

Montana mourns loss of MSU President Mike Malone

Don Lehmann
Exponent News Editor

Michael Malone, MSU president, scholar, and avid outdoorsman died Dec. 21 of a heart attack at Gallatin Field Airport. He was 59.

Malone had arrived at the airport on a late flight. He then walked to the parking lot in his car and walked a few yards before tripping over a light post. Efforts by paramedics to resuscitate him failed and he was pronounced dead at the scene. Malone was diagnosed in 1995 with dilated cardiomyopathy—an enlarged and weakened heart which was most likely brought about by a virus.

Shocked by his unexpected passing, many people described Malone as an amiable, warm-hearted man who was willing to talk with anyone.

"Michael was always willing to sit down and discuss any issue, no matter how controversial," said Tom Stump, vice president of administration and finance. "He was very personable, highly intelligent, but he could speak to anyone, at any level, and that's what made him so personable."

Dave Dooley, interim

provost, remembered Malone's passion for history.

"Michael was someone, no matter what the issue, that could bring up a piece of history or a story that not only enlightened and entertained, but also made an important point," Dooley said.

Malone had authored nine books and 20 articles during his career, and at the time of his death, he was under contract with Yale University Press for a tenth book about western American history since 1930.

Under Malone's leadership over the past nine years, MSU saw great strides in its growth. The EPS Building, AgBioScience Building, renovations to the Fieldhouse and Martel Stadium and other improvements took place during his tenure. Student enrollment also is at an all-time high.

"He always cared about the appearance of MSU and he took a special interest in how the facilities were being operated," Stump said.

Malone also oversaw the consolidation of the universities in Great Falls, Havre, Billings and Bozeman into one system.

Malone is also remembered as a president

who had a particular affection for the students.

"Michael involved the students more than any president I know or even heard of," Dooley said. "He was someone who took pride in his work, but especially in the students and faculty."

Malone had just returned from Spokane after meeting with officials from Washington State University who were considering him for the position of president. Malone turned it down, citing his commitment to MSU.

ASMSU president Jared Harris felt that Malone was one-of-a-kind. "He's the best administrator I've ever met concerned with student issues. He always made it a priority to hear what students had to say," Harris said. "Mike Malone is going to be missed by the students. He was the biggest student advocate I've ever met."

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Montana, expressed the sentiments of many of those who knew Malone, in saying "Montana has lost one of its finest sons. We are so lucky to have known him. He was a wonderful person, friend and historian who touched thousands of lives in Montana and all over the world."

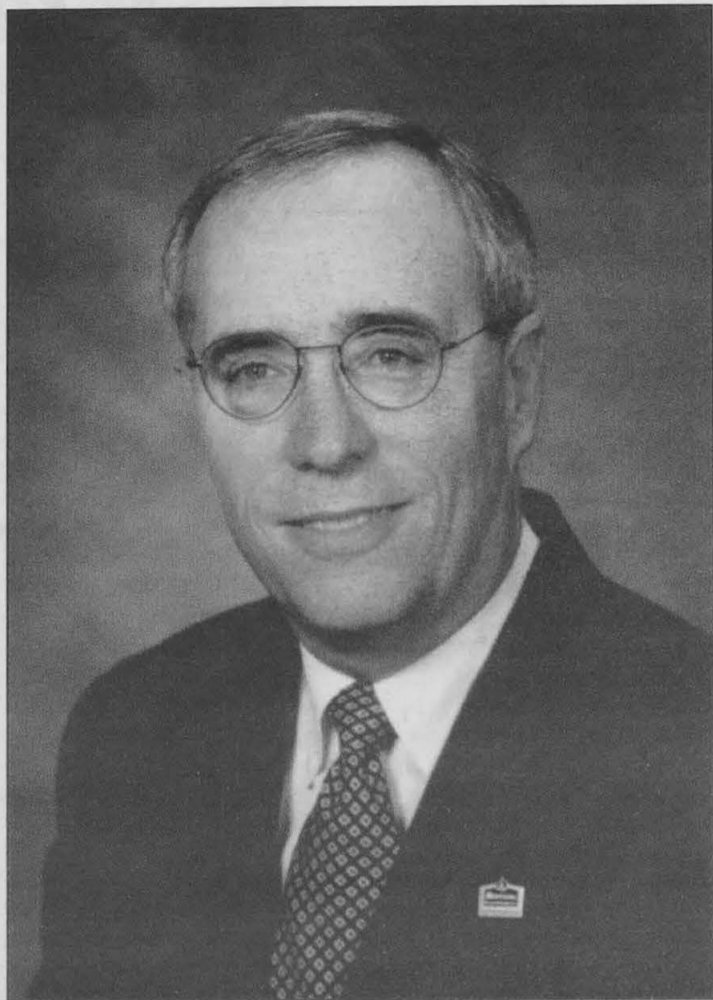
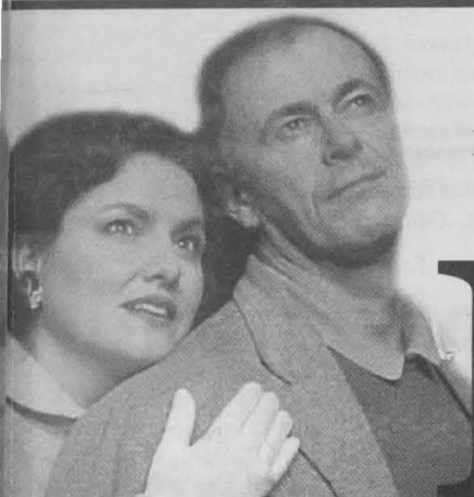


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MSU President Mike Malone died unexpectedly on December 21 at the age of 59 from a heart attack.



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MSU searches for new president before next Legislature session

Don Lehmann
Exponent News Editor

The MSU provost search has been scrapped due to the untimely death of President Mike Malone. Instead, the focus will be shifted to

finding a new president for MSU before the 2001 legislature begins next January. The commissioner

Higher Education, Richard Crofts, and MSU's vice presidents will take over the operations of MSU until an interim replacement can be found.

"The vice presidents have agreed that we will manage the university as a group, and I would serve as coordinator and point of contact," interim provost Dave Dooley said.

Discussions for choosing an interim president will begin next week when the Board of Regents will convene in Helena. Crofts will make his recommendation to the Board at the meeting and he hopes to have a permanent president in place between September and December.

ASMSU president Jared Harris and the

senate had established a good relationship over the years with President Malone and they hope to have a solid

relationship in the future with the next president.

"We've offered some input and we know some of the people we've mentioned are on the list," Harris said.

People on the list, according to Harris, are those in the university system and ex-presidents from MSU and other universities.

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—Dave Dooley, Interim Vice Provost

For another 10 years MSU receives accreditation

Marcus Hibdon
Exponent Editor

It looks as if a degree from Montana State University will be worth a lot more than the paper it's written on when students apply for employment or graduate schools after walking down the graduation aisles at MSU-Bozeman—at least for the next 10 years.

The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges released a report Jan. 6 giving MSU a green light on reaccreditation for the next 10 years, according to Dave Dooley, interim provost and chief

administrator at MSU.

Accreditation essentially ensures that a university provides a level of education similar in quality to other schools and is mandatory for participation in government programs.

"Your eligibility for a whole host of federal programs, including financial aid and student loan programs, depend on your accreditation," Dooley said. "The ability of your graduates to be competitive in looking for employment or graduate schools is dependent upon having a degree from an accredited university."

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Would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of MSU President Mike Malone. He will be missed.

Loss of President Malone leaves its mark on Bozeman

John Christopherson
Guest Columnist

(In memory of President Mike Malone)

Out of the star spangled night of Montana's big sky a small light began to appear over the Gallatin Airport. A delayed Horizon flight from Spokane slowly made its descent and found its way onto the cold tarmac - cradled on the fielding feet of the Bridger Mountains. The wings of this night carried a very special passenger. He was the well-beloved president of a small university town - prolific historian, scholar, master weaver of Montana tales, family man, humanitarian, visionary - Dr. Mike Malone. And yet, as he climbed into his car to head home - the eyes of this great visionary grew dim, then dark as his frail heart gave way. Medicine calls it a myocardial infarction. But by any other name we as family and friends feel it as a deep loss, perhaps even as a sense of abandonment. The feeling of being so alone.

Although it was business as usual at the airport, there was a strange hush that came over Gallatin Field. Wide-eyed, the passers-by and rescue teams surrounded Dr. Malone's still body with hopes and dreams that

on that starry night last Monday they could breathe him back. But to no avail. Bending over, breathless. The silence broken by frustrated finitude: "But he was so young. So full of promise! Why? Why?!" Again, the feeling of abandonment, loss, loneliness.

So here we are in the Season of Christmas, December 24th, with its message of "comfort and joy." On the eve of a new millennium. The brink of the 21st century with its hearkening voice of nouveau noels. But where is it? The newness. The comfort and joy. Where do we look for it, hear it in such silent times? Oh, silent night, unholy night. Our lives chronicled by the Tuesday morning headline: **MSU In Mourning.** (*Bozeman Daily Chronicle*; Wednesday, December 22, 1999) The cold night filling our heart with deep doubt.

I mean, what is it really that we celebrate at Christmas, that which marks all of history *anno Domini* - beyond all the commercial confusion, the frenetic running about, all the presents and parties?

Some 2000 years ago, in the midst of a cold winter's night, another star was shining on the distant horizon. Slowly, gently, its little light descended and shined upon a poor hovel - in a little town called Bethlehem. Under the

canopy of the heavens, there stood two solitary figures - a young mother, named Mary and her husband, Joseph - attending a new born baby, lying in a manger. Passers-by that included some uncertain poor shepherds and a few sagely folk joined together round this little body - hoping against hope with dreams for life that would be different, that would be new. For they knew, even before us enlightened moderns (or postmoderns) - that what even the wisest of homo sapiens can plan is too small for us to live. Would there be abandonment again? Alone in the cold dark night?

Death and life. But it is more than a coincidence of opposites in these two stories. Deeper still, cradled in the hay of the manger, it has to do with the sense of being wrapped together once again in this season, in all the mystery, in all the serendipity of swaddling cloths spelled-out in of all places, an obituary: **"MSU In Mourning."** Where all time finds its final markings, yet yearning for something more - beyond all the darkness of any abandonment. As the classic Christmas carol has it: "Yet in the dark streets shineth; The everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years; Are met in thee tonight."

In the spirit of this season

that continues to blow down, and in, and through all the years of human history - with all of its cold winter's night of the soul, of doubt and despair, of feeling lonely, abandoned ... by family, friends, yes, even by God - the Christmas message would have us ponder anew: "Why was this baby, called Emmanuel ("God with us"), born in all places, a barn?" No, not some warm and cozy inn - not even the Holi-day.

The child of Christmas couldn't get into an inn because he's not some traveler. He's going nowhere. He has to be born on earth because he's not going to pack-up and leave.

Here finally, is the good news, the saving, warming news of the Christmas season. It's about a permanent, life-giving presence - of the divine come into the very thick and thin, the too often hell of it all. It's God's gift come to all people, in person, con carne, deep in the flesh, for all our human frailty and need, shining on the gathered faces of the world if it would attend, in spite of all the loneliness and doubt and abandonment, on bended knee and listen.

Take time and pause. Take a deep breath and listen for this voice of Emmanuel, God-with-us, that is saying: "You are not alone." The voice, the breath of spirit, that "in the beginning" created something right out of nothing. That cradles

creation still - resurrecting lonely hearts, giving breath to all who are breathless.

As promised to Abraham and Sarah of an even old testament, there will be no walking out of the covenant. There will be no loneliness that will have the end word. Remember, this One born among us is not some tourist. This is One born on earth. This baby, this Christ child couldn't be born in an inn, because the only people who stay in inns are people who move out. They stay a night and then leave. But "this, this" does not leave. And we have God's lastest Word on it - from cradle to crown hanging in there with us - forever.

Yes, this is a time of mourning. But deeper still, within the Malone family, friends, Montana and Bozeman communities - we are not alone. God is with us on the cold winter's night - giving light till morning. And together "heav'n and nature sing" Christmas means we're not alone.

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Y2K all bark and no bite

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Exponent Columnist

It's official, Y2K was a bust.

Especially for all of the people who installed an in-home bomb shelter, stocked with all of life's essential amenities—water, canned beans, a flashlight, and some quality playing cards.

They awaited the apocalypse, worldwide destruction, and the death of civilized society as people know it.

It prompts the question of whether one would want to live through an apocalypse, but for those people, Y2K was nothing but a total failure. A waste of time and a long boring day isolated deep within the bowels of a house watching CNN worldwide coverage of the event to end the world.

Y2K was even a waste of time for the CNN correspondents across the world, especially the poor reporter stationed in the Frankfurt Airport, probably the least exciting place on earth when the clock struck midnight.

Y2K was even a bust for the few people too lazy to upgrade their computers, playing ignorance on the fact that they weren't informed of any computer problems associated with the turn of the millennium and certainly not about any Microsoft products.

Those people had waited years for a reason to file lawsuit, in the hopes of greasing the company for all it was worth. But, Y2K was a bust.

Even the tell-all moment of the clock striking twelve failed people all over the earth. It wasn't the Cinderella effect, no, it was something much less...nothing. Life went on with its affairs not two seconds after the New Year rang in. Well, perhaps more than that. Perhaps life paused for a few minutes in recognition of the mass celebration that the entire earth participated in. Then life went on.

The media hype, the high-priced parties, the shortage of champagne, and all of those mysterious Americans buying guns at the last moment (a .45

probably won't save the earth from apocalypse, but it can kill a neighbor for food), fueled the expectation of something bigger than life. There wasn't even a mass tragedy, with the exception of the 2,000 white doves that were released into the fireworks in Bethlehem. That could have been avoided by simply consulting a bird almanac or even the friendly Encyclopedia Britannica (Birds don't like loud noises and they don't often fly at night).

Upon all of that, this needs to be said to the New Millennium. Don't pretend to be special. Don't pretend to be original or even enlightening after letting down all of the pessimists in the world and even the optimists, who wouldn't have minded seeing a little apocalyptic fallout. Everybody is back at work and at school and wherever else people go during the day to continue the mundane tradition of life.

Of course, it's only another thousand years before a millennium strikes again. It's not too early to start pondering and preparing because you never know.

Q of the U: What is your New Year's Resolution?

Photos by Daniel Fox



"My New Years Resolution was to be more perfect."

Matt Campbell
Senior
Math



"My New Years 'Revolution' was really stressful; fighting the urge to study always does that to me."

Kay Kirkpatrick
Sophomore
Math



"To have more fun—party more, drink more."

Kyle McGovern
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"Mine was so stupid. [it was] not to work so hard."

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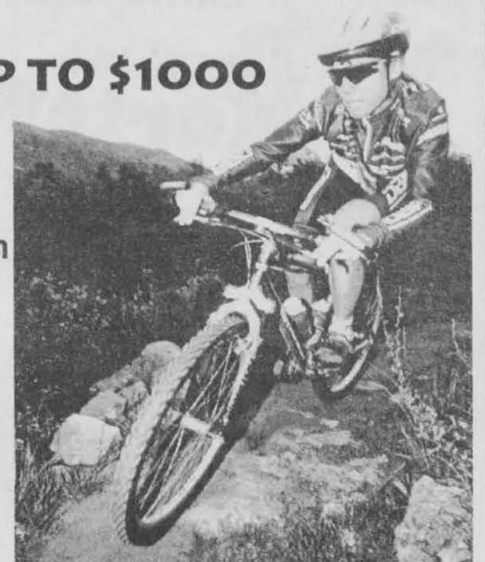


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Accreditation: Evaluators give MSU commendations on a job well done

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Accreditation of a university basically consists of two elements. First, the university evaluates its own efficiency. MSU Assistant vice Provost Pamela Hill headed the two-year \$200,000 effort to prepare the self-study for the accreditation team's arrival last October. According to Dooley, the self study, an important aspect of the process, was engineered by Hill and Joe Fedock under the leadership of late MSU President Mike Malone.

Following the self-evaluation, a team of evaluators, consisting of peers from other universities, visited MSU to observe all of the programs,

extensions and colleges. They also interviewed students, faculty and staff of the university to decide if the institution is following the set standards for accreditation.

According to Dooley, the accreditation team found MSU's status worthy for accreditation with no major problems. Aside from submitting two reports on the state of the university to the committee, Dooley said MSU is through with accreditation for now.

"They found, I believe, no serious deficiencies," Dooley said. "That's reflected in the fact that their recommendations called for the two reports for us to present to them, but there will

be no visits from the accrediting group until the standard five-year follow up."

However, the report was short of a perfect score. Among other minor problems, the biggest concern of the committee was the state of Renne Library, listed as a major concern on the report. However, Dooley also said the team commended MSU in several different areas for a job well done.

"It's clear from the report that we received from the visiting committee that they found MSU is providing a terrific education," he said. "Particularly for the level of state investment that is provided."

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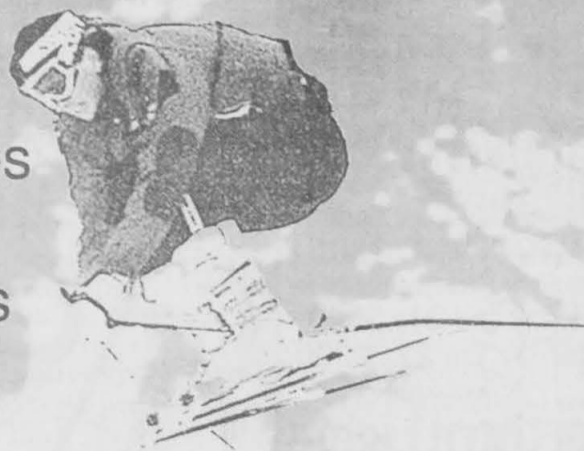
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News Briefs

Senator urges release of librarian by Chinese officials

CARLISLE, Pa., (TMS) — The arrest of a Dickinson College librarian in China has caught the attention of Sen. Arlen Specter, a republican from Pennsylvania.

Yongi Song, a native of Shanghai with a permanent resident status in the U.S., was arrested Christmas Eve and charged with "illegal provision of intelligence to foreign people," according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. Song and his wife Helen Yao, who had been held by Chinese officials since August, were in China allegedly to visit family members and do academic research on the Chinese Cultural Revolution that took place in the 1960s and 1970s. Mrs. Song was released in November and has since returned to the couple's Carlisle, Pa., home.

Specter recently held a press conference in Philadelphia, urging Chinese officials to release Song and the State Department to do what it could to arrange the release. But according to legal experts, because Song is not a U.S. citizen, the State Department is limited. Officials at Dickinson, however, are organizing a letter-writing campaign in protest of Song's arrest.

U of C students riot during end of semester celebration

LOS ANGELES (TMS) — An end-of-semester celebration for University of California-Los Angeles students turned into chaos complete with burning furniture and flying beer bottles as Los Angeles police arrested 20 people and detained 40.

"People were throwing rocks, bottles and eggs at the police officers and bystanders," LAPD spokesperson Jason Lee told the Daily Bruin. "They were also throwing up flares, breaking limbs from trees and starting fires, which are very dangerous activities."

A large number of officers accompanied by an LAPD helicopter, arrived at the "Midnight Yell" event near campus in the early morning of Dec. 17 to calm unruly students, who had set furniture on fire. The police were also present to prevent a repeat of an incident that occurred earlier in the week, when firefighters trying to extinguish a burning couch at the event were pelted with rocks and bottles. Officers moved in when firefighters and officers were attacked with bottles and rocks, according to the Daily Bruin.

The increased police presence did not cause many students to leave the area; many were arrested for failing to disperse, while others were arrested for disturbing the peace and arson.

Two police officers were injured in the skirmish. One officer received stitches on his forearm, and the other suffered facial abrasions.

"It wasn't that big of a deal before, but it got worse because the police were there," theater major Jesse Strutzel told the Bruin. "They have to do their job but they also helped start it because (their presence) incited students to go into the street."

Said UCLA Chancellor Albert Carnesale: "As members of the Westwood community, we abhor this activity by students or by anyone else."

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Carol Schmidt
MSU Communication Services

For the fourth consecutive year, Montana State University-Bozeman has been named one of the 100 best college buys in the United States by a publication that rates America's colleges and universities.

The Student Guide to

America's 100 Best College Buys included MSU-Bozeman in its profiles of the country's colleges and universities that "provide students the highest quality education at the lowest cost."

MSU-Bozeman was one of three Montana institutions included. The University of Montana and Montana Tech were also listed.

This is the fourth annual

report compiled by Institutional Research and Evaluation in Rome, Georgia. MSU-Bozeman has been named each year. The company said it researched nearly 1,537 colleges and universities in the process of compiling its survey. Statistics from 1998 were used.

According to Lewis T. Lindsey, Jr., president of the research company, institutions

considered for the guide were compared on many factors including accreditation, facilities, opportunities for financial aid, grade point average of the entering freshman class, scores on both SAT and ACT and cost.

According to the survey, the average cost for out-of-state students at public institutions was \$16,501, compared to

MSU's \$13,145.

MSU average high school grade point average for freshman in 1998 was 3.3 compared to 3.2 nationally, all on a 4.0 scale. The national average SAT score for entering college freshman in 1998 was 1091 compared to 1070 nationally and MSU's average ACT was 23, compared to the national average of 22.



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Cancer and death test author's faith in 'Shadowlands'



Courtesy of Montana Shakespeare in the Parks

Joel and Kathy Jahnke perform as husband and wife, C.S. Lewis and Joy Davidman in the Montana Shakespeare in the Parks presentation of "Shadowlands."

Marcus Hibdon Exponent Editor

Following the success of last semester's play "Always Patsy Cline," Montana Shakespeare in the Parks opened its production of William Nicholson's "Shadowlands" in the Mainstage Theater last night.

The play, directed by Todd Hoberecht, focuses on British author C.S. Lewis' brief but powerful relationship with American poet Joy Davidman.

"The story looks at the window of C.S. Lewis' life when he met Joy and eventually ended up marrying her and after they married she had bone cancer and only lived for 3 years," Hoberecht said.

The play, however, addresses a much deeper meaning than a love lost, according to Hoberecht. "Shadowlands" attempts to display a reconciliation between the death of a loved one and maintaining your religious beliefs in the face of adversity.

"One of the things that sparked this play for me years ago was I had a very good friend of mine who went to high school with me and her husband died in a car accident

leaving her with two children and another one on the way," Hoberecht said. "When you go through that kind of suffering and pain you often find very little answers as to why. 'Shadowlands' really deals with that question and how you deal with that pain."

The part of Lewis is played by MSU professor Joel Jahnke, who is also artistic director for Montana Shakespeare in the Parks. Most people recognize Lewis as author of the children's book series *The Chronicles*

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-Joel Jahnke
Artistic Director, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks

Narnia, specifically "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," however, few realize he was also one of the most popular Christian authors of the 20th century with novels such as "Mere Christianity."

"He's an incredibly complex romantic moralist who we see go through a test of his own ideals as the play unfolds," Jahnke said. "It's an emotional rollercoaster that he follows and it makes him test and reconfirm his own ideals."

Hoberecht said he thinks *Shadowlands* is a play that will affect anyone who has ever suffered the loss of someone dear and hopes the experience of watching the show will help others cope with their grief.

"I'm hoping that it will be a play that will touch a lot of people who have had tragedy in their life," Hoberecht said. "It's one of the reasons that I personally wanted to do the play. I have a friend who is coming on Saturday who lost his wife to cancer about six months ago and I'm hoping for him it will be a very therapeutic thing to be able to go through the play and face some of the pain—some of the answers."

Directing "Shadowlands" has been a long road for Hoberecht, who has been wanting to produce the show for several years.

"It's been about six years that I've wanted to do this play," Hoberecht said. "I spent a lot of time wondering about where I could get the cast."

The idea became a reality last summer when Hoberecht presented the script to Jahnke and his wife Kathy, who appropriately plays the part of Davidman.

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Get Rocked

Are you excitable?

Daniel Fox Exponent Writer

The mid 1980s were a time of neon spandex, feathered and spiked hair, with a million post-pubescent kids running amok under the shadow of the big bomb and cold war clock, all listening to the musical giants of the time—Def Leppard and Joan Jett.

And tonight they're back. The two acts, which held court in the eighties, have made their way across 15 years of rock and roll to bring their music, minus the big hair and silk scarves, to the Montana State University Brick Breeden Fieldhouse for a concert.

Def Leppard put out their best selling work on their 1983 1987 and

1992 albums: *Pyromania*, *Hysteria* and *Adrenalize*. Albums that dominated airwaves with hit songs like 'Rock of Ages,' 'Pour Some Sugar on Me' and 'Let's Get Rocked.'

The group lost momentum on the charts in the 1990s when the darling genre of alternative grunge music began its unstoppable coup on the top ten list, but Def Leppard still managed to put out a few albums, including a greatest hits offering appropriately called *Vault*.

Recently, the group has recorded a new album called *Euphoria*, an attempt to redeem



the band from its failed grunge rock experiment, *Slang*. According to singer Joe Elliot, "*Slang* was something we had to do, to get it out of our systems."

Apparently the purge has worked. The new album rings vintage, showing more of the same energy that powered their rise to mega-rocker status in the past.

Maintaining her ball-breaker goddess image, Joan Jett has bleached her hair, cut it punk rock short and sports a tribalized eagle tattoo that covers her entire back.

Jett, who will open the show, topped charts with "I love Rock and Roll" and "I Hate Myself for Lovin' You."

Jett's act hasn't diminished over the years, even if her tolerance for wild audi-

ences has.

"If people wanna throw underwear or scarves or t-shirts with messages onstage that's fine but things like coins, they hurt. Have you ever got hit in the head with a quarter?" Jett inquired on her web page.

The Def Leppard/Jett tour has been on the road since last summer and has proven that the two acts remain Y2k compliant.

The show will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 and are available at the fieldhouse ticket office, all Ticket outlets, CD Warehouse and Cactus Records.

Holiday must see

Katie Parsons Exponent Writer

As always, the holidays yielded a multitude of hit movies at the box office. "The Talented Mr. Ripley," "Bicentennial Man," "Any Given Sunday," "The Green Mile" and several others rolled in the dough over the Christmas break, but one movie stood apart from the rest in both content and character. "Anna and the King," the 1999 remake of the classic story "The King and I," balanced itself comfortably as a family film, date movie and the big-time epic it was born to be.

Director Andy Tennant tasted sweet success last year with the hit *Cinderella* remake, "Ever After." This latest film is a far cry from that feminist tale. He

tirelessly worked to make the film a beautiful, Oscar-worthy masterpiece.

The film is based on the 19th century story of the English governess Anna Leonjohnson (Jodie Foster) who was hired to teach the children of the King of Siam (Chow Yun-Fat). In the process, she gives the king a lesson in ruling his kingdom with kindness. Amidst the political issues, a touching love story develops between the two. The film, however, retains its innocence and integrity. Not so much as a kiss is shared between the two.

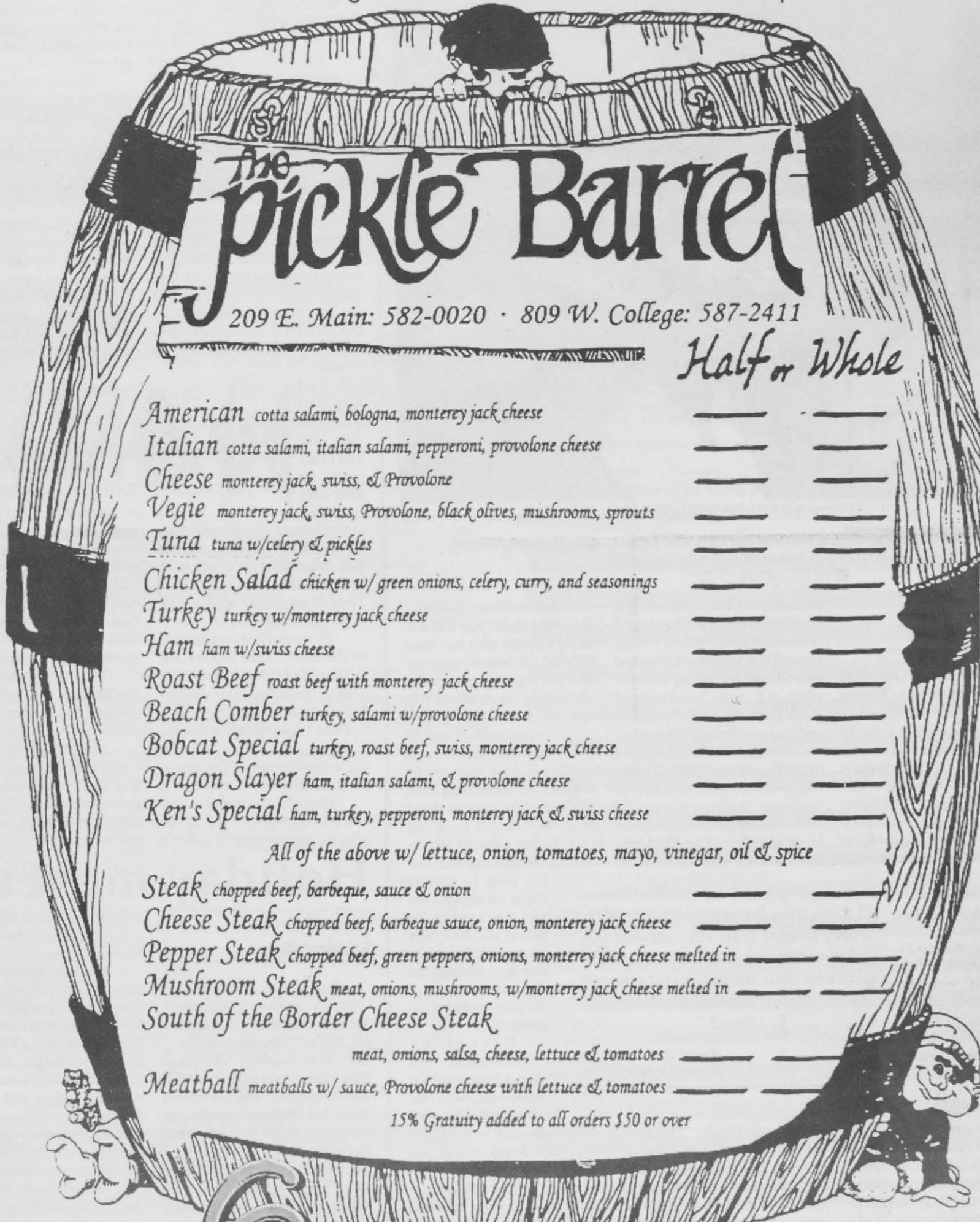
After a two-year break, Jodie Foster stretches her wings with a period film, an English accent and the unconventional (for Foster) love story. She shines with

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Shadowlands: Play chronicles Lewis's trials

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According to Jahnke, the plays in the Parks will be performed throughout the academic year to supplement funding for the program. Jahnke said he had to act with Kathy for the time and, after reading the script, was sold on the idea. The play will show again

at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow and Jan. 20, 21 and 22 at the Mainstage Theater in the Strand Union Building. Tickets are \$8 for Friday and Saturday shows and \$6 for next Thursday's show. Tickets are available at CD Warehouse, Cactus Records and the MSU branch of First Interstate Bank. According to Jahnke, the

two-hour show promises both laughter and tears.

"I think the play will touch people in a very unique way," he said. "The extraordinary relationships of the characters in the play and their strengths and commitments to each other really touches a chord."

Anna: Epic with versatile appeal


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brilliance equaled only by that of her co-star, Hong Kong's action hero Chow Yun-Fat. The role of King is also a stretch for Yun-Fat, who is known for his gun-wielding action flicks. The supporting characters, the King's children and concubines, also demonstrate some amazing skills.

In addition to superb acting, the film is filled with stunning eye candy. The landscapes of

present day Thailand and the lavish palace interiors and exteriors are a joy to behold. The expansive set was built especially for the film, but looks right at home in its lush surroundings.

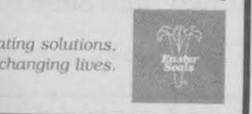
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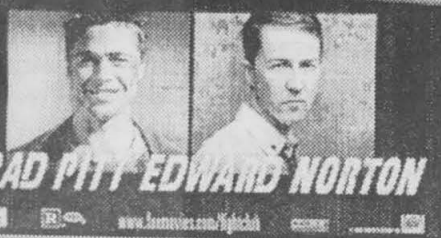


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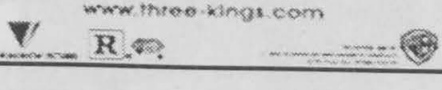
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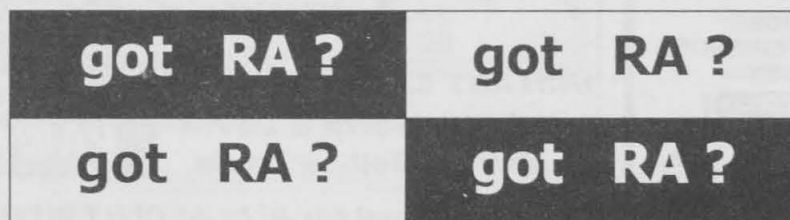
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Montana State upsets Wildcats

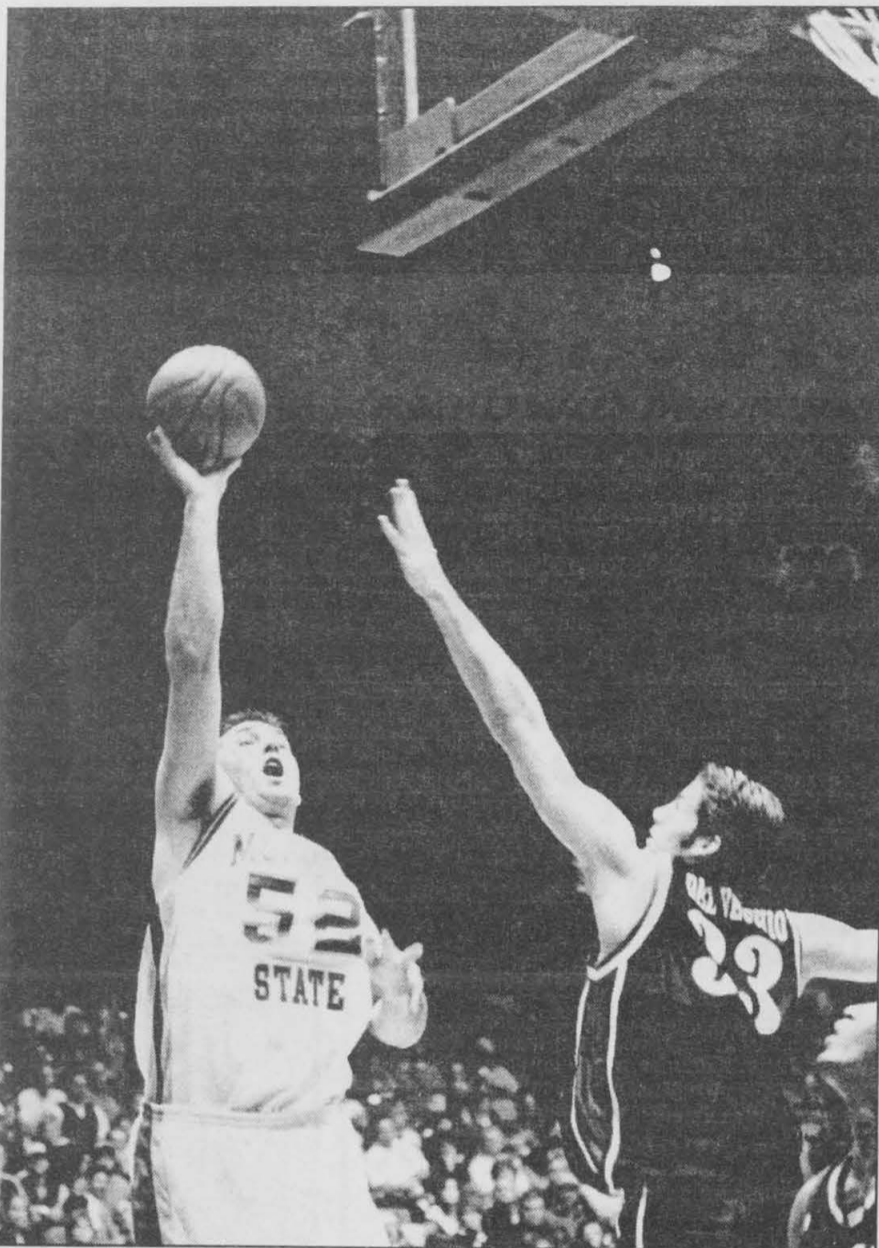


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Bobcat John Lazosky shoots a hook shot over WSU's Dan Del Vecchio Thursday night.

Scott Barbur
Exponent Sports Writer

After suffering a disheartening loss to rival Montana last week, the Montana State men's basketball team (9-6/1-1) rebounded with an impressive win over Weber State (10-4/2-1) at Worthington Arena Thursday night. The Bobcats fended off above average performances by Weber State stars Harold "The Show" Arceneaux and Eddie "The Thrill" Gill to beat the defending Big Sky champions, 77-70.

The Bobcats started the game with a 6-0 run and pulled ahead by as many as 13 points in the first half. Weber State closed the gap to 6, but went into halftime down 39-33.

The Bobcats showed no lack of intensity in the second half as they again pulled away by 13 several times throughout the second stanza. The Wildcats never got within 7 after the half-way mark.

Forward Justin Brown led the Bobcats in scoring with 23 points, despite being on the bench with foul trouble a good part of the night. He made 9-of-13 attempts from the floor and was 2-of-4 from three-point range.

"Offense just came to me tonight," said Brown. "I took the opportunities."

Center John Lazosky also had 17 points on 8-of-14 shooting for the Bobcats.

Weber State got big games from Arceneaux and Gill, who scored 23 and 17 points respectively, although neither got going until the second half and Arceneaux missed some clutch free throws. Chris Woods came off the bench and scored 14 points, but the rest of the team provided a lackluster effort.

"Coming on the road in the Big Sky is like jumping into a street fight," said Weber State head coach Joe Cravens. "You don't go into a street fight with finesse, you need to go in with intensity and compete, which we didn't do tonight."

The Bobcats hope to extend their winning streak against Idaho State at home this Saturday.

Bobcats fall hard to Weber State, 76-46

Ian Costello
Exponent Sports Editor

Seems like somebody forgot to tell the Montana State women's basketball team they were playing in a woodshed last night.

Or more appropriately, behind it.

Led by senior Shelly Olson's 23 points, the Weber State Wildcats smacked Montana State 76-46 at the Dee Events Center in Ogden last night.

This marks the second game in a row the 'Cats were completely dominated while visiting the Wildcats. Last season MSU suffered a 27-point loss in Ogden.

"Weber State is a good team and they just kicked it in gear," Montana State Interim Head Coach Frank McCarthy said. "We didn't make the proper adjustments, we will learn from this and move on."

"We weren't ready to play tonight."

Usually productive

Bobcat junior Amy Meckling struggled to find her rhythm early and finished 5-18 from the floor for the evening, totaling 13 points, more than 10 below her season average.

Weber State used solid defense to jump on the 'Cats early, stretching out to a 39-16 halftime lead while holding Montana State to a less-than-stellar 25 percent from the field.

Countering MSU's poor shooting, the Wildcats hit 48 percent of its shots in route to their first Big Sky win of the season, as well as out rebounding the 'Cats 47-38.

"Weber State made the open shot, boarded and played well," McCarthy said.

In addition to Olson's 23, Amber Whiting was the only other WSU player to score in double figures, finishing the game with 11 points.

All but one of the Wildcats scored at least one point in the game.

Although Meckling was cold from the field, her 13 points led the 'Cats, followed

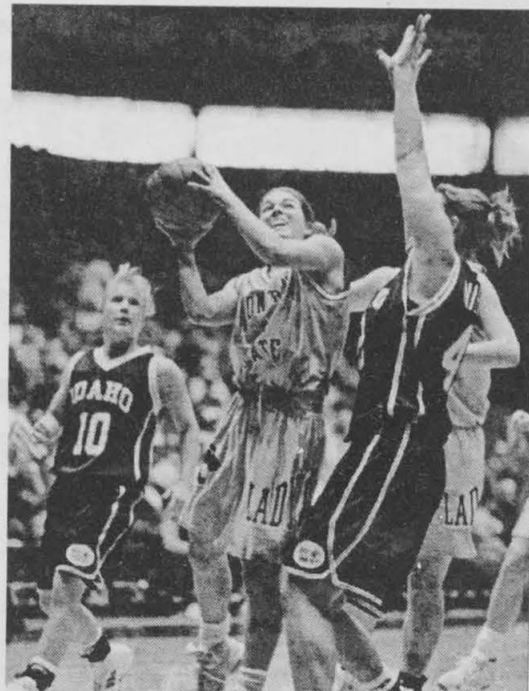
by sophomore Jennifer Curl who finished with 11, no other Bobcat finished with more than five points.

Montana State has little time to mourn the loss to Weber as they swing back into action Saturday night in Pocatello, Idaho at the home of

the Idaho State University Bengals.

"We need to bounce back from this," McCarthy said. "That is the true sign of the competitor, we have no time to wallow in self pity."

"We are now focused on Idaho State."



Exponent File Photo

Bobcat Amy Meckling drives to the basket against Idaho earlier this season. Meckling, MSU's leading scorer, is averaging 23.8 points per game.

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All we got for Christmas was a new brand of st

Ian Costello
Exponent Sports Editor

Here's wishing you a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and what the hell...welcome to the new millennium. We all made it through that whole Y2K thing, even if some of us did spend most of New Year's Day praying to the porcelain god (or leaning over the guardrail if you happened to be on the road).

And isn't it great that we have welcomed the next 1,000 years with such a great list of sports stars for the next generations to look up to?

Star light, star bright,

first stars we see this century. Rae Carruth, Peter Warrick and John Rocker, the heroes leading us into a new world of off-the-field honorable activity.

Yeah right.

Starting with the least offensive, John Rocker is just plain ignorant, nothing else. His statements regarding the city of New York and its crazy baseball fans were based on his desire to give a little back to the fans that treated him with chants like "Rocker Sucks," "F— You Rocker" and "Run, Forrest Run."

And, although New York fans would probably get to the best of us, there is a lesson to be learned here. If you don't

like the people in New York, don't insult them. Surely they will wait by the thousands to make it even worse for you the next time you are in town.

Rocker's comments set aside, it appears the current favorite to be the number one pick in the NFL draft is Florida State super senior Peter Warrick who runs with the ball like he is running from security at Dillard's.

First he was a Heisman favorite, then a criminal, and now, with a three-touchdown performance, the MVP of the Sugar Bowl. Can it get any better than that?

Unfortunately, it can.

Rae Carruth...was it worth it?

An apparent gang initiation gone bad as Carruth and two others have been officially charged, leading prosecutors to seek the death penalty, for the slaying of Carruth's girlfriend who was pregnant with Carruth's child at the time.

The gangland style murder of Cherica Adams has brought Carruth, a former stand-out at the University of Colorado, into the hands of the law, out of the NFL and perhaps into the grave.

All this, and it's only the second week of the new millennium.

Maybe when ESPN, or whoever is around then, announces their top 100

athletes of the 21st century the list will be split in two. Athletes we want our kids to look up to and Athletes who don't contribute to society.

Even though Rocker can pitch, Warrick can run a n d Carruth can catch, apparently they have no idea how to be a citizen.

Maybe being a star is enough.



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Sanders leaves door open on possible return to NFL

And greatest rusher of all time visits with mediator, hints on coming out of retirement

Investor
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FRANCISCO — Barry Sanders finally talked. What he told NFL's Sam Kagel in six hours door sessions Tuesday is what he wants to change his mind and return to the NFL.

Sanders wasn't in there, but I said if the circumstances are right, that he would play. I had attorney David Ware, Sanders' agents. "I'm sure he'll come back," Sanders said.

Upshaw, executive of the NFL Players Association, also said Sanders left the possibility of returning. Upshaw said Sanders did not rule out the possibility — remote — that he might return for the Lions "if he saw

certain things happening, if they were winning."

Sanders spoke briefly with reporters outside the hearing room at the Park Hyatt but would not comment on the proceedings or a possible return to football.

Last July, he retired after 10 seasons with the Lions, saying he was tired of playing. He left as the NFL's second-leading rusher of all time, needing 1,458 yards to surpass the late Walter Payton.

Sanders, Ware and Lions vice president Tom Lewand were among those testifying in the arbitration hearing on the team's demand that Sanders repay \$5.5 million of the \$11-million signing bonus he received when he signed his last contract in 1997.

The Lions maintain that Sanders forfeited that part of the bonus — as well as a \$1.8-million payment he would have received last summer — by retiring with

four years left on the contract.

Sanders and his agents say the signing bonus had nothing to do with the length and terms of the deal.

Lions chief operating officer Chuck Schmidt and Lewand declined to comment on the exact nature of the testimony, citing Kagel's gag orders on the principals.

"The facts are the facts and the arbitrator heard them today," Lewand said. "It's the next step in the process, and he'll make the decision."

Kagel gave no deadline for his decision, but the Lions and Sanders' agents say they expect to have it before the start of free agency, tentatively scheduled for March 2.

The Lions are basing their claim to the \$5.5 million on a clause in the signing bonus addendum to the contract

Sanders signed July 20, 1997.

The six-year deal, including an option for 2002, was worth \$33.6 million.

The clause says the player defaults if he voluntarily fails or refuses to report, practice or play with the team during the course of the contract.

The Lions say the retirement was a voluntary refusal by Sanders to play.

Ware disputes their claim, saying the clause was aimed at discouraging a holdout and should not apply to Sanders' decision to retire.

"It's a planning tool," Ware said. "It doesn't mean you have to play every down. We didn't think, and they didn't think, he'd play his contract out. They couldn't have thought that."

Sanders, 31, would have been 34 at the end of the six years.

Ware said Sanders' interest

in returning to play is an important issue in Kagel's eventual decision.

"All we've ever wanted to do was put him in a situation where he could consider playing again," Ware said.

"He's retired, I don't have a problem with that, but there are a lot of people who have retired and come back.

"Dick Vermeil retired, Mike Ditka retired, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, Reggie White, John Elway — they came back. And in each one of those cases, because circumstances changed.

"For Barry not to have the right to change his mind is a little bit silly. If he changes his mind and wants to play, then I'd like to see him play.

"If he doesn't want to play in Detroit, for whatever reason, that's his call. If he does want to play in Detroit, that's all his call."

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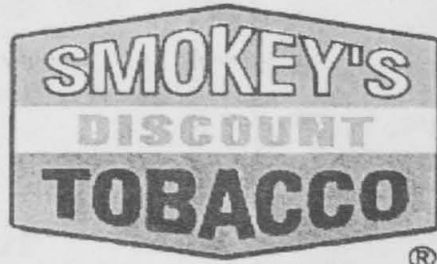
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- 28 6th sense
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- 34 "Good things come _____"

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