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On the campaign trail



Governor candidate addresses MSU students

Lucas Hibdon
Student Editor

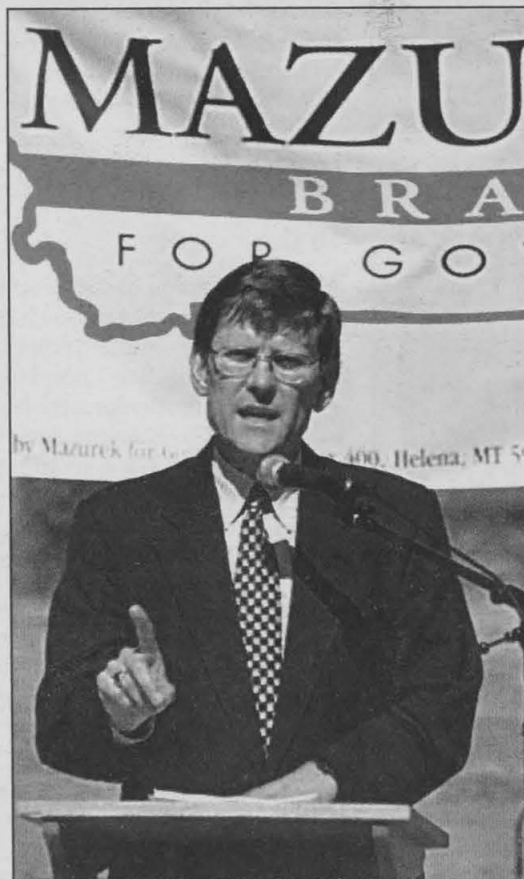
Urging MSU students to participate in the elections this year, gubernatorial candidate Joe Mazurek and campaign mate Dorothy Bradley addressed students in front of Montana Hall Wednesday afternoon. Mazurek and Bradley said an important aspect of their campaign is improving higher education in Montana. The pair focused on the benefits their leadership can provide for the Montana State University System (MSU). "We're here because of our belief in the potential of higher education," Bradley said.

"It sometimes seems that a lot of people talk about education without remembering the H-I-G-H-E-R, and I'm a believer in the philosophy that this is an investment in our future."

The duo spoke to a crowd of supporters for their campaign, MSU students, faculty and staff. Mazurek assured the listeners his pro-education stance would make a difference when the MSU approached the state legislature for funding during next year's session. The MSU has suffered significant budget cuts over the past several sessions, especially during 1998.

"Between working together with the Board of

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Photos by Sol Leonard

Gubernatorial candidate Joe Mazurek visited Montana State University Wednesday afternoon with running mate Dorothy Bradley to campaign for the upcoming election in November. Mazurek and Bradley promised strong support for higher education if elected.

MSU takes steps to ensure safe concert for Dylan fans

Jason Lehmann
Exponent News Editor

As nearly 8,000 fans eagerly await Bob Dylan, MSU officials have been taking steps to make sure this concert will be safe as well as fun.

Duane Morris of Residence Life/University Food Service described Dylan as "a pretty mellow concert," but said MSU was taking the necessary precautions.

"Consistent with what we've done in the past, we are bringing in Crowd Management Services out of Spokane, Wash. to handle the barricade and backstage security," Morris said.

Dylan is expected to begin the concert at 8 p.m. The doors will open at 7 p.m.. Morris said that concert goers should arrive early to avoid lines and parking congestion.

"We're talking about a lot of people trying to get in," Morris said. "I would encourage people to get there early, get in your seats and have a good time."

Parking will be available in both the North and South Fieldhouse lots, both Garton lots by Seventh and Grant streets and in the lots adjacent to North and South Hedges and Roskie.

For those worried they won't have a ticket for tonight's show, there are still seats left.

"We've still got about 100 obstructed view seats left," Morris said. "They're actually good seats. People will still have a last chance to buy a ticket."

The Exponent

Wow! We asked you to write us and you finally did. Keep it up, but first read what other MSU students have to say.

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Comments

Opinions, Editorials and Letters from the Montana State University Community

Q of the U:

Do you think that the Humane Society should end its no-kill policy to help with the overcrowding problem?



"No. Maybe they could open up some other facilities. It's not the animal's fault that they're there."

Marjorie Glatzmaier
Junior
Microbiology

"I think they should do what's necessary to keep the most animals healthy. I also think that people should visit the Humane Society first when they want a dog."

John Torskee
Junior
Mechanical Engineering



"No. I say educate people instead of killing the animals. Bob Barker knows, have your pet spayed or neutered."

Tyler Kuhn
Junior
Mechanical Engineering

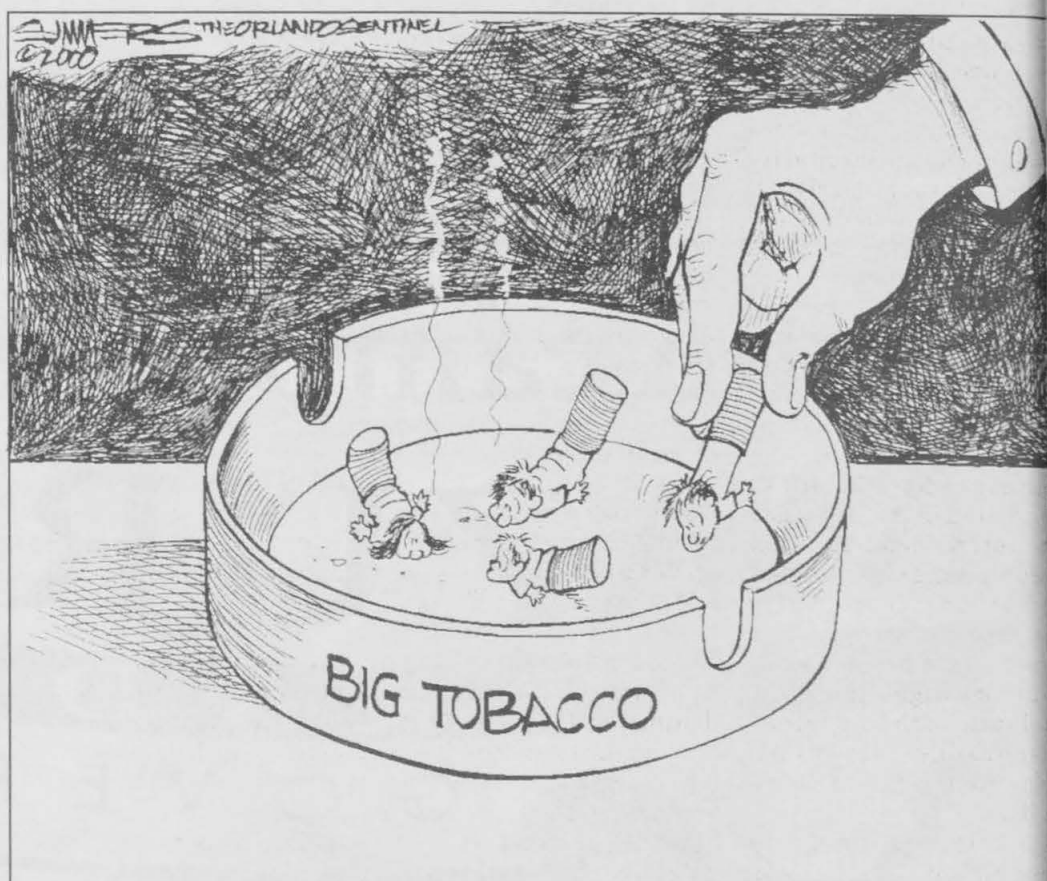
"Yes. Kill the sick and weak ones. It's the humane decision."

Jarred Mosdal
Junior
General Studies



"Yes. But only because college students are irresponsible when they buy dogs and they don't realize the responsibility of owning a pet. It's unfortunate."

Hillary Prugh
Junior
Business Marketing



Crofts' decision was the sensible thing to do

To the Editor:

I would just like to say kudos for Richard Crofts, in his ability to make the right decision on the issue of insurance for same-sex couples. Mr. Crofts, in denying coverage for those couples, knew he was walking into a firestorm of hatred and accusations. Well, good for him if he is willing to stand up for what is the only sensible thing to do.

I would like to leave the issue of morality aside and focus on the facts. It is currently illegal for same-sex couples to marry in Montana; in fact, it is against the

law in nearly every state in the U.S. This means that same-sex couples will not be accorded the same benefits, i.e. insurance, as couples that have been legally married.

Richard Crofts simply did the only thing he could have. If he had accorded benefits normally reserved for married couples to unmarried couples, he would have affected deep changes in M.U.S.'s financial policies. That would mean my girlfriend and I would qualify for married student housing and funding simply because we loved one another. This is unfeasible

since M.U.S. would be sucked out of money in no time.

Obviously, unmarried couples don't deserve full benefits reserved for married couples regardless of the sexual orientation of the couple. If someone wishes to cry bigoted, yelling at the state legislature across the country, since they are the real culprits, but the majority of Americans disagree with the current laws, they stay. That's democracy, and don't like it maybe you can go in China or Cuba.

Anthony Arnone

Humane Society's no-kill policy harms animals

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to an article that was published in the Exponent the week of March 10, 2000. ("Humane Society offers a cheap alternative to finding a new best friend.")

In this particular article, Mr. Delhomme writes, "It [The Humane Society] is true to the word humane." I would like to address this. Please don't get me wrong, I love animals. I grew up in Montana with dogs, cats, chickens, goats, rabbits and your general run of the mill wildlife. But I have to wonder if Mr. Delhomme has actually visited the Humane Society himself lately. Any reasonable person will tell you that the conditions that hundreds of critters there is anything but humane. Just because they call themselves a "no-kill shelter" does not make them humane.

I was a volunteer at the Humane Society more than a year ago. I hadn't been back until I made the mistake of visiting in the month of January. I was appalled at the conditions! I walked into the "cat room" and I could feel the anger growing in my chest as I gazed at the milk cartons that had replaced the cages. I also saw two cats that had been there since the time I had volunteered there. There were so many cats in this room, hissing at each other and scrambling for a place to hide. Most of the cats I saw in there had kennel cough and green pus oozing from

their eyes. I didn't even go to see the dogs because I imagined the conditions were not much better.

Nobody wants to say this, but there is a reason that animal shelters all over the country euthanize animals. It is NOT humane to have an animal shut away in a room with rampant disease. We need to remember to think with our heads and be reasonable about this. I strongly, and still do, that many great pet owners go unnoticed at the humane society while they scramble to merely keep sick, unmanageable animals alive, all in the name of being "humane."

Of course this is a minor piece of a much larger puzzle. Irresponsible pet ownership, overpopulation and the other things that contribute to the overcrowding at the Humane Society. Maybe a better article would have been "Neuter your pets and don't even think about getting a pet unless you are absolutely certain you are responsible enough!"

Thank goodness that there is even a place such as the Humane Society for the times when pets are lost and when pets need to be surrendered. However, today in Bozeman if we choose to call our animal shelter "humane," it better keep the animals' best interests in mind, and that doesn't always mean keeping the animals alive.

Miranda Hostetler

SMSU Exponent

Diversity exists beyond one's skin color

to the Editor:

"MSU is a white campus and there is not a lot of diversity." This quote was attributed to James Stenzel, ASMSU senate president pro tempore in the March 7 edition of the Exponent. These words indicate a dangerous mentality necessitating a critical view in order to illustrate the logical flaws contained therein.

At first glance, the opening sentence contains no unrelated thoughts. Let us assume, however, that Mr. Stenzel was not misquoted and that he believes that the ideas presented in that sentence are interdependent. This assumption leads us to the conclusion that diversity is synonymous with a lack of whiteness in people's skin, that a high level of melanin (the protein responsible for skin coloration) yields diversity in itself.

This is not a conclusion that I am prepared to accept. The nation I live in has a founding charter which declares the self-evident truth that "all Men are created equal" to be public and undeniable. I am also genetically predisposed to have lower

levels of melanin than other people. This genetic disposition is a result of the fact that people are different. Some are short, some blonde, some dark, and some stout, all as a result of genetics. From the moment of conception, I had nucleic acids that make me white (actually a color that is a cross between peach, gray and white, but white is more easily written on a form.) However, if "all men are created equal," genetic happenstance cannot be suitable criteria for discrimination. (I also have freckles, but I'm sure Mr. Stenzel would agree that they are not diversity concentrations.)

The Master said, "By their fruits you will know them" (Matt 7:16) Now, I judge apples and oranges by their appearance, but I do not believe humans should be judged on that basis. Appearance is a reasonable distinction for fruits, which are inanimate and are judged by physical traits, such as taste and texture. The appearance of a piece of fruit is often indicative of these other traits, leading to a logical decision based on color (I never eat red apples, only green.) Conversely, I have found that the appearance of a human being has little or no bearing on "what's inside." It is therefore inappropriate to judge humans thus because

the "fruits" of a person must be the content of the person's character, not the outward appearance that they can not control.

Equality and character-based judgement are pillars of our society. They are the rules Western civilization uses to lay the game of human interaction. You do not have to follow them, but if you don't, you are playing a different game.

While melanin-based judgement has no logical foundation, it does have one distinct advantage: it's easy. MSU has a mixture of atheists, Christians, Jews, Muslims and others, hence religious diversity. We have students in engineering, education, nursing, and business, hence academic diversity. Cultural, ideological and political diversity are also here at MSU. These forms of diversity must be found by getting to know people; they can't be appreciated at a glance. I know using melanin as a basis for judging diversity is easy, but that does not make it correct. Not only is it logically and morally bankrupt, but also summer is coming and I plan to work on my diversity (oops, my tan.)

Joe George

Adherence to the law not always a good thing

Michelle Tokarski
Exponent Managing Editor

Like many people in this community, I was dismayed by the decision of Commissioner of Higher Education Richard Crofts to deny insurance benefits to same-sex couples. Dismayed, but not surprised, as people of vision and courage rarely make it very far in public administration.

What is most upsetting is that many supporters of Croft's decision are desperately clinging to the "legality" argument, citing the fact that same sex relationships are not recognized by the law as legitimate.

In the spirit of true American democracy, allow me to be the first to say "So what!" Never in the history of this country has meaningful human rights legislation originated in the legislature. Courageous citizens, organized and indignant, push the issue, making enough noise until some reluctant politicians realize that it is the right thing to do.

Same-sex partners are denied the right to have their unions recognized by the state. Therein lies the problem, and if any administrator had the courage to speak out against this injustice, it could pave the way for other decisions in favor

of gay rights.

Every social justice movement in the history of this country, including fights for the rights of women, racial minorities, the environment and organized labor, had its origins in organizations and people who refused to obey the rules of the state.

Richard Crofts had the chance to be a pioneer in the struggle for equality for our gay and lesbian neighbors. Had he made the correct decision, then the University would have been forced to find a way to pay for it. Just like they are working on ideas to come up with the \$250,000 needed for the remodeling of the President's mansion, just like they find ways to fund everything on this campus.

A decision to cover same-sex partners would have been a brave move, indeed. Perhaps it would have been in contradiction to the laws of this state, but I would argue that we have more to fear from absolute obedience to the laws than a little disobedience now and then. Allowing the law to dictate our moral standards is not only dangerous, but anti-democratic and lazy. Wasn't is Thomas Jefferson who said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty"?

I believe he would agree that sometimes law must be overlooked in the pursuit of justice.

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VOICE center searches for solution to funding debacle

Pat Hill
Exponent Writer

MSU—Bozeman will not be losing its primary resource for aiding victims of sexual assault, said the President of the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), Eldon Volk, on Wednesday.

"The VOICE Center is not going away," said Volk. "I'm sure about that. It's a good service and utilization is going up."

The VOICE (Victim Options In the Campus Environment) Center began operations three years ago with a start-up grant from the federal government. The Center is a program of Student Health Services providing free and confidential support, advocacy and referral services to victims of rape, sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking.

The Center's grant money will run out on June 30, the end of the current fiscal year. One of the funding options being discussed is to raise the student Health Service fee to fund the Center.

Jared Harris, current ASMSU President, was elected on a platform that included a promise not to raise fees for the next academic year.

"We've given our word not to increase fees for next year other than the fees that were already scheduled to go up," Harris said. "The University says they can't find the funding outside of Student Health. Where to find the money will be a challenge. I think everyone agrees that the VOICE Center is something we don't want to see go away."

One of the scheduled fee hikes is a three-dollar increase in the Student Health Service fee. SHAC President Volk thinks this will be enough

to carry the Center through until more funding can be found.

"If someone in the community would help it would be great," said Volk. "Eventually students will be helping to fund the Center."

The annual budget for the VOICE Center is around \$50,000. However, the program is mostly run by student volunteers.

"We've assisted over 300 victims since we started," said Christian Sarver, Sexual Assault Services Coordinator, "and we've

had almost an equal number of inquiries about the services we provide." She encourages anyone with questions, comments or problems to contact the Center.

"We must create education around the issue," she said. "A change in the finite world of MSU concerning attitudes about sexual violence would mean a start of change in society as a whole."

The VOICE Center also provides training for student volunteers and the opportunity to serve the campus and community. Malisa Canto is a senior at MSU who has been with the VOICE Center for almost two years.

"I love it," Malisa said. "It's been a highlight of my college experience." She believes it's very critical to have the support the Center offers to the campus community.

"The support victims need can be confusing," she said. "We allow them to make their own decisions and support and encourage them."

(The VOICE Center is located in 14 Hamilton Hall. Their walk-in hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. The 24-hour crisis line is 994-7069 and the office line is 994-7142. Their services are free and confidential, and you may remain anonymous if you wish.)

—Jared Harris, ASMSU president

Upcoming events

Mar. 24

Joseph Mussulman, Professor Emeritus of Music from the University of Montana will present "In Greatest Harmony 'Medicine Songs' on the Lewis and Clark Trail" this Friday. Mussulman will discuss how songs and tunes reflected the political, religious, social and ethnic values held by the expedition's members. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in the Hager Auditorium at the Museum of the Rockies. This lecture is free.

Mar. 25

The Alpha Gamma Delta sorority will be holding their "Alpha Gam Lip Jam" this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 587-4401.

Mar. 27

The next natural family planning class at Bridger Clinic will begin Monday, March 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. and continue Monday, April 10. The cost of instruction is \$28 for each woman or couple and includes two classes and continuing follow-up with the instructor. Bridger Clinic clients pay according to a sliding fee scale. For more info or to register call 587-0681.

Apr. 1

A day hike at the Madison Buffalo State Park will be coordinated by ASMSU Outdoor Recreation on Saturday, April 1. Cost is \$10 which includes transportation. Call 994-3621 for more info.

Apr. 13

Volunteers are needed to help with Special Olympic Area Games April 13-14. Help with golf, gymnastics, equestrian events, bowling and more. For more information, call Jessica Kitchens at 586-5893.

New York man gets 2 months for harassing calls to MSU student

Jim Fitzgerald
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A man who terrorized women on college campuses with phone calls threatening rape and murder was sentenced Tuesday to 22 months in prison.

"This was about the most frightening kind of phone call a college woman can get," said Judge Colleen McMahon at the federal

court in White Plains. "This was not childish behavior. This was not prank behavior."

Sean Robert Francis, 21, was accused of making more than 75 such calls from his home in Middletown to women at North Dakota State University in Fargo, the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Montana State University in Bozeman and Oregon State in Corvallis. There

was no evidence that he took steps to carry out the threats. He pleaded guilty in December to eight counts making threatening interstate calls.

"I realize that my actions were wrong and I am very sorry," he told the judge Tuesday.

Francis' father and grandmother were in court Tuesday but would not comment. Federal sentencing guidelines called for a sentence of 18 to 24 months, but the judge sentenced Francis to 22 months.

Kansas said, "It was not typical heavy breathing, 'What are you wearing?' It was, 'He's going to do to you what I'm going to do to you.'"

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Searching for inner peace

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ial to the Exponent

A Buddhist Insight Meditation (vipassana) retreat is offered in Bozeman this weekend. This nonresidential retreat will begin Friday, March 31, and runs all day Saturday and ends Sunday at 2 p.m.

Michael Manfre is teaching the retreat that is designed for beginning as well as experienced meditators. Cost for the retreat, that includes dinner on Saturday, is \$45. The retreat does not include payment for Manfre. Traditionally, vipassana instructors are supported by donations from students. Full and partial scholarships to cover the cost of the retreat are available through the Bozeman Insight Meditation Community.

Manfre, who lives in Thompson Falls, began his vipassana study at a Buddhist monastery in California. During his 17 years of practice, he has worked primarily as a teacher from Spirit Rock Center in California, and more recently with Matthew Stein, founder of Forest Meditation Center in Virginia and author of the recent book, "Journey from the Center." Manfre currently leads a meditation group in Thompson Falls and leads retreats in Montana.

For more information or to register, call the Bozeman Insight Meditation Community at 587-2755.

An eastern perspective

Indian Dance Troupe returns to Bozeman

Adrian Flores
Exponent Writer

March 31 is a day to mark on your calendar. Not only is it Friday, something we can all be thankful for, but it is also the day that the Nrityagram Dance Troupe is coming to Bozeman.

The Nrityagram Dance Troupe is an internationally acclaimed group of dancers from Bangalore, India who will be performing Odissi, a form of Indian classical dance dating back to the second century B.C.

Nrityagram literally means "dance village" and was established by Odissi dancer and visionary Protima Gauri Bedi. Bedi was a hippie in the sixties living what she calls a "superficial, social butterfly existence, complete with red, blue, and green hair."

That changed the day she happened upon a unique dance performance. Stumbling into the wrong theater, Bedi witnessed Odissi, one of the seven classical Indian dance styles. She had never seen it before and it changed her life.

From that point on she knew what she wanted to do. She found a guru and became a dancer. When she returned to India, she discovered that it was time to give back what her heritage had given her.

Now, 10 years later, Nrityagram is the only



photo courtesy of Sonia Manchanda

Dancers from the Nrityagram Dance Troupe weave their bodies together in a traditional Indian dance called Odissi. The beguiling dance will be performed March 31 at the Emerson Cultural Center when troupe leader Protima Gauri Bedi and her five-person team return to Bozeman.

dance village in the world set up exclusively to preserve and popularize the seven classical dance styles and two martial art forms of India.

Nrityagram is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching students the Gurukul system. This six-to-eight-year course of study includes literature, mythology, poetry, Sanskrit, music, aesthetics, dance history, philosophy, spiritual thought and theory. To date, the dancers have done over 400 performances in the U.S., the Netherlands, Canada, Denmark, Portugal and India.

Shows of 3,000 or more have sold out in New York and California. The *New York Times* opined that the show "swept into town, showing us the real power and magic of old Indian dance," leaving them to wonder "why this lyrical and curvy form of Indian dance has not dominated international dance stages before now."

The dance form, called Odissi, will be performed by four women and one man. It embodies the s-curve in motion. Francis Mason of WQXR radio in New York explains the performance: "The dancers, dressed head to toe

in subtle color and golden headdresses, gently twist their bodies to beguile us. Animated feet and arms tell us stories and imitate men and nature. I never saw a more sensuously intelligent form of dance in all my life."

The show will be in Bozeman on Friday, March 31, at the Emerson Cultural Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. No advance tickets will be sold and will only be available at the door starting at 7 p.m. for \$14.

Last year's performance was highly acclaimed, so anticipate the show to sell out.

Bands invade the Bozone: A flood of good musicians gives locals a plethora of entertainment options



photo by Sol Leonard

Walter's 20th Congress performed Wednesday night at the Zebra Below. Also on Wednesday, Groove Collective performed at the Zebra Below.

Jessica Shoemaker
Features Editor

If the sudden sprouting of concrete, consumer wastelands and cookie-cutter track housing hasn't clued you into the realization that Bozeman is growing faster than the mold on that month-old pizza under your couch, then the surge of big-name bands coming to town should wake you up.

In the past, Bozeman has hosted good bands on a pretty regular basis, but these days there seems to be a "must-see" performance almost every weekend. Tonight and tomorrow should be fair testimony to that.

Legendary artist Bob Dylan will be performing to a sold-out crowd at the Brick Breeden Field house this evening. (Last I heard there were 40 tickets left, so call Vootie if you want one.) Following that grand-daddy of a show, G. Love and Special Sauce will be coolin' out with what's sure to be a healthy-sized Bozone crowd tomorrow

night at the Emerson.

Both performers have secure footing in the precarious arena of musical stardom and are pretty sweet treats for our town, but beware music junkies...there are more delicious feasts to come so save room!

Saturday afternoon Watsonville Patio is playing apres-ski style at the Jim Bridger Lodge as part of the 19th Annual Pinhead Classic celebration. This band's mellow groove and infectious lead vocals are worth the canyon drive, even if you're not skiing, and the show is free.

Those of you who consider a line-up like this a healthy first course but have still got room for dessert will be happy to know that things keep rolling right on through the weekend. San Diego's Wise Monkey Orchestra is playing at the Zebra next Monday. For a mere five dollars you can see the band that won both "Best Dance and Funk Band" and "Best Jazz Blues Album" at the

Bozeman Film Festival's latest showing explores interracial relationships

Felicity Bazin
Special to the Exponent

Most great authors and filmmakers are satisfied to produce a trilogy of works set in the same place, exploring similar themes and/or involving a common set of characters. Barry Levinson, working beyond his three great Baltimore films "Diner," "Tin Man" and "Avalon" now adds a fourth feature film set in that city

during the 1950s.

In "Liberty Heights," Levinson weaves his most elaborate, controversial and provocative portrait of a complex and changing society, circa 1954 — the year in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruling struck down the concept of "separate but equal" public schools as unconstitutional.

Levinson centers his story on a Jewish family called the Kurtzmans. Amidst the background of

the rapidly changing economics of the mid-fifties, Ben — the teenage son of Nate (Joe Mantegna) and Ada (played by TV's Bebe Neuwirth) — begins a relationship with a young African-American woman named Sylvia (played by vocal artist and actress Rebeckah Johnson).

As Ben and Sylvia explore their religious, social and racial differences, Ada worries over the friendship while Nate is too caught up

in trying to run a numbers racket to even notice.

The dynamics of the interracial relationship provides adequate dramatic fireworks, yet Levinson adds a kidnapping, master-minded by "Little Melin," into the mix. Levinson masterfully handles complex dramatic action and charged emotions while avoiding predictable stereotypes.

The director's fourth Baltimore film is his richest and most complex. Levinson

cast nearly 4,000 extras for "Liberty Heights" in his attempt to weave a fabric of authenticity, which requires the large number to create the movie's truly convincing atmosphere. Along with creating the sophisticated texture of life in a specific place and time, Levinson also creates his first true "coming age" movie.

The Bozeman Film Festival is showing "Liberty Heights" at the Rialto March 27-30.

Music flood: Surge of big-name bands adds to the area's growing music scene

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1999 San Diego Music Awards. They call their music "kinetic soul" and, true to the word, it reaches right out and pulls you into the mix.

According to Zebra owner Brett Cline, "We're lucky to have them [Wise Monkey Orchestra]. They're actually just passing through town and we somehow managed to book them."

It's no accident that so many bands are fre-

quenting this area. Thanks to the persistent efforts of people like Cline and the folks at Vootie our music scene is starting to resemble an all-you-can-eat smorgasbord with so many options it's hard to decide what you're hungriest for. There are definitely too many shows to mention in this article. Check out "Unzipping the Weekend" to get the rundown.

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Saturday- G. Love and Special Sauce

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Friday- Bob Dylan

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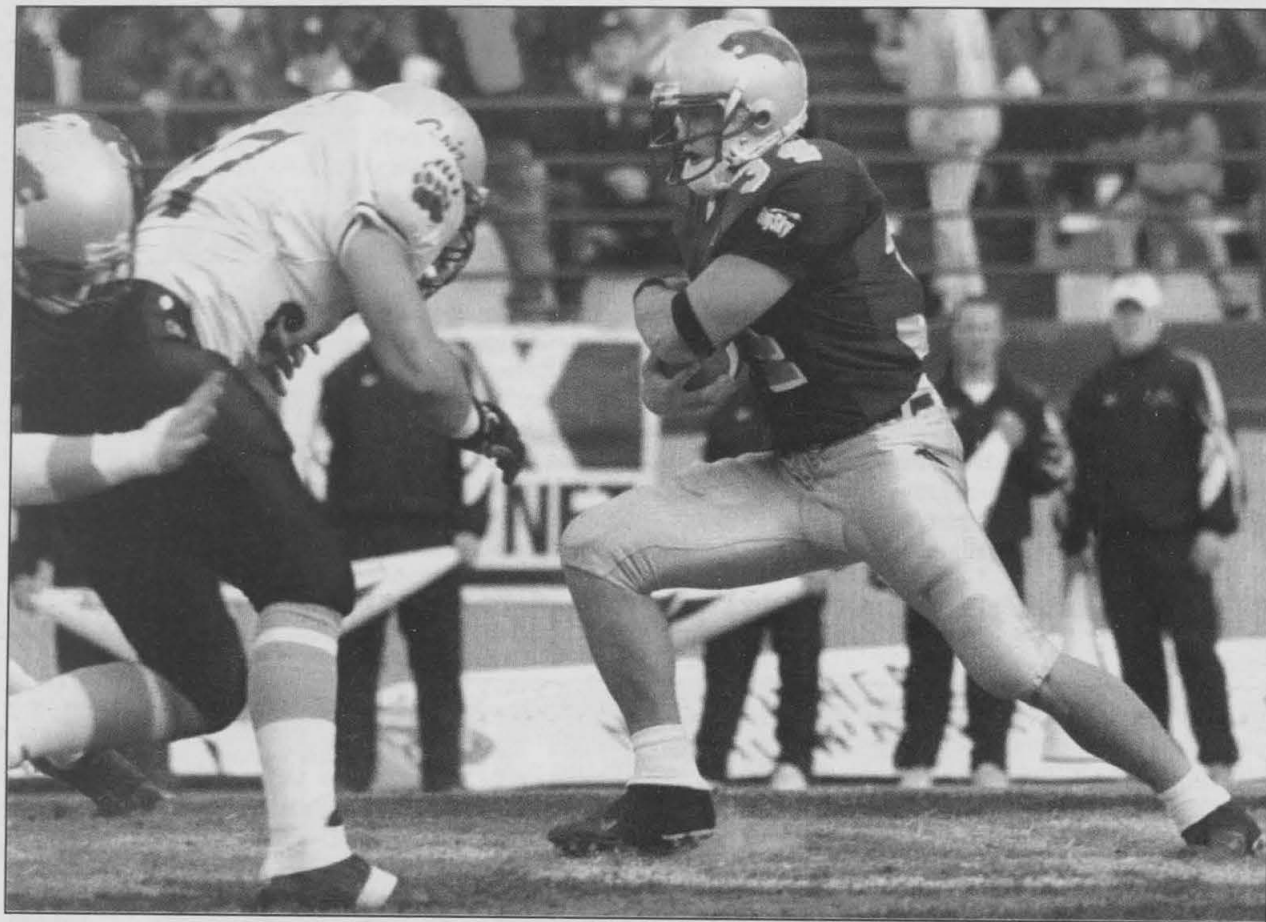
Damburger promoted to top assistant

Special to the Exponent

Butch Damburger, the senior member of the Montana State University football coaching staff, was promoted to assistant head coach on Tuesday, Bobcat head coach Mike Kramer announced. Damburger became the senior member of Cliff Hysell's first coaching staff in 1992, and was the only remaining original assistant coach when Hysell retired following the 1999 season. Damburger's duties as Montana State's offensive-line coach will remain unchanged. Damburger coached the defensive line and the secondary under Hysell, and coordinated recruiting and special teams.

"Butch is very ready for this position at this point in his career," Kramer said. "He has a solid grasp of what this program needs to do to be successful, and of the history of our football program. As an assistant coach, I was always impressed with how the areas for which Butch was responsible were handled."

Kramer said that Damburger will have some administrative duties as assistant head coach, but that he will primarily "help me understand the nuances of this program, the



Exponent file photo by Jay Thane

The Montana State offensive line, being run over by Grizzly defenders in this photo, saw their coach Butch Damburger promoted to assistant head coach Tuesday. Damburger will continue his duties as offensive line coach in addition to taking on the responsibility of being head coach Mike Kramer's top assistant.

history of this program. Butch exudes the qualities and characteristics that go into making a good assistant head coach, and probably a good head coach."

Damburger coached four

All-America defensive linemen (Jason Hicks, '93; Devlan Geddes, '94; Neal Smith, '97; and Ty O'Connor, '98) and an All-America safety (Shon Flores, '99) at Montana State. He also produced nine All-Big Sky

players (seven linemen, two defensive backs).

Prior to joining the Bobcat coaching staff, Damburger was the head coach at Havre High (1987-91) and at Choteau High (1983-86), and was an assistant

at Great Falls CM Russell High.

A Cut Bank native, Damburger was a two-time All-Big Sky tight end at MSU (1978-79), and was part of MSU's 1976 Division II National Championship squad.

Environmentalists ignoring compromise with snowmobiles

By Tom Costello
Exponent Sports Editor

Beginning the weekend, last Wednesday actually weekends this big tend to get two or three day head start in West Yellowstone), the thoughts of "Snowmobiling's Last Stand" were running rampant through my head.

Was the snowmobile on its way out of Yellowstone National Park? Probably. Was the livelihood of a small mountain town and the direct future of the snowmobile industry hanging in the balance? Most certainly.

And articles such as "A Vanishing Breed" (Bozeman Daily Chronicle, March 14) by Scott McMillion that appeared on the front page of the only Montana daily newspaper within 50 miles did nothing to alleviate my position.

Apparently, the Environmentalists had made their stand. They want the snowmobile out of the wilderness, and the first step is to remove it from Yellowstone National Park permanently.



Exponent file photo by Sol Leonard
If current trends continue, snowmobiles like these may no longer be allowed in Yellowstone.

They—groups like the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Fund for Animals and other similar groups—had proposed several other winter use options for the park.

Including grooming the current snowmobile trail for Snowcoach (a van-like vehicle that has been modified to travel over snow via groomed trails) only travel, to plowing the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful completely for wheeled vehicle use, through shutting

down the park completely during the winter month's.

Five days later, as I pointed my car North for the return trip to Bozeman, My mind had been changed.

Yes, the snowmobile is running short of "Yellowstone" time. But unfortunately for the life of the town of West Yellowstone, the Environmentalist Anti-Snowmobile movement

see Snowmobile page 8

Winter fun not over yet

Jessica Shoemaker
Exponent Features Editor

I see you out there, wearing your cargo shorts and flip-flops, sure signs that this is probably your first taste of spring in Montana. I see you walking back to your dorm rooms and frat houses like it's no big deal to be barely dressed when it's 30 degrees outside.

I just have to let you in on a little local secret — just because the sun is shining doesn't mean it's warm out!

In fact, this time of year usually brings some of the best snow storms of the season. Judging by the nice little flurry yesterday afternoon, I'd say this year is no exception.

That's good news for Montana ski resorts. The snow sport season is still in full swing for the last couple weeks of lift operation, and a handful of events are being held this weekend.

The folks at Bridger Bowl are gearing up for the 19th Annual Pinhead Classic on Saturday. This event features a costumed telemark race presented this year under the theme of "development."

On Sunday, Bridger is hosting two events—the Bridger Bowl Bump-off and the Snowboard League Series PIG Air. For more information on entry fees and start times, contact Bridger Bowl events at 586-1518 or visit their website at www.bridgerbowl.com

The Jimmie Heuga Snow Express is coming to Big Sky Resort on Saturday. This traveling racing series involves teams of three skiers, boarders, telemarkers (any age, any ability, in any combination) taking on the challenge of raising money to help fight the debilitating effects of multiple sclerosis. Local teams will compete at Big Sky for a chance to win prizes including a trip to Vail, Colo., for the National Finals.

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Fans give Rocker standing ovation

Gene Guidi
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Standing ovation.

That was the reception awaiting John Rocker as the chastised reliever sprinted in from the Atlanta Braves' bullpen for his spring training debut against the Tigers last Tuesday night.

The first batter he faced, Gregg Jefferies, was surprised by the reaction of the crowd of 10,070 — a record for a Braves spring training game.

"I was shocked — very shocked," Jefferies said. "It looks like the fans forgave him for what he said."

"He made a mistake — I hope he has learned from it."

Rocker, who offended gays, women, ethnic minorities and teammates among others in a December Sports Illustrated

interview, was a bit wild in his first appearance. He fell behind Jefferies, 3-0, before getting him on a 3-1 pop to third base. The next batter, Javier Cardona, grounded to third on a 1-1 pitch before Robert Fick took a called third strike on a 2-2 curve to finish Atlanta's 4-0 victory.

"It looks like everyone has forgiven him, doesn't it?" Fick said of the fan reaction. "It had to be pretty special to him to have the fans welcome him back like they did."

"I wish him luck — he's a hell of a pitcher."

Afterward, Rocker spoke briefly to an Atlanta reporter before ducking into the training room for a 45-minute workout. He sent word through the Braves that he wouldn't speak with the two dozen or so reporters who gathered around his locker in the clubhouse.

After his ballyhooed return

two weeks ago, Rocker hasn't attracted as much attention.

The Braves hope to keep it that way for the rest of spring training.

"If the media chooses to start it up again, then it will," general manager John Schuerholz said. "It's a guy pitching for the first time this spring. That's all it should be."

Rocker was suspended and fined by commissioner Bud Selig; an arbitrator reduced the suspension from the first 28 days of the season to 14 and cut his fine from \$20,000 to \$500.

Selig said the arbitrator's ruling "completely ignores the sensibilities of those groups of people maligned by Mr. Rocker."

Rumors that Rocker was headed to Montreal for reliever Ugueth Urbina have quieted while the Braves see what effect — if any — his presence has on

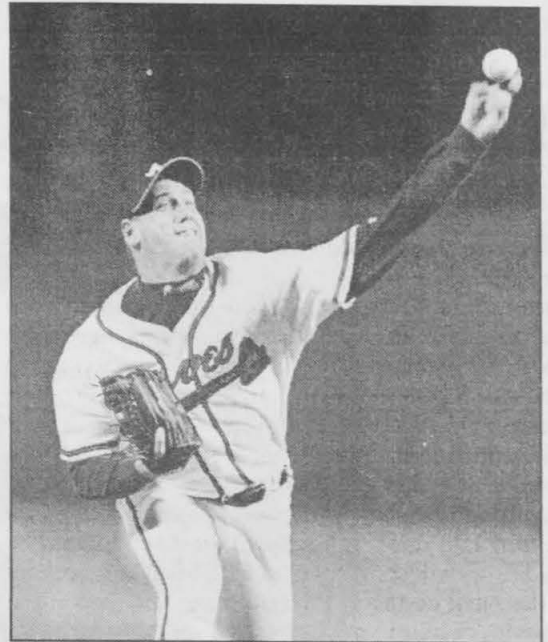


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by CPX

John Rocker, shown here in the 1999 World Series, made his first appearance, following his off-season racist remarks last Tuesday.

clubhouse harmony.

"We're trying to get our team in shape with as little controversy as possible,"

manager Bobby Cox said. "Everyone is willing to give people a second chance, and that is his."

Snowmobile: Conflict will damage small town

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(calling them Enviro-Nazis more than once would just be name calling), has seen the progress already made by the snowmobile industry, and chose to ignore it.

In response to threats (most of which began three years ago) of shutting down Yellowstone Park to only allow cleaner, quieter machines, the industry responded and production of that machine has begun (Red-Line, one of the newest snowmobile manufacturers, unveiled its newest, cleaner, quieter machine and representatives from the other major manufacturers are happy to talk about their plans for a similar machine).

But the Environmentalist

has not taken notice—unwilling to budge at all. They refuse to allow the park to continue admitting any snowmobiles, even those built under certain environmental specifications (the industry would play along). Instead, the Environmentalist continues to push for the complete banning of snowmobiling in Yellowstone.

It just seems so simple to me that the solution, and what would be best for the environment (which I believe is the number-one goal for Environmentalists), not to mention the 750 year-round residents of West Yellowstone, would be to continue to allow snowmobiles in the park under a restricted basis. Allowing only machines that were

built with better noise control and less emissions to enter.

With this card up their sleeve, the Environmentalists can control the future of the snowmobile, forcing the industry to create a quieter, cleaner machine, save the future of a small mountain town and, in the long run, help create a machine that is better for the environment.

But doing something like that may mean the snowmobile has a future in our outdoors, and that may just be too much for the environmentalist to handle. They want the snowmobile gone, and apparently they don't care who they have to ruin to do it.



Winter: Resorts still have a variety of events before winter is over

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Red Lodge Mountain Resort is offering a \$1,000 purse to winners in the pro-division of the Three Jump Jackpot on Sunday. Over \$7,500 in prizes will be awarded to both the pro and amateur categories. Entry fees are \$50 for pros (includes lift ticket) and \$20 for amateurs (lift ticket extra). Contest info can be found at www.redlodge.com/snowsports.

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Exponent Outdoors

Goodbye winter ... hello spring

Payre Smith
Exponent Outdoors Columnist

With only a few good snowstorms in the past few months, the ski season proved to be quite disappointing for the most part.

Many people, including myself, were forced to find good snow in resorts outside the area. The conditions were a let down this year, not exactly what this area has been known for in the past. This last week (including yesterday afternoon) or so has shown some last second effort to improve, but it appears as though the skis, boots, boards and poles will be put away for another year very soon.

The conclusion of the ski season, however, opens a whole new realm of outdoor sights, sports and activities. The back roads and trails will soon open up with hikers and bikers frequenting the back country. Pitched tents will become a much more familiar sight to people as the weather warms in readiness for upcoming spring and summer months.

Frisbees and baseballs will replace snowballs in the air, and the clothes will come off as people show off their often blinding skin tone. I know that it is rough, but short-sleeved shirts and daisy dukes are on the way. Walking around

campus should not be such a bore any longer, if you know what I mean.

The avalanche dangers will be over before long, as bears wake up from their slumbers, and bells will replace beacons as a safety precaution.

Birds other than magpies and ravens are back home for a while, and those damn rodents will hopefully find a good summer residence as well.

Big game animals are trading in their racks for softer velvet ones, and many of the area's horses are getting a new pair of shoes.

The rivers and creeks are rising fast, and you can already see some die-hard kayakers in the Gallatin Canyon as the speed is picking up on the water.

Since school is a mere five-and-a-half weeks from ending in Montana for college kids, and a good share of us will be headed back home for a summer job. We should try to take advantage of the surrounding areas and get outside as often as possible to enjoy the spring weather.

Weather permitting, these next few weeks should prove to be a good time for outdoor enthusiasts.

The ski season may have been somewhat of a bust, but it should be fairly easy to make up for lost outings here in the next few weeks.

Harriers

grab honors

Special to the Exponent

Montana State's 1999 women's cross country team has been named Academic All-America by the Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Coaches Association.

Last year's squad compiled a composite 3.19 grade point average. The team finished second in the Big Sky Conference in Estacada, Ore., and fourth in the NCAA Mountain Region Championships in Fort Collins, Colo. Heidi Johnson was All-Big Sky, finishing ninth, while Emily Thompson led MSU by finishing 17th at the Mountain Region meet.

"This is an outstanding honor for our program because it recognizes academic excellence, which this program strives for," said MSU coach Dale Kennedy.

Montana State team members last fall were: (sophomores) Kelley Mattingly, elementary education; Emily Plummer, horticulture; (juniors) Kelly Concho, elementary education; Heidi Johnson, chemistry; Amy Norden, psychology; (seniors) Danielle Loomis, elementary education; Emily Thompson, history.

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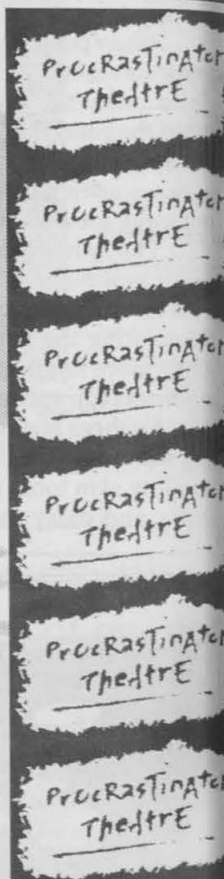
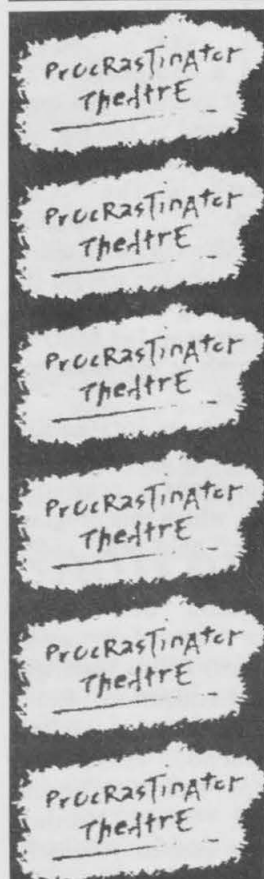
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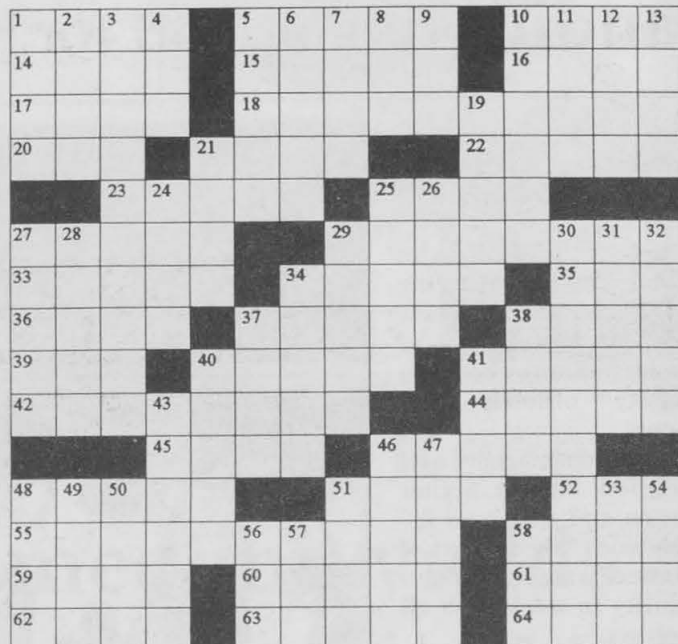
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"Irish Americans are about
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LIFE IN
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My 1969
DIARY CHAPTER VIII



FEB. 26th 1969 Wednesday
I stupidly took my ZAP comix to school today and loaned one of them to Sparky, who could it keep the damn thing hidden in class, so of course a teacher took it away. GOD SPARKY IS STUPID!!! Well if he doesn't get it back he'll have to pay me for it. Sparky said he'd give me some grass but I said No way.

Springfield dance I could have a free ticket so I said ok and she said to be out in front of Lincoln High at 8 am tomorrow and so that was today, but they didn't show up.... Anyway it turns out I couldn't go because I had to babysit the two sisters.... We watched a horrible movie (Doris Day) and then I put Lisa and Maggie to bed and listened to CHEAP THRILLS. Goon night!

FEBRUARY 25th TOOSDAY
Oh #@#! I left this out on my desk today... Any of you @#!* that are reading this without my permission, boy you're really gonna get it.... nothing much happened today.... everybody in Geometry class practically flunked the test.... we're doing the chapter in the book over again.... damn test in Biology

FEB. 27 Thursday 1969
I snuck out of the library during Social Studies last period and just now Jamie Angell calls up and says a lot of people saw me leave school. Oh well, if someone squeals I'll just say I was done with all my work and to sit around in Social Studies class would've been a waste of time (which is true) and I'll say that I was really

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Oh #@#!*!! The damn barber.... I told him I wanted a trim.... I'll never get a haircut at Moler Barber College again!

today.... Mrs. Raymond, my French teacher, is just about the most totally hip teacher in school.... I guess.... Got the highest score in English today... it was a test I got 100.... Like Lenny Bruce said though, "That doesn't mean anything unless you got a 20...." Get it? The competitive system... who likes it.... the winners... See ya later!

Sorry and I won't skip out of school again (which is a lie). From now on I must only sneak out when it's almost certain I won't be caught.
FEB. 28, 1969 Friday
Anyway after I wrote in my diary yesterday I listened to KVAN you know on the radio and so I called up to request this song, see, and so the lady that answered said if I would put up these posters to the Buffalo



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Candidate: Support for higher education promised

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Regents and the Legislature toward advocacy, we can make higher education a priority," Mazurek said.

According to Bradley, a lot of problems with garnering funding for colleges in Montana occurs because of misunderstandings between university officials and legislators.

"We [Montana] have a lot of tension about higher education and who runs it," Bradley said. "My support of Joe Mazurek is seeing him have the ability to work with all perspectives."

The pair also mentioned the importance of earmarking state dollars to support research at the institutions of higher education in Montana.

"Research absolutely grows jobs, and yet it is one of those areas where we get an enormous amount of money from the federal government but we don't have an allocation of state participation," Bradley said. "Programs that we have right now may get cut off."

Another element of the Mazurek speech focused on increasing financial aid for students working their way



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Candidate for Lieutenant Governor Dorothy Bradley speaks to a group of students, faculty and staff in front of Montana Hall.

through school. He said Montana needs more scholarships that place an emphasis on need and more that award money based on merit.

Mazurek said Montana needs a governor willing to work as an advocate to raise state support of higher education to a level similar to that of

neighboring states. Montana currently ranked second to last in the amount of state money spent per in-state student in a recent study.

Likewise, Bradley said she wants to create a system that would integrate all of the public colleges in Montana to make classes easily accessible and credits more transferable.

Finally, the candidates stressed the importance of regulating the rising cost of tuition costs by increasing the amount of state subsidy given to the MUS. The Board of Regents recently improved a tuition increase for next year.

"Raising tuition to cover a lack of state support is one of those scenarios that cannot continue or you price education out of students reach," Bradley said. "It's a trend that needs to be brought to an end."

Ultimately, Mazurek stressed the importance of stimulating student interest in the politics of Montana. He encouraged all students to register to vote and to participate in November's election. Of course, he also asked students to vote for his campaign.

"Dorothy and I have a combined 28 years experience in the Legislature," he said. "Every one of which we have been advocates of higher education in general. We also have a proven record of getting people together and getting things done. Anyone can propose a plan, but we have a record of getting things done."

UM gets big gift for sports department from Great Falls couple

MISSOULA (AP) — A Great Falls attorney and his wife have donated about \$550,000 to the sports program at the University of Montana, school officials announced Tuesday.

The cash gift from John and Vickie Hoyt, along with contributions from others, will go toward completion of the Athletic Department's office complex in the Adams Center.

The center's remodeling project was completed last fall but bond sales were not enough to fund office renovations.

Wayne Hogan, UM athletic director, said the Hoyt gift will provide a major portion of the funding to create 40 offices for coaches and administrative staff, now housed in temporary offices at Washington-Grizzly Stadium and in trailers north of the center.

More than 40 other gifts were received to supplement the Hoyts' contribution.

Hoyt is a 1948 graduate of UM's law school and a longtime financial supporter of UM's intercollegiate sports programs.

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prosecutor Sean Eskovitz asked the judge to go higher, due to the large number of threats, and defense attorney Paul Davison asked her to go lower, citing a doctor's finding of mental problems.

McMahon denied both motions, saying sentencing Francis for each call would result in a life behind bars, whereas he did not deserve "anything remotely approaching that."

"Nobody thinks he was on his way to Nebraska or Kansas to murder anyone," she added.

But she also noted that Francis was over 18 and knew that medication could help him, but "he did not get the help."

In addition to the 22 months in prison, the judge sentenced Francis to three years of probation and ordered treatment for alcohol abuse. She recommended psychological treatment as well.

"This defendant should be on medication and in treatment, in therapy," she said. If he gets that, she added, "There is a significant likelihood that I will never see him again."



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