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Regents say goodbye to Mercer



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Effective midnight, March 11, 2006, former Chairman of the Montana Board of Regents, John Mercer, resigned his position as a member and chair, for both family and political reasons.

"Citizens of Montana," he wrote in his resignation letter to Governor Schweitzer, "I gave it everything I could for as long as I could."

The former Vice Chairman Mike Foster will be Chair until the Board of Regents meet in May for annual elections. Schweitzer will elect a new member of the board also before that meeting.

"It will be someone with our shared vision of affordability and creative ways to transfer credits, and workforce training at two year colleges," Sarah Elliot, Communications Director for Governor Schweitzer said. "The regents need to look at creative ways to look at tuition increases and we want someone with leadership on that."

Governor Judy Martz appointed Mercer in 2001 after term limits ended his stay in legislature and as Speaker of the House. Then, in 2003, the lawyer from Polson was voted into the Chairmanship over then Chair, Richard Roehm.

In his resignation, Mercer shared his plan for the Board of Regents.

"The level of state funding is the lowest it has ever been in state history after Governor Schweitzer's first budget, at 38 percent," Mercer said.

When he left the legislature, state funding was at 50 percent, reported Mercer, and in the early 1990s it was upwards of 75-78 per-

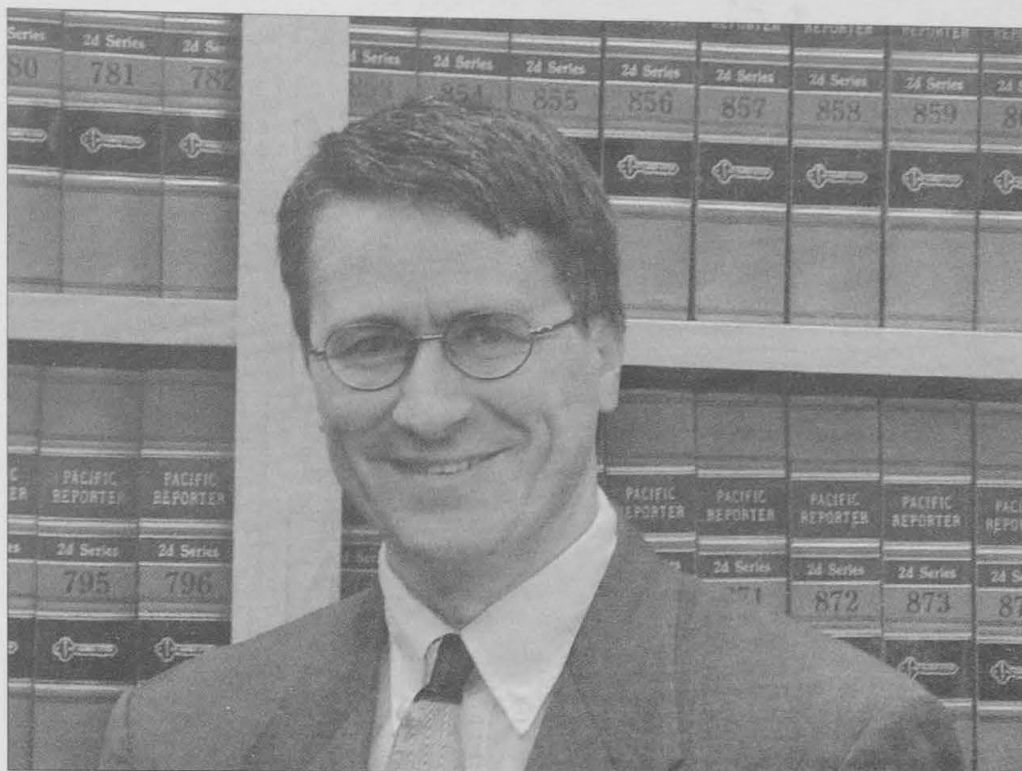


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John Mercer, formerly the Chairman of the Montana University System Board of Regents, recently resigned. His term was full of political controversy, apparent in his resignation criticism of Governor Schweitzer.

cent, reported Regents staff member Pam Joehler, and has fallen pretty steadily ever since.

Mercer believes having strong communication with the legislature about how well the University System spends its money can solve this issue. And, he believes the lack of attendance by Governor Schweitzer to Board of Regents meetings is a large hindrance. Mercer has always clashed with Schweitzer and believes that without him, more straightforward communication will be possible.

"One of your [Schweitzer's] duties as set forth in the Montana Constitution," Mercer said in his resignation letter, "is to serve as an Ex-officio member of the Board of

Regents. You have failed to attend a single meeting."

Former student regent Kala French has acknowledged Mercer's criticism of the Governor, saying that Schweitzer attended one meeting when he first got elected and since then sends word through a policy advisor.

"Whatever has happened in the past, the percentage of state support is the lowest it's ever been and that needs to be addressed," Mercer said in an interview.

When Mercer first got on the board, he tried to turn down a one percent tuition increase that had no spending plans. Even though the Board was to vote on it, students were already paying it.

"I wanted to make them live up to their constitutional obligations, not just be along for the ride because that showed they were a rubber stamp," Mercer said.

Originally, when he was in the Montana Legislature, Mercer turned down requests for state funding of higher education because of "a lot of friction" between the two. He felt, said Mercer, like there was a lot of arrogance on the Montana University System end of just wanting money and a lot of ignorance on the branch's end of not knowing the ways the budget was spent.

"He had a change of heart

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Arthun, Mangum elected despite low turnout



ERICA AYTES

NEWS EDITOR

With 13 percent voter turnout for this year's ASMSU elections, Cole Arthun became the new ASMSU President and Amanda Mangum became the new Vice-President. They defeated Valerie Tutvedt and Michelle Passmore by 401 votes.

"I was first really interested in the Vice President position because it works closely with committees," Mangum said. "I got to work with communities and the budget side of things, but I wanted to be involved on a large scale. I wanted to run with Cole because I wanted to make sure that I was working with someone who was very, very capable for the job."

Mangum, a music major, was

the Senate Assistant Pro-Temp this past year and Arthun, a business finance major, served as the Co-Public Relations Chair.

"Being on the Senate for these past two years was really good," Mangum said. "We've been working hard to slim down the budget and build up our reserve. I feel like I know what to do with this experience."

One thing the newly-elected executives want to focus on in the upcoming year is communication between committee heads and senators. They believe that by simply communicating, many of the small problems that crop up with budgeting and other misunderstandings could be avoided.

The constant threat of tuition increases is one of the problems awaiting Mangum and Arthun, who will rely on the ASMSU stu-

dent lobbyist in Helena to accurately relay the concern of students to the Board of Regents.

"Our challenge in the future will be to lower tuition," Arthun said. "I'm going to fight in whichever way I can to do that."

Mangum reiterated that communication is one way to achieve this common goal held by many involved with ASMSU.

"I really think that once people communicate, there is a web effect that improves everything," Mangum said.

Arthun agreed and said he believes communication is important in more ways than one.

"The lack of communication with students means lack of student involvement," Arthun said, citing the low voter turnout as an example of low student involvement. "It was great being elected,

but it would have been better if more people had elected us."

Arthun also said he is looking forward to working with the new Senators.

"I'm always looking forward to change and to the new exchange of ideas," he said.

On-Campus Senators elected for next year are Leif Anderson, Robert Atwood, and Davie Keto; Off-Campus Senators are Jacquelyn Bodfish, Nolan Morgan, Rebecca Reikow, and Cade Robertson; Deepu Philip was elected to represent the Family and Graduate Housing; Ross Tangedal received 109 votes to become the Greek Senator; and Luke Fernie and Bryan Schmitz will be the Senators At-Large.

Elections for some ASMSU positions will be held again in the fall.



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MSU researchers find new way to safely locate deadly landmines



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EXPONENT WRITER

One of the most dangerous after effects of war is being tracked and eliminated by a modest insect. Researchers at MSU and the University of Montana are experimenting with using honeybees to locate and identify land mines in current and former war zones.

Land mines are an ever-present danger in many war-torn countries. Land mines from the Vietnam War still dot the Vietnamese countryside. The Sahara has Anti-Personnel ordinances remaining from World War II. Although land mines are placed during times of war, they are often more deadly after the conflict.

According to a 2003 RAND Corporation study, land mines kill 15,000 to 20,000 people per year. Civilians suffer the most due to these landmines. An estimated 83 percent of the landmine victims are civilians who happened upon a landmine, sometimes after peace was restored in their country.

Oftentimes, landmines are disguised as toys and are picked up by young children. The weapons are most deadly to the children because children are closer to the ground. Many countries are looking for fast, safe ways to de-mine minefields.

Jerry Bromenshenk and his team from UM are training bees to sniff out the chemical plume emitted by land mines. To accomplish this, the team incorporates tiny amounts of explosive-smell-

ing chemical into foraging bees' feeders. The bees then become conditioned to detect this chemical when looking for food.

The bees detect this scent, then fly following it until they find its source, where they pause before moving on. It takes 2 to 3 days to train the bees.

Because tracking the flight pattern of bees on a minefield is impossible using the naked eye, their movement must be tracked using LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging).

"We are really excited to have the opportunity to adapt MSU's expertise in lasers and laser sensors to this kind of project that has such a potentially positive impact on the world."

- Joe Shaw
MSU Electrical Engineering

An interdisciplinary team of researchers at MSU has been developing a way to use LIDAR technology to track the movement of the bees. This team includes Dr.

Joe Shaw, an Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Dr. Kevin Repasky, an Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Dr. John Calrsten, a Regents Professor of Physics; and Dr. Lee Spangler, the Director of Special Projects.

The team uses a laser to fire an intense light beam over the de-mining area. The light emitted by the laser reflects off the bees and is picked up by a receiver which pinpoints the locations where the insects spend the most time.

By tracking the flight patterns of the bees and where they tend to momentarily stop, the location of the mine can be revealed. The LIDAR unit can be set up beside the minefield, and the bees can be released from a safe area not on the minefield, keeping mine tracking personnel safe. LIDAR technology has been previously used on other applications, including

atmospheric and weather-related research. The MSU team is adapting LIDAR for use in tracking de-mining bees.

The bee and LIDAR method does not come without its drawbacks. Tall grass also reflects the light emitted by the laser, and interferes with the tracking of the bees.

The MSU team is currently developing a receiver that can detect a unique signature of light reflected by bees, which will allow more accurate tracking of the bees. The team has filed for a patent on this technology.

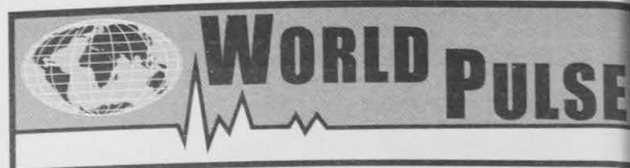
The system is also difficult to use on uneven terrain. Bees will not fly during inclement weather or at night. Dogs and humans are currently being used to locate mines, but these methods of detection come at great risk. The honeybee method of detection is considered to be a safer method of de-mining than current minesweeping procedures by those working in the field. All the technology needed for this minesweeping method is available within Montana.

"We are really excited to have the opportunity to adapt MSU's expertise in lasers and laser sensors to this kind of project that has such a potentially positive impact on the world. We're particularly pleased to do so in partnership with the University of Montana and several Montana companies," Shaw said.

At the current rate, de-mining all the landmines around the world could take hundreds of years, but the use of honeybees could speed up that process greatly.

The company who is licensed to use the technology, S&K Electronics, is a Montana-based company. If the bee and LIDAR method of mine detection becomes widely used, MSU will be at the forefront of a method of mine detection whose effectiveness could result in humanitarian relief that will be felt around the world.

Other researchers are experimenting with the idea of using other insects and rats to detect landmines.



Freezing protests in Minsk

Due to the rigged presidential election in Belarus on March 19, about 300 residents of the country have camped out in the freezing cold at October Square in Minsk as a protest to their new leader. They have been threatened with the possibilities of physical violence and arrest, but the numbers of protestors continue to grow each evening.

Troops' stay in Iraq looks to be drawn out

With a current approval rating of about 35 percent, President Bush held a press conference on Tuesday, during which he told the world that the likelihood of U.S. troops remaining in Iraq through the remainder of his presidency is very high. Just this past weekend, the former interim Prime Minister of Iraq said it appears that Iraq has entered civil war.

Terrorist group announces ceasefire

ETA, a Basque separatist group that has a history of terrorism, has announced a permanent ceasefire. Though the group, which wants the Basque country to separate from Spain, has announced ceasefire before, this is the first case of permanent ceasefire. The ETA's power has decreased in recent years, according to the Spanish government, and there have been no bomb attacks in three years. The ETA is now looking to achieve their goal through political means.

Drug trafficking charges brought against rebels

The United States charged the Colombian rebel group, FARC, with trafficking \$25 billion of cocaine. FARC claims to be an insurgency group who's goal is to overthrow the fascist regime of President Alvaro Uribe, but the U.S. claims FARC has killed farmers who refused to cooperate and has also imported millions of dollars worth of cocaine into the U.S., therefore substantially contributing to the American drug problem.

Bus accident kills 11

A tour bus in Chile crashed on Wednesday, March 22, killing at least 11 people on board who had taken the bus from their cruise ship. The cruise ship left from a Miami, Florida port and sailed to Chile last Thursday. An estimated five more tourists were injured. The nationalities of the passengers is unknown, but most are believed to be American citizens.

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U.S. support for Nicaraguan murders revealed in photos

ERICA AYTES

35 EDITOR

Latin America's growing tendency toward leftist politics have government officials worried about such conflicts between the United States and South American governments have occurred over the past few decades, as they did in Nicaragua over 20 years ago when the U.S. funded soldiers who were responsible for thousands of deaths in Nicaragua.

Reid Hall on March 8 at 7 p.m., two American human rights activists gave a slideshow presentation entitled, "Living With the Consequences of U.S. Policy:

A Nicaragua Photo/Testimony Project."

Pam Fitzpatrick and Paul Dix have spent the last 20 years of their lives going back and forth between the United States and Nicaragua, a Central American country where the U.S. supported contra guerilla forces that killed thousands of civilians and supporters of the socialist Sandinista political party that was in power at the time. While in Nicaragua, they documented the effects the war has had and continues to have on the people of the poor country that is approximately one-third the size of Montana.

Claiming that the Sandinistas

would spread communism, the U.S. heightened its military presence in Nicaragua during Ronald Reagan's presidency.

"If we were in Nicaragua because we were scared of communism, then why were we there 100 years ago when that fear wasn't there?" Fitzpatrick asked the audience.

At the beginning of Reagan's presidency, the Sandinistas had recently gained political power and were working to bring education and medical attention to the poorest regions.

Literacy during their reign grew from 50 percent to 87 percent due to their focus on free education. Reagan organized what he called "Freedom Fighters", essentially contras who proceeded to target Sandinistan programs for children and the poor. These "Freedom Fighters" killed an estimated 137 schoolteachers while working toward their goal to destroy the Sandinistan government. The U.S. was ordered by an international court to stop funding the war and pay \$176 billion in damages, but Reagan ignored the charges and sent more support to the contras. The U.S. finally succeeded in ousting the Sandinistas from power in the elections of 1990, nearly ten years after the war began.

"We urge you to come up with your own analysis, but we don't believe you can get that without meeting with the very poor," Fitzpatrick said. She went on to question why many large news corporations do not show the other side of the story, in this case the side of poverty-stricken Nicaraguans. Instead, she said, the media often uses emotionally charged words to vilify whoever the U.S. is warring with, citing the use of words such as "communists" in the 1970s and the word "terrorists" today.

Today, literacy rates have declined again and 70 percent of the country lives on \$2 per day or less. Dix said that the hunger felt in Nicaragua is comparable to that of Africa and it is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, second only to Haiti. Numerous people are forced to work in maquiladoras (sweatshops), some of the most evident proof of globalization's role in the country. Others have to leave their home country and work in places such as El Salvador where they serve the wealthy as servants.

The slides shown by Dix and Fitzpatrick were of individual

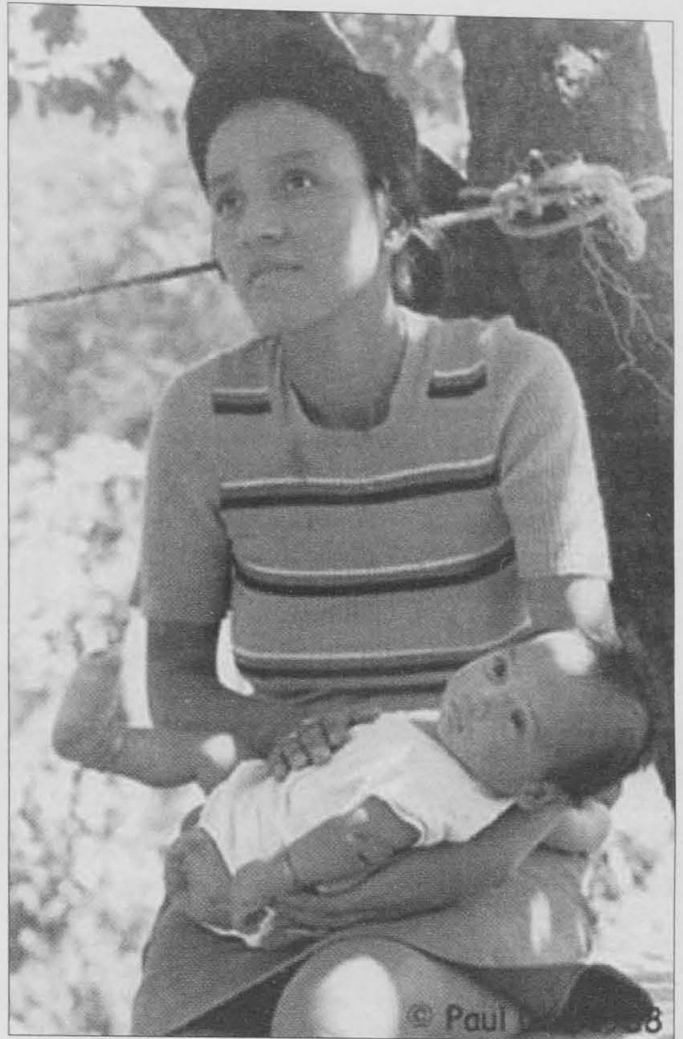


Photo courtesy of Paul Dix

Geraldine Martinez with her son Alexi in 1988. Alexi lost his leg to a contra bullet shot by soldiers supported by the U.S.

Nicaraguans during the wars in the 1980s and more recent photos of those same individuals. Some of the slides were of drawings done by child victims of the contra war. In one, the young artist criticized Reagan for supporting his "dogs."

One Nicaraguan woman Dix and Fitzpatrick talked with and had slides of, said she thought it was horrible that the young people of the United States are growing up thinking their country is perfect.

Despite all of the violence and poor economic policies caused by the U.S., both speakers said their experiences with the people of Nicaragua were always positive. They commented on their ability to look past them as "gringos" and see them as people who were there to help.

"Somehow they would just assume I was there in solidarity with them," Dix said. "They would thank me."

Nicaragua will hold its elections in November of 2006 and the Bush administration has already said they want to keep the Sandinistas out of power.

Dr. John Thompson of the Modern Languages department at MSU helped bring the Fitzpatrick and Dix to MSU.

"They came to Bozeman about two years ago and Cliff Bradley, who travels to South American countries and does research there, attended their talk," Thompson said. "He gave them my number and I became the organizer."

The presentation was sponsored by the Modern Languages department and the Progressive Activist Coalition of MSU. For more information on how to help Nicaraguans, go to <http://nicaleaders.ppaponline.org>.

CAMPUS CORNER

"Whispering Black"

Billy Secours will give a lecture, "Whispering Black: Code for Whites" on Thursday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB classrooms. The presentation will focus on the origins of prejudice and ways to increase the commitment to social justice in America, along with the ideas and history behind white privilege and racism. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Story Mansion meeting

MSU will host a public meeting to talk about the university's plans for the Story Mansion and take questions from the public at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Longfellow School. Bob Shawway, associate vice president for finance and administration, and Bob Rydell, executive director of the Humanities Institute as well as chairman of MSU's Department of History and Philosophy, will be on hand to answer questions from the public, including those about possible impacts on parking and zoning. The mansion occupies a city block on South Hill near the MSU campus. The Bozeman city commission has given the university an opportunity to raise money to buy the historical mansion. The institute would offer visiting lectures, short-term courses for the public and a place for faculty and students to do research. The MSU Humanities Institute has received approval from the Montana Board of Regents.

Brazilian culture

Francia Francaise de Bozeman will sponsor a panel discussion on Brazil from 7-8:15 p.m. in the Weaver Room of the Emerson, followed by a carnival party in Harmony Hall on March 25. The cost is \$5 for students and \$7 for the general public.

Academic Freedom Forum

The Museum of the Rockies and the SUB will play host to the Academic Freedom Forum, a two-day conference, "Without Interference--Academic Freedom in the 21st Century" beginning the evening of Monday, March 27 and going through March 28. Monday's events will be at the Museum of the Rockies, starting at 7 p.m. and Tuesday's will be from 8 a.m. to noon in the SUB. The forum, presented by MSU Provost David Pooley and the Burton K. Wheeler Center, will look at the role politics play in the classroom and intellectual freedom on campus. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Wheeler Center at 994-0336.

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when he got on the board and saw money being spent well. He then delved into issues that were costing students money," French said. "All of the regents operate this way in supporting student issues, but not to the extent John was."

The first thing Mercer did was change the message and the messenger of the Montana University System. The Commissioner of Higher Education was Dick Crofts, and when Crofts resigned in 2003 Mercer appointed Sheila Sterns, whom he called the "right messenger."

Mercer also added to the message, saying he wanted to let the legislature know how the Montana University System can give returns and how it can promote the economy.

"The mission of the Montana University System is to serve students through the delivery of high quality, accessible postsecondary educational opportunities, while actively participating in the preservation and advancement of Montana's economy and society," reports the statement on the Board of Regents website.

Other accomplishments of Mercer's during his stay on the

Board include fighting for more transferability of credits within the Montana University System. He feels the system has improved by becoming more competitive by raising administrative pay for open spots, and by fighting for the Shared Leadership Project, whose purpose is to improve Montana's economy through the University, legislature, and public and private community sectors.

"Prior to John, the board was not a high profile group you saw in the newspaper and John turned that around," said French.

Other regents, students, and administrators across the state

were surprised at Mercer's sudden resignation and now agree that they must continue to fight for what Mercer wanted.

"I think it will be important for the board to carry on the legacy that John Mercer left us, [in affordability, transferability, workforce needs, and a strong relationship with Legislature]," said Foster.

As a parting comment, Mercer reiterated, "I hope you can communicate how much I appreciate the students. The MSU students would always come and present issues at the meetings. MSU-Bozeman students were exceptional in that."

Students dedicate their break to volunteering



JESSIE SOUKUP

EXPONENT WRITER

MSU's BreaksAways Program had another successful spring break, and according to Program Director Erin Lynch, everyone had a great time.

MSU students travelled to Phoenix, AZ and Kanab, UT to earn community service hours and provide assistance to people in need. This program allows students to experience the lifestyles of unique groups of people throughout the United States and Mexico. Participants of this program are sent to a variety of volunteer projects where they are able to learn and work for a community organization cause.

In Phoenix this year, participants worked with Save the Family preparing homes for families who are moving out of homelessness and rebuilding their lives. Students who went to Kanab worked with the Best Friend's Animal Sanctuary, caring for many different animals in need of love.

The goal of MSU BreaksAway is to give participants a rare opportunity to unite with other students in a way not typically possible with most other campus organizations.

There are three phases to the projects: orientation, service, and follow-up. Before going to their respective destination, students are involved in an orientation, then perform the service activ-

ity during spring break, and end with a session where experiences are shared with others. Though service is important, it comes second to the experience of the trip as a whole.

Although BreaksAway participants cannot earn academic credit directly, there are opportunities to demonstrate what was learned for credit. Writing, presenting, or sharing the experience to earn academic credit is possible.

"Save the Family owns roughly two hundred residences in the Tempe/Mesa area," said Stacey Sommerfield, the site leader in Arizona who helped provide housing for homeless families. "Roughly 88 percent of these families are single women fleeing domestic violence situations with their children," she said. "Last year they housed 189 families and had to turn away 360." In all, Sommerfield said, "it was a fantastic experience I would recommend to anyone."

The goal of Best Friends Animal Sanctuary is to work for a better world through kindness to animals. Nearly 1,500 animals are housed at this sanctuary in Kanab, close to the Arizona border. Animals that were abused, abandoned, or ill are cared for and safely watched after until they can be adopted. Dogs, cats, horses, bunnies, birds, owls, hawks, and many more animals reside there.

Up to 12 participants traveled in vans to their destination that lasted from March 11-19. Two



Photo courtesy of Office for Community Involvement

The Arizona group of BreaksAway fixing up a house for Save the Family. Arizona was one of the three destinations.

student site leaders watch after their groups, learning as much as possible about their respective project.

Each trip differs in cost, and locations vary each year. Trips typically range from \$200-\$275, including travel to and from the site and \$10 per day per participant toward food expenses. Since housing often takes place in churches, room rates are not an issue for students.

Alternative spring break opportunities, such as BreaksAway are available at campuses all over

the nation. The destinations usually depend on the school's location and can vary from Arizona to Alabama.

For more information, to hear about this year's participants, or to sign up for next year, contact Erin Lynch at the MSU Office for Community Involvement. The phone number is 994-6902 or they can be reached by e-mail at community@montana.edu.

Any MSU student currently enrolled or a member of the campus community was able to participate.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE REPORT

For March 6-16

Linfield Hall: An employee reported that she found a destroyed computer in front of building.

South Hedges: A member reported a pile of ashes had been found in a bathroom.

Strand Union: employee reported that fireworks had been lit in bathroom.

Linfield Hall: An employee reported the theft of cash from an office.

New Buildings: A student member reported that an entry card reader had been destroyed.

S. 19th Ave.: An officer stopped the driver of a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver had an active warrant from Broadwater County.

South Hedges: Officer responded to a noise complaint at a residence hall. Officers located several individuals who were minors in possession of alcohol.

Culbertson Hall: officer responded to a noise complaint at a residence hall. Officers located several individuals who were minors in possession of alcohol.

Greek Way: officers contacted three males who were throwing lit bottles and rockets. One male threw a pack of lit fireworks at an officer.

Linfield Hall: an employee reported that a credit card was stolen from her desk.



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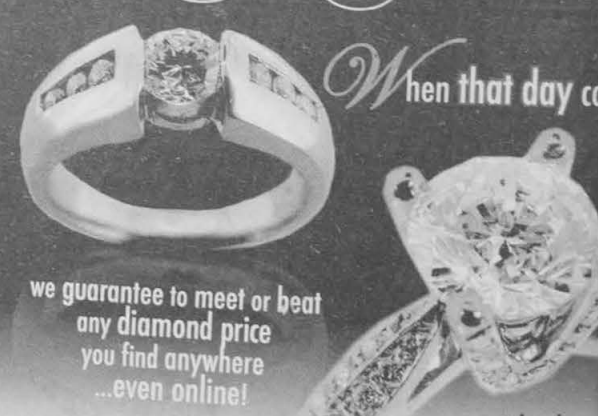
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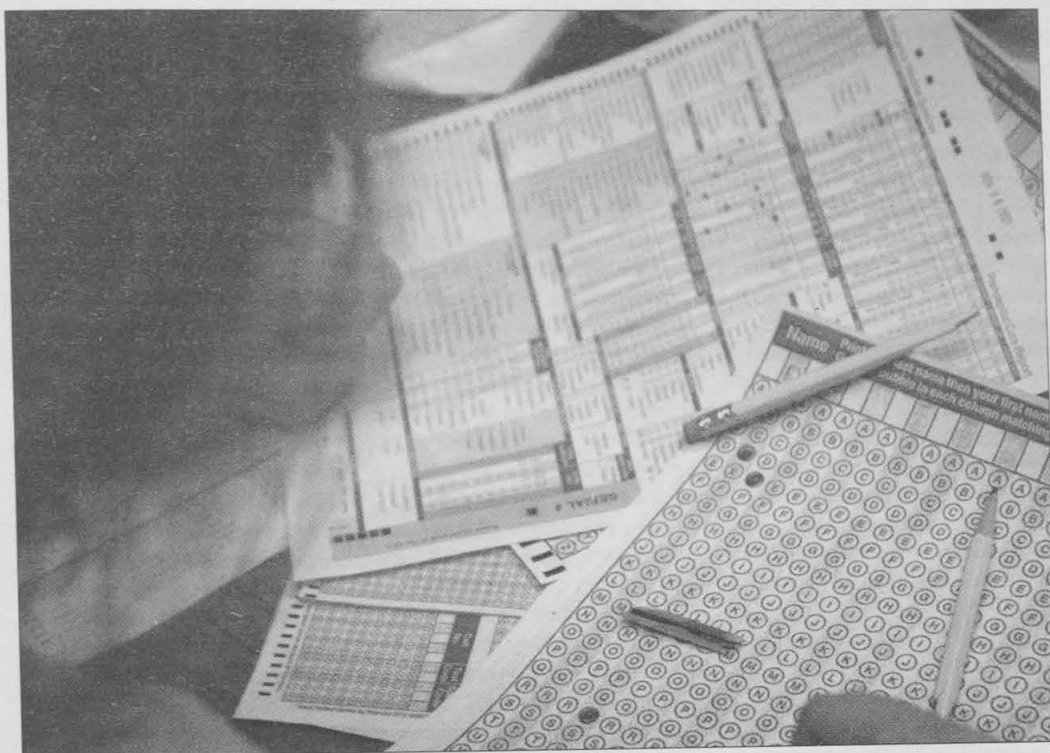
General testing creates false expectations for graduates

HALI CAMPER

MENT WRITER

Nothing in my life has quite prepared me for the verge of graduation. I know I am not alone when I wonder what I'm about to leave with a degree that six years could never have seemed an ideal venue of study. I know then, I would have looked at you and probably thought you were overly optimistic if I had met you when I was even contemplating graduate school. As I look upon jumping through hoops that will get a school to accept a student like me, I find myself staring into the face of my most hated enemies: standardized test.

For anyone planning on attending graduate school, do not forget that your standardized test scores are not over. Getting into college seemed like the last major hurdle that involved standardized tests and number two pencils. Unfortunately, this idea has misled many students into a false sense of complacency. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is, according to their website, meant to measure "critical thinking, analytical writing, verbal reason-



ing, and quantitative reasoning skills that have been acquired over a long period of time and that are not related to any specific field of study."

There seems to be an inherent problem here. After five years of grooming by the university, I am no longer geared to think in answer sheets which must be filled in with #2 pencils neatly and uniformly. In my years at MSU I have taken no standard-

ized tests, and indeed the History and English departments fashioned me not to regurgitate the ideas of others onto a bubble sheet, but rather to absorb these ideas, analyze, question, combine them with others, and then write my own interpretations out using my own style and diction. All this gets thrown out the window when the GRE asks and fill-in-the-blank sentence questions.

My vocabulary is large

enough that I should have no problems on the verbal portions of the test right? I can use the word "pugnacious" in context but I am unable to find its relationship to three other words in an analogy, thus I am doomed to low scores.

I think that a greater test is in writing and choosing the correct words for the situation from the wide variety that our language affords us. The ability to con-

nect one's own words shows far greater cognitive ability than reasoning out what some unhappy test writer wished as the correct answer.

Perhaps the biggest problem with the GRE is the fact that college allows for individuals to fashion the variables that come with studying to what works for them. Standardized testing, on the whole, seeks to eliminate the variables between students in order to create a level playing field.

While this gives universities an universal scoring system to help choose between students, it is not indicative of the student's actual abilities. I have a forbidding feeling that my writing samples will represent me far better to admission boards than my GRE scores, if for no other reason than I have a vast amount of resources in the forms of books, libraries, and the internet to work with as well as the comfort of my ugly brown recliner that I do my best work from.

However, colleges will continue to use this test to wade through the students that apply because it provides a baseline which allows all students to be judged next to each other. I am not prepared to present an alternative to the GRE, but there must be an alternate solution that does not involve the standardized test.

America the poor: National deficit burnt holes in Bush's pockets

RUNE VANDER WEY

MENT WRITER

Talking about our soaring deficit is by far one of the most exciting topics to discuss. Its perfect to bring up on the first date, or while someone is in a coma.

America has trillions of dollars in debt. That means there have been years where we spent more money than we took in. One of those years adds to the national debt. In fact, the deficit just voted to raise the deficit spending limit of our Federal budget to 9 billion dollars. From \$8.2 billion. The Federal government would have started printing on US Treasury notes, in that most of those notes are owned by China and Saudi Arabia. Most of our national debt is "guaranteed" by other nations, making the port deal look like a good deal security idea.

Bush and the deficit; a love story. That pretty much sums up our President's feelings about the deficit. He has yet to veto a bill from Congress. He has not done anything, but he threatened to use the veto from time to time on bills regarding port security. In fact, Bush has run up more deficit than all other Presidents combined. In the right 42 Presidents over

some 200 odd years. "According to the Treasury Department, from 1776-2000, the first 224 years of U.S. history, 42 U.S. presidents borrowed a combined \$1.01 trillion from foreign governments and financial institutions, but in the past four years alone, the Bush administration borrowed \$1.05 trillion," according to the *Cybercast News Service*. Remember kids: don't mess with Texas.

Huge soaring deficits aren't a big deal right? Wrong! According to the Associated Press story every American citizen has a debt of \$30,000. Where are all the pro-life people when you hear about something like this? Every American child comes into a world with \$30,000 of debt. Why aren't they upset about that?

As an additional bonus, for every dollar of deficit spending the government has we have to pay back \$5 in interest. What a sweet deal!

I feel bad for all the fiscal conservatives out there. You must be so angry. This is everything you wouldn't want to see happen, soaring debt and bloated Government. In all the history of the US, during a time of war taxes have been raised to help pay for the war. Until now. Bush is the only President that hasn't raised taxes during a time of war or during a threat to national security. That's an impressive feat. This is entirely stupid. Why not make



some millionaires shell out a few extra bucks so our troops can have some body armor? Doesn't sound like a bad plan to me. Hey you're a patriot why not pay your taxes and make sure the troops actually get some bullets and some food? It might be un-American for me to go against the President though.

Bush tells the country that he has a great plan to cut the debt in half over the next five years.

Every single State of the Union speech he has given has some line like that in there. He has been in power for little over five years and he has done nothing but increase our national debt.

The Republicans tell me over and over again that 9/11 caused all of these spending problems. Yeah right, well if that were the case then countries like Britain and Spain would also be in the

same boat as us. But they aren't are they? No! They don't have Trillion dollar deficits, nor do they ever come close to defaulting on Treasury Notes and bonds. 9/11 isn't to blame for every problem that Bush has ever had. Bush for once should try and justify an action he has taken with out bringing up 9/11. Just try it, even if it is only once. It is not much to ask is it?



Amongst all the rumors and hope that the U.S. could start pulling out of Iraq it turns out that that will definitely not be the case. In a press conference on March 21, President Bush made it rather clear that despite his and the wars unpopularity the decision and manner of removing troops from Iraq will fall on the shoulders of his successors. Bush made the decision to start this war and gave us shaky reasons at best on why we needed to invade Iraq. And now he is shirking his duty to finish what he started.

President Bush is resisting pressures to shake things up in the White House or on the war cabinet. We feel that this is a failure on the Presidents side. One would think that it is time to consider a new option. According to the Washington Post, 60 percent of Americans are opposed to the war and have little or no trust in Bush's decisions. We at the *Exponent* and much of the rest of the nation are constantly discussing and debating the war. It is time to get out.

President Bush got us into this war to find and eliminate weapons of mass destruction, which were never found, and to topple a fierce dictator, which has been accomplished. It would now appear that the troops still in Iraq are sitting in the middle of a civil war. Even the former Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi feels this way. Yet Bush said, "the Iraqis took a look and decided not to go to civil war." Should a civil war happen, it would be the responsibility of the Iraqi forces to quell it. We wonder how Bush cannot see that this country is in civil war, when their own government sees it that way.

We all feel that the obvious decision is to start pulling out of Iraq. Yet, Bush has left the decision to reduce number of troops in Iraq to the commanders in the war theater, and has admitted that the choice for a full removal of troops will not be a decision that this President will make.

Obviously Bush does not trust his choice to invade this country and is now scared to admit that and get our troops out of Iraq. We think that Bush needs to finish what he started. Passing it off to the next administration is unfair and unnecessary.

LiveStrong... and in color

RACHEL HERGETT
EXPONENT WRITER



It all started innocently and ingeniously enough. Cyclist Lance Armstrong, in order to promote awareness

for cancer and to raise funds for his cause, started the LiveStrong campaign, complete with the bright yellow wristbands reminiscent of his yellow Tour de France leader's jersey. The Lance Armstrong Foundation boasts that after a year, over 55 million people were wearing their signature wristband.

Choosing colors to show support for a cause was nothing new. It began long before Armstrong. People have been tying yellow ribbons on trees for as long as I can remember to support troops in whatever war we happen to be fighting. Each one really seemed to have a meaning, and more importantly a recognizable one.

While I wholeheartedly support Lance Armstrong and all he has done to raise awareness and funding to go along with his vision, I am frustrated by the repercussions of his trend and others like it. There are wristbands for everything from spina bifida (also yellow), to missing children in Canada (green), to Armenian genocide

awareness (black).

All of these showings pale in comparison to the color war I experienced in Israel last summer. Those opposed to the disengagement, or removal of Israeli troops from the Gaza strip proudly wore orange clothing, ribbons, and yes, wristbands with phrases such as "For Zions sake I will not keep quiet," in Hebrew. Those who were for the disengagement, a little less loudly wore the light blue of the Star of David on the Israeli flag. For the Israeli citizens, showing their colors meant something important; it was a sign of personal and political struggle.

For Armstrong, LiveStrong was similar. He wanted to help those battling with cancer find support from their peers through a simple band declaring their commitment to the cause.

But we have gone too far. A simple Internet search for the meaning behind the colors will garner hundreds of results citing a multitude of organizational allegiances.

I will admit that sometimes I give in and wear my blue Margaritaville (Fins up!) and teal American Association of University Women (Because equity is still an issue) bands when they match my outfit or I need a colorful accessory. One of them means less than nothing, and Jimmy Buffett only says he will give proceeds to some

unspecified charitable organization. The other is for an organization whose mission I support of whom I am an active member.

The show of colors is meaningless for most, even if the wristbands themselves purport to have meaning. And, really, I have a problem with accessorizing with them because they match my outfit. It is the superficial support for important causes that concerns me.

You can buy a wristband in support, but how much is a \$1-5 really doing for that cause? A better way would be to simply donate all of the money you find other ways to get involved. If you support children's literacy and bought the purple wristband from Borders, why not take the half hour you spent making cash and read a kid a book, plant a tree instead of buying an pro-ecology wristband that ironically, is made from non-degradable silicon. At least something recyclable.

Everything becomes a wristband popularity contest, where the coolness factor, instead of the cause, acting as the main concern. We are wearing our support on our arms and thus demeaning our arms.

Show your own colors instead of someone else's. Support causes you feel closest too, despite the popularity, or lack of it associated with the accessories. Finally, see the wristband for what it is: shallow.



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Cartoon controversy sparks on-campus debate

Letters appeared in the Exponent attacking response to claims made by (Muslim students. I did not "attribute terrorism to all Muslims," as one letter stated. I made four points: the claim that Islam is a peaceful religion is being contradicted every day by the killing of people around the globe in the name of Islam; that, since there is no Caliphate, there is no universally accepted religious authority able to determine who is a true Muslim; those who kill in the name of Islam certainly believe they are doing the will of Allah; and, no one knows how many Muslims are engaged in the enterprise: in killing, recruiting others to kill, recruiting future killers, preaching a moral obligation to kill, using the organizations that are killing, establishing the conditions that stoke the desire to kill, etc. etc.

Only 10 percent of the billion people who "self-identify as Muslims" are engaged in holy war against the West (remember Spain? London?). That makes one hundred million. How many did it take to kill thousands of people one morning? And 10 percent of that would be a very low estimate. If it isn't, then one would think the remaining 90 percent would be able to liquidate the

(always!) "very few fanatics" who are doing the killing. Or maybe they could at least hold vigils and parades and conferences condemning these "heretical" killers as "evil" and deserving of death.

The name "Daniel Berg" was indeed a conflation of two names, Daniel Pearl and Nicholas Berg, both beheaded by holy warriors because they were Americans and Jews. In trying to meet an impending deadline, I hastily edited two examples of atrocities to come up with "Daniel Berg." I caught the error only when I was reading the article in the Exponent, but managed to make the correction by hand on several copies that I sent to colleagues a week or so ago. The important point is that there are still two heads on the floor, put there by people professing a religious obligation to do so.

Nora Smith disputes my claim that the Arab media took delight in broadcasting beheadings to the Muslim world. Without citing the source, she claims that, "the leaders of Hizballah, editors at al-Jazeera, and the staff of writers at al-Manar immediately denounced Berg's grisly murder as exactly that." This dispute is probably lost on Nick Berg.

Let's assume, as Ms. Smith apparently does, that Hizballah is a reliable source (Arabic lead-

ers say one thing for European consumption and quite another for Arabic-speaking audiences). The name means the "party of Allah." In its mission statement (1985), it says that it is based on "the Holy Koran, the Sunna, and the legal rulings of the faqiah [jurist] Khomenini." For Khomenini's views on the moral obligation to kill unbelievers in the "service of Allah," see the end of my original article. For Hizballah, and many other jihadists, the world belongs to Allah, so any population of unbelievers anywhere in it constitutes an "invasion" of Islamic territory and thus worthy of death or forced conversion.

As Hizballah puts it, "We are an umma linked to the Muslims of the whole world by the solid doctrinal and religious connections of Islam, whose message God wanted to be fulfilled by the Seal of the prophets, that is, Muhammad."

A wrong done to one Muslim, anywhere is a wrong done to every Muslim everywhere. In regards to "peace" with Israel, or the "Zionist entity," "our struggle will end only when this entity is obliterated" (53, "Anti-American Terrorism and the Middle East: A Documentary Reader." I urge everyone to read this collection of documents). The Middle East Media Research Institute translates the original commu-

nications.

While I did not write that tens of thousands of mullahs were presiding over throat-slittings, I do believe that tens of thousands of mullahs and imams believe they are doing the work of Allah when they urge their co-religionists to kill their enemies ("enemies", of course, being broadly defined). Even imams based in this country have been recorded encouraging young men to become holy warriors.

Ms. Smith's contention that the killing resulting from the effort to liberate 35,000,000 people from the murderous regime of a megalomaniacal dictator are "atrocities" reveals her moral compass. Apparently, Arab killing Arab, or Muslim killing Muslim is not an atrocity, but the effort to prevent such killing is.

No one in the Arab world did anything about Saddam's murderous regime. The killing would have gone on and on. The killing going on now is performed far less by the allied troops than by Iraqis divided by sectarian fanaticisms, and by "insurgents" from neighboring countries bent on preventing any semblance of a Western political concept in the area. And killing in the name of Islam began a long time before the liberation of Iraq.

The first effort to blow up

the Twin Towers occurred under President Clinton, and the plot that finally succeeded was set in motion also under Clinton. It will take 40 or 50 years before the invasion of Iraq can be assessed, but the killing it took to free (or at least try to free) tens of millions of Muslims from their oppressor may some day be seen in the same terms we now view the killings necessary to free Germany from the actual Hitler (a friend of Mohammed Amin al-Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem).

To end, let me quote some signs displayed at a rally provoked by the Danish cartoons. "Behead Those Who Insult Islam." "Europe You Will Pay. 9/11 is on its Way." "Kill Those Who Insult Islam." "Europe is the Cancer. Islam is the Answer." "Exterminate Those Who Slander Islam." "Be Prepared for the Real Holocaust." "Europe Will Pay. Demolition is on its Way." "Butcher Those Who Mock Islam."

I got the words right because they were in English. Displayed by Muslims—including children and women—living in London. Roughly the same signs appeared in front of the Danish Embassy in... New York. Revealingly, such bloody sentiments did not provoke letters of moral outrage from Ms. Smith and local Muslims.

Paul Trout

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Men's basketball program in shambles

Sports Editorial



KYLE STACK

SPORTS EDITOR

Next fall, for the first time in 16 years, Mick Durham will not roam the sidelines as head coach of the Montana State men's basketball team. After an extremely frustrating season, the program will be better off for it, as Durham hinted during his retirement press conference on March 13.

"We're going to get in a car when I get done here and go find the closest beach we can get to," Durham said, referring to his family. "I think there's got to be something out there besides basketball, that's all I've ever done," Durham continued and it's apparent that an average of 14 wins the past four seasons started to wear on the guy.

Despite winning a Big Sky-record 246 games and being a three-time Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year, Durham was publically criticized for winning so many games only because he had coached in Bozeman for what felt like generations. While there is something to be said for a man who remains loyal to an institution for 16 seasons, and for averaging 15 wins per season in that span, there is no doubt it is time for someone else to lead the men's basketball program.

The 'Cats have won the Big Sky tournament once in the past ten years – and that was ten years ago. That year was only the second in which MSU competed in the NCAA Tournament although they lost the first round game. MSU finished the '95-'96 and '01-'02 regular seasons as champions but that's the regular season. There was a win in the NIT (little brother to the NCAA Tourney) in '02 but it seems the success of this program begins and ends with those two seasons.

The last four seasons have

been maddening. Durham's teams produced 1-6, 2-5, 3-4 and 2-5 road conference records the last four seasons. This past season, MSU started Big Sky Conference play with a 6-2 record before freefalling in the final month. A 2-5 finish is no way to build momentum heading into the conference tournament and MSU proved that theory with an emotionally-crushing home playoff loss to Sacramento State on March 4, ending what can be considered an abysmal season.

It was easy to see the aggravation on Durham's face throughout the season and that made me wonder if that was the reason he usually gave me stale, pokerfaced quotes at the Tuesday Media Luncheons. Despite being an unexciting interview, I appreciated Durham's professionalism. He seemed like a nice guy, the kind you can have a beer and watch a game with, as he always made time to answer our questions and treated me with a level of respect that most Division 1 coaches probably don't give to school newspaper writers.

With the Durham Era over, it is time to search for a new head coach. With this thought in mind, I decided to conduct an email interview with Athletics Director Peter Fields (damn schoolwork always prevents the face-to-face meetings). As it turned out, the future of our program doesn't seem too bright.

After my asking what the program has been lacking, Fields wrote "the program has achieved at a high level and we would like to see this level maintained consistently." Does he mean consistently underachieving? How does someone consider a 28-30 conference record over the last four years and one conference tournament championship in the last ten as achieving "at a high level?"

Apparently he thinks it is.

I wanted Fields' thoughts on his criteria for a head coach and he said was he was looking for "a fit with Montana State University." What a relief, at least we're welcoming everyone with open arms, but at some point you have to be selective and discriminating when hiring someone at such an important position, right?

Well, I followed up the criteria question with a thought on what sort of identity Fields wanted for the men's basketball program. He stated that any candidate has "to be able to coach basketball, reinforce the importance of academics and mentor young people to become young adults." I thought to myself, "Holy crap, I've been playing basketball for 16 years so I can coach, at least at a rudimentary level. I have been in college for nearly five years and have spent around \$45K in that time, so I realize how important it is to take academics seriously so that you don't feel so bad about screwing yourself over financially. And I used to be a young person (teenager) and can probably consider myself a young adult, so I understand the metamorphosis there. Hey, I have all the qualifications needed to apply for the MSU men's basketball head coaching position!" Although I didn't ask Fields, as of right now, I am a viable candidate. Scary thought.

Fields wrote that he would like to have the coaching search "completed by the Final Four (April 1) but no later than the 15th." Wait a minute, the coaching search will possibly be completed by April 1? I guess he's setting me up for an April Fool's joke.

What shouldn't be a joke is the disparity in the quality of our men's basketball program compared to the Griz. Yes, we all hate the Griz and we rejoice that our football team beat them in



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Mick Durham retired after 16 seasons as MSU head coach of men's basketball

November, but a comparison of MSU basketball to UM's program would be nothing more than an insult to them.

Larry Krystkowiak, despite having an incredibly tough last name to spell, has done an outstanding job in just two years as Griz head coach. He has compiled a 42-20 record (19-9 in conference), won two Big Sky tournaments (which led to two NCAA Tourney appearances) and even beat Nevada in a NCAA Tourney game last week.

My point is that while a potential dynasty is starting in Missoula, we have no head coach, and more frightening, there is no criteria or identity we are searching for.

If the students of Montana State University are to get excited about men's basketball again, perhaps there should be a clearer idea of what the future of the program should be. Until then, we'll be staring up at the rafters in a quiet Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, gazing at that 1996 Big Sky Conference championship banner.



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MSU skiers compete in National Championships



GEOFFREY RICE

EXPONENT WRITER

The six MSU skiers who qualified for the 2006 NCAA Championships had a chance to show off during the three-day tournament, which began on March 8. The events took place in beautiful Steamboat Springs, Colorado, where teams from colleges all over the country were competing for top honors.

By the end of Thursday, the second day of Nordic skiing, the Bobcats stood in 14th place. Junior Chris Coe led the men's team with a 23rd place finish and time of 30:41.8, in the 10K Classic. Coe was closely followed by senior Mark Iverson, who ended in 26th place with a time of 30:52.1. First place in the men's 10K Classic went to Denver's John Stene who

finished with a time of 27:57.1.

The women 'Cats were headed by senior Mandy Bowden who finished 33 overall sporting a time of 18:53.8, she was trailed by freshman Claire Rennie who finished 34 in her first NCAA Championship race with a time of 19:56.1. The overall winner of this event was Jana Rehema; she finished with an impressive time of 16:29.6.

On Friday, the last day of events, the Bobcats were able to put it together once again. In the women's slalom event, junior Spela Bertonceli placed 16 after her first run, but was able to pull through on her second run bringing her up to tenth place, giving Bertonceli her second All-America honor. Spela boasted an impressive combined run time of 1:26.52, while the winner of the

event, Lucie Zikova of Colorado, was only about four seconds ahead at 1:22.77.

"Spela's performance was inspirational," MSU head coach Dan Brelsford said. "She put it on the edge and performed nearly flawless. Spela's double All-American performance is the first since 2001."

Men's slalom was represented by sophomore Cory Harris who finished in 24th with a total combined time of 1:19.04. This event was won by Karl Johnson of Dartmouth, who finished with a time of 1:13.85. The men's 20K Nordic event on Friday was led by Mark Iverson who finished 25 overall with a time of 59:19.0, he was followed by Chris Coe who finished in 34th place sporting a time of 1:01.34. The event was won by CU's Kit Richmond who

pulled in ahead of the pack at 55:14.7.

The women's Nordic team fared slightly better than the men's team, Bowden finished 20 with a time of 49:59.5; one minute and a half later, Rennie finished in 30th with a time of 51:31.7. The winner was once again Jana Rehema from CU, who finished at 46:27.4.

By the time the dust settled in Steamboat Springs the MSU Bobcats had earned 13th place in the NCAA championships. With the MSU skiers performing exceptionally well, this tournament marked a positive end to a great ski season.

"I'm satisfied with the team's performance," Brelsford said. "They competed their best and this is how we stack up. We plan on doing much better in the future."

Track & Field ends indoor season

KIM KRIEGER
EXPONENT WRITER

Two weeks ago, freshman pole-vaulter Ellie Rudy and senior Josh Henigman wrapped up the 2006 indoor track and field season at the National Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. In two days, the Bobcats will go at it again as they open their outdoor season with a meet in Bozeman on Saturday.

It was a frustrating, yet important learning experience at Nationals for Henigman and Rudy. Henigman made his national debut with three foul throws, putting him out of the running for a top eight finish. Rudy finished her indoor season with an eleventh place finish, three places away from earning All-American Honors. Rudy jumped 13 feet, 1.5 inches.

The Bobcats will use these

performances to propel them into the outdoor season. For the men, Henigman along with junior Steve Heberly, senior Steven Hodge, sophomore Kevin Ludwig, and sophomore Nathan Palmer will all play key roles in the Bobcats run for a Big Sky Conference Championship. Heberly, Seely, and Palmer earned All-Conference honors at the indoor meet.

As for the women, Rudy will chase after her second straight outdoor title in the pole vault. Senior Erin Jones-Graf, junior Ashley Jones, junior Lindsay Burrington, freshman Kylee Zent, and sophomore Carrie Gottschalk look to lead the Lady 'Cats into the 2006 Big Sky Conference title chase for the outdoor season. Jones-Graf will go after another title in the pentathlon, while Jones, Zent and Gottschalk will try to improve

on their All-Conference indoor performances.

The Bobcats look to improve on their indoor finish during the 2006 outdoor season. Both men and women took fifth place at the indoor championships. Perhaps more athletes will be following the footsteps of Rudy and Henigman, reaching the national championships.

Senior pentathlete Erin Jones-Graf, senior weight thrower Josh Henigman and freshman pole vaulter Ellie Rudy were awarded with the Athlete of the Year award for their outstanding effort this season.

Junior Steve Heberly and sophomore Carrie Gottschalk earned Outstanding Track Athlete honors.

Heberly and Jones-Graf were also won Top Gun Awards as the top point producers for the men and women.

Men's tennis goes to Cali for Spring Break

TANNER GOOCH
EXPONENT WRITER

While most people left Bozeman for spring break not a few of them were leaving for vacation. The MSU men's tennis team starting a road trip on March 11, their first stop was in Southern California to take on Loyola Marymount.

Even with senior Federico Ueltschi losing his match the 'Cats were able to pull out the 4-1 singles win. The 'Cats collected wins from sophomore Kyle McDonald, senior Mark Gebicki, junior Tejeshwara Chigateri, and freshman Jakob Dybala. The weather wasn't very cooperative and there were no doubles played.

"Jakub has improved as much as any freshman I have

seen in two months," MSU head coach Mike Phillips said.

After taking on Loyola Marymount the 'Cats headed to UC Irvine to take on the Anteaters. The Anteaters would prove to be a very tough opponent as they defeated MSU 4-3. MSU collected wins from their doubles teams of Gebicki/McDonald and Ueltschi/Chigateri.

The singles matches weren't as successful as the 'Cats collected two wins while giving up four losses. No. 1 Federico Ueltschi was able to win his match 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 while MSU's 2,3,4, and 6 spots lost their matches. The 'Cats other victory came from freshman standout Jakob Dybala as he defeated the Anteater's Alex Sundling, 7-5, 7-6.

The men also suffered a 4-3 setback against UC Riverside.

MSU again swept doubles but lost in No. 2, 3, 4, 5 singles as they dropped another tough match.

Ueltschi and Jake Berriochoa won singles against Riverside.

"On one hand, we have never beaten Irvine and Riverside is better than ever this year," Phillips said. "On the other hand, we were a little disappointed we let those matches slip away."

MSU competed against Rice University in their fourth game in six days. The Owls of Rice defeated MSU 5-2 to deliver MSU their third consecutive loss.

MSU was defeated in doubles play to drop the first point of the afternoon and then lost at No. 1, 2, 3, and 6 singles to drop the match.

The 'Cats play at Utah Thursday and Utah St. Friday. They host BYU this Saturday.

Golf is always fun

DANIEL LOCKHART
EXPONENT WRITER

Despite a promising first round, the Bobcat golf team finished eighth at the Bobcat Desert Classic in Goodyear, AZ, played over the March 6-8 weekend. MSU struggled after a strong fifth place first round performance. Within a field of 18, an eighth place finish was hardly anything to incite disappointment. The Cats completed the tournament with 955 strokes, a mere eighteen strokes behind the first place Northern Arizona University's 937.

Bobcat freshman LaRae Smith paced MSU through the weekend. After shooting a career best five-over 77 first round, she managed a 79 in the second round and an 82 in the final round. Smith continued to improve upon her average of 81.8 strokes per round. The total of 238 placed her 24th in the classic overall.

"LaRae did have a great two days," MSU head coach Brittany Basye said. "I was extremely impressed with my freshmen; they all play awesome and showed some great potential leading up to the next few years."

Fellow teammate, junior Kristina Kurcinka, put together a solid final round, and a career best 78 stroke second round to tie Smith for 24th place.

Former Big Sky Player of the Week, sophomore Kelly Gillum, struggled in the first two rounds,

shooting 82 and 80 respectively. She finished with a strong final round score of 78, placing her 30th overall. Sophomore Stephanie Simmons completed the weekend with a 241 stroke outing, tying her for 36th overall. Simmons shot a 78 stroke in the first round.

Junior Kylie Anderson began the tournament with a 79 in the first round but shot 81 and 88 the next two days to finish 54.

Although Basye was impressed with some of the athletes' play, she emphasize that Gillum and Anderson had to lead the team.

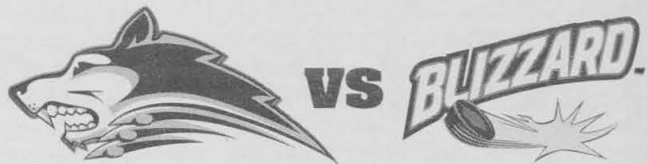
"My top two golfers, Kylie and Kelly, did not show as well as I need them to play," Basye said.

After their week off, the Lady Cats are back in action next week as they head to Creswell, Ore. for the University of Oregon Invitational on March 27-28.

"Overall, we are still not coming together as a team," Basye said. "We have had one, two and maybe three at a time do well, but we need four low scores to make it count."

"I am hoping we will be ready to get back to work after their break and we leave to Oregon on Saturday," Basye said. "We have only one tournament left between now and conference so I really need my upperclassmen to step it up a notch and contribute the scores they are capable of shooting."

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Random and quick sports thoughts...While growing the Adam Morrison mustache



KYLE STACK

SPORTS EDITOR

Coaching mistake no. 1 in the NCAA Tourney's first weekend: Boston College's Al Skinner having Craig Smith bring the ball up the court at the end of regulation in the BC-Pacific game last Thursday. A good move - if Smith wasn't a 6-7, 250 pound POWER FORWARD! What the hell? Smith easily lost control of his dribble and traveled with the ball, setting up a game-winning opportunity for Pacific...

I'm pissed at Jay Bilas for convincing me that Syracuse's zone defense would stifle Texas A&M. I knew 'Cuse would be too fatigued from the Big East Tourney and that they were too reliant on Overrated Gerry but I figured I'd give Bilas' advice a shot...

Coaching mistake no. 2 in the NCAA Tourney's first weekend: Shoutout to Illinois' Bruce Weber for his lame game tactics at the end of the Illinois-Washington game Saturday. Down three points with 6.8 seconds left, Illinois called a timeout to supposedly draw up a play. The play was Dee Brown hoisting a 30-foot freakin' shot that predictably missed. This is what Weber gets paid multi-millions of dollars per year for? Why didn't he draw up an actual play? The best thing he can come up with is for his smallest player on

the court to dribble the ball for six seconds and launch a 30-foot shot over a bigger defender? Shouldn't he have a list of go-to plays specifically drawn up for big-game situations such as this? How the hell is that even considered coaching??? Obviously you can tell that I picked Illinois for the Sweet 16...

Quote of the week #1: (Pedro Martinez) "Because I want to have my arm in good shape, I need to have my legs in good shape. Without a leg, there is no arm."...

Coaching mistake no. 3 in the NCAA Tourney's first weekend: Syracuse coach Jim Boheim letting McNamara sit out most of the first-round game against Texas A&M, which 'Cuse lost. Gerry is their best player, it's a single-elimination tournament and Boheim just defended Gerry a few weeks ago against "over-rated" allegations. And now you let Gerry sit on the bench and feel sorry for himself? Tell him that he's a SENIOR and that he should suck up whatever physical pain he has because his teammates are depending on him. Fantastic job of motivation by Boheim...

I've heard some snide remarks from a few people about Kobe's 39 shot game the other night against Boston. I retorted that he made 18 of those shots, which I'm fairly sure is 50 percent. Of course, only Kobe could be criticized for mak-

ing half his shots in a game. I didn't ask, but I'm curious to find out why it's a bad thing when the best player on a team makes half his shots while leading his team to a win...

The World Baseball Classic was better than expected. I can't wait till 2009 but there is no doubt the U.S. will never be a lock to win this tournament. Some of the Latin (Dominican, Cuba, Puerto Rico) and Asian (Korea, Japan) fans came to the ballparks suited up with banners, signs (Down With Fidel! was my favorite), drums, horns and any other loud, noisy thing they could find. The scary part for the U.S.: foreign players were even more intense and dedicated to their country than the fans. Here in the U.S., we look at the WBC as a warmup to the MLB regular season. In other countries, the WBC was a measure of national pride...

After watching Notre Dame lose to Michigan on a three-pointer at the buzzer in the NIT Tourney, I decided to do some research on the Fighting Irish's unlucky season. They have lost ten games, including five in a row at one point, by four points or less. But get ready for this. Five losses were to ranked opponents, three losses were in double overtime and two others were in overtime. Six losses were from an opponent breaking a tie or taking

the lead with 22 seconds or less in the game, including three games with two seconds or less. Six losses were decided on the final shot. Four of the teams responsible for those losses (Georgetown, UConn, Villanova, West Virginia) are in the Sweet 16. All this terrible luck has to indicate ND will go something like 34-0 next year...

Quote of the week #2: (The always entertaining Shaquille describing a comeback win against the Celtics) "What comes out of the microwave hot doesn't always stay hot. I know, because I eat bagels in the morning."...

Is it just me or do you find it strange that Ryan Newman, ranked 17 in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Standings, is third on the money list with over \$1.324 million even though he is 305 points behind #1 ranked Jimmie Johnson (840), has no wins or poles and only one Top 5 finish?

What a crucial win for Jeff Burton, as he posted his first NASCAR Busch Series win in four years at the Nicorette 300. Burton is ranked 11 and since only 11 points separate 11th and 14th place, getting a win will distance himself from competition below him while putting him in better position to enter the top ten.

Wow, I feel exhausted after that, kind of like Will Ferrell's reaction in Old School after he debated with James Carville

about the role of government in supporting innovation in the field of biotechnology...

Now for the quick thoughts portion of this article. I think T.O. will have ONE great season...

It's about time the Arizona Cardinals signed a high-profile free agent (Edge James) but how will he run behind that o-line?...

A very key NFL signing was the Vikings snagging left guard Steve Hutchinson away from the Seahawks. Shaun Alexander won't score as many touches not having Steve block for him...

Bracket update: seven of my eight Elite 8 teams are still alive. My picks for this weekend: LSU, Texas, UCLA, Memphis, Villanova, Georgetown, UConn and I'll say George Mason to replace the spot I had Michigan St. in...

There is not a better spring tradition than the Yahoo Fantasy Baseball draft...

I might pull out what little hair I have on my head if UCLA's Aaron Afflalo and Jordan Farmar declare for the NBA Draft...

Morrison will pick Farmar as his latest game combatant...

As always, here's to hoping Redick chokes on a three...



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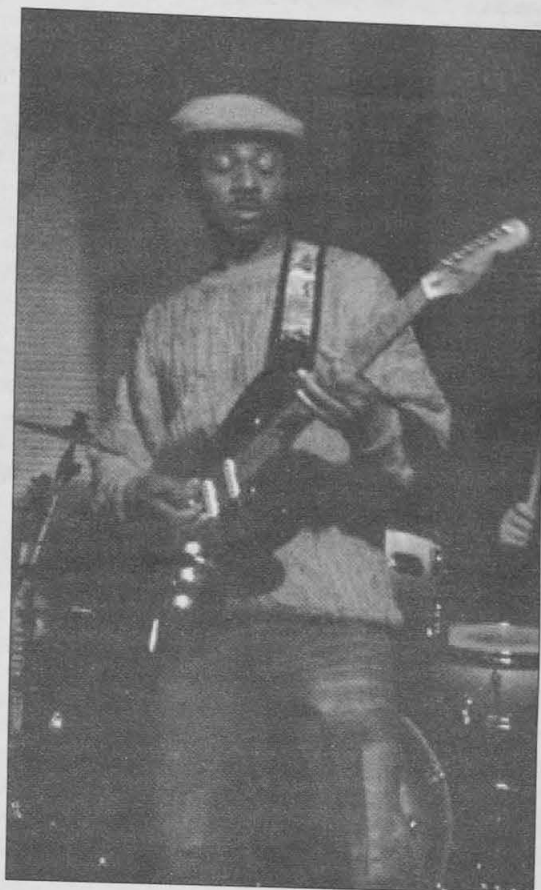
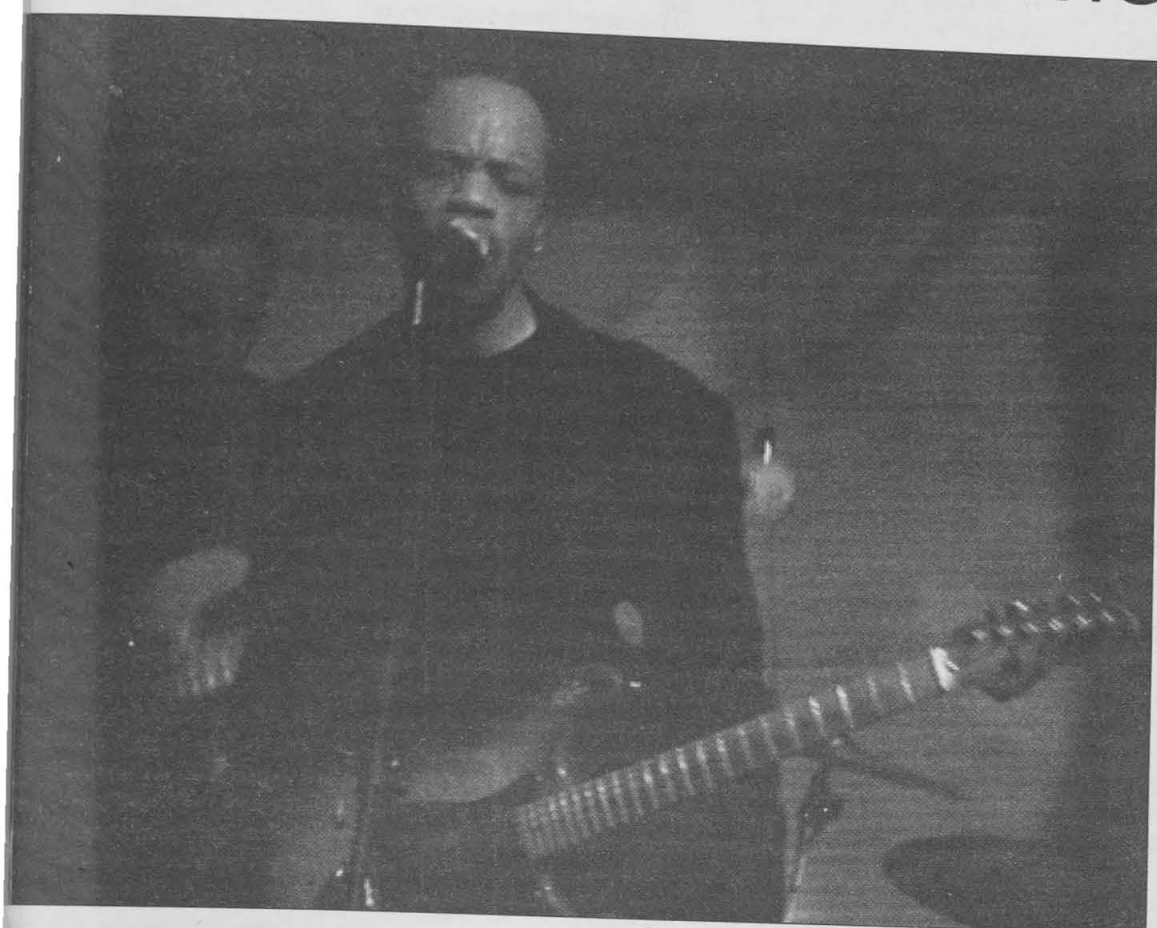
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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006

The unpretentious James Armstrong



Right: James Armstrong plays blues guitar at Livingston's Owl Cocktail Lounge on Thursday, March 9, behind him is bassist Joseph Veloz. Armstrong is known for his amazing blues guitar songs and covers. Right: Bobby Wilson on backup guitar sumptuously accompanies Armstrong's emotionally-infused blues.

Photos by Rachel Hergett

RACHEL HERGETT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The striking blues guitar of James Armstrong had already started as I walked toward the door of the Owl Cocktail Lounge in Livingston the week before spring break. The prospect of the show and the slight cold of the final days of winter made me quicken my step as I slid my way through the small crowd to grab the last seat.

"I thought Michigan was cold," Armstrong said as I found my seat. "I'm freezing my butt off out there, and you probably don't even think it's cold. You are all ready to pull out the shorts and get tans, but I'm freezing my butt off."

Looking around, the venue is slightly smaller than I imagined - just an ordinary bar with a stage at the front: Capacity 75.

With a concert at the Murray down the street, the Owl was not at capacity. However, people continued to come in all night, saying they had heard the music as they were passing and just had to stop.

Armstrong's first touring band played country, but for him, blues is like coming home. His mother was a blues singer and his father was a guitarist. His musical heritage is evident in the amount of talent and charisma he possesses and which made his performance immensely enjoyable. Originally from California, Armstrong has since moved to the Midwest, where he says the majority of his fan base resides.

Armstrong, for the most part, plays music he has written himself. He says about 80 percent of the music he plays at the live shows is of his own creation. Many of the tracks simply started with a title, and the rest of the song developed

from that idea.

"It's so important to be able to express yourself," Armstrong said. "There's more feeling in being able to create your own fantasy through music; to create your own truth."

He says his ideas for songs mainly come from life experiences. "Writing songs," said Armstrong, "is all about pen in hand. That's all."

In one song, "Slender Man," Armstrong addresses the propensity of women to fall for men who are much larger than them. "Now once you get me started/you see I won't stop until you do./Don't need a man the size of a frigidaire laying on top of you."

"This song is for all the women out there who have never been with a slim man," Armstrong said. "They like those big guys, the weightlifters with the veins popping out of their necks."

Armstrong's songs are not always light, as he uses much of the pain

of longing and loss as well as personal injury to weave a web of personal experience that leaves the listeners wanting to hear more of his experiences.

Armstrong was backed by his current band out of Detroit; David Fair on drums, Bobby Wilson on backup-guitar, and Joseph Veloz on bass. All three complemented Armstrong's sound and added to performance aspect, with syncopated moves and stirring solos.

Armstrong says his influences include Eric Clapton, and Jimi Hendrix, but in his music I hear more of the styles of John Lee Hooker and B.B. King. The one song he plays at every show is Hendrix's "Hey Joe."

"He's no longer on this earth," Armstrong said of Hendrix. "He's no longer alive, but this is the best I can do to let him know how much I miss him."

Armstrong performed a wonderful rendition that had audience members on their feet dancing and singing along. "Hey

Joe, I heard you shot your lady down/You shot her down to the ground/Yes, I did, I shot her/You know I caught her messin' 'round, messin' 'round town."

The other notable cover was of Johnny Copeland's, "The Blues Ain't Nothing." Armstrong also tried to sell the audience on Copeland's 24 year-old daughter, Shemekia, and her music, calling her a fireball. He said her one request would be for someone to record one of her father's songs.

Music starts to make its way outdoors in Bozeman every spring, with more offerings as the weather warms, but Armstrong proved that the small trek over the pass to Livingston was well worth it.

Miles Davis said there is only two types of music, good and bad. Armstrong's performance at the Owl was simply some of the best live guitar playing I have ever heard. It was rocking without pretense, singing with both voices and guitars.

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"What was your reaction to the recent drug bust at the North Hedges residence hall?"



"I hope they don't run into the wrong people in prison."
- Dustin McCleskey (Jr.)



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- Kiel Duckworth (Jr.)



"What? I can't get my coke in the dorms anymore. Dammit!"
- Matthew Mooney (Soph.)

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Those Funky Arctic Monkeys

 RACHEL HERGETT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The British invasion is back. The Beatles and The Clash gave way for the likes of Coldplay and Franz Ferdinand. Yet none of these have near the hype of the latest import, the post-punk rock group, the Arctic Monkeys. Their debut CD, "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not" was released in the U.S. February 21.

Last month, their album became the fastest selling debut in British history, easily surpassing the record previously held by Oasis. Their first two singles, "I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor" and "When the Sun Goes Down" both went straight to number one in the UK Singles Chart and their debut album, "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not," holds the record for the largest first week sales of a debut album in the UK.

The album also came in fifth in a list of the top British albums ever compiled by easily passing the Beatles and the Clash. Only *The Stone Roses*, the Smiths' *The Queen Is Dead*, Oasis' *Definite Maybe*, and the Sex Pistols' *Never Mind the Bollocks* surpassed the Arctic Monkeys in the poll, clearly showing their induction into the pantheon of rock royalty.

Perhaps the Arctic Monkeys are just another group of Brits doomed by their own success,

losing their indie fans because of their popularity with mainstream audiences. Even if the British are premature in their evaluation and adoration, the Arctic Monkeys have put out a great rock album.

Despite all the hype and the doubts, the Arctic Monkeys do have something special. They are balls-to-the-wall unapologetic, without being profane. In the song, "Still Take You Home," 20-year-old front man Alex Turner sings, "But I'm struggling, I can't see through your fake tan. / And you know it for a fact that everybody's eating out of your hands. / What do you know? / You know nothing. / But I'll still take you home."

The song speaks to the younger British generation and the depraved and removed attitude towards sex that is all too familiar. Their music is tapping into a vein of youthful insouciance and the revolt against materialism.

Arctic Monkeys have catchy hooks, but not of the throwaway pop garbage persuasion. The guitars do literally rock, closely followed by a driving drum line. The energy is contagious; the rhythms are funky; Turner vocals are incomparable, albeit not as moody as some would like. Most "adults" will find some of the themes and lyrics "adolescent." Does a band need

to strive to please audiences of a variety of ages, or is it acceptable that they address their own age group?

I lived in England for almost a year. I understand the lifestyle that spawns such tunes as "I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor" and "You Probably Couldn't See for the Lights, But You Were Looking Straight at Me." The British youth culture revolves around aspects of creating memory rather than accumulating material possessions. The result is songs about revelry and experience rather than on fast cars and bling.

While the Arctic Monkeys might not be quite progressive enough to shape other upcoming bands in their image, the tunes feel fresh, but are just too similar to others in the post-punk genre. So while the Arctic Monkeys may not be all that and more, they do have the talent to aspire to create a new genre centered on their own sound.

For now, I can't get the songs out of my head and I'm perfectly happy to have them there.

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"Kiwi"

i can forget those little
wax strips
you left your eyebrows on
and threw in the trash.

i can forget your painted
cell phone
and the mess it left
on sweaty hands.

i can even forget your
jacket -
that purple one i bought
you;
you lost it in new
hampshire
when you went to see
your dad.

but i can't forget that
afternoon
i stood over the sink
eating kiwis with a plastic
spoon,
scooping out the flesh;

you leaned over my
shoulder
and watched for a bit,
then said, "right there
- that kiwi -
that's exactly how i've
felt."

Jamie Hensley



"Only Rain Falls"

Snow settles on the Bridgers
But only rain falls in town.
On this chilly late September
day

I am reminded of how
As I worked away a summer
day,
Leaning over to reach for
another piece of redwood
the sweat ran off my nose
and dripped down
splashing into the
blush of the wood while

I imagined laying with you,
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March 23, 2006

Lyrics Born

10:00 p.m. at Zebra Cocktail Lounge
Born Tom Shimura in Tokyo, Lyrics Born spent his childhood years in Berkeley, California. It was there that his love for hip-hop was born. In 1999 SPECTRUM, a label compilation that had been overseen by Lyrics Born, was released. Featuring jaw-dropping tracks like "Storm Warning," the album would go on to sell nearly 100,000 copies worldwide. Much of the album's success was attributed to the track "I Changed My Mind," which featured Lyrics Born teaming up with the German collective known as the Poets of Rhythm. "I Changed My Mind" was a smash hit, blowing up charts around the world and selling tens of thousands of copies. The animated video (by the UK's Shynola) was even

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For more information: Zebra Cocktail Lounge at 585-8851

Whispering Black: Code Talk for Whites

7:30 p.m. at SUB Ballroom
Join Nashville based Molly Secours for an interesting, thought provoking, engaging, creative, funny lecture that will engage the audience to excavate the origins of bias and deepen our understanding of racial issues to more consciously change our actions and strengthen our commitment to social justice. This lecture will touch on white privilege and the manifestations of racism in America. As a writer, speaker, filmmaker and activist, Molly Secours has been called an uncompromising fighter for racial equity and social justice. Molly Secours has been writing, speaking, facilitating discussions and making videos about racism, white privilege, reparations for slavery and disparities in the criminal justice system since 1996.
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ASMSU committee head applications for the following positions are now available:

- Graphic Designer
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Student Business Manager
6 Finance Board Positions
Student Lobbyist
- State Legislative Director
Tech Services (lighting & sound)
Arts & Exhibits (Exit Gallery)
Films (Procrastinator Theatre)
Concerts
- Comedy Spotlight
Community Outreach Director
(Cat Cab & Blood Drives)

Stop by the ASMSU office (SUB 281) to pick up an application. They are due April 5.

ASMSU Intramurals and Recreation

Upcoming Activities:

Event	Registration	Mgr.'s Meeting	Event Begins
Wrestling	Mar. 23-27	-	Mar. 29
Tennis Doubles	Mar. 28-30	-	Apr. 3

Register at 202 Shroyer Gym 8:00 am-5:00 pm, M-F.

Intramural Fitness Classes

New Schedule begins March 20. Try our NEW Turbo Track class. This is a high-energy class using kickboxing basic moves with emphasis on core, abs and continuous calorie burning moves. We offer a variety of classes for only \$25.00 for the ENTIRE semester. Sign-up at the Intramural Office at 202 Shroyer Gym, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 pm, M-F.

Intramural Fitness Consultations

A variety of workouts are available with personable, confidential consultants. Call for an appointment to set up your personal fitness program, 994-6309.

Beginner's Climbing Night & Climbing Orientation Class

Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm
at Romney Climbing Wall, must pre-register at Intramural Office.

Join Our Commit 2B Fit Club

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Intramurals & Recreation WEB SITE

Be sure to check our newly constructed web page at www.montana.edu/gym for schedules and more information.

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HONOR someone who makes a difference happen in your life, school, or community. Nominations are open for the Bozeman 2006 Community Award, age categories 5-15, 16-29, 30-49, and 50+. Forms available at the ASK desk, Office of Community Involvement, TRiO, Community and Co-op, Leaf & Bean, The Edge, and www.cmcmontana.edu. Nomination deadline has been extended to March 31!!

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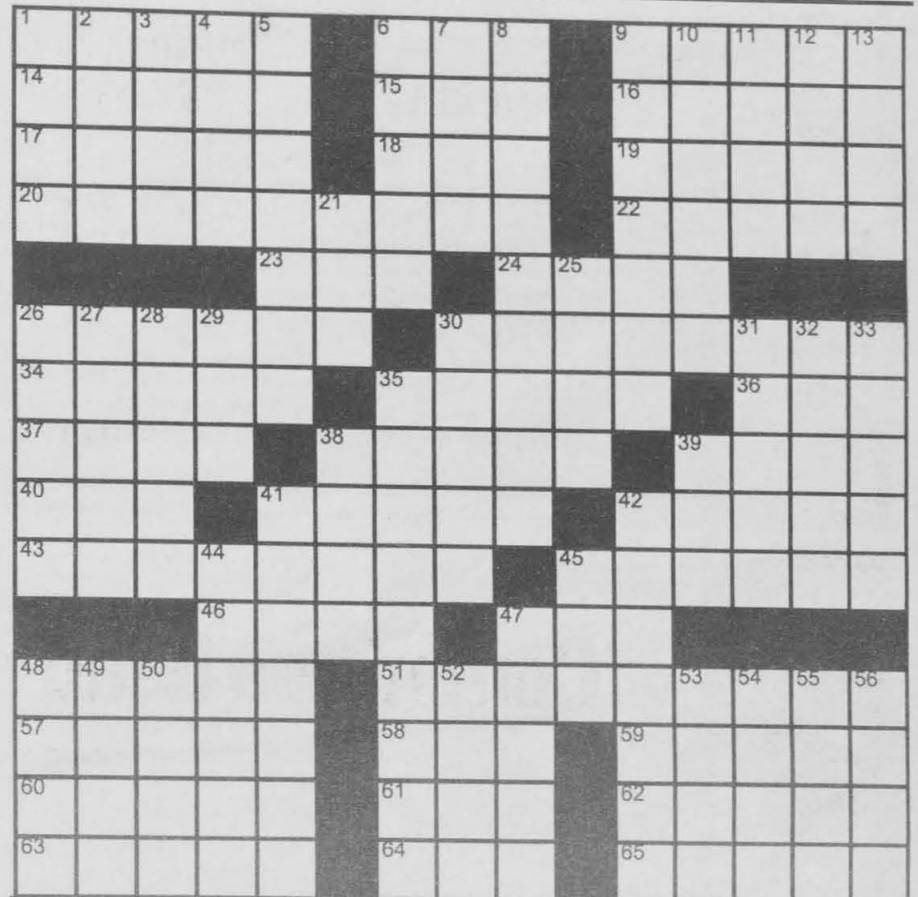
ACROSS

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6. Taxi
9. Showers
14. Closing stanza
15. Hasten
16. American Oil Co.
17. Access Hollywood co-host
18. Not young
19. Indian viceroy
20. Weltanschauung
22. Russian rulers
23. Hearing organ
24. Sound reflection
26. Gun type
30. Hailing from Greece's capital
34. Tug
35. Sacred table
36. Mineral
37. Medieval torture device
38. More sick
39. Again
40. Before
41. Open
42. Spine
43. Early Italian civilization
45. Monetary
46. Groovy
47. Spoil
48. Frown
51. More lewd
57. Watered fabric
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59. Lips
60. Water jars
61. Last day of wk.
62. Inside out
63. Sharp inhales
64. Lakshmi
65. Genders

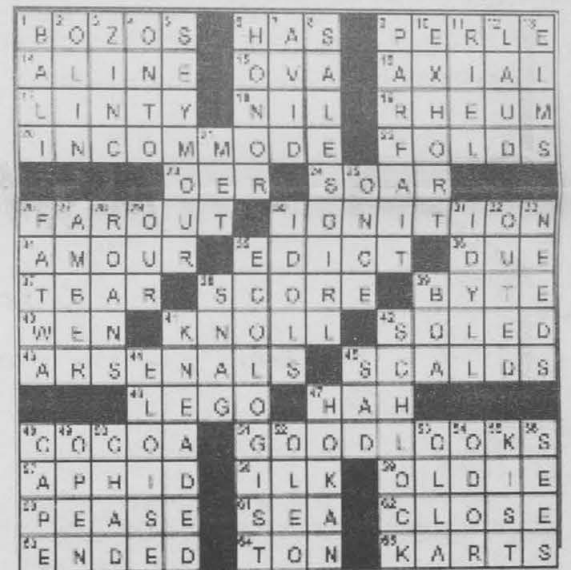
DOWN

1. Cat sound
2. Reverse
3. Excess
4. Head
5. Those who gild
6. Group of singers
7. Int'l Lottery org.
8. Small child, for one
9. Cowpoke
10. Online bookstore
11. Midwestern state

12. Atmospheric research org.
13. Cries
21. Tub
25. Scorch
26. Shopping or crime, e.g.
27. Two pints
28. Sore
29. Breed
30. Poe's middle name
31. Foot with four syllables
32. Sports facility
33. Staircase support
35. Hindrance
38. Highland Peruvian dwellers
39. Oohs and
41. Hopeless
42. Groups
44. Open, as in presents
45. Air cooler
47. Muslim scholar
48. Los Angeles hazard
49. Soda
50. Olive and Canola
52. Distant
53. Poses
54. Wild goat
55. Ireland
56. "Doh!"



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Last weeks winners:
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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006

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BY RYAN SOHMER AND LAR DESOUSA



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WEEKLY TAROT READING

Lady Persephone



Aries (March 21-April 19): 3 of Coins, The Hermit, The Hanged Man. You're developing a mastery in a skill, be it a hobby or schooling. Don't hide behind this trade; don't be afraid to show it off. You will find the benefits and associations worthwhile.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 2 of Cups (inversed), 2 of Wands, Page of Cups (inversed). You've been approaching a significant ending to something personal. If bravery is not your strong suit, you will be putting it to the test when this finale finally comes; if you can speed up this process, it is best to get the ball rolling, so to speak.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): 6 of Swords, The Magician, 8 of Wands. A journey has been made, whether emotional or physically traveling. If your intent was to clear the air or take a time out, understanding may

have been found, but the situation is still there when you return.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): The Lovers, Justice, 5 of Wands (all inversed). Don't postpone those difficult decisions. Take the time to find the right choice; but remember, in tough situations, no matter how hard you try, it may still be unfair to someone. Yet sometimes, those situations cannot be avoided.

Leo (July 23-August 22): 10 of Cups, Queen of Coins, Knight of Coins. You have a good reputation, of high stature, which has you sitting in great comfort. To keep your reputation, you need to remain reliable and patient. Otherwise you may become set in stagnation and lack of determination.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The Falling Tower, 8 of Cups, Page of Swords (inversed). Things in your recent past have been disastrous, but lately things are calming and becoming more secure. Find out what it is that makes your life

secure and embrace them.

Libra (September 23-October 22): The Emperor, 7 of Pentacles (both inversed), The Star. If you're finding yourself opposing authority figures, and you find yourself making imprudent decisions as a result, be careful. These decisions could result in a financial loss. Start with a fresh opinion about these figures and begin anew.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21): The Devil, Ace of Swords, The Empress (all inversed). You or someone close has been trying to overcome personal demons. Help needs to be sought to make rational decisions, or the confusion will continue. A maternal figure would be the best type to seek help from.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Knight of Wands, 5 of Cups, 10 of Wands (all inversed). Watch for an over-bearing ego that others will conflict with; new

friendships will be difficult to make when your appearance to be self-involved gets in the way. Remember that your peers are just as intelligent as you.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): 7 of Wands, 3 of Cups, Knight of Cups. Things lately have been looking up for you; whatever skill you are using, keep it up. Happiness is close at hand; however, don't give in to fantasy. A deeper meaning in your journey awaits you through truth and ambition.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): 9 of Coins, Strength (inversed), King of Cups. You may find that spending some extra quiet time outdoors, that there is a sense of well-being to be found. The time to think will help you resolve feelings of inadequacy, and discover an inner balance you didn't know what there.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): King of Wands (inversed), 7 of Swords, The Hierophant (inversed). People see you as fair in your judgment of others. There is confidence when people confide to you about others, but be watchful of handing out the wrong advice. Fair as you may be, you don't know everything about everyone.

TRIVIA

• What do you call a group of...?:

- Apes
- Bears
- Emus
- Turtles
- Turkeys



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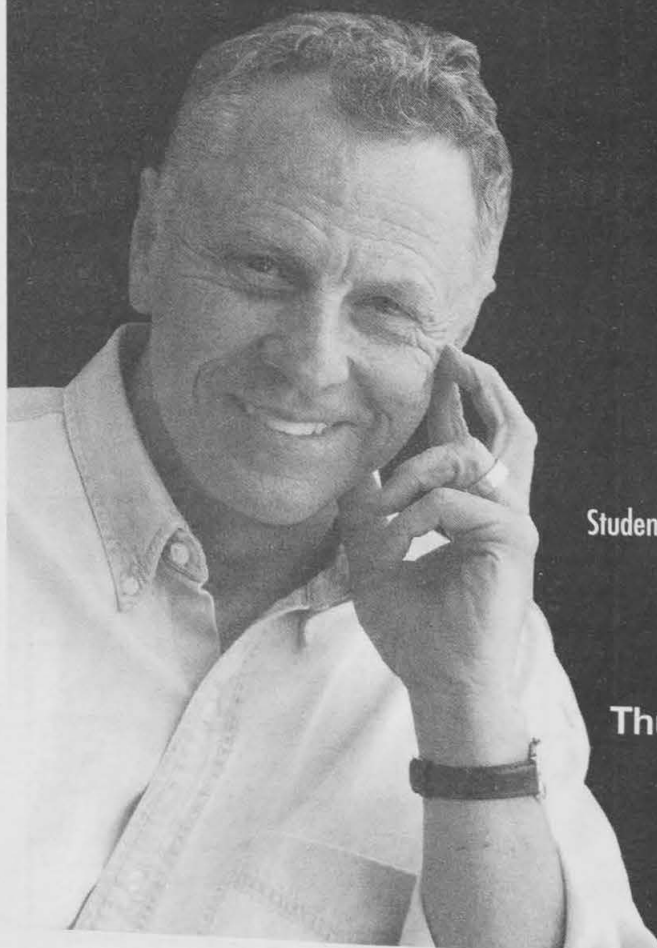
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