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Left: The Centennial mall entrance to the SUB, MSU's main student building, is one of the most highly-used buildings in the state. Right: An unidentified student sits near the SUB on Tuesday. Students voted last year to remodel the SUB.

## MSU Hosts Annual Ag Appreciation Days

JESSIE SOUKUP  
EXPONENT WRITER

From Nov. 11-13, 864 high school students from around the state will be corralled at Montana State University, ready to compete in thirteen various agriculture related contests.

MSU's College of Agriculture hosts students from nearly forty high schools will be comparing their skills in topics such as livestock judging, public speaking, agriscience, meats, and debate.

Ten years ago, the livestock judging typically held at the fairgrounds came to an end. At that point, MSU decided to take the initiative to rebuild the program, creating Ag Days. It has been successful ever since. One hundred more participants have registered this year than last year.

Lynn Speakman of the Dean and Directors office explained how successful the events have been in the past, and how exciting this year should be, with many more participants and educational events planned. Students who are trained by FFA and 4H coaches get pumped up for these three days, and give it their all, Speakman said. Team bonding, and lots of interaction are constantly present throughout these events, and it's a way to share agricultural experiences with peers.

Ag Appreciation Days kick off Thursday morning with a day full of livestock judging by agriculture students. This day is primarily for the students, and requires their competitiveness in each aspect of the contest. The Public interest portion begins at 3 p.m. on Friday, with a Steer-A-Year Judging Contest at Miller Pavilion, west of the main MSU campus. Donations to support College of Agriculture students, Rodeo Team members, and student athletes are accepted during this time.

The tailgate party before the MSU football game begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday. During half-time, Outstanding Ag Leaders will be honored, Nominations can still be made with Sandra Germann at 994-7671. Bids are welcome after the game for a wide array of items in a Silent Auction in the SUB Ballrooms. Artwork, silverwork, golf games, hunting trips, and everything in between will be auctioned off. That night, a formal dinner and entertainment banquet will be held. This no host social hour will begin at 5:30pm, and tickets can be purchased from Lynn Speakman, who can be reached at 994-5744.

## SUB REMODEL NEEDS STUDENT INPUT

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EXPONENT WRITER

Last April Montana State University students voted on the initiative to renovate certain areas on campus.

This \$27.63 million project will focus on the improvement of the SUB and Health and Physical Education Complex, along with this the Media and Theater Department will build a black box theater in the Visual Communications Building, which will free space at the SUB.

Last spring the university guaranteed \$9.5 million to the Student Facilities Enhancement Fund, leaving \$18.3 million to be paid for by students. In order to do this with as little burden on MSU students as possible, a \$17 fee will be tacked onto tuition fees for the next 30 years, spreading out the cost as much as possible.

The SUB has not been remodeled since the 1984-1985 school year, and as the SUB is to be the most highly-used building in the state of Montana, the years have taken their toll.

Because of the complexity of this remodel

and attempting to keep the SUB operational, the construction will be done in many phases. Total construction time is estimated at two to three years.

The main opposition to refurbishing the SUB is that the students who voted on it last April may never see the changes, even though they have to pay for it in their tuition bills. In order to resolve this, the fee increase will not be added to university fees until the fall of 2005.

Another change being implemented is the building of a black box theater, which if attached to the Visual Communications Building would save space in the SUB, leaving more space for other improvements.

The H&PE complex also has changes in store: a cardio theater, aerobics room, a martial arts room, an updated entry, and improvements in the locker rooms and pool areas are all planned.

Students interested in finding out more about this are welcome to sit in on the committee meetings for the SUB renovation. Assistant Director of the SUB Butch Damberger said, "The remodel committees have not been closed," said Asst. Director of

the SUB, Butch Damberger. "We would like as much student input at possible. In order to keep the meeting organized and stay on task we have asked ASMSU to identify and assign students to sit on each committee. If you would like to sit in on some committees, I would recommend you go to the ASMSU office and get more information." There will also be a meeting held specifically for students in the near future, he said.

Damberger also talked about when the transformation is expected to be finished: "The finish date is difficult to determine. If everything goes well we could break ground June of 2005. We are still very early in the process [of the design plans]; small groups have met to determine possible needs and space allocations. The architects are now focusing on the food service areas. The next meeting will deal primarily on cost estimates and what can be done and what must be cut or reduced. We have not discussed specific items such as types of furniture, carpet, floor service, etc."

Students can contact ASMSU for more information and to learn of upcoming meetings concerning this process.

## Smokers Asked to Quit for a Day

EMILY KUIPERS  
EXPONENT WRITER

Nov. 18 will mark the American Cancer Society's 28th annual "Great American Smokeout" and both MSU and the Bozeman community will be helping the effort.

This annual event focuses on getting "many smokers [of cigarettes] quit for a day," according to the American Cancer Society's website, www.cancer.org. The "Smokeout" is a national event that since 1977 has challenged Americans to quit smoking. "I fueled a cultural revolution against tobacco," the website

Dave Douglass, MSU Health Promotion coordinator, is helping organize some of the "Smokeout" events for MSU. MSU is offering, thanks to help with funding, a "Quit Line," a phone

number that offers counseling and resources for those who wish to quit smoking. To promote the event, Douglass plans to put ads in the *Exponent*, distribute posters and fliers, and set up a table outside the MSU Bookstore on Nov. 17, to hand out information about how to get involved as well as tips on quitting.

"We want to take a positive slant towards the issue and encourage students to quit, rather than looking down on them for smoking," Douglass said in a phone interview. "We want to provide services and resources to help those [who want] to quit smoking."

MSU Counselor Rick Winking

will also be available during the event to provide psychological support in both an individual setting as well group settings for those quitting. The move to college is a stressful time for all students and "many students start

smoking when they move to campus," and need extra support and encouragement, Douglass said. Working with Colleges Against Cancer, a student organization help-

ing with the "Smokeout" events, is also a great benefit to his efforts.

"It helps to have students working with us to get their unique perspective on the issue" he said.

The Bozeman community

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- Dave Douglass  
MSU Health Service

# Houseless But Not Homeless: A Problem in Bozeman

## The First of a Three-part Special Series

**RANDI HIRSCH**  
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Winter is well on its way, and many of us are throwing an extra blanket on the bed, burning wood in the fireplace, or turning the heat up a little higher. In this world and even in this city, those things are a luxury that an entire group of people go without, all winter long: the homeless.

"We are not homeless, we are houseless," one man was quick to point out, and this was a common sentiment at the Bozeman area soup van, run by Paul Thomas. The majority of the visitors to the soup van are regulars; Bozeman has its own homeless people.

Thomas's soup van is one of the best (and only) resources the homeless have in Bozeman. Thomas started the soup van four years ago to help feed the extra people in the area for the Rainbow Family Gathering. Because of the need in Bozeman, he continued the service with help from the Food Bank.

"If you asked Bozeman (residents), they probably would not say they had a homeless problem,"

said Thomas. Bozeman is the last major city in Montana without a homeless shelter or even a soup kitchen. Thomas pointed out that the high value of land in the city and the detrimental effects either a shelter or a kitchen could have on neighboring businesses are among the reasons that Bozeman does not have these resources.

Besides the soup van, the Salvation Army is one of the few places that the transient population can turn to for help. They provide as much as they can to help the people who come in, which includes vouchers for a warm coat or sleeping bag, but there is only so much they can do.

"It is such a desperate situation," said Frank Baril, the family services director of the Salvation Army. "I got seven calls yesterday asking for help with rent."

The Salvation Army cannot meet the pleas for rent or a place to stay - it just becomes too expensive and sometimes that system is abused. Baril said there is not much help from local or state governments. Instead, local churches shoulder much of the homeless burden.

"We want to help them, we don't just want someplace to send them," said Thomas. Homeless people are offered bus tickets to Butte or Billings, where the closest shelters are, but this just is not a viable option for many people who live in Bozeman without a home. Some are homeless simply because rent was due before paychecks came; others have had to pay large medical bills or lost their jobs. Some have families, jobs, and are registered to vote in Bozeman. The city is their home as much as it is to any of the local merchants, and being bussed to another city is a poor or temporary solution at best.

Not all of the homeless in Bozeman are victims of the

system. Addictions, an inability to keep a job, or falling into the rut of being homeless and jobless (and the accompanying apathy), can all prevent a homeless person from settling into mainstream society. Unfortunately, these same problems can also lessen the effectiveness a shelter could have on an individual. A soup kitchen or homeless shelter will not solve all the problems, and it is not as simple as building a big house or apartment building.

"Once you get a building, everything changes," said Thomas. To feed and house people, even in a homeless shelter, both a restaurant and hotel license are necessary. Also, some transients just are not able to abide by the

rules of a shelter, some of which include no drugs or alcohol. Most shelters also restrict the number of consecutive days a person can stay, which could mean a family could be back on the street within two weeks.

Still, a shelter in Bozeman could help those who need it the most. Families who need a place to stay for a couple of weeks, get back on their feet, a man who needs to work for a while before being able to afford rent, or someone who has rented a place, but is unable to move in for a few days would all find a homeless shelter an incredible help in getting back on their feet.

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# ASMSU Senate Report

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Senators met on Thursday in the northwest lounge of the SUB, trying to promote public awareness of the ASMSU Senate.

In preparation for the ASMSU Senate's upcoming legislative session, Warren Jones, chair of the Faculty Council, briefed senators on the structure and function of the Montana university system.

Jones began by describing the Montana Board of Regents, an advisory board that "supervises, manages, governs, and controls" the Montana university system. The board consists of seven members, including one student who represents student interests on the various Montana campuses. The remaining six members are appointed by the Montana Governor to seven-year terms, with one appointment per

year. Positions are voluntary, and individual members dedicate an average of 15 hours per week to the board.

The Board of Regents oversees eight campuses, including The University of Montana at Missoula and its satellite campuses in Dillon, Butte, and Helena, and Montana State University at Bozeman with its satellite campuses in Billings, Havre, and Great Falls.

Each year, the Montana Legislature appropriates a specified amount of money to higher education, called a "lump sum," which is then allocated to individual campuses by the Board of Regents. Depending upon circumstances, additional money may be allocated to satellite campuses by either the University of Montana or Montana State University.

Jones cautioned that a public perception that the "big schools [are] subsidizing the

little schools," combined with Missoula and Bozeman's label as "flagship campuses," effectively deteriorate relations among the eight publicly-funded campuses. He added that grades, unlike credit, don't transfer among linked campuses, saying, "things don't line up." These issues are among several that will be discussed at the upcoming legislative session, and Jones encouraged senators to voice their opinions there.

Next, senators discussed and voted upon a resolution proposing a one-time stipend increase for ASMSU Business Manager Rebecca Warneka. Proponents argued that her workload has substantially increased over that of last year's business manager, while at the same time her stipend had been cut nearly in half.

The stipend for this position was reduced because another person was hired by ASMSU to work alongside the business manager. However, there was disagreement as to whether this had significantly reduced Warneka's workload. The resolution passed by a narrow margin after earnest discussion.

Because of its similarity to Thursday's resolution, senators agreed to review the resolution proposing a one-time stipend increase for ASMSU concert committee employees at the next meeting. That resolution failed at the previous Senate meeting.

Also at Thursday's meeting, senators evaluated their elected leadership in a confidential survey handed out by Brenda Truman, an MSU student enrolled in a business leadership class.

In addition, several senators signed up to participate in the upcoming blood drive on Nov. 18 and Senator Bryan Schmitz noted that the Bobcat Transit fee required by all students will likely increase by \$5 per student for the upcoming fiscal year.

The ASMSU Senate will meet at the scheduled time on Thursday, Nov. 11, and the MSU-Billings President who was unable to attend Thursday's meeting is expected to attend. Public attendance and participation is welcome.

## MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

# POLICE REPORTS

Nov. 01-07, 2004

- A student reported that someone had thrown eggs at his vehicle in the Roskie lot and had cracked his windshield.
- A student reported that a male was making rude comments to females. He was cited for disorderly conduct.
- An officer observed a male student carrying a can of beer in the Roskie lot. He was cited for MIP and released.
- An employee reported that she had found a counterfeit bill while counting a cash drawer at the Museum of the Rockies. The incident was referred to the Secret Service.
- An employee reported that feces had been smeared on the walls and door of a restroom in Cheever Hall.
- An officer stopped the driver of a vehicle on West Garfield Street for an equipment violation. A male suspect was cited for DUI and released, due to jail cap.
- A student on Julia Martin Drive reported that she had received a phone call from someone offering an education grant in exchange for checking account information. The student was advised that this was a scam and not to interact with these types of callers.
- An employee reported the theft of cash from the 4-H office in Taylor Hall.
- A resident on Julia Martin Drive reported that her son's bicycle had been stolen.
- An employee reported that a window was broken in Linfield Hall.
- A resident director reported that drug paraphernalia had been found in a male student's room. He was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and released.
- The above-mentioned student was upset about receiving a citation and broke a window in Langford Hall. He was arrested and charged with criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, MIP and possession of a fake ID. He was transported to the detention center.
- A male reported that he had been assaulted at the Kappa Sigma fraternity house on Oct. 30.
- A resident director reported two males selling magazines in Hapner Hall. They were issued trespass warnings.
- A staff member in Linfield Hall reported that he was threatened and intimidated by a student.
- A student reported that someone stole the taillight covers from his vehicle in the South 12th parking lot.
- An assistant resident director reported that two males were smoking marijuana in the North Hedges lot. They were located and were found to be in possession of dangerous drugs and paraphernalia. They were cited and released.
- An officer observed a male sleeping in his vehicle in the North Hedges lot. A male was cited for DUI and released, due to jail cap.
- An officer responded to report of a male in Johnstone Center suffering from a heart condition. He was treated but refused transport to the hospital.
- A student reported that someone threw a beer bottle at his vehicle in Gatton lot and broke a window.

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# The Exponent's Place in MSU History

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EXPONENT WRITER

In Webster's dictionary, exponent is "a symbol written above and to the right of a mathematical expression...to signify how many times it is to be used as a factor." This is something most people learn in algebra, but there are more meanings to this word. "Interpreter, expounder...advocate, champion," are the other, perhaps lesser-known meanings.

Around the Montana State University campus, exponent is widely known as the campus newspaper. The *Exponent* was first printed on May 30, 1895, but at the time ran under the title, *College Exponent*.

Unlike the weekly editions now, the newspaper began by being issued quarterly, with a subscription fee of 50 cents per paper. The first printed issue included nine pages of articles that gave detailed information about each of the college's departments at the time.

The front page article was written by Homer G. Phelps, who instructed the first class offered by the college, which contained a grand total of eight students. Phelps' article was an autobiography of MSU's president James Reid, who also wrote an article entitled, "Education! What is it?" addressing the student body about issues in and around campus. The last three pages of the issue included advertising from such companies as Montana Armory, Pease and Steffans, and Bozeman Mercantile Co.

In March of 1896 the paper began to be issued monthly. The masthead stated that the students of Montana College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts were responsible for the paper. Staff members included: Editor-in-Chief W.T. Shaw, L.A. Metzler, Miss Lucy Stafford, E.V. Blankenship, Miss Sadie Shaw, W.P. Province, O.P. Morgan, I.K. Wisner, and Miss G.M. Brandle. These names were not mentioned until the second issue of the paper, where there was an article in the *College Exponent* explaining the purpose of the paper and how well received the first issue had been.

The Montana governor at the time, J.E. Richards, had received the first printed issue, and in a written statement that was reprinted in the second issue, exclaimed, "It is in all respects a creditable publication, and I trust it will receive the generous support it so richly deserves."

Also in this front page article, the writer, who wasn't identified, stated "The primary object of a college paper should be set forth the inward life and workings of the college." The first college paper in the U.S., the *Gazette*, was published in 1870 at Dartmouth, setting a trend for college campuses across America.

MSU was formed in 1893 as Montana College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and throughout the years has undergone various name changes, such as College of Agriculture of Montana and Montana Agriculture College. In 1921 the official name became Montana State College, yet the

*Exponent* still referred to the institution as "Montana State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," or "Montana State College of the University of Montana." Finally, on July 1, 1965, the name was changed to Montana State University, and the name was then used by the paper as well.

On Oct. 21, 1896, the cornerstone for Main Hall, now Montana Hall, was laid on top of a time capsule that contained, among other artifacts, the first issue of the *College Exponent*.

Another historical mark the *Exponent* played a role in was the changing of the school mascot from "Aggies" to "Bobcats." After getting no ideas from the students as to what to change the mascot to, the editor-in-chief, Lester Cole and sports editor, Fred Bullock, came up with a list of fighting animals that had not already been used by surrounding colleges, and came up with the Bobcats. In their article that revealed the new mascot, Cole explained how they wanted something to represent the west, and wrote, "there is more fight and pep in a bobcat than there is in all of the rest of the animal kingdom."

An issue of the paper that raised a controversial eyebrow was in the spring of 1960, during the budget crisis. The paper published a special edition about the incident and made it available to not only the students, but their family and friends as well. This brought

accusations against University President Ronald Renne, provoking students to rebel against the state authority.

In 1963 an underground newspaper, the *Stiletto* was published by an anonymous individual. The purpose of this paper was to challenge the *Exponent*, which the students responded to enthusiastically. The *Stiletto* described itself as "sanctimonious omphaloskepsists." The *Stiletto* eventually faltered, leaving the *Exponent* as MSU's news source.

Connie McNaney, a 1978 MSU graduate, remembers reading the *Exponent* weekly. "I would read it every week just to find out what was happening on campus," she said.

The *Exponent* has an interesting and long-running history, which strikes a feeling of pride in many MSU students. Sophomore Mallory Markiewicz said "It is awesome to have such a historical piece of our university giving us daily information. It just goes to show how dedicated the students are to the issues surrounding university life."

Students can be seen around campus poring over the information presented.

"It's nice to know what's going on around campus, it definitely keeps me informed. I like to do the crossword every now and again," stated sophomore Tiffany Prongua. The *Exponent* is now 109 years old.

## CAMPUS CORNER

### Author Deidre Combs

Dr. Deidre Combs will sign copies of her new book, "The Way of Conflict," from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the MSU Bookstore on Nov. 1. She will be presenting a lecture later that evening, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in MSU SUB Ballroom A. Sponsored by Personnel and Payroll Services and the MSU Leadership Institute, both the lecture and book signing are free and open to the public. For more information call 994-7275.

### Sex Sells: The Role of the Media.

Join health educator Laura Mentch Nov. 17 from 12-1 p.m. in SUB 10 for this critical look at the way in which advertisers use sex to promote their products - from the classic alcohol, jean and perfume ads to the for skis, Nutri-grain bars and speakers. Come and discover the subliminal ways advertisers grab our attention and convince us to buy. For more information contact the Women's Center at 994-3836.

### Ag Econ Lecture

Dr. Bruce Gardner, Distinguished University Professor, from the University of Maryland, will present "Pathways to Economic Growth & Rural Communities" on Nov. 12 at 5:15 p.m. in the Hag Auditorium. Following the lecture, the College of Agriculture's Appreciation Reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Bair Lobby. For more information contact the Department of Agricultural Economics at 994-3511.

### Travels in Colombia

"Colombia: Witness to War," on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., at the Christum Collegium at 714 S. 8th Ave., focuses on the journey of two Montanans to the war-zones of Colombia. Carolina McCreary, an environmental studies graduate student at the University of Montana, wanted to learn more about her family's homeland; her mother was born and raised in Colombia. Scott Nicholson, an organizer for the Montana Human Rights Network, has traveled to Colombia each of the past four summers to serve as a human shield for peasant and labor activists that are threatened with death by the right-wing paramilitaries. The Gallatin Valley Human Rights Task Force, Bozeman Peace Seekers, MSU Student Peace Seekers, and the Montana Human Rights Network sponsor the event.

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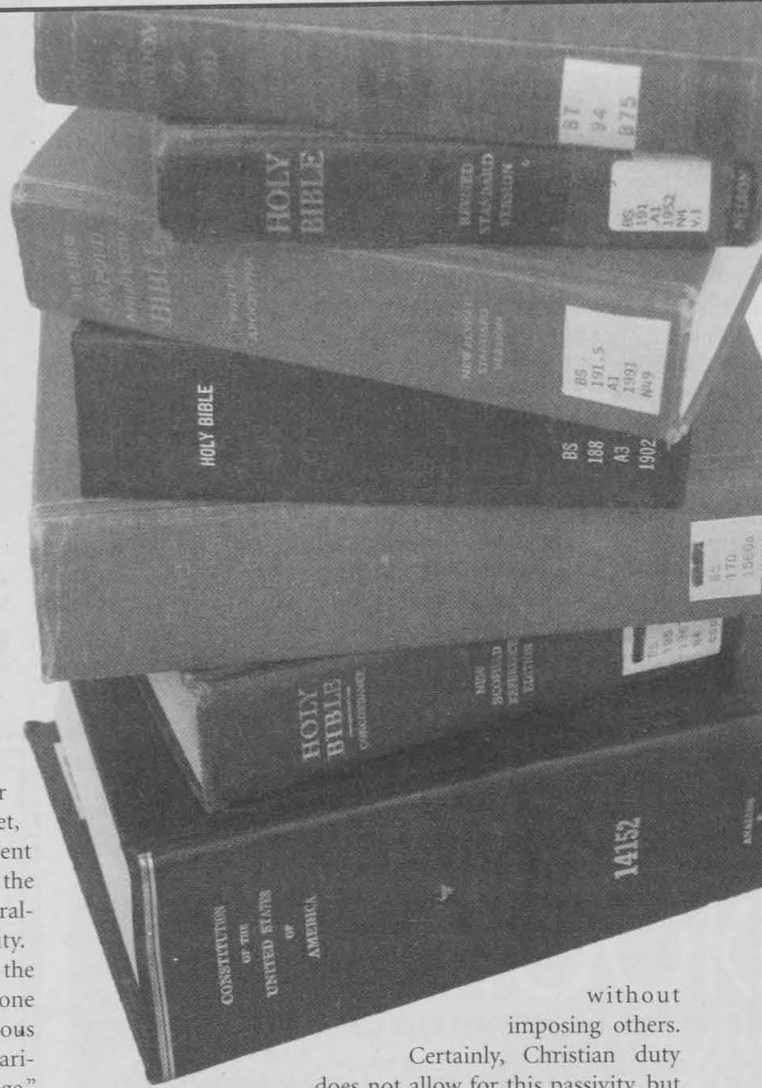
Liberals have, as of late, hit a wall. Many are walking around campus, despondent or catatonic, all shocked at the possibly dire state of the nation, and devastated by their thwarted efforts to incite change through the election. Yet, this shock is not due totally to the re-election of President Bush or his Republican Congress and Senate, but instead the fright that this team will impose their special brand of morality on the entire country—a morality steeped in Christianity.

This kind of imposition has already taken place, due to the uninspired voting efforts of Bible Belts from eleven states, one of which is Montana. Election night purveyed an incongruous voting achievement in voting for the use of medicinal marijuana and also for the promotion of "sanctity in marriage," banning government recognition of gay marriages.

Yet, this seemingly crowning achievement for the conservative voters may be a black mark in our nation's history. Not only are we now making a constitutional amendment to impose church fiat on homosexuals, but we also opened the door for a malicious attack on them. This has been a step backward in the process of recognition and liberation. Yes, gays are discriminated against and this amendment will only further alienate them. We have reduced them to an issue—an issue that divides a nation in the same manner as the abortion issue, separating liberals and conservatives, democrats and republicans.

Let's look again at the scenario. A church marriage can be recognized at a state level, so long as the couple is male and female (this is recognized whether the couple is Christian, Muslim, Mormon, etc.). But if the couple is of the same sex, the marriage can not be recognized by the state, regardless of their professing religion. The church has invaded the government, which will, in turn, invade opposing churches.

Assuming that church and state were separate, the couple could marry, be recognized by the state, receive whatever marriage benefits that may follow the marriage, and give no heed to the regulations and creeds of any church, unless, of course, they wish to. That is the freedom that separation of church and state allows. It allows for any person to believe what they wish,




without imposing others. Certainly, Christian duty does not allow for this passivity, but the government should. Freedom of religion implies the freedom from religion, as well.

Same-sex marriage is not an untried social experiment, either. A form of gay marriage has been legal in Denmark since 1989. Gay couples are allowed all the same benefits of marriage as straight couples, save for adoption rights and church weddings (but those are now in the works). Most of the Danish clergy were against it, but it passed anyway. Now, much of the clergy admits to it being a social benefit. There has been a reduction in suicide and in sexually transmitted diseases since. It did not bolster the destruction of Western civilization, but instead has been rejuvenating and strengthening to their society. Isn't that what we are searching for now in America—something unifying beyond terrorism?

Much of the nation voted for Bush due to his moral fiber. The crux they saw was that Kerry did not oppose same-sex marriages (at least not vehemently like Bush). This swayed much of the vote, bringing many Christians out to vote simply to deny the rights and benefits of marriage to homosexuals. This malicious attack on homosexuals could augment due to this burgeoning of non-empathetic voters, voting purely on assumed morality. This is a dark time for America and we have every right to be ashamed of the way we are once again oppressing and imposing morality.

## Don't Make Eye Contact, They Might Try to Wash the Windshield

 **TIM ADAMS**  
EXONENT WRITER

Hey there dreary Bozemanites. Have you ever dreamed of vacationing in a place like no other? Ever wanted to spend time touring a museum of mining during the day, and then having an elegant dinner overlooking the Berkeley Pit? Nothing says romance quite like Butte, Montana.

Well, have I got a deal for you. For a limited time, you can receive a one-way ticket to this earthly paradise for free! How, might you ask, can I get this entire exotic vacation getaway for absolutely nothing? All you have to do is call up your local police station or Salvation Army and tell them you're homeless.

Bozeman has a long history of sweeping many of its less-pretty social problems under the rug. Whether it is a stubborn unwillingness to address an overpopulated jail problem or a place to put its garbage, Bozeman is a city trying very hard to turn a blind eye. This same approach has been taken with the growing problem of the homeless and transient population.


As the city grows, so do the number of people stuck in town with no place to stay. If you dare drive anywhere near Wal-Mart, you can almost always see people at every entrance with cardboard signs, sad eyes, and tattered clothes.

Bozeman's solution? Bus the bastards to Butte or Billings! Why address the problem and find solutions when we have a Greyhound station?

In all actuality, Bozeman doesn't address the problem at

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## Negative Attitudes Make for Negative Environments

 **TYLER CEGLER**  
EXONENT WRITER

"It takes nearly three times as many facial muscles to frown than it does to smile."

About two months ago, I had an epiphany. I realized that I was a rather negative person. It seems I always had something to complain about, and refused to see the silver lining in anything.

So I decided to change. I think I'm getting better, though I'm not sure. One co-worker even jokingly made fun of my new motto, which is written on every page of my Cat-Tracker: THINK positive, BE positive! A little lame, I know, but it certainly does me feel better.

It seems like everywhere I turn, something "bad" is happening to me. I didn't get a job promotion I was hoping for. My political hero, Bob Brown, lost the governor's race. My parents informed me that they are in marriage counseling. That darn introduction to Sociology test score wasn't as high as I needed it. That should be

enough to put anyone in a deep blue funk.

That isn't the case though. That job promotion? I still have my old job, which I thoroughly enjoy, and believe the person who received it over me will do a great job. In a few short days, I learned where I failed and have figured out how to fix it for the next interview and promotion opportunity.

The governor's race? Yes, still sad, but the Republicans swept the rest of the nation in a firestorm that has not been seen since the Reconstruction Era.

My parents faltering marriage? In truth, they probably should have gone a long time ago, and I am glad they realized that they needed help and didn't just throw their hands up in the air and call it quits. It would

have been depressing to see a twenty-plus year commitment end without a fight.

That Sociology 101 test? Now I have a better idea of how to study for the next one, and I know I can't skip that class as much as I thought I could.

To me, it is vitally important to at least give the appearance that you are happy and content, and that an individual can see the silver lining in everything. Often that is not possible, but moods are contagious and we should be aware of that. There is no room for Negative Nancys at our places of work, in our relationships, the classroom, or areas of business. I'm not meaning to sound preachy, but the effects an aura of negativity can give to a situation are amazing.

I am making a challenge. I challenge everyone to go just one day without saying something negative. Don't go to work and complain about all the "stupid people" that seem to call and ask you the most random, unimportant questions. Don't go to class and whine to your neighbor about how horrible the professor is. Don't complain about your bad hair day, the price of gas, or a sleazy politician. I challenge you to make the best of your day, to learn something new, to help the confused caller, and to finally admit that you just have frizzy hair.

Studies have proven that those with an upbeat attitude live longer. It takes nearly three times as many facial muscles to frown than it does to smile. See how you feel after one day — then I challenge you to do it again. I challenge you to go for a week without being overtly negative. I challenge you to find the good. I challenge you to THINK positive. I challenge you to BE positive. Are you up to the challenge?

## Letters to the Editor

### The Same Montana Where I Was Raised?

Dear Editor,  
I love Montana.

I was born and raised in Billings, where I had one of the best childhoods for which any kid could hope. I was blessed with a loving family, loyal friends, clean air, open spaces, freedom from worry...and the freedom to think, and to play, and to be a child.

I attended Lewis and Clark Junior High and later Senior High, and, believe me, I realize now just how lucky I was then. Lucky because I received a good, solid education from teachers who really cared, not only about the subjects they were teaching, but also about the future of the kids they were teaching. I also had wonderful, caring teachers at MSU-Bozeman.

I later moved to Denver to get my Masters degree, and still later I traveled the country and parts of Europe. However, sometime after graduation, I happily returned to my much-loved home state to tour three seasons with Montana Shakespeare in the Parks.

It was then that I had the opportunity few Montanans, and even fewer out-of-staters, are ever afforded. I was able to tour the entire state of Montana – from Eureka to Broadus, from Sidney to Dillon, from Birney to Havre and all points in between. I know first-hand that Montana is the most beautiful place in this entire country, perhaps the world, but not for the reasons you might think.

It isn't the beauty of Glacier Park or Yellowstone Park, it's not the Mission Mountains or Flathead Lake; it's not even Poker Jim Butte or the proud

sandstone Rimrocks of Billings.

It's the people.

Montana is a place where, "Live and let live," "Do unto others..." and, "Judge not lest ye be judged" are all phrases that grant freedom and bind us together in respect and freedom. When the street thugs and gangs from California moved to Billings, we ALL worked together to send them packing. When a rash of anti-Semitism swept the state, the *Billings Gazette* printed Stars of David, and we ALL put them in our windows in solidarity.

Where is that strength of character now? When we choose to rewrite the state constitution to endorse and condone bigotry, we stop being the fierce defenders of what is RIGHT. We stop being our brothers' keepers...and we ALL carry the mark of Cain.

Maybe it's okay to deny these people basic human rights – after all, they're just gays. Who cares if they had to sit at the back of the bus – after all, they're just blacks. Who cares if they were being rounded up and gassed – after all, they're just Jews. I mean really, who cares if they are being held in prison for years without being charged – after all they're just Arabs.

The best thing about Montana is the people... the human beings who defend with honor the dignity the rights of other human beings, or has that changed since I was raised here?

Darrell James Kautz  
Originally from Billings, MT

### We Have it Good in the US

Dear Editor,

Holy cow! There are seldom any opinion articles in the *Exponent* I readily agree with, particularly from Lincoln Erickson. How this week I couldn't agree with him more. For starters, college students are among the wealthiest people on earth! People who worry about how life is unfair, that they aren't content with what life has given them, that they have to walk a half-mile from their car to get to school, need to leave the country for a few months to see just how good we have it here in the good ol' U.S. of A.

Abundant, diverse choices in everything from health care, to entertainment, clothing, shelter, transportation, toys (weaponry, sporting equipment, X-Box, etc.), and numerous other accessories – not to mention the freedom to say what you want about whatever you like, and to travel wherever your adventure-filled heart desires. Even the choice to vote, and for whom! I could go on and on. I would only begin to repeat what Mr. Erickson has already stated in his article. So I applaud your educated and informed worldview. Mr. Erickson, and your bold tenacity to speak your mind, regard to public opinion.

Steph Blasenak  
Bozeman, Mt

### Don't Support People Who Trample on Our Democracy

Dear Editor,

I'm disappointed with your inability to draw a line for writers not to cross. I admit I am partly to blame, for your news source is just like all others in their bias. No, not liberal or conservative, but it is the bias to entertain and captivate, which the *Exponent* has been effectively doing. Tim Adams, resident right-winger, has crossed this line, yet is not reprimanded. I don't mind his political tilt because he's informed when he actually discusses politics. However, it's his enthusiastic disgrace of himself that captivates me, a dreaded liberal, simply due to his bombastic and caustic writing style, which, for the record, is not appreciated.

Oct. 21 was a dark day for the *Exponent*. After squandering another opportunity to make sense, Tim went to trot out his crowning remark. A triumph of anyone consciously trying to be a complete jerk, he stated "Unfortunately, the camera never panned to the other side of her [Theresa Kerry] where Reeve's corpse was wheeled in, just in case you didn't know Bush killed Superman." Please note, this is not out of context. Christopher Reeve died on Oct. 10, with memorial services on Oct. 30. When a week went by without an article from Tim, I started to think

he had been fired, and that the *Exponent* had taken a stand against someone so abusive to the heart of American pride and hope.

I didn't write this letter then to see if you as Editor would do the correct thing, and refuse his services as a writer. And now, I see you have failed. He allegedly happened across a urinal with a Kerry-Edwards bumper sticker in it. And now that incident is photographed, printed and published following the election of Bush. I can't believe I have to explain to you that his childish behavior is inappropriate.

To be honest, I don't associate with people who trample on our democracy. I don't associate with people who laugh in a polling booth because it's funny to vote for the independent thinker. I don't associate with people who launch degrading attacks against heroes who have just passed away. I thoroughly believe that here on God's green earth we were meant to help each other and contribute to help make a more perfect union. Mr. Editor, please reconsider showing support for someone who attempts to corrode the fundamentals of democracy.

Bryce Young  
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- If you are driving, think ahead, be prepared for all road conditions
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  - If possible catch a ride with a friend going to the same area

#### Class Preparation Tips:

- Look ahead in each class for assignments due after Thanksgiving break
  - If possible, work ahead so you will have less work to do on your day off

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# Homeless: Bozeman Needs to Address Problem

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all – it's the Salvation Army who pays for the bus vouchers, when they have the money available. Otherwise it's usually a nice Bozeman police officer reassuring you that if you keep walking you won't get hypothermia.

So what do you do when it's below freezing and you need a bed for the night? One way is to go commit a crime. The detention center, depending on how many drunk drivers get pulled over that night, sometimes has a bed, as long as you don't mind getting cuffed and fingerprinted.

The only other shelter in town is the battered women's shelter. However, unless you are a female victim of domestic violence, there is no way to even find out the location of this roof and four walls.

When I worked in a conve-

nience store, I often had a customer who was a transient and only had a hook for a hand. Part of my extensive Conoco employee training included learning how to fit six 24-ounce cans of beer into a plastic bag and tie it onto his hook.

This summer, two transients got into a fight over a pack of cigarettes that ended up in a stabbing right here in Bozeman. These experiences and those of others help to make us jaded and cynical about the

problem of the homeless.

Mental illness, unemployment, alcoholism, depression, and drug use are all problems that need to be dealt with when it comes to the homeless. But if we can't even provide a warm bed to those who need it most, how can we ever tackle the rest of the problem? Eventually the additional medical and policing costs will catch up to us.

Bozeman is putting millions of dollars into a new library when it already has two. We are trying to turn historic downtown buildings into "performing arts" centers. We manage to get film festivals with famous actors here on a regular basis. But if you need a place to stay for the night, you have to stand outside in the cold until 3 a.m. when the Greyhound pulls in.

Bozeman has a very yuppie, granola atmosphere that brings many people here to live. But how many more coffeehouses, condominiums, and subdivisions full of plastic houses will we erect before we decide to tackle the problems of the city that don't make it the Barbie Dream House we strive for?

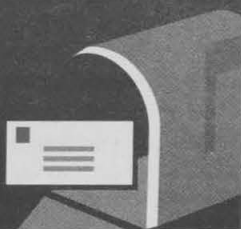
As a native Montanan, I am just as guilty of making the jokes about how dirty, white trash or whatever else places like Butte are. But when Bozeman continues to dump all of our social problems on neighboring towns, aren't we just as guilty of making those places the butt of our own jokes?

"...how many more coffeehouses, condominiums, and subdivisions full of plastic houses will we erect before we decide to tackle the problem..."

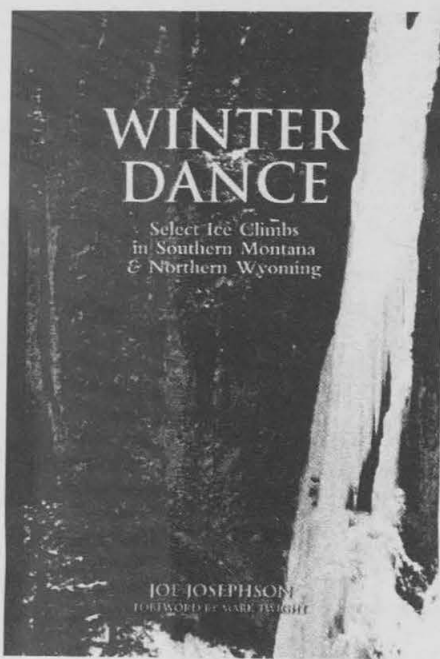
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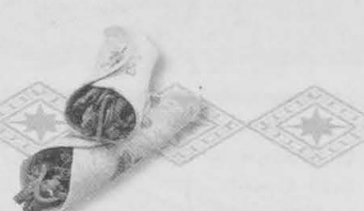
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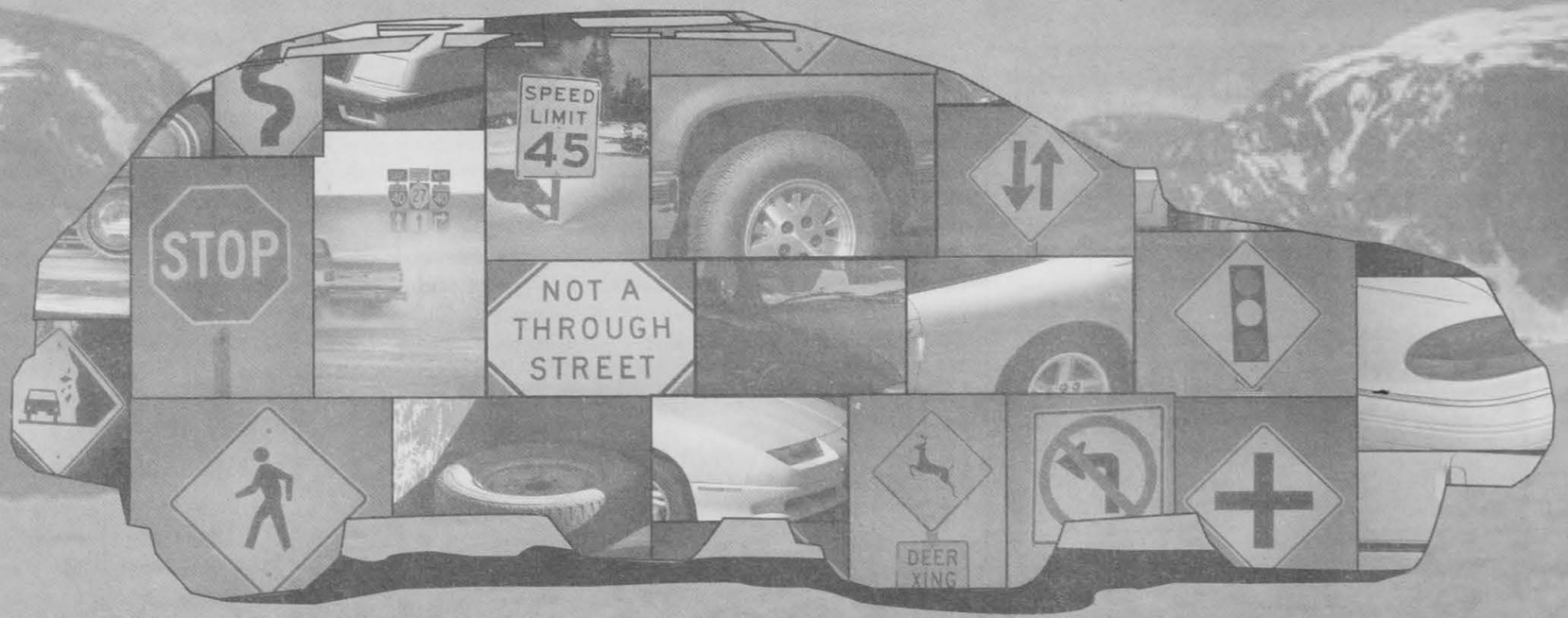
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# AUTOMOTIVE GUIDE

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## Winter Driving Tips for Montana

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Many students attending MSU came here for one reason: the skiing. Unfortunately, in order to have outstanding ski conditions, we have to tolerate the horrendous winter driving conditions that come with all that snow. Whether you're racing up to Bridger for some fresh tracks or making the journey back home from winter break, remember to take some extra precautions so you get there safely. Here are a couple tips to help make your winter driving experience a little safer.

First and foremost, give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination. With ample time, you won't be tempted to speed or pass in unsafe conditions. Control your speed by gently accelerating and braking. "Squeezing" the brakes is far safer than slamming them on, which will lock your tires and cause you to skid.

Common sense will tell you that if you can't see, you shouldn't pass. Most times, the passing lane is in far worse condition than the driving lane, because the largest amount of traffic is in the driving lane. This would put yourself in unnecessary danger. Also, take corners at slower speeds so you won't fishtail and lose control. Increase your following distance because, again, stopping is a bit

tricky on icy streets. This will help ensure that you don't rear-end the car in front of you. Similarly, plan your route around main streets, as they are more likely to be plowed and de-iced.

Take the extra time to scrape and defrost your windows. Remember to remove snow from your hood and headlights. Everyone loves to hate the idiot who clears a measly five inch square off his or her windshield because they are running late, then drives two miles an hour because they can't see anything around them. Enhanced visibility will allow you more reaction time to stop and potentially avoid an accident.

Use your headlights so you are more visible to other people, especially on the highway or during a storm. With the end of daylight savings time, dusk is earlier than most people are accustomed to. If you are driving at this time, remember to turn on your headlights.

Around campus, be aware of the large number of students, faculty, and other pedestrians that cross the street between parked cars. Driving cautiously will allow you to have enough reaction time to avoid hitting anybody. It takes a longer distance to stop on hills,

so be especially wary if you are in these situations.

Make sure your tires are in good condition. Studded or snow tires are best for Montana winters, but an all-terrain tire that is in good shape will do the

job. Bald tires won't provide enough friction to stop on slick surfaces. If you are unsure of your tire's traction, bring your car to a tire specialist who will be able to check for you.

If you must brake suddenly and you start to skid, the general rule is to steer your car into the direction that you are sliding. For example, if your car is sliding to the left, turn your steering wheel to the left. Do not apply your brakes while in a skid, as this will make your car skid even faster and harder.

Check that your vehicle has good windshield wipers and enough washer fluid. The washer fluid should be at a concentration that can tolerate low temperatures. Winter doesn't only mean snow, but also slush and mud that is pretty difficult to see through.

Be sure to carry a winter coat, hat, gloves, an extra blanket, snow boots, window brush/scraper, and a shovel because you never

know what could happen and want to be prepared for any winter weather. Be really prepared by putting together a "Coffee Can Kit" (see "Cold Weather" article on page 10), as mentioned in this special section. With these items, you could survive semi-comfortably if you happened to get stranded in a blizzard.

If you are planning a winter trip, either call for a road report or check the Department of Transportation's website for road reports and closures. Go to <http://usroadconditions.com/mt.shtml> for precise conditions of most highways and interstates in Montana.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency ([www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)) gives the following advice if you are stranded in your vehicle in a blizzard:

"Don't leave your vehicle for help because you could become disoriented and confused in blowing and drifting snow. Find a brightly colored cloth to put on the antennae as a distress signal and so other vehicles can see you. Make sure you clear the exhaust pipe of snow to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only run your vehicle occasionally to keep warm. If you have warm clothes and blankets, you should only have to run it for ten to fifteen minutes every hour. Be sure to crack a down-wind window for ventilation.


To keep your blood flowing, move around a bit, and be on lookout for frostbite and hypothermia. Don't overexert yourself attempting to dig out your vehicle because your clothes will get wet with snow and sweat will get cold and lead to hypothermia. Although this is a stressful situation, use common sense and don't panic."

During or right after a storm, don't drive unless it is absolutely necessary. Why risk your life and the condition of your vehicle for a video game rental, junior bacon cheeseburger, or because there has been a heavy snowfall in the city does not plow where you drive, do your best to drive in tire tracks left by other drivers. If you get stuck, turn on your emergency flashers and remove snow around the tires, or seek help from someone to push your car.

While "Spinning Dough" can be fun, it is also extremely dangerous. A seemingly clean patch may have patches of ice underneath the snow. Driving quickly and recklessly over these patches could result in losing control over the vehicle, and ultimately wrecking your car.

To have fun and stay safe this winter, be prepared, don't drink and drive, and use common sense when on the road. You may not be saving your own life, but you're saving lives as well.

# How To Prepare Your Vehicle For Winter

 **ANGIE CONNERS**  
EXONENT WRITER

Winter in Montana can be extremely taxing on everyone's vehicle, whether it is a car, truck, van, or SUV. There are, however, many things a person can do to help minimize wear-and-tear and improve vehicle performance during the harsh winter months.

The first thing everyone should be concerned about is safety. To ensure your car is safe for driving, follow these tips before winter weather sets in; you never want to be caught in the middle of a storm unprepared.

Before continuing with any maintenance on your vehicle, be sure to check your owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's service schedule. Never perform any actions beyond your capabilities.

•Windshield wiper blades: it

is important to replace these once a year, or as soon as they begin showing signs of deterioration (leaving streaks on your windshield). Rubber-clad blades are available for most sizes, and these help fight snow and ice. If still in good condition at the end of the

winter season, these blades can be replaced with normal blades and saved for the next season.

•Fuel: try to keep your gas tank at least half-full throughout the winter months. This prevents moisture from building up and freezing in the gas line. Also, fuel de-icer is available at most auto specialty stores and many general stores like Wal-

Mart. A bottle of this added to your gas tank (follow all directions specific to each brand) will help prevent fuel freeze.

•Tires: with the ice-buildup Bozeman streets are infamous for, it is a good idea to check your tire tread now. Stick the top-end

of a penny in the tread; if the penny goes in deep enough that you cannot see the top of Lincoln's head, you should be OK. Also look for abnormal or uneven patches in your tires: this could be

**"Emergencies arise and are much easier to deal with if you are prepared. In addition to the maintenance tips, also carry special items in your trunk or glove box. Emergency triangles, kitty litter, reflective tape and a blanket may be vital in some situations."**

a sign of over or under inflated tires, or unbalanced tires. You can also purchase special snow tires for the winter. Finally, check your tire pressure once a month (check your manual for the right pressure) and adjust as necessary.

•Lights: visibility is a key safety factor while driving in the winter. It is vital that you are visible to other vehicles and pedestrians, and that they can see you. Check all bulbs and replace any that are burnt out. Clean the lenses of grime and dirt each time you fuel up.

•Fluids: make sure all fluids are full and clean. Windshield washer fluid is available in varying temperature ranges. Find some that will not freeze when used in extreme cold. Carry extra washer fluid in your car trunk in case you run out—most people use fluid faster during the winter months. Also check your anti-freeze levels and make sure you use the proper mixture of anti-freeze/water (check your manual to ensure proper operation).

•Oil: make sure you change your oil at the recommended mileage. Some vehicles require changing the oil grade for severe winter temperatures. Check your owner's manual for a specific viscosity grade recommendation.

•General: A professional should check out anything beyond your knowledge level. Your cars brakes and battery should be checked to ensure optimal performance. If your car pulls to one side, has trouble starting or idling, has problems with the heating, cooling, or exhaust system, or any other abnormalities in its operation, take it to a professional immediately.

Emergencies arise, and are much easier to deal with if you are prepared. In addition to the maintenance tips, also carry specific items in your trunk or glove box. Emergency triangles, kitty litter or sand, reflective tape or clothing, high-energy snacks, and a blanket may be vital in some cases.

For more information and maintenance tips, check out the Federal Citizen Information Center's web site at <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/>.



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Winter it is important to remember not to slam on your breaks in situations like this. Easing will allow you to maintain control.

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# Cold Weather Coffee Can Kit for Your Car

**CURT WIDHALM**  
EXPONENT WRITER

Driving in Montana during the winter can be very dangerous if you are not prepared.

A simple survival kit can save your life if you are ever in a perilous situation. These kits do not have to take up much room, but if the right tools are included, you can be prepared for almost anything.

A "Coffee Can Kit" can prepare your vehicle for winter travel. The name fits, because everything that you should include can fit into a one-pound coffee can. Not only for the storage of the other items, the coffee can could also be used as a pot for melting snow and as a shovel for digging snow shelters if absolutely necessary.

The next thing that the kit should include is at least 60 inches of twine or braided rope. Twine can be used to suspend the can if you need to melt snow, or can be used to tie things together. For example, a person may need to keep a muffler from dragging underneath their car.

Candles and strike-anywhere matches should also be included in your kit. Make sure to keep the matches in a waterproof container, such as a film canister. The candles can be used for heat, light, and starting larger fires. You may also want to include some scraps of paper if you are in an area where help may not arrive for a few days. Include a pencil (no pens, as they may freeze), and use a scrap of paper to leave a note on your car if you decide to leave the car. Leave the direction that you are going and the date and time of your departure.

An adjustable wrench and two

screwdrivers (one flat-head and one Phillips-head) will allow you to make minor repairs on your car, if you have the knowledge of how to fix problems that arise. Another tool that you will want to include is a sharp pocketknife. The knife can be used to cut the twine and whatever other purposes arise.

A large green or black garbage sack can serve many purposes. Attaching the sack to your antennae is a distress signal that encourages other motorists to stop and help you. Hung over a tree branch, it can protect you from rain or snowfall. Cutting holes for the head and the arms makes it a raincoat, and the bag will actually reflect your body heat back onto the wearer.

The kit should also contain a variety of dried soup mixes, hot chocolate, and hard candies. Foods should be non-perishable, so the problem of remembering to restock foods should never be a problem. Packages of peanuts are a good source of protein to include. Stay away from chocolates, as this type of candy tends to melt and becomes unusable.

At least a basic first-aid kit should be included. Band-aids, gauze, and a cleansing ointment should be the least amount of first-aid that is carried. If you have allergies, make sure to plan for these as well. Preparing for the worst case scenario, you will want to include aspirin (if you are in a wreck), packets of honey (diabetic), or first-aid tape (taping splints if injured).

A small flashlight and batteries can also be very useful, especially if traveling at night. Keep these items separate, as this will help preserve the life of both. Pack extra batteries to ensure that there

will be enough if you are stranded for an extended period of time.

The last essential item that should be included, is a winter survival handbook. This book has many potentially life-saving techniques. Survival handbooks are available at any bookstore, as well as through the Disaster and Emergency Coordinator of each county (Gallatin County's Coordinator is Jason Shrauger, 34 North Rouse, Bozeman).

Extra items that can be included, if space permits, are varied and depend on the type of travel. Cellular phones are useful, but remember that Montana has many areas that do not have strong cellular coverage. To be safe, include spare change in your kit to make a call at a pay phone (at least two quarters and two dimes).

A sack of sand or kitty litter can be placed under the tires of the car if it is stuck or on ice. The increased traction might be able to get the car back onto the road. If there is room, include a shovel to dig snow from around the tires. A shovel works much better than the coffee can as a digging tool.

Extra clothes and a sleeping bag take up excess room, but are the best source for providing heat. If there is not enough room in the vehicle for these items, dress in layers for the drive. Walking in a T-shirt and jeans may be disastrous if the situation arises.

If your car does become stuck, the most important rule is to not panic. Don't let your car run, as your vehicle may fill with carbon monoxide. Make sure to stay moving, even if it means walking around your car every hour or so. With the right precautions, you won't be left out in the cold.

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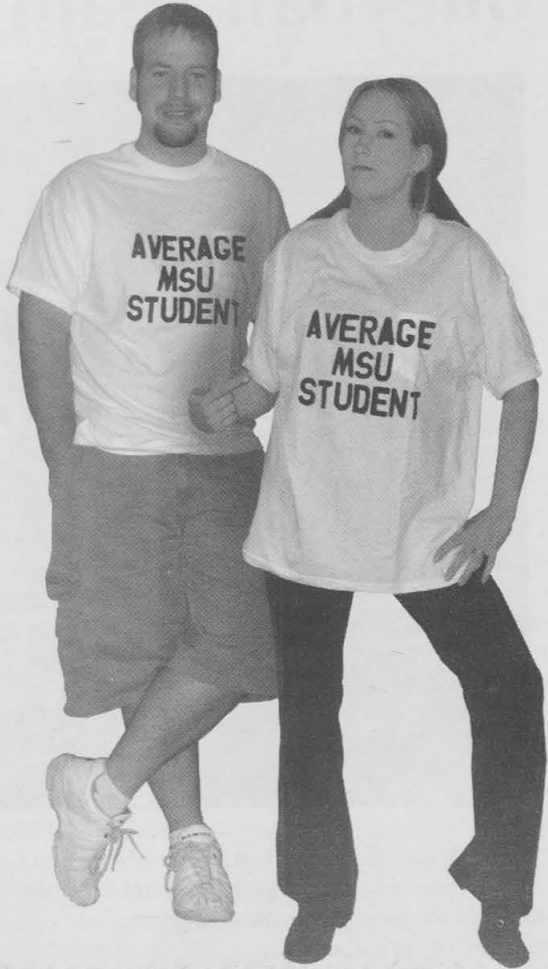
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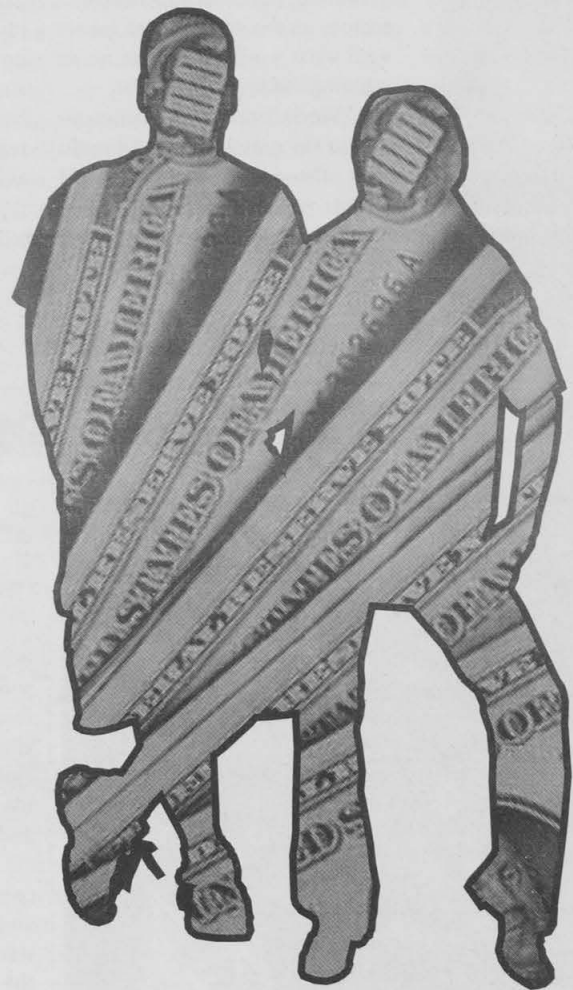


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# The Griz Get Served

## Lady 'Cats Sweep Missoula's Volleyball Team, 3-

 CHRIS SEEGERS  
EXONENT WRITER

The stadium was packed and the fans were in a frenzy as the Lady Bobcats went up against their evil rival, the Montana Grizzlies.

The attendance for the game was the third largest in Montana State University history, with the crowd totaling 4,159. The student section was packed and the band played their hearts out, as their Lady 'Cats showed the Grizzlies what real volleyball was all about.

After all the hype leading up to the game, it was not one for the record books. The Lady 'Cats played superbly but there was no fourth or fifth game and no drawn-out wins. The Griz team looked more like an uncoordinated high school team than a college-level team, and were put down in three games, with the scores being 30-24, 30-25, and 30-18, in favor of Montana State.

The Grizzlies were obviously

intimidated by the Bobcat's superior fire-power, and also by the fact that Kim Stonehouse was looking extra energetic and her hair was a little more wild than usual.

The Bobcats were led by junior Megan Zanto with 15 kills and six blocks, followed by Stonehouse with 12 kills and five digs. Bobcat setter Kamber Kelly looked as cool as can be out on the court and dished out a healthy 36 assists and 11 digs. Kandice Kelly helped out with the defensive end of the match, as she racked up a team-high of 14 digs.

Although the fans were ecstatic with the win, Head Coach Miya Malauulu did not share the over-excitement brought on by another conference win. Malauulu's cool-headed temperament has characterized this season, as she watches the games with what would appear to be an emotionless face.

"We did what we needed to do to win the match," said Malauulu after the game on Friday. "I

thought we served pretty tough and kept them out of sync. On the other side, we need to be more patient and run our offense more efficiently."

Sophomore Kandice Kelly (libero for Montana State) conveyed the same feeling that they could have played better saying, "We played down to their level. We weren't happy with how we played but it was nice to have all the fans."

The Lady 'Cats are 8-4 in conference play and 16-7 for the overall season. The Cats will host Portland State on Friday and Eastern Washington on Saturday. The Volleyball squad has already beat Portland state in an earlier season match and lost to Eastern Washington, both being away games. The Lady 'Cats are looking to change their luck as they host both teams this weekend and boast a no-loss record at home for conference games this season. Both games will be played at 7 p.m.

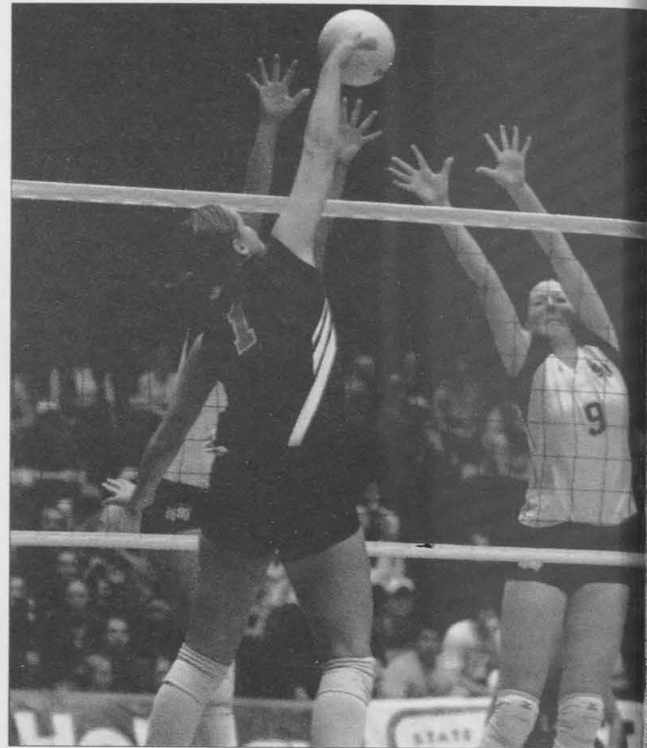


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"Junior Megan Zanto leaps up to the net to block a Griz spike in Worthington Arena Friday night. Zanto is attributed with 15 kills and 6 blocks during the course of the game."

# Basketball Season Begins

## There is No "I" in Team, But is There Any "Team" in Basketball?

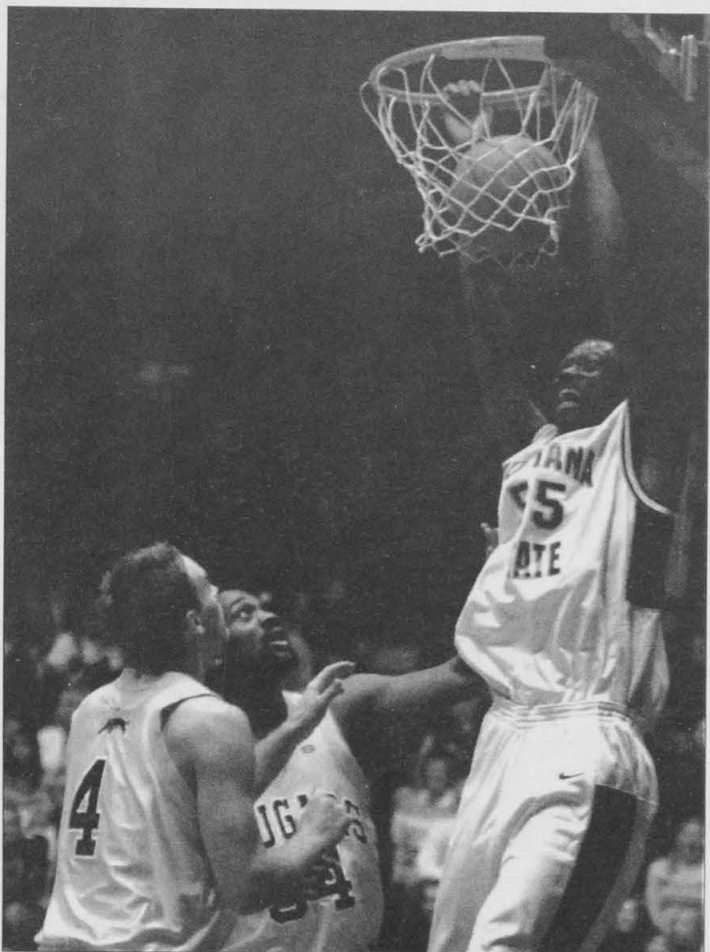



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Alioune Beye of the Montana State University Men's Basketball team triumphantly dunks in an Exhibition against the Regina Cougars. The Bobcats won, 86-47, on Nov. 6.

 TODD VAN DER ARK  
EXONENT WRITER

Since the early to mid-'90s, advents of subsequent NBA seasons have not been a great big deal. Professional sports, especially basketball, seem to be notorious for lackadaisical play, teammate quarrels, egos run amok, and overpayment.

I blame commercials. Before copious ad campaigns by Nike and Coca-Cola, the only way for a star to gain attention was to make the headlines. And in order to make headlines, one had to play well. Or one's team had to win games. Hell of a thought.

The Pistons tried out this notion last year (team play); they happened to win a championship with it. Team basketball destroyed the overpaid and egotistically challenged Lakers. The Wallace towers thwarted the threat of Shaq to a mere nuisance, and Kobe Bryant sunk very few important shots, one of which won them game two of the series. That was their only win, though.

This focus on team play was so outlandish an idea during the entire season that no one really took the Pistons seriously until

game four or five of the championship series. There was a great lesson to be learned by many egregious egos.

But this lesson was not learned. The U.S. Olympic men's basketball team dropped the ball in a big way. The country that invented basketball finished third in the world, despite filling a team with the most skilled and most athletic players in the entire event. Argentina drove the last nail in a coffin laden with devastated egos and broken promises; devoid of team play and practice time.

Perhaps, though, some good may still come of this. This could be the beginning of a weird phenomenon. Perhaps lessons will be learned (of the same manner that this country may learn in four more years, but I'm not talking politics). What if team play catches fire? The Pistons, losing none of their line-up, still pose the greatest threat to lazy NBA teams. How will other teams cope? We have an entire season to watch as this conundrum unravels.

Dangerous changes are also taking place. Steve "Franchise" Francis has moved from the Rockets to Orlando. And Tracy McGrady is now in Houston. What could these trades initiate?

How motivated might each of them suddenly be, looking on their careers with their former teams, lacking championship levels of play? The biggest trade of all, though, is Shaq to the Lakers, separating him from Kobe. May show that the Lakers are concerned less with filling the roster and more with winning. Will the Lakers be on the decline after this? What sort of numbers could they put up with his new team?

On top of all these changes, we may see some surprising moves this year. The Utah Jazz may have a very dynamic team, lead by Carlos Boozer, a workhorse for the Blue Devils not very long ago. The brand new Bobcats of Charlotte picked up Emeka Okafor from UConn. Connecticut players such as Richard Hamilton and the Pistons, are rather fun to watch in the NBA. Also, Okafor's teammate Ben Gordon, went to the Chicago Bulls, who finally retired another Scottie Pippen. Finally, the Jersey Nets have lost Jason Kidd indefinitely due to injury.

These drastic changes, more, a chip on U.S. basketball's shoulder, could give rise to an amazing season of either upward or inspired basketball. Hope for the latter.

# Are You Ready for Some NFL?

## AN EXAMINATION OF THE MIDPOINT OF FOOTBALL SEASON

LOU ARMITAGE

COMMENT WRITER

As the semester is half over, football's regular season.

The NFL just finished its week, which means many have just eight games remaining before the playoffs. 32 teams in the league it sometimes be difficult to keep up with all that's happening in each division. So I've taken the opportunity to break down the AFC and AFC standings up to this point in the season.

The NFC was home to the one team that remained undefeated, the Philadelphia Eagles (7-1), until they lost their first game of the season to the red-hot Pittsburgh Steelers (7-1). Despite the antics of their star wide receiver, Terrell Davis, the Eagles have steamrolled their opponents with an over-the-top offense, led by veteran quarterback Donovan McNabb. Along with Philadelphia, the Eastern Division are the New York Giants (5-3), the Dallas Cowboys (3-5), and the Washington Redskins (3-5). The Giants lost to the last place Chicago Bears (3-5) this week, which prevented them from taking advantage of Philadelphia's lead.

The once dominant Cowboys and Redskins have failed to instill fear in any of their rivals they have faced.

In the NFC North Division Minnesota Vikings (5-2) have sole possession of first place

but are in jeopardy of losing that spot, as the Detroit Lions (4-4) and the Green Bay Packers (4-4) have both looked strong in prior weeks. Despite the Chicago Bears (3-5) beating some big teams in their three wins, they still look like the Bears of old, and will most likely remain at the bottom of the pile for the remainder of the season. Expect this week's Monday night match-up between the Vikings and the Indianapolis Colts (4-3) to be a make-or-break game for each team's season.

The Carolina Panthers (1-7) have gone from playing in last year's Super Bowl to being in last place in the NFC South Division. In first place are the Atlanta Falcons (6-2), led by quarterback superstar Michael Vick. Although the Falcons were humiliated by the Kansas City Chiefs (3-5) just two weeks ago, expect to see them on top when the playoffs roll around. The New Orleans Saints (3-5) and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (3-5) are the other two teams in the division but are in need of a serious turnaround if they plan on staying competitive with the Falcons.

In the least threatening West division in football, the Seattle Seahawks (5-3) and the St. Louis Rams (4-4), who top the division, have been unpredictable, sometimes losing to no name teams and sometimes upsetting the big teams. Both the Seahawks and the Rams possess the talent to become serious players unlike

the other two teams in the division, the Arizona Cardinals (3-5) and the San Francisco 49ers (1-7), who have little to no chance at postseason play.

The biggest story in football this season came out of the AFC East when the New England Patriots (7-1) broke the record for most consecutive wins by any team in the history of American Football with 21 straight victories. The streak was broken in week eight when the Pittsburgh Steelers (7-1) used their defense to shutdown the Patriots powerhouse offense. This opened the door for the New York Jets (6-2) to slide into the first place position alongside the Patriots, but with a loss this week, the Jets fell back into second. The two teams have little to worry about with respect to competition within their division—the Buffalo Bills (3-5) and the Miami Dolphins (1-8) show no signs of moving up any time soon.

The AFC North looks much like it does every season with the Cleveland Browns (3-4) and the Cincinnati Bengals (3-5) at the bottom of the division. The Steelers hold a considerable lead over the Baltimore Ravens (4-3) but would be well advised to keep an eye on Ray Lewis and the Ravens defense who are always capable of big performances.

In one of the closest and toughest divisions in the league, the Jacksonville Jaguars (5-3) lead the AFC South with the

Houston Texans (4-4) and the Indianapolis Colts (4-3) hot on their trail. The still-young Texans are off to a good start including a win against the division-leading Jaguars. The Colts started the season looking poised to dominate the division and possibly the entire AFC but have had problems maintaining their momentum in the past few weeks. The Tennessee Titans (3-5) might not be where they would have liked to be at this point in the season but are still very much a contender in this division.

The Denver Broncos (6-3) and the San Diego Chargers (6-3) are tied for first in the AFC West but either team will need much more than that to be any sort of a threat come playoff time. Neither the Broncos nor the Chargers have shown any real reason for anyone to consider them Super Bowl worthy teams. The same can be said about the other two teams in the division, the Kansas City Chiefs (3-5) and the Oakland Raiders (3-6) who have little going for them despite tremendously talented players who have been unable to carry the teams to success.

With just half a season remaining, many of the divisions have split themselves between teams that can expect to reach the playoffs and teams that can expect an extended off-season. Keep an eye out for another article once the postseason players have been determined.

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Volleyball  
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11/13 7:00 p.m. vs. E.  
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Women's Basketball  
11/15 7:05 pm vs. Baden  
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Regina  
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## How to Escape Bad Credit

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EXPERIMENT WRITER

One of the most time-honored rituals of any college career is the teary-eyed phone call to mom and dad begging for a short-term loan. However, it would surprise no one to know that some companies are counting on the choked up sobs of their business plans. Corporations would prey on college students' free-spend tendencies to make their lives easier. The nice people at Visa and MasterCard, of course.

College students, as evidenced by the crappy t-shirt, the Frisbee giveaways at the end of every semester, are the target for card companies. The card companies know that the experience and procrastination of consumers with little knowledge of credit works to their advantage, in terms of credit limit fees, late payment fees, and high interest rates.

If you're not getting two years, a credit card offers a week in the mail, you almost certainly will be tempted with department store cards. However, the department store cards have historically higher rates of interest, often 15 percent or higher. The savings you may save on those jeans by applying for a card is easily wiped out by the banks within a couple of months in finance charges.

Card companies count on the plastic Prozac feeling you get from charging clothes or other necessities. Why pay now for something you can pay for later? However, the amount of money you pay over time can be much more than you might think.

Why experts also recommend you always make more than the minimum payment on your credit cards. Otherwise, your purchases can take literally years to pay off due to interest.

Another simple, but some overlooked reminder is to always make payments on time!

Payment only one day late can not only remain on your credit report for up to seven years but can cost you around \$100 per month. Also, it pays to make payments early, since many companies deliberately withhold payments sent via mail or check a couple of days in order to increase their profits from late payment fees. Usually this clause in the fine print of your credit card agreement and is hard to fight. Paying directly at the store or online is one way to avoid this pitfall.

By making sure you always make the minimum payment on every month, you can help increase your credit score. This is also called your FICO score,

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## Useful Movie Kiosk Further Crowds Hallway

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EXPERIMENT WRITER

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. Today's topic will be a little lighter than usual. Instead of ranting and raving about some ill-conceived aspect of our society, I am instead going to rant and rave about the movie kiosk that has recently appeared in the SUB between the upstairs food court and the First Interstate Bank area.

However, there may not be much ranting and raving because I actually liked the kiosk. Yes folks, that's right - I actually enjoyed something. Amazing. The kiosk is actually fairly simple to use. The first thing needed is a credit card. Once you swipe your credit card, the machine gives you 15 minutes to make your choice. I don't know what happens after that 15 minutes but I have a sneaking suspicion that the kiosk will begin to charge you for wasting its time.

The menus are pretty straightforward and, hopefully, every college student should be smart enough to figure them out. There are a variety of genres from which to choose from; unfortunately when I rented my movie, all the movies were either new releases or action/adventure.

If you are in the mood for a sappy chick flick, then you will have to scroll through all the movies to find it.

As for the movie selection, it was actually decent. There are such diverse titles as "Jaws," "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," "The Ladykillers," and "Mean Girls." Being the kind of person that I am, I rented "Mean Girls" (I will never live that one down). The kiosk also promises to have games available for rent. Unfortunately, there were only two PS2 games when I checked.

The machine charges \$2.99 if the movie is returned that day. Otherwise the charge is \$3.49 for a 24-hour period. Not outrageous but it is still a little expensive. To return the movie, simply swipe your credit card again, select return from the menu and put in the movie. Overall I had a positive experience with the new movie kiosk.

However, everything is not peaches and cream. There are a few caveats that I have with this whole process - first of all, the placement of the kiosk. It is a large machine and practically sticks out into the middle of the hallway by itself. When combined with somebody standing there using the kiosk, it is a major impediment to traffic. Surley the owners of the kiosk could have found a location better suited to such a large machine.

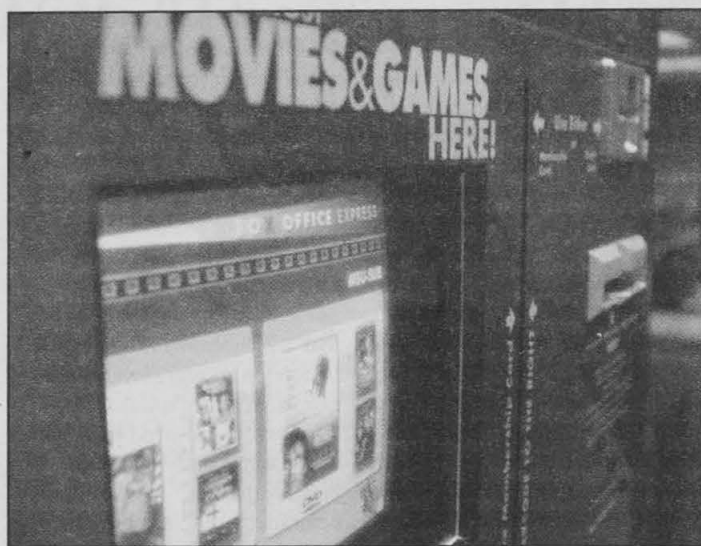


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The new movie kiosk crowds the bottleneck hallway in the SUB.

Second, the fees for late rentals are horrendous. The machine claims to charge \$3.49 per day after the first day and then there may be a \$35 dollar charge on top of that if the movie is not returned within a week. It was unclear if the \$35 dollars was extra or if that is the total charge for a unreturned movie. I personally would make damn sure to turn the movie in the next day, as I wouldn't want to potentially pay \$60 for a movie.

Another minor complaint was the fact that "Mean Girls" was not in widescreen. If you don't like widescreen movies then that could be a good thing, but I personally feel cheated when the sides of my movies get cut off so

the movie can be "formatted to fit my television."

And finally, there is no contact information for the owners or operators of the machine anywhere on the kiosk. In addition, the AskUs desk seemed to know nothing about the machine. So if it rips up your credit card after charging you \$500, it might be a while before things get ironed out. Overall, the kiosk seems to be a tolerable addition to the SUB. However, if you are the kind of person who can lose their underwear while wearing them, I wouldn't recommend renting from this kiosk unless you have \$60 bucks to blow on a movie you can't find.

## Eminem Has Potential... But Fails to Use It

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If MTV and hip-hop radio had been my only sources of Eminem's material, I would never have given him a chance.

Eminem's singles are significantly more hit-and-miss than other rap artists. In particular, the first single from each of his records is not only weak, but typically more irritating than your typical bubblegum Top 40 pop single. "My Name Is" and "The Real Slim Shady" were enough for me to write him off as a talentless hack.

After hearing talk about lyrical proficiency and rhyme skills from a variety of reliable sources, I decided to give him a second chance. I picked up "The Eminem Show" and it completely altered my perception. As it turned out, everything up to and including "The Eminem Show" is relatively good, and appears to be getting progressively better. With Eminem's newest release, "Encore," we get to see if he can outdo himself yet again.

Predictably, the first single from "Encore," "Just Lose It," is awful. It would be great to say it's just another worthless debut Eminem single, but it's worse than that: it's a parody of a worthless debut Eminem single. I'd say it's the worst sin-

gle Eminem has ever released and one of the worst songs he's ever recorded. Nobody needs to hear the phrase "Shady's back" repeated over the course of three consecutive albums. Thankfully, the second Eminem single always makes up for the first.

"Mosh" is to "Encore" what "White America" was to "The Eminem Show": an intelligent, political hip-hop track. It's great to hear someone as popular as Eminem call Bush on his bullshit. "Mosh" is

exactly what the left wing needs to counter the blind patriotism of those like Toby Keith in the music industry. Unfortunately, the timing of its release is off by about three months. This is a protest song liberals desperately needed earlier in the election year. Still, I commend Eminem for making an attempt to politically mobilize America's youth.

Sadly, the strength of "Mosh" isn't even close to being matched by the rest of the album's material. It's hard to believe that "Mosh" and "Just Lose It" not only share the same album, but the same artist as well. These two tracks together show that Eminem is not only struggling to find his niche, but he is struggling to

find acceptance from wherever he can receive it. He's trying too hard instead of not giving a crap. Uncertainty is not smiled upon in the hip-hop community, and it's this display of weakness that leads to "Encore's" downfall.

The cheap shots at celebrities aren't nearly this funny this time around. Nobody cares about Jessica Simpson or Hilary Duff.

If you're going to take a shot at somebody, at least pick somebody less obvious. We've heard these rhymes recycled over the course of your last three records. Give us something new.

Eminem's rhyme delivery is still impressive, but he lacks the catchy lyricism of his previous releases. On "Encore," his lyrics are childish at best. Often the guest MCs fare better than Eminem; but with the exception of Dr. Dre, even their rhymes are relatively weak.

Of course, there are still beats based upon pop songs, but previous tracks like "Stan" and "Sing For the Moment" are much stronger than the tracks on "Encore." On "Encore," these songs are not only awkward, but given Dr. Dre's usual beat perfection, baffling. The intro to "Toy Soldiers" sounds like a joke

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## Film Rendezvous Offers Advice About Filmmaking in Montana

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This weekend, in Livingston, filmmaking professionals united with community members and students to discuss the Montana film industry. They all joined together for the 2004 Montana Film Rendezvous, which was celebrating its third year running.

"Building a Montana Film Industry" was this year's theme, and most of the presentations focused heavily on the business and legislative side of the industry.

Robert Bordiga, veteran line producer and assistant director, opened the weekend with a production seminar entitled "Nuts and Bolts." Bordiga discussed the specifics of budgeting and scheduling for feature films. He also covered location shooting, film incentives, and script breakdown.

"Filmmaking is about making choices—lots and lots of choices," stressed Bordiga, "and great producers make choices quickly."

The first screening was "Libby, Montana," a documentary by Drury Gunn Carr and Doug Hawkes-Davis of High Plains Films. Their non-fiction feature told the story of the asbestos crisis in the small, isolated town of Libby. The story was very compelling, and they did an excellent job portraying the personal battles of the individuals who were directly affected with asbestos.

On Saturday, a diverse mix of filmmakers gathered to discuss "The Agony and Ecstasy of Producing in Montana." The panel focused on the practical and honest issues of producing, particularly the difficulty of bringing films to the Montana area.

"It's not about shooting films here, it's about getting films here," said Patrick Markey, production executive. Markey went on to stress that the film industry all comes down to economics; "If you know how to sell Montana, you will."

The entire producing panel seemed to agree on the quality of

the MSU film program. Dennis Aig, who teaches in the MTA department, pointed out that the MSU film school is now fifth in the nation, and it's constantly growing. As a result, the MSU film department is becoming an attractive draw for professional filmmakers. The main concern was that the students are not receiving the opportunities they deserve. Drury Gunn Carr encouraged economic development, while others suggested that the incentive program needs to develop an aggressive marketing campaign aimed toward students.

Finally, the producing panel encouraged students to "get their names out there." Passion and perseverance were constantly stressed as the two best tools a film student can have in the professional world. Overall, the message was: find the will, find the money, find the people, and work hard. It will get you somewhere eventually.

The final screening of the weekend was "Pow Wow Highway," a film by Jonathan Wacks, shot in Montana in 1988. "Pow Wow Highway" told the story of two men from the Cheyenne reservation, a committed activist named Buddy, and a soft spoken spiritual warrior named Philbert. The two friends took their battered Buick (referred to as their "war pony") on a road trip to rescue a friend. The cinematography was impressive, and the story took an honest look at contemporary Native American life. The characters fought for their future, and discovered some surprising truths along their journey.

Overall, this year's Film Rendezvous was a success, and those who did not attend definitely missed out. Hearing advice and opinions from professionals was eye-opening and informative. From the intriguing screenings to the diversity of those in attendance, the weekend proved to be an exciting event. My advice? Don't miss the Film Rendezvous next year!



photo by Josh Z...

Beline (Katie Goodman) comforts her hypochondriac husband Argan (Kent Davis). As Beline's quirky pet names with Argan, she secretly plots to take his money from his daughters after he dies.

## 17th Century Humor Brought To Life Equinox Theater Performs Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid"

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The names Soren Kiesel and Kent Davis ring loudly and frequently in theatrical circles around Bozeman, but the two have ventured into new ground with their translation and production of "The Imaginary Invalid."

Last weekend, and for two weekends to come, the Equinox Theater is presenting Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid" nightly at 8:00 p.m.

The description from the program sums up the creation of this particular translation: "Translated from the French by Kent Davis. Freely adapted, slapped around, and made to stand on its head with original scenes by Kent Davis and Soren Kiesel."

Soren Kiesel is the artis-

tic co-director of the Equinox Theater and Kent Davis is an associate director of the Equinox Theater.

The play begins with Argan, a hypochondriac who spends his riches paying inadequate doctors to heal his imaginary illnesses, hacking and coughing into a kerchief. Argan (Kent Davis) sits in red long underwear, a yellow bathrobe with bows, and a floppy blue night cap, calling for his maid, Toinette (Joan Jankowski). His maid fails to emerge, so he pulls out a tiny bell to attract her attention. When his maid still doesn't come he exclaims, "This is a shitty little bell." And so begins the hilarious dialogue of this modern translation.

Davis and Jankowski, the only two actors who play only one part, keep humor flowing through the play and ground the audience from scene to scene. Argan's ridiculous-

ness is well amplified by the translation, and Toinette opposes as the only character who seems to have her head on straight, at least most of the time.

The humor throughout the play can be described as nothing less than over-the-top. Jokes come from Argan and his wife Beline (Katie Goodman) pet names for each other, which include: "sweet little gorgonzola" and "mommy," to Toinette's line "I've seen him kick puppies," she says she tries to convince Argan his doctor isn't a good man. The jokes entertain and shock a modern audience, as Moliere aimed to do to his audience. Adult humor and context definitely makes this a no-kids show.

In the end, the plot and humor are encompassed in one of Argan's final lines: "You have the idea of the trials and tribulations experienced by my ass."

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Pixar Digresses With "The Incredibles"

BRIAN CLARK  
COLUMN WRITER

adventures of everyday normalcy. Mostly though, it's a very Bond-like action film that differs only in the fact that it's not dumb. And also it's a cartoon.

On one level, "The Incredibles" is about coping with mediocrity when you know you're capable of greatness. There's also something at play about sidelining the forces that protect us, a conservative critique aimed at the ungrateful, marginalized millions. Then, of course, this is a children's film that's as entertaining as it is visually interesting.

What I like about Pixar's releases is that they testify to the fact that kids' movies don't have to suck. You don't have to make "Cheaper by the Dozen" to attract families to a movie the-

ater. However, watching "The Incredibles" seems a bit like watching a movie you've already seen. When you can pretty much guess what's going to happen, all the fun is left in simply getting there. It is fun for a while, but that's really all it's got going for it. Most of the jokes are visual punches to characters with humorous abilities, and the rest muddles in predictability and a somewhat generic formula.

That's not to say that "The Incredibles" isn't an entertaining and well-crafted film. It is. It's just that it lacks the emotional resonance of "Finding Nemo" or the interesting character dynamics of "Toy Story." While it makes up for some of these shortcomings with inventive and exciting action sequences, it's not enough to clear

the bar that the Pixar team has set - rather highly - for themselves.

To be fair, the characters aren't wholly un-engaging. The Pixar creators are masters of injecting relatable characters into absurd situations. Who couldn't relate with Woody in "Toy Story," for example, as he's forced to deal with rejection. The same admirable qualities can be found in "The Incredibles," as we can easily sympathize with Mr. Incredible, the one-time "Superhero of the Year," who's been forced into a mundane job as an insurance salesman. His wife, Elastigirl, is also easily accessible as the stay-at-home mother struggling to hold the family together. However, as the film retreats to an extended action climax, and surprisingly

gets more interesting in the process, it's hard to really care about the characters in the same way that you care about Nemo reuniting with his father at the ending of "Finding Nemo."

There are some interesting elements at play, but nothing that's fully realized enough to be of critical importance. Perhaps intentionally, director Brad Bird and the rest of the Pixar team has made more of a children's feature this time out, full of action and humor and little else.

If this were your everyday, run-of-the-mill, kid's film, "The Incredibles" would seem, well, incredible. When you compare it to what Pixar has proven themselves capable of, it's a bit disappointing.

Credit: Students Should Be Aware of The Implications of Their Credit Scores

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used to determine eligibility for anything from car loans to home loans. It is used by employers to determine whether you are hired for a job, and is also available to landlords who want to check out prospective tenants.

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What Montana town has laws against driving with icepicks affixed to the tires?

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- 5 Motor parts
- 6 Peculiarity
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- 9 Sock hop
- 10 Paste
- 11 Feminine ending
- 12 Froze over (2 wds.)
- 13 Playwright Neil -
- 14 Hertz rival
- 15 Have the flu
- 16 Gets nearer (2 wds.)
- 17 Tinker
- 18 Use a compass
- 19 Wading birds
- 20 New drivers, mostly
- 27 Takes out
- 31 Prospectors' finds
- 34 Revival shout
- 36 "Mad Max" Gibson
- 38 Have a hunch
- 39 Actor - Romero
- 41 Jack up
- 43 Punch's partner
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- 49 Tribal leader
- 50 - Barbara, Calif.
- 51 Moves
- 53 Guinea pigs, maybe
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- 56 Condensing
- 57 Open meadow
- 58 Sammy Sosa's org.
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- 61 By heart
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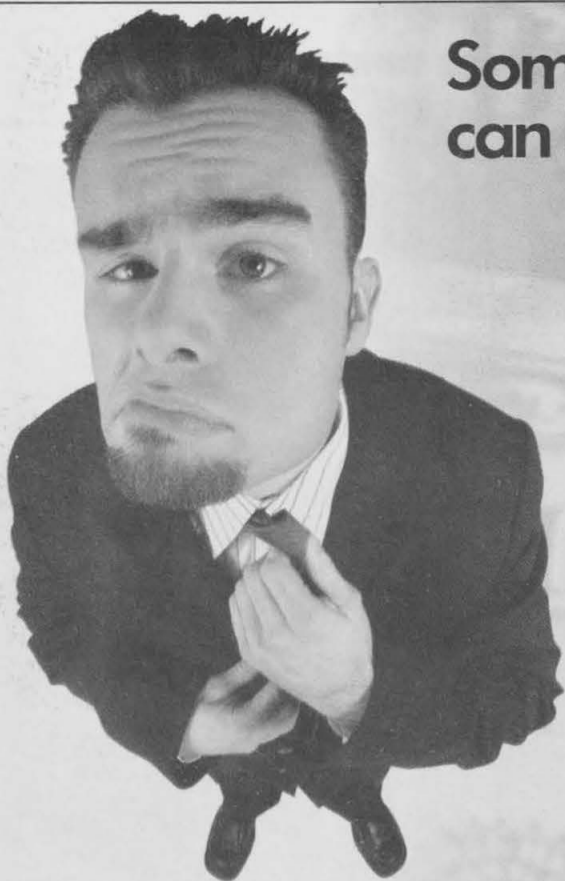
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