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Vermont lawyer says gays up for a tough battle ahead concerning marriage rights

Mont Writer

Attorney Beth Robinson said she would win the benefits of marriage for same-sex couples in Vermont last year, she told an audience at the State University on Thursday that rights are already under the state's Legislature. The law is being challenged already," Robinson said. A crowd of about 50 at the Union Building. "There are meetings weekly in the Legislature to change the law." In November of 1998, Robinson successfully argued before the Vermont Supreme Court for "right to marriage" for gay and lesbian couples and consequently the civil union law was passed in 1999. The state is the first country to legally recognize same-sex unions. Robinson said that the battle in the Supreme Court was "simple...is the Vermont going to give the rights of people benefits to another?" She said the Court agreed with that position but "procre-

ation was a question...same-sex couples can't have children together." The Court opinion, which said that "a recognition of our common humanity" entitles gay and lesbian couples to all the rights and benefits as other people, was termed by Robinson as a "huge breakthrough."

The court declined to decide on whether to include same-sex relationships in marriage laws. Robinson said that question was left to the Vermont Legislature, and "civil union" was their answer.

"We debated on whether to support the new legislation," she said of the "civil union" terminology. "In the end, we supported the law. We made it to the bus."

Vermont lawmakers ruled that couples joined in civil union were entitled to all marriage benefits as well, including the right to seek termination of the union in divorce court. Other rights legally protected include benefit and entitlement awards, hospital visitation and burial rights.

"One of the most horrifying stories I've heard was of two guys in New York," Robinson said. "One man died, and his

partner buried him and visited the grave often." She said that the surviving man planned to be buried there, as well, and on one visit his partner's tombstone was "sitting by the dumpster in pieces," and there was a hole in the ground where the man had been buried.

"His family had taken him," she said. "These are the kinds of injustices that motivate me."

Robinson said that "divisiveness and polarization in the heat of the political season" followed in the wake of the new legislation, though exit polls during the November elections showed support for the civil union law.

"The legislators who backed us were the real heroes," she said. Some of those lawmakers were defeated during the election as a result, but Robinson added, "for every legislator who lost their seat, five won...none of them who lost regret it." She said that she does not know what impact the Vermont legislation will have nationwide.

"I don't think it's ever too soon to start the conversation," Robinson said, noting that Vermont is "in the middle

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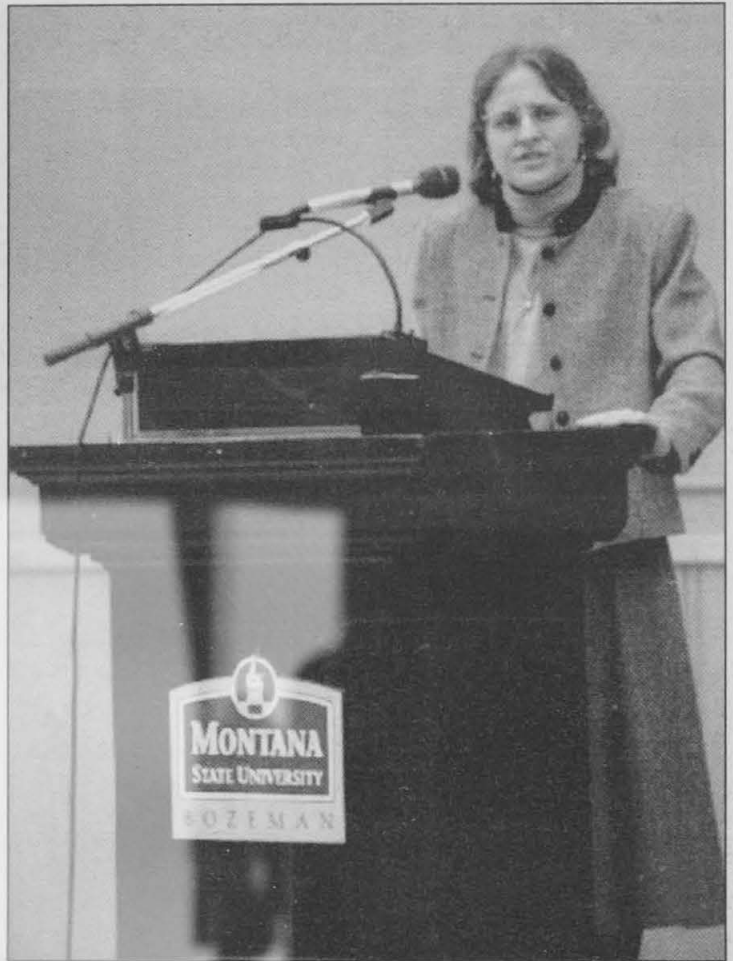


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Vermont attorney Beth Robinson addressed a crowd of about 50 Thursday night at MSU. Robinson is a gay rights activist, advocating civil union marriage rights.

MSU grad receives J. Mitchell Scholarship

Raley
Mont Writer

Michelle Miles, a May 1999 MSU graduate, is one of 12 students nationwide to receive the J. Mitchell Scholarship.

Miles was named in honor of Sen. J. Mitchell's contribution to the peace process in Northern Ireland. Mitchell's efforts were seen from a pool of more than 200 applicants for a year of study at an American university. Miles was chosen for her intellectual distinction, leadership potential, and community commitment. Miles is expected to return for the year 2001.

Literature with an emphasis on the relationship between literature and culture.

"I want to use my love for literature to study ethics in terms of cultural relations," said Miles.

Born and raised in

things for her family while she was growing up was being in the back country, cherishing the wilderness's splendor, and uniqueness. Miles explained that much like Montana, the beauty of Ireland has led to a significant boom in the past years.

"Growing up in Montana, I know well the passion for a homeland and the painful struggle to protect it," said Miles.

Miles attended Bozeman High School and then continued on to MSU. She was a ballet dancer for many years, which was her "true, first love." She has been a volunteer with the gifted-and-talented program of the

Bozeman public schools and a volunteer ballet

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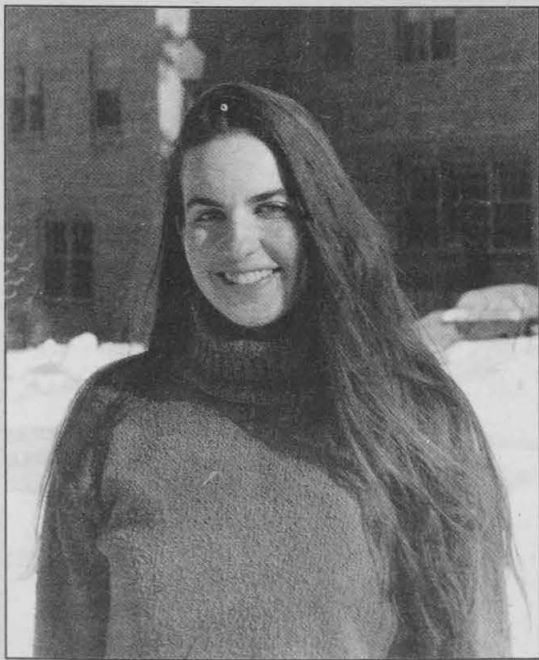


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Michelle Miles will study Anglo-Irish Literature at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland in the fall of 2001.

Bozeman, Miles was taught to appreciate the land. One of the most important

Father of Oklahoma City bombing victim speaks out

Pat Hill

Exponent Writer

Strapped to a stainless steel bed, a criminal is injected with poison. The liquid slowly courses through his veins, summoning death while onlookers observe behind a glass partition.

Is this type of punishment just? Can we justify killing with killing? Does the death penalty offer redemption?

A man slated to speak at MSU this Friday, Bud Welch, would answer, "No, No, No." But of all people, Welch should have the strongest reason to support the death penalty. His daughter, Julie-Marie, a Spanish interpreter for the Social Security Administration, was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing in April 1995.

As punishment for this act of terrorism, Timothy McVeigh, the convicted organizer of the bombing, has been sentenced to death. McVeigh, now a literal dead man walking, relinquished all appeals in December, forcing him to take full responsibility and paving the way for his lethal injection on May 16.

"I went through five weeks of insanity," Welch wrote of his

daughter's death in a press release for Amnesty International. "Now I know why people accused of committing horrible crimes are rushed from the car to the courthouse wearing bullet proof vests."

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Let us not forget nothing lasts forever

Zach Gildersleeve Exponent Columnist

I got an email a while ago that I think, in light of recent crises across the world, needs to be shared. The words in the email are attributed to Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator from Toronto.

The fact that he is Canadian is important because the email is essentially a defense of the United States in the international setting. America does take a lot of crap in world politics, the WTO and human civil rights, NATO and the supposed use of our military might to open up markets for capitalism (which is not necessarily a false accusation, but not necessarily a bad thing, either), and the colonization of American popular culture elsewhere.

Even in domestic affairs, like the recent election snafu and, particularly, the Clinton impeachment process, the

United States tends to be ridiculed by other countries.

Here, I quote from Sinclair: "[I think that] it is time to speak

up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans, who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts."

"When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring [last year], 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped."

No, I am not xenophobic, and I am not an isolationist. Isolationism, in fact, is dead and

buried in a world where I can talk to someone in London in half a second, via email, and be there in person in half a day. But I do

think that Sinclair has a point in that America does not get the respect it deserves.

Something like a global thank you card is in order. Starting with World War I, our country's first real entrance into international politics, and leading up

through the modern era.

Sinclair goes on to say, "None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States. When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled in the

streets of Paris. The McDonald's riot of last summer or countless other similar events.

No, I'm not saying that the United States should stop giving humanitarian aid until it starts to get some respect. Personally, I think that charitable donations, whether time, money or both, should be left up to the individual, just as every decision should be left up to the individual at all costs (it's the libertarian in me).

Nevertheless, I also think that the United States cannot afford to glance over world disasters and crises and go along its merry little way.

I say, with no small amount of pride, that we are living in the greatest age, so far, in the greatest nation yet to grace the world. However, history has taught me that no matter how great we are right now, nothing lasts forever, and the United States will eventually fall. All the more reason to enjoy and respect it now.

I have known many people who say, longingly, after

watching a period film that place in, let's say, 18th century Europe, that they were born in the wrong era. How true they could have lived some else, in some other time.

Not me, though. I'm living now, and I like it here and know that I would rather stay here in this country than live in any other period of time in history.

While having this discussion with a friend, I sighed, "Yeah, but look at how they dressed. Look at how they talked." Yes, but look at how we dress, and how we talk.

Now, we have the freedom, both socially and biologically, in the United States that humans have never had before. It is a very exciting prospect, and respect it.

Remember, respect your home. Be proud of where you live, starting in Bozeman, Montana, or wherever, and your way outwards. And demand respect from others.



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Now, I'm not usually one to complain (except in certain cases where buildings are acting inappropriately), but this time I simply cannot keep myself quiet. Any of you people out there who have had any dealings with the Education Department will most assuredly agree.

Now, to clarify my particular connection with the department in question, I will divulge my major. I am an English Teaching Option major. This means that I am mainly in the English Department (which, by the way, has been completely flawless in my experience), but I also am enrolled in the education program because when I graduate, I will have a secondary teaching certification.

Now, the seemingly simple act of enrolling in the education program is deceptively complicated. The alternately huge

and miniscule hoops that one must contort one's self in order to squeeze through are amazing.

For example, there is a very important, rather long, but not too difficult, test you must take called the PPST. At one point I did

know what all those letters stood for, but thankfully, the memory is beginning to fade. The test was quite invasive and long. Thankfully, though, I had received plenty of forewarning. I was able to complete it in plenty of time in order to make it

into the program. However, I still had not taken my verbal core class (another requirement for being in the program).

Now, I was not seeking to buck the system; I planned on taking COM 110 the semester before I really needed to be in the program (there are some classes for which you must be enrolled), but I had not counted on the inflexibility of the small hoop. I could not enroll in the program until grades from the fall

semester (the one in which I was taking COM 110) were posted.

It was not an option to take COM 110 professor to talk to the Education Department and tell them that, even if I was to quit the class before fees were charged, I still would not take the final, I still would not pass (something my professor had offered to do). Now, I who has attended MSU for more than one semester will immediately what that means could not sign up for the program needed to take in the spring. I was in the program, but I could not be in the program until grades were posted for the fall semester. It doesn't happen until after the semester due for the spring semester.

Now, don't worry, I was able to dance around, sign up for the class I did, drop the other class, and all the while, remain a full-time student so Financial Aid was not a problem. But really, what a pain in the ass.

So, I finally get into the program (Methods for Teaching English) only to find out that with this class, I am required to complete a Para Professional Experience which involves 40 hours spent in the local, public schools.

See Hoot



Flaming hoops of the education department

A quick look at the weather

• Tuesday Feb. 6
Scattered Snow

22° High
10° Low

• Wednesday Feb. 7
Mostly Cloudy

13° High
1° Low

• Thursday Feb. 8
Mostly Cloudy

21° High
8° Low

Spring is coming Romance is in the air

gi Khalsa
Exponent Columnist

Women are truly mysterious, a different species, it has been said; a comment that, while not scientifically credible, does deserve some consideration.

There's a certain mystery in one of those classes where a girl is totally hanging-out with a guy in the class. A guy, for that matter, is very attractive. A friend has told me of the man for school



but the very first time he met her, he was so extraordinarily fascinated by her that his mind, she immediately came a woman out of his mind. Men like to put women on pedestals, but they even sit better when the women sit up on pedestals.

When a man runs into a "perfect woman," his thoughts naturally turn to thoughts of armor and white knuckles. This would be the correct approach: Finding a woman in which to become a knight in her eyes so that her love would compel her to accept the first advances. Unfortunately, this rarely

works, especially with the "perfect woman."

How can one hope to find a way to distinguish himself in the eyes of such a divine creature? All of the "moves" that have proven so reliable in engaging one in a mire of meaningless relationships now seem worthless. That, gentlemen, is when you know you're over your head. So, the only intelligent thing to do is put her out of your head.

Then something serendipitous happens; a certain synchronicity brings her again into your life. A chance meeting perhaps. Smiles are exchanged, and you become obsessed with images of that smile, replaying it in the mind, growing more accustomed to the green of her eyes.

Suddenly, the search is on for accomplices and conspirators. Subterfuge becomes the trump card. Friends are engaged to find out her name; indeed, to find out as much about her possible.... Looking for a chink, a way in.

This is a crazy deal. My friend is an intelligent man, not unacquainted with the ways of the female, and yet, while this olive-skinned, red-haired woman of his dreams sits no

more than three or four seats away from him, this guy is trying to get his friends in the same class to find out what they can about her! When a man is that taken with a woman, he is at his absolute most bumbling worst... lack of confidence, sweaty palms... all the time thinking, "This is a bad idea!"

That's the terrible truth of it. No matter how skilled or experienced a man might consider himself, seldom can he live up to his reputation in the face of such a finely sculpted, dark haired, mysterious *mujer del este*, as is the object of the man's attention.

I'll tell you exactly what my friend said to me: He said, "Even to be rejected by this woman would be a thrill." I don't know whether to encourage this guy or not. I mean, he's convinced that he has no chance at all. He thinks that if he asks her out, she'll laugh at him. I ask you, is that a childish game?

My friend and I disagree. He thinks he should continue to play this game of subterfuge, and I think he should just tell the woman he has to take her on a date, or he'll die.

I promised him I would plead with the editors at *The Exponent* to let me take the case to my readers. So, if anyone wants to throw in their two bits, now is the chance.

Hoops: You'll get singed

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local, school system.

Now, admittedly, I should have known that I was responsible for this experience, but that's not what I am so upset about. There was a meeting that we were all supposed to attend in order to be placed in the school system. This meeting was quite mandatory, according to the memo distributed by Dale Olson to the professors of the teaching methods classes. The meeting was to take place on "Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, at 4:30 p.m. at BHS (Bozeman High School) cafeteria."

This by itself is not a big deal, provided there was plenty of advanced notice. I mean, if you are going to require all or most of the students of six different methods classes to attend one meeting, then proper preparations are going to have to be made. Many students have job responsibilities, and many others actually have class in the late afternoons and evenings.

But it was a big deal because three out of the six methods classes offered this semester do not meet on Tuesday and Thursday (my class included). My class met from 2:00 to 3:00. We did not get notice of the meeting until Wednesday in class, so that means that the memo did not arrive on campus until after 3:00 in the afternoon on Monday. This gave at least 1/3, if not 1/2, of the students required to attend the meeting, no more than one day's notice. Anyone with a job knows that that is not enough time to request an evening off from work.

One of the methods classes in question has class starting at 5:10 on Thursdays. Now, when you

consider the fact that the meeting started at 4:30 and ran for 30-45 minutes, you realize that all of the people in that particular class would at least be late, if not miss class entirely, because of this all important meeting.

What, you might be asking yourself, could take place in such a meeting that would make it so important as to cause an entire group of students to potentially miss their class? Dale Olson gave a brief run-down of what the Para Professional Experience was (something we had already had several times in class), and then everyone in attendance wrote down the hours when they would be available to complete their Para responsibilities (something that could easily have been done in class).

That's it. All that stress, all that worry about not being able to make the meeting because of work, all that anger at not being informed early enough to be able to make arrangements beforehand in order to attend the all important meeting; all of it just to be told something we already knew and to write something down on a piece of paper. I thought we were entering the digital age where one does not need to be present in order to transfer mere information.

So now, hopefully, those of you who have had no dealings with the Education Department can see what sort of things we must put up with when dealing with them, and those of you who have, have undoubtedly been nodding your heads the whole time you have been reading this column.

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Civil union: Robinson enables 'breakthrough'

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of the pack" for same-sex rights compared to some European countries like the Netherlands and Denmark.

"We're ahead in the U.S.," she said. "This is a real issue...we need to be thinking about it."

Robinson said that since the passing of the law, couples from 46 states have come to Vermont to be joined in civil union.

"I went to a lot of weddings last summer," she said. "I get an exciting feeling when I hear the words 'by the power vested in me, I pronounce a civil union.'"

Betsy Danforth, Director of the MSU Women's Center, said that she "particularly enjoyed" the personal stories Robinson related during her speech. She also said that Robinson's story was "a good take on the legal system and how it works." She said that Montana is "pretty far" from similar recognition of equal

rights for same-sex couples, with a law against sodomy "still on the books" and a lack of hate crimes legislation pertaining to sexual orientation.

The *Helena Independent Record* reported last week that Montana Rep. Verdel Jack-

son, R-Kalispell, told the House Judiciary Committee recently that he believes keeping

"I get an exciting feeling when I hear the words 'by the power vested in me, I pronounce a civil union.'"

-Beth Robinson, Attorney

the state law banning homosexual contact on the books will protect school children.

"We don't want our kids taught that an alternative lifestyle is on the level with a traditional family," said Jackson, a former school administrator.

The Montana anti-gay legislation was declared unconstitutional four years ago by the Supreme Court, which said the law was in direct conflict with right-to-privacy and equal protection under the law.

Miles: Scholar to investigate literature and culture

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instructor. With an undergraduate degree in English and French, Miles was a Presidential Scholar at Montana State and the recipient of the Women of Achievement and MSU Alumni Chamber Excellence awards in 1999.

While in school, Miles studied abroad for a year in Montpellier, France. Her experience in France gave her an indication about the importance of studying in another country.

"When I went to France I was interested in what it was to understand another culture, and obviously the first part of that is language," said Miles. "I feel that literature is a very interesting and valuable way to study cultures."

Having worked previously in Washington, D.C., for Montana Sen. Max Baucus, Miles was able to gain a greater understanding about the issues of indigenous people, their environ-

ment and their traditional views of the land. Miles also did a fellowship with the Northern Rockies branch of the Wilderness Society, where she focused on land ethics as viewed by modern conservationists and Native American concepts of sacred space.

Miles has never traveled to Ireland, but she

each other discussing politics or ideas, you are going to have a very different response than if you have two people sitting in a theater watching a play about the

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-Michelle Miles, J. Mitchell Scholarship recipient

cultures from an artist's standpoint."

Miles is looking forward to the opportunity to study in her particular discipline, but also to work with 12 other students who are interested in helping people understand other cultures. The group of students are scheduled to travel over Ireland, meeting people from many different political parties.

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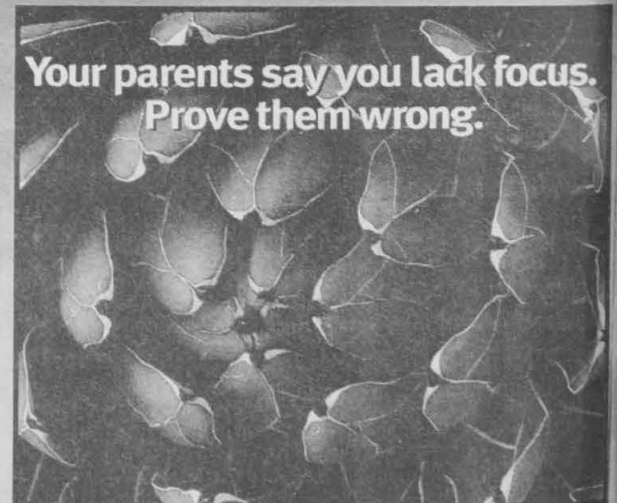
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the band that just keeps getting better

The Clintons return to Bozeman receiving great responses to their music



The Clintons Band at the Cat's Paw Saturday
rock and roll at a Clintons show brings a crowd

"A big part of our show is the performance," said Clintons songwriter John McClellan, who also sings and plays the acoustic guitar. "Things have gone through the roof with our new music." The band played 14 new songs, along with tunes from their debut CD *Kinky* at Saturday's show.

"Our diehard fans always tell us 'don't play covers,'" said percussionist Josh Keehr. "Every gig we play is, to me, more high energy than the last one. The show just keeps getting better."

"We started out slow," agreed McClellan. "Six months later, we're rockin'!" The band shot video footage at the Cat's Paw show, which McClellan said that they will use for marketing as they prepare to play larger venues.

"We're shopping ourselves into clubs in Washington, Oregon and Minnesota," said McClellan. "The buzz that the Bozeman shows have created has



The Clintons are back in Bozeman, bringing
us a few warm-up performances that are to
be followed by a midwest tour. The Clintons
will be playing at the Cat's Paw Mar. 2 and 3.

traveled to Minneapolis and Chicago. People want to see us."

McClellan said that *Kinky* has sold more than 700 copies since its release in Sept., 2000. The band also has MP3 downloads available at their website, clintonband.com.

"Check out the website," said McClellan. "We're getting 150-200 hits a week...all through word of mouth. Our audience is principally 18-28 years old. They're all online."

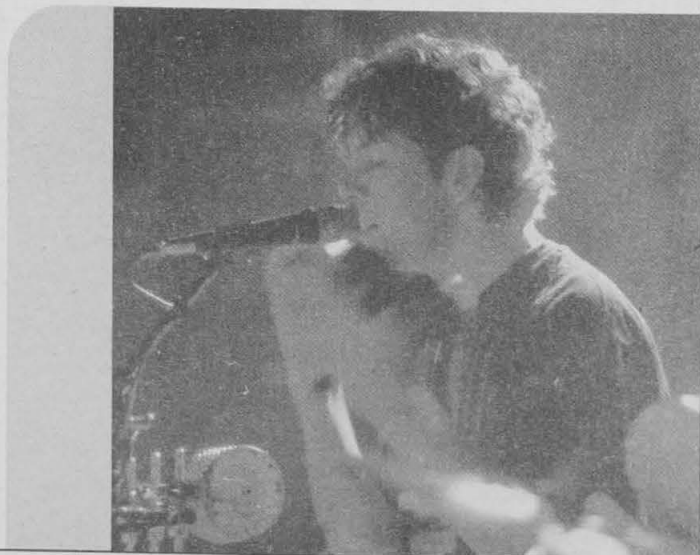
New music is not the only change for the band. Keehr has congos in his percussion lineup now, and Levi Kajala has a new set of drums. Jeff Kitto has a new keyboard system, and Ian Anderson wails on the harmonica, as well as on his electric guitar. Kevin Okragly is as crazy as ever with his bass, and his friend Chad Korb played a mean sax during his guest appearance with the band on Saturday.

"It's cool we all have our own individual personalities that add up to the unique sound that is the Clintons Band," said Keehr.

The Clintons Band will play at the Cat's Paw again on March 2 and 3. Do not miss your chance to see one of Bozeman's finest bands.



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Conseling and Psychological Services are providing more than a helping hand

Ali Schultz
Exponent Writer

Counseling and Psychological Services is offering a series of monthly workshops and seminars again this semester. Brian Kassar worked to establish the series to cover useful topics for any MSU student, from freshman to senior.

The "Coping with College" workshops and Informational Seminars were created "to better meet the needs of the students," said Kassar. Res Life hosts the workshops, which have addressed time management, coping with finals/test anxiety, acquaintance rape and addictions. Kassar said the workshops held last semester were well attended. However, he would like to

see more students tapping into these resources, since they have been designed especially for them.

The Informational Seminars are tailored to meet the current needs of MSU students. The topics are chosen from issues that Counseling Services and Res Life have identified as prevalent topics affecting the students on campus.

"The college experience is more than academics," Kassar said.

The workshops are offered to help students during their college experience.

Kassar asserts that "Students who are better equipped to navigate transitions will likely do better academically," or will at least suffer less of an academic impact when they are confronted with transitional or developmental issues.

"The programs offer skills that students may not learn in

the classroom; skills that they can take with them in life," Kassar said.

CPS workshops are free of charge and open to students, staff, faculty and community members.

"Coping With College" Workshops

"Building Better Relationships"

Get ready for Valentine's Day by exploring what makes a good relationship. Focus will include communication styles and negotiating conflict. Monday, Feb. 12, 7-8 p.m. in South Hedges Lobby

"Senior Transitions"

Designed to discuss the transition from school to career. Hear from others and learn ways to deal with career search, transition anxieties, planning for the future, etc. Monday, March 26, 7-8 p.m. in Johnstone Lobby.

"Mirror Mirror"

This seminar will provide information and discussion on body image and eating disorders. Both men and women are encouraged to attend. Monday, April 9 7-8 p.m. in Hapner Hall Central Room.

Informational Seminars

"Overcoming Shyness"

This seminar is designed to help students learn new ways to initiate relationships and cope with feeling nervous in social situations. Friday, Feb. 2 and Friday, Feb. 9, 9-10:30 a.m. in SUB 106E.

"Understanding Depression"

This seminar will answer questions regarding depression, its symptoms & treatment, and ways to cope with it or help others. Friday, Feb. 9 in SUB 274, and Friday, Feb. 16, in SUB 106E 12-1 p.m.

"Eating Disorders Awareness Week"

Watch for various seminars and information on Eating Disorders, how to Help Someone with an Eating Disorder, and Men & Eating Disorders. Monday, Feb. 26, 12-1 p.m. in SUB 271, and Thursday, March 1, 12-1 p.m. in SUB 106E.

"Coping with Infertility"

This seminar will provide information and support for those who are dealing with the dilemmas and losses associated with infertility. Wednesday, March 28, 12-1 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 211 Swing Hall.

For more information contact Counseling and Psychological Services: 994-4531, or check out the CPS website www.montana.edu/wwwc

Volunteer Fair 2001 is on its way into the streets

Lisa Conley
Exponent Writer

Take the time to make a difference this year. Visit the biannual Into the Streets fair, and take home the opportunity of a lifetime. Into the Streets is a volunteer recruitment fair designed to help different agencies present different volunteer opportunities to college students and staff. "[The agencies] are willing to talk to everyone," states Kathy Tanner, director of the fair. "They want to get the word out."

The event will take place on Wednesday - Thursday inside the SUB Northwest Lounge; hours will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. "This is a great chance to get involved," states Tanner. "The agencies will be providing sign-up sheets and information about projects." This year there are 28 agencies signed up for the fair. "By the time the event occurs," says Tanner, "there will probably be 30." Among those agencies are Eagle Mount, who helps with disabled children, Elderly Be-frienders, and the Gallatin Valley literacy program. Previous agencies of the month

include the Bridger Clinic and Gallatin Valley Land Trust. Agencies that are new to the fair include the Bozeman YMCA and Camp Make-a-Dream, a camp designed to help children who are cancer patients. Although this event is not as large as the annual career fair, Tanner concedes, the Into the Streets program is growing. "There are a lot of agencies out there," states Tanner, "and they're all making a really big difference."

If you have additional questions, please contact Kathy Tanner or Elizabeth Hillblom at 994-6902.

MSU's multi-artist exhibition

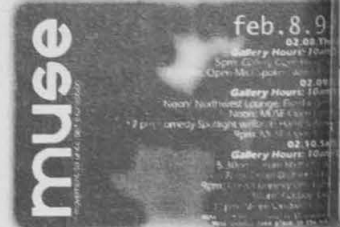
MUSE is back

Ali Schultz
Exponent Writer

The third annual MUSE exhibition will bring a celebratory diversity through the arts to the MSU SUB Ballrooms Thursday, Feb. 8, 10-11 p.m. MUSE, or the "Movement to Unite Self-Expression," was originally established by an English student to break down the barriers between the Theatre, Art, Music and English departments on campus. Health Promotion and the University Wellness Center soon became involved in the endeavor to promote artistic expression. MUSE offers an accessible venue for persons who have artistic expression and allows for a non-judgmental opening experience in a public gallery setting.

Local high school artists, as well as artists from the campus community, will be furnishing the exhibit with diverse cultural perspectives represented in individual's work. The festival is a non-juried show, and admission is free to the public. The festival will begin with the opening on Thursday and will continue through Saturday with a spectacular line up of dynamic acts and festivities.

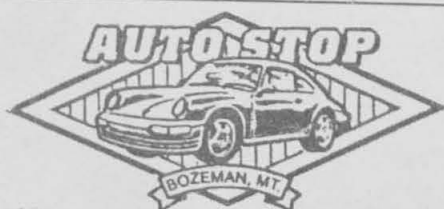
Walker Smith of Counseling and psychological Services said, "We try to pull together as much as possible to create an artistic, multi-artist exhibition on the MSU campus."



In the Know

- ❖ Is Madonna and Britney Spears pairing up? It's a possibility according to MTV News. Their so-called collaboration may or may not become a reality. Stay tuned.

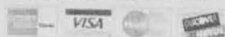
- ❖ Also in MTV News, pop singer Puff Daddy was renting out a Beverly Hills home for \$25,000 a month that was "infested with insects, rodents, and vermin." Way to go, Puffy.
- ❖ Latest video releases:
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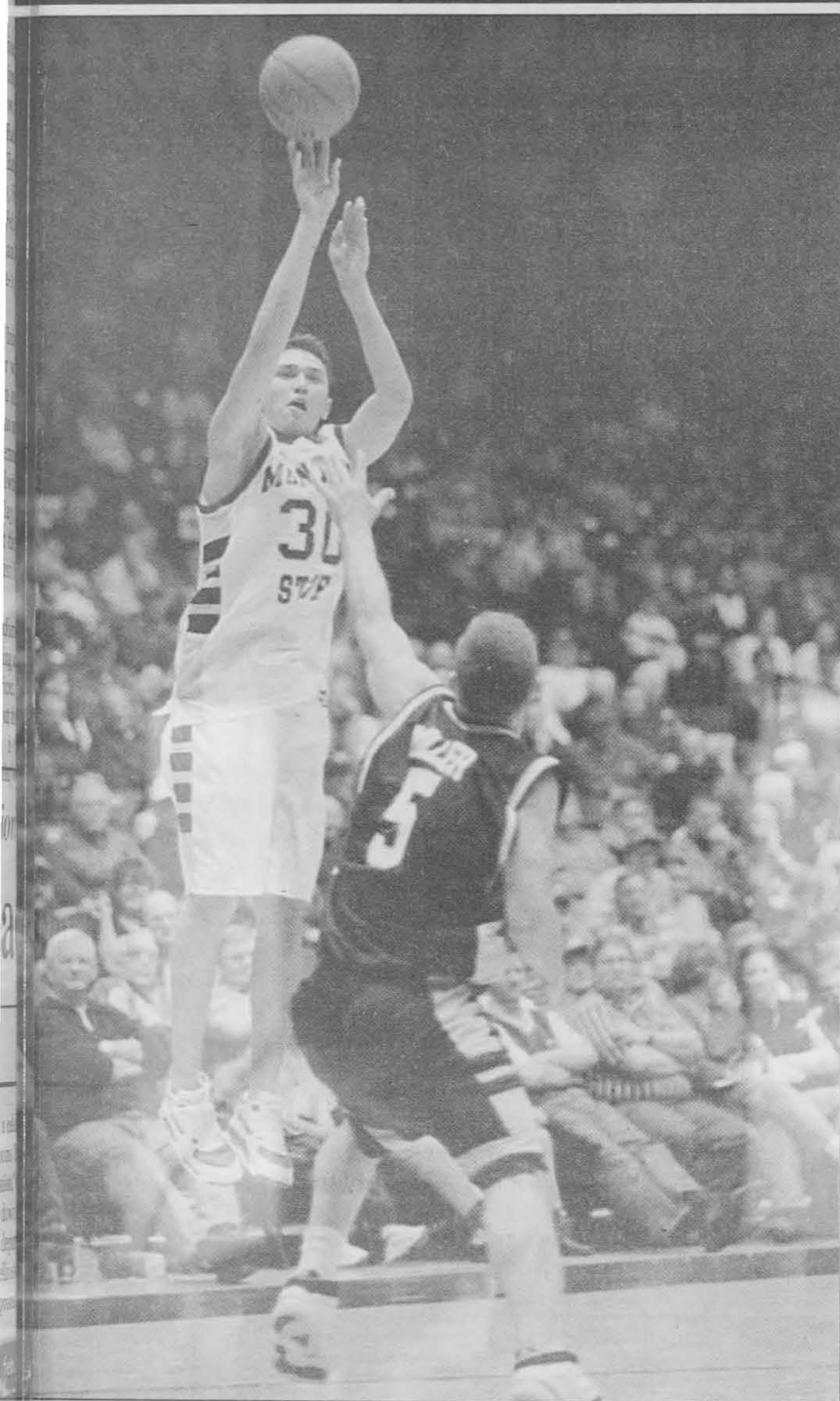


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Sophomore Pete Conway throws up a triple in a game earlier this season. Conway led the Bobcats to their second road win of the season on Saturday by scoring a team high 18 points.

Bobcats get big road win

Finish weekend half game out of second place in Big Sky Conference

Special to the Exponent

Two nights after nearly overcoming a double-digit, second-half margin against Eastern Washington, Montana State almost gave one up on Saturday. But Pete Conway scored 18 points and nailed four of his six free throws in the last minute of the game to seal Montana State's 72-63 win over Portland State in the Rose Garden.

MSU's big road win lifts MSU's record to 6-3 in Big Sky play, gives the Bobcats two road wins in league play, and puts MSU in third place in the league standings, one-half game behind 7-3 Eastern Washington and one-half game ahead of 6-4 Weber State.

The formula of MSU's win Saturday was simple, Bobcat coach Mick Durham said. "I thought defensively holding Portland State to 63 points and 45 percent shooting was the difference," said Durham who celebrated his birthday in style on Saturday.

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This is a nice step for us. When you have the chance to sweep a team, it puts distance between you and them and gives you the advantage if you need a tie-breaker."

-Mick Durham
MSU Men's
Basketball Coach

Portland State shot only 39 percent in the first half, as MSU built a 36-26 advantage, and shot just 45.5 percent for the game. MSU took advantage of its late lead to nail 24 of its 28 free throws, easily the team's best free throw performance of the season. Pete Conway scored a season-high 18 points on 5-for-6 shooting, nailing 8-of-10 free throws and grabbing four boards. The Bobcats were even with PSU in rebounds (28) and turnovers (15).

"This is a nice step for us," Durham said. "When you have the chance to sweep a team, it puts distance between you and them and gives you the advantage if you need a tie-breaker."

The Bobcats play two road games next week, at Sacramento State on Wednesday and at Montana on Saturday. "We're home for a day-and-a-half before we leave for Sacramento on Tuesday, then we're back for a day before we leave for Missoula. This is a tough stretch, but every team in the league has to go play these games; it's just our turn. We need to concentrate on getting ready for each game."

Intramural aerobics

2 step all winter

By B. Kolarich
Special to the Exponent

Intramural Aerobics are away and in full force. Fitness classes are held both Gym of the PEC and the Ex. Early birds can get their workout on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with "Jump and Burn" a combination of floor aerobics. Noon time exercisers, a variety of options are available: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday's "Does It" is just that; a low impact introduction to low impact exercises, which include cardiovascular, strength and flexibility components. Regular weekday noon aerobics includes Interval Aerobics, BAB's (back, butt, and legs), N-1, Double Step and

S.A.M. (stability, agility and mobility).

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Thinking ahead...

Football schedule announced

Patrick Schmiedt
Sports Editor

The 2001 Montana State Bobcat football schedule has been released. A couple of changes are in store for head coach Mike Kramer's squad next year, who will look to improve on last year's dismal 0-11 season.

The Bobcats have upgraded their schedule, playing two competitive D-1 opponents on the road in the first three weeks of the season. MSU starts the season with three consecutive road games. The 2001 season starts at the Alabama-Birmingham Blazers, who play in Conference USA. UAB finished 7-4 overall last season, and were 3-4 in conference play. Then, MSU plays at Weber State in a Big Sky Conference game.

The third game of the year will prove to be a the toughest test of the year, as the Bobcats will take on the Oregon State Beavers, who, at 11-1, finished fifth in the final ESPN/USA Today college football poll in 2000.

MSU returns from their road trip to two home games against California

schools (independent Cal Poly and Big Sky opponent Cal State Northridge) before hitting the road again to take on the Eastern Washington Eagles.

Four of the last five home games will be held in Bobcat Stadium. The only road game in this stretch will take MSU to Portland, Ore., to take on the Portland State Vikings.

Spring football begins for the Bobcats on April 9, and the Blue-Gold spring scrimmage will take place May 5 at Bobcat Stadium. The first major scrimmage of the spring will be April 21 against Stevensville.

Here is the complete schedule for the 2001 MSU football team:

Date	Opponent	Location
Aug. 30	Alabama-Birmingham	Birmingham, Alab.
Sept. 8	Weber State	Ogden, Utah
Sept. 15	Oregon State	Corvallis, Ore.
Sept. 22	Cal Poly	Bozeman
Sept. 29	Cal State Northridge	Bozeman
Oct. 6	Eastern Washington	Spokane, Wash.
Oct. 13	Sacramento State	Bozeman
Oct. 20	Open	
Oct. 27	Northern Arizona	Bozeman
Nov. 3	Portland State	Portland, Ore.
Nov. 10	Idaho State	Bozeman
Nov. 17	Montana	Bozeman

Lady 'Cats fall to inspired Portland State

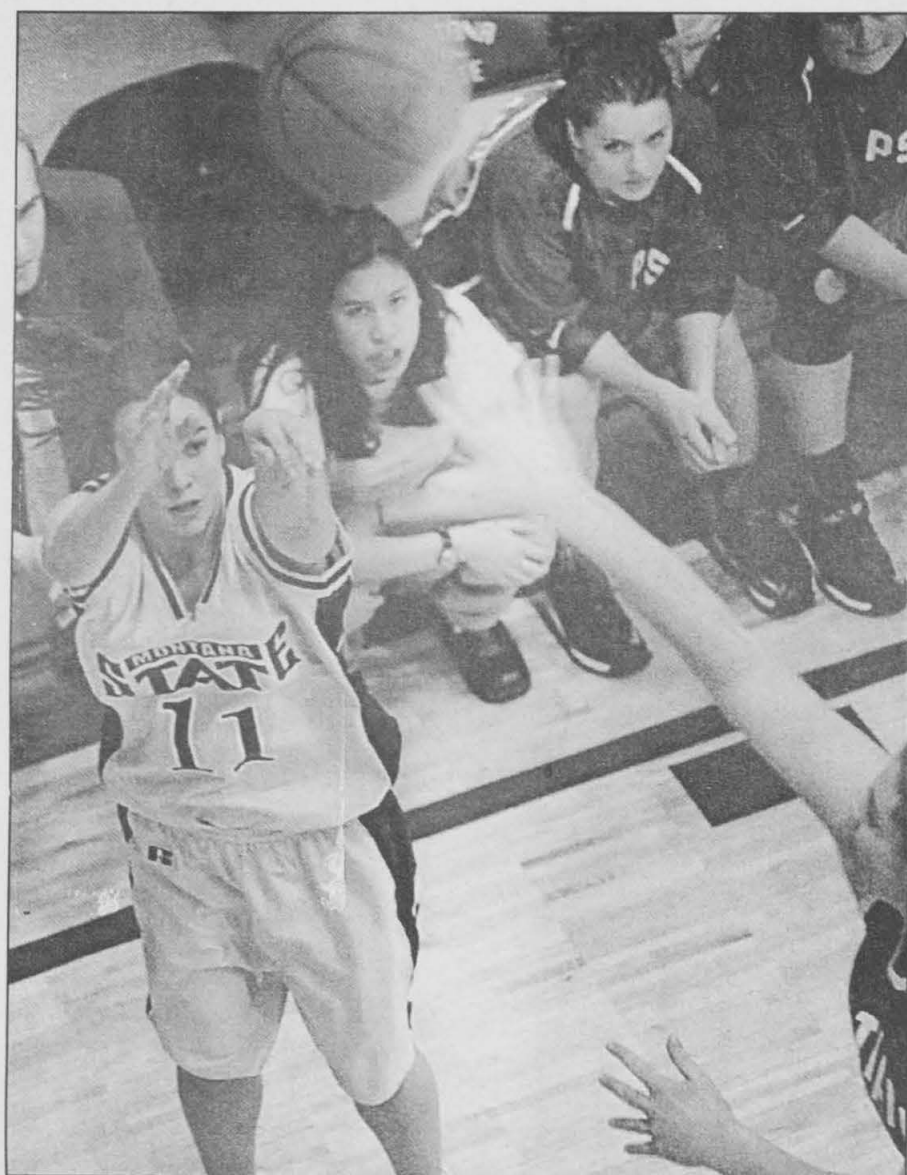


photo by Jay Thane

Amy Meckling puts up a three in the first half of the Lady 'Cats 66-55 loss to conference cellar dweller Portland State. The loss dropped the Bobcats into a tie for third in the conference standings with the University of Montana.

Patrick Schmiedt
Sports Editor

In one of the biggest upsets of the Big Sky Conference this season, the Portland State Vikings picked up their first conference win of the season by defeating the Montana State Lady 'Cats 66-55 in Shroyer Gym on Saturday.

"(Portland State) has a good team," said MSU head coach Frank McCarthy. "They have a nice post game. They're athletic."

"We battled all game, we just came up short."

The Vikings (2-20, 1-9) jumped out to a 17-6 lead in the first eight minutes of the game. Nikki Petticrew, PSU's 5'10" sophomore guard, hit two consecutive threes to end the run. Montana State (13-7, 6-3) fought back, though, and actually tied the game with 5:59 left in the half. Senior Amy Meckling knotted the score at 21-21 with a long range three-point shot.

Then, MSU went on a scoreless stretch that lasted 3:28. In that stretch, PSU scored six points to take a 27-21 lead. The last 2:31 of the first half was played on an even keel, and the Vikings took the lead into the locker room at halftime, 31-27.

After four minutes of play in the second half, PSU took charge of the game. Leading 37-33, the Vikings went on a 8-0 run to push their lead to 45-33, with 13:40 remaining. However, that run was interrupted by an old-fashioned three-point play from Meckling.

MSU kept clawing their way back, and with three minutes left, the PSU lead had been cut to five, 55-50. However, in the next four trips down the floor, the Lady 'Cats managed no points,

and the Vikings scored five points from free throws by junior guard Krishelle Jessee.

Trailing 60-50, two Meckling throws and a three pointer from guard Becky Misner, who sat out most of the second half, put MSU in range at 60-55 with :36 to go. However, it would be the last time that the Lady 'Cats would score. Six Viking free throws ished off MSU, and Portland State came out of a game victoriously for only the second time this season.

Offensive depth was a problem for MSU down the stretch, as only four Lady 'Cats scored in the second half (Meckling, Misner, Isabel Stubbs and Jessica Blum).

MSU was again forced to play without regular starting point guard Rebekah Alvidrez, who sat out her third straight game nursing an ankle sprain. She is expected to return to action next week according to McCarthy. The Lady 'Cats will play two home games, against Cal State Sacramento on Friday and versus Montana on Sunday.

"We didn't know what to expect," said Meckling, who finished with 17 points despite shooting 2-of-15 from behind the arc. "They have talent, they proved that tonight."

When asked if playing in Shroyer Gym instead of the MSU Fieldhouse, where the Lady 'Cats usually play home games, had an effect on the game's outcome, McCarthy said, "We play (Northern Arizona) here in a couple weeks. We've got to get used to it."

Meckling's 17 points led all MSU scorers. Stubbs added 15, and Blum pitched in 14. For Portland State, Petticrew scored 19 points, forward Hiedi Hatcher added 14 and Jessee notched 11.



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Bozeman's Great Outdoors Adventure Show successful

D Glover
Exponent Writer

Montana, the choices of sports to experience endless. Two years ago, Bill Jr. of Mountains & Rivers Sports Shows, Inc., realized he needed to bring the sports enthusiasts together for a public event.

For what he called "The Great Outdoors Adventure Show," Reier worked for a year with various companies and associations from across the country to raise awareness and participation in outdoor recreation. "This show is important because it is a help to the state. It didn't come earlier is a pity," said Todd Reier, who organized the show. A total of 98 vendors came to

present their specialties, and 6,000 to 8,000 people showed up. The interaction that took place could prove extremely beneficial to the Bozeman sportsman's market.

Fran Buell of the Montana Trappers Association concurred, "We had a lot of people stop at the booth. This is the first show in Bozeman besides the fair, and it's been a steady stream of people. It has been a great exposure."

By allowing the vendors to present interactive booths, the show increased the visitor's participation and interest. Live fly-tying presentations captivated audiences, while some actually tested their casting skills in a large, provisional fly-fishing pond. Other guests could taste various kinds of homemade

jerky or get information about the latest hunting and boating gear. There were even booths specializing in antler jewelry.

The kids who visited even had opportunities to learn more about outdoor sports. Eight-year-old Dempsey Reier had the chance to help with the fishing ponds where kids could catch their own trout. He thought it was a hit. Other kids appeared to really enjoy the live animals present at the show, including llamas and miniature ponies.

Even though there was not much publicity on campus for the event, the Fieldhouse worked very well to house the show. Anyone who missed the opportunity to learn more about their sport, the Great Outdoors Adventure Show was just the first of an annual event in Bozeman.

Bobcat men's tennis sweeps MSU-B

Michael Becker
Exponent Writer

The MSU men's tennis team racked up their first home victory under head coach Mike Phillips on Sunday, sweeping the Yellowjackets of MSU-Billings 7-0 at the Bobcat Tennis Center in Bozeman.

In singles action, MSU's Thijs Goossens defeated Rafael Gale 6-3, 6-0. Lukas Mazur defeated Yellowjacket Toby Laird in straight sets as well. In fact, all the only set lost by the Bobcats came in the match between senior Jason Swanson and MSU's

Barrie Matthews. Matthews captured the first set 6-3, but lost the next two 3-6.

In the doubles matches, MSU came away with three strong wins over the Yellowjackets. Goossens and BJ Hauck defeated Gale and Robbie Ford 8-4; Mazur and Chris Tokar beat Laird and Marc Kurtz 8-2; and the Jason Swanson/Ryan Thomson pairing handed Matthews and Josh Allsop an 8-3 loss.

The Bobcat men will be on the road this week in New Mexico to play New Mexico State, Northern Arizona and New Mexico Military.

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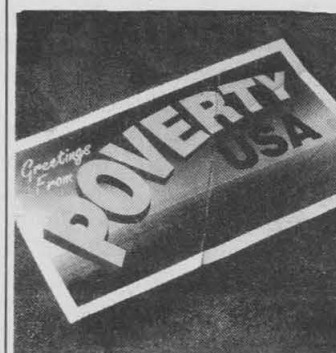


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Oklahoma City: Victim's father gives an inside look

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Welch has since calmed his emotions and has been touring the country speaking against the death penalty. His fame extends from the tides of the U.S. and State Congresses to the sands of *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines. Along with touring Montana universities, Welch will also testify for Montana House Bill No. 465, a proposed law to abolish the death penalty.

"As long as he's alive," Welch wrote of McVeigh in *Time*, "I have to deal with my feelings and emotions. I'm afraid that it's going to be a real struggle. But it's a struggle I need to wage. And I can't do that if he's dead."

"There's been enough blood shed where the fence now stands. We don't need to have anymore. To me the death penalty is vengeance, and vengeance doesn't really help anyone in the healing process."

The Abolition Coalition of Montana—an affiliate organization with the Montana American Civil Liberties Union that is working to abolish the death penalty—brought Welch to Montana.

Student coordinator Jason Stanfill helped lure Welch to MSU by coordinating with the Montana ACLU executive director, and Montana Abolition Coalition president Scott Chricton, and the Associated Students of MSU.

"It helps to hear from mur-

der victims' families who probably have the most reason to support the death penalty: it's not an abstraction for them," Chricton said. "Still, after their own personal tragedy, they can reach the other side with a reason why the death penalty is appropriate."

Welch is neither professor nor politician; he is a mechanic and gas station owner from Oklahoma with a story to tell. He is a man who lost his 23-year-old daughter, one of 167 people killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, and needs to speak his mind.

"This is an inside look, not a dehumanized story that you read in a newspaper," Stanfill said.

"Welch's story stretches back almost 10 years, when he was driving his daughter home from college. After listening to a death-penalty report on the radio, Welch recalls in the Amnesty press release, his daughter exclaimed, 'Dad, that makes me sick what they are doing in Texas. All they're doing is teaching hate to their children.'"

The rest of the story will be told Friday night at 7 p.m. in Gaines Hall, room 101. Admission is free.

"For Welch to come to a smaller town in Montana is a great honor," Stanfill said. "With all his other offers, he doesn't have to come to a place like this."

MSU Bioregions announces their second brown bag seminar

Lisa Conley
Exponent Writer

MSU Bioregions Programs presents a second brown bag seminar. Dedicated to sharing information about international experiences between students, staff and others, the Office of International Programs and the International Programs Committee uses brown bag seminars to get the word out.

The purpose of this seminar is to talk about Mongolia, Japan and Nepal and the greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Speaker Cliff Montagne, associate professor, will be sharing information about decision-making processes between latter communities.

The seminar will occur on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 12-1 p.m. It will take place in SUB room 271. Further questions can be answered by calling the Office of International Studies at 994-4031.

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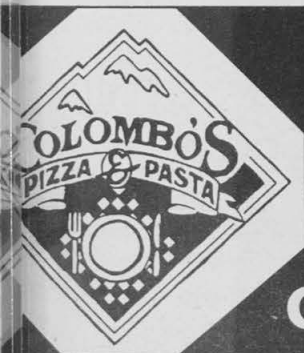
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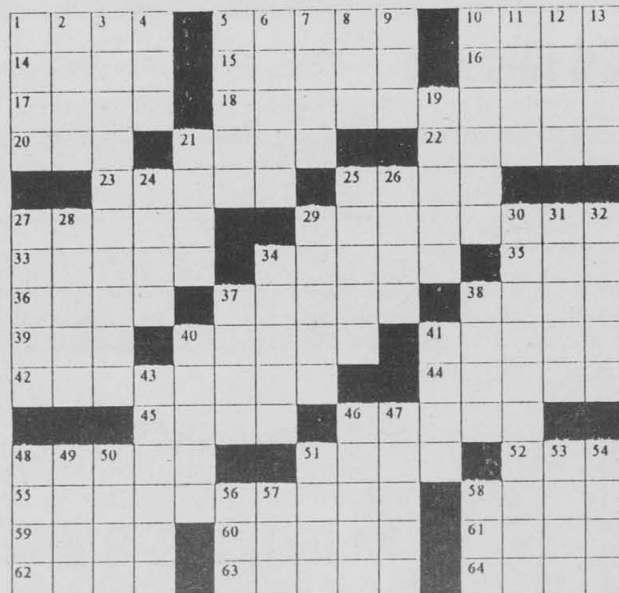
" Presidential Stew "

ACROSS

- 1 Judaism adherents
- 5 Puffs on a cigarette
- 10 A deep sleep
- 14 Poor thing!
- 15 Ham's word
- 16 Norse god
- 17 Holding tool
- 18 CALL BONNIE
- 20 Coal dust
- 21 Social rank
- 22 Important vessel
- 23 Boesky & others
- 25 List type
- 27 Waistcoat
- 29 Political candidates
- 33 ____-Saxon
- 34 Candle
- 35 Author Fleming
- 36 Miller ____
- 37 Precedes up
- 38 Greek mountain
- 39 Apparition
- 40 More lucid
- 41 Soak a tea bag
- 42 Play abstracts
- 44 Classes
- 45 Over and done with
- 46 Parrot-like
- 48 Hidden persuaders?
- 51 Catcall
- 52 Be obliged to repay
- 55 HER EGO BUGS
- 58 Actress Loretta
- 59 Bonaparte's retreat
- 60 Missouri town
- 61 Dynamic prefix
- 62 Thesis: Abr.
- 63 Crooked
- 64 Song bird

DOWN

- 1 Coffee
- 2 Whitney and Wallach
- 3 HOT AWININGS
- 4 Boston to NYC
- 5 Sink outlet



- 6 Boxers' warmup attire
- 7 Teen add on
- 8 Mousse
- 9 ____ Lanka
- 10 Monarch's retreat
- 11 Bouquet
- 12 Mr. Berle to friends
- 13 O'Neill's Christie
- 19 All time low
- 21 Pedro's lunch
- 24 Abominable
- 25 Chronic drinker
- 26 Broken mirror, e.g.
- 27 Anklebone
- 28 Consolidate
- 29 Church areas
- 30 HEROES WINE
- 31 Relieved
- 32 Barks
- 34 Belief
- 37 Back talk
- 38 Up and down man
- 40 Squarely in the middle

- 41 Aspen need
- 43 Met offerings
- 46 Bridal path
- 47 Exclamation of disbelief
- 48 Elderly
- 49 NYC eatery
- 50 Gangster groups
- 51 Wrestler Hogan
- 53 Metal thread
- 54 Collar type
- 56 Baseball stat
- 57 Diddley & Jackson
- 58 Wood cutter

Quotable Quote

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in the political process is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

... Plato

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Feb 9

7pm "Black History Month"
Alex Thomas, Ralph Haire

March 28

8pm Hypnotist
Geoffrey Ronning



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