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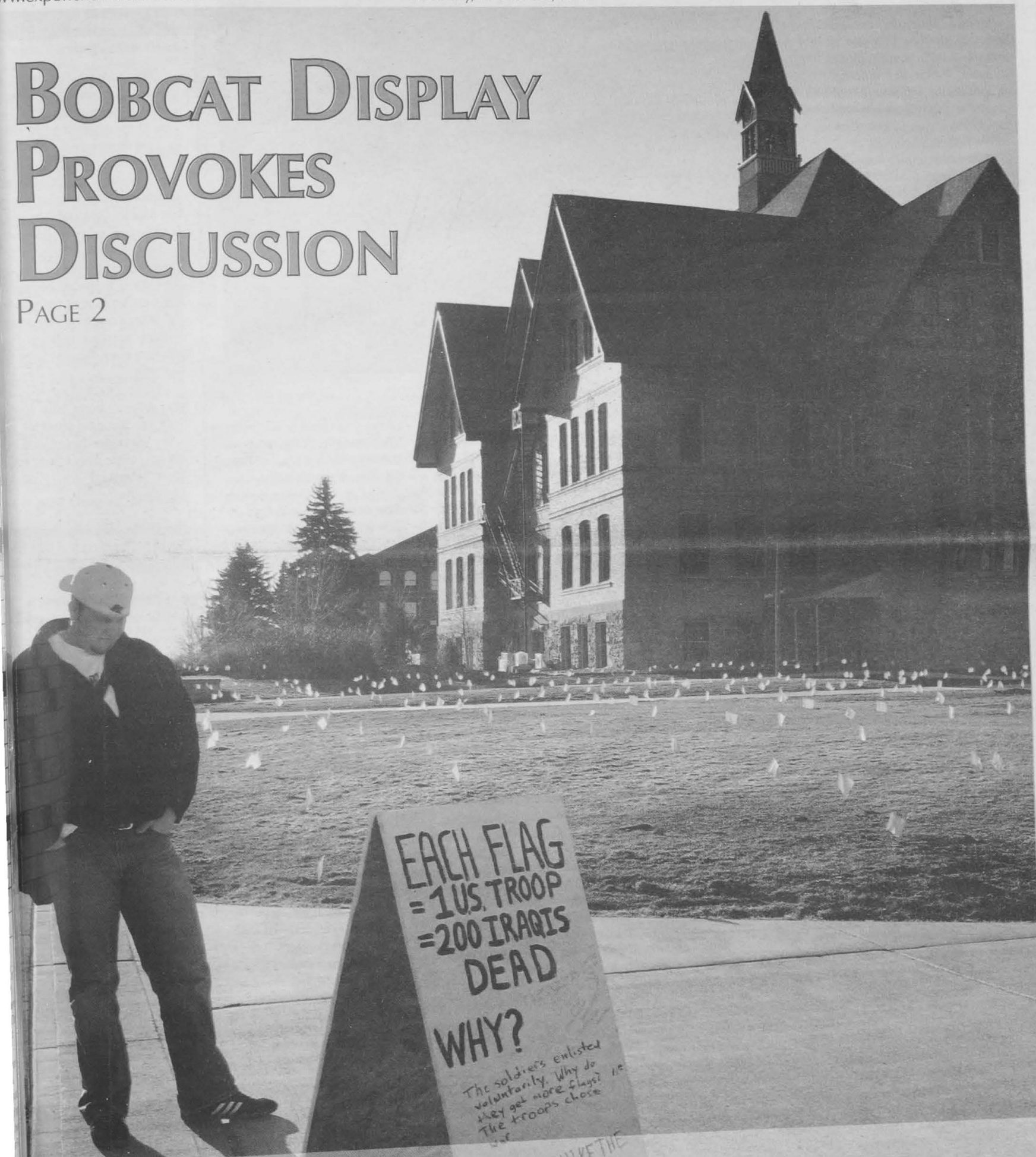
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Bobcat Flag Display Provokes Discussion

NATE BYRNE
EXPONENT WRITER

Monday, March 19, marked the beginning of the fifth year of the war in Iraq. To commemorate the event, Bobcats For Progress set up a display in the center of campus of 3,200 flags and several plywood bulletin boards to last until March 24.

"The war seems to have disappeared from the press and we thought it was important to remind everybody that there are still people dying over there everyday," said Hans Hurt, president of Bobcats For Progress. "The display was meant to remind people that the war was going on and spark debates among students."

Hurt touched on the fact that Montana is a pretty conservative state and it is good to incite discussion on the issue.

The display achieved its purpose - posted debates have played out on each of the message boards. The display posts the number of deaths that have occurred in Iraq and poses the question, "Why?" Responses critiquing the war were commented on by supporters of the war. Some responses were as simple as "Greed" or "Freedom." Other responses were longer and more detailed such as, "So



Photo by Rachel Hergett

From March 19 to March 24, Bobcats For Progress, a campus organization that works to provide unbiased news for educated decision-making, displayed flags representing Iraqi war deaths as a reminder of the war overseas.

you can keep your right to dishonor their deaths in such a shameless fashion." or "Osama is Saudi, why are we in Iraq?" or "How many flags would there be for Iraqis killed by Saddam?"

The flag and plywood display is certainly causing a stir on campus. This is exactly what Bobcats For Progress hoped for, according to Hurt.

Bobcats For Progress is a

group that has been in existence for a little over two years and consists of both faculty and students here on campus. It is their mission to provide unbiased news so people can make educated decisions for themselves.

"If you educate yourself with unbiased information you can make unbiased decisions, versus biased news networks such as Fox News," said Hurt.

Bobcats For Progress also co-sponsors the Eye Opener Film Series. The series runs Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Procrastinator Theater or the Northwest Lounge of the SUB. The next showing will be "An Inconvenient Truth," March 27 in the Procrastinator Theater. To contact Bobcats For Progress and become involved, send an e-mail to Hans Hurt at bobcats4progress@hotmail.com.

SUB Renovation Project ... Finally!

CHERYL KNOBEL
NEWS EDITOR

The first phase of the SUB Renovation Project, which has been developed over approximately the past five years, began on Monday, with Swank Enterprises from Valier, Montana fencing off the south entrance to the building, and blocking off the second floor south of the Exit Gallery.

Swank Enterprises had planned to begin this week, but Tom Stump, director of Auxiliary Services, anticipated more time to make the project public while the contractor was setting up.

"Swank just got started right away," Stump said, "but we're not stopping them because we want to get this project finished as quickly as possible."

The entire project is expected to cover about 18 months. The south area where Swank Enterprises has begun will take about 14 months. During the full time of the project, Swank will be using the area as their construction site, rerouting the Streamline Bus Stop to the roundabout at Roberts Hall.

Admissions and New

Student Services, which is currently housed in Hamilton Hall, will be given new space with an addition to the south end of the SUB. The addition will extend off of Ballroom A and will include a small lounge. The current southwest lounge will house a permanent SRO Espresso Bar with additional seating options.

March 30, Swank Enterprises will extend their reach in the SUB to include most of the south hallway. The Exit Gallery will be relocated, restrooms in the hallway will be renovated, and floor and wall coverings will be updated.

"We will make the ballrooms available for our large-scale events like graduation," Stump said.

The greatest impact for the students will occur on the week of April 2, when the contractor will move to renovate the SUB food services.

"I want people to know that they still have options," Stump said, mentioning several changes that will occur on campus to accommodate the hundreds of campus-goers that eat in the SUB every day.

The Bobcat Court area in the downstairs will have extended

hours (Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday 1 to 9 p.m.), and the booth section of seating will be turned into a place for baked goods, beverages, and one additional daily special. Tables and chairs will provide additional seating temporarily in Leigh Lounge. The three campus dining halls will be offering \$5 all-you-can-eat options per meal on the weekdays. Lastly, the Bobcat Plaza Grille, housed in a travel trailer on the north entrance to the SUB will open as soon as weather permits.

In order that the food services may be completed and ready to open for the fall 2007 semester, Avogadro's will shut down on April 2, and the Union Market will close on April 5.

"We will be compacting Avo's to look more like a Quizno's," Stump said, "making it more of a grab-and-go."

This will free up some space to make a hallway that will go behind Leigh Lounge to the new Procrastinator Theatre.

"[Leigh Lounge] is sacred ground," Stump said, "and with this hallway it will be a better napping place - no longer a traffic place with this new hallway."

The Union Market will go through the largest transformation, increasing seating capacity by 16 percent with updated furniture, wall, and floor coverings. The serving area will also be expanded, and the kitchen area will be extended into what is currently the backstage for the SUB Theater.

"[The contractor] just got started right away, but we're not stopping them because we want to get this project finished as quickly as possible."

- Tom Stump
Auxiliary Services

The kitchen is at full capacity right now," Stump said, also mentioning that the larger kitchen will give space to MSU Catering which has been using the hall-

ways behind the Ballrooms.

The last phase of the project is the gutting of the SUB theater, and all space east of the Leigh Lounge to turn it into the new Procrastinator Theater and a Northeast Lounge that will extend off of

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The Results Are In!

JESSIE SOUKUP
EXPONENT WRITER

The ASMSU Senate is the student organization responsible for representing the interests of the student body. Duties include monitoring the activities of the many ASMSU committees (like the ASMSU Exponent, Intramurals and Recreation, and the ASMSU Daycare). The senate is also required to review annual budget requests from ASMSU committees in the spring and develop a balanced budget for the next fiscal year. On March 3 the senate confirmed next year's budget without making many changes from the one approved last year.

From March 6 to March 8 the student body was able to vote for the new students who will assume these responsibilities while also voting for or against several fee increases. The results:

ASMSU President/Vice President
Tegan Malloy/Scott Eggensperger

On-Campus Senators (two)
Brenna Yankey and Mateo Jara

Off-Campus Senators (four)
Maureen "Mo" Weiland, Amanda Moore, Colt Gill, and Kirsten Schipf

Family/Graduate Housing Senator (one)
Michelle Knopp

Greek Senator (one)
Richelle Koffman

At-Large Senator (three)
Ashley Lalum, Shane Colvin, and Jason Gathing

Registered Student Organization (RSO) Fee Referendum
For - 867
Against - 924

Intramural Fee Increase Referendum
For - 737
Against - 1081

There were 1,937 ballots cast with a 16.8% turnout.

President Tegan Molloy, Senior Associate for the MSU Leadership Institute and senior in Media and Theatre Arts, and Vice President Scott Eggensperger, a current ASMSU Greek Senator and a junior in Industrial Engineering, said they will be focusing on the importance of the ASMSU committee, keeping college affordable, and making more people aware of the benefits of ASMSU.

SUB: Student Voice in new Student Union

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igh Lounge and have much of the same décor. The new theater will have tiered seating and "look much like a Wallace theater," Stump said.

"I believe at the top of [students'] list was the Procrastinator and more seating in the Union market," Stump said.

Students have been able to have a voice in much of the project, even prior to the planning phases, according to Cole Arthun and Michael Pasque, both part of ASMSU.

"We've been fairly involved even before [the boards were formed]," Arthun said.

The idea for a SUB renovation began in approximately 2002 when architects wanted to make the hallway behind the AskUs Desk into a two-story walking mall with great visual aspects for \$28 million. President Gamble didn't want to spend so much on one project, and instead asked that the money be spent on something to effect the whole student body. With that, the committee came up with the three-prong approach to renovate the SUB and H & PE Complex, and build

a Black Box Theater due to the loss of the SUB Theater.

After the students voted for a fee in Spring 2005, ASMSU was able to provide approximately \$2 million, adding to the approximate \$2 million from University Administration (provided to cover the cost of the south addition), and approximately \$1 million from the Strand Union revenues. The rest, approximately \$7 million, was borrowed, and future revenues from the building will work to pay it off.

"One of our goals is that we wanted to serve more students, henceforth getting more revenue," Stump said.

With a limited budget to allocate to three projects during a construction boom in Bozeman, the boards had to make certain compromises.

"You can never fully get what you want as a student," said Arthun in regards to budget cuts that had to be made.

There was a decision during the planning process to transfer funds from the SUB part of the project to the H & PE project due to rising costs. Therefore, many of the smaller additions, mainly

aesthetic, that would have gone into the SUB had to be cut.

"If there is one regret, it would be that transfer," Pasque said. "Students got a little less than we wanted because of that sacrifice, yet students will see it in a better H & PE complex."

Other small changes within the SUB will be updates in the electrical and heating/air conditioning aspects of the building, the Women's Center splitting space with the North American Center on the third floor, and the VOICE Center being housed in space behind Financial Aid that is currently backstage space for the SUB Theater.

"I'm proud to say that the students have been involved," Stump said. "This is where the student population resides."

CAMPUS CORNER

Lecture on Mysteries of Egyptian Tombs

Egyptologist and Smithsonian Researcher, John McDonald, will share his insight on the questions surrounding King Tut's tomb and other royal burials on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. in the Hager Auditorium - \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. After the lecture you can join Mr. McDonald for a viewing of the Tutenkhamun exhibit and an informal question and answer session.

Darwin and Religion Discussed

David Quammen, the new Wallace Stegner Professor in Western American Studies at Montana State University, will lecture on Charles Darwin and religion at this year's Wallace Stegner Lecture to be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the Museum of the Rockies. Admission is free.

Distinguished Professor Inaugural Lecture

Al Jesaitis, one of four newly-named Letters and Science Distinguished Professors, will give his inaugural lecture, "The Neutrophil Army: Invasion, Mayhem, and Resolution," at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in SUB 275.

Women's Center Sack Lunch on Activists

The Women's Center will host Kristen Ruppel, professor of Native American Studies, at noon on March 28 in SUB 106E for "Troublemakers and Militants - A Brief History of Selected American Indian Activists."

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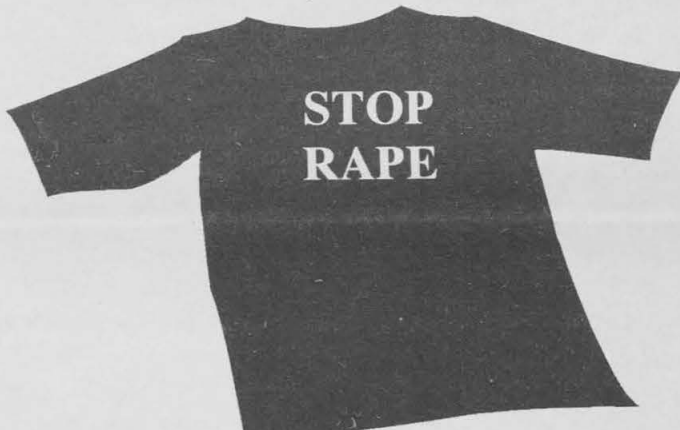
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ASMSU Spotlight:



Name: Maureen Weiland
ASMSU Position: Public Relations/Elections Chair
Year in school, or Alumni? If so, what school? Sophomore
Major: Political Science and Philosophy, Minor in Economics
Years involved in ASMSU: First Year

One thing you would like to accomplish while in your position:
 Improve general communication within the organization and to students.
 Also to improve the voting rates!

Favorite quote or philosophy: "Never regret anything. Without everything that has happened you wouldn't be who you are today."

Activities OUTSIDE of school: Skiing, intramural softball, ALD Honor Society, reading, traveling and enjoying the world.



ASMSU Recreational Sports and Fitness

Sport	Registration Dates	Mandatory Meeting	Event Begins
High Stakes Poker	Mar 19-22	--	Mar 26
*Softball	Mar 22-28	--	Apr 2
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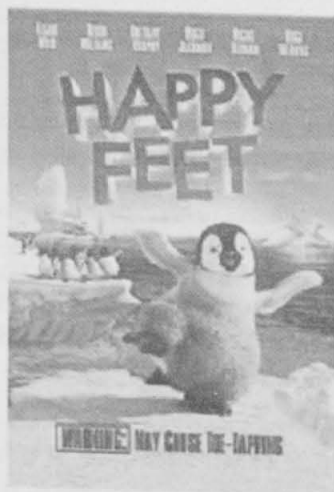
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Log on to www.montana.edu/getfit for more Recreational Sports & Fitness Information.



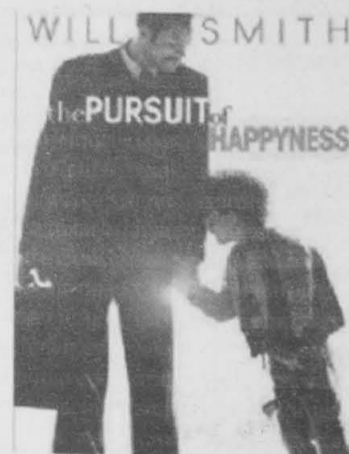
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Allison Bailey, Emily Pederson, and Rachel Hergett at Mammoth Hotspring.

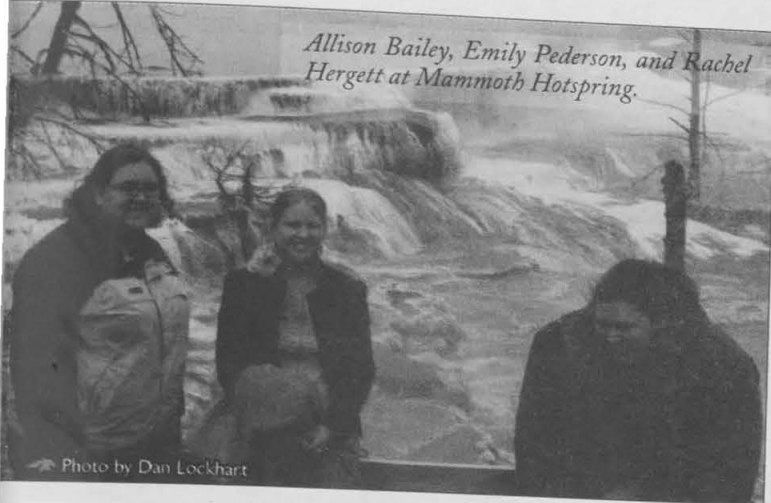
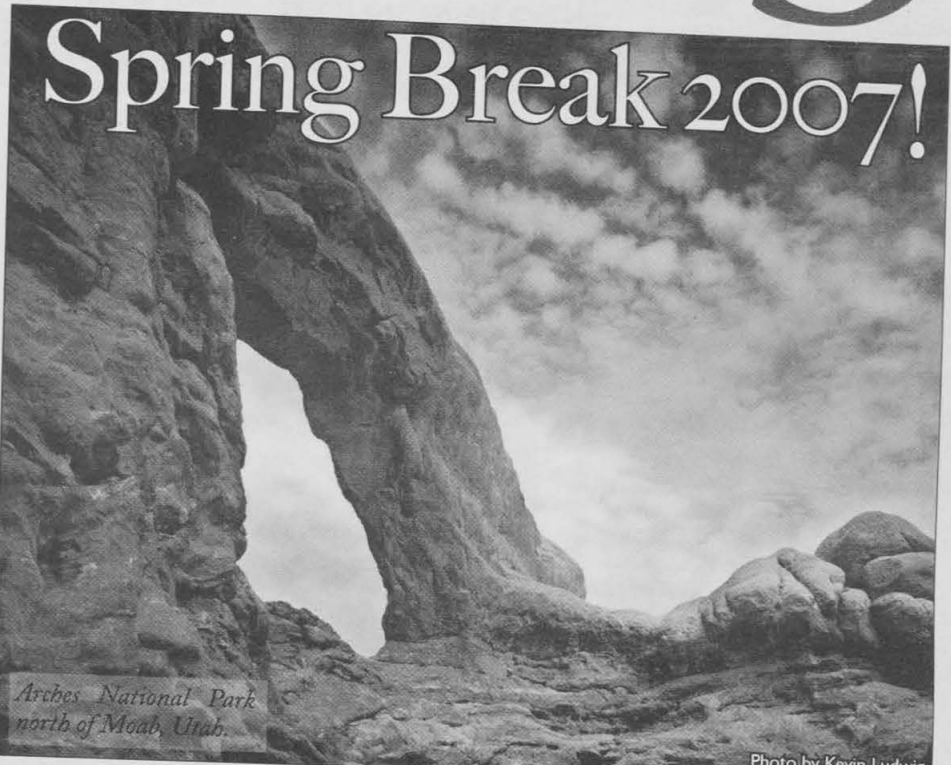


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Spring Break 2007!



Arches National Park north of Moab, Utah.

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Red Mountain Pass, Colorado.

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A tree on Mammoth Hot Springs.

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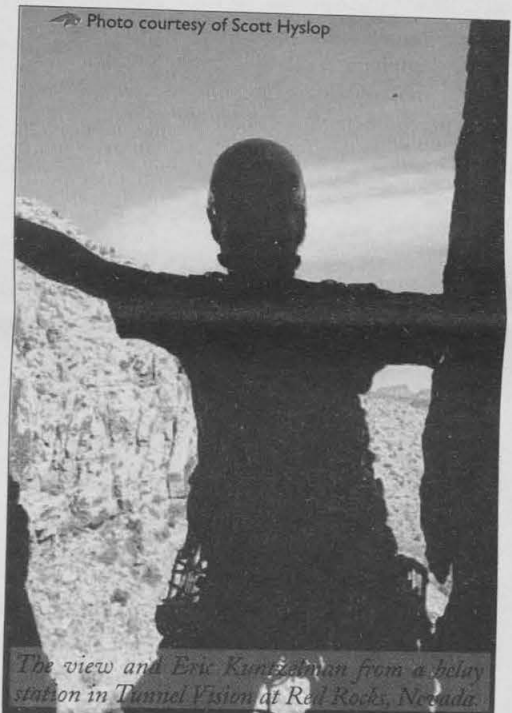
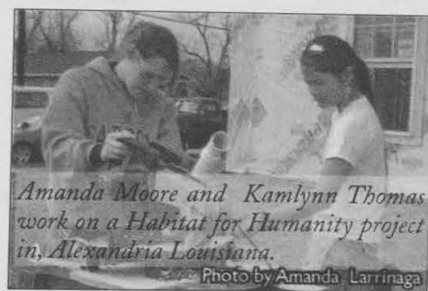


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The view and Eric Kuntzelman from a helix station in Tunnel Vision at Red Rocks, Nevada.



Scott Hyslop, Eric Kuntzelman, and Patrick Dunbar at the top of a pitch in Red Rocks, Nevada.



Amanda Moore and Kamlynn Thomas work on a Habitat for Humanity project in, Alexandria Louisiana.

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Photo courtesy of Scott Hyslop

Red Rocks, Nevada.

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Justin Timberlake brought sexy back, what are you going to bring back?



"Hypercolor shirts."
-Fawn Kirkpatrick, Jr.



"Masturbation."
-Nick Dotson, Jr.
-Virgil Marso, Jr.



"The draft."
-Dustin McClesky, Jr.



House of Leaves: A Bone-Chilling Read

ALLISON CARROLL
EXPONENT WRITER

House of Leaves, by Mark Danielewski, is easily the most terrifying book I have ever read. It is a psychological thriller, a study of human nature, a ghost story, a murder mystery; the list goes on and on. Simply put, it is the story about a family who moves into a **house** only to discover that the inside of their **house** is bigger than the outside of their **house**. But nothing about this book can be simply put.

With one of the most complicated narrative structures I have ever encountered, Danielewski weaves the story of the Navidson family into a piece of academic discourse written by the deceased Zampanó, footnoted ostentatiously by tattoo apprentice Johnny Truant, about the film "The Navidson Record" produced by Will Navidson, Pulitzer-prize winning photojournalist, that documents his family's experience with the **house**. See what I mean by complicated. And that's not the half of it.

Here are some helpful guidelines for reading this beast. Read everything that is stricken; it's important. If Truant's footnotes go on for several pages (which they usually do), finish the section by Zampanó and then go back and read the footnotes.

Don't worry about references to the appendices; flipping back and forth between them and the story is disruptive and incredibly unnecessary. Have some Deftones playing in the background.

Read it at night when your **house** is dark and you are alone and the only light is from the lamp on your nightstand. Make sure you have a wall against your back. Even then, you will be scared shitless.

The main 'character' of the novel is the inexplicable hallway that one day appears in the Navidson's home. It does not appear in the blueprints of the house, it is constantly expanding and changing, and it is com-

pletely and absolutely dark. An all consuming abyss that, out of necessity, should be uninhabited, and yet does not remain so as Navidson gathers a team together for several explorations that ultimately prove to be ill-fated.

The psychological effects that the house has on Navidson, his family, Zampanó, and Truant, are the most captivating sequences within the book and the most intensely explored by Danielewski as he employs various prose styles that are exceedingly gripping. There is one particular description of the feeling of having someone, or something, sneaking up behind you. It is so powerful, so real, that you will be fighting your own fear to

peak behind you; hence the need to read with a wall to your back.

This book will haunt you. You will find yourself constantly thinking about it, losing sleep over it, returning to it over and over again.

The Navidson family story is horrifically enchanting, Truant's rambling monologues are bizarrely relevant and absurdly pornographic, and the underlying presence of the deceased author Zampanó is the privileged crux within the book, the presence that seeks to impose upon the abyss that haunts the house of the Navidson family, that haunts the pages of *House of Leaves*, and that will haunt whosoever dares read this novel.

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* REIGN OVER ME R 1:30, 4:05, 6:50, 9:50	FULL RESTRICTIONS UNTIL 4/4
* NINJA TURTLES PG 1:40, 3:55, 6:30, 9:00	FULL RESTRICTIONS UNTIL 4/2
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* PREMONITION PG-13 2:20, 4:45, 7:00, 9:40	
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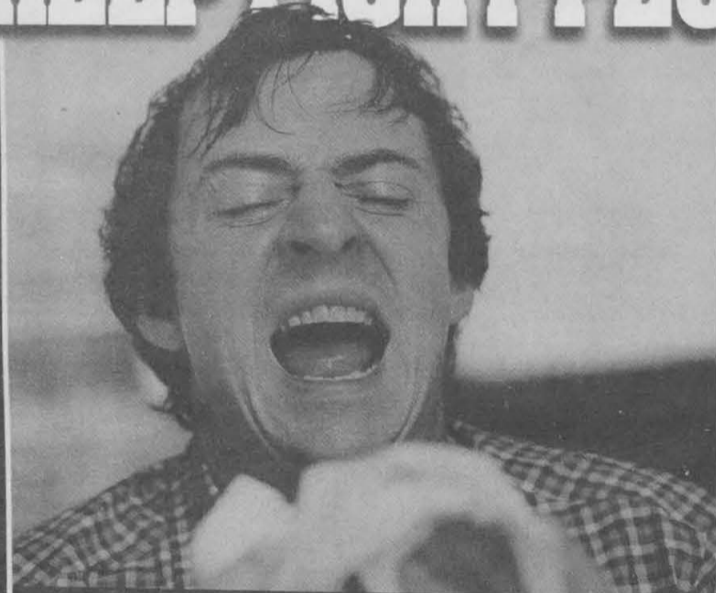
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* Source: Centers for Disease Control

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An interview with a National Champion Ellie Rudy wins women's pole vault at National Indoor Championships

Montana State women's pole vaulter, junior Ellie Rudy, competed in the NCAA Track and Field Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. on March 10. She placed first with a winning jump of 14 feet, 1.25 inches. The following is an interview with Rudy to get her thoughts on winning.

How does it feel to be a national champion?

It's the same as any other time. I still can't believe I won. It's pretty good. It's like "Are you still excited?" and I'm like, "I'm still excited."

Does it give you a sense of accomplishment, though?

It does. I feel like I accomplished something, because I feel like I did as high as I could. I think I was there and did my very best. That makes me feel like I accomplished something. If I had finished second and really didn't do good, I would have been disappointed.

You won the event in a jump-off. How did you feel about making five consecutive jumps without a miss. Had you ever experienced that scenario before?

We were practicing, going for five bars in practice. I was allowed to finish practice until I cleared five bars and then I had to go up to 13'6". So, I jumped until 13'6" at nationals

that I could do that, because I had done it every day in practice. We had decided if I'm good for five bars, I was coming in at 12'7", 13'1", 13'5", 13'9", 14'1", so we had planned the jumps I needed to take.

And you ended up winning at 14 feet 1.25 inches. Have you ever cleared that height in practice?

Oh no, the highest I've ever cleared in practice was 13'6". We just go for making the bars [in practice], not really for height. I made 13'9" five times in the last couple weeks, which is huge. I made 14' three times.

When you were at the front of the runway during the deciding jump, were you calm or anxious?

I was more calm at nationals than I was at conference [Big Sky Conference Indoor Championships]. At conference, everybody expected me to win and that makes me nervous. I don't like people expecting me to win. I love being in third, because people write you off, so they're not really watching you.

How much did it help you this year to have already competed at nationals last year and with it being in the same location [Fayetteville, Ark.]?

I was really scared last year. I had never been to anything like that. Coming into this year, I knew exactly what to expect. I knew when I was jumping, so I was familiar with the people that were going to be there. So that really helped, having competed against a lot of those people before. As far as it being in the same place, it doesn't make any difference. One vault runway is the same as any other vault runway.

Well, what are your goals for indoors now?

I would like to win again, because most people don't win twice. Tom said, "Enjoy it now, because it might never happen

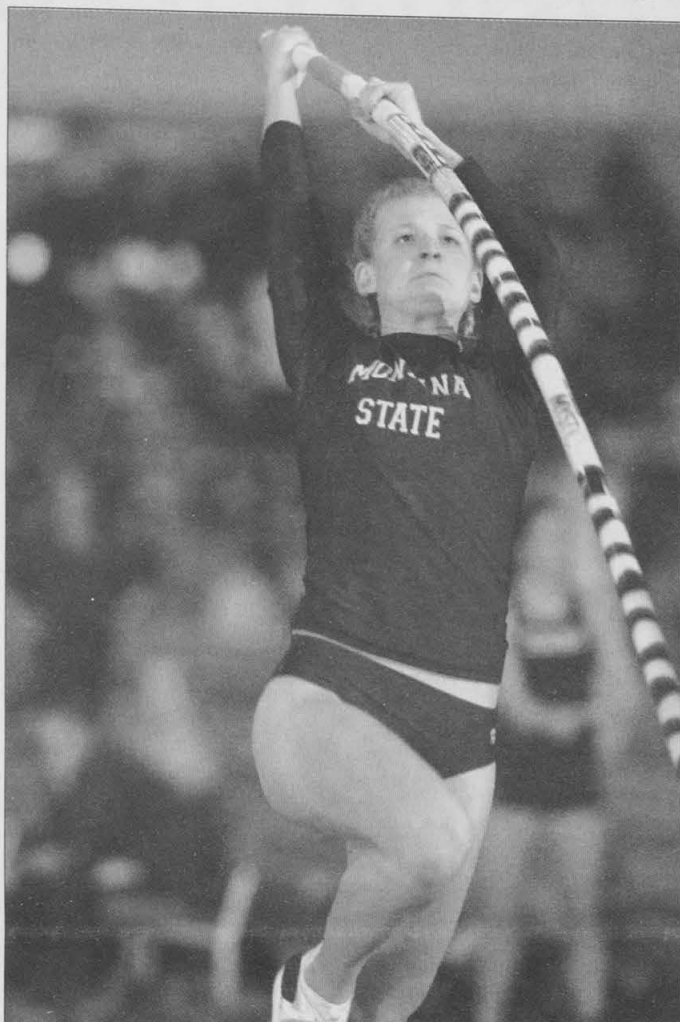


Photo courtesy of Ellie Rudy

Junior pole vaulter Ellie Rudy won the women's pole vault at the NCAA Track and Field Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. on March 10.

again," and I really appreciate him saying that because it takes a lot of pressure off of me.

I remember reading a quote from you saying that everything was finally coming together.

Yeah, we've been working on the same things over and over since my freshman year and nothing clicked. It was just a slow progression to getting better and just watching my vaults from the beginning of the meet to the end of the meet. There is just a huge

difference in how I am vaulting. I had always cleared the lower heights, but at the higher heights, I just finally started to click.

I just need to learn how to turn. I keep going over [the bar] with my hips sideways, so I'm losing a bunch of height. If I could just turn, then I won't be losing that much height. I'm losing a lot of height by going over sideways. I just want to keep improving. I don't know when I'll peak, but hopefully not any time soon.



Photo courtesy of Ellie Rudy

Bobcat Recap: Skiers at nationals, golf in Arizona

KIM KRIEGER

SENIOR WRITER

Accomplished

For the Montana State University ski team, a top-10 finish at the NCAA Ski Championships was pretty high on the priority list. Two Saturdays ago, the team reached that goal off their list as they placed ninth at the meet in Fayetteville, N.H.

"I think this season was a tremendous accomplishment for the team in general," junior Don Lattimer said. "We qualified for the national team's history, and we fin-

ished in the top-10 nationally."

Montana State freshman Jamie Woelk had the highest placing in the alpine event, as she was the 18th skier to cross the finish line. She was followed by her teammates, senior Mandy Bowden and sophomore Claire Rinnie, who were 24th and 29th, respectively.

Alpine skier Amy Lattimer finished in 15th place on her second run of the slalom, but was very pleased with making the NCAA's in her freshman year.

"I felt I skied to my ability on the second run of the slalom, after starting almost last because

I had fallen and hiked on the first run. I feel I skied well knowing I had nothing to lose, having already fallen and being too far back from the first run. I hope this freshman year experience at the Championships will better prepare me for the years to come," said Lattimer.

Leading the way for the Bobcats in the slalom races were freshman Toby LaMar and senior Spela Bertoneclj. LaMar placed 19th with a two-run total of 1:47.58, while Bertoneclj was 18th at 1:51.16.

"Top 10 in the nation established MSU as a ski power in the

nation, attracts student athletes, and secures the necessary support to work our way up into the top five," stated Coach Dan Brelsford.

With a successful season behind them and promising underclassmen leading the way, a top-five finish is the next goal atop the list.

Home Away from Home

For the Montana State women's golf team, hosting the annual Bobcat Desert Classic definitely does not mean a shotgun

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Mar. 8
Big Sky Conf. tournament
MSU 53
*Northern Arizona 76

Track & Field

Mar. 10
National Indoor Champ.
Ellie Rudy - women's pole vault (1st place, 14'1.25")

Skiing

Mar. 7-10
National Championships
Bartlett, N.H.
9th place (310 points)

Tennis

Men - Mar. 9-10
MSU 1 #61 Utah 6
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Women - Mar. 9-10
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Golf

Mar. 12-14
Bobcat Open
Sedona, Ariz.
16th place (971)



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Random and quick sports thoughts... While using my busted bracket to swat swarming butterflies

 **KYLE STACK**
SPORTS EDITOR



Things that I had a problem with over Spring Break:

Chicago Bears' ungrateful linebacker Lance Briggs' lack of memory. He has rejected Chicago's 1-year, \$7.2 million franchise tag (a 10-fold increase from his salary last season) and claims he is willing to sit out the 2007 season if the Bears don't trade or release him.

Briggs whines about Chicago not offering him a "fair" long-term deal, but Chicago proposed a 7-year, \$33-million contract last summer. Since linebackers of similar talent, Adalius Thomas (6-years, \$37-million) and Joey Porter (5-years, \$32-million) have signed contracts this offseason and salaries rise every offseason, it could be argued that Chicago's proposal last summer was a tad above market value at the time.

What's bothersome is not him turning down the long-term contract last summer or the franchise tag contract this spring, but his complaining he is being treated unfairly by the Bears when he has been offered two types of contracts, either of which would make him a much higher-paid player than he has ever been.

If he wants to turn down millions of dollars, some of which is guaranteed, then he should do so. However, he shouldn't look to the public for sympathy...

John Amaechi earning money off the new-found fame caused by his announcement that he is gay. Look, this situation is similar to Briggs' contract dispute in that Amaechi is free to choose

his life's path. If he wants to start endorsing companies (he has accepted an endorsement from HeadBlade (R), Inc., a company that produces head-shaving razors), then he should do that. But he shouldn't act like his supposed oppression as an individual who couldn't express his identity is a reason for the public to sympathetically embrace him.

We, as sports fans, should be able to call B.S. when we see it, and this is a great example.

Amaechi is smart for capitalizing on his 15 minutes of fame, surely aware that he will soon be remembered as just another ex-athlete who had something controversial to say about homosexuality, drugs, or any other topic that sparks a debate in the sports world. He is nothing more than that; he definitely isn't a dignified person like most of the media wants you to believe.

Amaechi's agreement to endorse this product is purely motivated by greed. Whatever message he was trying to send with his book, a story about a homosexual man trapped in a testosterone-filled world of professional athletes has been lost in his attempt to profit off of his name...

Other Random Thoughts:

Have you noticed that the house Peyton Manning runs out of in the Gatorade A.M. commercial is almost identical to the house he stands in front of in that commercial where the paperboy throws the paper through the living room window? Yeah, me neither...

Quote of the week: (Shaq's response to a question about whether any player can play his style of basketball) - "I'm unemulatable. I took the files and deleted them, ate 'em, used 'em

in the bathroom, flushed it, went through the sewage plant and blew the sewage plant up. So there's no way that my style can be copied. It's gone, forever..."

I have as much chance of winning my bracket as Josh McRoberts does of making a clutch free throw...

Sorry to the Duke fans for the cheap shot. Wait, actually, I'm not sorry. What the hell good is March Madness without taking a dig at the Dukies...

I knew that some combination of Rick Barnes' horrible coaching and Kevin Durant's fatigue from carrying Texas over the last couple weeks would result in a loss in the tournament, but to Southern Cal in Round 2? I didn't expect that...

How important are free throws? Duke and Xavier lost because of their inability to ice their respective games at the free throw line...

On second thought, picking Long Beach State, Creighton, Oral Roberts, Texas, Georgia Tech, and Old Dominion for the Sweet 16 was a bad choice...

I'm gonna miss Gus Johnson...

If you thought I would make it through this entire column without mentioning Kobe scoring 65 and 50 in back-to-back Laker wins, well, you were sorely mistaken...

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Recaps: Skiing in New Hampshire, golf in Arizona

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start at Riverside Country Club; they host their tournament in Goodyear, Ariz.

The Lady 'Cats posted a team score of 971 to place 16th in the tournament. Sacramento State won the event with a total team score of 915.

Junior Kelly Gillum continued to have a solid season as she led the way for the Bobcats, posting a three round total of 240 that was good enough for 46th place.

"The course we played is

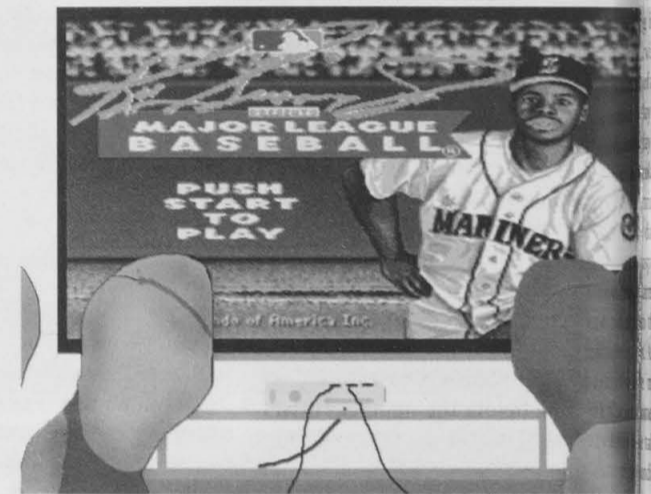
the course where confere is, so it was good practice us to learn the course again memorize the shots we need score low," Gillum said.


She was not the Bobcat to have a solid showing, as sophomore LaRae Sr and junior Stephanie Simm followed her with totals of and 242, respectively.

The Bobcats will travel from home, to Oregon coming week, for the I Invitational in Eugene, Ore.

Major League Baseball Spring Training – does it get any more laid back?

— "Oh, man! This year Spring Training is fo' real!"





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The Death of Knowledge

HUNTER DURGAN

EXONENT WRITER



Rome was not built in a day, but the Julian Calendar on which our modern calendar is based must have been; only due to a hasty inattention to could we have become saddled with a travesty as the Monday morning. 929 stock market crash occurred on Monday. Richard Simmons was born on Monday. Yes, it is safe to say that the ending of a Monday portends disaster. Each, when a typical Monday arrives, I am in joyfully on the coattails of an otherwise wonderful weekend. I am self-deluding of a mind to rush from bed and greet a day of classes that awaits me. This day was no different. It dawned gray and cold and brought with it the rote repetition that defines my thrice-a-day schedule. Not surprisingly, I inspired to do little more than throw my arm across the room and wend my way to the couch and the morning news. As I often find it difficult to focus on my daily infusion of caffeine, it is some time before the mindless drivel of talking heads penetrated the fog of my mind. What had been a steady stream of words such as "law-

yers" and "remains" and "child" suddenly congealed into coherent sentences. Oh. Please. NO! I shook my head violently, spilling hot coffee in the process. The tears from scalded skin cleared, and I focused again on the television, only to confirm my horror—for what seems like the third week in a row, the lead story revolved around Anna Nicole Smith.

With ears bleeding and eyes threatening to spontaneously combust, I quickly changed the channel from CNN to FoxNews. Same story. MSNBC? Anna Nicole. CNN Headline News? Smith's photo filled the screen while President Bush's address to the Governors' Convention was relegated to the news ticker. Of late, it seems that a person can hardly open his or her eyes without the image of the former Playmate-turned-gold-digger threatening retinal scarring. Indeed, if one were to judge solely on the grounds of aggregate media coverage, it would appear that Smith's death, and the ensuing legal debacle, is the most important occurrence of recent weeks.

Curiosity piqued, I turned to the Elysian Field of information that is the Internet, where a quick tally of articles proved the validity of my tingling premonition. Since her death on Feb 8, CNN.com has posted over 50 articles detailing the ins and outs of her death, the

battle over her remains, and the issue of custody of her daughter, Dannielynn. During the same period, the number of the site's articles that made even the most oblique of references to the president of the United States is only in the mid-30's. Since September, there have been roughly 27 articles that concern the criminal trial of former Dick Cheney aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. Lastly, and perhaps most shockingly, CNN.com carried only 18 articles relating to the death of former President Gerald Ford. Verdict? Americans care more about the death of a former exotic dancer than we do about government corruption or our presidents.

Anna Nicole Smith passed on earlier this year and, whatever your opinion of her may be, the death of a fellow human is a somber occasion. The loss of a loved one is always a painful experience; it is made more so when it occurs under such ambiguous circumstances, and I do not aim to trivialize what her family and friends must be experiencing at present. However – and I might be going out on a limb here, but bear with me – does this event really require such protracted media attention? Does it warrant prime billing more so than do such events as North Korea's nuclear disarmament talks, Congress's pending resolution on the

Iraq troop buildup, and a United Nations World Court ruling on Serbian genocide? No, it does not. Sadly, in an age in which profit trumps all, television ratings have become the deciding factor in what is and is not news. The networks are no longer responsible for keeping the viewers informed; rather, the goal has become entertainment at the expense of journalistic (and I use that word VERY loosely) accountability. CNN, America's self-proclaimed "Most-honored, Most-trusted" news network, has fallen into the cesspool of entertainment-driven news. By now, anyone who owns a television knows that Virgie Arthur is Smith's mother; how many people can name the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court? We know all the details of every man who claims to be the father of Smith's child, but how many of us know the name, let alone the history, of our secretary of defense?

At the end of the day, you and I are the ones who pay the price for this dearth of responsibility in journalism. We pay not in dollars and cents, but in the foregone wealth of knowledge that has been sacrificed for tales of a former stripper. I suppose that, in the end, it is more important for us to be entertained and ignorant than informed of the ever-changing world around us...right?

The Primary Problem –

LACEY GRAY

EXONENT WRITER



As more and more political candidates throw their hat into the ring for the 2008 presidential election, Americans are attempting to find a candidate who will best represent their values. However, before any head-to-head competition can begin between presidential hopefuls, they have to go through an archaic and counterproductive process called *primaries*. In primaries, the scheme our partisan government utilizes to ensure two puppets are elected as party candidates, supremely contrary to the purpose of presidential elections. Politically polarized events ensure that political candidates who make it to the general election have extremely partisan allegiances. In other words, the GOP, whether publicly or privately, will support the candidate they feel best represents their right-wing agenda; meanwhile, the Democrats look for the primary candidate who will promote the liberal doctrines of their

public. According to The PEW Research Center, a plurality of Americans don't identify with either of the main political parties. Thus, when the general election rolls around, people often complain of being forced to vote for the lesser of two evils. Meanwhile, they do not really relate to or agree with either the super-conservative or super-liberal candidates from whom they must choose.

Still, despite the dissatisfaction people feel toward the options offered during the general election, turnout at primary elections is dismally low. This is a crippling chain of events, which seems to feed the political powerhouses. The parties support the most extreme candidates, and, because of the way many primary elections are organized across the country, mostly only people affiliated with one of the two parties vote (once again for the most extreme candidate). Then, once the two most polarized candidates are voted through to the general election, they are forced to put up the guise of moderate political views in the hope of garnering votes from the majority of the American public which cannot truly relate to either candidate. Disappointment and apathy grows as voters realize that, no matter which candidate they vote for, neither will truly represent how the American populace feels. The crisis continues when a candidate is elected, because once in power the newly elected president can drop the act of being at the center of the political spectrum. He or she can then power ahead with the agenda of the political party which got him or her into the White House (rather

than doing what's best for the citizens of the United States).

It was once said that those who do not learn from the past are condemned to repeat it, and that is the situation in which America seems to find itself as the horizon of the 2008 presidential election creeps into view. While several presidential hopefuls appear to occupy moderate positions on certain issues, if history is any indication they will have little chance of getting the bid from their party in the primary election. While both Rudy Giuliani and Sen. John McCain (who on Feb. 28 announced he would run) have political views which align better with those of the majority of the population, they are receiving very little support from their party – because their views on some issues go against the grain of the GOP. Giuliani openly states that he is pro-choice and supports gay rights, two stances which instantly alienate him from the Republican Party. McCain has also gone against the GOP on certain issues such as his bipartisan compromise on judicial nominations, his support for campaign finance reform, and his disagreement with the way in which the Iraq war was waged. On March 1 of this year, McCain commented, "As I have said many times, I believe we have made many mistakes in the prosecution of the war." While this reflects the beliefs of many Americans, it puts him at odds with the GOP.

Sadly, at least in the infancy of the 2008 presidential election, it looks like neither of these presidential hopefuls will be getting any support from their politi-

cal party, making it extremely difficult to be successful in the primary elections. With primaries less than a year away, it looks as if both parties will once again succeed in nominating two political puppets to represent them in the general election. What does that mean for the American public? It boils down to another election in which the majority of voters are stuck between a rock and a hard place when making their choices in the polling booths. It means at least another four years of a leader with its party's best interest at heart rather than those of the American public. And it means an increasingly polarized government – one in which parties work to promote their own selfish interests. In short, it means that we Americans are left out in the cold.

So, what is any good, red-blooded, and, more importantly, fed-up American to do? Get to the primaries and make a difference. First, research ALL the candidates from both parties. Even if you THINK you are a Republican, look at the stances that the Democratic candidates are taking. You might actually relate better to one of them or vice-versa. Second, vote in the *primary* elections! I know they may not seem as exciting as the general elections, but they are arguably much more important. If every American were to do this, perhaps we would get two candidates in the general election who actually represent the voting populace. Perhaps if everyone did this, America would elect a president rather than a puppet. Most importantly, it is a possibility that if everyone did this we could once and for all put an end to the *primary* problem.

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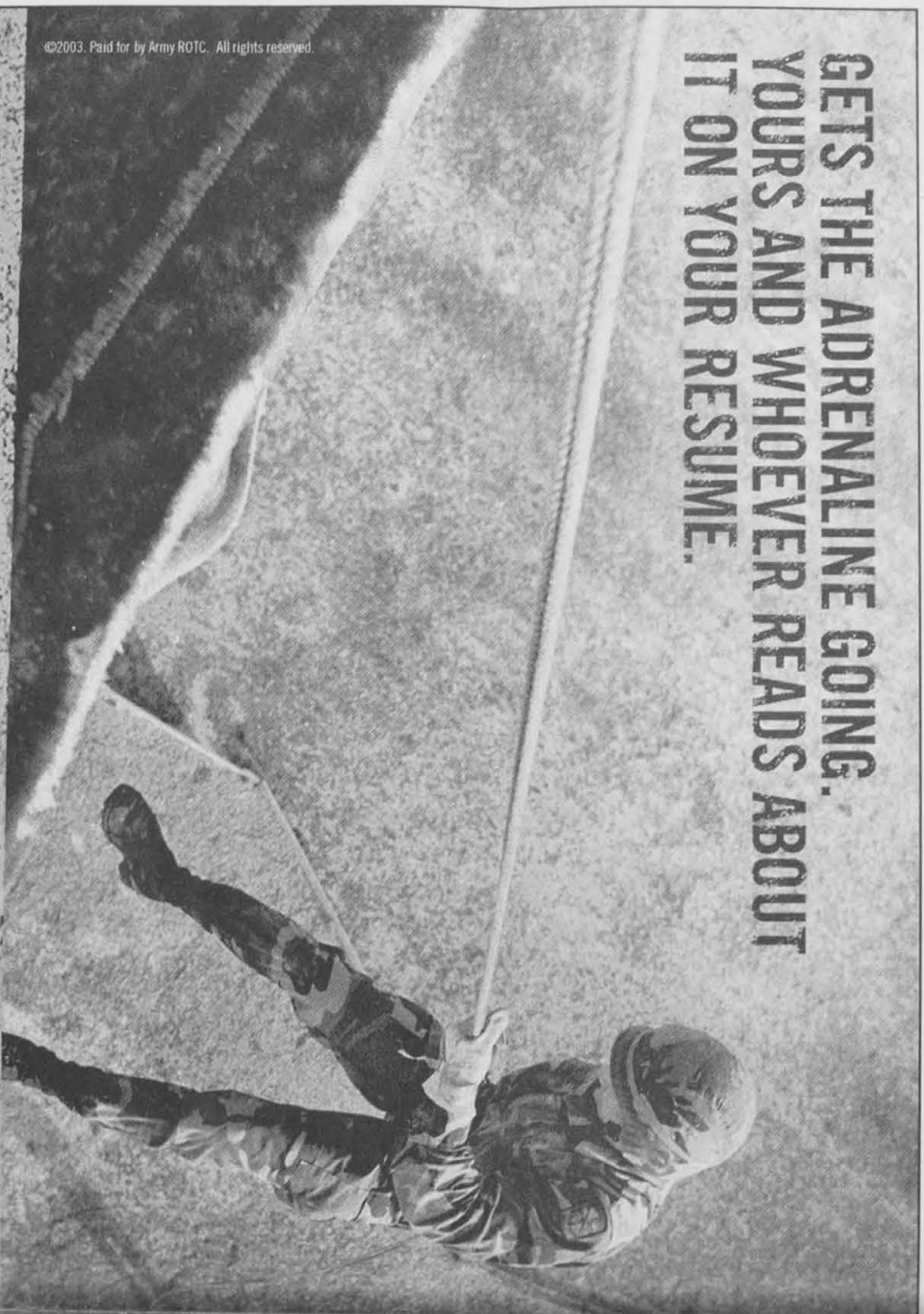
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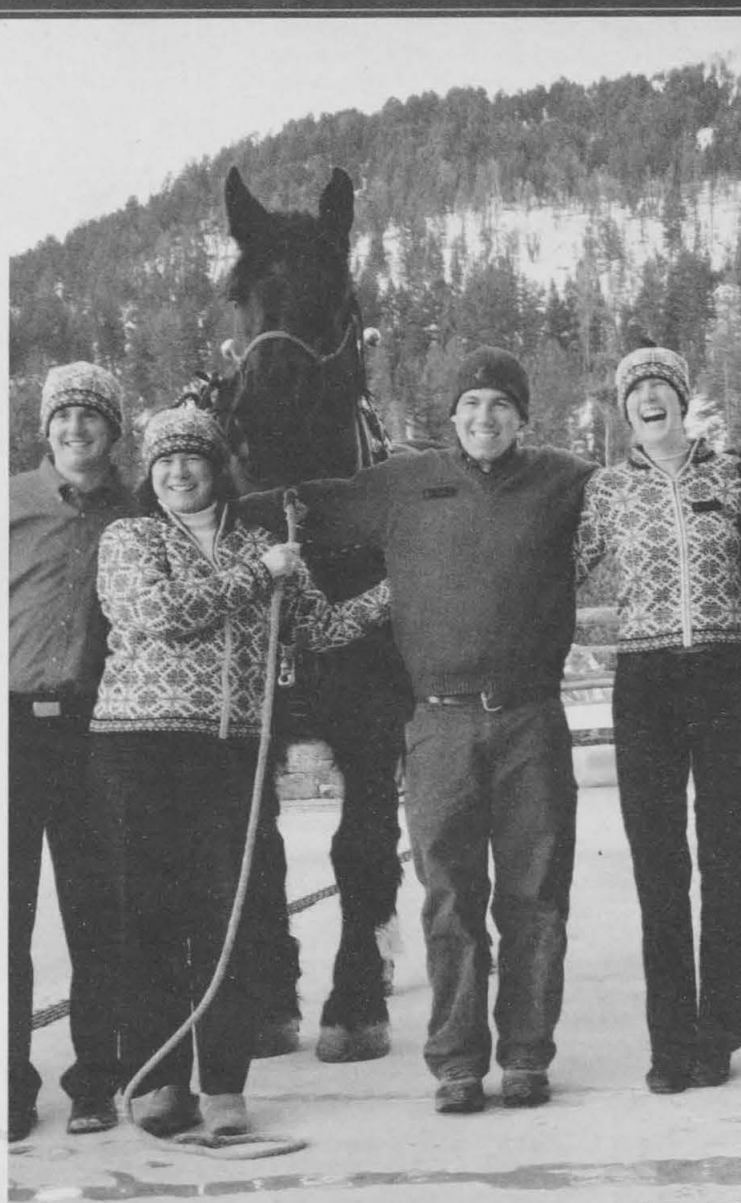
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Aries (March 21 - April 19): King of Swords, 7 of Swords, 8 of Cups. You are set high upon your pedestal this week, but know your faults lest someone else attempts to embarrass you with them.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): 3 of Coins, The Hermit (inversed), 10 of Swords (inversed). You have to present yourself professionally this week, which will mean coming out of your shell and knowing the details of your situation before entering it.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): Ace of Cups, 10 of Wands (inversed), 8 of Coins (inversed). Creativity is your strong suit right now, and it will work with your intuition to get you out of a few jams. Trust your instincts, even if they seem overzealous.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): 2 of Wands, The Magician, Hanged Man (all inversed). Some might think you are odd, but really you have been marching to a different drummer. Being aware of this attribute makes it a blessing instead of a burden. Be odd proudly.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): 9 of Coins, 8 of Swords, 3 of Swords (all inversed). You need to exercise discipline to move forward on your journey. Having fun and relaxing is one thing, but too much frivolity adds stress in places where you don't want it.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): 2 of Coins (inversed), 2 of Swords, The Sun. You will receive some relief from emotional pain that has been bothering you. It will be an unexpected surprise, like a small ray of sunshine in the midst of a storm. Embrace it.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): 4 of Wands, The Chariot, 5 of Swords (all inversed). If you are waiting for a knight in shining armor, you might end up waiting a long time. It is up to you to pull yourself out of tough situations; people will respect your fortitude.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Judgment (inversed), 5 of Wands, King of Wands. Your relationship slate is washed clean; you have a do-over. Learn from past mistakes that wrecked this relationship before. This other person is not your rival; they are your friend.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Page of Coins (inversed), 6 of Coins, Queen of Coins (inversed). A friend in your group is attempting to gain authority over you and others. While they may be worthy of being a mentor, they are not your dictator. No one controls you except you.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Death (inversed), Page of Swords, 5 of Cups. You are stepping out of a shell in your quest for new friends and showing parts of your personality which you normally do not show. While most find it endearing, be watchful for the unwanted crowd your openness may attract.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): 4 of Swords, The Star, Ace of Swords. Taking things a little slower for a while is easier said than done. Some sacrifices must be made in order to make room for the relaxation.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): 9 of Cups, Knight of Wands, Ace of Coins. A lover or potential lover will express deep emotional feelings for you. You will have to listen carefully for it, though, because they may be shy and a little cryptic in their message. Return the favor with tidings of equal love.

LATE NIGHT CONVERSATIONS WITH LEE HALL

Ahem. BEHOLD ME, FOR I AM GOD!

Whoa, there.

Just who does thou think thou is?!

The god formerly known as Zeus. Listen buddy, you're kind of making an ass of yourself. I hate to be the one to tell you this but...well the other gods are laughing at you.

Other- other GODS?

You see, historically, you're one of the more recent of superstitious beings people dreamed up in order to explain the world around them.

I know it's hard to accept. One of the hardest things to live with, actually.

Which is why I've brought a little help.

Over here!

We're all in this together, big guy!

This sucketh.

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ACROSS

- 1 After-shower powder
- 5 Lord or lady
- 10 Vote in
- 15 Teen hangout
- 19 Aroma
- 20 Arabian ruler: var.
- 21 Scale sign
- 22 Potpourri
- 23 Loblolly
- 24 Source of troubles
- 26 Ustinov, in "Quo Vadis?"
- 27 Seafood choice
- 29 Take as one's own
- 30 Large-billed bird
- 32 Important folkways
- 34 Art supporter
- 36 Perched
- 37 Founded
- 40 Faucet
- 42 Fashionable fabric
- 44 Wooded tract
- 48 Escapes
- 50 Kind of cabin
- 52 Fast food furnishes
- 54 Soaks flax
- 55 Hgt.
- 56 Went by car
- 59 Talks on and on
- 61 Coal measure
- 62 Lavish affection upon
- 64 Livery worker
- 66 Vitamin A source
- 68 Courtroom machine
- 70 Quilting party
- 72 Swift and Orwell works
- 73 Infrequent
- 74 B'wy sign
- 76 Nursery napkin
- 78 Rocky peaks
- 79 Moment
- 82 Droop
- 84 Home builder
- 88 Desert herdsman
- 90 Canine's appendage
- 92 Final beginning
- 93 Silkworm
- 94 Seabirds
- 96 "A Night to Remember" subject
- 98 Cagers org.
- 99 Cleopatra's waterway
- 101 Serious
- 103 Playing marble
- 104 Abolish
- 106 Small land mass
- 108 Fight off
- 110 Camp accommodation
- 112 Activists
- 113 Tear
- 115 Beer choice
- 117 Lease a second time
- 119 Ocular sections
- 123 Political policies
- 125 Secluded
- 129 vera
- 130 Corporant
- 133 Carbonated drink
- 134 Form of address
- 135 Raneer raiment
- 136 else!: Mom's mandate

Who's What?

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- 137 And others, shortly
- 138 Sound of exertion
- 139 Expletives
- 140 Former rulers
- 141 Exhausted
- 43 Starling relative: pl. var.
- 45 Church assessment
- 46 Irving or Oliver
- 47 Feudal field hands
- 49 Laundry additives
- 51 It's a good thing
- 53 SAC part
- 57 Kind of soldier
- 58 Tiny bit
- 60 Yucca look-alike
- 63 Related on mother's side
- 65 Beak
- 67 NASA weather forecasting system
- 69 Priestly garb
- 71 Gifted with visual memory
- 75 Clumsy one
- 77 Discuss at length
- 79 Ancient Celtic tribe
- 80 Nostril
- 81 Voice for Verdi
- 83 Obtained
- 85 Braz. neighbor
- 86 Fiery afterglow
- 87 Iranian cash
- 89 Rise up against
- 91 Edge
- 95 Covered with calyxes
- 97 Military student
- 100 Most otherworldly
- 102 Systems of government
- 105 Witnessed
- 107 Food container in England
- 109 Late-night name
- 111 Brat
- 114 Out-of-date
- 116 Changed the clock
- 118 Sly looks
- 119 Grating sound
- 120 Lamb
- 121 Rent
- 122 Party extra
- 124 Loans for college-goers:
- 126 Former photo section
- 127 Dash
- 128 Mrs. Rogers
- 131 Cubs stat
- 132 Call ___ day: re

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