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winter ride



PHOTO BY ROGER DEY

h Sunday's snowstorm, many students were caught off guard
a three inch "blizzard."

Regents examine credit cap

MISSOULA (AP) -The state Board of Regents will revisit a controversial policy that sets a limit on the number of credits a Montana student can earn before being charged nonresident tuition.

"There's definitely enough interest in pursuing this matter and seeing what the facts tell us. It will be on our January agenda," Pat Davison, the regents' chairman from Billings, said in a recent interview.

The regents adopted a policy in 1996 that set a cap of 170 credits for Montana residents. If they exceed that number of credits, students would then be charged out-of-state tuition. When the policy was adopted, the board said the cap would be lowered to 144 credits by 2000.

The regents will consider taking that next step at their January meeting.

Student government leaders from units of the Montana university system say the 144-credit cap is much too low. They said the cap should remain at 170 credits because the lower limit does not provide enough opportunity for students to change their minds about majors or explore other class offerings.

"We urge the board to take a step back and look at it again," said Barrett Kaiser, the UM student body president. "We think it's definitely worth the time of the regents to look into this."

Students said the policy would also have an adverse effect on students at two-year colleges of technology who want to pursue a college degree after obtaining an associate degree.

"It will be virtually impossible for a college of technology student . . . to obtain an associate degree and go on for a bachelor's degree without going over the credit cap," said Dawn Begnaud, a nursing student who serves as student body president at the Great Falls College of Technology.

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-Barrett Kaiser
UM Student Body President

At their recent meeting in Missoula, regents were presented with a resolution from UM's Faculty Senate that said the policy should be revised so that any cap allows students at least 50 additional credits on top of what is required to earn an undergraduate degree.

Most UM degrees require at least 120 credits, but some programs set graduation limits up to 128 credits.

"The number of students reaching the cap will increase geometrically when it is lowered," said Bob Deaton, a UM social work professor who studied the issue on a faculty senate committee. "Nobody took into account that a really good student can have some exceptions that put them over the cap."

rady Act implements firearm background check

BERT STRUCKMAN
Gazette

BILLINGS (AP) A leaf- the glass counter of the case at First National announces new provi- of the Brady Act, which nto effect Monday.

According to the leaflet, ackground check affects e buying firearms hand- rifles or shotguns and anyone who retrieves a firearm that has been in hock.

"I want it to be a positive thing. As long as it doesn't chip away at our rights," said Steve Brown, a manager at First National. "I've looked forward to the instant check. I never liked the five-day waiting period. This may be better."

The instant system, operated by the FBI and state governments, will replace the checks by local police and sheriffs on handgun buyers that have been made since February 1994.

The expansion of the checking makes for a substantial burden including rifles and shotguns, the number of checks will double. Stephen Fischer Jr., FBI spokesman in Clarksburg, W.V., said about 12.4 million guns a year are sold in the United States.

The new system also comes at the beginning of the Christmas rush. Fischer said December is usually the busiest year, when guns are being bought as gifts.

Several Billings gun dealers expect some form of protest when they ask for background checks on long guns.

"You're going to have people who are totally against it. One out of 10 guys is dead set against it," said Kevin Zumbrennen, the manager of the gun department at Scheels Sports.

The instant background check will be done through a national, computerized system designed to respond to inquiries within 30 seconds with information on individuals who may be prohibited from receiv-

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ontana commissioners deny tax break because of CI-75

BOZEMAN (AP) - y commissioners have ed to renew a tax break given a major employer arly a decade, saying the ge of Constitutional Ini- 75 makes the tax situa- o precarious.

Luzenac America Inc., a talc factory outside Three Forks, had asked commissioners to cut in half the taxes due on $2.6 million worth of new equipment and construction. The company has enjoyed similar tax cuts since the late 1980s.

But commissioners voted 2-1 Tuesday to deny the tax break, amounting to $117,000 over 10 years, because a majority feared CI-75 would keep the Three Forks and Willow Creek school districts from raising mill levies to make up the difference.

The new constitutional amendment requires voter approval on all new taxes or tax increases.

"I hate to say it, but if it weren't for CI-75 I would support this," said Commissioner Bill Murdock. "We have given Luzenac a tax abatement before. They have been worthy of it. They are a great corporate neighbor. I would encourage them to apply again once we

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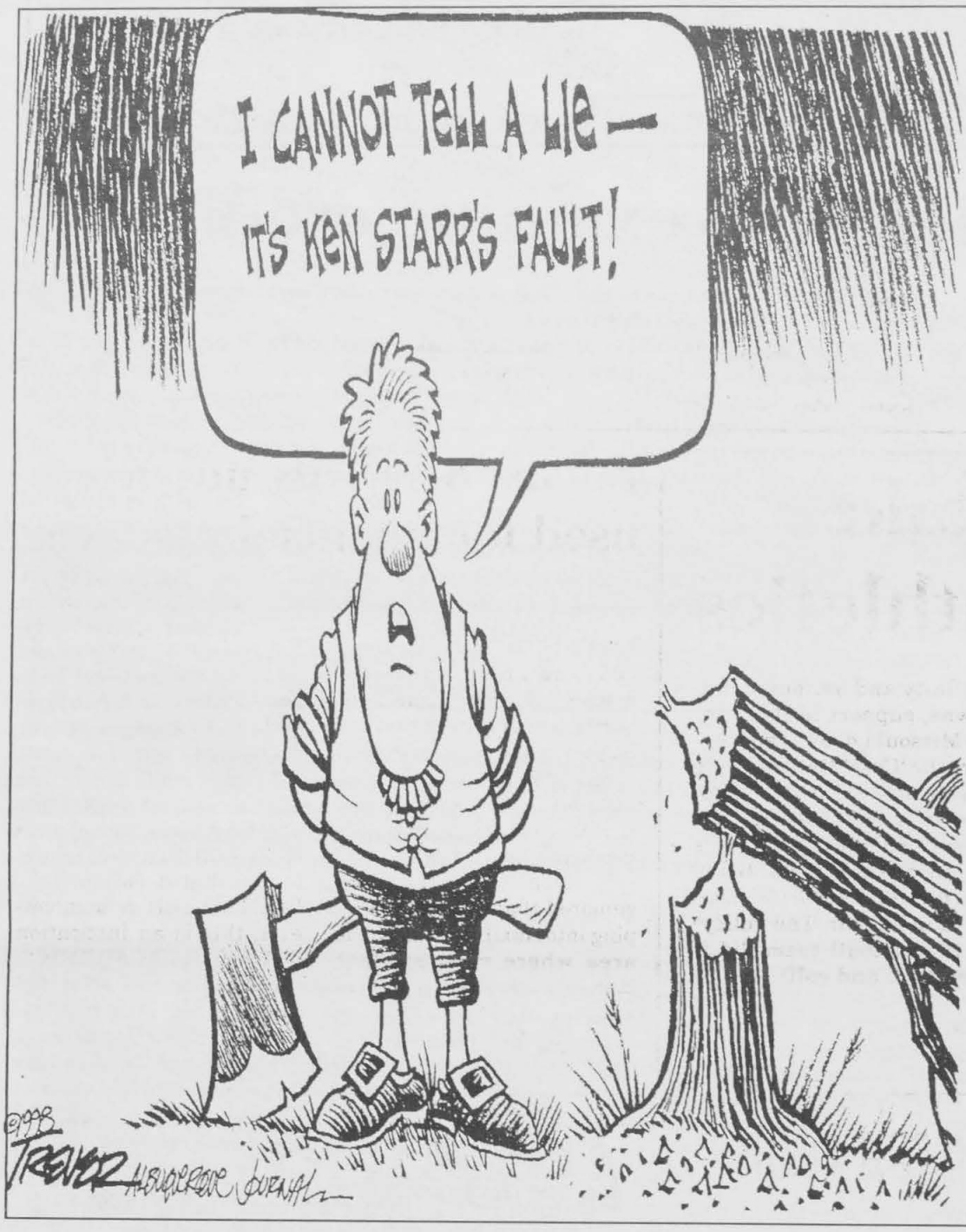

President still guilty despite columnist's opinion

To the Editor

In last Tuesday's Exponent I read an editorial by Keith Suta expounding on the injustices done to Clinton in the current impeachment proceedings. His arguments were that lots of presidents have cheated on their wives before (look at JFK) and that lots of presidents have lied before (look at Bush "...Read my lips..."). Those arguments are true, but they are completely irrelevant to the issue at hand for the simple reason that Clinton is being investigated for committing perjury. And not just perjury! As the spokesman for Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr stated about the Office's Monica Lewinsky investigation, it "is not about sex." This case is about perjury subordination of perjury , witness tampering, obstruction of justice. That is what this case is about?

Perjury, for the rest of the American public, is a class D felony, which in some states can send a person to prison for one and a half years plus a $10,000 fine. If you or I lied under oath in a courtroom today, we would face these penalties becau that is the law and we br it. The President not only l in his deposition in the Pa Jones case when he said was not having an affair w Monica Lewinsky, he also iterated that same whop to one of the most import segments in our judicial s tem, the Grand Jury! Pe have done that before, i true, and they are langui ing in prison for it as speak.

It doesn't matter w the public opinion is ab whether or not lying, ch ing or perjury is a crime s ous enough to warrant peachment. Opinion sho not come into the case, the law should be consid and whether enough evid exists to convict the Presi of perjury. The Presiden the United States should be above the law, and the tice meted out should be b to the perpetrator of crime, even if said perpe tor is the most popular pr dent in this decade.

Sara Maccagnano
Manhattan MT 59

University should refocus on education not athletics

JAMES SCHELL
ASMSU Senator

For the last five years, students have been taxed unfairly and in direct opposition to the will of the students. I am referring to the athletic fee of $30 assessed on every full-time student. In late April of 1993, the powers-that-be asked the students to vote on the athletic fee (which had not been in place since the 1970s). The student turnout for that vote was 17 percent, nearly twice what the usual elections attract, and the students decided 57 percent to 43 percent against an athletic fee. Fall semester of '93 rolled around and to the confusion of many students, the athletic fee was on the tuition statement.

You might ask how this could be, how the administration of this institution could not only disregard the will of the students, but also make a decision in direct opposition to what students had voted on? Let me explain in simple terms this incident. Students are nothing more than cash cows for certain persons in this university, some of them housed in Montana Hall I would imagine. I would also expect a group of people in the Field House share the same views.

Once upon a time, students at this campus had power. Real power, not just deciding what color pen to buy at the Bookstore. Power to decide what fees were to be assessed and where those monies would go. In fact, the Board of Regents in the spring of 1970 ruled in favor of the students who had challenged various fees, declaring students retain full authority over their monies and were free to distribute these funds as seen fit.

Coming back to 1993, we see the athletic department advertising pushing the fee liberally spread across campus. Why did athletics need this money so desperately? Was it the $300,000 debt? No, because the debt was taken care of during the summer of 1993—before any fee statement money came in.

The actual reason the athletic department " needed" the money was to maintain NCAA Division I status. What did this do for students: For the vast majority of students, this fee only serves to take $30.

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Your Turn

How do you feel about condoms being distributed on campus in conjunction with World Aids Day?



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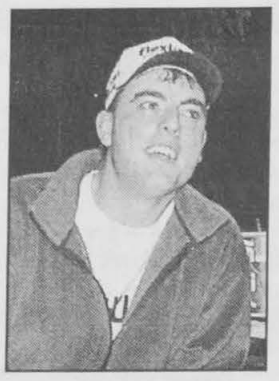

"I think everyone needs to use condom sense."

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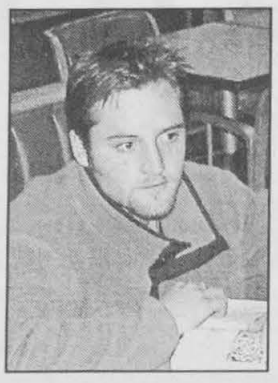

"Good—they should make it fun like hide them in snowbanks—give us something to do between classes."

Dave Sandvige
Freshman
Social Studies Broadfield



"I think its a very good idea because I think that promotes safe sex. People are going to have sex anyways."

Melissa Boysun
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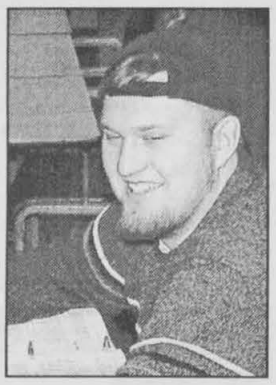

"I think it would be a good way to save money that way I don't have to buy them."

Mark Gederos
Freshman
Business Management

Students should take pride in Bobcat athletics

the editor

Thank you to Ian Costello for your artfelt article "Remember to cheer for 'Cats" in the Nov. 24th issue! I, too, ed blue and gold and I love the ts—I only just wish we could rally re people at Montana State and in zeman to do the same. Where is our ool spirit?

Having been born and raised in ssoula, then making the wise decision attend MSU, there's nothing I'd like see more than the students, faculty d staff of MSU along with the Bozeman community and our surrounding smaller towns, support MSU's athletic teams like Missoula does. C'mon everyone—support the 'Cats! Get out there and get fired up about MSU athletes; Ian is right, we would win any "academic decathlon," and as MSU people, this is something to be darn proud about. Bring on the crowds for Basketball season folks! Winning is in the air. The volleyball team and the football team did it (...and cross country...and golf).

A proud Bobcat
Kerry Hanson '93

Focus: Students unfairly used for financial resource

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That's right, you pay them $30, and unless you are a member of a very small minority, you receive no return on your money. None whatsoever. Unless you count paying for someone else's ticket, and that nice new stadium that is used six times a year.

Even worse, it is now rumored that instead of dipping into Auxiliary funds (the area where most student money is pooled) if it was needed, the entire stadium cost ($22 million) was paid with Auxiliary fund monies. Not one dime from athletics was touched. And don't expect to see any of that money back, as Athletics is currently running very close, if not in, a deficit.

I am not a person against athletic endeavors, I enjoy athletics and believe they have an important place here. First and foremost however, this is an institution dedicated to ACADEMICS, not athletics, and when that focus changes, the students are denied what they have paid for—an EDUCATION.



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The Spiritual Impulse in Abstract Art, a lecture by Jessica Hunter, will be presented at 6 p.m. at Emerson Cultural Center.

Dec. 3

The campus Bridge Club will meet at 5:p.m. in EPS room 347.

Dec. 3-5

"Holiday Memories," presented by the Montana State University department of Media and Theatre Arts, will start at 8 p.m. in the SUB theatre. Tickets will be $5 for students and $6 for the community.

Dec. 8

The Air Force ROTC detachment will be holding an informational session at 6 p.m. in the SUB room 272.

Brady Act: *Increasing firearm safe*

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ing or possessing a firearm under federal or state law.

The FBI has hired and trained about 500 people in West Virginia to handle the calls and help the ATF in informing the nation's 106,000 gun dealers and pawn shops, said Stephen Fischer Jr., FBI spokesman in Clarksburg, W.Va.

In the store, it will work like this: A gun dealer, after first asking for the driver's license of the customer, will dial an 800 number and read off the purchaser' s full name, sex, race, date of birth, state of residence and whether the purchase is of a handgun or long gun.

An operator will then immediately tell the dealer to either proceed with the transaction or delay.

If the response is to delay the sale, a follow-up process starts at the FBI's information center. The center has three business days to deny the transaction. If the check takes longer than three days, the Brady Act says the gun dealer can go ahead with the sale.

People who are denied the purchase of a firearm can follow an appeals process with the FBI.

The law bans purchase of guns by anyone convicted or under indictment on felonies, fugitives, the mentally ill, those with dishonorable discharges from the military, those have renounced U.S. citizer illegal aliens, illegal drug and those convicted of d tic violence misdemeanor domestic violence restra orders.

On average, about 8 percent of purchases a proved. The U.S. Justice D ment reports that in 19 Brady Act prevented 6 handgun purchases. Mor half of those were felons, a ing to the report.

At this point, the f regulations regarding p and security allow the maintain the informatio for a "proceed" response months.

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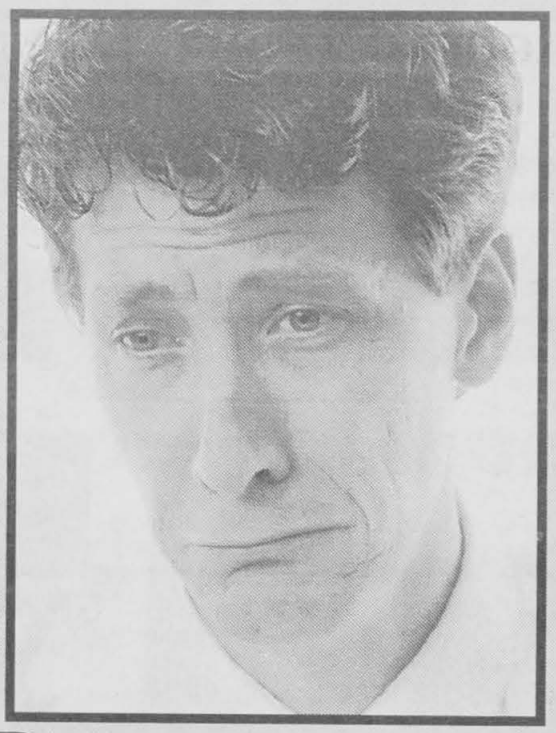

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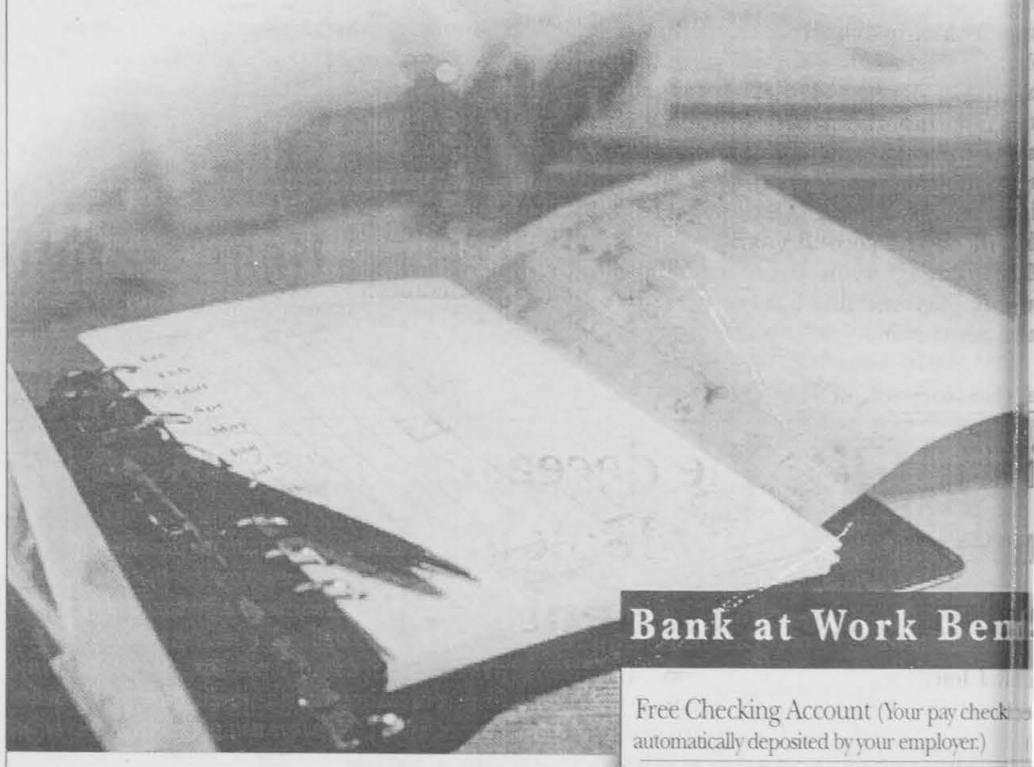

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oliday Memories' rings Christmas cheer

MANDA RIDER
ent writer

Don't put away your memories of turkey and kin pie just yet. "Holi- Memories," a MSU the- arts pro- on, will ringing remem- ces of holiday on to the theater. liday ories" is y based vo short es by s s e l enbrouke. production is being per- ed by Media and Theater 374, a class taught by Jenki. Jenki is the di- r, but the students pro- l and organized the play, g on jobs such as cos- s, lighting, or acting. will be the second year MTA 374 has produced iday play and it is likely a continuing tradition.

narrator, Truman Capote, played by Geoffrey Meyer, reminisces about his childhood. "Holiday Memories" is centered around the friendship of two main characters, a young boy, played by Robert Henningsen III, and his 60-year-old c o u s i n , played by E l i z a b e t h C a l h o u n , with whom he is living. The first act is about the boy and a bully he encounters at school, who he ultimately invites to Thanksgiving dinner, thanks to his cousin.

"Its a story about relationships and what's important in life."

—Elizabeth Calhoun

The second act deals with the friendship between the boy and the old woman, who makes fruitcakes for celebrities mails them.

"It's a story about relationships and what's important in life," says Elizabeth

The story unfolds as the

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Friend of the deceased' rovides new look at n old government

R.J JOHANSEN
ponent writer

What's worse than de- ding to commit suicide d then changing your nd mid-air off the golden te bridge? Try hiring a ranian hitman to do you , and then having a ange of heart. Why is the ter dilemma worse than e former? It's a matter of olonged torment.

And torment is what rector Viatcheslav richtofovitch inflicts on elancholic Anatoli lexandre Lazarev), who ngs for the good old days Soviet life, before cor- pt capitalism came to wn. Anatoli wastes his ys sipping espresso, noking cigarettes and aiting for his phone to nploy him. But when atoli's wife has more an a fling with a guy in red Ford, a friend sug- sts that Anatoli exploit e new free-market onomy to solve his prob- lem. Hiring a hitman for a few hundred dollars to eliminate her boyfriend would be cheap enough, but to get more bang for his Soviet buck, Anatoli, instead, orders the hit on himself. When a hummer of a hooker, Vika (Tatiana Krivitskaia), revises his lust for life, Anatoli changes his mind. But it isn't going to be easy to stop the hit.

Krichtofovitch knits a tight stitch of a tale. While his characters examine the fabric of former communist traditions with yarns of economic necessities, they never fail to demonstrate relentless survival skills. In the end Krichtofovitch creates a new garment that asks whether the tattered old Soviet sweater wasn't better than the new one corrupted by capitalism.

The movie is 100 minutes, in Ukranian, Russian and English with English subtitles.

Play ball!

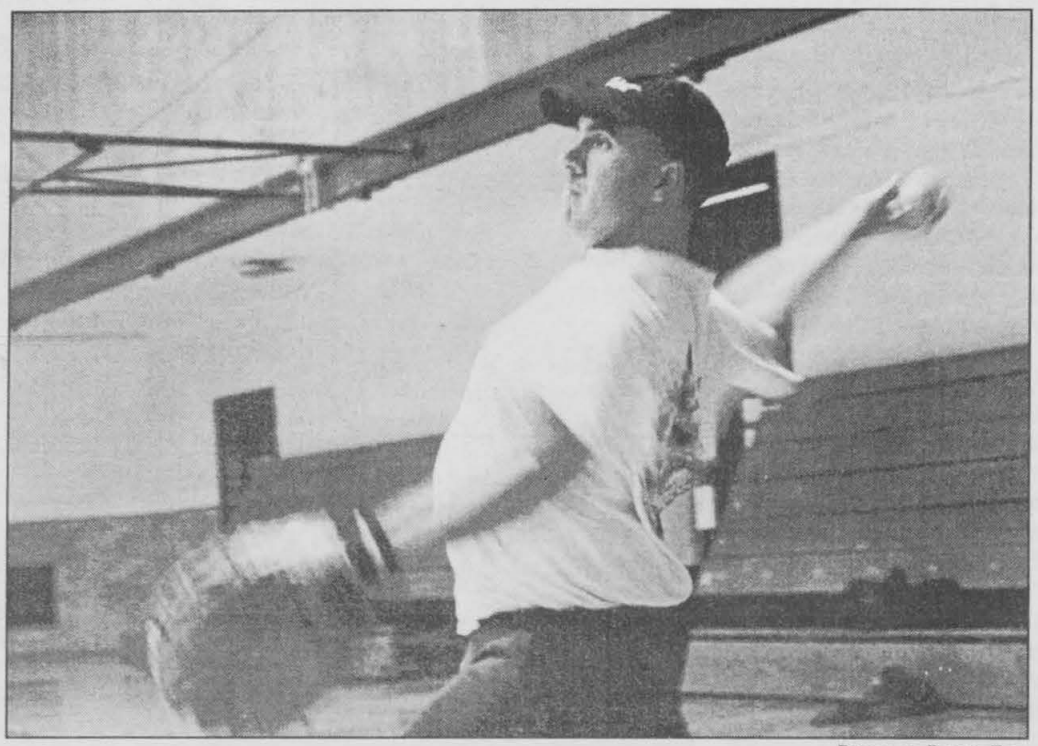

PHOTO BY ROGER DEY

MSU's baseball club is starting to gear up for the spring season. Team member Tony Chesery warms up before practice on Tuesday night in Romney Gym.

Bear committee to host annual meeting

BY DRUSHA MAYHUE
Exponent writer

The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) will hold its annual winter meeting on December 2 and 3, 1998, at the Elks Club in M i s s o u l a . The IGBC is a group of high level officials representing government agencies that assist in the management of grizzly bears.

Previously the winter meeting has been held in Denver, Colo. but this year the meeting was moved closer to grizzly bear recovery areas.

The agenda includes reports from subcommittees covering the Selkirk-Cabinet Yaak, Bitterroot, North Cascades, and Yellowstone ecosystems. Other topics include an update of ongoing new research, pepper spray report, as well as a forum on grizzly bear conservation on private lands.

"The prognosis for bears in the long-term is not good. We have remnant populations in isolated areas in the lower 48 states and we need to be extra cautious in how we proceed."

—Bob Ekey, The Wilderness Society Bozeman

Recently the IGBC has come under fire regarding future management of the Yellowstone grizzly bears. Various wildlife biologists and conservation groups have accused the IGBC of ignoring sound science and supporting premature delisting of the grizzly bear due to influence from logging, oil and gas, ranching and mining groups.

Bob Ekey of The Wilderness Society in Bozeman, said "the conservation community is very concerned about the direction the IGBC is taking toward de-listing the grizzly bear and their decisions on how to manage the great bear.

The prognosis for bears in the long-term is not good. We have remnant populations in isolated areas in the lower 48 states and we need to be extra cautious in how we proceed," said Ekey.

In conjunction with the IGBC winter meeting, a Bear Festival will be held Dec. 1-3

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Rubber band ball puts bounce into student's life

BY BETSY LOWTHER
Campus Correspondent - University of Delaware

WILMINGTON, Del. (CPX) — University of Delaware sophomore John Bain has few worries.

His health. His grades. And, of course, the chances that his 1,400-pound rubber band ball—unofficially the world's largest — will go rolling down the driveway from its storage place in Bain's garage.

"I keep waiting for it to get away from me and roll down the street," saidBain, 21, who lives with his parents in Wilmington, Del. "Luckily, that hasn't happened yet."

Bain's got other things on his mind than worrying about a runaway ball —namely, putting the last six boxes of rubber bands around the thing so it can be weighed for contention in the Guiness Book of World Records. Currently, Bain says, Steve Partridge of Surrey, England, holds the record. His rubber band ball weighed in at 1,022 pounds just a few months ago.

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Ball: Delaware student stretches for a world record

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Bain said he hasn't talked to Partridge about taking over the title.

"I heard he's still working on his," he said.

The two may be neck-in-neck, but a winner will be determined when this spring's deadline for the year 2000 edition of the Guiness Book of World Records gets closer.

Bain's rubber ball — about 4 1/2 feet high and 12 feet in circumference—has been an eight-month effort. He started constructing it just to pass the time while he worked in the mailroom of a local law firm.

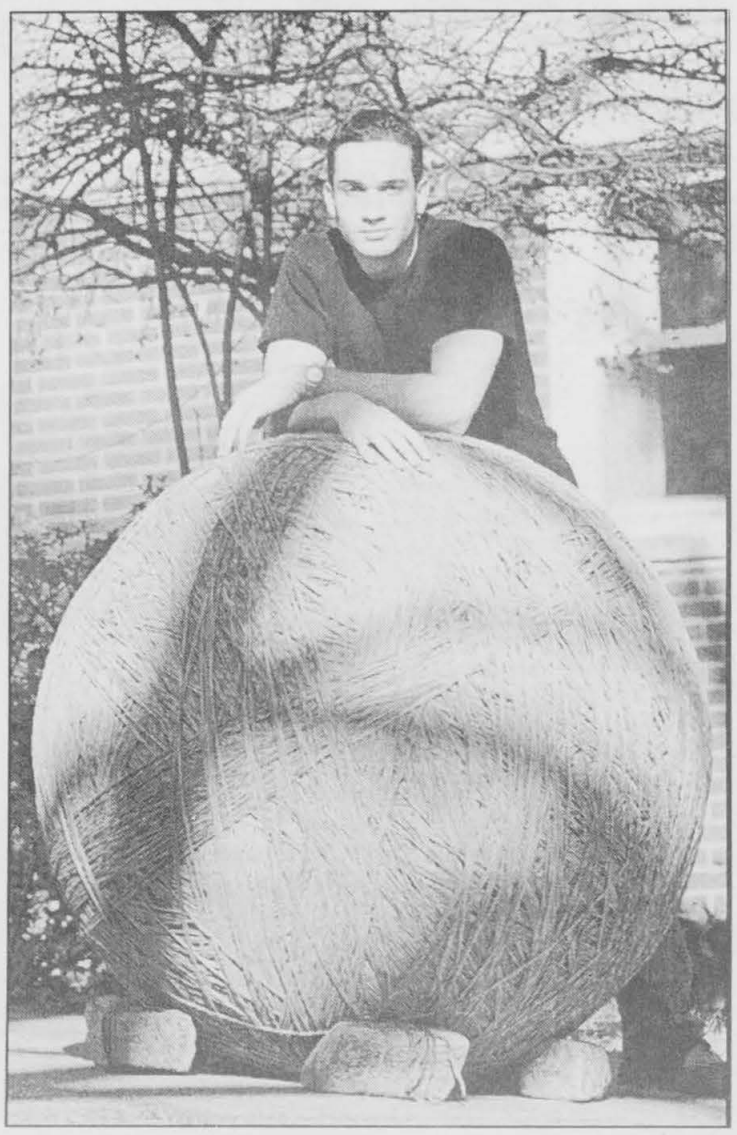
"It started out as nothing," he said. "Then it was tennis ball-sized, and then softball-sized. When it was about basketball-sized, my boss said, 'Well, maybe you should take it home now.'"

As it grew bigger, Bain found it more difficult to get rubber bands to continue his work. He turned to the Alliance Rubber Company of Hot Springs, Ark., for help. The company sends him boxes of 17-inch rubber bands that stretch about 12 feet.

"If I had done it all myself, it probably would cost between three and five thousand dollars," he says.

Bain concentrates on the hard work that keeps his project, er, rolling. At this point, putting a rubber band on the ball requires him to throw himself onto the ball to get the band to stretch across.

About one in every ten rubber bands snap, which isn't too fun, Bain said, quickly adding that he's been popped more times than he can count.



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University of Delaware sophomore John Bain poses in front of his true love, a rubber band ball. The ball may be a new Guiness Book world record.

"It hurts really badly," he said. "It leaves a welt when it snaps."

Despite the pain, Bain — who works anywhere from six to 14 hours each week on the ball — thinks his new hobby is pretty fun.

"It's a good workout too," he said. "It's basically pushing a car back and forth for a few hours. I've noticed myself getting bigger since I started."

Grizzly: Meeting attracts bear enthusiasts

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at various locations in Missoula. There will be a presentation from the Blackfeet tribe on the Native American perspective, as well as school presentations, a Karelian bear dog demonstration, various educational programs, and a social for the public and IGBC members along with entertainment.

The agencies represented on the IGBC include the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Geological Survey, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Idaho Fish and Game Department, the Wyoming Fish and Game Department, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

For more information about the IGBC meeting or the Bear Festival contact Jay Gore at (406)-329-3564 or Sunni Baker at (406) 329-3434.

Holiday: Mainstage prepares for christmas production

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Calhoun, who plays Ms. Sookfaulk, the old cousin. Aud Henderson is played by Philip Winchester and three other students, Joe Spangler, Mackenzie Stewart and Emily Jones, portray other characters in the play.

"Holiday Memories" will be playing December 3-6 and 10, 11-13 in the SUB theater at 8 p.m. Tickets can be bought in the Visual Communications Building, First Interstate Bank in the SUB, Rocktus Records and at the door. Seating will be limited. Tickets are $5 for students and $6 for others.

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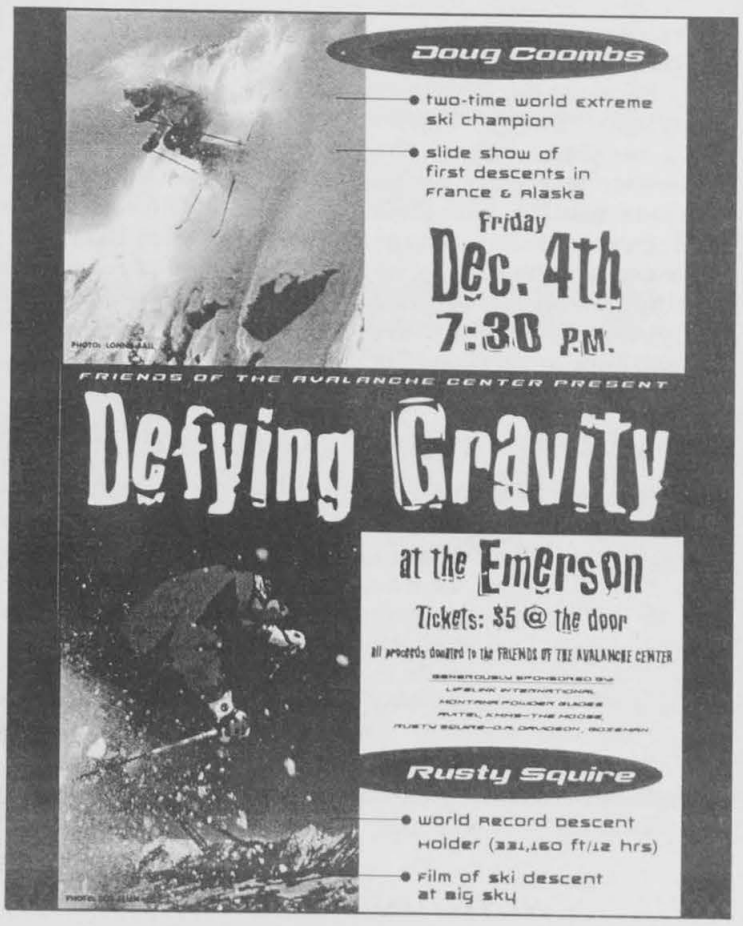

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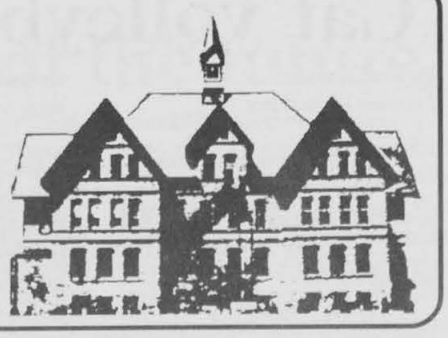

plit on weekend leaves 'Cats short of Big Dance

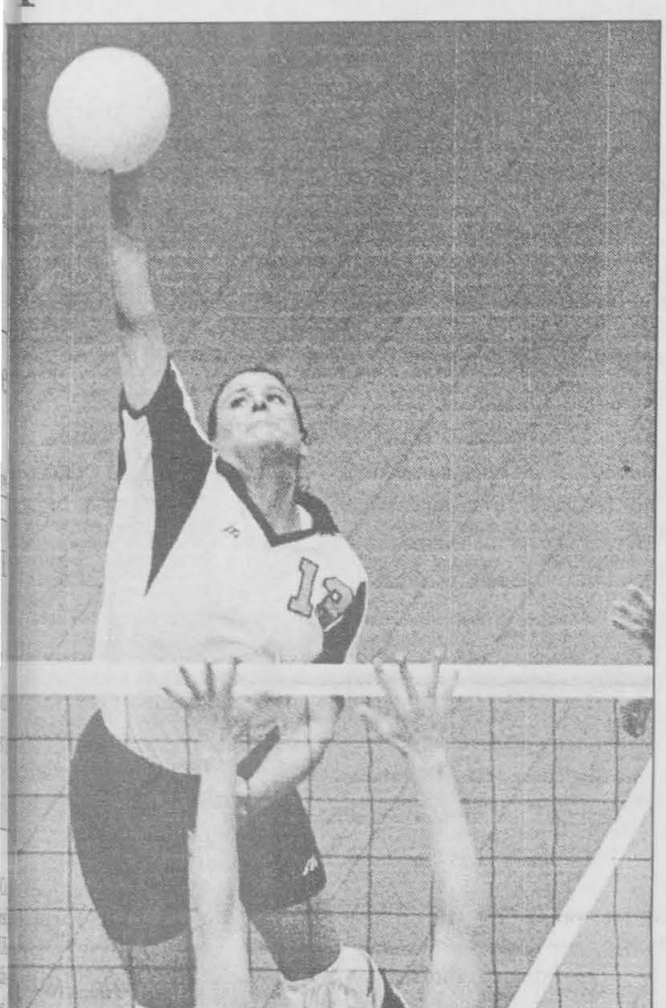

PHOTO BY JAY THANE

t Mindy Nowak goes up for a kill against Eastern Washington in bcats final home game of the season last week. The Bobcats eir tournament opening match against Weber State before to Eastern Washington in the semi-finals. Eastern Washington cramento State both received invitations to the Big Dance, the s season comes to an end with a 21-6 record.

SPECIAL TO THE EXPONENT

Friday morning senior Brandy Anderson pounded 30 kills and added 25 digs to rally the Montana State University volleyball team to a 12-15, 14-16, 15-7, 15-12, 15-11, victory over Weber State University in the opening round of the Big Sky Conference Tournament.

"It was like the classic last rounds of a boxing match," said MSU head coach Dave Gantt. "Weber State was cleaning our clocks, and all of a sudden we wake up and start playing great volleyball. Brandy Anderson refused to lose this match. Twenty of her 30 kills game in the final three games. She was amazing."

After losing the first two games, Montana State (21-5) cruised to the third game win, out- hitting Weber State (13-17) .125 to .083. However, the Wildcats jumped to a 12-5 advantage in game four, before the Bobcats closed the door behind Anderson's hitting and team blocking, scoring ten unanswered points for the win. In game five, the match was tied at 11-all, but MSU setter Brooke Olsen served out the match with MSU winning on a block from Anderson and freshman Lindsay Stobbs.

Also in double-figures for MSU were Mindy Nowak with 15 kills and Shannon Kemper with 11. MSU out-dug the Wildcats 94 to 92, with Anderson, Olsen, Nowak and Kemper all recording double-figure dig totals.

MSU posted their ninth consecutive win in matches that go five-games.

"We're very happy with this season's success. We're one of the best teams in the history of the program."

—MSU head coach Dave Gantt

Weber State was led by Melissa Leonard with 17 kills and 21 digs. Following their epic five-game battle earlier in the day, MSU ran out of gas in their semi-final match, losing to Eastern Washington University, 15-10, 15-4, 15-8, Friday night in Hornet Gym.

"The bottom line is that we were physically gassed," said MSU head coach Dave Gantt. "We were physically and emotionally out of gas. We played okay defense and held them to .202 hitting, but we couldn't do anything in transition and had a hard time scoring points."

For the match, MSU hit a season-low .029 from the floor. Montana State (21-6, 11-5) had three players with five kills; including Anderson, Nowak and Cori Carper. The Bobcats were led defensively by Brooke Olsen, who had a team-high ten digs and 15 assists.

Eastern Washington (24-4, 13-3) was led by senior Kim Exner with 14 kills and a .355 hitting percentage.

For the season, MSU recorded a 21-6 mark, which is the best in school history. The Bobcats were on the "Bubble" for an NCAA Division I Tournament berth, which was announced Sunday evening.

"We're very happy with this season's success," Gantt said. "We're one of the best teams in the history of the program and we're on the bubble for the NCAA's. That hope is all we have left to hold onto this season. Maybe we practice on Monday, and maybe we won't."

Unfortunately for the 'Cats, the bubble burst on Sunday afternoon as the Lady 'Cats found themselves excluded from the NCAA tournament field. The season comes to an end for MSU with a 21-6 record, their best since the early eighties.

dy 'Cats grab home urnament title

L TO THE EXPONENT

Montana State senior yson Ballek scored a -high 19 points and l down 14 rebounds to the Lady 'Cats to a 73-tory over Air Force on y night in opening-l action of the Lady 'Cat Tree Classic.

Ballek, a senior from dan, Wyo., scored 11 s in the first half, to lead to a 30-14 halftime ad-ge. Montana State (2-2) Air Force (2-3) scoreless e first six minutes of the d half, and expanded e lead to 44-14 on a na Merrill field-goal. built their largest lead e game at 73-26 with remaining on a Jennifer three- pointer.

Also in double-figures he Lady 'Cats were ill with 15, Isabel bs, 13, and Curl with 12, rom beyond the three- arc. MSU point guard Jamie Spring dished out a game-high six assists in the victory.

"We came out very relaxed and play with enthusiasm," said MSU head coach Tracey Sheehan. "It was important for us to bounce back from our losses last weekend. We were fundamentally sound on defense, and I think we got a lot of good looks at the basket. We also did a nice job rebounding."

The Falcons were led by Elycia Hail with 13 points and six rebounds. Ballek scored a team-high 17 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to rally the Lady 'Cats from a 13-point second half deficit to record a 78-72 win over Siena College on Saturday night in the GranTree Inn Classic.

Also in double-figures for the Lady 'Cats were Merrill with 14, Jamie Spring, 13, and Curl, 10.

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Montana State loses border war

BY IAN COSTELLO
Exponent Sports Editor

The Montana State University Bobcats went to Billings last Friday evening with hopes of continuing their hot 2-0 start to the 1998-99 season with a game against the University of Wyoming in the third annual match-up referred to as the Border War.

The Wyoming Cowboys had other plans, and spoiled the Bobcats trip to Billings with a 90-76 whipping of the 'Cats in front of more than 5,000 fans at the Metra.

Wyoming used a balanced attack from all areas of the floor to take a 46-31 lead over the 'Cats, into halftime.

In the second half, the story line on the game did not change much as Wyoming was able to keep the 'Cats at bay until MSU finally tired out near the end.

The Wyoming attack, led by Bradley Mann who finished with 20 points on six of eight shooting from the floor, put up more points against the Bobcats than any of their three previous opponents had this season.

The outside attack from Mann, who finished five of seven from three point range, was balanced with an inside attack from Cowboys' Ugo Udezue and Josh Davis who both finished with 12 points.

The scoring from Wyoming allowed them to put up a lot of points against the Bobcats; it may have been the defense by Wyoming's Anthony Blake applying suffocating defense on Bobcat shooting guard Danny Sprinkle.

Sprinkle, who came into the game averaging 22 points per game, one of the Bobcats two leading scorers was held to a season low 13 points on just four of 10 shooting from the field.

The other half of the Bobcat scoring combination, Nate Holmstadt led the 'Cats with 18 points and fellow senior Mike Henry finished with 11.

The Cowboys jumped on the 'Cats early in the game but could not take the fight out of Montana State as twice in the second half the Bobcats had opportunities to cut the Cowboy to less than six points. Following that, the 'Cats had two opportunities to cut the lead to less than eight but just could not put together enough of a run to get back into the game.

Wyoming finally put the game away in the last minutes as a Sprinkle three-pointer with under a minute to go was the only field goal for the 'Cats in the final 3:51 of the game.

The Bobcats will return to action at home this next week as they will play Carrol College out of Helena on Saturday and will play the University of San Francisco next Tuesday.

'Cat volleyball passed over due to lack of mone

By Ian Costello
Exponent Sports Editor

Pink Floyd sang about it.

Montana State University is always looking for more of it.

I never seem to have enough of it.

And, it appears, that a college team's ability to make a run at a national title may be based on spending it.

It is money.

And because of it the Montana State Lady Bobcat volleyball team may have spent this Sunday looking forward to the invitation that was never going to come.

It seems that the people in the know, whoever they may be, felt that the 'Cats just weren't good enough to hear the age old question, do you want to dance?

Unfortunately for Montana State, maybe we just didn't come up with enough wins to buy ourselves a ticket to the Big Dance.

Or maybe we just didn't have enough money.

But, as always happens when a team has their bubble of national championship hopes popped, we always have to find the reason why, and the reasons why not.

Thirty-four teams from different conferences around the country received automatic bids to the 64-team NCAA tournament by way of earning the automatic berth in the tournament that comes with a conference championship.

Much like MSU did on Sunday, 30 other teams had to wait and see if the members of the selection committee felt them deserving of a trip to the Big Dance.

I can hear some of you asking already, what does this have to do with anything? Or, we are a small school only the real big schools get to go to the tournament.

To answer that, I have to resort to the areas in which I have the most knowledge to make a comparison.

In a world of athletics that is dominated by the pro leagues built on how much money can be spent to buy the best players for a year to make a run at a championship, it seems that the college athletic stage may be the last place where the little guy can come in and make a difference. But if the little guy doesn't win an automatic berth, does the school have enough money to earn them an at large bid?

When the members of the NCAA pick sites to hold regional and national championships for any sport. A site is selected through a variety of proposals explaining how they will make the event one of the best ever and other loads of salesmanship to make their site look attractive.

In return, if selected by the NCAA, the site expects to be able to go into their town and sell the idea of sponsorship of the event in return for good business when the event takes place.

Enter money.

If a team is on the bubble for an invitation to the NCAA tournament , sad but true, money enters the picture.

How many fans will they bring?

How much will they spend?

Will their pep band come with them?

It seems to me that these are not questions that should be asked. In fairness to calling the events the national championships, there should be only one question asked-is this one of the best teams in the country?

But, anymore, that may not be enough.

For years, fans of the NCAA national championship tournaments have seen smaller teams come in and provide some of the most exciting games in the tournament, but they got there on an automatic bid.

Teams like Valporaiso and Ryder in basketball, and teams like Minnesota and Montana State in volleyball probably deserve to be included among the nation's best and play for a national title, but without winning their conference, they are never going to go dancing.

Doesn't seem quite fair does it?

Ask a team like the Bobcats, with a 21-win season and ranked in the Division Eight top ten for a majority of the year, how it feels to be left out.

And, sadly for the world of college athletics, the theme of money seems to be catching on.

Tulane University, complete with an 11-0 record during their football season this fall will be left out of the college football national championship pictu even though they are one only four undefeated teams Division 1.

Why?

Money, they don't h enough of

And, or so it appears to me, ther do we.

Maybe I am blinded my "Blue and Gold is best" titude and am just looking somebody to blame, but Lady 'Cats had an excel year, and there are more sons than not that they sh be one of the 64 teams invo in the tournament. Mon State volleyball made us p this whole season, and the served to be invited.

Maybe we were just wins, or dollars, short.

When a city hosts a n event, they expect to make

The NCAA does not to send schools to those sites won't spend very much of i

The right of a sm school to play for a nationa may be based on it.

It is money.

And maybe if we had of it to burn, the Lady 'Cats be dancing too.

Montana Grizzlies spanked in playoffs

MACOMB, Ill. (AP) Mark Zanders passed for 321 yards and three touchdowns Saturday in leading Western Illinois to a 52-9 victory over Montana in the first round of the Division I-AA playoffs.

Montana's Grizzlies (8-4), champions of the Big Sky Conference and ranked 14th in the latest I-AA poll, were held to 20 net yards rushing and 2.9 per play. Grizzlie quarterback Brian Ah Yat was picked off three times, twice by Donnie Caldwell, and sacked five times.

The No. 4 Leathernecks (10-2), champs of the Gateway Conference, scored 31 points in the second quarter when Zanders, who was 17-of-23 passing, threw his three scores. His scoring aerials were to Brock Smith, a 19-yarder; Shadrick Washington, a 52-yarder, and Kevin Walsh, a 42-yarder.

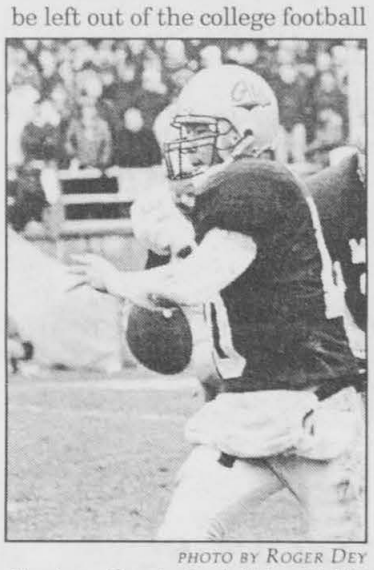
"We knew that in order to be successful, we had to throw the football," Leathernecks coach Randy Ball said.

Walsh caught seven passes for 113 yards and Washington three for 118 yards.

Western Illinois' leading rusher, Aaron Stecker, ran for two touchdowns 2 and 42 yards. He carried 13 times for 70 yards.

"Western Illinois surprised us in the first half. We thought we'd have to stop the run to win the game, but we weren't anticipating them passing as much as they did," said Montana coach Mick Dennehy.

Montana scored on a Kris Heppner 32-yard field goal in the first quarter and a 9-yard pass from Sean Davis to Nate Sil with 4:35 in the game.



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Montana Quarterback Brian Ah Yat could not lead the Grizzlies past Western Illinois.

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NFL Notes: Moss fast becoming the star of the future

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MINNEAPOLIS - The ac-itic touchdown catches have rted Vikings wide receiver dy Moss as the NFL's top de and perhaps it's next great nomenon.

But beyond the eight nes for 153 yards and two ndowns on the national stage nst Green Bay last sunday, is is fashioning a rookie sea-that measures up to the ts in the game. With three otions, Moss (47 receptions, yards, 11 TDs) will top Jerry s rookie numbers, and he's al-y way past what Cowboys out Michael Irvin did in his season (32 catches, 654 yards, s).

"He's better than we ever med," said Vikings receivers n Hubbard Alexander, for-y of the Cowboys. "We say e never seen anything like We're amazed. He might a little Rice in him. He might a little Michael (Irvin) in He might have a little (Vi-s wide receiver) Cris (Carter) in him. Seven or eight years from now, when you ask about other receivers, you ask about them in comparison to Randy."

Moss came of age even more Thanksgiving day against the Dallas Cowboys, as he had three catches for 164 yards and three touchdowns causing the tales of Moss' clutch plays and highlight-film catches to become almost as widespread as the stories about his questionable character causing the Cowboys and most of the rest of the NFL to pass him up in the 1998 draft.

"It's motivation for me, every single day," said Moss, the Vikings wunderkind who most teams viewed as a top-five talent but slipped to the 21st spot because of "character issues. "I hear all the different teams with all the different reasons. But it all comes down to so-called character issues. So every day, I try to prove them wrong."

Moss, 21, whose teenage nickname "Superfreak" (for his unusual physical skills) is tattooed on his bicep, is the best player ex-Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said he's ever seen. He's "the best athlete ever to come through here" said Bobby Bowden of Florida State.

He's "unnatural," said Vikings offensive coordinator Brian Billick.

Carter, himself a Hall-of-Fame type, guarantees Moss will someday join him in Canton, Ohio. In his home state of West Virginia, Moss was the best high school football player around, the best baseball player around, the best track man around and such a basketball talent that Chicago Bulls GM Jerry Krause said Moss could've played in the NBA.

In two years at Division I-AA Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, Moss caught 168 passes for 53 touchdowns and 4,528 all-purpose yards. He's 6-foot-4, almost 200 pounds, and runs a 4.2 40-yard line.

NFL scouts had a difficult time putting him into a box before finally settling on reports that read something like this: "A faster, bigger Jerry Rice."

Moss' coming out party was the Week 5 Monday night game in Green Bay, where the Packers hadn't lost in four years. Moss made five catches for 190 yards and two touchdowns to highlight a 37-24 Vikings victory, capping a five-week start to his career that included 22 receptions for 463 yards and six TDs.

"Here it is, Monday night in Green Bay, and this guy is loving every minute of it," Billick said. "There's not a nervous bone in his body. He's absolutely unflappable."

Here's Carter's scouting report on his protege:

"He's the most natural receiver I've ever seen without any work. He's only 22 and I don't believe he's been involved with very sophisticated passing attacks. But he is very, very natural as far as his movements to the ball, his route running. He is a tremendous athlete, not only just jumping for the ball but unbelievably fluid going for the ball, very comfortable in a crowd and very, very tough in a crowd. He has unbelievable drive in him." The teams that passed on Moss are now stumbling all over themselves to note that Minnesota is an ideal situation for "somebody like Randy." Maybe they mean that Minnesota isn't exactly Manhattan or Miami. And maybe they mean that the presence on the Vikings roster of Moss' half-brother Eric, and the presence of Green, and the presence of the commanding Carter are all comfort-zone-creating factors. "I came out of a situation that was very similar to Randy's, and I know how some people judged me," said Carter, involved in an agent-payment scandal at Ohio State and later waived by Philadelphia because of his substance-abuse problem. "So I try to enlighten him."

Or maybe the other 29 teams need enlightenment. After all, don't other NFL teams have understanding coaches, along with some brotherly-type players and at least one preacher/leader on the roster?

Perhaps, but the Vikings were team to realize what Alexander is now touting.

"This," he said, "is a once-in-a-lifetime guy."

tle: MSU wins Grantree Classic Championship over Siena

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"We thought fatigue d play a part in the game that was one area we ted to exploit," said MSU l coach Tracey Sheehan. en Jamie Spring went on ttack in the second half, gave us the spark we led to get back in the e. I also thought Serena me more aggressive and ly hurt them on the line."

Montana State (3-2) trailed by as much as 17 points in the first half, when the Saints took a 35-18 advantage, after a field goal by Melanie Halker. The Lady 'Cats closed to within 39-33 at the 2:29 mark of the first stanza on a Curl basket, but Siena (2-3) increased the margin to 45-35 at halftime.

In the second half, Siena built the lead to 67-54 with 8:55 remaining on a Colleen Herden field goal, but the Lady 'Cats held the Saints to five points the rest of the game, while reeling off a 24-5 run. MSU's run was sparked by Merrill's seven points and Ballek's five points.

"Our guards did a great job getting the ball inside," Sheehan said. "The guards hit their shots in the first-half and that opened things up for us inside." Siena was paced by Halker with a game-high 25 points, including 11-of-17 from the field. Also in double- digits for the Saints was Erin Boland with 17 points, including three three-pointers.

For the game, the Lady 'Cats shot 48 percent from the field, while holding Siena to 37 percent in the second half.

For her efforts, Ballek was named tournament MVP, while Merrill, Spring, Halker, Boland and Cal Poly's Kristie Griffin were named all-tournament.

In the consolation game of the Lady 'Cat GranTree Inn Classic, Cal Poly defeated Air Force, 78-64.

The Lady 'Cats will travel to Las Cruces, N.M., Dec. 4-5 where they will face New Mexico State in the first-round of the Holiday Inn-L'Eggs Classic.

icky Williams sets new NCAA mark for running backs

AUSTIN, Texas (TSN)— s Longhorns running back y Williams passed Tony ett on Friday as the all-leading rusher in NCAA sion 1-A football.

Williams, who entered game against archrival s A&M trailing Dorsett by only 63 yards, broke the record in dramatic fashion with a 60-yard touchdown run during the first quarter. Friday's game was the last chance for Williams to break the record because bowl games do not count as part of career stats.

Dorsett, who ran for 6,082 yards at the University of Pittsburgh from 1973-76, was on the Texas sideline when Williams broke the record. The former Dallas Cowboys star, who was the recipient of the Heisman Trophy in 1976, embraced Williams as the running back was mobbed by his teammates and presented with the game ball by officials.

"I feel almost like this is my child, being able to witness something like this," Dorsett said. "This is history."

Williams, a senior, reached the mark on his 14th carry of the game and 981st of his career, 93 fewer than Dorsett (1,074). Williams now owns 12 NCAA records, including most career touchdowns and points.

In the second quarter, Williams passed the 2,000-yard rushing mark for the season.

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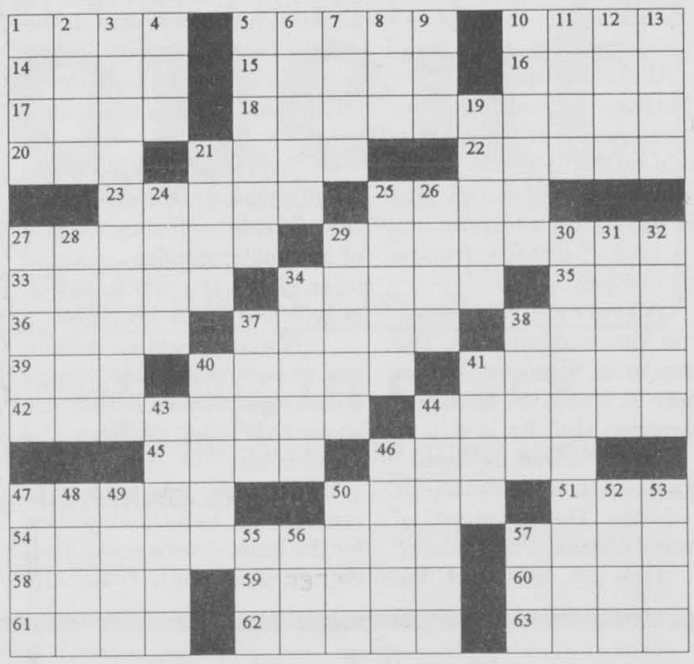
Answers from Tuesday, November24, 1998

Crossword 101

" Tripp's Trap "

By Ed Canty



ACROSS

1 DC Expressway
5 Will Rogers' prop
10 Last minute study
14 Elevator man
15 Flower
16 Ear part
17 Feed the kitty
18 *Starr's charge*
20 Col. ent. exam
21 Yes man ?
22 Extremely angry
23 Suds
25 Pale green gem
27 Kitchen need
29 *Starr witness & family*
33 Roles
34 Pollyanna
35 Rochester NY school
36 God of love
37 Soft drinks
38 Boxer LaMotta
39 Kind of room:Abrv
40 Slugger Hank
41 Envy
42 *Whitewater locale*
44 NYC Borough
45 Hwys
46 Squelch
47 Computing devices
50 Litigated
51 Long snout fish
54 *Impeachment criteria*
57 *Tripp's claim to fame*
58 Away from the wind
59 Eskimo
60 Perfect score:2 wds
61 Quilter's meetings
62 Inventor Elias & family
63 Historic fiddler

DOWN

1 Snakes
2 Sicilian volcano
3 *Paula Jones hometown*
4 Half a fly
5 *Robert Bennett, e.g.*
6 A son of Jacob
7 Mix
8 Tennis term
9 Mineral
10 Red wine
11 RC Church tribunal
12 Help out in a crime
13 Just sufficient
19 Broader
21 Matures
24 Picnic visitors
25 Asian country
26 Chemical endings
27 Serious music
28 Kitchen need
29 Shirts
30 *Starr's interest*
31 Conrad __, American poet
32 Proofreaders' words
34 Lively dances
37 *Vernon Jordan's work unit*
38 Singer Billy
40 Prank
41 Prompted
43 Foot parts
44 Searches
46 A line of people
47 Whale ship captain
48 Liver secretion
49 Baseball's Tommy
50 Small duck
52 Imitator
53 *Clinton appointee*
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Authorities in Texas still hunting for escaped convic

By J.D. Riviere
AFP News Service

AUSTIN, Texas (AFP) - Authorities believed Monday that convicted killer Martin Gurule was still in the woods near his east Texas prison three days after escaping under a hail of gunfire from a death row cell.

"(We) are still concentrating on the wooded area, the swamp area, in hopes that he is there. It is still the feeling of the warden that he is still in the area — alive or dead," Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Monday.

"He's cut, he's hurt. We don't know how badly," Todd added. "But if he is still in the woods, he's not a very happy person right now because of snakes, mosquitoes and alligators."

Todd noted that blood was found near the razor-wire fences that Gurule — through a hail of automatic gunfire — scaled after giving the slip to prison guards late Thursday night.

None of the other prisoners who attempted to escape with Gurule made it that far, so authorities assume the blood is his.

Gurule, 29, was sentenced to die by lethal injection for the murders of a restaurant owner and cook from the coastal town of Corpus Christi. He is the first prisoner to escape Texas' death row since 1934, when members of the notorious Bonnie and Clyde gang joined other prisoners to overpower a guard and shoot their way out.

Embarrassed by the high-profile escape from a high-security unit, prison authorities quickly conducted a preliminary investigation and determined no guards conspired in the escape, according to Todd.

"There was no collaboration between the correctional officers and the inmates on the escape," he said. "We're very confident of that."

Todd said it has not been "a pleasant experience" to watch an inmate fool authorities, but said history is on their side. "Every escape that Texas has had, the escapee has been returned or located," he said.

Gurule and six others tricked prison guards by putting dummies in their beds, painting their uniforms black with felt-tip markers and scaling the roof of their high-security prison in Huntsville, about 80 miles northwest of Houston.

When prison guards spotted the convicts trying to escape, they opened fire with automatic weapons. Six of the seven were captured inside the prison grounds, but when the smoke cleared, Gurule was gone.

Gurule was helped by the fact that he and his fellow conspirators were classified as "work capable," which means they enjoyed more freedom than other inmates, officials said.

The last escape from death row occurred more than 60 years ago, when Texas gangsters Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow hid guns in the prison outside the infamous Walls Unit to aid the escapees.

One was killed in a shootout with police five months later, and two others were eventually recaptured and put to death in the electric chair.

Police Reports Nov. 15-25

11-15-98: Officer investigated a vehicle accident at McIntosh court.

11-17-98: Student reported that a license plate was stolen from her vehicle while parked in the Lewis and Clark lot.

11-18-98: Officer investigated a hit and run accident in Linfield lot.

Resident at McIntosh court reported theft of bicycle.

Student reported that she is receiving obscene phone calls.

11-19-98: Employee at Visual Communications reported the theft of three CD players and an amplifier.

Employee reported the theft of a pair of shoes from the locker room in Romney Gym.

Student reported that her bicycle was stolen outside of Cheever hall.

11-20-98: A male suspect was arrested for disorderly conduct after creating a disturbance at Roskie hall.

Officer investigated a noise complaint at a fraternity house.

Officer investigated a vehicle accident in the Greenhouse lot.

11-21-98: Student reported that he saw several males pick up his vehicle and move it to another location.

Officer investigated a noise complaint at a fraternity house.

Resident at Nelson Story Tower reported juveniles going through mailboxes. Suspects were gone when officer arrived.

11-22-98: Employee reported the theft of a checkbook and credit card from Wilson Hall.

Student reported the theft of a wallet from Wilson Hall.

Officer investigated a vehicle accident on Grant Street.

Officer responded to a dumpster fire near Howard Hall. The fire was extinguished.

Report of a peeping tom by Hannon Hall. Officer was unable to locate anyone in the area.

11-23-98: Officer investigated a vehicle accident in Huffman lot.

Employees at Roskie Hall reported that several vending machines had been vandalized.

Student reported receiving harassing phone calls.

11-25-98: Employee reported theft of canopy frame from Bobcat stadium.

Student reported that she was bitten by a dog in Reid Hall. Officers were unable to locate the dog.

Employee at Roskie Hall reported that she found drug paraphernalia.

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have some answers."

Commissioner Jarvis Brown also voted against the tax break, leaving Commissioner Phil Olson to cast the only vote in favor.

"We need to do business as usual until we are told we can't," Olson said.

Fiscal officer Ed Blackman said he would not recommend the tax cut, which would slash the taxable [illegible] on some of Luzenac's equipment to 50 percent the next five years, because CI-75 and questions over [illegible] to make up the lost revenue. The equipment's true value would be phased in until praised at its full value in 10 years.

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