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Photo by Charlie Eubank

A brother helps to direct his father while moving an older sibling into the dorms this past week. Students were able to begin moving in on Aug. 29.

Binge Drinking Can Equal Bad Grades

Eric Woller
Exponent Writer

It's that time of year again. Students are returning to campus, buying books and getting reacquainted. Teachers are preparing lesson plans and writing course syllabi. Administrators are planning orientation events and collecting tuition.

Meanwhile, the local and national media are bringing to light the numerous, less positive images associated with the start of a new school year. The most obvious issue is alcohol abuse, especially in the form of binge drinking.

A recent AP article detailed the prevalence and dangers of binge drinking. The stories of college students drinking themselves to death are indeed harrowing. In fact, a recent survey by the American Medical Association shows that 95 percent of the parents of college students believe excessive drinking is a serious threat to their children, and 85 percent believe the easy access to alcohol is a contributing factor.

Binge drinking is loosely defined as consuming five or more drinks in a row for a male and four or more drinks in a row for a female. According to a study done by the Harvard School of Public Health in 1999, about 44 percent of college students report binge drinking in the previous two weeks. Of these, 52 percent report binge drinking three or more times in a two-week period.

This heavy episodic use of alcohol is clearly common nationally, but how common is it at Montana State? When asked if they had ever binged on alcohol, Nick, a 20-year-old architecture major from Butte, Kim, a 20-year-old nursing major from Butte, and Chad, a 20-year-old land resources management major from Butte (all last names of students have been omitted to maintain anonymity) all responded with a definitive "yes!"

"Peer pressure is not the cause of binge drinking," Nick stated. "Students binge because they want to; they are free from the rule of parents."

Sam, a 22-year-old history major from Rapid City, S.D., admits that binge drinking is prevalent at MSU. However, whether or not one binges "depends on the company someone hangs out with."

While she has never binged, Sam has seen the effects of students who have over-consumed. "The dorm is a bad living environment. Drinking is a big problem in the dorms, from people vomiting in the halls to people urinating outside an RA's door. It's really gross."

Easy access to alcohol is also a factor that contributes to binge drinking. Even if a student is not 21 years old, alcohol is apparently easy to obtain. When asked how difficult it is to obtain, most students just laughed. Sam said that when she moved into her dorm as a freshman, her RA told she was collecting donations for a keg fund.

Nationally, students spend about $5.5 billion on alcohol. That is more than they spend on books, soda

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Vital info. for new fresh-persons

Jamin Casey
Exponent Writer



First of all, let me be the 217th person to welcome all of you new freshmen (and, of course, freshwomen). You have made your perilous way into one of the top universities in southwestern Montana—congratulations.

Now, before I get too far into this thing, let me invite you to feel free to take very little of this column seriously. That said, I would like to offer my advisory services to all of the incoming fresh-people.

About now I can only imagine that you are all scoffing at my proffered advice, but rest assured. I do know a thing or two about this campus, or at least its phone numbers, as I currently, and have for a few years, work for the Ask Us Information Desk.

Let's get back to you folks. You will undoubtedly find soon enough that one of the big complaints that students have here is the parking situation. There are some who will tell you that, compared to other bigger universities, we don't have a parking situation at all, or that we should be happy that we can even park on campus. No, those poor souls don't know what they are talking about. We DO have a parking problem here, and there are some things you should do to prepare yourself.

If you plan on driving from your dorm, oh, so far away, you will need to make sure you have a full tank of gas. Circling the parking lots may seem like a relatively short distance to drive, but what you don't yet understand is that parking spots are worth their space in gold.

Some people actually camp out in

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"What are you planning to wear to the first day of classes?"



"No skirt because it looks like your trying to hard. I'll probably wear my most comfortable pants, a not too seductive shirt, and my birks."

– **Alta Sieck**



"Throw on whatever I find on the floor."

– **Ben Radakovich**



"An unhappy face."

– **Andrew Bisson**



"Tanktop, kakis, and sandles."

– **Linda Johnson**



"Pajamas. I've got an 8:00."

– **Lindsay Andrews**

Reflections on Americans

Daniel Fox
Guest Editorial

MSU basketball coach Mick Durham's confused, sophomoric and racist remarks about Native Americans in the Aug. 27 *Independent Record* have made news all over the country, it seems, and for good reason.

Durham, like Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott and the notorious baseball pitcher John Rocker, has become another public figure, espousing racist sentiments of the kind that continue to run deep into the fabric of American society and flourish, like an ironweed.

Using a sophist, convoluted logic, Durham is the latest in a long line of people to visit a reservation or Indian community and later observe that Indian people are essentially 'without self pride,' that 'they' 'don't care' about the condition of their homes, and that the poverty of Indian peoples is somehow due to the "way they're raised."

Indeed, the troubles Indian peoples in the United States grapple with are severe. But these problems cannot be blamed on Indian peoples as easily as Durham wants.

In fact, the reasons behind the troublesafflicting Indian peoples are varied and complex: a trust-status with the United States government that has left Indian peoples vulnerable to corruption and bureaucratic bungling; a regime of laws existing solely to undermine the ability for Indian people to equally defend themselvesagainst abuses by federal, state and municipal governments; a dominant society that refuses to believe that Indian people have legitimate claims to their lands; and the gross misconception that the United States government has long since ended its history of Indian oppression.

Tothis day, in the Unit[ed] States, Indian nations are the on[ly] people whose contracts with t[he] United States can be violated w[ith] impunity and whose lands can [be] taken without due process or f[air] compensation—with practically [no] legal remedy in most cases.

These troublesome realities [are] manifested within Indian comm[u]nities in the most regrettable [and] tragic ways. There, we see p[o]r health and living conditio[ns] alarmingly low graduation ra[tes] rising violent crime rates [and] hundreds of types of cultural [and] spiritual thefts.

Not surprisingly, the most [im]poverished county in America, [per] capita, exists in South Dakota [lo]cated on the Pine Ridge Sioux [Res]ervation. On all social and [eco]nomic indicators, Indian peo[ple] place dead last. Indeed,the [Pine]

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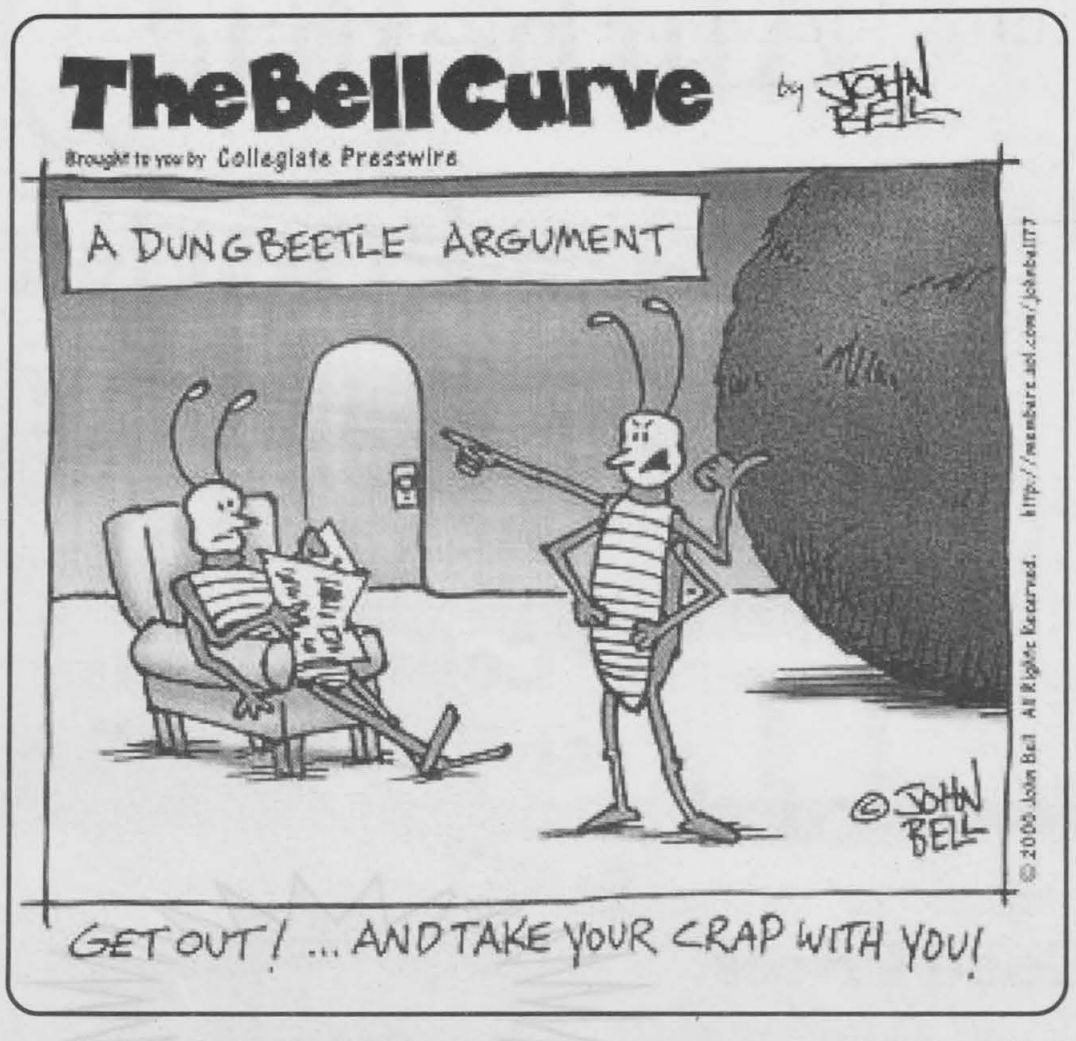
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Whether you are just beginning college for the first time, or have transferred here from elsewhere, MSU will be a place for you to learn and gain experiences to take wherever you may end up when your time here is past.

Chances are good that you will not have a lot of free (wasted) time while you are here. Bozeman and the Gallatin Valley have something for everyone. Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast, an artist, or anything in between, it isn't hard to find some type of enjoyable activity to pass your time, when you are not studying of course.

Make the most of your time in college, learn, explore, make friends, and read the Exponent. Each of those will help to make your future brighter. (Especially reading the Exponent.)

I look forward to this coming school year, and I hope you do as well.

Denice Woller
Editor in Chief
ASMSU Exponent



Information: Helpful hints for Montana State students

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the lots just to get the ever-popular "closest-spot." There are some vehicles that I think haven't moved since I was a freshman. You can tell who these people are. They ride a bike to get where they are going because their car is locked in place in the parking lot, but they have that look in their eye—the one that says, "Yeah I'm better than you because my car, should I choose to drive it, is as close to me as a vehicle possibly can be on this campus."

Once you begin to understand the stigma surrounding the occupation of a proximal parking space here at MSU, you will understand the necessity of the preparations.

So, once again, have a full tank of gas to ensure constant, consistent circling, pack a lunch—you will have quite a long drive ahead, and it would be a shame to lose your spot to someone else just because you had to stop for a snack—and for goodness sake, crack a window or resort to the air-conditioner. It can get hot out there, and heat stroke makes for a dangerous parking lot circler.

And, due to the time commitment required to obtain a parking space, you can just plan on skipping all of your classes for the first week or two. Or, you could always walk to campus and give up the opportunity to gloat over your procured parking spot. The choice is yours.

Another big concern you may have thought of already is locations. If you choose to give up the aforementioned gloating privileges, you may need to know where your classes are going to be held. Of course, your schedule tells you this important information, but someone on high decided that it would be a good idea to put that vital information in code.

As silly as this may sound, rest assured that there is some reason for it. I don't know what that reason is, but there must be some reason. Anyway, I will take it upon myself to go over a few of the main locations.

First and foremost, I have no idea where XHAC is. That is an anomaly brought to us by the General Studies department. I'm sure they would be more than happy to let you know where that particular room is located.

That said, the most important building for you to learn is Wilson Hall. I know personally that almost all of my classes are in this building. You will know it right off— it's the one that was designed after a women's prison.

However, I will warn you not to go upstairs unless you are absolutely required to conduct some very important business up there. I've known undergraduates who thought they could handle the complexity of Wilson second floor and rashly leapt up the perilous stairs.

I didn't see the poor chap again for two semesters. Needless to say, his courageous spirit had been broken, and his "mind was right," if you know what I mean.

So, my advice to you on locating buildings is to start with Wilson first floor and then work your way out to some of the other, less important buildings like Reid, AJM, Johnson, Gains, Traphagen, and such. Whatever you do, though, don't attempt either the second floor of Wilson or, dare I invoke the wicked name, Roberts Hall, ol' GB1.

Those places should be avoided at all costs until much later in your student career when you will have developed the skills to handle their sinister nature.

Well, I think I've done about as much damage as I can do in one column and still keep a clear conscience. Good luck to all, and to all, have fun.



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Americans: Not without values, not without character

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has been rocked by scandal in the last few months, as charges are leveled against senior BIA officials about millions of dollars in missing funds.

Even a cursory look at the available data on Native Americans reduces Durham's remarks to babbling idiocy and forces us to consider a more profound truth. It is this: a race of people simply cannot occupy the bottom rung of every socio-economic indicator unless they are the victims of prolonged, intentional and system-wide abuses. Not even a fatalistic, combined effort on the part of each person from each of the over 500 recognized tribes in the United States to completely undermine themselves could realistically achieve these results.

To suggest that this is what has happened, as Durham has, is to uphold the theologic and academic findings of the 15th and 16th centuries that Indian peoples are, at best, subhuman and incapable of rational thought.

It is to uphold the congressional acts of the late 1800s held that Indian people could not sufficiently appreciate the value and use of land, and so their land must be held in 'trust' until time indefinite.

It is to uphold the worst perceptions about Indian people. It is to say that Indians have gotten themselves into the situation they are in today, independent of outside forces and that Indians alone must extricate themselves from it.

Indian people are not without values; not without character. Heroes like Olympian Billy Mills are to be found on every reservation. It is a mistake to forget that Indian peoples count among the brightest and most gifted attorneys, physicians and writers in all of America.

In a number of cases, Indian peoples have refused massive cash settlements for lands fraudulently taken from them, although the money is badly needed. This, I think, is a finer and more accurate reflection of the values of Indian peoples than the conclusions Durham has drawn from a few rusted-out vehicles he has seen on the reservation.

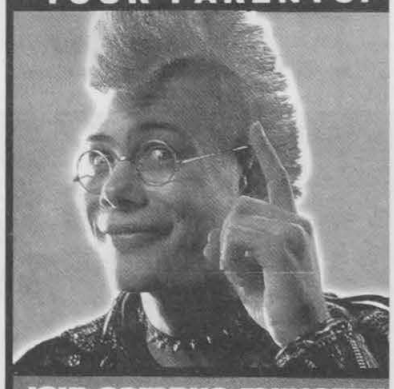
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Lisa T. bikes 350 miles for charity

Kacey Miller
Exponent Writer

"Lisa rocks!" says Jeff Scheussler, a friend and classmate of 30-year-old MSU student Lisa T. Hathaway, who is planning a 350-mile-plus bike ride from Bozeman to Sunlight Basin near Cody, Wyoming, to raise money for Eagle Mount and Stand Up for Kids organizations.

She left at 6 a.m. today from the Bozeman post office and will return on Friday, Sept. 7.

Lisa completed this amazing bike trek last year, raising over $2300 for Eagle Mount, which helped slightly more than four people enjoy Eagle Mount programs. This year, Lisa has already raised over $3400, $2400 of which will be given entirely to Eagle Mount, and the rest will be split evenly between Eagle Mount and Stand Up for Kids.

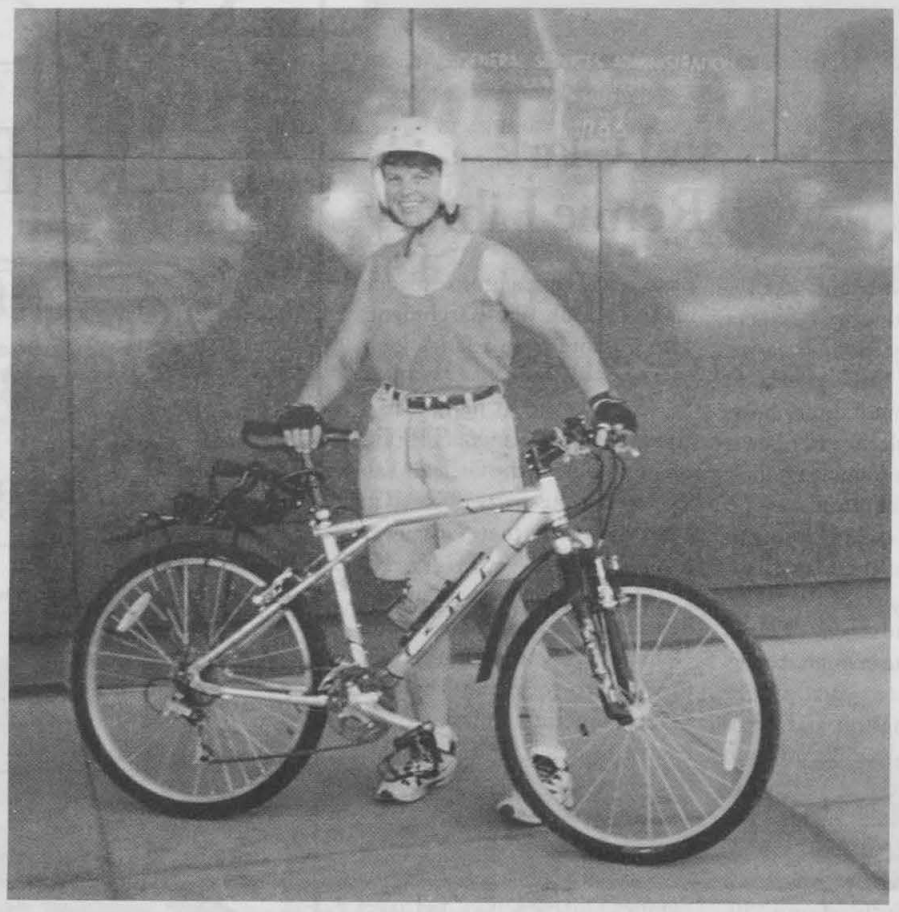
Eagle Mount provides therapeutic recreation for people with disabilities and young people with cancer. Stand Up for Kids is a national volunteer organization committed to the rescue of homeless and street kids.

Lisa suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) about 10 years ago. She explains her reason for biking as "a way I can do something for these groups that helped me so much."

During spring break last year, Lisa traveled with the MSU Community Involvement organization to San Diego as part of springbreaksaway. This student group helped Stand Up for Kids bring bags of food to homeless kids under 21 years of age around the city of San Diego.

Last year, Lisa traveled through Livingston and the Paradise Valley to the Sunlight Basin, where she stayed at the 7 D ranch for two days. At the ranch, she helped wash dishes and cleaned cabins to earn her keep, asking the ranch not to give her any money.

Last year, it took Lisa three days to reach Sunlight Basin and three days to bike back. This year, Lisa is taking a different route to Sunlight Basin because of the forest fires and smoke.



MSU student Lisa T. Hathaway gears up for another ride to raise money for local charities.

Photo courtesy of Kacey Miller

Larry, owner of the Round House, helped Lisa plan her new course, which runs through the Gallatin Valley Canyon. Lisa plans to cut her biking time in half, traveling the entire distance in only four days without the two-day break at the ranch in between. She will be biking 79 miles the first day, 96 miles the second day, 76 the third, and 96 again on the fourth day to return home to Bozeman. Lisa says she

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Army ROTC cadets from the Bobcat Battalion run for physical training

Photo courtesy of Emily Lynds

ROTC gives back to students

Lisa Conley
Exponent Writer

Air Force ROTC recently announced plans to increase monthly wages for cadets. The plans, aimed at attracting college students, will take place in two stages over two years.

The first stage of the plan, which will be implemented Oct. 1, will increase monthly tuition from $200 up to $250 for freshmen, $300 for sophomores and $350 for seniors. The second stage will be implemented Oct. 1, 2002, and will raise wages from $250 to $300 for freshmen, $350 for sophomores, $400 for juniors and $450 for seniors.

Previously, all cadets were given a $200 wage, regardless of seniority or class. The ROTC's new plan is aimed at helping retention and increasing responsibility. According to a press release written by Tech. Sgt. Jim Lapp, "Brig. Gen Paul Hankins, Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools commander, predicts the stipend will make the scholarship program even more attractive and help recruiting."

Already, the ROTC program employs some MSU students who benefit from unique scholarship and training opportunities. Through the improved ROTC program, students could earn up to $14,000 over a period of four years, in addition to receiving a college degree, getting scholarship money and entering the U.S. Air Force.

"Jurassic Park III" a tribute to MSU professor

Pat Hill
Exponent Writer

The premiere showing of "Jurassic Park III," on July 17 in Bozeman, was a tribute to the film's "dinosaur" consultant, world-renowned Montana State University paleontologist Dr. Jack Horner.

Horner, an MSU professor and the curator of Paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies at MSU, said that he has worked on all three Jurassic Park films. Horner has distinguished himself in the "dinosaur world" with his work on dinosaur behavior.

"The Sam Neill character in the first "Jurassic Park" movie (Dr. Alan Grant) is supposed to be me," said Horner.

"Jurassic Park III" is the brainchild of Steven Spielberg, who directed the first two films in the popular series, based on the Jurassic Park novels by Michael Crichton. Along with Neill's return as Dr. Grant, Laura Dern is back as Dr. Ellie Sattler in this PG-13 movie that has Grant researching his new "theory of velociraptor theory of intelligence."

"Jurassic Park III" features a new dinosaur on the movie screen, the Spinosaur, which comes from the North African region and was discovered in the 1930s. Horner described it as "the biggest meat-eating dinosaur" found to date-one Spinosaurus specimen has an eight-foot-long skull!

Horner's job as consultant on the film, along with making sure the actors pronounced the dinosaurs' names properly, was to make sure the dinosaurs were accurate, especially the reptiles' movements.

"Directors try to make dinosaurs do things they couldn't do, just like they do with any actors," said Horner. "I make sure they don't do anything that would cause sixth-graders to write letters." He said that depicting dinosaur sounds and coloring is a matter of "pure conjecture," however.

"A lot of work went into the movie," Horner said. "What I've seen of it is really exciting."

"Jurassic Park III" has been described as "a working ecology of dinosaurs of all varieties living together," and the real-life project that Horner is presently working on has a similar goal of "reconstructing the ecosystem" of the 65-million-year-old Hell Creek Formation in central Montana.

MSU is in the third year of work on the five-year-long Hell Creek survey, which covers hundreds of miles. The formation is best known for its Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops fossils. Horner has put together a team of experts, from universities all over the country, to work on the ecosystem reconstruction, according to the MSU Research Office. Several private donors are funding the project.

"We've found five T-Rex skeletons," said Horner earlier this summer. When the survey is complete, the team of researchers, specializing in geology, mammals, plants and invertebrate fossils, as well as in dinosaurs, will start the reconstruction.

Horner said that he enjoyed his work on Jurassic Park III.

"It's great to be part of something this good," he said. "It's been really fun to work on the movie with Steven and Joe. Mostly, though, I just like to see a good movie."

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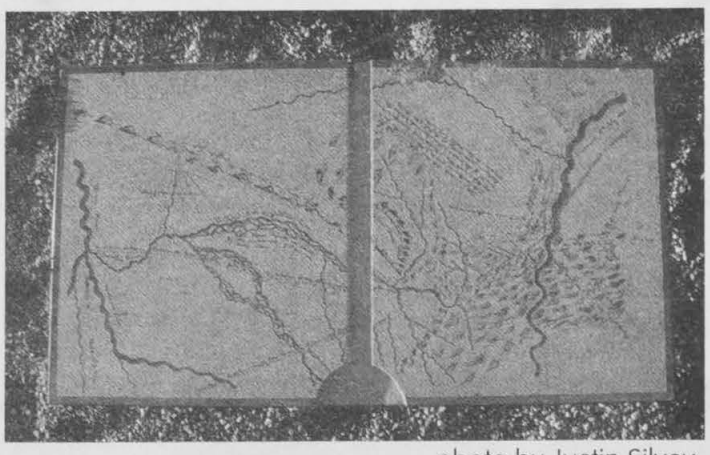


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Map of Lewis and Clark journey new to Renne Library

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) _ Students returning to Montana State University for fall classes found a slab of black granite in front of the Renne Library bearing a map that Meriwether Lewis and William Clark made on their exploration of the West.

The granite etching is an enlarged replica of the map Clark drew 195 years ago of the valley where MSU stands today. Clark's map was accurate enough that it's easy to figure out where Bozeman, Livingston and other landmarks are, said Tom Olson of Bozeman Granite Works. He used a computer to enlarge the map from the expedition journals and copy Clark's handwritten notes, before sandblasting a 350-pound piece of granite.

The mountains that Clark described are sketched in the backdrop.

"Capt. William Clark's route from the Three Forks of the Missouri to the Rocky One on Yellowstone," reads the inscription.

When the display is complete, it will have a bronze plaque made to look like parchment, with a quote from Clark's journals.

Clark wrote in his journals about the lush plants and flourishing wildlife in the Gallatin Valley and how his party planned to cross by a pass that Sacagawea recommended.

He also sketched in and labeled the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers where they come together to form the Missouri River, numerous buffalo roads, beaver channels near Bozeman, the Yellowstone River and the spot where his party camped on July 15, 1806.

Cecilia Vaniman, a university planner, said the school had to get permission from the U.S. government to duplicate the map.

The project was paid for by a donation from Ron Kaiser and his wife Alison Van Os of Denver. Kaiser is a managing director for A.G. Edwards & Sons and has worked with the school since 1983 on various financing projects.

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Lisa T.: Rides for Eagle Mount and Stand Up for Kids

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has to shorten her trip to make it back to school because she will already be missing the first week of classes at MSU.

Lisa will be biking alone this time, unlike last year when three people biked parts of the route with her. She will most likely have a sag vehicle that will follow her and carry a cooler filled with water for the trip. Last year, the sag vehicle was provided by Lisa's church. The church is trying to get a vehicle for Lisa again this year, but the pastor is gone on vacation at the moment.

"I have to keep learning to trust God to work it out," says Lisa. "If no sag vehicle, I'm going anyway!"

Lisa is supported by the Round House. Collin, a Round House employee, provided Lisa with some new tires for her speedy GT on which she will be riding the 350 miles. The tires have a smooth surface to help Lisa ride easily on the road, but also have a rough edge to give her more stability on the last rocky 8 or 9 mile stretch she must finish to arrive at the 7 D ranch. The Round House also donates other supplies and services to Lisa including a jersey and free tune-ups.

"I like to pile on the carbohydrates," Lisa said. During the ride Lisa will be eating her own creation: a bagel cut in half, smeared with peanut butter, covered completely with raisins, and a big old slice of American cheese on top. She will also be eating Clif bars throughout the ride for added energy.

To learn more about Lisa's ride or make a donation, contact the Round House at 587-1258.

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Oct 27	Northern Arizona University*	1:35 pm
Oct 10	Idaho State University	12:05 pm
Oct 17	University of Montana	12:05 pm

* Big Sky Conference Game



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Discovery Channel to air the story of York from the Lewis and Clark Expedition

Pat Hill
Exponent Writer

The bicentennial anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition is fast approaching, and the Discovery Channel is chronicling the historic trip with a new documentary, "In Search of Lewis and Clark," scheduled for release in 2004.

One of the most intriguing members of the 1803-06 expedition was York, the slave who served as a personal servant to Captain William Clark. Emigrant resident Wayne Mansaw is playing the part of York in the Discovery Channel production.

Mansaw said that he has been studying the book "In Search of York," by Robert Batt, while preparing for the role. He said that York was a "unique individual," considering that he was a slave in 19th-Century America.

"He had the best job a black could have in those days," said Mansaw. "He spent his youth as Clark's playmate and became his bodyservant.

"He had custom-made clothes," said Mansaw. "There is a receipt existing that shows York had a pair of boots made that cost $34. That was a lot of money in those days. It was a very privileged place to be." The privileges extended well beyond fine clothing.

"York went on the hunting trips during the expedition," said Mansaw. "He was the best shot. It's obvious York was acquainted with guns before the trip, and this was unheard of—slaves with guns."

York's importance to the Corps of Discovery is also revealed in the 1997 *New York Times* bestseller, "Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West," written by historian Stephen Ambrose.

Ambrose describes York as a "sensation" among Native Americans like the Arikaras, who had never seen a black man. The Arikaras could not tell whether York was "man, beast or spirit being," according to Ambrose, and York capitalized on the situation, chasing the children and proclaiming he was a "wild beast caught and tamed by Captain Clark."

Lewis noted in his journal that the captains eventually told him to stop because "he carried on the joke and made himself more tribal than we wished him to be." But Ambrose notes that the Indians had more in store for York than chasing children—they wanted him to make them—with their women! That trend would continue throughout the expedition, as the various tribes the men encountered expressed wonder at the powerful black man.

"York had a lot of sex," said Mansaw, adding that the captains finally stopped noting this fact in their journals. York's presence proved invaluable to the expedition on more than one occasion, when it came to encounters with Native Americans.

"York experienced respect from the Indians and from the other men of the expedition," said Mansaw. "I think he realized, 'Hey, I'm a man,' and I think it was very difficult for him to return to the world of slavery after they returned home."

York returned to American civilization still a slave, and he began to ask for his freedom as his due for his services on the expedition.

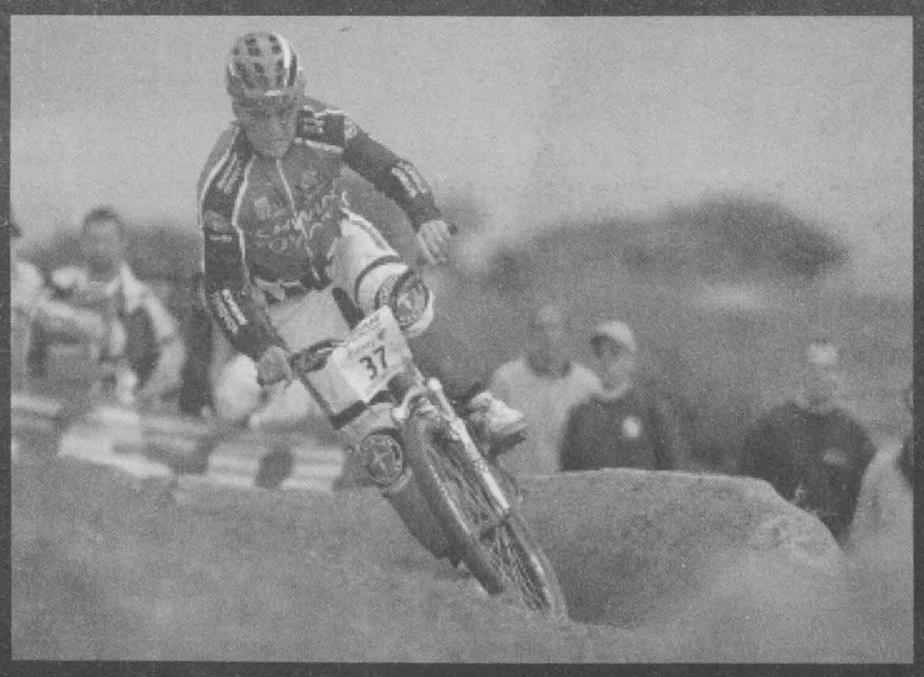
"It took 14 years for York to be free," said Mansaw. He said that Clark gave York a wagon and some mules so he could work, but added that many reports also say he was lazy and eventually died of dysentery in Tennessee.

"Other research indicates a 50-year-old black man living among the Native Amerians who claimed to be York," said Mansaw. "The Indians treated York like royalty. Where would you go? I really believe he had to come back west."

Filming of the Expedition's portage of the Missouri's Great Falls was completed this summer by the Discovery Channel, and Mansaw said that he expects to go out to Oregon for more filming when the snow begins to fall.

When asked about the filming thus far, Mansaw replied, "What work? I've really enjoyed myself. I can appreciate what these guys (the Corps of Discovery) had to go through, though. Spending five hours in the Missouri River pulling a 3,000-pound dugout canoe against the current will do that."

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Sweet Pea poster contest winner never even seen a Sweet Pea

Kacey Miller
Exponent Writer

"I never had seen a Sweet Pea before," claims 25-year-old Craig Hyslop of Butte, winner of the 2001 Sweet Pea poster contest.

Hyslop used books from the library as a reference for painting the Sweet Pea flowers on the left-hand side of his poster. For the landscape, Hyslop drew his inspiration from the Bridger Mountains seen from Pete's Hill and from various fields around Bozeman. Monet and the Impressionists influenced the vibrant brushstroke used in Craig's painting.

"The poster has a marvelous composition and invites the viewer into a wonderful world of fields of folly. I can see myself frolicking in the hay surrounded by the enticing aroma of the Sweet Pea flower. Two thumbs up, Craig," says MSU student Mike Johnson who has always been a big fan of fine art.

Craig attended MSU last year to study art and to take a break from his studies in geo-physical engineering at Montana Tech. He is returning to Tech this year to finish his degree but plans on getting a Masters of Art in the future.

Craig has always liked drawing, but he didn't start painting until high school. Craig's friend, Christina Werry, a Great Harvest employee, had seen some of Craig's oil paintings and told him about the poster contest and encouraged him to enter. In the past, Craig has only used oil paints, but he completed his poster using acrylics. "They [acrylics] dry fast!" remarked Craig.

The poster contest was held in July, prior to the Sweet Pea festival, which took place from Aug. 3-5 in Bozeman. The winning poster was chosen from over 40 entries after two separate judging sessions done by art historians and critics. There was a form on the back of each entry with a place for comments. On the back of his poster, Craig wrote, "Please notify me to let me know how far I get in the competition." Soon after, Craig received a phone call letting him know he was the winner and would receive $900 for his poster. Craig has not spent the money yet, but he plans on using it for more art supplies.

Craig says his friends are already asking him if he will enter the contest again next year.



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YOUR WEEKLY HOROSCOPE: BY MISS ANNA

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Any family squabbles may come as a result of tensions. Be at your best, and don't let anyone spoil your upbeat mood. Once harmony is restored, turn your attention to making plans with a few good friends. You are inclined to be jealous and possessive of a mate. Stay cool.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Think before you speak. That temper of yours may flare without any provocation. Your idealistic side usually wins out, so try real hard to follow your dreams. Hopefully something that has been bothering you for the last several months is now gone for good.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

A friend of yours has a serious problem and is relying on your help to come up with a solution, so think fast. The week will go by smoothly, for it will have plenty of variety. At least you won't have to worry about getting bored.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

It's time to take a serious look at the romance in your life and ask yourself if your expectations are realistic. Try not to take life too seriously, and have fun with those you love. You tend to accomplish lot and everyone around will catch your enthusiasm.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

This week brings a welcome relief from recent pressures, so spend time with those you love. Your strong ego may get you in hot water with a mate, and those old feelings of whether you've made the right choice or not are going to surface again. Your plans for the future are very realistic.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

If you feel that your friends have been difficult to deal with lately, perhaps you should take a good look at yourself. Listen to what a loved one has to say about your personal life—there is more merit there than you are willing to admit. Start improving things on the job.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

People close to you are charming and agreeable, but not very good about keeping promises, so be realistic at all times. Share some of your more creative ideas with someone who can take them one step further in a practical way. Keep an eye on the food your eating.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

All you want this week is peace and quiet, but it seems like everyone needs to speak or be with you. Find time to sneak off on your own. Your feelings for a lover are intense, so try and remain as realistic as possible. Concentrate on organizing family matters that need your attention.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

The focus is on your private life for the next month or so. This time, you may find it easier to sort out old misunderstandings. Don't take any risks with your money right now-you might regret it. You can accomplish a lot if you move ahead with confidence and grace.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Finish up with routine projects at work or at home, as opposed to starting new ones. You will do best with what's familiar right now. You tend to worry about money, so just be extra careful about how and where you spend. With your delightful charm, you might get just what you need.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Even though you try your best to please everyone, you won't be very successful. Maybe you should try to please yourself. You are going to be more thoughtful and introspective than usual. Let your thoughts move to spiritual matters. Your have a strong need to help and serve humanity.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

The people you care about are very receptive to your ideas right now. That's the kind of support you really need. When it comes to your homelife, things have been going in 10 different directions. It's time to get organized. Get out, and mix with new friends.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Now's the time to review projects and former decisions. Re-structuring will be important at this time. It's also ripe for wise investments and business dealings. Some of your most cherished beliefs about security could be tested in the coming year.

Love Doctor

Dear Love Doctor,

I need your help! My girlfriend and I have been together for almost two years. She is a wonderful person and I love her to death, but she is a terrible cook. The problem is that she does not realize it. Over the last few months, she has been cooking for me more and more. With each new meal, I become more and more frightened. Last night I even got sick after eating the concoction that she came up with. Apparently, she doesn't have tastebuds to realize what she is eating is horrible. I just do not know what to do anymore. It makes me sick to even think of another meal with her. Please help me out!!!

Thanks,
Seesick from Seefood

First, you should happy to be getting a meal-perioc Unless your girlfriend is cooking everything with tof and garden burgers, you have no room to complair Instead, if you don't feel like digesting the impossibl then offer, very discreetly, to cook a few meals yoursel Then, if she still insists on cooking, the most feasib alternative would be to take your lady out to dinne While at dinner, tell her why your 16 oz. steak, com plete with mashed potatoes and green beans tast sodigestible. But again, let me warn you: any sugge tions must be done discreetly and carefully. Once yc step over the boundary and become "unappreciative of her cooking efforts, you'll soon be eating by yourse

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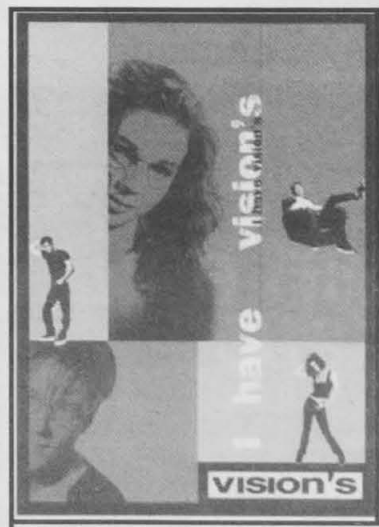
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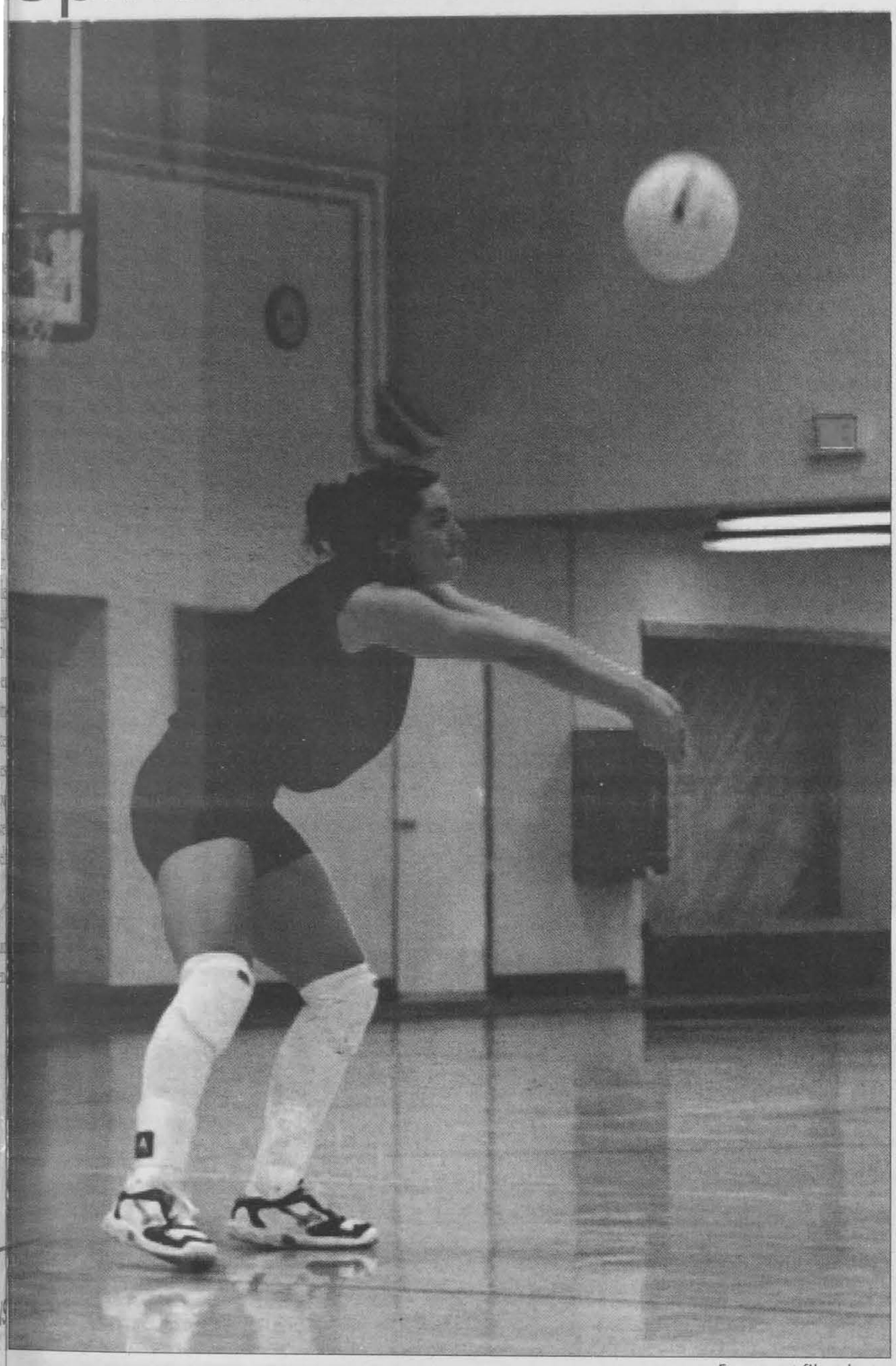
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Spikers ace their first road game



This archive photo demonstrates an MSU volleyball player's winning pose. *Exponent* file photo

Associated Press

The Montana State University volleyball team picked up a pair of victories Saturday night. The Bobcats (3-0) completed their play in the Valparaiso Enterprise Classic with a 30-15, 30- 28, 30-27 win over Miami-Ohio to claim the team title. MSU finished the day with a single match win over Valparaiso 30-26, 27-30, 33-31, 30-25 in the nightcap.

MSU's outside hitting duo of Falin Schaefer and Anne Watts notched 15 and 14 kills, respectively, to pace the Montana State over the Redhawks. Watts also led the Bobcats defensively with 12 digs. Junior setter Lorraine Morrison dished out 22 assists and added nine digs and four blocks in the victory.

The Bobcats out-hit Miami-Ohio .282 to .077 and out-blocked the Redhawks 11 to 1. For their efforts in the tournament, MSU's Aimee Halyk garnered tournament MVP honors, while Morrison and sophomore Karin Lundqvist added all-tournament kudos, as well.

"Our block and defense have really been the most consistent part of our game, and it's given us a 3-0 start to the season," said MSU head coach Dave Gantt. "We've been inconsistent in our serve-receive. Miami did a nice job taking our middles out of the game. However, our setters did a nice job getting the outsides involved, and that was a big key in the win."

For the second straight night, the Bobcats defeated Valparaiso. The match was set up when a fourth team can-

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MSU volleyball has high hopes

MSU Athletics

Dave Gantt will have a simple message for his Montana State University volleyball team when it begins practice for the 2001 season on Saturday.

"It's when we win the Big Sky Conference," Gantt says, "not if. That's our mindset going into the season."

Coming off of a 20-win season and a third-place finish in the Big Sky last year, Gantt is haunted by the small number of matches his team lost which kept it from its goals of winning the league and advancing to the NCAA Championships. This year's squad has high hopes for itself, Gantt says. "Our expectations are clearly communicated through the recruiting process, and the kids that have been here know what they are."

> "It's when we win the Big Sky Conference, not if."
>
> – Dave Gantt

MSU will be led this season not so much by individuals, but by a collective experience and quality that Gantt's program has been building toward. Ann Watts was one of the dominant players in the league last year, and her and Karin Lundqvist return as sophomores. Julia Handwerk of Great Falls and Aimee Halyk will be a presence in the middle, and setting chores will be open for a battle between incumbent Lorraine Morrison and freshamn Kamber Kelly.

"This year might be the first time since I've been at Montana State that we've had quality experience and depth at each position. We have depth and experience, and we have flexibility in terms of platooning and different coaching strategies," Gantt said. "We might have the best one-

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ASMSU activities begin

MSU Athletics

ASMSU Intramurals and Recreation offers students and their spouses great opportunities in its facilities for recreation, physical fitness, stress reduction and play. It's all within a short walk on campus—swimming, land and water aerobics classes, drop-in basketball, noon volleyball, racquetball, squash, weight and circuit training, cardio equipment, climbing wall, running and walking tracks, ping pong, and even badminton.

Each semester a large number

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Redshirts fill in for linebacker

MSU Athletics

Junior linebacker Mike McCafferty, slated to start this year, continues to recover slowly from an injury incurred on the first day of camp, and it is now being treated as a concussion, MSU Athletic Trainer Rob Higgs said.

McCafferty suffered head trauma the first day of camp last fall and missed the season, but he made it through the spring without incident.

"It appears to be another full-blown, serious concussion, and the effect is that it is starting to erode Mike's confidence in his ability to play college football," said MSU coach Mike Kramer. "He's a great kid, and he really means a lot to this program. We will handle this situation with the caution it deserves."

In McCafferty's absence, a pair of redshirt freshmen are holding down middle linebacker. Chad Gluhm had a solid scrimmage, said defensive coordinator Pete Kwiatkowski, and Blake Wolf is considered an extremely intelligent player.

"Both guys are inconsistent, like redshirt freshmen are wont to be," Kramer said. "I don't know if either is ready to be part of a great defense this year. But between Gluhm, Wolf, Latrel Williams and Kyle Ecker, someone is going to be our starting middle linebacker if Mike isn't able to return."

Ace: Lady 'Cats prevail over tough opponent

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led form the VU Enterprise urnament late this summer. he Bobcats had four players ach double-figure kill totals, cluding Halyk (16), Watts 2), Morrison (11) and haefer (10). Schaefer, a native Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan, tched a career-high 29 digs in e match.

Lindsay Stobbs saw her first tion of the season for the Bob-ts and notched eight kills and four blocks. Valparaiso was paced in the loss by Carrie Goodrich with 18 kills and three blocks.

"Valpo made some nice adjustments and served us much tougher," Gantt said. "They modified their defense, and they gave us some frustrations. They dug a lot of balls our hitters normally terminate. They certainly made us feel uncomfortable with our game. However, it was a great test for us, and I thought we kept patient and responded to the challenge."

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Message: New team shows promise

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two punch on the outside in the conference (Watts, Falin Schaefer). We have four quality middle blockers, I can't remember the last time I was in program where that was the case. So I don't think it will take us long to get to page 30 in the playbook." Gantt says the pace his team works at this fall will be expedited by his squad's experience. "Our first week in camp I'm assuming that we'll be able to field a six-on-six group that between the 12 kids will be two pretty good teams. That's how rapidly I'd like to move."

The Bobcats will practice at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm daily, with occasional 7 pm practices, as well. The team will hold an intrasquad meet on Saturday, August 18.

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MSU assistant coach's contract in jeopardy

Associated Press

More than three months after Montana State University announced it would review its handling of an assistant football coach's assault arrest, the school's lawyer said no decision has been made because she hasn't received police reports.

MSU announced May 15 that President Geoff Gamble had directed the university's legal attorney, Leslie Taylor, to determine whether MSU's handling of the misdemeanor arrest of assistant coach Rushing "was at variance with its normal procedure" and to "recommend any further actions that may be necessary."

Taylor said Friday that it had been difficult for her to reach a conclusion based on her interviews with the coach and the alleged victim. She requested copies of the police reports, but she has not received them.

"Right now, I'm unable to draw any conclusion," Taylor said.

MSU announced the review of the Rushing case soon after the Bozeman Business and Professional Women's Organization wrote a letter complaining that Rushing had not been suspended while his case was investigated.

Rushing was arrested in May after Amber Gains of Bozeman accused him of throwing her to the floor and breaking her arm during an argument in her apartment April 1. He has pleaded innocent to trespassing and assault. A jury trial is scheduled for Oct. 30 in Bozeman Municipal Court.

On July 31, Gains filed a civil suit against Rushing, seeking compensation for injuries, lost wages, medical bills, pain and suffering, and punitive damages. Rushing's attorney, Chuck Watson, has said his client did nothing wrong. Watson filed documents in June, accusing Gains of being intoxicated and in an unprovoked fit of rage when she allegedly attacked Rushing.

In two recent cases involving MSU employees accused of crimes, both lost their jobs. In March 1999, a new campus police officer was suspended with



pay after he was accused of kicking a Missoula bar bouncer in the head, sending him to the hospital. MSU fired the officer within the week.

In November 1998, an MSU custodian was arrested for allegedly raping a woman off campus. It was then reported that he had a previous rape conviction, which MSU officials didn't know about when they put him to work in the dorms. MSU said he was soon fired because he was unavailable for work after his arrest.

Taylor said Rushing was hired on a yearly contract, which only allows termination for cause. If the university doesn't give notice within a certain period of time to cancel Rushing's contract, then it will automatically be renewed.

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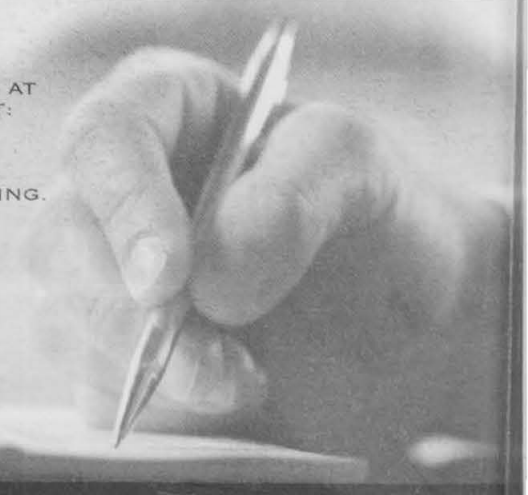
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MSU loses to UAB in season opener

Associated Press

Willie Quinnie scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to help UAB beat Division I-AA Montana State 41-13 Thursday night in the season opener for both teams.

It was Montana State's 18th straight loss. However, the Bobcats, who went 0-11 last year, pressured UAB quarterback Jeff Aaron throughout much of the game and kept the game close until Quinnie broke loose in the second half.

Quinnie caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from Aaron to give UAB a 27-13 lead with 4:29 left in the third quarter. A 49-yard completion from Aaron to Quinnie set up the score.

With 1:25 left in the third quarter, cornerback Chris Brown intercepted a Montana State pass and returned it 26 yards to set up UAB's next score. Quinnie ran 34 yards on an end-around to give UAB a 34-13 lead.

A 6-yard scoring pass from reserve quarterback Thomas Cox to Jason Southall helped UAB pull away in the fourth quarter. Jegil Dugger ran for 122 yards on 25 carries for UAB. He scored the Blazers' first touchdown on a 4-yard run in the first quarter.

A 26-yard field goal by Rhett Gallego gave UAB a 10-0 lead early in the second quarter.

But Montana State came back to tie it on a 32-yard field goal by E.J. Cochrane and a 30-yard interception return by Kane Ioane with 8:05 left in the second quarter.

A 29-yard punt return by Torre Hale set up a 1-yard scoring run by Aaron to give UAB a 17-10 halftime lead.

Montana State quarterback Tyler Thomas completed 19 of 41 passes for 156 yards.

Junior Adams and Pat Carahesen each caught five passes for the Bobcats.

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MSU Lends a Hand to Firefighters

Pat Hill
Exponent Writer

Montana is in flames again this fire season, and Montana State University-Bozeman is lending a helping hand.

Bonnie Ashley, Associate Registrar for Enrollment Services at MSU, described this semester's policy of allowing student firefighters to return late for classes as a "double bonus."

"Agencies like the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service will have extra fighters available," said Ashley, " and students will not be penalized financially for their late start. We need people on the fire lines."

Ashley said student firefighters should call the Dean of Students, at 994-2826, if they anticipate missing classes. A 24-hour answering machine is available at that line, and students should leave their names, student identification or Social Security numbers, and the name of the agency they are working for, such as the Forest Service or BLM. Students can also call the Registrar's Office directly, at 994-6650, between 8-5, Monday-Friday.

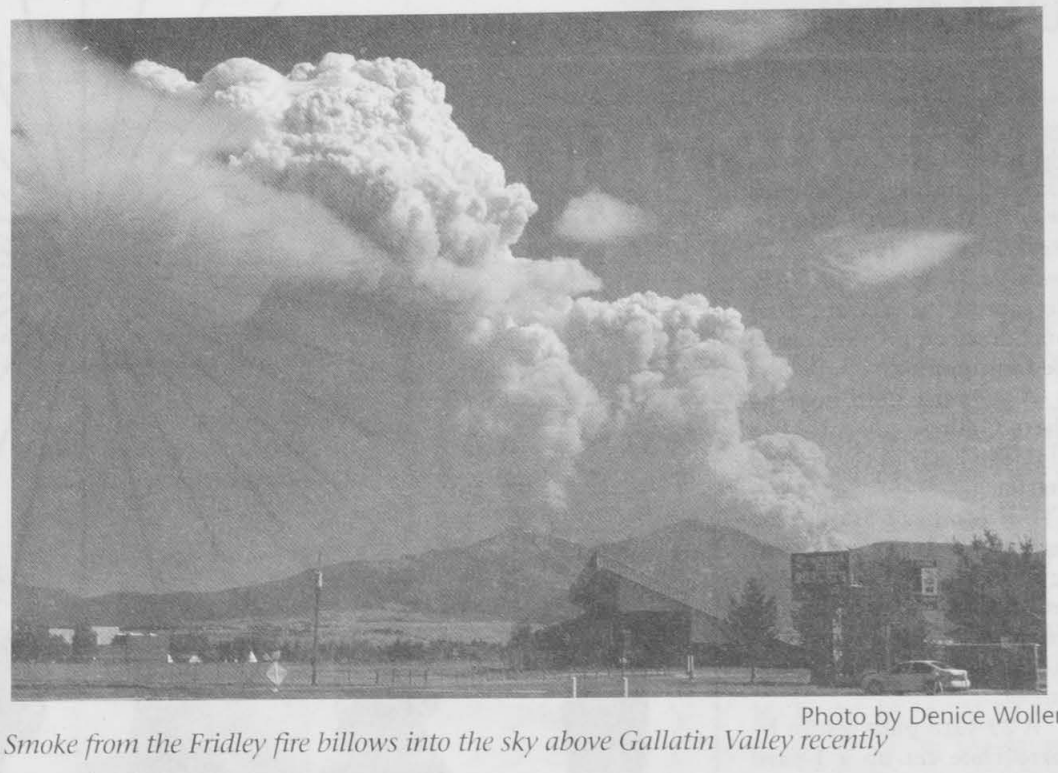


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Smoke from the Fridley fire billows into the sky above Gallatin Valley recently

"I had a student firefighter call in on a cell phone from a mountainside near Reno to check in," said Ashley on Thursday. "Only 14 have called in so far, though." She said that both the Registrar's Office and the Dean of Students will work individually with each student, both financially and academically. No late fees will be assessed to any verified student firefighter.

> "We don't want some kids to think they can take an extra vacation,"
> – Bonnie Ashley

"We don't want some kids to think they can take an extra vacation," added Ashley. "Students must have their work verified with the agency they're working for."

Ashley said that even though MSU and other schools around Montana are offering the late return to firefighters, it does not necessarily lessen the academic load.

"Labs can be especially tough to make up," said Ashley. "If a student can't be back by the 15th day of class, Sept. 24, they really need to talk with the Dean of Students, and maybe think about withdrawing from Fall Semester. A full three weeks behind in class is a lot.

Montana's fires got a later start than in last year's record-breaking season, but the flames are closer to MSU this year. Smoke from the 26,000-acre Fridley fire near Emigrant has been drifting into the Gallatin Valley since the lightning-sparked blaze began on August 19. Nearly 1300 people are fighting the fire. Montana Governor Judy Martz visited the Fridley fire camp on Aug. 30.

"Thank God for the people who do the things that you do," Martz said to the 40 or so firebosses at their daily briefing, according to the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*. Fire officials said that containment is expected at the Fridley fire by Sept. 5.

The Little Joe and Monument fires are also burning in Southwest Montana, and the Moose fire, near Kalispell, is the number one priority fire in the nation, an "honor" that was also held by the Fridley fire for a time. The Walton Creek fire is also burning in the Bitterroot Range near Lolo Pass. Fire officials anticipate cooler temperatures will aid in Montana's firefighting efforts, but high winds helped to double the size of the Moose fire to over 45,000 acres over the weekend.

"We're happy to help," said Ashley, "and schools across the state are taking care of their students like they always do. We encourage students to call if they're fighting fires."

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Binge: Students drink to celebrate freedom

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Nearly every student interviewed for this article observed that binge drinking is more prevalent for students under 21 years of age.

"Once they overcome the challenge to get the alcohol illegally, they drink it all," said Nick.

Sam noted that binge drinking "is more serious for freshmen and sophomores. They are more on their own at college and usually they don't have a focused curriculum. They have too little contact with faculty and others." The void created by this lack of focus is replaced with drinking, she explained.

While many students agree that binge drinking can be a problem, some feel the media focus should not be just on binge drinking but that attention should be given to other alcohol abuse problems.

"All the attention is on binge drinking and not on alcoholism, the students that drink all of the time, or drink before a test," said Amy, a 21-year-old student from Deer Lodge.

Dana Pepper, the Health Educator for Health Promotion at Montana State, agrees with this concept. She doesn't like the definition of binge drinking as it is commonly defined.

"For a certain student, two or three drinks in a night may be a binge. Drinking is a problem when it has negative effects on the student's life," Pepper said.

In her position, Pepper is responsible for taking a comprehensive look at the policies at the university and in the community as they relate to alcohol use, among other health-related issues. One issue that has a direct effect on the community is drinking and driving. As a responsible approach to eliminating the problem, the Cat-Cab program was started. This program involves a number of campus and community groups cooperating to address the problem of drinking and driving.

While Rick Winking, the Student Health Director of the Alcohol and Drug Assistance Center, agrees that binge drinking is a problem at MSU, he takes issue with the media's coverage of this issue. "Every year at this time, the national press sensationalizes stories of binge drinking to scare parents."

To Winking, excessive alcohol use is a problem that needs to be discussed but not sensationalized. "Binge drinking is used by students to test their limits. But the effect is that it impairs their reasoning. Stupid ideas sound good when you are drunk," he said, pointing to an incident four years ago when a MSU student died trying to "car surf" after a night of drinking.

Alcohol use and abuse has always been present on college campuses, but in the past 10 years, binge drinking as become more prevalent, which Winking believes is due to marketing.

"There is money to be made on binge drinking," he said, pointing to the advertisements of local bars, such as KO's club and Little John's Bar, that promote fast and heavy consumption of alcohol. Though it is a loss of revenue, the *Exponent* does not to run ads that encourage alcohol consumption, according to editor Denice Woller. (Repeated calls to KO's club and Little John's for comment went unanswered.)

Another effect of drinking on a college campus is lower grades. Winking has a poster in his office that illustrates this point. Of students that drink, 'A' students consumed 5.7 drinks a week, while 'D' students consumed 15.7 drinks a week.

Even though the general trend is obvious, on a case-to-case basis, it is difficult for professors to correlate bad grades with alcohol use. Steve Holmgren, an adjunct assistant professor of Chemistry, says it is difficult to determine whose grades are being affected by alcohol, especially in large classes, when the day-to-day exposure with students is limited. However, there was one occasion when he smelled alcohol on the breath of a student before a morning exam.

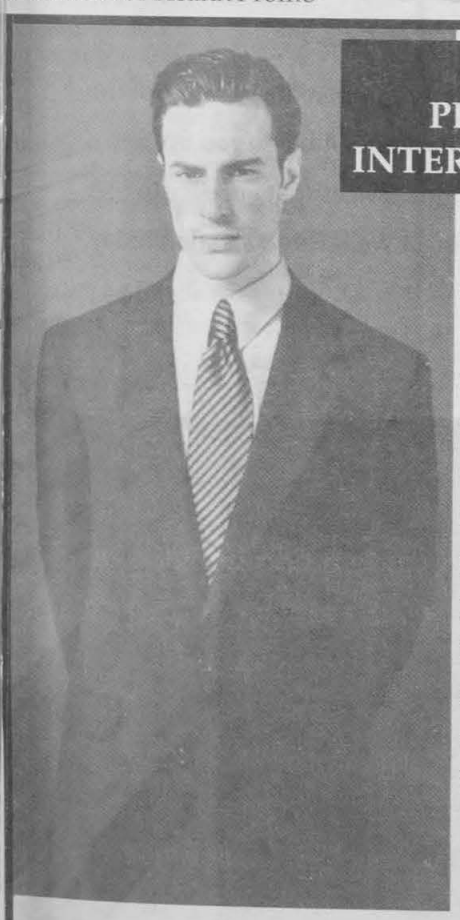
Alcohol abuse, whether in the form of binge drinking or not, can be a serious problem. The MSU administration has taken steps to address the issue by providing treatment and support services and by offering alcohol-free alternatives.

One program designed to help support students with alcohol or drug issues is the INSIGHT program, which gives students personal support for bringing their alcohol and drug use/abuse patterns to an appropriate level. According to Winking, the mission of INSIGHT is to encourage responsible choices.

"We don't want to preach [against the use of alcohol]. We want to mee the students at their level while, at the same time, not approving of dangerous habits by saying 'students will be students'," he said.

Glenn Puffer, the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, told of plans by the Department of Health Promotion to hold a large non-alcohol event after the Cats-Griz volleyball game during Homecoming Weekend. The event will include free food and drinks and features such as a climbing wall, a dunk-the-Dean tank and an F-16 fighter simulator. In addition, the event will feature a co-ed basketball tournament.

Following the planned events, the Bobcat men's basketball team will open its season with the traditional NCAA "Midnight Madness," which will be open to all fans. Puffer wants students to realize the university is not anti-alcohol, but they do want to provide healthy alternatives to drinking.



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New Core Offered to Incoming Freshman

Pat Hill
Exponent Writer

Montana State University-Bozeman now offers two ways for freshmen to complete core curriculum requirements with the addition of a new pilot program beginning this semester.

The Montana Learning Community (MLC) Pilot Project offers a new way to complete core requirements, which are often viewed by students as simply "hurdles to jump," according to Adele Pittendrigh, associate dean of the College of Letters and Science.

"Students see the core as a kind of barrier," said Pittendrigh, who has been instrumental in the implementation of the pilot program. "They see no value in the requirements for their future." She said that the MLC program, "Reinventing the Core," offers a curriculum that will "make sense to students."

The aim in this new approach is to construct core requirements that enhance independent thinking, writing and problem-solving, with "cross-disciplinary experiences" and hands-on, discovery-based learning. These "cross-disciplinary" classes can fullfill core, as well as major requirements, depending on the area of study.

"The faculty involved are so fired up that a creative and exciting experience is almost guaranteed," said Pittendrigh.

Any incoming first-year student can participate in this "innovative and creative" program, according to Brooke Karath, associate director of "Reinventing the Core." She said she has high hopes for the program.

"I wish I'd had this opportunity when I was in school," said Karath. "Students will find that they feel more a part of the university community." She said that sense of community will come about, in part, with smaller class sections and more student interaction, as well as the chance to do a research and creative project by the end of a student's sophomore year.

A University Seminar class (CLS 101, GENS 101) is the first step in the MLC program. The Ideas and Perspectives sections will be offered in Spring Semester 2002. These are multi-disciplinary, team-taught courses, that will also serve as a bridge between the University Seminar and the Research and Creative experience.

"We're looking for as many avenues as possible—we want many choices," said Pittendrigh of the pilot program overall. "I think it will be successful."

"It's an exciting project," agreed Karath. "We get to work with great faculty, as well."

Information about the MLC's "Reinventing the Core" program is available online at mlc.montana.edu, and Karath can be reached at 994-5145 or by email at karath@montana.edu. The MLC office is located in 2-205 Wilson Hall.

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M is for Mountain

Betsy Gaines
Special to the Exponent

The Mountains and Rivers Lecture Series, a year-long series of free lectures focusing on the environment and its impact on the people who live here, will launch its second year Sept. 19 with a lecture by Lynda Sexson, writer and MSU professor of humanities. Sexson's lecture on "M is for Mountain: Landscape and Language," will begin at 7 p.m. at the Bozeman Public Library.

Sexson is an award-winning writer, as well as a pioneer in the movement that recognizes spiritual meaning in everyday objects in people's lives. Sexson's landmark book "Ordinarily Sacred" will be the featured subject of a panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in November.

Sexson is also an internationally-recognized writer of innovative fables and fiction. She has written two volumes of stories: "Margaret Of The Imperfections," which was a winner of the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Prize; and "Hamlet's Planets: Parables," illustrated by Gennie DeWeese.

Most recently, Sexson has published essays on nature, time, Julian of Norwich and Isak Dinesen. Her awards include a National Writer's Voice residency, the President's Excellence in Teaching, the Wiley Faculty Award for Meritorious Research, the Phi Kappa Phi Award for Outstanding Teaching and the Montana Award in the Humanities for service to the humanities.

Sexson's lecture sets the tone for the free year-long lecture series that will pair experts from the community and MSU, according to Betsy Gaines, development director for MSU's College of Letters and Sciences (CLS). The series, co-sponsored by CLS, will focus on the theme of mountains for the fall semester and rivers for the spring semester.

"These two things—rivers and mountains—define our area," Gaines said. "We want to look at these issues from multidisciplinary views — from literary; economic; cultural; ecological perspectives."

The site of the lectures will alternate from the Bozeman Public Library and room 346 of Leon Johnson Hall on the MSU campus — one more indication that the series is collaboration between community and university, Gaines said. The depth of resources available locally is impressive, Gaines said.

"And the topics discussed focuses on the root of the reasons many of us choose to live here," she added.

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Just Grit Your Teeth and Bear It

Thad Kelling
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That's what library officials are telling students to do to deal with the noise and confusion caused by the library renovation project scheduled to be complete by the fall semester of 2002.

"(Students) are still going to have access to everything we have," said the Dean of Libraries Bruce Morton. "It may not be as easy, but access will be there.

Construction started in March and marks the first time the library, which is the second-most used building on campus behind the Strand Union Building, has been renovated since 1960, when the current four-level structure was built.

The renovation is largely a safety issue, with most of the money going new lighting, a new heating and cooling system, asbestos removal, structural reinforcement, increased wheelchair access, and a new sprinkler system.

But the project will also include the addition of some 250 new seats in four areas. One new area with dormer lighting will be above the old 1948 structure on the east side and is expected to be complete by October; another will be created by extending the third floor of the main building over the atrium, with construction also expected to be done by October; the other will be in the north side of the fourth floor; and the last will be where the old fountain used to be, an area expected to be finished by December.



Photo by Charlie Eubank

The Renne Library renovation is slated to be completed by Fall 2002.

Once the construction is complete and the book stacks are replaced, $500,000 worth of new furniture will be purchased and put in the new seating areas. Morton said the new seats will mostly be cushioned arm-chair seats, while the fourth floor space will have "carol" study desks.

Among the largest impacts on students will be the moving of the book stacks at least three more times. All the books will be available, but students must follow purple signs to find what they need. And the reference desk has been relocated to the basement but will not be moved again.

"There will be stack moving throughout the year," said Cecilia Vaniman of the MSU Planning Department, which directs campus construction projects. "Someday, when a student goes to look for a book in certain field, the books won't be there anymore."

Other major alterations include the remodeling of the entrance room and reference-desk area, the removal of the two walls facing the atrium on the fourth floor, and the enclosing of the main stairway.

"There is always going to be disruption, but there are degrees of disruption," Morton said, noting that there are ear plugs available at the front desk.

In addition to the more functional aspects of the renovation, $59,000 worth of art will be provided, due to the state-mandated "one-percent-for-art" program. The library has received 109 submissions for this work and expects to purchase paintings and sculptures, including a fountain for the new area on the third floor created by enclosing the atrium.

The renovation is a $8.3 million project made possible by a $7.5 million allotment by the 1999 Montana Legislature, a grant from the state and donations to the school. The project originally was expected to cost $8 million, but "surprises keep popping up," Morton said.

"The best thing that students can do is just to grit your teeth," Morton said, "and hopefully, it will be worth the inconvenience."

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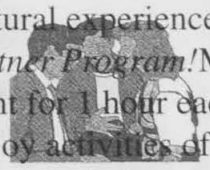
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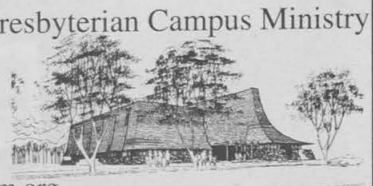
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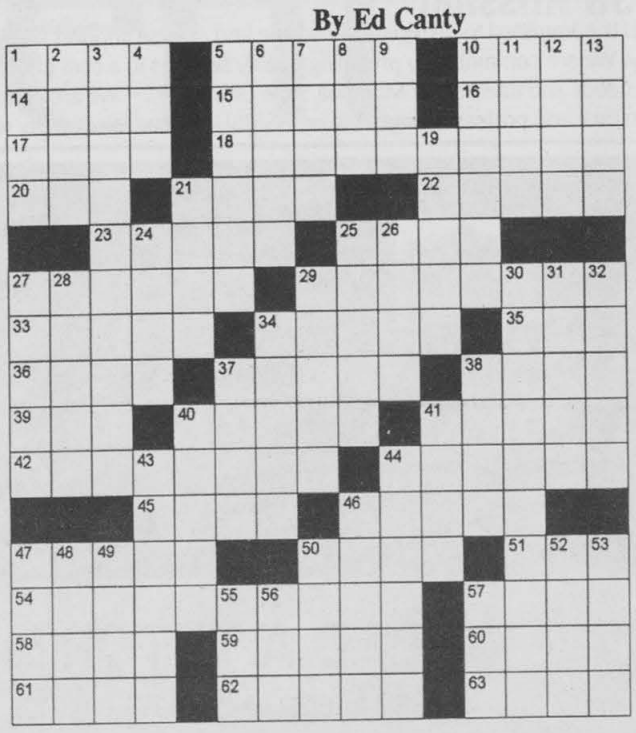
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"Bird Watching"

By Ed Canty



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1 Torpedo
5 Pushed back
10 Pinnacle
14 Swear
15 Pertaining to the ear
16 Barnyard resident
17 Enthusiasm
18 *Chicago's winter birds?*
20 Finish
21 Cain's target
22 Valuable quality
23 Wanderer
25 _____ terrier
27 Carted
29 Indy 500 town
33 Inside
34 Musial & Kenton
35 Mature
36 Wine
37 Follows pie or eye
38 Caesar's bad day
39 Compass pt.
40 Divvy up
41 Pickle juice
42 Musical composition
44 Gives
45 Partner
46 Informal language
47 Flower
50 Groom's party
51 Taproom
54 *Helicopter*
57 Rome money
58 Eat one's heart out
59 Spooky
60 Mr. Clapton
61 Eye infection
62 Cries
63 Mary Baker _____

Down

1 Fog
2 Level
3 *Cartoon bird*
4 *Bird of night*
5 Hit lightly
6 Measuring stick
7 Kind of exam
8 Hoover, e.g.
9 Lodge member?
10 Humiliated
11 Heifers
12 Create
13 Formerly formerly
19 19th President
21 Affirm as true
24 Spread
25 Fifth wheel
26 _____ State, Ohio
27 Allergic response, e.g.
28 Licorice-flavored seeds
29 Gaze
30 *Flamingo, e.g.*
31 Representative
32 Ayes
34 Semidarkness
37 Converse
38 Formerly Persia
40 Entangle
41 Crow
43 Pop out
44 Open spaces in a forest.
46 Airfield
47 Pointed tools
48 Follows golf or pot
49 Petite
50 Father
52 Lacking sufficient water
53 Risque
55 Evergreen tree
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