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Students
Unhappy
with SUB
Food service

Kelly Freckmann

Exponent Writer

It's Wednesday at noon and students swarm the SUB in search of friends and a bite to eat. Lately, it seems nearly impossible to find a table to sit at with so many students grabbing their mid-day energy boosts from the different vendors in the SUB. Ironically, many of these students are unhappy with both the price and the assortment of food offered.

"I think the food is definitely overpriced. Sure it is a convenience to have an assortment of food options right on campus, but I think we may be overpaying for the convenience of it," said MSU Junior Sara Leipenheimer. A census revealed that students agreed with this claim, but generally, the base prices of food at the SUB and local venues are comparable.

A six-inch ham and cheese sandwich from Subway will cost approximately \$3.50, and at Avogadro's the same sandwich is \$3.40.

Sure, the base prices are similar, but at Subway, you can get whatever you would like to eat for a sub," said MSU Junior and Avogadro's employee Erica Leipenheimer. "At Avogadro's, you pay for every extra item."

"I think the prices are pretty fair for the quality of food we offer," disagrees Julie Stanson, an MSU student and Union Market employee. "We get the occasional complaints, but I think that students are generally satisfied with the food and the prices."

There are other students who have problems in the assortment of food.

"There are a lot of places to eat, but we really only eat at Avogadro's and Bobcat Grill. The Union Market may have more options, but I like what I am familiar with," said MSU Engineering student Kelly Schoestfal.

"Some students still living in dorms say they sometimes will go to the SUB to eat something other than the dorm food but I found that a lot of it is the same. This may be due to the fact that the food service offered on campus is leased to a catering

New jail in the works

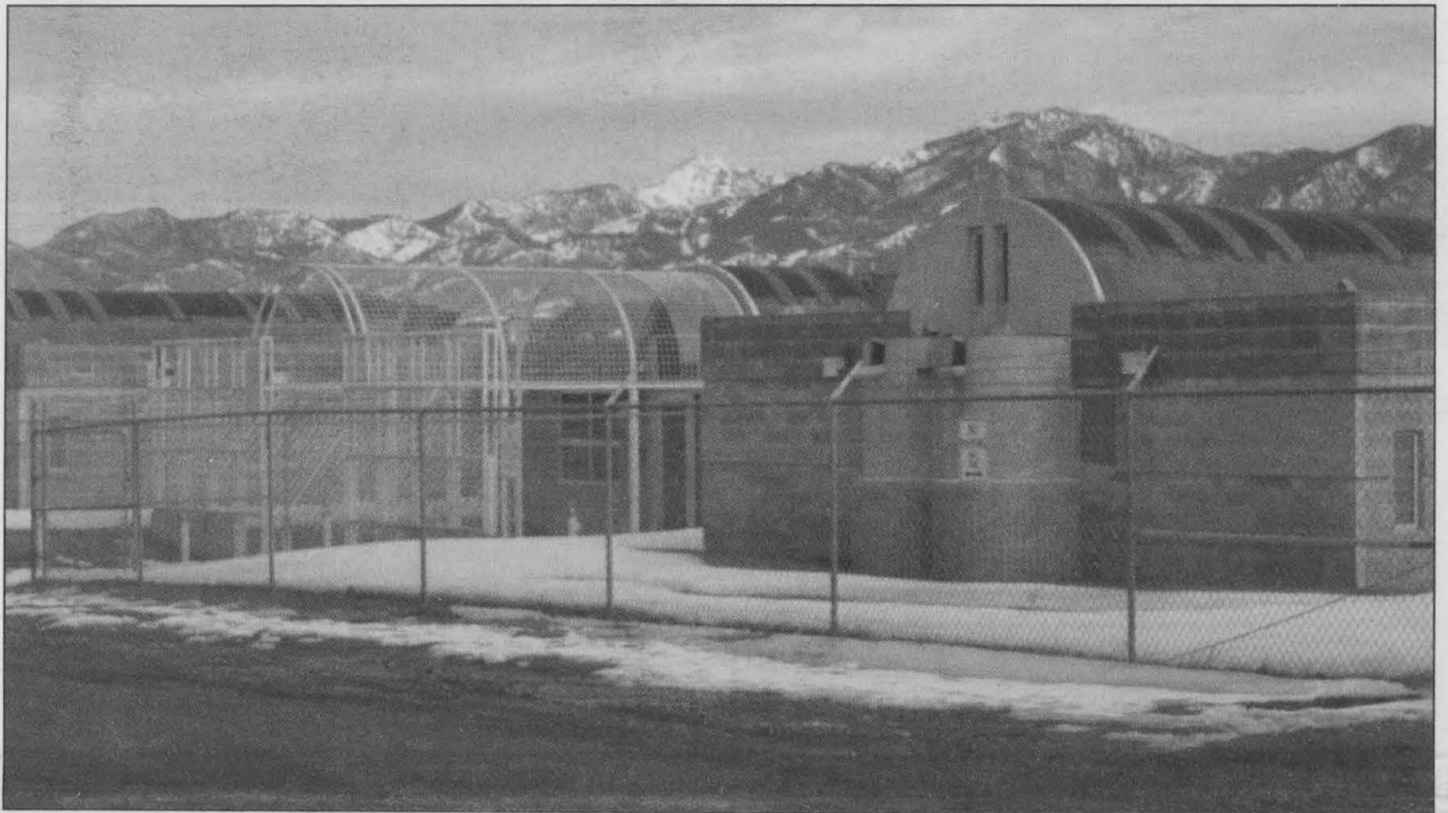


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A renovation of the old Gallatin County Jail that stands at the Law and Justice Center off 19th Avenue could possibly be rebuilt now that the vote for a new jail will go public. Below: Fifteen men in a six cell block watch TV at the local jail.

Proposal for new jail will go to public vote

Pat Hill
Exponent Writer

Gallatin County may finally get a new jail, after county commissioners voted unanimously on Thursday to put the matter to a public vote. All it took was a few words.

Commissioners rephrased a specified election deadline on the jail ballot Thursday, which means a vote will take place later this year. A successful petition drive by Citizens for a Gallatin County Detention Center placed the jail issue before the commission, which accepted the petition on Tuesday. Scheduling a vote for the new detention facility

put those proceedings into disarray, after County Clerk and Recorder Shelley Vance said that her office could not conduct the election as the ballot issue specified.

"It is not economically or administratively feasible to conduct the requested election by mail ballot on May 24," said Vance on Tuesday, explaining that several special elections already scheduled for May in Gallatin County will keep her office busy. The petition, as written, requests a vote within 95 days of the commission's acceptance. Commissioners decided to

hold off until Thursday before taking any further action on the new jail election.

Organizers of the petition drive said that their intention with the 95-day limit was to prevent further delay in putting the



photo by Jon Bergman

jail issue before the voters. A vote on a new jail missed a January 2002 mail ballot, after the unanimous three member county commission approval needed for the measure failed last summer.

"We did this to force action," said Citizens for a Gallatin County Detention Center member Karen Pfahler. "This has been going on a long time." She said that the effort to get a new jail in Gallatin County is nearly a decade old.

Gallatin County Attorney Marty Lambert, tasked with

studying the legalities of the 95-day time limit by the commission over the two-day break, agreed that Gallatin County is long overdue for a new detention facility, telling the commission that the time limit imposed by the petition

could be adjusted.

"We want to vote on a new jail as soon as possible," Lambert said at Thursday's commission meeting. "If there is no vote on May 24, the petition will not be invalidated, in my opinion." He said that there was "legal precedent" to hold the election on a day as close as possible to the requested date, at the discretion of Vance and the commission.

Citizens for a Gallatin County Detention Center spokesperson Dave Penwell said that his group's 95-day request was not

set in stone. "We would acquiesce in whatever the board decides," said Penwell, "but do it at the earliest possible date."

The commission's unanimous decision to change the wording in the jail ballot measure and give Vance leeway in scheduling the vote met with approval from people at the hearing. Commissioners also approved county funding for postage costs of the jail ballot in a 2-1 vote.

"We're really happy as a group," said Pfahler's husband Gus, another member of the petition drive. "We're pleased that the commission stayed with the language of the petition...the specific date didn't really matter."

Gallatin County Sheriff Jim Cashell also said that he was pleased with the commission's decision.

"I think it's wonderful we finally get a chance to vote on the deal," he said. "Now we're getting somewhere."

"My feelings have not changed since Tuesday," said Commissioner Bill Murdock. "We must submit this to the voters."

Voters will have two issues to consider when the jail election is held: whether to approve an \$18.3 million bond issue for construction of the proposed 144-bed detention facility, as well as ap-

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approval of a \$13 million bond issue for the facility's operating costs.

"I think the voters better be prepared to start shelling out," said Commissioner Jennifer Smith-Mitchell. "Costs are always more than previous estimates."

"What's done is done," said Commissioner John Vincent. "We need to move forward." Vincent, who has also served on the Montana State Legislature, said that the decision to go forward with the jail vote was the most difficult he has had to make "to date" on the County Commission.

"The jail question has dragged on far too long," he said.

Vance said she was pleased that the commission's decision gives her the "breathing room" to conduct the election properly.

"It's my job and my duty to conduct elections," she said. "Maybe I'm sick and twisted, but I really do like it."

MSU cultural historian sees possible global clash

MSU News Services

We now live in a global society where the difference between wealth and poverty is greater than at any time in history, observes Alexander Saxton, a cultural historian and current Stegner Professor of Western American Studies at Montana State University.

"This could lead to the real danger of the globe dividing up along economic and political lines, which could throw the world into world wars that would make the first two look like skirmishes," Saxton said.

Saxton has spent his professional academic career looking at society through a historical context. He says where we could be headed has its genesis in the Industrial Revolution. Prior to that time, ecological limits naturally stemmed affluence.

"In the long history of human culture, human existence was marginal and nature dominant until the Industrial Revolution," he said. "Then we run headlong into an ecological crisis."

It's this ecological crisis that Saxton will address in the annual Stegner lecture at the Mu-

seum of the Rockies on 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 in his talk, "Two Western Writers on Nature and US."

Saxton is a westerner, by adoption. Born in Massachusetts and educated in Chicago, where he earned his bachelor's de-

we met a lot of outdoors people and started backpacking."

Saxton and his wife, Trudy, made their home in Lone Pine, Calif. in their retirement because of its immediate access to the Sierras and backpacking. Even at 82, Saxton's love of the outdoors continues and he spent last summer backpacking in the Sierras.

Trudy died earlier this year, just before their 60th anniversary.

Saxton originally hoped to make his living as a writer of fiction. His first novel

racial conflict centered on problems that would come into focus 20 years later when the civil rights movement came to the forefront of American consciousness.

"During the war years, the war took priority over the issue of race," he said. "It was something the country wasn't ready to tackle."

The novels directly expressed what Saxton saw in society.

"I wanted to write about the center of the American experience. I grew up in a fairly sheltered middle class setting, but worked around the docks at a railroad and saw the racism and discrimination."

Saxton's mother taught English and American literature and his father was an editor.

While Saxton was writing novels, he worked as a carpenter in San Francisco to make ends meet. But, eventually, he went back to school to get his graduate education.

"The kids were in high school, so finances were pretty tight," he said. He graduated with a doctorate in history from the University of California at Berkeley.



"As we move to a global village, the problem of exploitation of people takes on momentous importance and danger. People feel excluded from the benefits of industrialization."

— Alexander Saxton
Stegner Professor of Western American Studies at MSU

gree in history, he grew to love the West when he and his wife settled in northern California after World War II.

"My wife grew up in Chicago and she had heard about California and it became a great legend," he said.

"When we got to California,

"Grand Crossing." It was followed in 1948 by his second novel, "The Great Midland."

"The Great Midland" depicted the multiracial and multiethnic alliances that developed as Chicago railroad workers struggled to organize. Saxton believes his novels of class and

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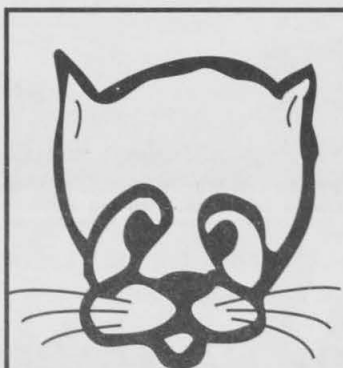
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Selling ancient Olympic traditions to modern America

Zachary Gildersleeve
Exponent Columnist

Watching the Olympics could be an event in itself, where the competitors are judged by their ability to deal with the moans of commentators and spectators, and how quickly they can be edged out the actual sports analysis from the human-interest stories and the hype.

Assuming there is analysis buried somewhere under the scrolling banners and instant internet polls.

The Olympics continue to get more commercialized as they progress further from the ideals of amateur competition. When there are more NHL hockey players competing in the Olympics than in the NHL itself, you know something is suspect.

The Salt Lake City Winter Olympics were awash in scandal even before the city was awarded the games, and some of the scandal has followed the actual competition. Unfortunately for Salt Lake, bribing and rigging voting has long been a part of the Olympics, but they were

caught and singled out like that one unlucky kid in a class of misbehaving middle-schoolers.

Oh well.

It does give the commentators something interesting to talk about, making for more stimulating television viewing, because let's face it: ice dancing is boring, unless there are accidents, one luge race is the exact same as the last one. Curling has never been the same since it was separated from its blood brother and MVP: alcohol.

My favorite TV device I have seen so far are the internet polls that pop up every once in a while, with questions that range from the obvious, "Where are the Olympics being held this year? Log in now to cast your vote!" to the mundane, "Do you care if that triple toe loop was executed flawlessly? Vote now."

Most often they ask for things that the average audience member has neither the knowledge nor the ability to answer correctly, but in the Age of the Internet, we are all made instant experts by virtue of the immense and practical volume of

information at our fingertips, and we vote anyway.

Thirty thousand votes by John Q. Mousepad outweigh one vote by someone who has a doctorate and 30-years experience in sports commentary. And they say America is a culture for the dumb and down.

What a wonderful time to be alive.

This is not to say that the Olympics are boring and bad, that technology is ruining the games, or that most of the television coverage has been unwatchable.

The majority of what I have seen has been somewhat pleasant. The cable cam is rejuvenating the way all the downhill sports are televised. The Internet has made it possible to keep up with events that are rarely covered but still fun to watch, like Nordic racing and speed skating.

And it remains exciting to see people who are the best at something in the world, do exactly that and be rewarded for it, or two equally skilled people, two evenly matched teams, go head-to-head to determine who will be the champion of the universe.

We watch the Olympics because we all claim to be the best at something, sometime, whether it be in reality, or just a childhood fantasy. It appeals to the King of the

Mountain in all of us.

Personally, I deeply admire excellence and ability. Maybe that is why I wish everything about the Olympics could be above par, including the non-athletic portions. I guess they will learn eventually.

If the Winter Olympics continue to get sloppier and less entertaining, the television audiences will eventually wise up and actually go skiing rather

than watch it on TV, and most of the events will go the way of the dinosaur.

Given the increasing popularity of the X Games and the desire of the average American to see other people get hurt, I think the only thing that can save the Olympics is to give the games a new, streamlined, extreme attitude, the kind of attitude that can be neatly summarized and fit on the back of a Mountain Dew can.

The IOC could start by renaming the competition the Olymp-X.

Re-introducing the skeleton – the head first luge – was a step in the right direction. I think I would be more likely to sit through a game of downhill hockey between the USA and Canada, a Flaming Hoop of Death in alpine jumping, or uphill bobsledding than anything else they could throw at me.

At the very least they could put some tiny cameras on the figure skates or include some sort of rotating Matrix bullet-time camera somewhere.

I don't think that is too much to ask.



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What is your favorite Olympic event?

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U



"I like the aerial ski jumping because it is full of adventure."

Liz Van Arsdale
Junior
Exercise Physiology



"Men's snowboarding halfpipe and curling."

Ryan Sauther
Junior
Business Mgmt

"Snowboarding, because the guys are cute."



Rebecca Kimmel
Sophomore
Animal Science

"Rodeo, because it is good to finally recognize the rodeo athletes in the Olympics."



Erika Williams
Sophomore
Animal Science

Short-term plans for energy alternatives needed

Associated Press

Branded an oil-lover, President Bush surprised many environmentalists recently by touting the benefits of alternative fuels. And he backed up his comments with a pledge to use \$1.5 billion

in government subsidies to help bring fuel-cell technology to the auto industry. Fuel cells produce power from hydrogen and oxygen – and the vehicles using them emit harmless water vapor.

All well and good, but the President fully knows he'll be long out of office before this emerging power source becomes

commonplace. The President's idea would carry more weight if he took some reasonable steps to curb the nation's appetite for energy now. His short-term plans – including drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska – doesn't come close to achieving that goal. Forcing automakers to improve the fuel

efficiency of the vehicles they're making now would.

It's hard to believe it, but, on average, the vehicles on the road today are burning more gas than before. That's because of the popularity of SUVs. Since they are classified as trucks, SUVs avoid the higher gasoline-mileage standards imposed on cars. Official government standards are 27.5 mpg for cars and 20.7 mpg for sport-utility vehicles, minivans and light trucks, and they haven't been raised in more than a decade. The federal government must hold the auto industry to a higher mileage standard across the board.

After doing so, it should do all it can to foster efforts to bring alternatives forms of energy, such as fuel cells and solar technology, to the public.

Slowly, a market is building for these alternative energy sources, and they don't necessarily involve powering vehicles.

Colleges and libraries seem to be leading the way. Consider: Baruch College is using a geothermal energy system to heat and cool some newly constructed dormitory buildings. The system, installed with the help of state funding, takes energy from 4 wells drilled under a nearby parking lot.

Le Moyne College in Syracuse is renovating one of its dormitories with a new geothermal system that will extract heat from the earth during winter and discharge it back into the ground in summer. The pumping system is fairly expensive to install, but the college says it will save money in the long term once the system is in operation.


And the Tompkins County Public Library in Ithaca has opened a solar-powered facility that could save the library more than \$1.8 million in energy costs over its 30-year lifetime.

Still, these are isolated cases, not the norm.

The nation needs a steady flow of energy, and, for now, it needs to find the proper mix of oil, coal, nuclear – and conservation.

The biggest difference the Bush administration can make right now is to force automakers to improve fuel efficiency. It can also push and enforce the requirement for older, coal-fired power plants, exempt from Clean Air Act provisions, to install the latest pollution-control equipment whenever they upgrade or expand their plants.

Plowing money into the promise of "green" energy for the future is fine, but it does not free the Bush administration from its responsibility to better regulate those polluting the environment now.



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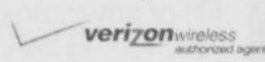

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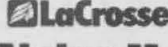

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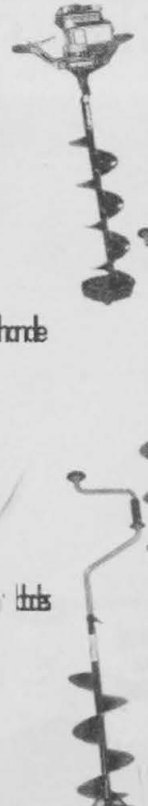
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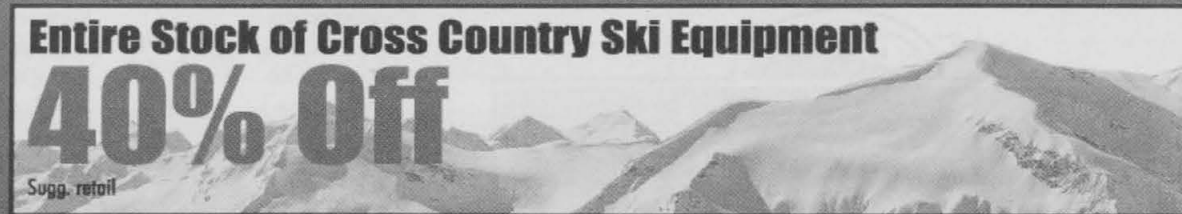
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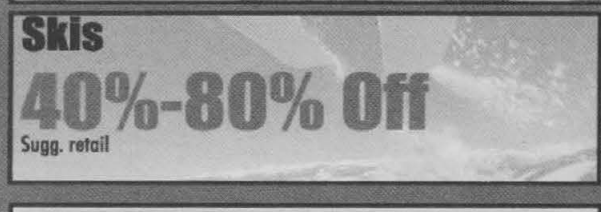
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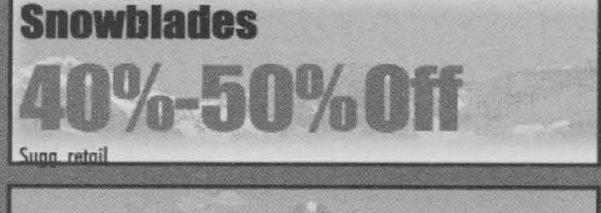
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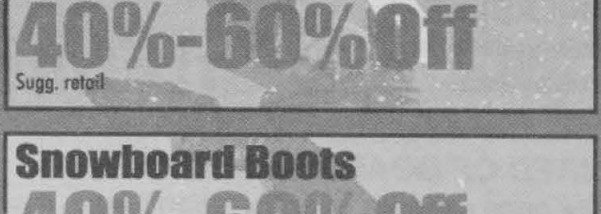
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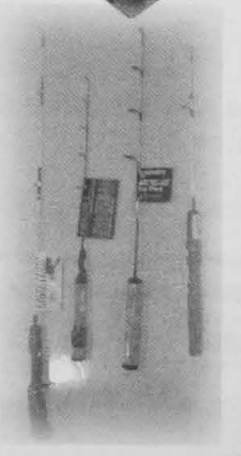
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Food: Students want variety for a good price

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company that actually manages the vendors in the SUB and resident cafeterias.

Unsatisfied students at universities throughout the nation have caused many colleges to consider alternative options. The most popular trend generating the most positive responses is leasing space to well-known fast food restaurants.

Arizona State University recently remodeled their union and currently boasts seven fast food chains, plus a few of their own

vendors. Schlotsky's Deli, Burger King, Arby's, and Pizza Hut are some of the new restaurants brought in by student request. Unsurprisingly, the student response has been very positive and officials are considering leasing space to a few other interested restaurants.



"I think there should be some places that are open late."

- John Fetter
MSU student

"I think bringing in a couple well-known fast-food restaurants would be a great addition to our SUB," Leipenheimer said. "That

way, students are more familiar with the food, and they know the prices are standard."

"A cheap taco place like Taco Bell would be great," believes MSU sophomore Trista Anderson. "Are you know they would make more. Just look how popular the new Taco Bell by the mall is."

Some students do not see a problem with the quality or a sortment of the food, but with the accessibility to it.

"I think there should be some places that are open late," said John Fetter, an MSU Engineering student. "I live off campus, and sometimes, when I am really busy I'll just go to campus in hopes of eating while I study, but usually only the Sweet Shop is open, and that doesn't do me much good."

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Clash: Economic gap could prove dangerous

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ter a brief teaching stint elsewhere, he returned to California and taught at the University of California, Los Angeles until retirement.

As a professor, Saxton's writing focused on American industrialization and the relationships between historical change and problems of race and racism. His best known writings in history are "The Indispensable Enemy: California Labor and the Anti-Chinese Movement" and "The Rise and Fall of the White Republic: Mass Culture and Class Politics in Nineteenth Century America."

"In all my work the central issue is racism," Saxton said. "These problems are now worldwide. As we move to a global village the problem of exploitation of people takes on momentous importance and danger. People feel excluded from the benefits of industrialization."

As the Stegner Chair at MSU, Saxton has returned to teaching. "I love teaching. I'm being in contact with young people and the exchange of ideas." He'll finish his position as the Stegner chair at the end of the semester in May.

The Stegner chair utilizes teaching and research of his literature and philosophy to focus on important Western issues including conservation, growth of the economy.

Wallace Stegner was a nationally important figure of American letters and winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. He is often called "the dean of Western writers."

February 22, 2002

Bobcats shoot down the Bengals

Eric Woller

Exponent Writer

Damir Latovic tied a career-high 23 points Saturday and led the Bobcats to a 63-59 win over Idaho State University in Pocatello. The 'Cats improved to 16-8 overall and maintained their Big Sky Conference lead at 9-2.

Idaho State played tough throughout the entire evening. The Bengals came into the game with a significant amount of momentum after thrashing the University of Montana, 79-64 the previous night. At halftime, the Bengals had a 33-30 lead on the Bobcats. During the first half, there were 11 turnovers by Montana State, five of which were steals by the Bobcats.

In the second half, Latovic came to life, scoring 17 of his 23 points in nine minutes. He made back-to-back three-pointers to give Montana State a 10-point lead.

Jason Erickson increased his lead to eight by making a layup with 4:14 minutes remaining. These were critical baskets since the Bobcats did not score until Pete Conway made a free throw with 20 seconds left.

Despite a bone-chilling performance (1-11) from three-point range, Idaho State scored

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Lady 'Cats victorious during track invite



photo by Jon Bergman

Four women compete in the hurdles last weekend in Worthington Arena during the MSU dual scoring invitational. The women defeated Weber State, 85-54, Utah State, 89-58, and U of Montana, 89-61. However, the men's team was defeated.

Lady 'Cats sweep the Idaho Bengals and lead the Big Sky Conference

MSU Athletics

Montana State senior Jessica Blake scored a career-high 31 points to guide the Bobcats to a 94-75 win over Idaho State, last Saturday night.

En route, MSU moved into a first place tie with Montana at 9-2 in Big Sky Conference action, following a Lady Griz' loss to Weber State in overtime.

Montana State University

(15-9, 9-2) cruised to an early 11-1 lead at the 17:33 mark of the opening stanza on a Blake layin. Idaho State (9-15, 2-9) closed to within 20-15 with 9:49 remaining on an Ashley Toner basket.

However, the Bobcats rattled off a 21-4 run to take a 41-19 halftime advantage.

"It was nice to see us take care of business from the opening tip," said Montana State head coach Robin Potera. "I was very pleased with our performance. It

seemed like everything was clicking and our confidence is really growing."

In the second half, Montana State University built its largest lead of the game at 79-51 with 6:44 left on a pair of Blake free throws.

For the game, Blake converted 12-of-17 from the field and was seven-of-eight from the free throw line. Also in double-figures for the Bobcats were Kati Burrows with 16, Candis Wilcox with 13, including a three-of-four effort

from three-point range, and Isabel Stubbs with 12. Montana State senior point guard Rebecca Alvidrez suffered a concussion in the first half and only played 16 minutes.

For her feats against Idaho State and her career-high 31 points, Blake was named player of the week.

Idaho State was paced in the loss by Mandi Carver with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Montana State University will travel to Northern Arizona tonight in Flagstaff.

Part II: Telemarking continues in the Peruvian Andes

Marc Strasser makes his first descent of Paraju in Peru.



photo by Kyle Amstadter

Kyle Amstadter

Exponent Writer

Once again we ski from the summit roped to one another due to crevasse danger. Just to be on the safe side, we decide to keep the rope on until we pass the section we are uncertain of. It is a good thing that we did.

Marc argues that we should ski down the same route that we had climbed up. Martin and Kyle think they had seen a route traversing under some seracs that would allow the team to circumvent a steep field of penitentes - four-foot high ice formations unique to the Andes. Unfortunately the majority rules. We choose the traverse and soon find it to be much steeper and icier than we had imagined. Before long, Kyle, who is at the head of the rope team, asks: "Do you guys think you can self arrest here if you blow an edge?"

Martin: I look at my whimpy self arrest ski pole and answer - "No". There really would be no way to

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SALT LAKE

Four Montana State students experience the Winter Olympics in Utah on a shoestring budget

This past weekend, I was fortunate enough to witness an exciting Olympic event firsthand, allowing me the privilege of seeing world-class athletes struggle toward the goal they have worked so hard to attain for four years.

I've got to tell you, the only thing better than seeing an event such as this is being able to boast that I did not pay a Yankee dime to see anything. I, along with a band of fellow transgressors, was able to slip through the airtight, government-regulated regime of the hallowed Olympic security system.

After the terrorist attacks, the Salt Lake Olympic Committee (SLOC) increased the security budget from \$200 million to \$300 million. This increase, funded mostly by the federal government, made the budget 15 times that of the 1980 Lake Placid Games. The SLOC went to extremes to prevent a possible attack at the events in the Salt Lake City area. Actions taken include the rerouting of commercial airlines to minimize flights over Utah, secret service agents placed strategically in the hillside of downhill ski events and National Guard soldiers armed with automatic weapons patrolling venues and athlete hostels, not to mention enough metal detectors and bag searches to make the Pope nervous.

Meanwhile, four oblivious MSU students with no accreditations or proper authorization managed to pass through all levels of security at the Bobsled/Nordic ski jump venue. There may be repercussions for my unreserved behavior concerning the matter, but it is a story that must be told.

After parking at a nearby K-Mart, we took

advantage of a shuttle service specifically intended for Olympic officials and volunteers. We simply boarded the van and road it approximately a mile through heavy traffic to the main gate of the venue. Accompanied by "Fitz," our host and Bobsled track maintenance employee, we shuffled by the spectator gates and headed directly for the special entrance for media, athletes and SLOC employees and officials. Our nerves were a little rattled after going through the metal detector and getting our bags checked by soldiers with an arsenal of a developing country.

For the record, we were the only individuals in the line who were not sporting Olympic vests, parkas, backpacks, accreditation passes with photo I.D. and radios with headsets. Needless to say, we stuck out like Richard Simmons at a Tool concert.

After getting through bag check, we walked up a path to board a second shuttle to the bobsled track. We boarded the shuttle after a particularly passive official asked to see our passes and Fitz snapped at him. We were not stopped by anyone at the bottom of the bobsled track, we were now officially in the clear. Fitz let us loose inside while he went to do his set-up duties. Since it was now 12 noon and the main gates did not open until 12:30 p.m., it should have been blatantly obvious to the 100+ officials surrounding us that the four guys in street clothes were invalids. Evidently, it wasn't.

Approximately a dozen people told us we were the first spectators of the day and asked why they opened the gates early. We had no concrete answer for them, only that we had gone faster than the other spectators on the laborious hike to the venue. My nerves finally subsided

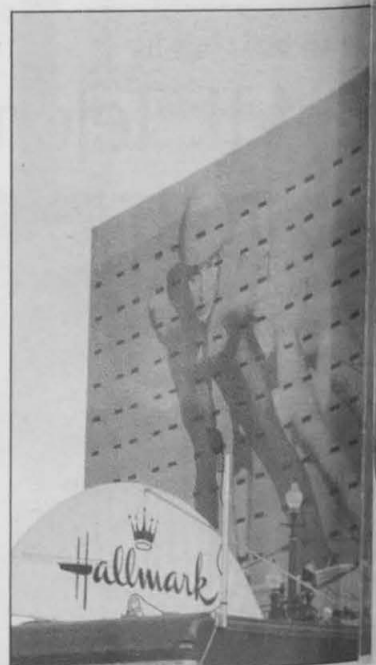
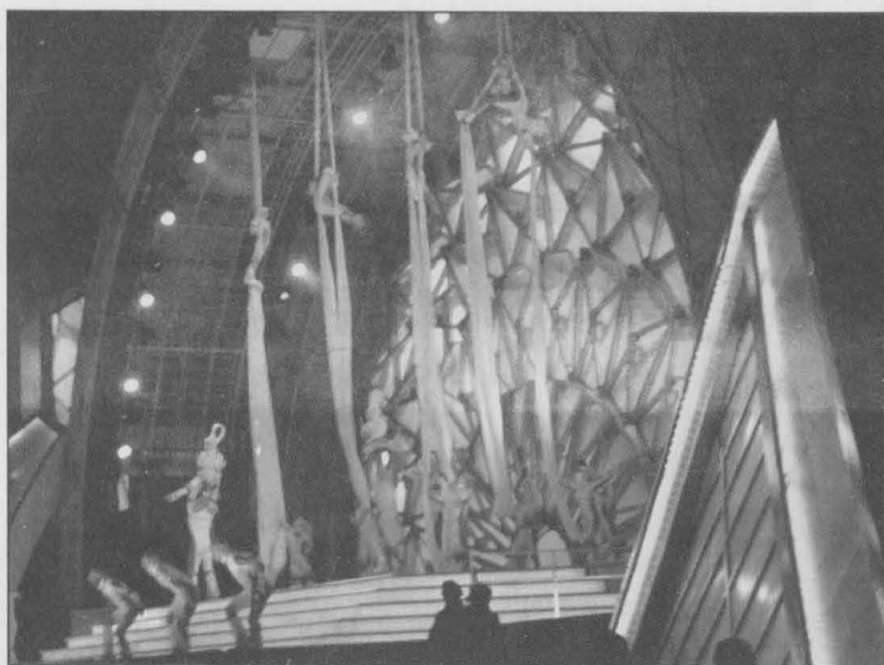
when other spectators began showing up... 45 minutes later.

Then poaching did not end at Snowbasin. Later that same evening, our posse ventured to Park City for live music, good food, fireworks and an all-around good time. Somehow, we ended up at the Park City Public Library, which had been converted into the Norwegian Headquarters for the duration of the Games. All I can really say about our experience at the "library" is that Aass® beer, rowdy Europeans and Viking helmets are a strangely alluring combination.

On Sunday, we again stretched the limits of how much we could milk from the Olympic Games. We strolled down to the Olympic Plaza in the downtown area of Salt Lake City with intentions of purchasing tickets to the evening medals ceremony from nice, honest ticket agents more commonly known as "scalpers." Such nice folks, those scalpers are. After declining outrageous offers for tickets originally given out for free, we were let into the ceremony by a nice Australian official free of charge. The tickets we received allowed us on the floor level with the athletes. These were the same tickets that scalpers were selling for no less than \$80.

I only encountered one setback in the Olympic Plaza, after being mugged by a woman at a concession stand vendor. She was polite about stealing my \$8 and gave me a small bag of almonds as consolation for the robbery.

The 2002 Olympics is something I'll never forget. Interacting with people from all over the world and watching top-rated athletes in peaceful competition is an unbelievable and magical experience. In conclusion: it was worth every penny.



2002

FAST FACTS

- There are approximately 3500 athletes from 80 countries gathering in a 90 square mile area to compete in 70 events.
- The 2002 Olympics is estimated to reach over 2.5 million television viewers and more than 2 million spectators.

Television ratings for the week of Feb. 11

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Top 5 medal winning countries



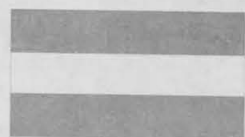
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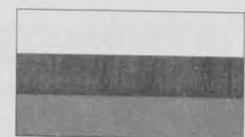
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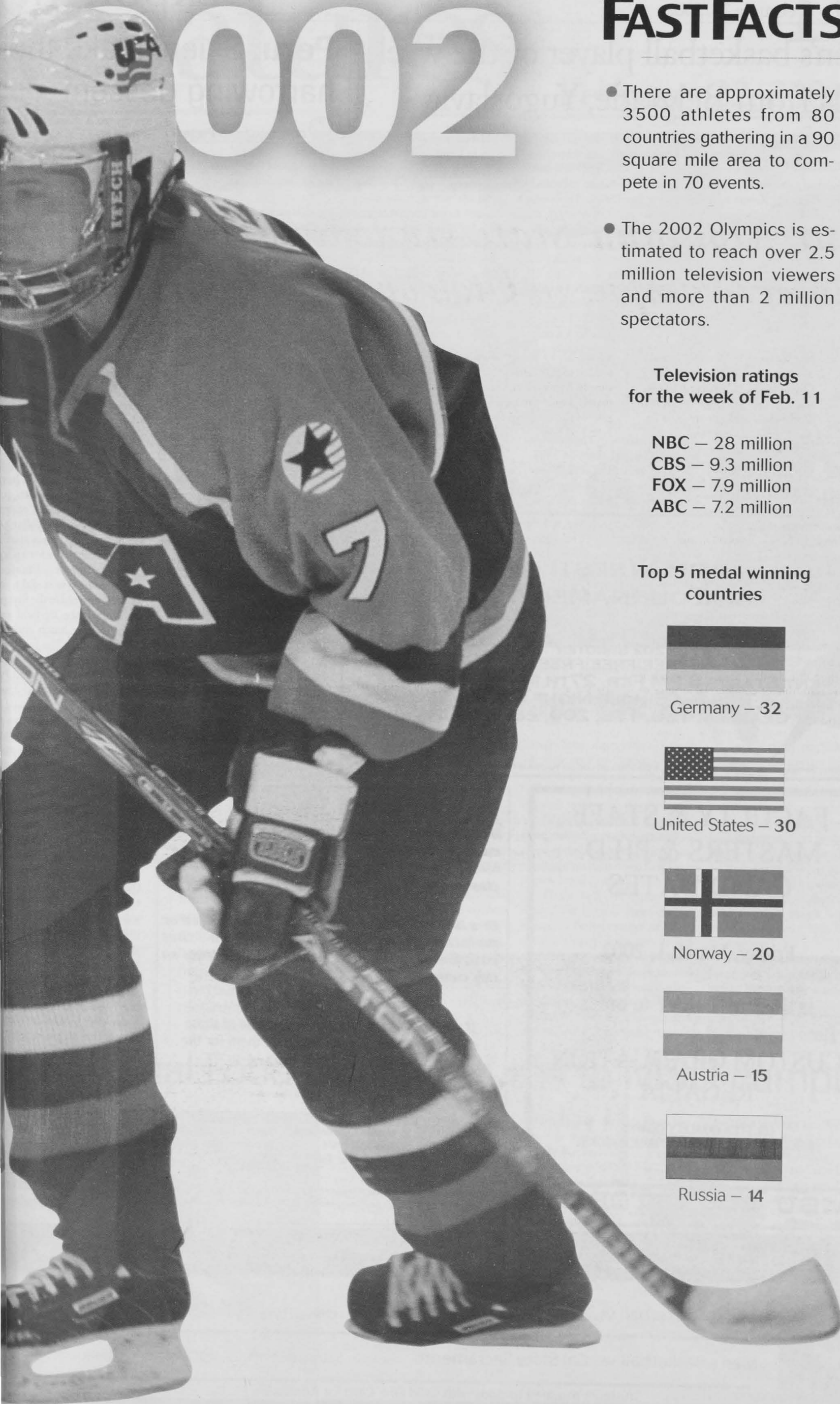
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Russia – 14



Men's basketball player of the week hails from Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Eric Woller

Exponent Writer

In Worthington arena, the flag of The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia hangs in honor of junior transfer forward Damir Latovic, from Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Latovic, a 6-foot-8 power forward, was awarded Big Sky Player of the Week for his performance against Idaho State last Saturday.

Latovic tied a career-high 23 points, went 7 of 7 from the free throw line, scored 14 in the paint and nailed two critical back-to-back three pointers to give Montana State a permanent lead against the Bengals.

"It just happened against Idaho State. It happened that I had a huge game," said Damir. "It was me Friday night, but it

could be anybody on any night."

Latovic leads the conference with eight double-doubles (missing his ninth by one rebound against Portland State). He is second on the team in scoring, at 10.9 points per game. His proudest achievement, however, is his conference leading rebounds (7.6 per game).

"To tell you the truth, I would trade four assists for two rebounds," said Latovic. "I've said numerous times before, I would rather have double digit rebounds than any other category (points or assists)."

The native Yugoslavian's experience in the United States came when he traveled to America with the Yugoslavian Junior National team in 1997. The team spent most of their time on the East Coast playing Division-I schools. During this time,

he noticed a difference in American basketball.

"Basketball in the US is faster paced," said Latovic. "There are not as many big men. Back home centers tend to be a lot taller. It slows the game significantly."

Latovic left his parents behind and came to the United States. He is the only member of his family who speaks English and the only one who has been in the United States.

Damir knew all along that he could play at the Division-I level, but because he had not taken the necessary tests to enroll in Division-I schools, he had to graduate from a Junior College first.

Montana State first took notice of Latovic during his

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Peru: Skiers make their harrowing descent

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self arrest if I started sliding. Kyle places a snow picket and clips the rope to it behind him.

In my opinion, we are making the right decision to use snow pickets for the traverse. You could argue that we should get out from below the monstrous seracs as quickly as possible, but I think the risk of falling off the cliffs below the ice field is greater than the risk of falling seracs, though not by much.

Luckily Kyle had an alpine axe and an ice tool, and Marc had an ice tool as well as a self-arrest ski pole. Then there's me - with a single Whippet self-arrest roped up between Kyle and Marc. Self-arrest ski poles are great for crusty snow, but not the weapon of choice for blue water ice.

The traverse is a nightmare for me and it is something that every alpinist tries to avoid. My heart misses a beat as Kyle crosses a patch of blue ice and blows an edge. As he falls he swings his ice tool and catches himself. There will be no such saving grace for me if I slip, and I'm loathe to test the soundness of our pickets. Kyle places a picket on the other side of the blue ice, and it's my turn to cross. This is the worst part for me. I'm very aware that if I blow an edge, I will not be able to catch myself, and that my fall may make Marc and Kyle fall as well, causing all of us to end up hanging by the pickets.

With the tips of my skis scrap-

ing the ice, I almost panic, but control myself as the cliffs below stare me down.

"Just think of it as doing sketchy move on a sport climb. I tell myself. "It's ok to fall."

I slowly take the pick out the firm snow and reach forward poking around in the ice until a pick enters a few millimeters. take a deep breath and start sliding my boards across the ice. Kyle's voice gets real calm and quiet as he gives me instruction on where to cross the section. A of my mental and physical power is focused on my two metal edges. The seracs above and cliffs below are forgotten as I traverse the meter section. Finally I find another solid placement with a pick and I try to relax my muscles before continuing.

The traverse keeps going forever - one and a half hours think. My legs begin to quiver and I notice the smell of ammonia rising from the collar of my jacket - my body has started burn muscle tissue for energy. try to ignore it. Finally a penitente field is in sight, which we tried to avoid in the first place.

We exit the ice-field and down to have lunch and re-lect ourselves. The food, drink and rest do much to restore strength and minds. Over a mouthful of German cheese and sausage, Marc breaks a humbled silence: "I guess we're going back down in the dark, aren't we?" Knowing that another descent in the dark is inevitable, we take our time, for our surroundings are truly magnificent.

At one point Marc wants to jump a rock band for a photograph. "What's wrong with you?!" y Martin - "Haven't we had enough of an epic day?" Below the rock-band is a 40 degree slope with a 100 foot run separating the landing from other cliff. Marc drops a rock-band. As he takes a close sample of the snow with his face, he discovers that conditions aren't too good for jumping. He punches through the crust and begins to cartwheel down the slope towards the cliffs. Kyle and Martin watch with mouths gaping. Marc stops his fall with his self-arrest ski pole and Martin gives him a verbal lashing in German.

Back at the tents, we barely have enough energy to fill an oatmeal-encrusted pot with water for pasta. We sleep until the sun beating on the tents forces us to get out of our sleeping bags.

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Oriflamme Writer's Series Commences Saturday

Carrie Scott
Exponent Writer

With aspiring writers at its heart, the Oriflamme Writer's Series will take place this spring. The workshops take a variety of subjects and focus on specific areas in writing. The workshops feature contributions from writers and professors of MSU.

The first workshop is led by Dr. Michael Sexson Saturday from 12-4 p.m. Sexson's workshop will focus on the fairy tale structure of myths and how displaced in reality to tell a story.

Upcoming workshops will be on March 2, 23, 30 and April 6. Storyteller Greg Keeler will host a workshop on expository writing and poetry in March, and a workshop on investigative journalism will feature writer, Joseph Bourque. Barrett hosts a workshop on Creative Autobiography, and Micheal Beehler continues the series with a workshop on writing a concise piece of critical theory in his Literary Criticism workshop. Registration forms are available at the MSU English Center or at the English Club. Sales every Monday from 10 a.m. until 1p.m. in Wilson Hall. Call 556-8339 for additional information.



photo courtesy of Juice

The psychodelifunk sounds of New Orleans' Juice will have the Zebra Cocktail Lounge spinnin' with Cajun flavor tonight.

New Orleans' Juice plays the Zebra tonight



"Juice shows more than a passing proficiency in snappy rhythms and tasteful guitar, which helps *Fortified* satisfy your daily funk requirements."

— Gambit Magazine

Clarissa Gentry
Exponent Writer

Thirsty? How about some Juice? New Orleans' Juice that is. Though this may sound like an ad for a new Mardi Gras cocktail, it isn't. New Orleans Juice is about as far from a beverage as something can be.

Juice, in fact, is a band, and quite an interesting one at that. Forming in 1995, bassist, songwriter, vocalist, Dave Jordan, created that band the blended the musical stylings of Motown groove with improvisational folk music and of course, a splash of New Orleans.

Think of it as Sly and The

Family Stone meets the Grateful Dead meets Fats Domino.

Mostly, though, they are labeled as a funk band. The band emblem itself touts the group as "Psychodelifunk." However, it only takes the careful listening to a few of their songs to realize that, when you get right down to it, Juice is rock & roll—pure and simple.

Their eclectic sound has earned the band a great deal of notoriety. In September of 1998, New Orleans' Juice recorded their debut album, *Fortified*. Backing this release, Juice toured without stop for two years, playing venues from Atlanta to Nashville to Boulder to Missoula and everywhere in between.

In February of 2000, Juice welcomed a surprise: Louisiana Red Hot Records picked up *Fortified* and decided to re-release the album.

This re-release garnished nothing but acclaim from the national audience. New Orleans' *Gambit* Magazine wrote, "Juice shows more than a passing proficiency in snappy rhythms and tasteful guitar, which helps *Fortified* satisfy your daily funk requirements."

Also, after the re-release, Juice was consistently ranked within the top 100 musical acts on garagebands.com.

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International Food Bazaar returns to MSU campus

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Lara Vaianti
Exponent Writer

The 21st annual International Food Bazaar will be held this Saturday.

Flags from all around the world will be hanging above 26 booths that will display a variety of foods from around the world. In addition to the great food, folk music and other entertainment will dress up the multicultural atmosphere.

Bluette Phillips, MSU foreign student coordinator, is in charge of most of the event and explained that for the first two years the Food Bazaar was

held outside, but then it became so popular that ASMSU decided to sponsor it. Phillips added that ASMSU has been the biggest sponsor for international programs, but still needs support in funding the event.

"In the last two years, we had to fight to get the money to put this event together," she explained. "Money is not something we get every year. In fact, Saturday after the celebration, a decision will have to be made about what to do next". The

costs of the event are due to the use of the kitchen facility combined with staff assistance. The recipes are all checked and approved by the kitchen staff.

"We have been trying over the year to get more monetary sponsorships," Phillips said. "But we have not been very successful, except from sponsorship from the MSU First Union Bank. It's hard to come by also considering that we



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Juicy: It's time to get your groove on

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The re-release of *Fortified* also gave Juice the opportunity to share a stage with many of their influences and contemporaries such as Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits,) Widespread Panic, Merl Saunders and The Aquarium Rescue Unit and many others.

Despite their recent successful

rise, New Orleans' Juice still has their collective feet planted firmly on the New Orleans' ground.

In recent times, the band has regrouped, replacing the original guitarist, Dave Broussard, with Chris Nolte. The change of guitarists also worked as a reincarnation of sorts for New Orleans' Juice. Broussard's guitar stemmed from that of Jerry Garcia, whereas

Nolte's strings tend to ring out a more blues/jazz oriented sound.

However, the new lineup isn't the same as that which recorded *Fortified*. In light of this, the band returned to the studio to record the follow-up album that is still untitled. The new LP contains a myriad of special "sixth members" such as Bill Summers (Los Hombres Calientes, Herbie

Hancock's Headhunters) Charlie Dennard and Anders Osborne.

Though the album is expected to be sensational, it can't live up to the live stage show of Juice, which has been labled as something amazing. They are masters of the jam and will stretch out songs, change solos frequently and leave the audience begging for more.

They also aren't afraid to

switch from one genre to the next without pause. They play heavy R&B, funk, rock, blues and jazz all in one single song. *An Hon* *Tune Magazine* described them as having "the ability to get your groove moving in ways you didn't know were possible...A Juice show can last as long as the crowd is willing to give back what these guys are giving up."

American Wildlands serves to protect resources

Carrie Scott
Exponent Writer

American Wildlands is a science based non-profit organization with a long history of support for the conservation of wildlands. In particular, the Bozeman area organization focuses on ecological issues in the Northern Rocky Mountain region, but successful conservation efforts have reached far beyond local wilderness areas. Recent projects include work with the clean up of watersheds and the designation of wildlife corridors.

American Wildlands has been promoting the protection of natural resources and restoration of bio-diversity for 22

years. During their prolific history, American Wildlands has secured legal protection for 100 million acres of Alaska's wildlands. The protection of 2.2 million acres of the River of No Return Wilderness in Idaho and the increase in protected land in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness occurred with campaign and strategy help from American Wildlands.

Sustainable management, including the advocacy of wilderness legislation, is also included in the widespread activism of American Wildlands. The organization sponsored one of the first Wildland Resource Research Programs in 1981, which focused on the economic values of wildland resources. In

addition, American Wildlands also founded a coalition to address the effects of the Glen Canyon Dam on the Grand Canyon and management concerns of the surrounding areas.

An upcoming event sponsored by American Wildlands is a Solar Power Seminar on February 25 at 7 p.m. The Seminar will take place at Bozeman Public Library and will discuss solar and wind power systems, grants available for solar energy systems and other solar projects in Montana. Homeowners will participate in the discussion, along with Chris Borton of the Sage Mountain Center and Tony Boniface of Independent Power Systems.

Current programs such as the Roadless Campaign have experienced recent success. The Roadless Initiative passed Jan. 12, 2001 in an effort to protect 58.5 million acres of federal land from development from the building of roads. The campaign generated 1.7 million public comments and countless examples of public participation. American Wildlands continues to promote the Roadless campaign to ensure federal agencies such as the BLM and the Forest Service comply with laws and policies that protect the environment.

The Watershed Integrity project strives to encourage compliance with the Clean Water Act. Under this rule, Montana must have clean-up plans for the state's rivers, lakes, and streams by May of 2007. American Wildlands and several other conservation groups charged the Montana Department of Environmental Quality

of not abiding by the requirement of the Clean Water Act. As a result, the state of Montana required to develop clean-up plans by the new May 2007 deadline.

The Watershed Integrity project has also actively campaigned for protection of the waters of the Gallatin River. The campaign's goal is to have the Gallatin River designated as an "Outstanding Resource Watershed" through citizen petitions. The nomination of the Gallatin River as an ORW will protect the river under state law from degradation.

Any Montanan can nominate a river for protection as an ORW by submitting a petition request for review by the Montana Board of Environmental Review who submits the petition to the State Legislature where the ultimate decision is made. For more information on this project contact Stu Levit at American Wildlands, 586-8175 slevit@wildlands.org.


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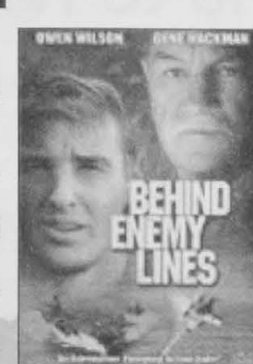
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...n't have a person that works in time for the Bazaar."

Foreign students have the primary role in this festival, and booths are also occupied by other organizations. This year the "Rome class" that studies the history of Rome will participate, as well as the International Club booth.

People who participate in the Food Bazaar buy their own ingredients and cook their chosen recipes, and are usually reimbursed through the sales. Food portions are not excessive and prices vary from 50 cents to \$3.50.

Two hundred MSU students are directly involved in the Bazaar by cooking, selling and cleaning. Compare this to the 3000 people coming from all over Montana coming to the event, and you can understand why the students have their work cut out for them.

Vijay Rolla, an Indian graduate student participating in the Bazaar explains that, "We spend a lot of time and energy preparing, but it is a lot of fun and it is a way to celebrate our culture in this country."

At the end of the Bazaar, a prize is awarded to the best overall group effort.

This year's Food Bazaar is

significant because of the recent events that happened on Sept. 11. "The Food Bazaar is particularly important, especially after the tragic events of Sept. 11," Bluette explained. "There is really nowhere you can go today that is not an ethnic mix of people, because they all keep moving around and that is why it is so important to know about what other cultures are all about."

The prices for the Bazaar are \$3 for adults, \$2 for MSU students with One Card, \$1 for children 10 to 15 years old and 50 cents for kids under 10. The Bazaar will be held in the SUB ballroom, from 4 to 7 p.m.



At the food bazaar, don't be surprised if you're exposed to some traditional flair like yelling out the various dishes to entice the onlookers. Don't be afraid, just eat.

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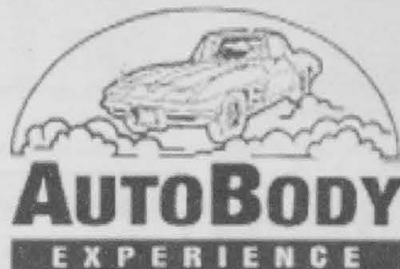
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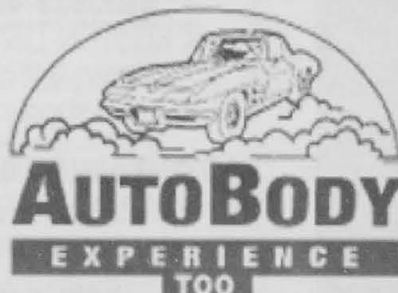
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B-ball: 'Cats lead the way

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within two points when Aaron Rich had play of the game. Idaho State's Jeremy Brown drove down the left baseline and let a short jumper go. Rich jumped up to block it and was able to get enough of the ball, which removed a small, but noticeable amount of the ve-

locity from the ball, causing the game tying shot to fall short of its goal.
James Clark made a pair of free throws to finalize the score, 63-59.
This weekend the Montana State Bobcats host Northern Arizona on Friday and Sacramento State on Saturday.

Award: Latovic earns praise for effort

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time at Pensacola Junior college. Along with fellow junior college transfer, Casey Reynolds, the MSU coaching staff had hoped that the two could fill the spot left by John Lazosky who had averaged 13.5 points per game during last season.
Latovic plans on heading

back to Yugoslavia as soon as possible. It's been six months since he last saw his family and friends. He does try to keep them updated on how the team is doing.
"They can access the Bobcat's website, and I've sent a couple tapes and pictures and news articles," he said. "So they get informed pretty often. I miss my family and friends a lot. I can't

wait to get home."
Two more wins and MSU win the regular season Big Title and will host the conference tournament.
"We have a huge advantage by playing these two significant games at home," said Latovic. "We're going to have a huge crowd to support us and give us a necessary lift to win those two games."

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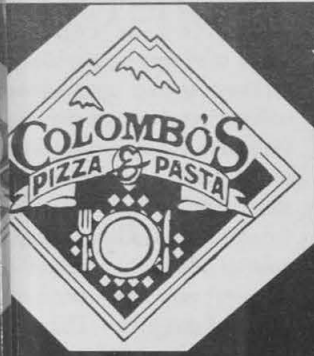
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Composing People **Crossword 101**

By Ed Canty

- Across**
- 1 Dressed
 - 5 Loony
 - 10 Bro & sis
 - 14 Christmastime
 - 15 Hello in Oahu
 - 16 Business org.
 - 17 Knife
 - 18 "Kiss Me Kate" composer
 - 20 Sawbuck
 - 21 Shade
 - 22 Prepared
 - 23 Fibbing
 - 25 Govern
 - 27 "West Wing" star
 - 29 Canning need
 - 33 Gold measure
 - 34 Tablecloths
 - 35 Historic period
 - 36 Hostels
 - 37 Throws a fishing line
 - 38 Legal document
 - 39 Single
 - 40 Teases
 - 41 Not restrained
 - 42 Storyteller
 - 44 Fortified
 - 45 Affirm
 - 46 Musician Jones
 - 48 Arthur to friends
 - 51 Fish
 - 52 Type of party
 - 55 "Imagine" composer
 - 58 Make over
 - 59 Away from the wind
 - 60 Approaches
 - 61 Baby's bed
 - 62 Former Bill's Andre
 - 63 One of the 7 Dwarfs
 - 64 Social climbers
- Down**
- 1 Boil, e.g.
 - 2 Stringed instrument
 - 3 "My Fair Lady" lyricist
 - 4 Deborah Kerr to friends

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- 5 Brunch staple
- 6 Sing _____
- 7 Enameled metalware
- 8 _____ Bible
- 9 Bark
- 10 Follows movie or smoke
- 11 Greek letter
- 12 Produced offspring
- 13 Nimble
- 19 Acrylic fiber
- 21 Shade
- 24 Affirmatives
- 25 Raves
- 26 Consumes
- 27 Heir
- 28 Jack ___ of TV's "Jungle Adventures"
- 29 Cheapskate
- 30 "Show Boat" composer
- 31 Get up
- 32 Evaluated
- 34 Toil
- 37 Quote
- 38 Exert oneself
- 40 Judge's mallet
- 41 Put down
- 43 Drizzled
- 46 Coastline
- 47 Large-flowered plant
- 48 Slightly open
- 49 Actor's quest
- 50 Archaic you
- 51 Child's play
- 53 Revise
- 54 Lots
- 56 Terminate
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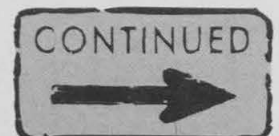
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Rush continues throughout year

by Annie Glover of Alpha Gamma Delta

For years Greek systems across the country have been shrouded in mystery and stereotypes, yet really they are communities of energetic people who participate in a variety of activities inside and outside their houses.

Sororities and fraternities form intramural teams, do community service projects, travel, and participate in leadership activities as well as

many other social events. The general philosophy behind the Greek system is going to school can be stressful. Why not try something new, meet interesting people, and have some fun while you're at it?

Often times, the thought of formal rush is intimidating for potential Greek members, and students think they can only get involved at the beginning of each year. However, the houses recruit year-round. This type of recruitment is

called "informal rush."

Right now, most of the houses have fun, but laid-back activities planned for informal rush.

Some of the houses' informal rush activities include theme dinners, arts and crafts, sledding, renting out the Rec Center in the Strand Union Building, and BBQs.

Informal rush is a great way to look into different houses and to learn more about Greek life.

MSU Greek fun facts

- MSU locations named for local Greeks
- Alpha Gamma Rho-Aasheim Gate, Roy E. Huffman Building
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Max Worthington Arena, Joe May SUB Ballrooms, Sonny Holland Locker Room, Gardner (Pete) Waite Gate
- Sigma Chi-Romney Gym and Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
- Pi Kappa Alpha-Merrill G. Burlingame History Collection
- Renne Library
- Kappa Alpha Theta-(Marge) Paisley Court Family Housing
- Σ - In 2000 MSU Greek Chap-

- ters raised \$17,363 for local national philanthropies
- Σ - In 2000 MSU Greek Chapters donated over 8500 pounds of food to local food banks
- Σ - In 2000 MSU Greek Chapters gave over 14,935 hours of community service to 55 local groups
- Σ - MSU Greek Wellness Program created by fraternity alumni \$20,000 donated toward educational programming, leadership retreats, workshops, speaking and monetary awards for chapter excellence.

Top Greek grades for fall

- Alpha Omicron Pi 3.123
- Pi Beta Phi 3.251
- All-Women's 3.031
- Kappa Sigma 2.824
- All Men's 2.754
- 3.5-4.00 GPA ** Denotes 4.00
- Alpha Gamma Delta Mary Lorang, Jessica Maki, Amanda Robison, Amy Woodward
- New Members: Krystal Lee, Calbria Chaney
- Alpha Omicron Pi Laura Bruner, Kelsie Eggensperger, Marisa Hanson, Jennifer Klusmann, Sara Klusmann, Shawna Rader**, Jamie Richards, Jesica Strohecker, Rebecca Tunkel, Gina Veneziano
- New Members: Heather Smyth, Kristin Wamsley
- Chi Omega Michelle Codiga, Brittany Elenburg, Amy Sandquist, Kris Sorum, Laura Sorum, Jana Walsh
- New Members: Katy Smith
- Pi Beta Phi Natalie Dachs**, Erin Dilts, Chelsea Edwards**, Michelle Galvin, Julie Hanson,

- Alexa Hicks, Crystal Huston, Holly Huston, Kristin Karst, Stephanie Peterson, Holly Voermans, Lauren Wing, Heidi Yost
- Alpha Gamma Rho Scott Blain, Matthew Gravely, Bill Perry
- Kappa Sigma Erik Clausen, Jesse King, Brad McEnroe
- New Members: Ryan Fox
- Lambda Chi Alpha Cory Christofferson, Jake Doubek, Daniel Faaborg**, Brad Williams
- New Members: Chris Mangano
- Phi Sigma Kappa New Members: Bill Weber
- Pi Kappa Alpha Jerod Fehrenbach**, Jess Glawocki, Jon Ulrich
- New Member: Blake Rasmussen
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon Noah Marks, Jeremy Mitchell
- Sigma Chi Brian Lee, Jeremy Lindh, Michael Patterson
- Sigma Nu Ryan Absalonson, Jesse Woodson

Greek system more than it seems

by Carrie Severson of Alpha Gamma Delta

Greek houses within our campus have acquired a sub-standard reputation due to negative publicity. Courtesy of movies, newspapers, and other media- the stereotypes assigned are no secret. It seems that students would discontinue affiliation with these houses, subsequent to the negative attention mercilessly thrown at the Greek System. On the contrary, students residing within the Greek Community are aware of their responsibilities and achievements.

On campus, many Greeks donate their time to help out when they are called upon. Outside of campus, however, are organizations that benefit from the time and money given to them by Greek Houses. Every Greek house assists an organization in which they donate money or services obtained by sponsoring different events,

fundraisers or time and labor. Some of the charities benefited by Greeks are The Children's Miracle Network, Walk for Hunger, Eagle Mountain and Rocky Mountain Hospice, The North American Food Drive, Habitat for Humanity and Juvenile Diabetes. One of the more popular events known to our campus is Alpha Gamma Rho's Testy Fest that raises money for the Eagle Mountain and Rocky Mountain Hospice. Another considerable philanthropy is the aid organization that Lambda Chi Alpha actively spends time working with. This year alone, the men of Lambda Chi Alpha raised 2.9 million lbs. of food in one day for The North American Food Drive. They spent many hours stuffing bags with flyers explaining their food drive, hanging bags on mailboxes and collecting them after they were filled.

The positive involvement the Greeks have within our community is less seen and less discussed among the majority of students on campus. Although our community work may not be a widely discussed topic compared to other topics surrounding Greeks, we must not forget what they represent and why they exist today. Our philanthropies provide an excellent source of learning as well as an opportunity to contribute to our community. Thank you to all the people who have supported our philanthropy; it means a great deal to us.

Check out the next Greek page in the March 22 Exponent

Upcoming Events

February 2002	Spring Clothing Swap Skate to the Music Wallace Stegner Symposium	College to Career Conference				Sign Ups Darts Travel Health Class
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<p>Feb. 23 (SAT) Spring Clothing Swap 8 - 12:30 pm SOB Barn 'recycle' your clothes & toys for others - free for more info call 582-1127/556-2180</p> <p>Feb. 24 (SUN) 5th Annual College to Career Conference 10:30 a.m. SUB Ballrooms Check-in begins at 10:30 am in SUB South West Lounge For more information call Leadership Institute at 99407275</p>	<p>Feb. 23 (SAT) Skate to the Music South Side Skating Park (5th & Alderson) 6-8 pm Hot Music & Warming Hut for more info call 582-1127/522-9745/587-4853</p> <p>Feb. 28 (THURS) Travel Health Class Are you planning to travel internationally in the coming year? Learn how to prevent & treat illness from food, water, insects. Student Health Center 12:15 pm Call 994-2311 for more info</p>	<p>Wallace Stegner Symposium "The World We'd Like to See" 10 am - 5 pm; 1501 11th Avenue MSU Foundation Great Room For more info call 994-7805</p> <p>March 5 (TUES) Travel Health Class Are you planning to travel internationally in the coming year? Learn how to prevent & treat illness from food, water, insects. Student Health Center 12:15 pm Call 994-2311 for more info</p>	<p>Intramural Activities Room 202 Shrcyer Gym Sign ups for Arm Wrestling Start Feb. 21 - 25. Competition starts on February 27th. Competition begins at 6 PM in PEC hallway. 5 Weight Divisions</p> <p>Sign Ups for Darts Feb. 26-28 Competition starts Mar. 4 for Independent Mar. 5 for Greek House</p>
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