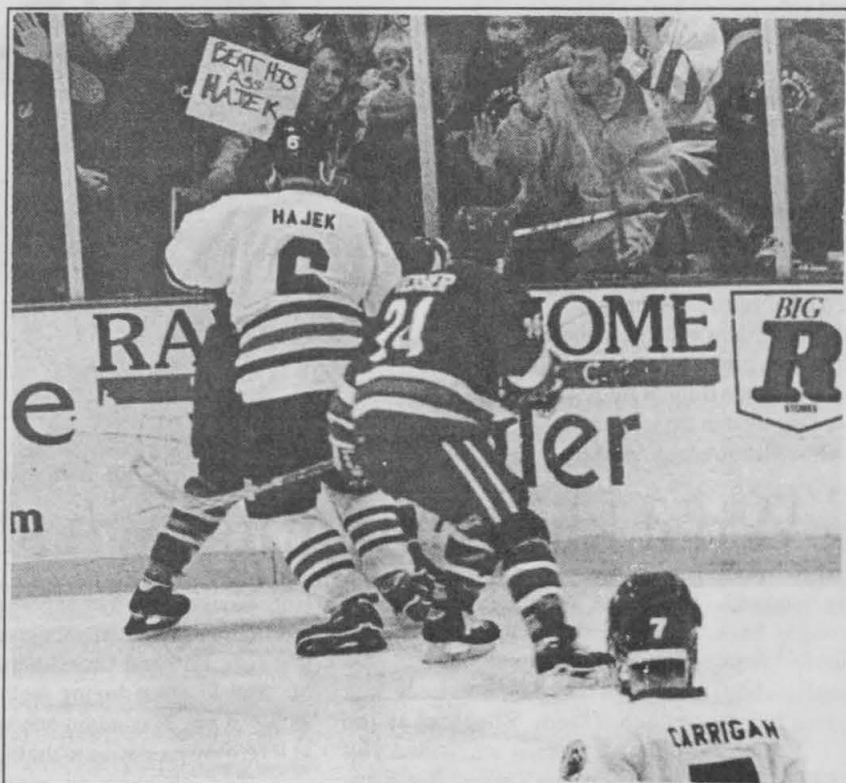


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Ice Dog captain Tom Hajek slams a Billings Bull into the glass during Saturday's game at the Valley Ice Garden while Ryan Carrigan looks on. Notice a fan's sign that gives detailed instructions for Hajek. Bozeman prevailed 3-2 and hosts Great Falls at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday at the Garden.

goal for the Americans.

Friday in Butte was another disappointment for the team; the Butte Irish were at the top of their game and won 5-2. But Bozeman never let up blasting 37 shots on goal.

The only problem was that Butte's goalie Nolan Thompson bounced off pucks like a brick wall.

"He was on fire," a traveling Ice Dog fan said, "Must have been a career night for him."

Despite these two calamities, the Ice Dogs do have something to gloat about. Bozeman defeated the

team they really needed to beat — the second place Billings Bulls — Saturday night at the Valley Ice Garden.

"After (Butte's loss) we were kind of disappointed," said Ice Dog head coach, David Cole after Saturday night's victory against the Bulls. "We came out, worked hard, and executed the system. Tonight we were very disciplined."

It was the first time the Bulls played in Bozeman this season and they were taken by surprise when they saw the Valley Ice Garden filled

with 3,593 howling fans. It must have been a huge change from last year, when the Ice Dogs' home games were played in Helena where they had a very small number of fans.

An astonishing number of dedicated Bulls' fans (450) filled two school buses and came over from Billings to cheer-on their two-time defending league champion team.

The action began when recently acquired Jay Hjelman scored his first goal as an Ice Dog on a power play in the first period.

Minutes later, defenseman Anthony "Wildthing" Zurfluh, stole the puck in the neutral zone and headed for the net all alone.

"I chipped away at it and it fell in," said Zurfluh about his breakaway

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Ice Dogs at a glance

Fri. Irish 5, 'Dogs 2
Sat. 'Dogs 3, Bulls 2
Sun. Americans 5, 'Dogs 4
Next game: Wed. vs. Great Falls

MSU men play at Ap State tonight, host RMC on Sat.

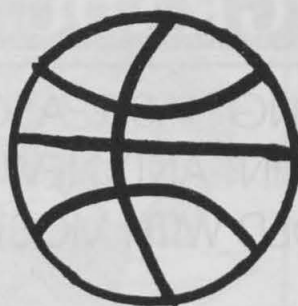
By McCORY JAMES
Sports Writer

Montana State's men's basketball team will be wrapping up a three game road trip tonight with a game against Appalachian State in Boone, North Carolina.

Tip-off is set for 5:05 p.m. (MST).

Big South conference member ASU (4-2) will try to gain some redemption against the 'Cats who pounded the Mountaineers at home last season 96-71.

"This is a much-improved team over last year," Durham said of the balanced ASU offensive attack that boasts four players averaging double-figures. "They beat North Carolina-Charlotte, who has been in the top 25 and they've played Tennessee and Virginia. This will be a good test for our team."



It may be hard to score against the Mountaineer defense, as ASU holds its opponents to an excellent 38 percent shooting while forcing 20 turnovers a game.

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MSU hoops busy over break

By McCORY JAMES
Sports Writer

Montana State's men's basketball team will play games over the break while everybody else is unwrapping presents and celebrating the new year. The Bobcats have one home game remaining before the semester ends on Dec. 13th against Rocky Mountain College.

The 'Cats then hit the road for a rematch against Idaho, who the 'Cats beat 65-54 on Nov. 29, on Dec. 20th and Wyoming, in Laramie, on Dec. 23rd. MSU then returns home to host the Bobcat Classic. The 'Cats play Mississippi Valley State in the first round on Dec. 29th. MSU will either play Monmouth or San Diego on Dec. 30th. Big Sky Conference play for Montana State begins with a huge clash against Weber State on Jan. 3 followed by

a date with Idaho State on Jan. 5. The team then hits the road against Cal State-Northridge on Jan. 8th and at league-favorite Northern Arizona on Jan. 10th. The 'Cats host Eastern Washington on Jan. 15.

Montana State's womens basketball team will also be very active over the break. Before the semester winds to a close, the Lady 'Cats host Creighton on Dec. 12th before heading to Gillette, Wyo. to play Wyoming on Dec. 14th. MSU hosts Carroll College on Dec. 20th, Western Montana on Dec. 22nd and the University of New Mexico on Dec. 29th.

The Lady 'Cats begin conference play at Weber State on Jan. 3 followed by a game at Idaho State on Jan. 5 before coming home to host Cal State-Northridge on Jan. 8th and Northern Arizona on Jan. 10th.

The Top Ten...

- Reasons to come back to campus over winter break and the Montana State men's netball team's game on Jan. 3, against Weber State.
- Weber State's coach, Abegglen, is funny looking in dire need of a face lift.
- You can throw "rotten nuts" on Alex Fisher (the guy hurt Danny Sprinkle).
- Come back to campus to see if your professors' are still over from New Years.
- Bridger Bowl might be better by then.
- Watch Damon Ollie and Holmstadt nail "the Golden Gate" into Weber State's Damien Merville.
- Ask Weber's players if they are all related to each other.
- Flashback: March, 1996: Sprinkle, 'Cats shag Weber to win title.
- Who the hell is Weber anyway, and why would you name a school after a barbecue grill.
- See Abegglen's veins pop when he argues a call.
- Check out the grooviest netball team in the Big Sky:

Fast laugh: At high school; at gay bar; at Xmas

COMMENTARY BY PETE FAGGEN
Sports Editor

The long, windy tradition of journalistic penmanship, finally, with one more stroke of linguistic verbosity.

Sounds a tad pompous, but it is, keep in mind, the last column of the semester since the next issue of the Exponent will be the one you want to send to your Grandma for Christmas: an Excrement spoof issue.

So, let it be. Was at the Class C high school girls' basketball tournament this week and boy, did that bring back memories. One thing will never change: high school gyms and their stinky odor smell the same whether the building is in Fairfax, Va. (my hometown) or Belgrade, Mt.

That's the awesome appeal of high school basketball — the smell.

Not to mention the Morrison Wildcats — a school 50 miles across the Gallatin Valley — who had only 16 girls enrolled, led out a championship-level basketball team.

Amazing, even

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Ice Dogs: host Great Falls on Wed. at Valley Ice Garden

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goal. "Doesn't happen much in my career, that is one that will go down in my memory book." Zurfluh's goal made it 2-0 Bozeman.

During a very strong defensive second period, Billings forward Tom Reimann, pushed one by Bozeman goalie Casey Osting, scoring the only goal of the period.

With just under three minutes left in the game, Kevin Wesolek scored his 27th goal of the season from the top of the crease on a pass from Tanner Johnson.

"Tanner made the play," Wesolek said. "He threw me the pass and went hard to the net and that's what you're supposed to do, so I give a lot of credit to him. He made a nice play."

The Bulls were not finished yet. Their leading scorer Andy Leutwiler slapped one by Osting with just over a minute left, bringing the score to 3-2, Bozeman.

Stirring for one last goal, Billings pulled its goalie Joel Kimball from the net and went with a six-man offensive play only to be shut down by Osting and the Dogs.

"It felt good to come in here against Billings with a packed house and have a good game," Osting said.

Take a break from your exams and trek to the Valley Ice Garden for Wednesday's game against Great Falls. Then at 7:05 Friday, guess what, the Billings Bulls will be back in town for another Dog fight in the Ice Garden.

GO GET 'EM DOGS!!!! AAAAAARFFF!



PHOTO BY ROG

Ice Dog center Jesse Werner lunges for the puck in Saturday's game against Billings. The Ice Dogs won 3-2. Bozeman is back in action at 7:05 Wednesday against Great Falls at the Valley Ice Garden.

Column: What kind of nightgown should I buy my mother?

Continued from p

though they lost to Big Sandy 65-38, the Wildcats brought back memories of the movie "Hoo-siers", when the small school from the sticks competed for the state championship.

However, Big Sandy, with future MSU guard Jennifer Curl leading the way, showed why it's one of the state's best basketball teams — at any level. Curl, who scored 31 points in the final, recently signed to play at MSU next year and from the looks of her jump shot and on-a-dime passes, she might have a chance to play as a freshman next year.

Incidentally, Big Sandy is the alma mater of Lady 'Cat starting small forward, Serena Merrill, a true freshman this season; obviously the Big Sandy-MSU pipeline is flowing smoothly. Another guard playing in that tournament, Joan Langford, who set the state record

for most 3-pointers this season, recently signed to play next season at Weber State.

In bumping into Lady 'Cat coach Tracey Sheehan at the Belgrade tourney we chatted a bit about her team's recent five-game road swing that ended last week in Seattle, Wash.

She mentioned how the freshmen, many who had never seen the likes of an inner city, were googley eyed at the body piercings and stuff like that.

Now, that's all part of a well-rounded college education and should be part of the University Core.

Trust me, before any of you graduate, you need to go spend a week in San Francisco and karioke at a gay bar. I did that with my sister — who is strait—last May and

Holy Smokes, was it an experience of a lifetime. Especially the couple that sang Hall and Oates' version of "You lost that loving feeling" with one guy bowing on one knee as if he were proposing to the other.

Too chicken to sing, I gawked and admired everyone

**Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
women's basketball rocks the house,
right here at ol' MSU.**

that did and the experience made my mind wider than I ever imagined it could expand. Meandering down the street seeing two guys walk hand-in-hand was as normal as breathing come week's end. So was seeing a leprachaun-looking dude stroll up to a trash can, open it, and scoop out some fried chicken to eat.

Truly a humbling educational experience.

Speaking of the Lady 'Cats, they're finally back in town and in full view for all of you to see against Creighton this Friday at Worthington Arena.

They're a motley bunch, with two seniors named Smith (Shanna and Natalie), two juniors (Tennyson Ballek and Jamie Spring) and a freshman (Merrill) who write

"Lady 'Cat poetry" while running wind sprints.

Here's a sample:
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
women's basketball rocks the house, right here at ol' MSU.

Or: There once was a player named Spring,

Who said she loves to sing,

rap and R&B, grunge and country. That's why they call I Queen of Jing

Folks, I have comp

lost my rocker right here

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get a little crazy come mid

Crazy is the gift requ

mother gave me for Char

(yes, I celebrate that other

day): a nightgown!

Now, where do I buy

those? What size? What

Seriously, what kind of

gown would you buy

mother? I mean.... please h

here!

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Eye On The Sky

EW in Div. I-AA semifinals

FROM INTERNET SERVICES

Often lost amid the I-AA hype are the talented teams of Division I-AA, whose playoffs have been staged for the last two weeks. Four teams have survived, and this Saturday's semifinals will pit No. 3 Delaware vs. No. 5 McNeese State (La.) and No. 6 Eastern Washington against No. 7 Youngstown State (Ohio).

In the weekend's most surprising outcome, the YSU Penguins, trailing 28-14 against No. 1 Villanova, rallied to tie the game with two touchdowns in an 18-second span early in third quarter, then kicked a 28-yard field goal to seal the win. Meanwhile, Craig Cummings ran for a touchdown and Sean Leach kicked three field goals as Delaware held Georgia Southern (10-3), the fourth-best running team in I-AA, to 49 total yards in the first half as the Blue Hens won 16-7 in the Dec. 6 quarterfinals.

McNeese got no offensive TDs against Western Illinois, but special teams put together some key

plays that helped the Cowboys edge the Leathernecks, 14-12. Mike

Eastern Washington rolling

After emerging victorious from the Big Sky Conference, earning a spot in the Division I-AA playoffs was a breeze for Eastern Washington.

Overlooked in the preseason, the Eagles earned respect and a league title by defeating conference foe and 1996 national champion Montana, 40-35, and preseason Big Sky runner-up favorite Northern Arizona, 31-14, both games on the road.

At 12-1, EWU's only loss, a 17-7 decision to Montana State, was also on the road. Led by RB Rex Prescott (149 ypg) and QB Harry Leons (2,588 yards in '97), EWU rolled over Northwestern (La.) State, 40-10 in the first round and pounded Western Kentucky, 38-21, in the quarterfinals.

The Eagles hope their next opponent, Youngstown State, pulled their last rabbit from the hat Saturday when they knocked No. 1 Villanova from the playoffs, 28-14.



MacKenzie rushed for 163 yards and Rex Prescott for 124 as EWU beat Western Kentucky 38-21. It was the third time this season the nation's best Division I-AA offense had two 100-yard rushers in one game.

1997-98 Bobcat basketball Schedule (home in bold)

- Nov. 8 Simon Fraser-w 107-59
- Nov. 22 SCC-w 97-68
- Nov. 29 Idaho-w 65-54
- Dec. 5 at Marquette, 1-60-84
- Dec. 6 Ohio w- 82-66
- Dec. 9 at App. State, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 13 Rocky Mountain, 7:35
- Dec. 20 Idaho, 7:05 p.m.
- Dec. 23 Wyoming, 7:35 p.m.
- Dec. 29 Miss. Valley St, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 30 Monmouth/San Diego
- Jan. 3 Weber State, 7:35 p.m.
- Jan. 5 Idaho State, 7:35 p.m.
- Jan. 8 CSN, 8:05 p.m.
- Jan. 10 NAU, 7:05 p.m.
- Jan. 15 EWU, 7:35 p.m.
- Jan. 17 PSU, 7:35 p.m.
- Jan. 23 CS-Sac, 8:35 p.m.
- Jan. 24 Montana, 8:05 p.m.
- Jan. 29 CS-Sac, 8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 31 Idaho State, 7:35 p.m.
- Feb. 5 NAU, 7:35 p.m.
- Feb. 7 CSN, 7:35 p.m.
- Feb. 13 Weber St., 8:05 p.m.
- Feb. 19 EWU, 8:05 p.m.
- Feb. 21 PSU, 8:05 p.m.
- Feb. 28 Montana, 2:05 p.m.

Cat Corner
Montana State at Appalachian State
5:05 p.m. tonight in Boone, N.C.

- ### 1997-98 Lady 'Cat basketball Schedule (home in bold)
- Nov. 7 SFU 1-59-77
 - Nov. 17 Portland-1 64-73
 - Nov. 21 Air Force-w 85-72
 - Nov. 24 Rice-1 51-76
 - Dec. 2 Gonzaga-w 73-68
 - Dec. 4 UW-1 59-77
 - Dec. 12 Creighton, 7:35 p.m.
 - Dec. 14 Wyoming (Gillette), p.m.
 - Dec. 20 Carroll, 7:35 p.m.
 - Dec. 22 WMU, 7:35 p.m.
 - Dec. 29 New Mexico, 4 p.m.
 - Jan. 3 Weber St., 7:35 p.m.
 - Jan. 5 Idaho St., 7:35 p.m.
 - Jan. 8 CSN, 7:35
 - Jan. 10 NAU, 7:35 p.m.
 - Jan. 15 EWU, 7:05 p.m.
 - Jan. 18 PSU, 2:05 p.m.
 - Jan. 21 CS-Sac, 7:05 p.m.
 - Jan. 25 Montana, 7:05 p.m.
 - Jan. 29 CS-Sac, 7:35 p.m.
 - Jan. 31 ISU, 7:35 p.m.
 - Feb. 5 NAU, 7:05 p.m.
 - Feb. 7 CSN, 7:05 p.m.
 - Feb. 14 Weber St. 7:35 p.m.
 - Feb. 19 EWU, 7:35 p.m.
 - Feb. 20 PSU, TBA
 - Feb. 27 Montana, 8:05 p.m.
 - Feb. Sky Tournament- TBA

Lady 'Cat Corner
Creighton at Montana State
7:35 p.m. Dec. 12
Worthington arena

Cats at Appalachian State; finish third in tournament

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"They are very solid defenders and are rebounding the ball well," Durham added. MSU is coming off a third finish in the First Bank Classic last weekend by No. 27 Marquette. The 'Cats ended the tournament with a solid 82-66 win over Youngstown State in the consolation game. The win brought MSU's record to 4-1 on the season. Senior forward Damon Ollie, moved to a career-high 29 points, 10 of MSU's points as the 'Cats led 28-28 at halftime. Ollie was unable to score in the second half but pulled down 12 boards to lead the team in rebounding.

Other key contributors were Nate Holmstadt, Danny Sprinkle and Dan Sullivan, who had 14, 10, and nine points respectively. Scott Harry helped out the squad by pulling down seven boards.

The 'Cats' lost a tough one to Marquette 84-60 in the first game of the tournament. But the game started much closer than the final score indicates.

The Bobcats came out hot with Ollie scoring the first five points of the game. However, MSU quickly cooled off and for most of the half battled back and forth with the Golden Eagles and took a 31-27 lead with three minutes left in the first half. Marquette proceeded to capi-

talize on the 'Cats' 14 first half turnovers and went on 14-2 tear to end the half with a 41-33 lead.

"For 17 minutes we did a nice job," coach Mick Durham said. "But the 14 first half turnovers were tough on us."

Ollie was the only player to reach double figures with 11 points and Holmstadt had a tough time working inside ending the night with only four points while grabbing a team-high seven rebounds.

"He's going to get a lot of attention," Durham said. "Everybody will want to see this tape to see how to shut down Nate."

The 'Cats are using the loss to Marquette as a learning tool for

the rest of the season.

"We learned a pretty tough lesson," Durham said. "It's a critical stretch for us from now until January."

Tonight's Bobcat game against Appalachian State will be broadcast live on KBOZ, which is at 1090 AM on your dial.

	1st	2nd	Total
MSU	33	27	60
Marquette	41	43	84

MONTANA STATE - Sullivan 1-2 0-0 3, Ollie 5-12 0-0 11, Holmstadt 2-5 0-0 4, Williams 1-5 0-0 2, Rabb 4-9 0-0 8, Hooper 2-3 0-0 6, Henry 3-5 0-2 7, Sprinkle 3-10 0-0 8, Harry 2-5 1-2 7, Badding 2-4 0-1 4. Totals 25-60 1-5 60.
 MARQUETTE - Joseph 1-2 0-0 2, Bargen 2-7 0-0 4, Lovette 6-7 3-3 15, West 1-2 0-1 3, Hutchins 6-9 1-2 16, Cliff 0-4 0-2 0, Wardle 8-14 0-0 19, Minor 1-1 0-0 2, Miller 1-2 1-2 3, Shaw 1-1 3-6 5, Mueller 0-1 1-2 1, Polonowski 4-6 2-2 10, Clausen 2-4 0-1 4. Totals 33-60 11-21 84.

3-point goals - Montana State 9-26 .346 (Sullivan 1-1, Ollie 1-4, Williams 0-1, Rabb 0-3, Hooper 2-3, Henry 1-1, Sprinkle 2-4, Badding 0-2) Marquette 7-19 .368 (Bargen 0-4, West 1-1, Hutchins 3-5, Cliff 0-2, Wardle 3-6, Polonowski 0-1). Fouled out - Ollie, Rebounds - Montana State 27 (Holmstadt 7, Badding 6), Marquette 33 (Joseph 7, Clausen 5). Assists - Montana State 19 (Williams 4), Marquette 15 (Hutchins 6). Total Fouls - Montana State 22, Marquette 15. A - 14,304.

	1st	2nd	Total
MSU	39	43	82
Ohio	28	38	66

MONTANA STATE - Sullivan 3-7 0-1 9, Ollie 10-18 8-9 29, Holmstadt 2-6 10-10 14, Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Rabb 1-4 0-0 3, Hooper 2-3 2-2 7, Henry 1-5 0-0 3, Sprinkle 2-6 5-5 10, Harry 0-3 2-2 2, Badding 1-2 1-2 5. Totals 23-56 28-31 82.
 OHIO - Flenori 3-8 1-2 7, Adell 5-15 10-14 21, Fakhir 3-9 4-5 10, Ford 7-13 2-3 17, Reed 2-9 3-8 7, Peterson 0-3 0-0 0, Feldman 1-1 0-0 2, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Bundy 0-0 0-0 0, Terry 1-1 0-2 2, Spears 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-59 20-34 66.

3-point goals - Montana State 8-20 .400 (Sullivan 3-6, Ollie 1-1, Holmstadt 0-1, Williams 0-1, Rabb 1-2, Hooper 1-2, Henry 1-1, Sprinkle 1-4, Harry 0-2) Ohio 2-12 .167 (Flenori 0-1, Adell 1-3, Ford 1-4, Reed 0-1, Peterson 0-3). Fouled out - Flenori, Adell. Rebounds - Montana State 35 (Ollie 12, Harry 7), Ohio 37 (Fakhir 15). Assists - Montana State 15 (Sprinkle 5), Ohio 12 (Reed 6). Total Fouls - Montana State 25, Ohio 23.

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Welcome to the personal section of the classifieds. A phrase of advice for today: Thanksgiving is over and time for finals. Time for the semester is growing shorter as with every river it will cut out.

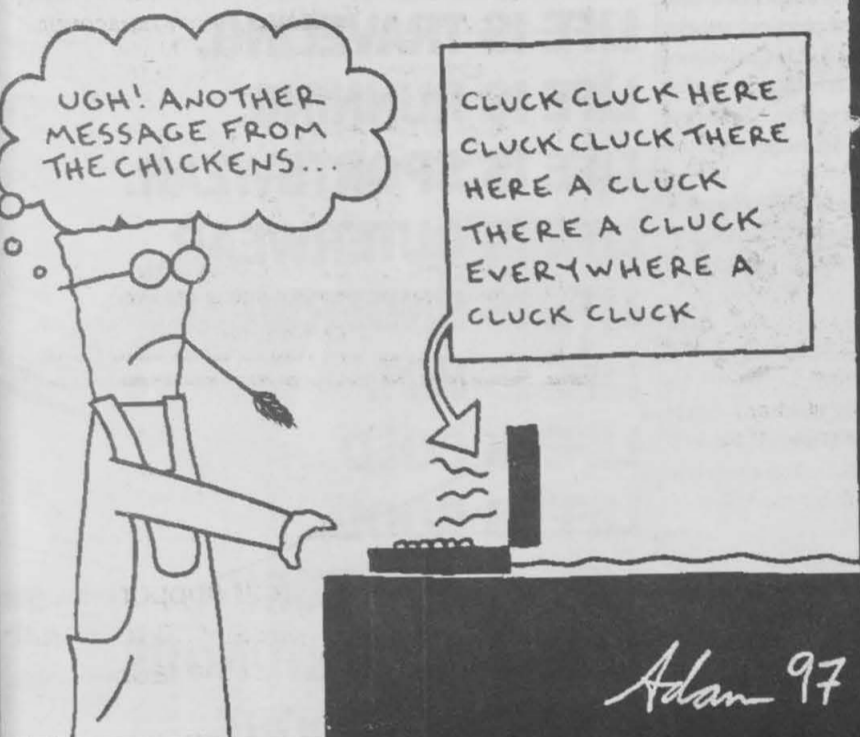
Should there be more than free in life? Perhaps, but there is not unfortunately. Everything seems to cost money. There is one thing that is still free sometimes. Sp... in the personal section of the upcoming event section if... Extra space on a first come first serve basis.

Missie(y) from Penn.: tall... cheap; its snowing; lets get skiing. 582-8066.

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Lofton goes back home to Tribe

CLEVELAND - In a stunning turnaround Monday, the Cleveland Indians signed Kenny Lofton and traded Marquis Grissom and pitcher Jeff Juden to Milwaukee for three pitchers including Ben McDonald.

Lofton, Cleveland's career steals leader who played for the Indians from 1992-96, agreed to \$24

million, three-year contract with his former team. He will get \$7.5 million in each of the next three seasons, and Cleveland has an option for 2001 at a minimum of \$8 million and a maximum of \$9 million, depending on his performance.

If the option isn't exercised, Cleveland must pay a \$1.5 million buyout. The Indians also agreed to a

two-year deal with pitcher Dwight Gooden worth \$5.6 million.

Cleveland got Lofton for significantly less than the four-year deal worth about \$40 million he rejected last year. Grissom was sent to the Brewers for McDonald and relievers Ron Villone and Mike Fetters. The Tribe then dealt Fetters to the Oakland A's for Steve Karsay.

Stockton sparks Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A physical game against a tough opponent was just what John Stockton needed. Stockton, playing his first game of the season after recovering from knee surgery, had 10 points and seven assists as the Utah Jazz beat Indiana 106-97 Monday, ending the Pacers' six-game winning streak.

"This kind of game makes you forget about everything else," said Stockton, the NBA's career assists leader. Stockton, wearing a light brace on his left knee, was limited to 20 minutes in his first game since undergoing arthroscopic surgery eight weeks ago, but his presence was felt both early and late in the game.

"Don't expect too much too soon," said Karl Malone, who led the Jazz with 31 points.

Stockton received a rau-

cous ovation before the game and then converted a three-point play on Utah's first possession. He scored eight points in the first 5:37 of the game to spark Utah.

But Stockton sat out the rest of the first half and played just six minutes of the third quarter, during which he was involved in two confrontations.

With about eight minutes left in the period, Stockton set a pick on Indiana's Dale Davis. Stockton fell to the court and got tangled up in Davis' legs. Nothing was called, and Stockton protested.

About a minute later, Stockton attempted the same pick and fell to the floor again. This time, Davis kicked Stockton on top of his head while the point guard was on the ground.

Spree: I'm sorry P.J.

OAKLAND, Calif. — Latrell Sprewell, suspended one year for a pair of physical attacks on Warriors coach P.J. Carlesimo, apologized to Carlesimo in a telephone conversation Sunday, ESPN's David Aldridge reported Monday.

Sprewell will publicly apologize to Carlesimo at a press conference Tuesday in Oakland, Aldridge said.

A spokeswoman for Sprewell's agent, Arn Tellem, said Monday that Sprewell will be joined by Tellem, attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. and National Basketball Players Association executive director Billy Hunter at a 5:30 p.m. ET news conference.

The spokeswoman did not say whether Sprewell would apologize at the news conference.

Panthers put nail in 'Boys' coffin

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Carolina Panthers unceremoniously ended the Dallas Cowboys' five-year reign as NFC East champion and might also have ended the NFL's most successful run of the decade.

Kerry Collins threw two touchdown passes, and Fred Lane rushed for 138 yards Monday night as the Panthers stayed alive in the NFC wild-card race and all but eliminated the Cowboys with a 23-13 victory.

"I hope this isn't the end of an era," said Troy Aikman, the quarterback and team leader. "I don't think we are willing to concede that. We just couldn't get things going."

"We were inept," said coach Barry Switzer. "It was frustrating and disappointing."

It was also most likely the end of Dallas' playoff hopes although at 6-8 the team that has won three Super Bowls this decade remains technically alive for a wild-card berth.

But their run of five NFC East titles is over — the New York Giants lead the division and even if they lose twice, the Cowboys can't catch them.

Carolina (7-7), which won the NFC West and reached the NFC title game last season in only its second season is also alive, but needs help.

"We're still in it, we're still in it," said Lane, a rookie free agent. "This was big for us to beat the Cowboys on Monday Night Football. We were confident we could run the ball and we did."

The Panthers have ended the Cowboys' hopes twice in the last year.

Carolina knocked Dallas out of last season's playoffs with a 26-17 victory on Jan. 5 in Charlotte.

Now they just want to keep alive this year.

"We have a legitimate shot at the playoffs now," said guard Greg Skrepenak. "We just played our best game of the year."

Coach Dom Capers agreed.

"We really bounced back and played a tremendous game," Capers said. "We've still got a play-off chance."

Collins, who suffered a concussion last week, hit key passes while Lane kept Dallas off balance with his hard runs despite the presence of tackle Leon Lett, who made some spectacular plays in his first game back after a one-year suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

Collins, who threw a 15-yard TD pass to Rae Carruth in the second quarter, guided Carolina on a 69-yard drive to open the second half. That put the Panthers ahead 17-6.

He completed passes of 13 yards to Anthony Johnson, 18 yards to Muhsin Muhammad, and finally found Scott Greene on a 1-yard touchdown pass.

John Kasay then hit a 40-yard field goal to start the fourth quarter, making it 20-6. He also had an 18-yarder with 53 seconds left to finish off the Cowboys.

Aikman hit Michael Irvin with a 52-yard touchdown to put Dallas within seven points with 6:33 left.

However, with a fourth-and-1 on the Carolina 45, Aikman was trapped for a 25-yard loss by safety Chad Cota with 3:27 left.

"I was just trying to make something happen," Aikman said. "It was a busted play."

"If you can't make a fourth-and-1 then you don't deserve to win," said Switzer. "We just have to try to win the last two games. They are pros and they get paid."

The Panthers dominated the first half to take a 10-6 lead over the Cowboys, who lost running back Emmitt Smith after he reinjured his left shoulder trying to make a block. Tight end Eric Bjornson also fractured his left shin.

Collins, who fractured a jaw in the preseason and suffered a concussion last week, hit Carruth for the TD after Kasay had kicked a 34-yard field goal.

The only Dallas points in the first half came on field goals of 45 and 32 yards by Richie Cunningham, his 32nd and 33rd of the season to break the club record of 32 by Chris Boniol in 1996.

It was the first time Switzer had ever been part of a three-game losing streak in college or the pros, a span of 259. Dallas hadn't lost three games in a row since 1990.

Carolina lost cornerback Eric Davis late in the fourth quarter when his helmet hit the knee of running back Sherman Williams. Davis, who left the field on a stretcher, was later diagnosed with a concussion.

But the injuries to the Cowboys' egos were clear.

"This is devastating," said special teams star Bill Bates, whose career started in 1983 and spans Tom Landry, Jimmy Johnson and now Switzer.

"It's been a long time since we had this feeling in the locker room. We were gunned up and ready to play but we made too many mistakes like we have all season."

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