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Dear Editor,

Butt exposure seems to be the overwhelming activity in March and April every year on the MSU campus. Yes, there are other items being exposed, but the BUTT rules.

I was never informed that there was a snow monster that ate and digested litter. He must exist because those who litter (especially smokers) seem to think the snow will hide their littering. Maybe they hope the snow monster will digest

their litter, especially their butts.

It is apparent that the litter-eating snow monster has a problem with this diet, because as the snow melts, exposure of his rejection is more than noticeable.

As law abiding students, faculty and staff of MSU, maybe we should change the monsters diet to a more natural one: grass, dirt, flowers and fertilizer.

Melinda Peirce

MSU Student/Environmental Studies

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- Arthur Balfour

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NEWS

Q & A with President Cruzado

PART THREE OF THREE: RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND HEALTHY DEBATE

COMPILED BY
Joy Dale
ASMSU Exponent

On Feb. 17, several Exponent staff members had the opportunity to interview MSU's new president, Dr. Waded Cruzado, questioning her on a number of issues ranging from the proposed budget cuts to her emphasis on an open decision-making process.

Due to the interview's length and the breadth of topics discussed, we decided to print excerpts of the conversation over the course of several editions. This week: Cruzado talks about budget cuts' silver lining and her perspective on debate over making MSU's campus tobacco-free.

Looking through the accreditation report which was published recently, it seems like one of the recurring themes is the idea that limited funding is going to hamper MSU's future success. To what extent do you think that will be the case?

I think the accreditation report presents us with the opportunity to ask ourselves, "How can we find a better balance between the growing needs of the university and the available resources?" To that effect, of course, we will have to identify ways in which we can manage our university in a more efficient manner. Sometimes moments like this of economic difficulty provide us with the platform of urgency and great opportunities to think in new and creative manners. That's the positive outlook I hope we will be able to keep.

The accreditation report also discusses how, as resources become more limited in the coming years, there may be growing tension between research and education. Do you think that's a true conflict? What

is your strategy for balancing them?

Well, I think that again, in a land grant university, research compliments teaching and vice versa. I don't see it as a tension, but rather as a great opportunity to find how one can complement the other. Our students want to have teaching experiences that are of great quality. One of the best ways we can accomplish that is by providing our faculty members with great opportunities to be involved in research and for them to invite students to be a part of the research component. It goes back to what I mentioned at the beginning--that opportunity that Montana State University affords. You as an undergraduate student can be directly involved in a hands-on, direct research experience with colleagues and with our faculty members. It's education with a capital 'E'.

How sympathetic are you to the current push to make MSU's campus tobacco-free?

As I have mentioned before, I have not received any final determination about this and until that moment, I prefer not to get in the way of healthy debate. And

"Sometimes moments like this of economic difficulty provide us with the platform of urgency and great opportunities to think in new and creative manners."

— President Waded Cruzado

again that's a great opportunity for our students to have a teachable moment. If I come ahead of the game and declare one thing or another, then I will be suffocating the ideas, the dialogue, the conversation that needs to take place. I want our students to participate and to gain a rich experience when they explore the different aspects of that issue.



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Fee Money Divided Between Student Organizations

WORDS BY
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The Funding Board allocated nearly \$42,000 for fiscal year 2011 to 19 student organizations on Wednesday, Mar. 3. Comprised of two ASMSU senators and three students-at-large, the Funding Board reviewed applications from 27 student organizations.

Funding for the Office of Student Activities is generated through a \$3 per semester student fee. Each spring the Funding Board disburses two-thirds of these funds to student organizations for the next fiscal year. The remaining one-third of funds is disbursed by the Office of Student Activities throughout the year on a first-come first-serve basis.

Qualifying student organizations must be registered with the Office of Student Activities and have open enrollment. Other factors in consideration

include the budget history, whether organization may be departmentally funded, and how the requested funds will be spent.

At Wednesday's meeting, Patty Skeep, the director of the Office of Student Activities, and the Funding Board denied funding to eight student organizations due to an overwhelming increase of applications. The total requested amounted to over \$110,000, more than twice the Funding Board's 2011 budget.

Three of the denied organizations qualified for departmental funding. The 450th Cadet Wing does not have open enrollment, and the Institute of Industrial Engineers had an incomplete application. AdvoCats requested \$3,000 for travel expenses to recruit prospective MSU students, according to Inskel, but was turned down because the Office of Admissions already provides this service.

450th Cadet Wing

Requested Allocation: \$3135.00

Amount Approved: \$0.00

AdvoCats

Requested Allocation: \$3,000.00

Amount Approved: \$0.00

Bozeman Model United Nations

Requested Allocation: \$3,692.00

Amount Approved: \$0

Climbing Competitors Club

Requested Allocation: \$3,400.00

Amount Approved: \$0

Club Tennis of MSU

Requested Allocation: N/A

Amount Approved: \$1,250.00

Club Baseball

Requested Allocation: \$8,770.00

Amount Approved: \$3,000.00

Cycling Club

Requested Allocation: \$9,270.21

Amount Approved: \$4,000.00

Engineers Without Borders

Requested Allocation: \$6,500.00

Amount Approved: \$3,500

Exercise Science Club

Requested Allocation: \$3,220.00

Amount Approved: \$2,000.00

Friends of Local Foods

Requested Allocation: \$3,000.00

Amount Approved: \$3,000.00

Graduate Human Performance

Requested Allocation: \$11,300.00

Amount Approved: \$1,650.00

Hockey Club of MSU

Requested Allocation: \$12,910.00

Amount Approved: \$5,030.00

Indian Student Association

Requested Allocation: \$3,100.00

Amount Approved: \$2,000.00

Institute of Industrial Engineers

Requested Allocation: \$2,100.00

Amount Approved: \$0.00

Land Resources and Environmental Sciences

Requested Allocation: \$3,120.00

Amount Approved: \$0.00

Men's Lacrosse

Requested Allocation: \$3,500.00

Amount Approved: \$3,500.00

Metals Guild

Requested Allocation: \$5,580.00

Amount Approved: \$1,530.00

NECO

Requested Allocation: \$4,000.00

Amount Approved: \$1,050.00

Order of Omega

Requested Allocation: \$1,560.00

Amount Approved: \$0.00

Philosophy Society

Requested Allocation: \$4,000.00

Amount Approved: \$1,500.00

Rugby Club

Requested Allocation: \$1,621.60

Amount Approved: \$1,600.00

Science and Natural History Film

Requested Allocation: \$3,040.00

Amount Approved: \$0.00

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Requested Allocation: \$3,090.00

Amount Approved: \$1,000.00

Student Alumni Association

Requested Allocation: \$3,290.00

Amount Approved: \$2,790.00

Students for Danforth Park

Requested Allocation: \$1,775.00

Amount Approved: \$1,000.00

University Honors Student Forum

Requested Allocation: \$1,260.00

Amount Approved: \$0.00

Vert-I-Go

Requested Allocation: \$3,600.00

Amount Approved: \$1,850.00

Condom Fashion Show Promotes Safe Sex

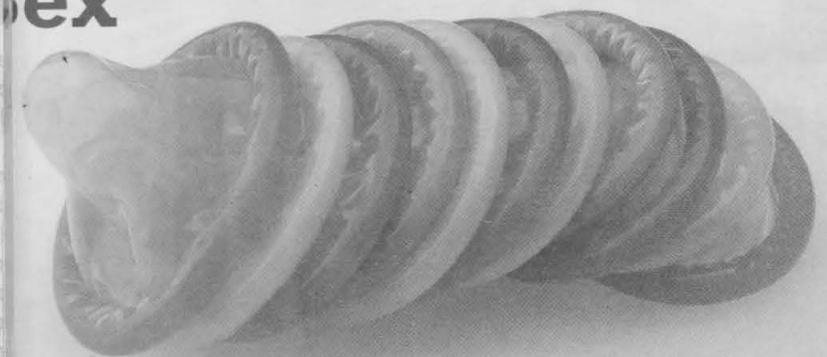


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WORDS BY
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Twenty-two models at the Latex and Condom Fashion Show strutted up and down the catwalk to whistles and cheers from the audience in unique costumes composed of condoms on Friday, March 5. ASMSU Health Promotions Coordinator Greg Fulp said that the idea originated at the MSU Women's Center and the Student Health Clinic as a way to educate people in contraception methods and make them less of a "taboo subject." Fulp said Trent Jones, an emcee at the show, explained that similar shows have taken place in China to encourage population control, and colleges in South Carolina and Oregon have also held similar events. There was a lot of interest in the show and, while mainly student groups participated, others also took part. Latex costumes were constructed with tightly coiled or unwound condoms of various colors, and designers took on numer-

ous themes, from pirates to balloons to fashions that could have come from New York or Paris. Fifteen thousand condoms were used in the show, an average of 600-700 on each costume.

Behind stage, designers fit models into their costumes, and students from

15,000

NUMBER OF CONDOMS USED IN THE SHOW

Bozeman's Academy of Cosmetology provided hairdressing. In the audience, the chairs filled quickly, and only standing room was left. Individuals from all parts of campus were present; even some high school students were in attendance.

"It looks like we will have to grow," Fulp said. "It's been crazy," he added, but he and others hope that the condom fashion show will be held again next year.

DISTRACTIONS

Wanna' Get Sweaty? Head To Bikram's Hot Yoga

WORDS BY
Codie Wyers
ASMSU Exponent

Lots of sweating and lots of stretching: That is what Bikram's Hot Yoga is all about. While getting my hair done a couple weeks ago, I heard about Bikram's and was told it was intense because you are in a heated room, similar to a sauna just a bit bigger, for 90 minutes and you do a couple sets of 26 yoga poses.

I was a little hesitant at first, but after talking to a few people who had also done Bikram's, they all had said the same thing; that after the class their bodies felt amazing. After hearing all this I drank a lot of water and headed to my first class; it was a great experience, and now I am signed up for 30 days.

The instructors are very nice and helpful, and the room is hot but the heat has so many benefits. First of all, the heated room warms your muscles and allows for you to work your body in a deeper, safer way. It prevents injuries and promotes a lot of sweating which flushes toxins out of your body.

Each of the 26 poses does something healthy for a different part of your body. For example, the Tree pose increases hip and knee mobility, releases abdominal tension, and reduces inflammation in

the lower back. These 26 exercises move fresh oxygenated blood throughout your entire body.

Anyone can join Bikram's Yoga; there is no pressure to do every pose, just to do what your body can handle. Bikram's Yoga studio runs Monday through Sunday with morning, afternoon and night classes. The website is very informative and has the schedule with times and dates: <http://www.bikramyogabozeaman.org/index.html>. A yoga mat is needed; they have them at the studio to rent for two dollars or you can bring your own. If it is your first time it is good to show up fifteen minutes early too.

Bikram's Yoga in Bozeman is a non-profit organization and all the instructors are certified. The actual studio was built with as many eco-friendly materials as possible; it is very welcoming and peaceful. There are guys and girls locker rooms, and each has a couple showers to rinse off afterwards. The studio is located at 705 E. Mendenhall.

I would recommend Bikram's Yoga to anyone. I absolutely love it. After only going to a week's worth of classes, I can already feel the difference in my body. It is an intense workout, and afterwards you feel like you have just stepped out of a shower, but the relaxation and workout makes it more than worth it.



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Check Out The World Premier of Local Movie "Where The DJs Roam"



A fundraiser to benefit KGLT will take place Thursday, March 18, at the Emerson's Crawford Theater. The Bozeman Film Festival and KGLT are proud to screen the World Premiere of "Where The DJs Roam," a documentary by filmmaker Keith Lockwood. This long anticipated documentary chronicles the history of alternative radio station KGLT and its unique place in history in the small mountain community of Bozeman.

Ten years in the making, the film provides a unique perspective into the challenges of maintaining a listener-supported radio station in the midst of corporate consolidation and university politics. Weaving interviews with KGLT founding staff, local DJs and special guests, this film event sets the stage for the KGLT weeklong fundraiser, which kicks off the last week of March. All proceeds from the film go to keeping the dream alive for KGLT. The film screens at 6:30 pm Thursday, March 18. Suggested donation is \$10 at the door.

Bridger Bowl's Fourth Annual Point And Chute Videos Need Your Votes



As Bridger Bowl's season winds down this year's Point and Chute entries are just getting ready for the audience's review and votes. The Fourth Annual Point And Chute Video Competition will be Saturday, March 20.

This unique competition combines the local mountain with local filmmakers and the entire community. Videos must be submitted by March 15, no lon-

ger than seven minutes, and only contain footage from within Bridger Bowl's boundary and operating season.

The entries will be collected and on Saturday, March 20, the films will be shown in the Jim Bridger Lodge at 5 p.m. The audience will vote for an overall favorite and top three films in different categories, all of which will be awarded prizes.

There will also be door prizes for the audience and likely, warm weather (all March has given us so far, unfortunately), lovely patio seating and sunset views if you need a break from all the ski footage. If you're not going anywhere for spring break, or will be back early, head up to Bridger for some spring turns and local footage of local skiers.

Brother Ali Makes Bozeman His Second Stop On Spring Tour



This spring, acclaimed Minneapolis rapper Brother Ali will set out on his second extensive North American tour in support of his latest album, "Us." The tour, called the "Breakin' Dawn Tour," also features one of the biggest new hip-hop acts to break out in 2009, California-based MC, Fashawn.

The trek starts in Fargo, N.D., with the second stop in Bozeman, on Wednesday, March 31, at the Zebra Cocktail Lounge. Ali will then wind his way through Canada and hit new cities in the southern and eastern regions of America; an ambitious task, but nothing new for the dedicated and laborious Rhymesayers wordsmith -- a true testament to the dedication and reach of his fans, who cannot get enough.

Ali's heavy sound and thought-provoking rhymes have created a high demand from listeners from the farthest reaches of the continent. Now even more fans will have a chance to see this legend live. Upon completion of these dates, Brother Ali will have played a total of 77 North American cities in support of "Us," which Pitchfork called "the most deeply thought-provoking work of Brother Ali's career."

Darker, Scarier, and Just As Strange As Carroll's SEE IT



WORDS BY
Lexie Lamothe
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Lewis Carroll didn't know what a phenomenon he was creating when he wrote "Alice in Wonderland." Director Tim Burton took the classic and turned it into his own. Alice is all grown up and having very strange dreams about being in Wonderland. She can't recollect if it is just a dream or if she experienced this magical land when she was a child. During her engagement ball, she follows the White Rabbit into the garden and falls down the hole, back into the magical world.

The Red Queen is played by Helena Bonham Carter ("Fight Club," "Harry Potter"). She has taken over Wonderland by overthrowing her sister, the White Queen, from the throne. Wonderland is a much darker, scarier place now that she's in charge. Whoever upsets the Queen is captured and it's "off with their head!" The cards in Burton's version are more robotic looking, and travel in swarms. The White Queen is played by Anne Hathaway ("Princess Diaries," "The Devil wears Prada") and she is very elegant, with a comical air to her.

Johnny Depp shines again in another Burton film, this time taking on the role of the Mad Hatter. He is just as wacky as predicted, with brilliant green eyes and flaming red hair. Though the background behind the character is deeper than can be seen. Carroll created the character with a range of different emotions and characteristics. Burton plays off the original form, and Depp immersed him-

self completely in the role. His relationship with Alice (Mia Wasikowska) in the film is much more intimate than in the animated Disney movie.

This Wonderland is still full of all the original characters, including Flowers, the Dormouse, the Cheshire and the ever-popular Caterpillar. The animation for all these characters is done and the 3-D experience heightens the work.

Visually, the movie is top notch very exciting. Wonderland is a dim place but very vivid at the same time. Burton created a place that is beyond what is expected. The characters are more colorful and full of spunk than imaginable. Wonderland itself is full of surprises.

Since the story is different the second time around, there are also new plot twists and turns. Alice is commanded to kill the Jabberwocky, but must escape the Queen's Knave and army of army cards. The Knave takes the Hatter into custody, and Alice must also save her friend. Alice is captured as well, and seems like there is no hope of escape. beheading. The two must work together to figure out a way to the Queen's heart.

The movie is well done and beautifully animated. Depp and Burton really quite the team in creating these zany, bizarre movies, and this one is no exception. Wonderland has been transformed forever into a Burton masterpiece. As the Hatter says, "There is a place. No place on Earth. A land full of wonder, mystery, and danger! Some say to live it: You need to be as mad as a hatter."



The Cat Calendar

COMPILED BY
Katie Sharp

03 11
THURSDAY

CHILI BOWL SALE

WHERE: MSU Ceramics Studio in Haynes Hall
WHAT: The Ceramics Guild of MSU will host its annual Chili Bowl Sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSU ceramics studio in Haynes Hall. The student-made bowls are for sale for \$15 each. The chili is free to anyone who buys a bowl. The chili bowl fundraiser supports students who will attend the annual ceramics conference in Philadelphia.

BOBCAT BASKETBALL (WOMEN)

WHERE: Brick Breeden Field House
WHAT: The Bobcat women's basketball team is scheduled to compete in the Big Sky tournament.

THE MAINSTREET SHOW

WHERE: Danforth Gallery
WHAT: "The Mainstreet Show" returns to the Danforth Gallery, the place where it first debuted over 30 years ago. The line up includes regulars Mike Devine, Greg Keeler and Deb Corbett, and features special guests Mike Art, Marc Beaudin, Scott Boehler, Buff Brown, Bill Devine, Ray Erickson, Mike Parsons, Rich Guggles, Ric and Linda Steinke, Linda Svendsen and the Haywire Choir. "The Mainstreet Show" is a delightful and unique variety show combining music, poetry, comedy and so much more. Both shows will be at The Danforth Gallery and will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available in advance at Sax and Fryer in Livingston and Sola Café in Bozeman, or at the door for a cost of \$12 for Danforth members and \$10 for students.

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MONDAY

BOBCAT TENNIS (MEN)

WHERE: Azusa, Calif.
WHAT: At 2 p.m. the Bobcat men's tennis team will play Azusa Pacific.

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FRIDAY

LUNA CHIX SKI/RISE

WHERE: Bridger Bowl
WHAT: Team LUNA Chix announces group ski/ride day for women at Bridger Bowl. Meet at the base of the Pierre's Knob lift at 1 p.m. Skiers and riders of all levels are welcome. Lift ticket and instruction are not included.

MSU FRIDAY

WHERE: MSU Campus
WHAT: Montana State University will open its campus, classrooms and activities to potential students during MSU Friday, the university's campus visitation program. MSU Friday is a free event open to all high school juniors and seniors and their families. Among the many MSU Friday activities scheduled are campus tours, sample classes taught by some of MSU's best professors, meetings with academic departments and a display of organizations and special services. There will also be presentations about special programs, scholarships and financing a college education. Panels for parents and students are scheduled.

BOBCAT TRACK AND FIELD

WHERE: Fayetteville, Ark.
WHAT: The Bobcat men's and women's track and field teams will compete in the NCAA Indoor National Track and Field Championships.

BOBCAT TENNIS (WOMEN)

WHERE: Missoula, Mont.
WHAT: At 2 p.m. the 'Cats will play Gonzaga.

03 16
TUESDAY

BOBCAT TENNIS (MEN)

WHERE: Los Angeles, Calif.
WHAT: The Bobcat men's tennis team will play Loyola Marymount at 1:30 p.m.

SUSTAINING YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK: A 138 YEAR JOURNEY

WHERE: Baxter Hotel
WHAT: Jim Evanoff, Environmental Protection Specialist for the park, will speak on the challenges and successes of Yellowstone's unique environmental programs. Mr. Evanoff has been stationed at Yellowstone since 1988 and has been instrumental in integrating strategies for "green" initiatives into environmental stewardship at Yellowstone Park. The event is free and begins at 7 p.m.

THE GUIDANCE WITHIN: AN UNTAPPED RESOURCE

WHERE: Bozeman Public Library
WHAT: Sue Stodola will present "The Guidance Within: An Untapped Resource -- How to Access Your Intuition and Apply it to Daily Life" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. What is your heart telling you? How often do you hear what it says and follow its intuitive guidance? Many people listen to the heart only under certain circumstances, perhaps when engaged in artistic or creative activities. But when it comes to logical or practical activities, the heart isn't consulted. And if you do hear your heart, its message is usually dismissed because it "seems" impractical. Visit Sue Stodola's presentation and find your heart's intuitive guidance.

03 13
SATURDAY

BOBCAT TENNIS (WOMEN)

WHERE: Missoula, Mont.
WHAT: The Bobcat women's tennis team will compete against rival the University of Montana at 10 a.m.

WILDERNESS MEDICINE COURSES

WHERE: Bozeman, Mont.
WHAT: A series of Wilderness Medicine courses will be sponsored through the ASMSU Outdoor Recreation Program of Montana State University. All courses will be conducted by Aerie Backcountry Medicine. The offerings will include: Wilderness First Responder which will be held March 13 through 21, WFR Refresher on March 27 and 28 and Wilderness First Aid on March 27 and 28. An optional CPR certification will offered on March 26. The wilderness medicine curriculum is designed to prepare participants to deal with emergency situations that may involve prolonged patient care in severe environments with improvised equipment. Registration information and further details may be obtained by contacting Aerie Backcountry Medicine at 406-542-9972 or www.aeriemedicine.com

03 17
WEDNESDAY

THE DIRTY SHAME

WHERE: Murray Bar
WHAT: The Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade ever will begin at 6 p.m.! At 8 p.m., the Dirty Shame struts in with what's sure to be a high-energy experience. Dirty Shame shows take audiences from two-stepping waltzes to straight-ahead rock and roll. Their sets are steeped heavily in outlaw country classics by Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash, with some newer selections by bands like Uncle Tupelo, Hank III, and Whiskeytown. This fine selection of enjoyable covers is interwoven with highly conceptualized original music that is as fun to listen to as it is to dance to.

BLACKHOUNDS AND DESTROY THE MAP

WHERE: Filling Station
WHAT: On Saint Paddy's Day, The Blackhounds from Salt Lake City bring their blend of power pop punk and heart on their sleeve rock and roll to town. Opening this great night of music are locals Destroy the Map. Come down and get yourself some green beer at The Filler!

LADIES NIGHT WITH DJ BONES

WHERE: Zebra Cocktail Lounge
WHAT: Ladies night with DJ Bones begins at 7 p.m.

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SUNDAY

BOBCAT TENNIS (MEN)

WHERE: Riverside, Calif.
WHAT: The Bobcat men's tennis team will match up against UC Riverside at noon.

DUAL SLALOM RACE

WHERE: Bridger Bowl
WHAT: There will be a dual slalom race at 12 p.m.

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THURSDAY

BOBCAT GOLF (WOMEN)

WHERE: Des Moines, Iowa
WHAT: The Bobcat women's golf team is scheduled to compete in the Drake University Invite. The match will extend until Saturday, Mar. 20.

COMEDY DEATH MATCH

WHERE: Equinox Theater
WHAT: Ongoing performances of Equinox Comedy Death Match Thursdays, once a month at 8 p.m. Admission is \$7. Improv comedy gladiators battle to the death!

In perspective: ASMSU's 2010 Spring Elections

FISHER AND DIEHL WIN ASMSU PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Derek Brouwer

1331

Ballots Cast

13.5%

Voter Turnout



"I came to MSU thinking, 'what can MSU do for me?' ... By now I've learned, 'what can I do for MSU?'"

- Eric Fisher, ASMSU President-Elect

Long-time senator Eric Fisher was elected by the student body on Wednesday as ASMSU's next president, receiving 58 percent of around 1300 votes cast. Opponent Mark Eggensperger and running mate Eric Brown received 42 percent of the vote.

Fisher stood on his "broad experience across campus" as a student athlete, ASMSU senator, and orientation leader to campaign on a platform of continuing what he considers ASMSU's recent progress and promoting school spirit and tradition.

Fisher is a senior majoring in Health Enhancement and will begin pursuing a Masters degree next year while resident. His running mate, Amanda Diehl, is a junior in Health Promotion and ASMSU's current Community Involvement Director.

During the presidential debates, Fisher also stressed his ability to foster communication between the student body and administration. Asked about his interactions with current administrative employees, Fisher pointed to relationships he has with several faculty, saying that he's, "developed a very positive relationship" with all the administrators he has known.

Much of the public discussion before the election among presidential and senatorial candidates centered upon a perceived need for ASMSU to better connect with students. "There is definitely a lack of student involvement," said VP candidate Eric Brown at the first presidential debate.

Fisher then agreed, stating that there is, "not enough awareness and promotion of what students can accomplish by getting involved in ASMSU and MSU in general," and proposing improved communication with students as a solution. When asked by the moderator to provide an example of how they would increase student involvement on campus, Diehl noted the importance of using word of mouth to increase awareness.

Opponents Eggensperger and Brown ran on a platform of taking ASMSU services "to the next level." At Monday's debate, Fisher disagreed with their stance, instead arguing that "it's more an issue of bringing students to the next level." He added that "ASMSU is already accomplishing a lot of good things. The students just don't know about it."

Election Turnout

13.5 percent of students voted in the presidential election, the lowest turnout for an ASMSU Spring elec-

tion in the past five years. This year's turnout comes despite Elections Committee Chair Amanda Anguiano's judgment that "students have had a greater opportunity to become aware of their role in ASMSU and the elections."

With four initial presidential candidates, the election cycle featured the first presidential primary election since 2004, according to ASMSU Office Manager Colleen Lindner. Primary voting, held on Mar. 2, had a turnout of 9.7 percent. Given the short notice and unusual nature of the primary, Anguiano commented, "I think one in 10 is a good turnout."

ASMSU went to substantial effort to promote voting for the Mar. 9-10 election, advertising on the MSU homepage and at events such as the condom fashion show. The MSU Leadership Institute helped to organize and moderate both presidential debates and posted them online for students to read. The online versions of the debates, hosted at vimeo.com, have received over 200 views.

Campus Entertainment - the ASMSU division headed by presidential candidate Mark Eggensperger - also sponsored a get out and vote event on Mar. 9 featuring YouTube sensation Judson Laipply.

Though ASMSU election turnout is historically less than one-fifth of eligible voters, many familiar with student government say ASMSU does comparatively well. "I don't think ASMSU is ever very satisfied with election turnouts, but in reality ASMSU does a relatively decent job of getting students to vote," said the Senate's President Pro-Tempore Justin Folsom after the primary. "We need to always continue to work at building interest in elections, but I am very happy with the efforts our election chair has taken this spring."

In elections such as those of ASMSU, which are typically separated by margins of a few hundred votes or fewer, getting friends and supporters to the polls can have a significant impact.

Opponents Eggensperger and Brown seemed to suggest at Monday's debate that this kind of social networking may have influenced the primary election results. When asked to name his opponent's strengths, Eggensperger responded by saying that Fisher has done a better job of making connections with more people around campus. "Eric Fisher has more Facebook friends than anyone I've ever known," he said.

Noting that Fisher and Diehl re-

ceived about 100 more votes in primary than he and Eggensperger, Brown added that, "clearly there is correlation between the two." In general election, the margin separating the candidates was 223 votes.

Building a Future from the Past

Fisher and Diehl must now attempt to fill the shoes of outgoing presidential pair Teresa Snyder and Katy Hansen, whose performance and passion has been widely praised.

"Teresa and Katy did a phenomenal job this year," said Folsom. "Eric showed tremendous dedication, efficiently spending student dollars and in actively being the voice of the students. As a student, I couldn't be more pleased with their leadership," he said.

Carmen McSpadden, an ASMSU classified employee, said she quickly realized that Teresa and Katy were "extraordinary young women" when they were first hired at the Leadership Institute, of which McSpadden is Director. She described Snyder and Hansen as "respectful, mature, articulate, curious and tolerant" leaders who were willing to give 110 percent effort towards serving students.

Fisher and Diehl themselves admire ASMSU's outgoing leadership, they said several weeks ago in an interview with the Exponent. When asked how they plan to divide responsibility if elected, Fisher said they would use Snyder and Hansen as models. Similar to Snyder, Fisher said he would be responsible for external affairs while Diehl will use her experience within ASMSU committees to handle internal matters. "Teresa and Katy have been good role models," Fisher said.

Describing Teresa and Katy as "positive leaders" who "did a good job of facilitating the entire organization," Fisher said Wednesday night that he plans to build from their progress. "A good leader takes what people are already doing and tries to enhance it."

His first priority will be to ensure a smooth transition between administrations, Fisher said, and to establish relationships among students and administration "right away."

A year from today, Fisher said he hopes to be proud of his efforts and have something to look back on and say, "we did it."

"I came to MSU thinking, 'what can MSU do for me?'" Fisher said after the first Presidential debate, adding, "By now I've learned, 'what can I do for MSU?'"

Senate Election Winners and Their Campaign Promises

On Mar. 10, students elected 11 new ASMSU senators in all housing districts, roughly half of the total number of Senate seats. The election brings many new faces to the Senate, with only one sitting senator, Michael Capp, running for re-election. Capp was re-elected in a noncompetitive race with 221 votes.

Several districts were competitive, however. The race in the off-campus district featured 10 candidates for four seats. The Family/Grad and At-Large districts were also competitive elections. Winners serve one year terms.

Winning senators are listed below along with their goals and campaign promises given to the Exponent prior to the election:

On Campus:

Michael Capp – Capp said he will work to ensure that student fees are spent wisely and student voices are heard. He said his main goal while in office will be to improve parking lot maintenance, which he said is a safety issue.

Derrick Krueger – Communication was Krueger's campaign theme, and he offered suggestions for the Senate to better connect with students such as distributing Senate agendas via email (a la President Cruzado's Monday Morning Memo) and mailing flyers to each student.

Luke Wheeler – Wheeler said he is focused on making campus more handicap accessible, addressing its icy sidewalks, and petitioning the president to create specific smoking areas. He said he is tired of "walking through a cloud of smoke on the way to class."

Off Campus:

Kelly Schroeder – Schroeder plans on improving communication with clubs and other organizations to get a better sense of what students want.

Matt Smith – Smith told the Exponent that he wants to examine how ASMSU's reserve funds are spent to increase its value for students.

Ryan Mohr – Mohr said that informing students of ASMSU is crucial to encouraging students to become involved and offer their views.

Shelby Rogala – Rogala said she was cautious not to make false promises, but that she is interested in getting the student body motivated and would like to improve the current parking situation.

Family/Grad:

Adel Nehmeh – Adel noted the importance of "cutting down on budgets," and using his perspective as an international student to spur innovation on the Senate.

Greek:

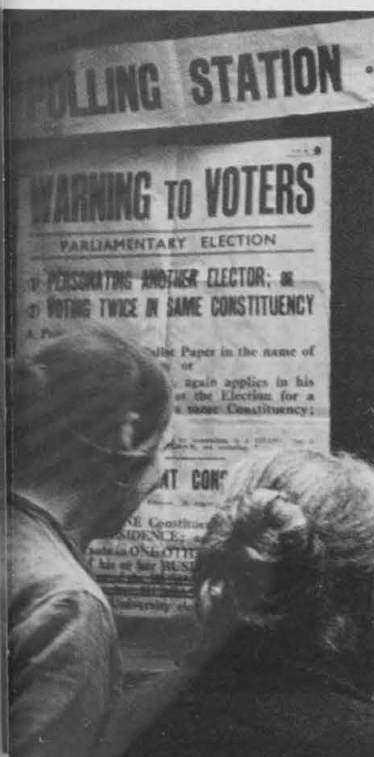
Zane Spoklie – Spoklie said he wants to make Senators' contact information public knowledge and hopes to establish online forums and blogs to establish dialogue between students and ASMSU.

At Large:

Kasey Welles – Welles said he wants to promote ethics, responsibility, "and a little less B.S."

Griffin Stevens – Stevens said he wants to improve the relationship between student organizations and ASMSU, which he sees is currently lacking when compared to other universities.

Historical Voter Turnout:



Year	Eligible Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout %
Spring 2005	11520	2121	18.40%
Fall 2005	12472	2238	17.90%
Spring 2006	11574	1573	13.60%
Fall 2006	12398	2156	17.40%
Spring 2007	11523	1937	16.80%
Fall 2007	12174	1899	15.60%
Spring 2008	11417	1709	15.00%
Fall 2008	10137	2437	24.00%
Spring 2009	9365	1566	16.70%
Fall 2009	10504	1618	15.40%
Spring 2010 Primary	9840	953	9.70%
Spring 2010 General	9840	1331	13.53%

Additional Info

Spring 05:

Activity Fee Increases
Referendum, Exponent Fee
Increase Referendum

Spring 07:

Registered Student Organization
Fee Referendum, Intramural Fee
Increase Referendum

Spring 08:

Recreational Sports & Fitness
Referendum

Fall 08:

Student Organization Fee
Referendum, Sustainability
Fee Referendum

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Rail Tales

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The Gallatin County Fairgrounds hosted the Annual Chamberlain Rail Jam over the weekend. The frisky temperatures and muddy grounds didn't stop the crowds from pouring in to catch the event. Food and drink flowed, bonfire tongues flickered at the night sky and live performances by Black Mask and GZA kept people light on their feet.



With helicopters buzzing overhead and camera crews and photographers stationed at every corner, it was a weekend to remember. Friday kicked off the preliminaries with skiers and boarders riding three rails, side by each. On Saturday, the qualifying athletes showcased their skills in the finals. Cash prizes, posters, knits, headphones, live music, a



statewide audience and down home exposure were just some of the reasons to get out and compete.

Big Sky Resort put its fingers in the mix, sponsoring the event and bringing in the rail and jib features used for the athletes. Members of Big Sky's terrain park crew, like Kevin Fischer, not only helped set up the features, but rallied in the competition as well.

Big Sky Resort is also offering a solid deal for college students, announcing a Gold Unlimited Season Pass for the 2010-2011 winter season for \$699. This discounted rate will be valid until April 30, 2010, and to top it off, the resort is also offering payment plans. \$239 secures a college pass, with the remaining balances due in June and August. Ten days on the hill would be the breakeven point for this deal. Big Sky Resort offers the longest season in the area, the Lone



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Peak Tram, quality terrain, lifts and grooming, swifty terrain park and an incredible 3,812 acres of ski terrain.

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Happy trails.

Playoff Hopes Fall to Portland State

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Worthington Arena Saturday night. Roughly 7,000 attendees, students and locals alike, all filled the Fieldhouse and presented a haunting, inescapable baritone chorus to help amp up the home squad. Not even that was enough for the 'Cats. They fell in the last seconds to a three-point shot by Portland State guard Melvin Jones to give the Vikings the 68-65 victory and a trip to the semifinals to face Northern Colorado.

No one in attendance for Saturday night's match-up between the Portland State Vikings and our Montana State Bobcats was able to escape the brutal emotion that encompassed all around the scene. There was recognizably strong, tournament-driven intensity from the first tip-off that kept the game neck and neck throughout its entirety. A six-point lead was the highest lead of the entire game until the 'Cats were able to tie it up with two back-to-back, last-minute threes to make it even before half.

There was never the question of which team wanted the win more, and throughout the game there were outstanding individual performances from both sides of the court. MSU's Bobby Howard and Danny Piepoli both scored 16 points for the 'Cats, and Erik Rush put up 13. PSU's Julius Thomas scored the game-high of 19 points while Melvin Jones added another 17 for the Vikings. This loss to Portland State marks the second consecutive time that the Vikings stole the game and ended the Bobcats' season.

Emotions were strong amongst the seniors upon the buzzing of the final evocative tone. But the animus mood came from the student body, who were more than displeased by the heartbreaking and, according to some, unjust conclusion to a season of Bobcat basketball. The crowd was explosive during those final ticks of the clock, but even more so

when the game ended. A surge of sage roars ripped through the stadium when those final whistles blew, mixed with shocked gasps and blank stares. Disbelief spread through the dome like wildfire. The awe of the last second shot combined with the bitter emotions of a confusing call by the officials made it a season conclusion that no one would have ever wanted to imagine, no true Bobcat that is.

The conference continues; yes, 1. Bobcat's season will end at 15-14 (6 conf.), and Portland State's ends Wednesday with a loss to the Weber State Wildcats. Montana rolled away with their game against Northern Arizona 81-60 on Saturday and upset the electrifying, stand-out team from Northern Colorado on Wednesday to advance. Montana and Weber State will now face each other for a bid to the 2010 NCAA Tournament and a real taste of a crazed and decadent March Madness.

For the Bobcats, the seniors will say their goodbyes and the rest of the team can only prepare for a better outcome for the next season. For the fans, who some will root for that one other Big Sky team to do their work and get the job done to earn a bid. Other true basketball fans may just watch commercialized teams play their matches throughout the tournament. But one thing is for certain; fans will continue supporting our year's remaining athletics. The women's team just finished up their last game of the season, beating Northern Arizona by a close four points on Friday to earn them a No. 6 seed in the Big Sky Championship. They will now travel to Sacramento with hopes of upsetting the number-three seeded Hornets. The winner of that game will move on to face Eastern Washington and potentially the championship. So to all of you true fans out there: be sure to cheer on the Bobcats, even if it means driving down to Sacramento yourself; do what you have to do.



MY TAKE

SPORTS COMMENTARY

by Erica Killham

Now, NFL, Do You Want to End Up Like Major League Baseball?

In tough economic times, it is necessary for corporations to cut back, or in the case of the NFL, throw caution completely to the wind and remove a salary cap during a year with a huge wave of free agency. The year 2009, the "Final League" also known as the last year of a salary contract, was the year in which negotiations for a continuing contract should have been final. However, this year the negotiations have been too slow, and a conclusion was not reached. Because of this, 531 free agent players began negotiations last Friday and, for the first time, did so without anyone telling them how much they should be paid.

I don't find this wise, and I think a lot of people would agree with me. But, after a year of snail-slow negotiations, the league was left with little choice but to remove the salary cap this year and continue negotiations for next season. The chances are good that a lot of the repercussions of this year without a salary cap or a salary floor will not be felt until next year.

Salary caps are necessary for a sane environment. Professional sports offer one of the most lucrative careers in the world, but because of that, something has to be in place to control the money. Let's look at Major League Baseball. The New York Yankees bought themselves a team of superstars who, until this season, couldn't balance their talent with their egos and work together. However, their 2009 championship showed that it can work, sometimes. The MLB is a good example, however, of how the lack of a salary cap can create a mess of a profession. Some teams in the MLB don't pay their entire roster what the Yankees pay their star player. That gap is just far too big. When some teams are able to pay their players more than others, an obscene imbalance occurs. The NFL could easily

go in this direction if they're not careful. The Houston Texans just don't have as much money as the Dallas Cowboys. Without some sort of salary cap, the smaller and newer teams don't stand much of a chance.

That makes me thankful that in the NFL, there are a couple of rules in place concerning this salary cap, perhaps to minimize the possibility of 'Yankees' syndrome. The top-eight teams from last season have additional restrictions that limit the number of unrestricted free agents they are allowed to sign and even how much they can pay them. The top four of those teams cannot sign a free agent unless one of their current free agents is signed by another team. Also, players must now have six years of NFL experience to qualify for free agency instead of four.

A slight question of ethics comes to mind when talking about a 'salary cap'. Should a corporation be able to spend as much money as it wants? Or should a multi-billion dollar industry like the NFL be controlled, just for the sake of reasonability? Is a salary cap a question of economics, or merely fair play?

One thing to keep in mind during this uncapped year is that the free agent pool is not as strong as in some years in the past. Most of the guys in free agency negotiations are not going to be pulling huge salaries from teams; they just aren't that desirable. Since this is most likely the only uncapped year, the damage may be minimal.

Let's do a short recap: the lack of a salary cap isn't working for the MLB, and it is not the future of professional sports -- or shouldn't be, anyway. It creates an unbalanced and predictable league. So, please NFL, bring back a salary cap next season.

Women's Basketball Continues Drive

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Women's basketball went 1-1 in their two away games last week. They started with a 68-70 loss to Northern Colorado on Thursday, March 4, but followed up strong with a 68-64 win over Northern Arizona on Saturday, March 6. The women played well in their game against Northern Colorado but could not manage to make up an eight-point first half deficit. Sarah Strand posted 22 points in the game, followed by Erica Perry with 17 points, two assists and two steals. Katie Bussey led the 'Cats in rebounds with 10.

The Lady 'Cats win over Northern Arizona was led by Janette Jackson with 15 points and 11 boards, closely followed by Strand with 15 points and Perry with 14. MSU played extremely well on the defensive side of the ball in their season finale which should be an added benefit as they enter the Big Sky Conference tournament in the No. 6 position.

Women's tennis had a strong showing, going 2-1 in their three games from last week. They started with a 2-5 loss to Utah State on March 4, followed up with two consecutive wins over Weber State (4-3) on March 5 and Idaho State (5-2) on the 6. MSU dropped five of six singles matches against Utah State with the only win coming from Charlotta Hjalmarsson. The women battled back to take four of six singles matches against Weber State with wins at No. 1, 2, 3 and 5 positions. The Idaho State match followed in the footsteps of the Weber State dual with MSU taking four singles points and a sweep in doubles. Top performers for the 'Cats were Laura Villegas, Ali Griffin, Charlotta Hjalmarsson and Andrea De La Torre.

Men's tennis hosted two matches over the past week, first hosting Idaho on March 6, followed by Montana on Sunday, March 7. The 'Cats did not play well in their first match against Utah as they were swept 7-0, but they bounced back against Montana for a 4-3 victory. Pawel Turzanski and Fletcher Keyes won at No. 1 and No. 2 singles respectively for the 'Cats while all three MSU doubles teams gathered victories. Esteban Ferrero clinched the Bobcat victory with a win at No. 5 singles which was a major momentum changer for the 'Cats. They hope to bring the momentum into their next matches and throughout the remainder of their season.

Both track and field teams participated in the Last Chance Invite on Saturday at Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. Patrick Casey won the mile for the men's team, but suffered a drop in the national rankings from 12th to 16th. Nick Atwood finished fourth in the 3,000 but had a better finish prior to the invite, placing him 37th on the national scale. Casey ended up qualifying for the NCAA Indoor National Track and Field Championships in the mile. Other national runners dropped in ranks, allowing for Casey to qualify in the 10th position.

Women's basketball will play Thursday, March 11 against No. 3 Sacramento State in the Big Sky Conference tournament in Cheney, Wash. Qualifiers for both track teams will next compete in the NCAA Indoor National Track and Field Championships, Friday, March 12 through Saturday, March 13. Women's tennis will next host Montana on March 13. Men's tennis will next take to the road with three away games, first taking on UC Riverside on Sunday, March 14 followed by Azusa Pacific on March 15 and Loyola Marymount on March 16.

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Morsels



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Secondhand Smoke:

It is a minor miracle when one of the Exponent's few readers is willing to write a letter to the editor. It is even more miraculous when that reader makes a very good point. Business owners do have the right to serve whomever they like and make rules relating to tobacco use that are subject only to their own opinions and balance sheets.

This also extends to a university. As a business -- basically -- there should be no requirement that they be smoke free. If they were smoke free, they would lose customers, or students, like a business would. By staying smoker friendly, they lose far fewer.

As for the detriments of secondhand smoke: A researcher would be hard pressed to prove that repetitious three-second exposure to secondhand smoke in the open air on the way to class will take a single minute off of a person's life. This world is a carcinogenic one, and open-air, secondhand smoke falls somewhere between cancer from cell phones and cancer from artificial sweeteners on the significance list. In other words, this issue is far outside of even the government's imagined purview on such matters.

Jim Bunning:

A great deal of criticism was recently directed at Jim Bunning, outgoing senator from Kentucky and former Major League Baseball pitcher, for his decision to singlehandedly hold up a bill granting unemployment benefits. He eventually caved when his Republican colleagues did not rise to his defense, but not before much ridicule.

Although Democrats may try to paint

it otherwise, Jim Bunning does not hate poor people. Instead, he was concerned with Congress's hypocrisy and the origins of their massive outpouring of money. They did, after all, recently pass PayGo, which ostensibly would require all expenditures by the government to be paid for within the budget. However, like politicians, they left themselves a loophole for emergency expenditures, making the bill toothless posturing. It did not fool Bunning, and it should not fool the American people.

ASMSU:

Sometimes there are subtle clues when something is wrong, or is going wrong -- like a tell if a poker player is bluffing. Sometimes the clues are less subtle, like the email ASMSU sent out begging for senatorial candidates. Would American voters be pleased with an ad put out by the U.S. government in which senators were overtly offered perks like free food and trips? The answer, obviously, is no, so why would ASMSU think the same rules don't apply on a local scale?

ASMSU -- either through accident or design -- is very insular. It results in a culture where inexperience is trumpeted, as in another recent blanket email in which student employment is offered to those who have to "wonder what employment feels like," offering them paid positions on boards and committees of dubious value. This inexperience leads inexorably to this kind of waste.

Last week's Exponent expounds on this in a small budget summary in which it is revealed that ASMSU budgets \$100,000 for a full-time lawyer and another \$100,000 towards the "Leadership Institute." Explanations as to the activities or value of the destination of these two expenditures would be greatly appreciated.

Tea Bagging Inc:

Patriots Wanted!

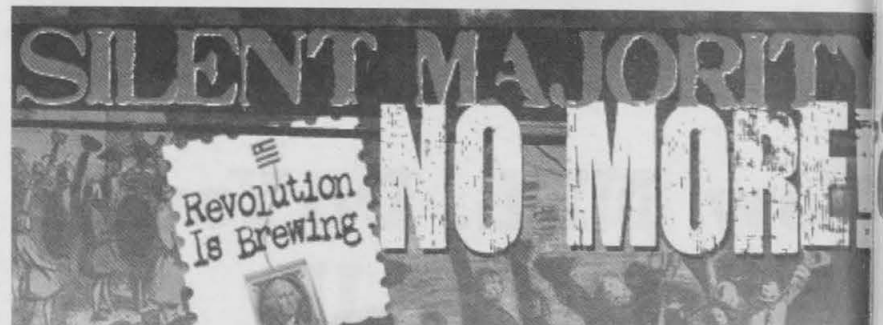


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If you haven't heard of the Tax Day Tea Party movement yet, you ought to redirect your attention to where you picked up this newspaper and look for the red-white-and-blue "publication for the people" sitting next to it. The local Tea Party publishes a newspaper for the local patriot who likes long walks down Main, talking about violent revolt and revolution and complaining about Obama. If this is you, read on!

The Tea Party is a political movement that is "revolting" against the United States government. After the last presidential election, the Tea Party was established by patriots who perceived the government as being too powerful and fantastically threatening. Patriots in the Tea Party liken themselves to the mythic founders of our nation who raided the holds of three ships in 1773 to dump post-taxed tea into Boston Harbor. The events of the Boston Tea Party are taught to nearly every American student in the early years of their collective, government-funded public education, as one of the first major steps in what would become the American Revolution.

So while the early American colonists opposed taxation without representation and were fighting for their liberty and independence, what has threatened our modern patriots to "revolt?" The push to give health care to all Americans is one of the biggest threats to our local patriots, while the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of revitalizing the economy is another.

Patriots have taken it upon themselves to overthrow the oppressive Obama regime and other tyrannical government agencies. The patriots of the Tea Party have gone so far as to fight against the brutal Bozeman City Commission to get a permit to march on Main Street, while the national Tea Party put on a conference to pay Sarah Palin over \$100,000 for less than an hour. Sarah Palin, the Republican's failed vice presidential candidate from 2008, talked about "Energy, Tax Cuts, Lift American Spirit" -- words that she wrote on the

palm of her hand as notes. The fight for fiscal responsibility isn't an easy one for the patriots of the Tea Party; you need a leader, even if she charges you a quarter of what Obama makes in a year as President for less than an hour of her time.

So what drives the Tea Party patriots on a daily basis? Every once in a while they march, go to conferences, and sometimes fly airplanes into government buildings in suicide style, like a patriot did in Texas the other week; but where do these patriots get their guidance? Well, they read the Constitution of course. The Tea Party is led by a literal reading of the U.S. Constitution. Literal interpretation is what one reads a document word-for-word, and without providing any context, and blindly follows it. This type of literal interpretation has taken a cue from the religious world, as many read the Bible in a similar way. Although when Deuteronomy 25:11-12 says: "If two men are fighting and the wife of one of them comes to rescue her husband from his assailant, and she reaches out and seizes him by his [testicles], you shall cut off her hand. Show her no pity," we hope that people put it into context, or reason a bit before they blindly follow.

If the patriots of the Tea Party sound a bit unreasonable, hypocritical, and frankly, a little out of their mind, they might actually be. The U.S. Constitution provides the foundation of American democracy and provides the strength behind the freedom, liberty, and safety we all enjoy as Americans. But it is just that: a foundation. The constitution founded an American government to create legislation to "promote the general welfare" of the United States, the preamble states. If we had relied on reading a 222-year-old document literally and blindly followed, we would not be equivocally be a lot less great -- more similar to some 19th-century, Southern slave-holding states like the last movement that "revolted" to overthrow the government.

If you think that the Tea Party sounds awesome and want to become a patriot yourself, contact a local patriot: Mr. Landeros at msuyoungamericansforfreedom@gmail.com. If you think that the Tea Party sounds anything but awesome, you should contact him anyway.

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OBSERVATIONS

Facebook

This week, I'm discussing yet another ubiquitous force: f-book. It holds dominance over the majority of the college demographic and is now spreading the rest of the unsuspecting population (including your parents -- OH NO!). It's viral, addictive and strong, although it still holds much appeal. And, since it can't be said, f--- that damn site.

I am not perfect. I have Facebook. I use it to keep it in its place -- as a tool. I use it to contact people who live across the country, across the world, or for whom f-book really is the best way to maintain contact. (I should note that I rarely talk to the majority of my "friends" on f-book.) I also find myself on it after a night of drinking, but that's a separate topic.

Facebook is a life-sucker. It lures kids into its fold, and then demands more of their time. The more you put into f-book, the "more you get out of it" (what the hell that means). If the first site you check when you open your laptop is f-book, you have an addiction. Seek help. In fact, just try calling your friends on the phone to see what they're up to, instead of stalking them.

My main complaint: F-book is a self-centered soapbox. To follow that state-ment: Who the f--- cares what you do 24/7? There is a strong attraction to the idea that others will read what you post as you update your status, upload pictures and compose notes. I fall victim to this as well; when you have just read a poetic quote in a book or heard a lyric that pulled your heart strings, you want to share it. F-book can do that. But I don't have a hoot if you're brushing your teeth, or if you woke up an hour ago and are worth-while for if you are thinking of taking your car for a walk later. No one cares. (Facebook Mobile? Really? Can you not bear to wait that long? Do you get with-out a shake?) Do you go out on the weekend to have fun, or to take pictures

to post them immediately the following morning? (To prove that you have real friends? To prove you "have fun?" And did you know you give f-book the rights to use the photos you upload?)

Last, but not least, f-book creates a lack of actual social interaction. It's convenient to contact people through this social networking tool, but it's not a substitute for real, in-person contact and communication. For example, watch the peak in f-book chat numbers in the evening. As the night progresses, the numbers online rise, as kids finish their homework and direct their attention elsewhere. Do you log onto Facebook to feel less alone? Why do you continue to repeat the pattern of looking for some cheap, debased substitution for social interaction?

F-book has its place; however, this place has been lost by our demographic. It's convenient to reach friends abroad, to stalk a kid you sort of met the other night, or to share something you're excited about. But it's a damn tool. It is no excuse for a lack of in-the-flesh friends or an abusively self-centered culture. (If you get nothing else from this article: No one gives a s--- about all the crap you post.) Get off Facebook. Stop wasting your time. Find some real, rewarding personal interaction.

On a side note: From a study by Sparkler in the UK, a growing number of young men prefer Facebook and emails over sex. The study claimed 38 percent of men checked email and socialized on f-book while in bed with their partner. REALLY? ARE YOU F---ING KIDDING ME?

Read: "Travels With Charley: In Search of America," by John Steinbeck.
-Mike Tarrant

Mike is well aware that he is critical, cynical, and brutally honest, often at the expense of being called a jerk. If you disagree with him, make sure he knows. Email the Exponent at letters@exponent.montana.edu.

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However, they ignore tens of thousands of students who still must pay for their schooling on their own. According to the FAQ section, even if your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses, do not claim you as a dependent for tax purposes and you live apart from them, you are still a dependent.

There is no logical justification for denying federal aid to students who meet all three -- or even two -- of those latter qualifications. Basically, if you do not meet the initial prerequisites, your parents have to be incarcerated, you have to have left an abusive household, or you have to have literally no idea where your parents are to receive federal aid. How typical of our government.

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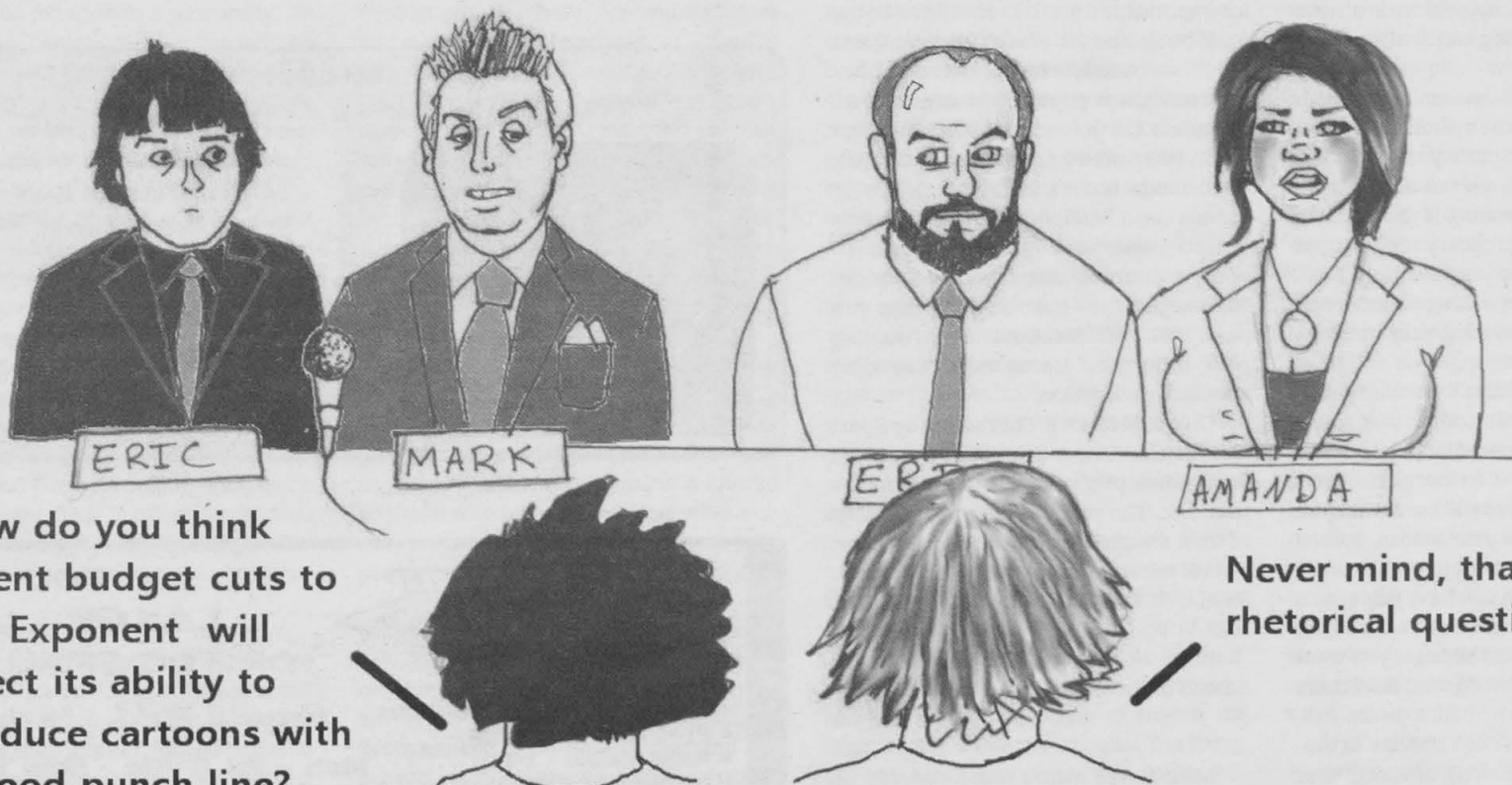
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Dear Sexponent,
I'm horny when I have my period. Is it cool to have sex, or will I totally gross my guy out?
- Patti Martha Smith

Dear P.M.S.,
This is an excellent question, and before you ask your guy to launch his career into the red rapids, let's just go over the ground rules. Communication is always key, especially when you're in the zone.

You've been cleaning sheets and picking tampons since Justin Timberlake was cool the first time around. Men, on the other hand, only deal with blood when they've done something stupid that's supposedly impressive. Because of this, the first sight of blood coming from your woman will almost always cause him distress. Despite how smart your man may be, don't be surprised at how he knows about your inner workings. There is a very real possibility that he does not know that you would even want to have sex while you're menstruating. Once you convey the simple facts (1) You are super horny, (2) It is physically safe, and (3) You are super horny, he will probably be willing to take the Red Tide.

This does not mean that you should jump right into the sex swing. It's messy and it's a great way to turn your man

away from period sex right off the bat. Sticking to missionary and doggy-style positions are your best bet, and lying a dark towel down can make any clean up much easier.

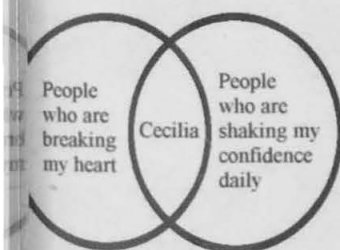
Having sex on your period definitely has its benefits. For one, it increases uterine contractions, causing your uterine to empty out quicker, which means a shorter period for you. Your increased sensitivity will make your orgasm much easier to reach, and much bigger. The increased sensitivity is also a good reason to start off slow and work from there. Orgasms will help relieve your cramps more effectively than a pint of Ben & Jerry's, although if you want to include that in your foreplay, then high five.

It's going to be a little to a lot messy, and you should both be aware of what you're comfortable with. As always, a condom is a good idea since there is still a small chance of getting pregnant and condoms are just always a good idea. A diaphragm can reduce blood flow, but if your partner is still uncomfortable, then you should respect his position and wait until Aunt Flo has packed her bags.

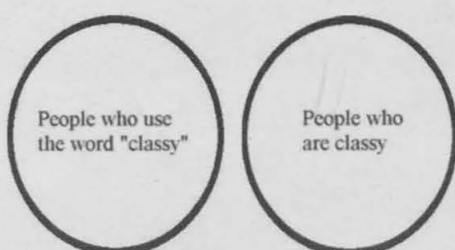
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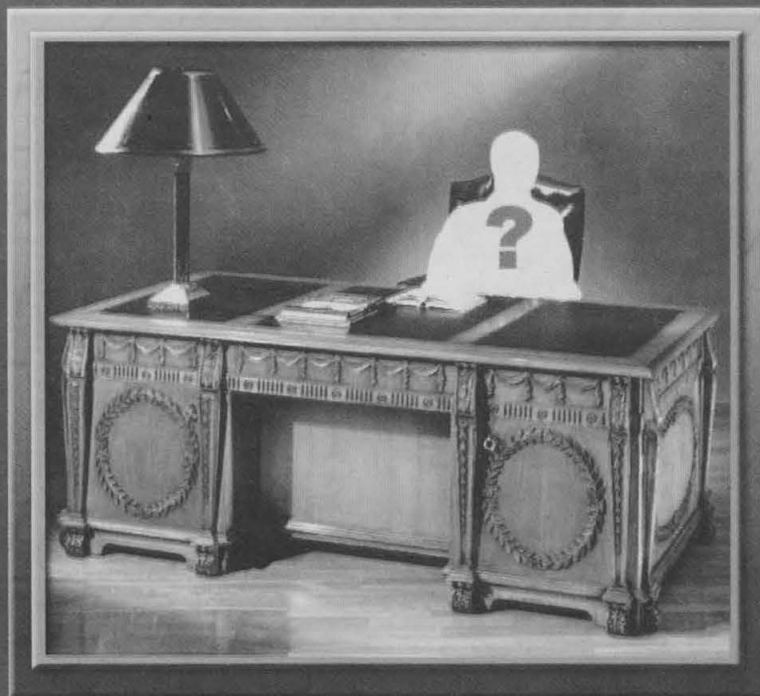
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