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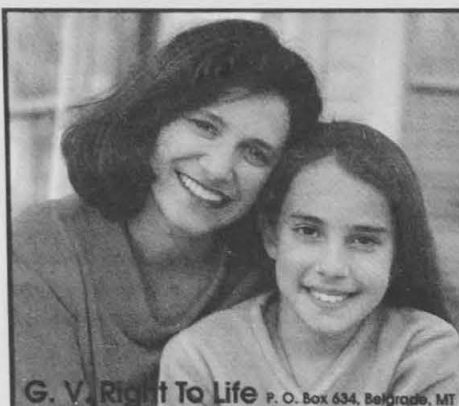
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- President Harry S. Truman

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NICK HOWARD is here to reflect on ASMSU sustainability and global warming, letting you know what your money should really be spent on.

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As you may or may not be aware, President Barack Obama gave his first State of the Union Address last week. While MATT SMITH was not actually there, he was watching, and has some things he would like to say about the event.

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NATHAN CARROLL, channeling the infinite wisdom of Sherlock Holmes, is here to answer your most puzzling questions. This week, he tackles attraction and intelligence.

ABOUT THE artist

Hunter Graham is a senior in the photography program here at MSU. He was born and raised in the mountains of Montana and grew up camping, hunting, and packing horses into the backcountry in and around Yellowstone National Park. As young as twelve, he was guiding hunting trips and taking clients on horseback into remote areas for fishing, photography, and sightseeing. In the third grade, he would drive his snowmobile three miles to and from school every day during the winter in Cooke City, Montana. He later attended high school in Red Lodge, Montana and as a result became an avid skier. He has had the opportunity to travel to such places as Germany, Italy, England, Netherlands, Croatia, and Bosnia. He believes life is all about art, music, travel, adventure, and doing dangerous things.



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NEWS

Fast Raises Awareness of Hunger, Islam

WORDS BY
Ashley Wheeler
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Last Thursday, about 250 members of the MSU community fasted, consuming no food or water, from sunrise to sunset to raise awareness of Islam and support the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. The event, which was sponsored by the MSU Muslim Student Association (MSA), raised about \$2,000 for the food bank.

Fasting is a long-held tradition in the Muslim faith, particularly during Ramadan, the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. During this month, members of the faith typically fast from sunrise to sunset, then break the fast with dates and water.

When fasting, Muslims attempt to abstain from "ill behaviors, such as backbiting, swearing, or losing our tempers," said Raima Amin, the fast's coordinator and member of MSA. This practice is meant to help people become stronger spiritually and spend more time in prayer and self-reflection. Also, feeling hungry allows for more solidarity with those who experience hunger on a regular basis.

Participants in the MSU fast adhered to this tradition of fasting and breaking the fast with dates and water, even though it is not currently Ramadan. Just before sunset on Thursday, participants gathered in the SUB Ballrooms to listen to a presentation about Ramadan and hunger in the community.

After Monther Abusultan, the MSU MSA president, gave the Muslim call to prayer, participants enjoyed a meal that included Haleem, a soup commonly eaten in Bangladesh during Ramadan, and Basbousa, an Arab dessert. Toward the end of the evening, Tim Trzinski, Program Director of the Food Bank, spoke about the needs of the program, particu-

larly in the current poor economy.

This was the first fast hosted by the MSA at MSU, but it hopes to make it an annual event. "Organizing the event was certainly a lot of work, but I was inspired and motivated continuously by the enthusiasm I received from our sponsors and from people interested in participating ... although I heard many comments about how it was difficult to avoid food and drink for the entire day, people seemed to really enjoy the experience and many have already expressed interest for participating again next year," Amin said.

Other community participants in the

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event included MSU Family and Graduate Housing, Sola Café and the Country Bookshelf. Family and Graduate Housing hosted a three-day food drive immediately prior to the fast, during which they collected canned food to be donated to the food bank. Sola Café and the Country Bookshelf also committed to donating one dollar for each person who signed up to fast and collection bins were placed around campus for donations to the Food Bank.

During the fast at MSU, participants were asked to donate the money that they would have spent on food to the Food Bank. Community members who were unable to fast, but still wanted to support awareness of hunger, wore orange ribbons instead.

Spotlight: Student Activities

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



WORDS BY
Shelby Rogala
ASMSU Exponent

From resumé preparation to searching for black-footed ferrets in the Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge, the MSU Wildlife Society (TWS) offers students of all backgrounds a chance to improve their wildlife knowledge as well as boost their resumé.

TWS offers a chance to "get students involved with what is going on in the field by bridging the gap between students and professionals," said club President Lindsey Stutzman. This is because the club is not only a student group, but a professional organization as well.

Founded in 1937 by conservationist Aldo Leopold, the society has since grown in size and influence. Still, the aims of promoting stewardship through science and education remain the same. MSU's chapter has been active for about 10 years and pursues these goals with a variety of activities.

"Our main goal is to get students interested in wildlife," said Stutzman. To this end, the group holds weekly meetings that involve guest lectures, usually professional biologists or ecologists speaking about who they are and what they do. Other activities include field days that "help students learn valuable wildlife techniques, such as telemetry," Stutzman said.

The big event of the year is the state TWS meeting held Feb. 24-26 in Helena. Stutzman explained that, "This is a really great way for students to make contacts with professionals in the field for future employment opportunities." This meeting offers students a way to meet other peers involved in their fields as well as professionals.

Though TWS is open to all students, Stutzman said that it is recognized as "the premiere organization nationally for professional biologists and students seeking wildlife degrees." This acclaim is due to the active role TWS groups play on campuses nationwide by "bridging the gap between students and profes-

sionals," Stutzman noted.

Part of this gap is due to the lack of education concerning the recent flooding of publicity towards environmental and wilderness related issues. Stutzman felt TWS has an important role to play educating students about contemporary topics. "TWS wants to help students gain knowledge about both sides of current issues," Stutzman said.

Through active field work, personal interaction with professionals and ex-

**"Our main goal is to get students interested in wildlife."
--Lindsey Stutzman, president**

cation on important issues, TWS strives to prepare students for their roles as future biologists, ecologists and stewards of the environment.

To get involved, check out TWS website for upcoming events at www.montana.edu/tws or join the mailing list tws@montana.edu. Or, just stop by! It is 304 any Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Spring 2010 Events

Meetings Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
Lewis 304

Feb. 2: Presentation by FWP Region 1 Grizzly Bear Management Specialist Tim Manley.

Feb. 16: Dr. Dave Willey will host a resume clinic

Feb. 17: Charles M. Russell N.W.R. outreach presentation summer employment

Feb. 24-26: State Wildlife Society meeting in Helena

March 23: Talk by FWP Lab Supervisor Neil Anderson and Wildlife Veterinarian Jennifer Ramo

April 6: Dr. Bob Garrett will speak about his work on Weddell Seals in Antarctica

MT Budget Shortfall Has MSU Looking at Cuts

WORDS BY

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MSU Exponent

a state revenue shortfall has MSU's administration looking at ways to cut expenses in anticipation of a \$3 to \$4.8 million budget reduction. Depending on the state's fiscal situation, MSU could be forced to make difficult cuts to programs and employee pay.

At the end of federal stimulus funding last year, which has helped the university plug budget holes since then, will leave MSU's budget with a \$3 million dollar deficit. Furthermore, in response to falling state revenues, now expected to be at least \$270 million less than budgeted, Gov. Brian Schweitzer recently requested that state departments prepare to cut their budget by 5 percent, which translates to \$7.6 million for the Montana University System and \$1 million for MSU.

If the state's budget crisis continues, as students could find themselves faced with cuts to majors and minors and low-enrollment, consolidation of departments and colleges and tuition increases. University funding is already being chopped block for the Livingston Saturday Streamline bus services at the Big Sky Institute, which promotes understanding of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

MSU's budget and planning committee, UPBAC, will hold a public forum Feb. 9 to hear feedback on the proposed cuts. Many of the current proposals themselves are the result of faculty and student suggestions and ideas from other universities, and Dr. Jim Rimpau, UPBAC's chair, said that the committee is open to new ideas.

Other things under discussion include:

- * Dropping full-time benefits for part-time employees
- * Temporary or permanent closure of smaller buildings
- * Implementation of a 'shop smart' program to require departments to purchase specific products from specific vendors
- * Elimination of trays at food service

One idea that had been considered, converting MSU's campus to a four-day work week with longer hours, has been essentially abandoned. Savings would have come from lower utility bills for unused buildings on the fifth day, but it turns out that most of the campus's buildings would still have to be open for research, planning and student access seven days a week, so savings would be minimal.

Rimpau said that UPBAC hopes to find solutions that have minimal impact on the university's employees, but he explained that the depth of the cuts means options like unpaid furloughs, where workers are asked to work fewer hours, are still on the table. "Finding money to cut without affecting employees is challenging," he said.

UPBAC may also recommend that the Provost's office look at the possibility of phasing out underutilized degree programs and consolidating departments and colleges. However, Rimpau said, the university's "first priority will always be to protect instruction."

"Tuition increases are always part of the equation," said Rimpau, but currently they're "not part of the process." Many other states have already had to resort to tuition increases. For example, the University of California has increased tuition by 32 percent, and the state of Florida has raised fees by 15 percent.

Ultimately, Rimpau said, the extent to which MSU will be forced to make cuts and raise tuition will depend on the state's financial future. "It's a very fluid situation," he said.

Share Your Input

Public Forum
Feb. 9, 1:30 to 5 p.m.
SUB Ballroom D

More information about the proposals can be found at
www.montana.edu/upba.

DISTRACTIONS

Sparked By An Observation A Distraction's Writer Shares Her Own Opinion

WORDS BY

Lexie Lamothe
ASMSU Exponent

In this past issue of The Exponent, there was an article in particular that caught my eye, as well as make me want to scream. Yes, this article would be considered opinion, and I do believe that everyone is entitled to their own; however, I find it irritating when those opinions are judged solely on a person's outer appearance. I also find it ignorant to group people together and assume that just because of the way they look they are all the same. What am I talking about? "Dumb" girls.

After reading the article that stereotyped girls, I found myself furious. I felt like I, personally, was a target and insulted. I found the writer's words to be undignified. Although I agree with the article in the sense that, yes, there are plenty of girls out there who try to act dumb for attention. However, there are just as many guys out there who try to act buff and macho for the same reasons. Hollywood depicts this very well. In those classic teen movies it's always the "dumb" jock asking the nerdy girl for help. It also should be pointed out that there are more intelligent girls in the world who go unrecognized because they are unwilling to fit the "acceptable" stereotype guys pay attention to.

The author of the article gave readers an image of these so called "dumb" girls. They wear makeup, Uggs, a jacket and sweatpants; and oh, they talk on the phone. I wear Ugg boots. I wear makeup. We are in college, and of course there are the days we rock the sweats. We live in Montana; a jacket or parka is a very acceptable piece of clothing for our climate. We live in a technology-based society now; who isn't on the cell phone these days? But do these things make you dumb? No, of course not.

The girls who do act dumb to impress don't just continue to do it because it

doesn't work. Boys are obviously giving them the attention they are looking for; otherwise, they'd stop acting that way. If anyone is to blame for this "dumb girl" epidemic, it's boys. Don't give the so-called dumb girl attention, and they will stop. However, to base this all on looks is almost disgusting. It was almost hurtful. Because I fit some of the description of the article, it made me think, "Is he talking about someone like me?" I sure hope so, because I would love to prove him wrong.

To judge a person on looks, no matter if you use their race, clothing, hair color, eye color or anything else can be called a form of prejudice. We all make those assumptions that blondes are stupid, tall people are fast, or skiers are bums, the list can go on and on. However, there is always more to a person than the outer shell they portray. The expression "Don't judge a book by its cover" holds true.

I don't want to pick on anyone, so take me for instance. I wear plenty of makeup, I love my Ugg boots, and I am constantly on my phone. If this writer walked passed me on campus, he would probably snarl and assume I am "one of them." However, what he would fail to recognize is that I have an ever increasing GPA, I love literature and, shocker, can even balance my own checkbook (not to boast).

I am not here to bash the other writer's opinion, because he made some very good points. Nonetheless, it is wrong to assume and clump all these girls together just because of their clothing or the image they portray. I am in agreement that there are girls out there who dumb themselves down, but it's obviously working for them, so they aren't fully to blame. The "dumb" girls may not be so dumb after all; they are getting exactly what they want from these boys. Just a word to the wise: Be careful who you insult; they may be smarter than you think.



WORDS BY
Joseph Wirtz
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This morning, U.S. military installations around the world woke up to crowds of protesters at their gates. People Opposing Occupying Persia (POOP) stood outside Fort Bragg chanting anti-war slogans. These were easily drowned out when the commander of the base decided to test the new broadcast system mounted on an Apache helicopter. The tune, "My Favorite Dish is Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts," echoed off the barracks for about an hour before the protesters started bleeding from their ears and were forced to disperse.

These protests are in response to the declaration of war on the countries of Saudi Arabia, Iran, Yemen and Tibet (The last one's in there so that the U.S. wouldn't be accused of profiling, claiming, "Look, we're bombing yaks as well as sheiks; we don't profile.")

The declaration of war was very different from other declarations of war. This declaration called for "Total War" to be waged on the countries mentioned above. For those of you who don't recognize the term "Total War," there is a reason for that. It might have to do with the fact that you didn't care about history in high school, which is why you didn't get accepted to Harvard and had to settle for attending MSU. Yes, it's tragic, isn't it?

Getting back to Total War, you need to pay close attention to two of my favorite world events describing this policy: Sherman's March to the Sea during the American Civil War and the firebombing of the German city of Dresden during World War II. Is any of this starting to ring a bell? Again that's why you're attending MSU. In each of these historical cases you will notice one commonality: The complete and absolute destruction of everything. The favorite way to destroy was with fire; Just burn everything in sight, ashes to ashes, yada, yada.

The important difference is that Total War is waged on the an entire country, not just the military. Civilian populations are more often targeted, which is the case in the new bombardment of the countries listed above. This type of warfare is not what is drawing the most criticism. What's being dropped on the civilian populations is what has sparked the outrage.

For those of you that don't know, the United States is the only developed country that has not signed the international agreement to NOT use napalm, or jellied gasoline that sticks to anything it touches and can burn for hours. Napalm is what the world community thought the U.S. military would be dropping on the civilians. Instead, thousands of Russian boars (a rather large and mean variety of wild pig) have been rounded up in Texas and air lifted into a staging ground in Morocco.

These boars, some of them weighing more than 1,000 pounds have been specially fitted with bullet proof armor modeled after the hinged plates found on jousting horses in the Dark Ages (again for those of you who don't like history, this time period might be hazy to you). Each of the boars also sports a spiked helmet to smash through the hordes of scimitar wielding Muslim warriors galloping along on their goats or camels or rusty bicycles. Different groups of pigs are then flown over to the offending countries and either parachuted in or landed in un-manned gliders.

The Muslims refuse to touch the pigs because they find them unclean. They are people unfamiliar with the wonders of bacon, a lost people. Now the Russian boars are wreaking havoc across

all the countries where they have been dropped. The only exception is in Tibet where a new sausage plant is under construction to process the pork. It seems the Tibetans have tamed the boars, letting them live around the easygoing yaks of the region.

Reports of the boars smashing through houses and killing Taliban members have come to the attention of the Muslim world. Muslims are outraged, frightened by this boar bombing. Boars are bombs but boars are an outrage cause not only do they kill soldiers, civilians indiscriminately, being killed by an unclean animal voids their ability to enter heaven and get their shopping of virgins. While the Muslim community wants the boar bombardment to end, they requested to be boar bombed continuously. Both requests were denied.

Yesterday, one final plea was sent to the United States requesting that America stop using boars and return to using napalm. General Buster Balls responded by saying, "We do not fight you so we can appeal to your customs and soothe your fears. That's why it's called war." General Buster Balls stated the United States would continue "piling" those countries that support who wear dresses and refuse to show. As of press time the entire Middle East is suing for peace, leading to the debate of achieving world peace. The conclusion was world peace can be achieved, when pigs fly.

If you would like to write a letter to the writer specifically about this article please send all responses, positive or mostly negative, to:

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From Soup and Sandwiches To Pizza and Steak, Frank's Keeps Bozeman Bellies Full

WORDS BY
Lexie Lamothe
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There are so many wonderful, privately owned stores and restaurants in Bozeman that it's hard to decide which one to go to and what's worth spending your hard earned money on. Lunch time is always a struggle because there are so many tiny cafes around; some are really good but over priced, and others don't quite satisfy that craving.

Sandwiches are a pretty basic lunch staple, but that average PB&J just doesn't always seem to fulfill your "Sammy" needs, does it? Luckily, there's Frank's Custom Catering and Deli, the lunch and sandwich hot spot for you.

Frank's sandwiches range from

cheese steaks to cold veggie's on a hoagie. The Free Bird, made with turkey, apple wood smoked bacon, gorgonzola cheese, avocado, lettuce and tomato with garlic aioli is an ever popular choice (and delicious). Not to mention, it's all pretty healthy (if you made that New Year's resolution to slim down). Frank's has many different sandwich creations with chicken, salami, turkey, ham and roast beef. Anyone getting hungry yet?

Frank's also has a plethora and variety of cheese steaks and chicken cheese steaks. You can get the basic with onions and peppers, or mix it up with the H.V.E.M. This creation has the steak and cheese with bacon, barbeque sauce, lettuce and onions. To spice up your life, try the Counter Assault. This one is made with jalapenos, serranos and ha-

baneros, and you can minimize or maximize the spiciness to suit your tolerance level. The chicken cheese steaks are just as creative. The Rangoon is made with a mild coconut curry topped with onions, mushrooms, peppers and cheese.

Looking for a lighter option? Try one of Frank's many salads. They have the Mediterranean, Garden and Caesar salads, as well as a chipotle potato salad. Frank's also offers a variety of sides, such as french fries, Brew City onion rings, chips and soup. There is also a kids' menu for the smaller appetite.

This delicious lunch menu isn't all that Frank's offers either. They have a more upscale side with their catering menu. This includes everything from hors d'oeuvres to entrees to desserts. There is garlic and herb marinated steak

or an appetizing stuffed chicken breast with gorgonzola and mushroom. If you are looking for something more exotic they offer game meat as well as seafood. Unique desserts seem to always accompany a meal, and Frank's Catering offers pumpkin mousse in a cannoli shell or even a chocolate fountain.

All these creations were put together by Frank, who hails from a culinary academy in New York and studied cooking in Switzerland. He worked in various highly esteemed locations all around the U.S. before moving to Montana years ago. So trade in that PB&J for an upscale taste with a reasonable price. Come down to Frank's located at 315 Babcock (Deli open from 11-5 Monday through Saturday).



The Cat Calendar

COMPILED BY
Katie Sharp

02 04
THURSDAY

THE STONES HAVE MEMORIES

WHERE: Exit Gallery, SUB
WHAT: ASMSU Campus Entertainment presents "The Stones Have Memories," a collection of photographs by Kelly Gorham will show until Feb. 12. There will be a free public artist reception Thursday, Feb. 4 from 7 p.m. After the devastation of World War II, Berlin became a city on the frontline of a struggle between two great superpowers. This tale of political unrest, dominance and oppression played out over the next four decades between the powers of East and West in the city of Berlin. In 2008, following nearly 40 years of research, Kelly Gorham set out to explore the neighborhoods of former East Berlin to create images for "The Stones Have Memories." With guidance from historians at home and in Berlin, and from friends who lived on both sides of the Wall, Gorham traced the city's history and photographed a dramatic story. In a professional career that spans nearly 20 years, Gorham has worked for clients such as AAA, Bentley Motors, Holiday Inn and Harley Davidson, and his images have been featured in the New York Times, Sports Illustrated, Forbes Life, Skiing Magazine, Robb Report and GEO.

02 08
MONDAY

FOURTH ANNUAL LOCAL FOOD FAIR

WHERE: SUB Ballrooms
WHAT: The Fourth Annual Local Food Fair will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. A presentation by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Kathleen Merrigan will follow the fair at 5 p.m. in the SUB Ballrooms. The fair brings together more than 35 local food producers, processors and organizations from across Montana and is intended to increase awareness on campus and within the Gallatin Valley of the abundance of food Montana offers. The fair is also intended to support efforts for a community-based food system throughout the state. The fair will feature music by Eight Party Line and a dynamic variety of raffle items from many vendors. The event is free and open to the public. Parking on campus is limited, and participants are encouraged to consider carpooling or riding the bus.

TOBACCO FREE: WHAT IS BEST FOR MSU?

WHERE: SUB 233
WHAT: Tobacco Free opponents ask Will a tobacco ban hurt MSU's enrollment? Doesn't a tobacco ban restrict my rights? MSU currently has a smoking policy, why institute an additional policy? On Monday, February 8, from noon to 1 p.m. in MSU's SUB Room 233, the MSU Leadership Institute will seek answers to these questions as they explore the dialogue, discussion and opinions behind creating a tobacco-free campus. Free and open to the public, please bring your lunch and questions. For more information call the MSU Leadership Institute at 406-994-7275.

02 05
FRIDAY

FIRST ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

WHERE: Shroyer Gym
WHAT: Montana State University will host FIRST Robotics Championship Tournaments Feb. 5 and Feb. 6. There are more than 55 teams from both programs registered in Montana for 2009-2010. More than 500 students ages 9 to 18 will attend MSU's FIRST Robotics event this year. If you would like to volunteer or help sponsor our FIRST tournaments, please contact Sheree Watson at 406-994-6723 or swatson@coe.montana.edu.

BOBCAT TENNIS (MEN)

WHERE: Portland, Ore.
WHAT: The men's tennis team will play Portland State.

BOBCAT TENNIS (WOMEN)

WHERE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
WHAT: The women's tennis team will matchup against UMKC at 12 p.m.

BOBCAT SKIING

WHERE: Taos, Red River, New Mex.
WHAT: The Bobcat Ski team will compete in the New Mexico Invitational which will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday and extend through Saturday.

BOBCAT BASKETBALL (MEN)

WHERE: Brick Breeden Field House
WHAT: The 'Cats will host Idaho State at 7:05 p.m.

02 09
TUESDAY

CAMPUS INVITED TO COMMENT ON BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

WHERE: SUB Ballroom D
WHAT: The University Planning, Budget and Analysis Committee (UPBAC) will take comment from faculty, staff, students and members of the public regarding recommendations on ways MSU can be more efficient or reduce expenditures. The meeting will be from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Those wishing to formally be included on the agenda are asked to contact Jim Rimpau, vice president of planning and CIO, at rimpau@montana.edu. Comments will be taken as long as time permits. The recommendations are contained in a report that examined more than 170 cost-saving ideas solicited from the campus community. After hearing public comment on the report's recommendations, UPBAC will meet Feb. 23 to finalize its recommendations to MSU President Waded Cruzado.

02 06
SATURDAY

MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

WHERE: Strand Union Building
WHAT: The Montana National Guard will host its annual Leadership Conference. With 500 persons expected to attend, the Strand Union Building and campus parking will be impacted.

BOBCAT TRACK AND FIELD

WHERE: Pocatello, Idaho
WHAT: The 'Cats will compete in the Mountain State Games.

BOBCAT TENNIS (MEN)

WHERE: Portland, Ore.
WHAT: The Bobcat men's tennis team will play the University of Portland after matching up against Portland State only a day earlier.

BOBCAT TENNIS (WOMEN)

WHERE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
WHAT: The Bobcat women's tennis team will play Air Force at 4 p.m.

BOBCAT BASKETBALL (MEN)

WHERE: Brick Breeden Field House
WHAT: The men's basketball team will play Weber State at home.

BOBCAT BASKETBALL (WOMEN)

WHERE: Ogden, Utah
WHAT: The 'Cats will play Weber State.

02 10
WEDNESDAY

VAGINA MONOLOGUES

WHERE: Procrastinator Theater
WHAT: Two local performances of "The Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler and directed by Brian Kassir will benefit the MSU Voice Center. The play will be performed at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for general admission. The play will also be performed at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Emerson Cultural Center. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and include V-Day celebration activities. The performances benefit the MSU Voice Center, Students Against Sexual Assault and Men Stopping Rape. Tickets are available at the MSU Voice Center, Room 370 of the Strand Union Building.

02 11
THURSDAY

02 07
SUNDAY

BOBCAT TENNIS (MEN)

WHERE: Portland, Ore.
WHAT: The 'Cats will play UC Davis for their sixth match.

BOBCAT TENNIS (WOMEN)

WHERE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
WHAT: The 'Cats will play UT-San Antonio at 9:30 a.m.

COMPUTER-GENERATED CONCERT

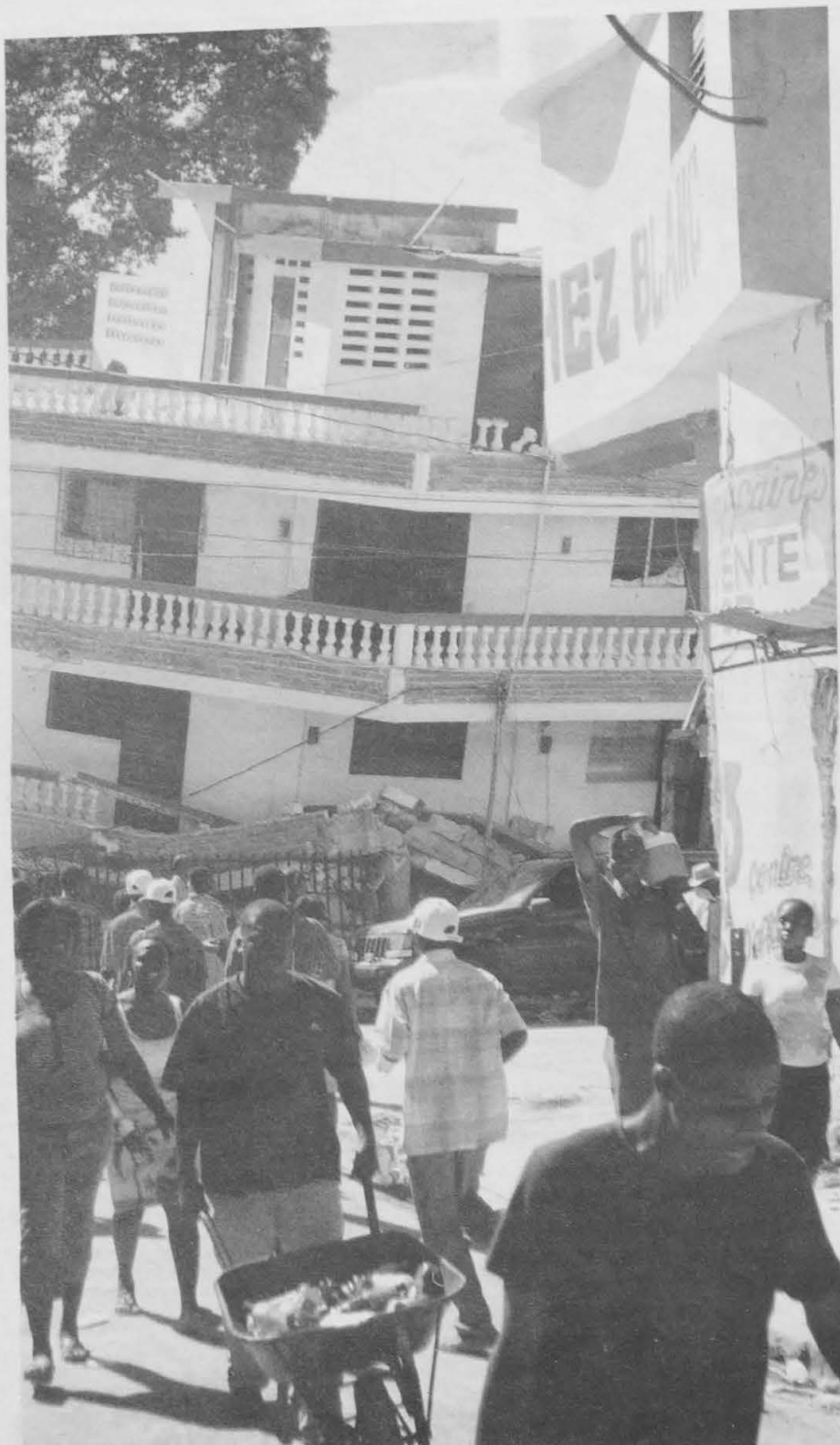
WHERE: Reynolds Recital Hall
WHAT: "Digital Sunrise of the New Era," a concert of new works for computer ensembles performed across three time zones, is set at 7:30 p.m. The LAG laptop quartet, a group of composers and musicians from Mills College in Oakland, Calif., will perform a concert of audio/visual network music simultaneously from MSU, Mills College and the United Kingdom. Each piece will be performed live via sending network messages over the Internet. The concert will feature live-coding, game-like systems, chaotic feedback, ethereal harmonies and more. The music of LAG laptop quartet is derived from experimentalism, the fusion of games and art, network collaboration and using computers as a means of creating art that would otherwise be impossible. LAG member Cole Ingraham will be at MSU for the performance, and Curtis McKinney will perform with the quartet in the U.K. LAG will also team up with MSU's Electric Monster Laptop Ensemble for a special large group collaboration. Concert admission is free. Donations will be gladly accepted but are not required.

STUDY ABROAD FAIR

WHERE: SUB Ballrooms B and C
WHAT: Montana State University's Office of International Programs will host a spring Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Study Abroad Fair provides students with initial contacts and information for summer, semester and year-long study abroad programs, volunteer opportunities and internships.

BOBCAT BASKETBALL (WOMEN)

WHERE: Brick Breeden Field House
WHAT: The 'Cats will host Eastern Washington at 7:05 p.m.



Haiti Tragedy Spurs Generosity from Bozeman Community

In the weeks since Haiti's devastating earthquake, the MSU and Bozeman community has done much to send aid to the injured country. Elementary schools, churches and campus clubs have organized fundraisers and events not only to help the cause of providing relief to the country's desperate people but also to spread awareness about the disaster.

To help stimulate efforts, MSU's only Haitian student, Dominique Etienne, spoke about Haiti and its current misfortunes at an event on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Debra DeBode, the director of International Student & Scholar Services, helped organize the presentation, thinking it might further relief efforts and break down some stereotypes. "I thought, if she was up to it, she might like to give a different view of what's going on down there," she said.

"Dominique puts a strong face to the country. She's poised, level-headed

and smart. Not necessarily something you think of when you think of Haitians," DeBode said.

Etienne spent the first half of her presentation discussing misconceptions people have about Haiti in terms of education, religion and culture. "My hope is that, after this, you will see how I see Haiti, how Haitians see Haiti, and not just what you see on T.V.," she said.

Presenting many pictures, Etienne showed how vibrant and alive her country was before the disaster. Chilling before-and-after scenes included photographs of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Port-au-Prince. Addressing conflict between different religious outlooks and beliefs, Etienne talked about how many in Haiti believed the fall of the church was due to influences of evil and possibly Voodoo, which is considered a strong religion in the country.

"People say it's because we're evil

or God has given up," Etienne said, responding to some critiques of the cathedral's lone crucifix standing amongst the rubble. "But I think it's just proof that God is still with us. That's what I think, that's what everyone should think."

Etienne's presentation took the audience through many areas of devastation, causing an audience member to call out, "In your opinion then, what is the best way to help?" Her response was simply: "There are no best ways to help Haiti -- everything you can do, anything you can give would help Haiti."

Networking Gets Relief Project Rolling

Etienne's personal perspectives on the losses Haiti has suffered stimulated great interest. As her lecture drew to a close, many audience members had begun talking with her and each

other about different ways to help. "The greatest success of Dominique's talk was networking," DeBode said. "People were combining ideas, deciding how best to carry plans out."

One of the biggest plans to arise from the lecture is a project to build a school with medical and educational support, an idea spearheaded by Holly Hunts, an associate professor in Family and Consumer Science. Hunts has a background in national disaster relief, and I was telling my family how I wished I could do something to help Haiti," Hunts said. "After talking awhile, we decided -- why not?"

With a school in mind, Hunts talked on any connections she had, using colleagues, Etienne's presentation, and even her kids to get people involved. "My kids take Tae Kwon Do with Greg Mortenson's kids and children of Brett Gunnick. He's the department head of Civil Engineering, so I used that link to call them up



Info on Jan. 12 Earthquake

-  7.3 Magnitude
-  Over 50 aftershocks predicted by the end of the month
-  Over 150,000 are estimated dead
-  Millions estimated to be homeless/ wounded
-  Over 70 percent of buildings have been destroyed, including the national palace, schools, churches, hospitals

ask them if they want to be a part of this project," Hunts said.

Accumulating as many people with expertise and connections as possible, Hunts has given her idea some form. Having Gunnick, for example, brings on board engineering students, who will take on the school for their senior projects. Special education and education experts will address the students whose medical injuries may result in special needs (e.g. amputations, blindness, etc.). Nutritionists are working on plans for a community garden on the school grounds.

Hunts current list of interested members include engineers, education professors, medical students, local architects, the Tae Kwan Do club, and more. "We want to attack as many issues as possible with one school," Hunts said. "When the school is done, we'll have a place for

medical emergencies. Or, if another earthquake hits, there will be a safe building for the community to go."

Specific details, such as a building site and size cannot be fully determined until the group goes to Haiti to see where it would do the most good. However, Hunts is happy with the current progress. "There's a lot we can do now without knowing where the school will go. My main goal at the moment is to collect as many people as possible," she said. "I'm like the spider spreading her web."

Other Efforts

MSU's community has risen to the occasion with a variety of other efforts, ranging from benefit concerts to collection campaigns.

One such event was a benefit concert last Saturday evening, called "Reggae Relief with Landlocked."

Sponsored by ASMSU, all proceeds from the concert went to Doctors Without Borders. Last weekend, Mary "Molly" Lineberger, a Bozeman high school graduate who has spent the last six months in Haiti working with Catholic Relief Services was also able to share her experiences with a presentation titled: "After the Quake: What's Happening in Haiti."

While many organizations are planning dances and other fundraisers for February, some organizations have already made a difference with collection jars. One local church, Resurrection University Parish, has already collected over \$14,000 to send to Haiti through Catholic Relief Services. ASMSU, along with Global Culture Club, put up collection jars around campus and met their goal of \$1,000 in just days. DeBode remarked how amazing it is that collecting students' spare change can generate so

much money for relief in Haiti.

Beyond raising money, ASMSU and Global Culture Club are planning a "Shirt Off Our Backs" campaign. While money is essential for rebuilding, many Haitians are also in need of day-to-day items, such as clothing. This project would collect "lightly used" and new shirts and send them to Haiti. "'Shirts Off Our Backs' is a good way for students to get involved," DeBode commented.

DeBode is hopeful that the momentum the MSU and Bozeman communities have built up for the relief effort will continue for some time. "There are so many people in need right now, so many good causes to help," DeBode said. "I would like to see Haiti get as much help as possible while the subject is on everyone's minds."

Upcoming Events Furthering Haiti Relief



Collection jars are around campus. All donations go to Doctors Without Borders in Haiti, Global Culture Club, Office of International Programs, ASMSU.



"Shirts Off Our Backs" campaign, is collecting new and lightly used t-shirts to ship directly to Haiti. Watch for posters around campus. (ASMSU, Global Culture Club.)



A Salsa Dance is to be held Feb. 13, 5-10 p.m., at the Lindley Park Center, \$10, funds go to Haiti through the Catholic Church by the Hispanic Community of the University Resurrection Catholic Parish.



Benefit Mardi Gras Ball and Concert for Haiti will be Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m., Baxter Hotel Ballrooms with Music by the Jeni Fleming and Poco Loco. Admission is \$15 plus donations, which will go to a special fund to rebuild Haiti. (Various sponsors.)

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MY TAKE SPORTS COMMENTARY

WARNER'S HALL OF FAME-WORTHY

by Erica Killham

This past week, Arizona Cardinals QB Kurt Warner announced his retirement. He has been one of the most consistently great players in the NFL, as well as one of the greatest citizens. He may have played for different teams throughout his career and never became the face of one team, but he will still be remembered as one of the best quarterbacks of our time.

Kurt Warner deserves a lot of respect. He has one Super Bowl ring and has appeared in two others. He wasn't a first round draft pick right out of college either. He had to work for it. Out of college he played arena football and coached at the college level. During those years playing arena football he grew into an NFL-level quarterback and was ultimately signed by the St. Louis Rams.

Due to an injury to starting quar-

terback Trent Green, Warner became a starter and led his team to a Super Bowl trophy and earned both NFL and Super Bowl MVP honors for himself. Just two years later, the Rams had yet another Super Bowl appearance. In 2004, he was released by the Rams and snapped up by the New York Giants, only to lose the starting spot to Eli Manning halfway through the season. From there he went to the Arizona Cardinals, where he led them to their first Super Bowl appearance in franchise history. For a guy who stocked shelves at a supermarket before arena football, he has amassed an impressive career. No, scratch that. He has amassed an impressive career for anyone.

Kurt Warner is just somehow different from some of the other football greats we know and love. I'm thinking Troy Aik-

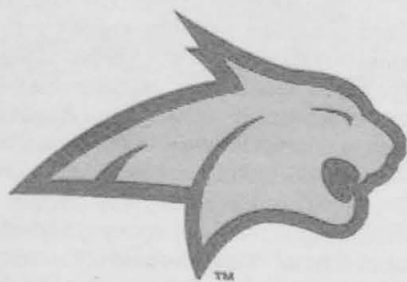
man, Brett Favre, Peyton Manning, and the like. So, what sets him apart? Is it that he had short stays but great success with more than one team and consequently was never able to have the iconography of a franchise in his back pocket? Was it because the amount of time he spent on the field every Sunday was not superseded by the amount of time he starred in commercials during media timeouts? I'll say this next one but I don't believe it: Was it because he wasn't as good? No, he is just as good as some of the biggest names, maybe even better. Now, don't get me wrong, I know how famous he is, and he is deservedly very famous. However, for some reason, he never reached the household-name status of Favre and Manning. I blame the commercials. But, maybe the lack of media attention coming his way on any given Tuesday has al-

lowed him to concentrate on the game at hand, football. That's why he's been in more Super Bowls than Favre. He did some really incredible things in the NFL he just did them for two different teams.

So, is he Hall of Fame bound? That's been the topic of discussion over the past week, and I for one sure hope he is. After all, he has two NFL MVP awards, a Super Bowl MVP award, a Super Bowl ring, and some seriously impressive performance stats. The credentials are there, and it's very likely he will end up in the Hall of Fame.

He may have had a long road to get to the status he holds now, but he deserves to be called one of the best NFL quarterbacks in recent years. He gave us some really great games to watch, and he will be missed in the NFL.

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Watch the Olympics

WORDS BY

Kevin Luby
ASMSU Exponent

The opening ceremonies for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, B.C. begin in exactly 18 days, 19 hours, and 51 minutes from the writing of this sentence. That means, it's 18 days, 19 hours, and 51 minutes from the world's best on snow and ice coming together in the spirit of the ancient Greeks to compete for national pride and personal glory while millions across the globe tune in and follow the gripping drama as it unfolds.

Well, I say gripping; however, thanks to the importance of the almighty dollar, most viewers will have to settle for pre-recorded events, divided and slotted for primetime television, interspersed with the "colorful" commentary from NBC Broadcasting's finest (in the States anyway).

Horribly commercialized coverage aside, I, for one, am pumped for another round of healthy international competition not centered around the use of firearms and smart bombs; a chance for nations to gain legitimacy from medal counts rather than body counts. Besides, the Olympics (the sports themselves) are a wicked fun to watch and here's why.

Groundbreaking:

Don't miss 30-year-old Brian McKeever of Team Canada compete in cross-country skiing. McKeever, who is legally blind, will be the first Paralympian to compete in the Winter Olympics. McKeever told the CBC in an interview that he hopes to show that, "Paralympic athletes are training at the same sort of level as the Olympic athletes, despite their physical disabilities." Competing without the aid of a sighted guide, McKeever uses the skiers around him and his knowledge of the course to navigate the starts and turns of each race."

Automatic:

After ending a two-year hiatus from the top of World Cup podiums, Bode Miller looked to be skiing his best just before the Olympics. He took first place in the Super-Combined event in Wengen, Switzerland on Jan. 15 but sat out a rest race due to an ankle injury he sustained in a volleyball game. America's favorite party boy ski racer, who once admitted to racing drunk on "60 Minutes," looks to be at it again.

Fresh Blood/ Old Fogies:

Sasha Cohen, America's ice skating darling of the Torino Olympics, failed to make this year's U.S. figure skating team. Newcomers, Rachael Flatt and Miho Nagasu, will compete for American Olympic gold in women's figure skating.

Todd Lodwick of the U.S. Nordic team returns for his fifth Olympics. The 33-year-old came out of retirement and won the 2009 World Championships rejuvenating a Nordic combined team stuck in the shadows of the Europeans.

Insanity:

Very few sports, winter or otherwise, compare to the skeleton. Racers slide head first down the insanely fast bobsled track in a spandex suit with only a few inches between themselves and full frontal road rash. The potential for an incredibly violent crash is reason enough to tune in during this Olympics.

Curling takes insanity to a whole different meaning, insanely boring. While most Americans scoff at this unusual sport of sweeping and stones, some of our Midwestern students may take offense to this perception. Curling is just like shuffleboard on ice. What goes good with shuffleboard? That's right, BEER!!! A good drinking game paired with Curling may just make this sport stomachable. Hell, it's worth a shot.

The Usuals and Something Fresh:

Freestyle skiing and snowboarding return to the Olympics and always prove exciting. A certain Disney movie about a Miracle gave us all a reason to pay attention to Olympic hockey. A newly added Olympic sport, skicross, ups the potential for multi-athlete collisions and thus ups the entertainment factor for this Winter Olympics.

Sexiness:

It just so happens many Winter Olympic sports center around speed, thus requiring the most revealing of winter wear...the speed suit. While speed suits don't drip the sexiness of beach volleyball bikinis or Speedos, they accentuate good figures, an attribute most world-class athletes possess.

I like watching hot, athletic women, even if they are only making left hand turns on smooth ice. I imagine the ladies feel the same way about Olympic males. It just so happens this year's U.S. Olympic team is really attractive. Don't believe me? NBCOlympics.com dedicated two slide shows, one male and one female, to these "Model Olympians." A shallow reason to watch the Olympics but a reason nonetheless.

The 2010 Winter Olympics will offer a little bit for everyone, drama, edginess, competition, and sex. What's not to love? Tune in to the NBC networks beginning Feb. 12 for two weeks of excellent international competition, according to my countdown (as I've been a little slow at writing this) now only 18 days, 7 hours and 8 minutes away.

'Cats Finish Weekend with Mixed Results

WORDS BY

Brian Quattrocchi
ASMSU Exponent

The statistics never stop rolling at MSU. This has been a very exciting week in the world of Bobcat Athletics. In the top headline, track runner Patrick Casey broke both the Big Sky Conference and the Montana State all-time record, running the mile in an altitude-adjusted 3:59.17, earning him a national rank of No. 3. The Bobcat track team's next event will be at the Mountain States Games in Pocatello, Idaho, this Saturday.

The MSU ski team hosted and invited to Big Sky Resort over the weekend with freshman Chris Barber finishing 10th overall in the men's slalom event. The Nordic ski team showed tremendous effort this weekend in the freestyle and classic races, earning them a sixth place finish at the Utah Invitational.

The men and women's ski teams will travel to Red River for the New Mexico Invitational on Friday, Feb. 5 to, hopefully, come out with the same results as last weekend.

In basketball news, the men's team slipped from the second place conference standing after a hard fought loss to Northern Colorado 74-68 as well as a loss to Northern Arizona 71-58. The men's team will hopefully try to redeem last weekend's losses when they face Idaho State on Friday, Feb. 5 and Weber State on Saturday, Feb. 6. Both of the games

will begin at Worthington Arena at 7:05 pm.

The Lady Cats got off to a rough start this last weekend starting off with a 76-64 loss to Northern Arizona Friday night. They were able to make up for their loss the next night, beating Northern Colorado 75-54. The Lady Cats will be on the road this weekend, starting off their trip in Pocatello to face Idaho State. They will then head to Ogden to face Weber State.

Bobcat tennis had a rough start this weekend in their season opener, losing 7-0 to Northern Arizona. Montana State's Corey Smith and Pawel Turzanski got the only Bobcat win of the day by winning the No. 1 doubles match. The men's tennis team will be heading to Portland to face Portland State for a chance to forget about last weekend's opening loss.

The women's tennis team dropped No. 34 Boise State in their home opener this weekend by a score of 7-0. The women's team also landed two athletes on the first-team all Big Sky list. The women will travel to Colorado Springs on Friday, Feb. 5 to face the University of Missouri Kansas City for a chance to keep up the good work.

So cheer on your Bobcats this weekend by getting down to Worthington Arena and wish your fellow student athletes luck on the road.

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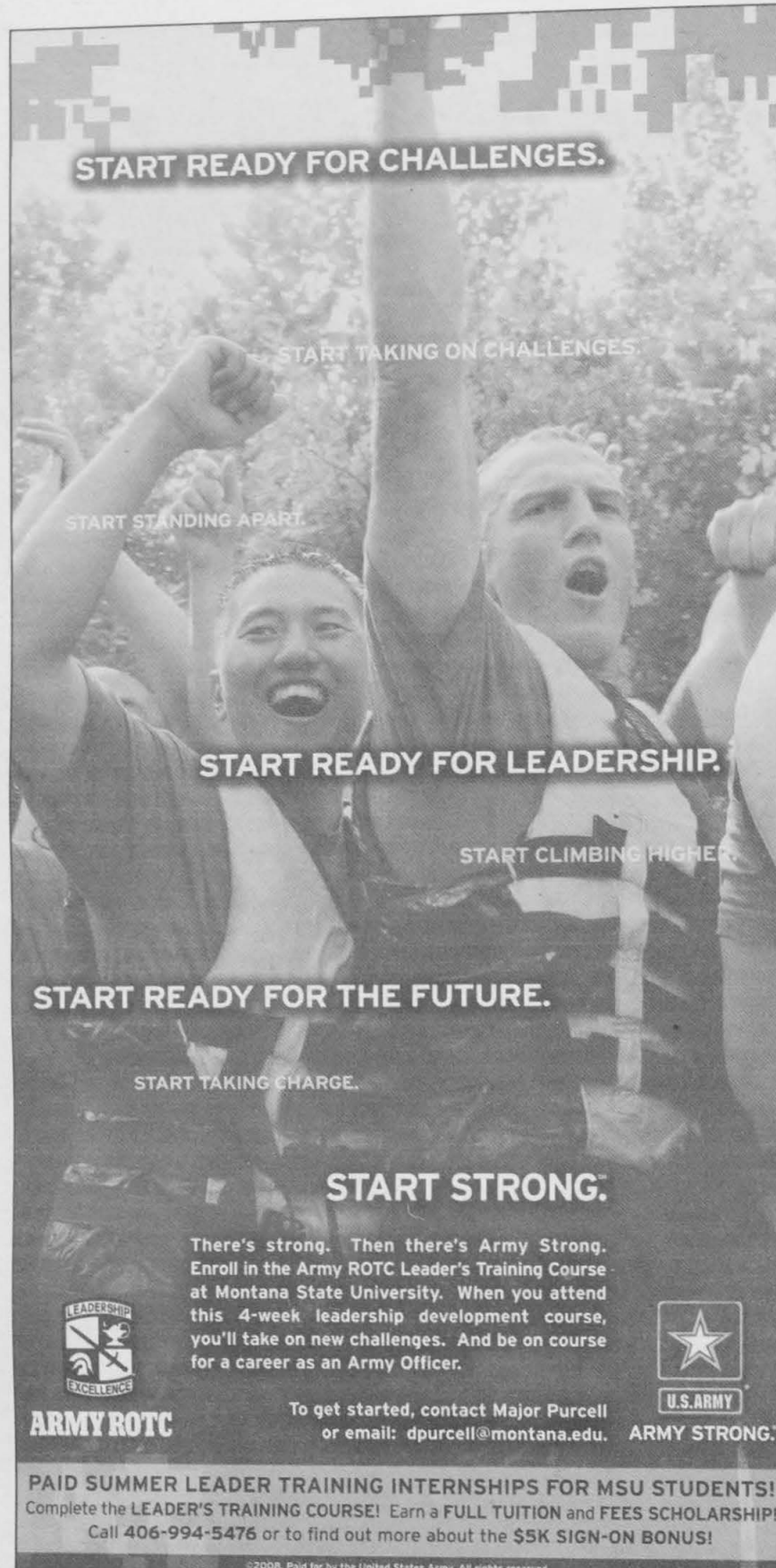
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The Greenway Range

TIRED OF SHOOTING SNOWFLAKES? STEP INSIDE...

WORDS BY
Joseph Wirtz
ASMSU Exponent

Yes it's cold out and the snow is deep, but for those of you who want to continue shooting your handguns or .22 rifles until spring, there is a great option that doesn't require braving the elements.

The Greenway Range is an indoor pistol and small-bore rifle range located at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds off West Tamarack, a 10-minute walk from Main Street or a 10-minute ride on the Streamline bus from campus. The range schedule is set up for open shooting on Thursday night from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Women's night is Monday from 7-9 p.m. when only women are allowed on the firing line. This is for .22 caliber pistols only. It's a great way for women to learn to shoot and enjoy the company of other female shooters.

Tuesday nights are small-bore rifle only nights for .22 rifle shooters to come and practice. This is a club night event, which means if you want to participate you must sign up and be a very serious shooter. Otherwise, for casual practice, come to one of the open shooting times with your .22 rifle. This means .22 short and .22 long rifles only. Please don't show up with a .22 caliber center-fire rifle. You will not be allowed to shoot.

Pistol League is on Wednesday night from 7-9 p.m. If you are interested in the Pistol League you will need to contact Andy VanOrden. His number can be found on the Greenway Range Web site at gallatin.mt.gov website. The easiest way to get to the site is to Google "Greenway Range Bozeman." The first hit will be the one you want.

Because Greenway is an indoor range, there are a couple important things to keep in mind. The only calibers that can be used at the range are .22, 9mm, .38

special, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP. Calibers in between this range are sometimes acceptable. The shells you are shooting cannot travel faster than 1,400 feet-per-second (f.p.s.) and only lead, copper clad and fragmental bullets may be used at the range. No full metal jackets.

If you are unsure about the caliber or the ammunition you want to use, the people at the range are a wealth of information and can check your ammunition and firearm before you shoot. If you are unable to find ammunition that matches the description above, Greenway sells shells at competitive prices and takes the guesswork and leg work out of trying to track down ammunition.

You might run into this problem because copper clad shells are hard to find in Bozeman. Targets are also available at the range, at a rate of seven paper targets for a dollar, as well as ear plugs would highly recommend eye protection as well when shooting to protect against ejected shell casings.

It is important if you want to learn to shoot that you know firearm and range safety. Please know how your firearm works before coming out to the range and know the basic safety steps for handling a firearm. If you want to bring a beginning shooter to the range, that's OK; they will be welcomed, though make sure they know the safety procedure for handling a firearm.

It is also important to remember that a beginning shooter will be sensitive to recoil. If you want a person to hate getting shooting really fast, let them shoot a gun that's way too big for them and then watch them cringe every time. Ask them to come with you. If you want someone to enjoy shooting with (your friend, girlfriend, wife) start them with something small like a .22 pistol. They are relatively inexpensive and ammunition is cheap (400 rounds for \$20).



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Jan. 25 Pew Poll reported that dealing with global warming placed 21st on a list of 21 major issues that those surveyed believed the government should be addressing. In fact, only 28 percent of those surveyed considered global warming a priority, with other issues, such as the economy, jobs and terrorism, taking the first three spots. It is an amusing coincidence, then, that ASMSU's Sustainability Program would trumpet its one-year anniversary in the paper just three days later.

Almost everything about ASMSU's Sustainability Program is amusing in a sarcastic, dark-humor sort of way. Passed with 62 percent of the vote in an election with 24 percent voter turnout, the Sustainability Program was instantly and correctly touted to be a mandate for change on campus. As a result, the program took its \$3.50 per student, rounded up to \$70,000 dollars that resulted and expended it.

The question then becomes: When global warming is finally over and all this expense is proven to be part of a hoax, how will the students get the money back?

For those with a cult-like clinging to global warming, there are other questions in the meantime. First and foremost, why is the sustainability program monetarily self-sufficient? Money is a direct measure of the energy involved in production or in orchestration, so the most energy efficient course of action tends to be the cheapest action.

Since MSU pays \$27 a ton on landfill fees, it would seem that landfills are currently the most energy efficient option as well. Bozeman, after all, is not energy developed, and there is a substantial amount of unused land in the Gallatin Valley, which means trash in well-maintained landfills tends to be cheaper than recycling.

Equally important and more baffling

is the question of why -- if this is such an important and money-saving solution -- the school would pawn it off on immature, inexperienced college students. The recycling program at the University of Montana is run by Facilities Services, whereas Montana State's relies on the student government.

UM's solution is the obvious one, if a solution were needed. Facilities Services is trained, equipped and funded for exactly the scope of a sustainability program Montana State is aiming for. However, Montana State did not volunteer to implement the program.

There are a few possible reasons. One is that Montana State is entirely uninterested in sustainability. Based on previous claims and actions, that would not seem to be the case. The more probable possibility is that Montana State saw an opportunity to earn kudos from the environmental community while avoiding any fallout from the incompetence or irresponsibility of the students it put in charge. In fact, Montana State's administration would not even be culpable in the fee increase, as it was proposed, lobbied for and passed by students.

Montana State has a unique opportunity this semester to rectify a serious mistake. With the departure of President Geoff Gamble -- who heavily supported student involvement -- President Cruzado has an opportunity to curtail the wanton irresponsibility and naïveté of ASMSU. A simple, informal audit, coupled with a look at voter turnout, would suffice to determine the extent to which ASMSU has fallen short of adequacy in the matter of student government. There is no reason this organization should have expenses exceeding \$1.50, let alone \$1.50 million.

MSU's Sustainability Program, in short, is a waste of money. In the hands of the university, it could possibly be revenue neutral or at least somewhat more innocuous. In the hands of ASMSU, this program is a disaster and a money pit dreamed up by the Senate's substantial NECO wing, and it should be eliminated.

What Does Leadership Look Like?

WORDS BY
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ASMSU Exponent

Students of the American public education system are steeped in the histories of our mythic heroes who have transformed American life throughout their most transformative years of school.

The paradigm of the second-grade play, where each student dresses up like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln or one of the Roosevelts and gives a quick one liner of information about their respective character, has undeniably stuck with us into our adult lives. Not in the sense that we all have a very naïve image of our American leaders -- at some point we learn that Ben Franklin had an affinity for French women in the same way that Thomas Jefferson did for his slaves -- but rather, even in light of their fallibility, this American leader myth has remained ingrained in our common consciousness, where a certain reverence is reserved for the greatest American leaders of our past.

How do we actively identify leadership? We recognize that there are certain inalienable qualities that gloss over the rough edges of various American leaders. George Washington was known for his absolute loyalty to the United States of America, to the point where he initially turned down a salary for the position of president and stepped down after two terms so as to set a precedent in avoiding an extended, imperialistic presidential office and to emphasize the importance of selfless service.

Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president and a political moderate, surrounded himself with his political opposition, filling his cabinet with those who would not solely oppose his view for the sake of disagreement, but rather provide a valuably balanced perspective on policy. In the spirit of international altruism and duty, John F. Kennedy emphasized equitable foreign and domestic policy: "... whether you are citizens of America or citizens of the world, ask of us here the same high standards of strength and sacrifice which we ask of you."

If any of these qualities were present in a contemporary politician's persona and actions, would we be able to see

them through our respective politicized biases? We recognize that the hardest form of American leadership is having the courage to make decisions in a selfless fashion that might not be politically popular at the moment, decisions that outlast the attention spans of the CNN talking heads and the daily popularity polls.

We recognize that American leadership is not tolerating, but embracing opposing opinions, and unequivocally we see that American leadership is an active humility and honor that concurrently equates to a realistic and human approach to both domestic and international policy.

In his first State of the Union Address, President Obama discussed the unpopularity and uncertainty of reform, both economic and healthcare, and the necessity catalyzing economic growth and the need for equity to promote the "general welfare" of the people of the United States that the Constitution so explicitly calls for.

The president not only emphasized the need to incorporate alternative political approaches, but has actively pursued them in the days following the speech, in which Obama engaged the Republican Party's retreat in an unprecedented and advantageous manner.

Finally, in a recurring theme of his campaign and presidency, Obama has embraced the integrity of his word in that he has called on not only the American public, but the world's citizens to embrace the change that we all desire through public service, education and hard work.

In his speech last Wednesday, President Barack Hussein Obama delivered his first State of the Union Address. It was well over an hour long, and Obama addressed economic reform, educational support, deficit reduction, international aid and assistance for the middle class in a way that didn't come as empty words from a politician, but rather commitments from a man who emphasizes American ideals above all, a man who takes responsibility for the shortfalls of his first year and is setting the path for the next.

If we could envision an American leader, would he look anything like Obama?

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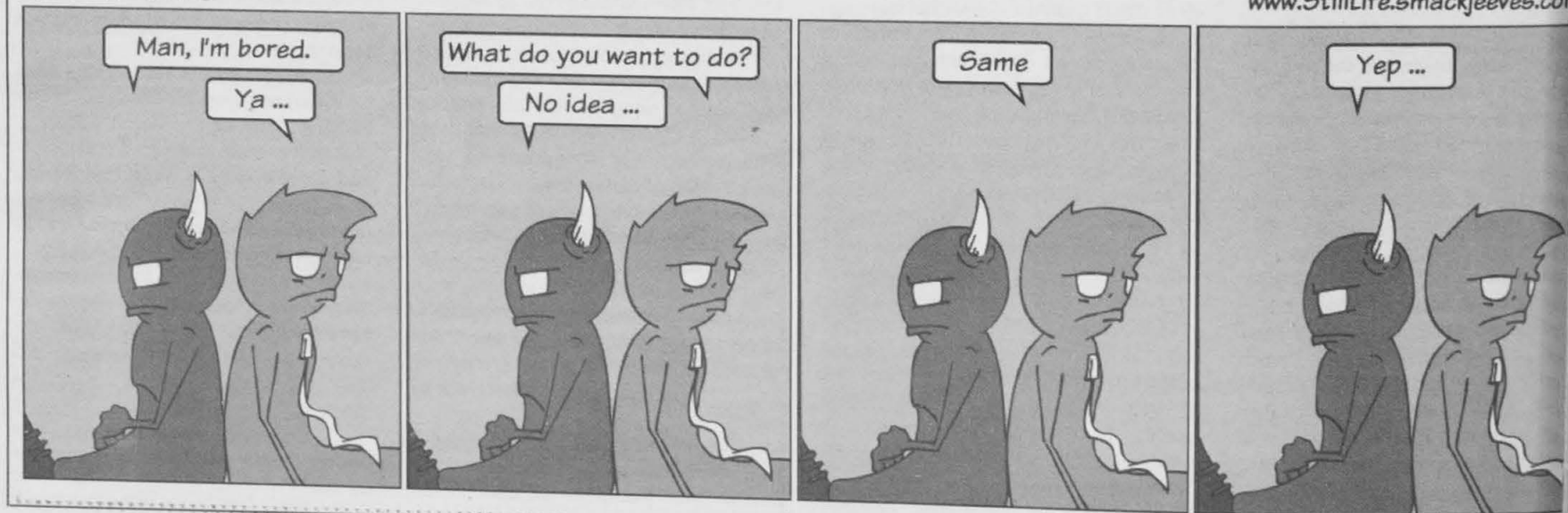
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Dear Sherlock,

Mike Tarrant's observations
week with a resounding "Hell
in my head. I agree whole-
heartedly that girls who act dumb
are totally unattractive, and I wish
I could talk about marginal
girls with more girls, or be able to
explain the uncertainties of quan-
tum mechanics. Why can't girls
see that the best way to attract
a guy is to show how smart and at-
tractive they are?

-Eugene B.

Eugene, Eugene, Eugene,
you don't socialize much do you?
If you did, you would realize that your
opinions are based on the erroneous idea that
being smart is attractive and polite.
Quite the contrary, it can be off-putting,
and in no way "sexy." A truly intel-
ligent person whose goal is to attract a
guy would even start an engaging conver-
sation and would realize that boasting and
showing off his intelligence is the least
attractive thing that he can do.
It is true that I never miss an oppor-
tunity to reveal my brilliance to every-
one in the room when I explain how I
solved a case or when I tell people about
my latest Apple purchase. I fully realize
how much of an arrogant ass I come off
when I tell people how inferior their
abilities are to my own. And frankly,
I don't give an atomic mass unit because
I'm a genius and even if there were a
million of comparable intellect to mine, I
would rather spend my time challenging
them by solving mysteries.
That's just how I roll. However, if I
were a college-aged male of moderately
high IQ looking to socialize with females,

I would try a different tactic.

Now there is a time and a place for
everything. If you are at a department
party or with a few of your peers that are
in the same class, then by all means talk
about the latest research being done in
your field. Perhaps you can break out a
couple of rock glasses and some scotch.
Do not, however, try to test if a girl is
smart enough to "deserve" your atten-
tion by discussing all the amazing things
you know.

In other words, don't show off your
medals of intelligence to any girls you
meet. Actually, if you won some medals
that would be pretty cool, but you know
what I mean.

Talking about intelligent things is not
the same as actually being smart. In fact,
a truly intelligent conversation does not
have to have anything to do with throw-
ing around big words or flexing your
mental prowess. A smart conversation is
one in which he can look past her Uggs
and she can look past his acne and both
show an interest in each other and main-
tain a level of kindness and humility. The
best part is, neither of you have to have
nearly as high of an IQ as you pretend
to.

If you think about it, acting dumber
than you are can be attractive, because
it shows that you are smart enough not
to presume that everyone else has the
same relative knowledge base. Next time
you start up a conversation with a cute
girl, pretend for a second that you don't
know a bunch of upper-division, major-
specific jargon, and just see how it goes.

You might find that, even though
she's wearing makeup and a poofy par-
ka, it turns out that she's not just some
tart playing mind games to get into some
nerd's pants. In fact, I'll guarantee that is
not the case. Because I'm brilliant.

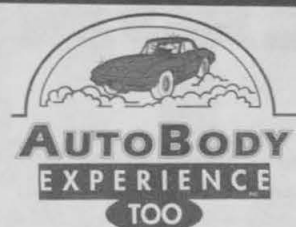
Cheers,
Sherlock Holmes

A WINNING TEAM!



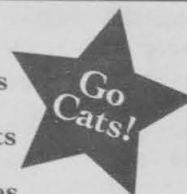
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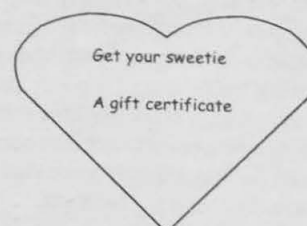
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