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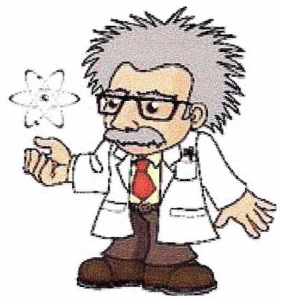
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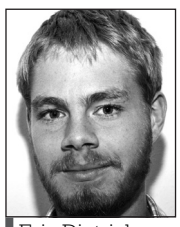
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A Student Government Worth Voting For



Eric Dietrich
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My apologies to the cynics out there — this is going to be a rather upbeat column. As much as I hate to admit it, that is what ASMSU, MSU's student government, deserves as we head into its fall senate elections on Sept. 28 and 29.

I've had the dubious pleasure of attending student senate meetings as a reporter fairly regularly since the fall of 2008 (initially as one of my first assignments for the Exponent). In the three years since, I've watched generations of senators pass through the body. Our current representatives are, without doubt, the best.

Historically, I've found the group's professionalism sporadic, to say the least. At one point, I wrote a rant complaining about the number of senators (a majority) browsing Facebook during a budgeting meeting. I couldn't help but come to the conclusion that our representatives were, with a few exceptions, far more concerned with the sound of their own voice and their resume than their public service.

At last week's meeting, I found myself marveling at the contrast as senators spent a solid half-hour grilling administrators on the details of a plan to accommodate MSU's growing student body with on-campus housing. The change in student leaders' bearing was palpable as they brought up one thoughtful question after another, intently listening to the answers.

That difference has also been visible in the breadth of the senate's accomplishments this past year, especially negotiating more student seats in the renovated stadium and redistricting to elect senators by academic college. Perhaps most importantly, ASMSU's leaders have greatly improved the consistency of student representation on the university's planning committees, ensuring student voices are accounted for in administrative decisions.

While the group has certainly had its shortcomings — most notably failing to make concentrated efforts to reach out to its constituents on an individual level — it has set a commendable bar for its successors to follow. In doing so, it has upheld the vast potential of an institution that too often reduces itself to a hollow debating club.

Furthermore, I'm hopeful that the senators elected and re-elected this week will be up to the challenge of carrying that momentum forward. In video interviews conducted by the Exponent, to be available online at *exponent.montana.edu/multimedia* and excerpted in this week's feature, our candidates present themselves impressively.

As individuals, their ideas and clear passion give the student body the opportunity to choose between well-qualified candidates. As a group, they make a refreshingly strong case that this week's election is worth taking seriously.

More so than at any time since I became involved on our campus, we have a student government worth voting for this fall. We students would be well-advised to make time in our busy schedules to support it through our participation.

An Acknowledgement

In mentioning the above webisodes, I should take some space to thank Exponent staff members Nathan Carroll, Vanessa Naive and Jeff Dougherty for their fantastic dedication and creative talent in coordinating, recording and editing interviews for over 30 candidates. ASMSU President Blake Bjornson also deserves thanks for his willingness to accommodate our efforts, going so far as to provide a sponsorship to help cover production costs.

CORRECTIONS

A club profile in the Sept. 15 edition incorrectly stated the meeting time for Vert-I-Go climbing club. The correct time is 5 p.m. on Thursdays in the Hosaeus Fitness Center.

A portion of a culture article in the Sept. 15 edition, "Film Showing Features Story of Compassion in 9/11's Wake," inappropriately urged readers to attend an event occurring before the edition was published.

The Exponent staff regrets the errors, and encourages readers to report similar inaccuracies by emailing *editor@exponent.montana.edu.*

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Exponent Recognized as Among the Nation's Top Student Papers

To our readers —

We learned this week that the Exponent has been named a finalist in the Associated Collegiate Press's 2011 Newspaper Pacemaker competition, ranking us among the top weekly student publications in the country.

To be perfectly honest, the recognition is as much a surprise to our editorial staff as it may well be to regular readers of our corrections section. Regardless, we're immensely proud to learn that our scrappy little paper can compete with our counterparts at universities across the nation — many of which, unlike MSU, have well-established journalism programs.

Thanks, as always, for reading.

— Eric Dietrich, Editor-In-Chief

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Survivor, Advocates Hope for Change in Sexual Assault Attitudes

Kristen Ingman

Following the recent sexual assaults that have occurred on or near campus, leaders in the VOICE Center, the Dean of Students Office, and a survivor herself, are urging the student body to take action in preventing sexual assault and supporting survivors.

On Sept. 8, Jenny Lawson was walking one block away from campus and was groped by a man on a bicycle. A week later on Sept.15 another sexual assault was reported near Howard Hall.

While Lawson said she had the support of many groups on campus, she was disappointed in the student body's response to sexual assault, stating, "It's disheartening to see students' reactions."

Lawson said that students must be available to listen to victims of sexual assault. She explained that survivors are more willing to talk and ask for help if their peers are open.

Despite the unusual number of reported sexual assault cases in the first month of the school year, Dean of Students Matthew Caires says students should stay calm. "MSU is an incredibly safe place where occasional bad things happen," he said.

Lawson explained that the increase in reported assaults does not necessarily mean that more assaults are happening, but that people are coming forward about them. "I think it's really good that we're hearing about this," she said.

Both Lawson and the Voice Center Coordinator Alanna Sherstad explained that the VOICE Center works to restore power to an individual who has had his or her power taken away in the case of a sexual assault.

Sherstad, Lawson and Caires encouraged individuals to educate themselves and to use the recent occurrences as a channel for change. "If we have a heightened awareness now, let's start a conversation," explained Sherstad.

Lawson hopes that her courage in calling the police will empower past and future victims of sexual assault to do the same. "There is a lot of healing power in talking," she said.

Sherstad said that in the midst of frightening events, students must transform consciousness into action. "Take this heightened awareness and use it to our advantage – to create positive and lasting change on campus," she said.



IMAGE BY RYAN BOVY

STUDENT PROFILE: THOMAS WELLS

Thomas Wells is on a mission: to improve the community, the lives of others and himself.

Wells, a senior in English Literature, has immersed himself in volunteer work that affects the MSU community. He has volunteered with Students Against Sexual Assault, Men Stopping Rape and is an Outreach Coordinator at the VOICE Center, which provides resources to survivors of rape, sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking.

Wells has been volunteering at the VOICE Center since his freshman year and was one of the first male advocates. He said "[he] joined the center because it seemed like a good thing to do. "I had listened to one of [VOICE Center Program Director] Brian Kasser's lectures and decided to try to volunteer."

While volunteering with the VOICE Center and MSR Thomas has given many educational presentations. These presentations are important to the well being of the community says Wells.

"It's incredible how little men know about the culture that supports sexual assault," said Wells, "most men think that because they don't rape women that they must be doing the right thing."

Yet one of the most important lessons Thomas has learned is that in order to change others minds you must change your own.

"I am reminded time and time and time again that I am the one that needs to change."

In addition to helping the MSU community, Wells impacts the Bozeman community by volunteering with The Help Center, a call-in counseling service, the Big Sky Youth Empowerment Program giving presentations about health relationships to "at risk" teens, as well as the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. His "little brother" Cooper is quite a handful, Wells said.

Most recently, Wells spent a month in Kenya working with MSU's Engineers Without Borders chapter. While in Kenya's Khwisero District, he worked to implement a human manure composting latrine and conducted educational research.

Wells graduates this fall and plans to go on to graduate school. While he has yet to decide where he's going, he does have favorites including University of Washington and University of Texas - Austin. These programs are strong in 20th century Literature and Culture said Thomas, which is what interests him most. After graduate school he would like to teach in some form. Wells also said he would like to participate in Teach for America and ESL Programs to continue giving back.

-HANNAH WAHLERT

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'Freshman Apartments' Accomodate Enrollment Spike



The Freshman Apartments in the Family and Graduate Housing area. IMAGE BY JUSTIN STEWART

Grant Zimmerman

For the first time since 1998, MSU Residence Life (ResLife) has added new living facilities. The Freshman Apartments (FA) is a re-purposed living option near the North Hedges Suites.

Previously Family and Graduate housing, these apartments were used as temporary housing for the large freshman class of 2010. The living option proved to be popular with students, so ResLife decided to use them again.

Anticipating this year's approximate 100 person increase in enrollment, ResLife began to make the FA a permanent living option. ResLife hired additional staff and began promoting the FA to this year's freshman class.

The apartments are equipped with a refrigerator, stove and dishwasher, as well as beds, desks, chairs and dressers. Residents are also provided with furniture, such as couches and chairs, and an individual parking space for each apartment.

"It's nicer down there," said ResLife Director Tammie Brown.

The apartments cost the same as a traditional dorm room. Like the rest of the students on campus, FA residents pay $3,920 with a 7-day meal plan, or $3,670 with a 5-day plan.

The apartments also hold traditional RHA events and have a Resident Advisor to resident ratio of about 1:40, significantly higher than the 1:63 ratio in the Hedges buildings.

Due to the increase in beds available, the amount of students in temporary housing is seven, down from over 100 at this time last year.

Along with the Freshman Apartments, ResLife is still working to increase capacity. As well as bringing more Family & Grad apartments into the FA program, ResLife is currently considering the construction of a new North Hedges Suites building.

ASMSU Senator Named Student Regent

Michael Townshend

Joe Thiel, a student senator and former vice-president of MSU's Engineers Without Borders chapter, has been named the Student Regent for the Montana University System's Board of Regents. He will now be one of only seven appointed officials that govern higher education in Montana.

Thiel will act as the liaison between the Board of Regents and the roughly 47,000 students state-wide represented by the Montana University System. His duties will include voting with the welfare of the entire University System in mind as well as making sure that the student's voices are heard. Moreover, he will be responsible for making sure that Regents' decisions are relayed to the students.

Thiel will represent different demographics from the different campuses across Montana. "It is a monumental task even with the support of the Montana Associated Students (MAS) to try and represent all of those opinions," Thiel said.

The Board of Regents makes all administrative and governmental decisions pertaining to the Montana University System. With a budget over $1 billion, the decisions can become complex.

"If the board is making decisions without gaining insight from the different campuses, from the different constituencies, they're not using an appropriate process," he said. "They're not getting people on board with a common vision for where the University System should go."

The Board of Regents consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and ratified by the State Senate. All positions except the Student Regent serve seven-year terms; the Student Regent serves for one year.

The Student Regent is appointed by the Governor after a series of nominations and interviews. Each of the 14 campuses within the Montana University System begin by nominating two members to MAS and from there, MAS selects three finalists to send to the Governor's office for review.

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>
> -Joe Thiel, Student Regent

When asked about what he has learned from his past experiences as a leader, Thiel replied, "Process matters just as much or more than outcomes. How you do a thing, how you go about involving people in the decision-making process is almost more important than the decision made in the end."

Thiel has been involved extensively with Engineers Without Borders (EWB). He gained leadership experience by making two trips to Kenya for projects and acting as a fundraising coordinator for EWB. "EWB has been the most informative experience of my college education," Thiel said.

Thiel, a senior majoring in Chemical Engineering and Liberal Studies, said he doesn't have any future plans set in stone. However, he will be continuing school. Thiel said he may pursue a dual program in International Law and Public Administration.

Student Tutoring Program Gets New Home

Rebekah Mohr

MSU's student government has transferred its tutoring program to MSU administration in an effort to provide better educational support for students.

The student government, The Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU), determined that handing its tutoring program over to the Office of Student Success would make the program more effective and more affordable. Both ASMSU and the Office of Student Success agreed that moving SmartyCats tutoring would provide "one-stop shopping" for all students' success needs, according to Carina Beck, Special Assistant to the VP of Student Affairs.

The tutoring program, now called SmartyCats tutoring, went through some changes as it moved ASMSU to the Office of Student Success.

SmartyCats offers tutoring in almost every subject, most for free while others are cost a fee of $5.

SmartyCats connects students and tutors, and then sets up a time to study that works for both of them.

The Office of Student Success also offers programs like First Year Initiative, ChampChange and workshops to better equip students for college success.

The recent remodeling of the Office of Student Success, located next to the Bobcat Grill in the basement of the SUB, provides meeting places for students and tutors to work together.

SmartyCats coordinator Cathryn Broome said the program is currently hiring tutors in almost every subject, especially Calculus, Chemistry, Statistics, and Physics.

Requirements to tutor are a "B" grade or higher in the subject and the recommendation of the professor who taught the class or the dean of the department. SmartyCats tutoring is also eligible for Work/Study programs. To be part of the SmartyCats program, students need to fill out a form available in the Office of Student Success or on their website, msusmartycats.com. Prospective tutors are encourage to apply.

SCIENCE AND TECH SPOTLIGHT

HARMSEN LAB

Hannah Wahlert

MSU is known for research in science and technology, but few know the exact nature of the research. Dr. Allen Harmsen and graduate student Laura Richert at MSU's Bioscience Labs are collaborating on a product that could lead to a vaccine for influenza, pneumonia and SARS.

Dr. Allen Harmsen of the Department of Molecular Biosciences and Dr. Trevor Douglas of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry are collaborating to create an effective way to prevent viruses.

"We have taken the ability of Trevor Douglas, a biochemistry professor, to engineer nano-particles which then allow us to conduct research on how these particles, when attached with an antigen, work with the immune system," Harmsen said.

An antigen is a foreign substance that creates a reaction from the immune system. When an antigen is attached to the nano-particle, a reaction from the immune system is created.

"We see a response from the immune system that is about two days faster than normal," said Richert.

In the context of a virus, this means faster immune system response, preventing a virus from replicating and doing more damage.

So does this mean we'll have a vaccine soon?

"We look at it as a process," said Harmsen. "You have to know a lot about the system before you can get to developing a vaccine."

Funding of vaccine research is based on the industry's confidence that the vaccine will work and that people will buy it, Harmsen noted. The vaccine would be injected through the lung. Research continues with funding from the National Institute of Health.

Renowned Author Critiques Capitalism at MSU Lecture

Colin Gaiser

Amidst high unemployment and increasing tuition rates, American college students and graduates are one of the demographics most affected by the recent economic downturn.

According to David Schweickart, professor at the University of Loyola in Chicago and the author of "After Capitalism," only a "radical restructuring" of the economic system is going to turn the economy around in the long-term.

Schweickart was at the Museum of the Rockies on Sept. 15 presenting his lecture, "The Future of Capitalism." The presentation marked the 2011 edition of the annual Hausser Lecture sponsored by The MSU Department of History and Philosophy.

Schweickart said the erosion of the American economy actually began back in the 1970s, when real wages stopped rising. Now, more Americans are in poverty than ever before.

There is "staggering inequality" in America today, said Schweickart. "The top 1 percent earns 25 percent of the income and 40 percent of the wealth."

Schweickart said the main problem is that the U.S. government doesn't have the tools to get the economy back on track: "To combat the recession our government tells us to spend, spend, spend, while environmentalists tell us we're killing the planet by doing so."

He called this a "full-scale rationality crisis."

However, Schweickart said he has the solution: a democratic economy. This would involve what he called "workplace democracy," where workers would elect their supervisors and receive shares in a company's profits instead of wages.

"A full-scale economic democracy that does not need to grow to be healthy is possible," he said. "It's realistically utopian."

Schweickart explained that thousands of successful companies have employed the democratic, worker-run model. The model has made these companies more productive and increased their employment security.

Along with benefits to the workers and their companies, there would be no financial speculation with no insufficient marketplace demand in an economic democracy, according to Schweickart.

"Sustainable capitalism is an oxymoron," he said. "It's time to restructure economics in America."

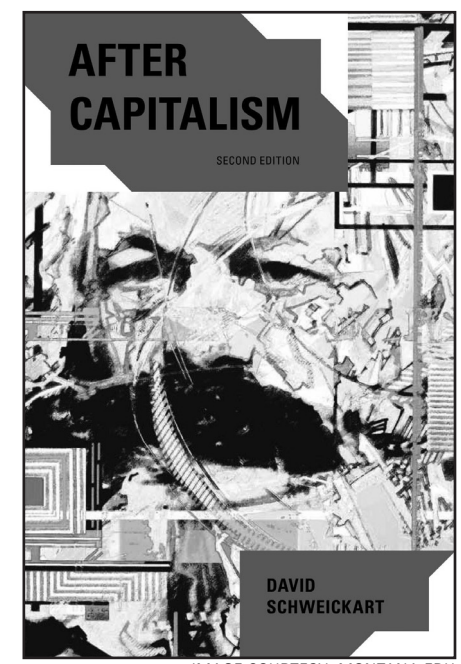


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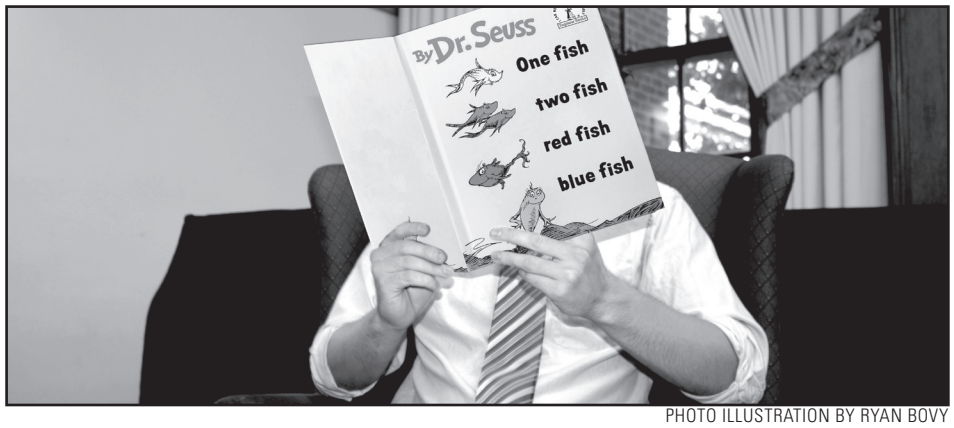


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Students Integral to Society



Brent Zundel
OPINION EDITOR

Last weekend, a few friends and I were standing on my porch at about 10 p.m., talking about life over a couple beers. The conversation started out quite calm, but, as young people are wont to do, we became excited and started talking in elevated voices.

The lady from across the street walked over and said, "You guys are being way too loud, so if you don't go inside and quiet down ... I'll call the cops. It's a $500 fine." There was no neighborly greeting and not a single polite word in anything she said to us.

Her message was simple and crystal clear: "You're a drunken college student, and I'm going to call the cops because you're loud." She made the mistake that far too many "adults" make by dismissing us as human beings simply because we are university students.

Because we are college kids, we wouldn't have understood had she politely asked us to quiet down. Instead, her first words to us as neighbors had to be a threat. She did not see a house full of three engineers and an architect; rather, she saw four annoying, faceless college kids.

Last year's legislative session displayed these same attitudes, but magnified through the scope of legitimized authority. Rep. Ken Peterson, R-Billings, suggested that it might be reckless to encourage students to vote because, "Sometimes when you are in school, your brain doesn't work real well."

During debate about a bill that would have made it easier for students to vote, Rep. Champ Edmunds, R-Missoula, even outlined an elaborate scheme in which nefarious RAs could help forge mail-in ballots.

This wholesale dismissal and utter lack of faith in university students is disturbing, to say the least. Some of Montana's legislators are guilty of it, but even my nameless neighbor is, too. For the overwhelming majority of human history, citizens our age have been integral members of society. We have started families, served as law-makers and generally been respected, contributing members of society.

University students are still contributing members of society, but the real "adults" have conflated the few students with MTV values with every young person pursuing a higher education. As a counterpoint, university students could take the poor examples of a number of legislators this previous session and argue that all adults are morons.

Obviously, neither of these extreme cases is logical. The partying and lack of engagement of some students give the rest of us a bad name; some legislators propose legislation that is, politely put, a waste of time. Despite a few bad eggs, both demographics are crucial to a well-functioning society.

If students are willing to engage with the older members of our society — and I know many who are — those same "adults" owe us the decency to engage us as fellow human beings and fellow citizens. With the sometimes-overwhelming number of problems our society appears saddled with, it seems clear that all demographics — the young and the old of all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds — must work together. And older citizens ought to keep in mind that college students will often solve problems bravely and with creative gusto that world-weary adults would never dream of.

Care Coupons First Step in Promoting Sexual Health



Virginia Schmidt
OPINION WRITER

Most MSU students received the Campus Special coupon booklet at the beginning of the school year. Some will use their coupons to buy a discounted pizza; others will present them to purchase a free emergency contraceptive (EC).

"Buy one EC, get ONE EC FREE," reads the coupon sponsored by Bridger Care, a non-profit sexual healthcare and education center in Bozeman. This message might also be interpreted by some as: "Practice unsafe, irresponsible sex once, practice it again worry free, for free."

But while promotion of reliable, regular pregnancy prevention methods seems preferable to that of pregnancy countermand coupons, sometimes one just has to take what she can get.

Would birth control coupons send a more responsible message than EC coupons? You bet. Can a non-profit sexual healthcare organization afford to hand out free birth control? Not quite. So Bridger Care does the next best thing – appeals to women in need by giving them options via coupon. Bridger Care's hope is that the coupon will urge more women to come to their office, and once they're in, they can then be presented with more dependable options.

"Absolutely we tell someone they have options if they come in, and that's really our goal," said Stephanie McDowell, Bridger Care's Associate Director. "We talk about birth control and a long-term plan with these women."

There also exists a stigma that endorsing emergency contraceptives will result in more young adults practicing unsafe sex because they feel they have an easy fix. But, let's face it, college kids are going to have sex, and sometimes it's going to be unsafe whether emergency contraceptives are around or not.

McDowell encourages skeptics to seek out evidence themselves. "You can Google emergency contraception and sexual activity and it will pull up report after report proving that it does not increase the risk of having more unsafe sex," she said.

According to McDowell, there has been a rise in unintended pregnancy nationwide, especially among 20- to 24-year-old women. Bridger Care's main objective is to prevent unplanned pregnancy and to promote preventative health. Many young women lack the resources and knowledge to avoid pregnancy, and Bridger Care wants to break down the barriers between these women and safe, responsible sexual practice. If it takes a coupon to help those women access care, so be it.

"Sometimes you might be nervous about coming in, but in the end you go because that coupon is there," McDowell insists.

And indeed, the coupon seems to be working. McDowell says several women have already used the coupon, and people also have used the coupons Bridger Care offers online for free HIV testing and a free month of birth control if you refer a friend to their clinic.



At first glance, a coupon for a free EC seems to encourage an easy out for possible pregnancy rather than careful and consistent preventative methods. But unsafe sex happens, and Bridger Care's coupon might bring someone in for EC and send them out with monthly birth control they can pay for on a sliding fee scale according to their income.

"Of course we always emphasize the careful and consistent use of the best contraceptives," McDowell said. "At Bridger Care, we understand the importance of engaging 20-somethings in the link between not getting pregnant and the behavior that helps achieve that."

No one can argue that helping women prevent unwanted pregnancy is a bad thing. It's a good thing. And Bridger Care is doing a good job of it.



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(We're All) Idiot Fans



Patrick Hessman
OPINION WRITER

You could hear it from miles away. People clad in yellow shirts lined the streets, all floating toward the same place. Thousands of Bobcat fans packed the brand new stadium. The stands were a sea of blue and gold, painted faces and chests abounded, screaming and yelling for the home team as they kicked off the new season. The Gold Rush was on.

And yet, a good few thousand more couldn't have cared less.

There are those of us who don't claim we bleed blue and gold. We rarely, if ever, attend home games. We don't see the point of screaming our lungs out for three hours straight. We don't think people who proudly go shirtless with painted letters on their chest in freezing weather are hardcore fans — we think hypothermia reached their brains.

I pondered various stories of (often drunken) fan idiocy at football games over the years sitting in my room. There were so many, from falling out of the stands to puking before even getting into the stadium. To those of us who never go to football games, it's like these people are making fools of themselves for no intelligent reason.

Then I looked up at the hundreds of dollars worth of action figures lining my shelves. At that moment, I realized something: I'm an idiot fan too, and so are you.

Think about it. You're a diehard, idiotic fan of something. Think of the Call of Duty players who neglected homework, school and life itself to be the best online. Think of the otherwise normal people who obsessively collect every single bit of music a band ever produced. Think of the aspiring filmmakers who sink everything into their next experimental short film. Think of the 21-year-old manchild who won't sleep until he collects every Transformer toy in existence.

Admit it. There is something in your life that makes you irrational. You've invested strangely large amounts of time, money and possibly sanity into something. Whether it be a TV show, video game, collection or hobby, no one can say they don't have one. If you claim you don't, you're either a liar or living a very dull life.

Because when it comes down to it, being an idiot fan means passion. Passion gives us purpose in life. It doesn't matter if your passion is giving yourself B-shaped tan lines at football games or watching seedy anime. If it makes you happy, then it doesn't matter what others think of it. Life is too short to waste on things you hate.

Next time there are stories of people getting too drunk at the football game and puking all over their girlfriend, don't be so quick to judge them. In your own way, you've done things that make you look just as idiotic for something you love. We all do stupid things for our passions in life. It comes down to this: I'm an idiot fan, you're an idiot fan, we're all idiot fans.

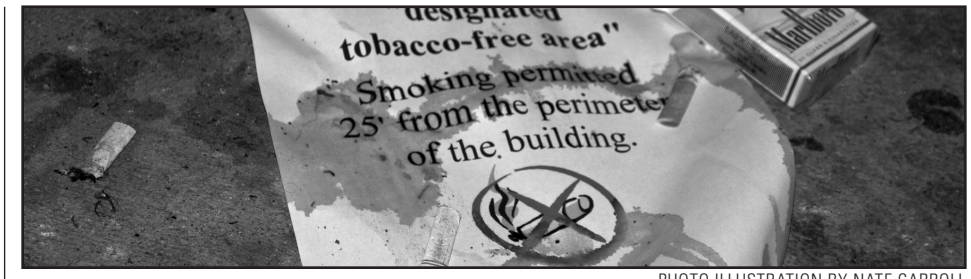
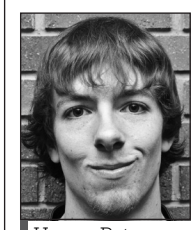


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The Tobacco Ban: Practical Solutions



Hogan Peterson
OPINION WRITER

A faculty meeting regarding the proposed tobacco legislation was held last Thursday, giving MSU faculty a chance for their opinions on the matter to be heard. Despite this, no such opportunity has been extended to students. While last semester's election offered students a choice between yes and no votes, it was not an equivalency. Even if those concerned have a negative view of smoking, they should still ponder something short of an absolute ban for several reasons rooted in practicality and fairness.

First and foremost, preventing brief tobacco exposure should not receive priority over immediate physical safety. In light of multiple recent sexual crimes occurring even on campus, should young female students, who are, in fact, legal adults, be wandering off across and to the edges of campus to smoke at night? Our alert system is only applicable on campus. Should MSU really be negating arguments that stem from the consequences of a rule they've actively made? One sexual assault-type incident would be one too many, and it would have been preventable if they had been willing to compromise on their self-righteous tobacco ban.

MSU actively takes pride in its exchange programs, and many countries perceive smoking differently than our own. For students already adjusting to the norms of a new country and possibly a new language, an exception-less ban would only add to their difficulties. As a group that lives largely on campus, there would be nowhere for foreign students to take their lifestyle, which represents an attempt by the administration to make the personal choices of others. Being culturally tolerant only when convenient isn't really being tolerant at all.

If the ban went through exactly as it is currently phrased, there would be no exemptions for the many students that are required to live on campus. Regardless of housing situation, smoking (outdoors) is a legal right. If the location of a student's housing is mandated by someone else, that location should provide reasonable freedoms within the confines of the law. The real law. Failing to create a designated area isn't ideologically cool, nor is it motivation to quit. It's just condescension.

It's pretty obvious that students who want to smoke will just go to the edges of campus to do so. Do we want to pass a problem we are totally capable of handling on to local businesses? Would it be all right to infest Colombo's, Joe's Parkway or Town and Country with loiterers and cigarette butts? How would their customers feel about the increased smoker traffic? We have an obligation to find a solution that doesn't infringe upon them.

Student input is a necessity to any new decision. So far, there hasn't been any real opportunity for students to discuss the specifics of what they want the ban to look like. All we got was a yes or no question. Students need a chance to propose a tangible set of regulations rather than an oversimplified solution. The chance for something so momentous to pass so quickly shouldn't even exist, let alone achieve fruition. Students got nothing more than the chance to vote on something loaded and one-dimensional, and we deserve better. The real forum for public opinion is open, and practical solutions should be pursued. Any student who put deliberate thought into the issue would have to be smoking more than tobacco to believe that the ASMSU vote was a real chance for their voice to be heard.

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Short, punchy articles railing against the myriad injustices of campus life. Have something to rant on? Contact us at *letters@exponent.montana.edu*. Just keep submissions 200-300 words. And please, try to refrain from personal attacks.

You Know What?

Ryan Bovy

You know what really bites my tongue? #hashtags.

Now, I don't have a Twitter account myself, but that doesn't predispose me to hating hashtags. In fact, I find them quite useful in the proper context. #tweets.

What I am really getting at here is that #facebook is not the proper forum for hashtagging. Your deeply introspective status that you stole from an Alanis Morisette song already looks ridiculous to me, but if you top it off with "#boyfriendssuck," then I have grounds to de-friend you.

There is something to be said here about how much the recent changes to our favorite social networking site suck. In an attempt to liken itself to Twitter and Google+, Facebook has added some new features. One of these is a smaller newsfeed in the corner of your newsfeed. #notnecessary: as if people weren't creeps enough.

Regardless, Facebook and Google+ are not the place for your tweets. So unlink your Twitter from your Facebook because, let's be honest, eventually they will all be one thing anyway. The only reason you have all three right now is to be able to say in the future that you had it before it was cool. #hipster.

STAND UP AND CHEER!

Kat Bauer

Our football team needs a cheering section, as do all sports. It is not effective when they are all at one endzone, and this needs to change. After the first quarter two of us wanted to check out our old seating section; admiring these amazing seats on the 50 yard line, we witnessed the most depressing section of all time.

Teams need cheering throughout the entire game, not just the touchdowns, and the sideline was lacking this loyalty and enthusiasm to keep the players motivated. The players were looking to see who was there, and no one in the stands did anything but sit there. At one point, I actually cheered on a woman who stood up to cheer; she got so excited she cheered louder. We were shouting "Come on you guys, that was a great play show some enthusiasm!" but nothing changed, just the looks on every one's faces like we were insane.

The new stadium is beautiful and filled with a ton of people who are showing their support by buying tickets. But once inside, the expectations change. Players should be getting a feeling of accomplishment and encouragement from the crowd, not dead silence that accompanies boredom.

It was horrible, but when we looked down at our new endzone, we could hear mumbling and a bunch of waving hands. These students, the ones who shout chants and dress up, these are the people who should be on the sidelines to motivate players throughout the entire game.

Since we lost our seats why not make a competition before getting sideline seats; a cheering test to determine if they even deserve to sit that close to the game. Or if there are empty seats in the paid section, students should be allowed to fill in the remaining seats to help the depressing ones support our team. Our team comes first, enough said.

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CATELYN LOWER



Catelyn grew up in griz country (Missoula), but has always loved the Bobcats! Her father, uncle, brother and sister all went to MSU, so coming here was an easy choice for her. Her favorite MSU traditions are Blue and Gold Fridays and CAT/griz football, as she grew up in the middle of the rivalry. Catelyn is the team captain of the MSU dance team, Vice president of Chi-Omega sorority, a member of MSU Mortar-Board Honors Society, and is active in Campus Crusade for Christ at MSU.

SARAH NORBY



I am a senior this year in Family and Consumer Science. I take pride in my Bobcat spirit and I was fortunate enough to have a front and center view of the games as an MSU cheerleader for three years. I am also a member of the Student Alumni Association and National Society of Collegiate Scholars. I am actively involved in the community and have volunteered at many community events. I am excited to participate in the homecoming festivities this year! GO CATS!

ANNIE DAINES



She's a 6th generation Montanan from Bozeman who bleeds blue and gold. She's a junior studying elementary education and lives with her 23 (wonderful) sisters in Chi Omega. During her free time she enjoys killing grizzlies with her bare hands and watching The Office. So should you vote for Annie Daines for homecoming queen? Could switching to Geico really save you 15% or more on car insurance? The answer is obvious. Go Cats!

ELIZABETH SCHMIESING



The plains of rural Wyoming once boasted itself the birthplace of Elizabeth Schmiesing. And while her toddler 'big girl' years were claimed by the Minnesota waters, she grew up as a true Montana girl in the capital city of Helena. She studies Architecture, she plays outside, she likes to drink coffee, and loves to have a good time.

CRAIG WEST



Hi, my name is Craig West and I am an English Teaching Option major in my 5th year of study at MSU. I grew up in the unbearably small town of Outlook, MT (guaranteed - 9 out of 10 readers will not know where that is) and attended high school in Plentywood, MT. I'm a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, an ASMSU Senator, MSU TBA (Boy Band) member, and most importantly I AM A BOBCAT!

CARL NYSTUEN



Entering the half-decade mark at MSU, Carl Nystuen is now in search for his last feat: King of the Land. Athletics, Alumni, Business and posting up at the SUB have been the culminating efforts of this mench guy. Why wouldn't you vote for someone who can do 1,000 jumping jacks in one stint- and WILL push to build that covenant Royale Castle MSU must have. Seriously, it is a good idea to vote for King Carl, just saying.

BRIAN MURAKAMI



Hello my name is Brian Murakami, I am a senior in elementary education and I am running for homecoming king...obviously. I am nominated by Sigma Nu fraternity where I am the Community Service/Social chairman. I am also involved in advocats, an orientation leader and I volunteer at HAVEN with the children's support group. I also enjoy long walks on the beach. I have represented MSU since the day i got here and I bleed blue and gold! GO CATS!!!!

JESSE COOK



Hey my name is Jesse Cook, and I am running for 2011 homecoming king. I am currently a junior majoring in biochemistry here at this great university. I am originally from Buffalo, Wyoming (if you think Montana is small, try spending some time in Wyoming). I was nominated by the AdvoCat organization where I serve as one of the co-coordinators. I am involved in the McNair Scholars Program and work at the AskUs information desk. MSU is a great school and I am very proud to be a Bobcat. Vote for me and always, GO CATS!!

Senate Hopefuls Talk to the Cat

As student senate candidates campaign for ASMSU's fall election, to be held Sept. 28 and 29, the Exponent presented them with something of an untraditional request: to take part in a video interview with our staff's newly-minted investigative puppet, Biff the Bobcat. Webisodes will be available online this Saturday, Sept. 24, at *exponent.montana.edu/multimedia*. In the meantime, a choice quote from each candidate appears below.

The student senate is responsible for allocating ASMSU's $1.5 million annual operating budget and representing student concerns at an administrative level. In addition to serving on a variety of planning committees, senators manage funding for programs including the Outdoor Recreation Center, the Procrastinator Theatre, the Streamline Bus system and this publication.

The ballot will be available online at *montana.edu/vote* and through an icon placed on desktop computers across campus. In addition, voting stations will be set up in the SUB, Reid Hall, Gaines Hall, and the gymnasium.

While senators have been elected based on housing status in previous years, districts are now divided by academic college in an attempt to strengthen representation, with the 21 seats allocated by enrollment.



Online Saturday, Sept. 24 at *exponent.montana.edu/multimedia*

MICHAEL TOWNSHEND



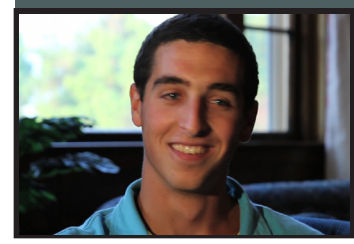
Mechanical Engineering

Engineering

Spokane, WA

"I want to make sure the budget appropriations in the spring are representative of the student body's needs and wants."

CHARLES FRENCH



Mechanical Engineering

Engineering

Paradise, MT

"I like what's happening, and I'd like to continue what [progress] has been made."

SHAHEEN KARIMIAN



Mechanical Engineering

Engineering

Orange County, CA

"We have a freshman class of 240 mechanical engineers and that's a lot of kids to represent, and I feel like we should have a representaion that's fair."

BRIDGET GRISMER



Global & Multicultural Studies

University Studies

Great Falls, MT

"I hope to teach other students what [the Senate] can do for them."

HANNAH MAINS



University Studies

University Studies

Milwaukee, WI

"I want to work more with the Bozeman community versus than just the MSU community."

DILLON HASKELL



University Studies

University Studies

Park City, MT

"There are different creative methods we could look into as far as helping out the parking situation."

KOBY BERNARD



Sociology

Letters & Sciences

Whitehall, MT

"The senator is the voice of the campus. People come to me with problems; I fire back at them with solutions."

JENNY LAWSON



Psychology, English Literature

Letters & Sciences

Florence, MT

"My biggest role as a senator has been to represent the smaller voices that aren't always heard."

TROY DUKER



Religious Studies
Letters & Sciences
Dover, DE

"I think the aims of the tobacco ban were well-met, but there could be some changes."

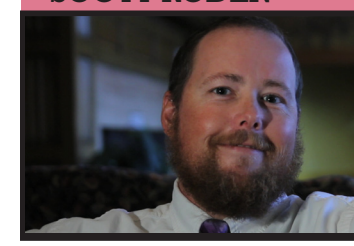
SHELBY ROGALA



History & Philosophy
Letters & Sciences
Darby, MT

"This year I'd really like to focus on how we increase the community of ASMSU and the visibility and viability of it."

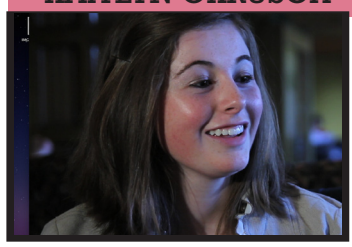
SCOTT RODEN



Geography
Letters & Sciences
Tennessee

"As a senator, I try not to bring my own agenda to the floor. I think it's better to listen to the people."

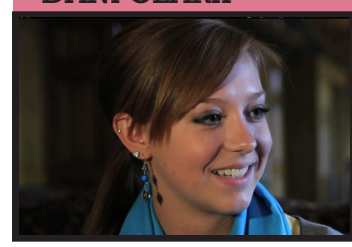
KAITLYN OKRUSCH



Pre-Med/Nutritional Sciences
Letters & Sciences
Butte, MT

"I feel like being proactive and more involved in my campus community and just the community in general is a really important thing."

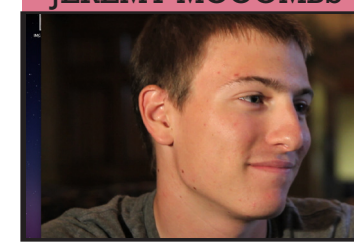
DANI CLARK



Political Science
Letters & Sciences
Livingston, MT

"One thing I'd really like to accomplish is putting the ASMSU name out there."

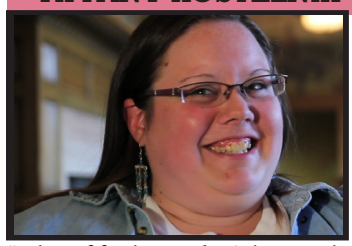
JEREMY MCCOMBS



Physics
Letters & Sciences
Denver, CO

"I hope to bring a voice to those who are sometimes overlooked."

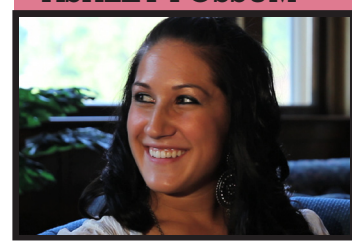
TIFFANY KOSTELNIK



Economics
Letters & Sciences
Bozeman, MT

"A lot of freshman don't know where to find information... I want to try to create a one-stop shop to help gather the information and benefits they can get on campus."

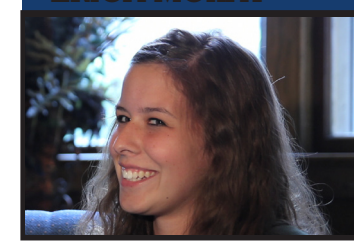
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Pre-Med
Letters & Sciences
Glasgow, MT

"I want to have everyone's voice be heard."

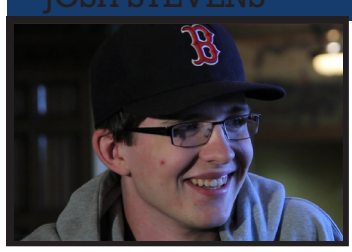
ERICA MCKAY



Business Management
Business
Sandpoint, ID

"As a senator, I'd really like to address the issue of student involvement."

JOSH STEVENS



Finance
Business
Bozeman, MT

"I've noticed although there is some support for student-led activities, I'd like to see a lot more of our money that we pay to MSU go towards student activities."

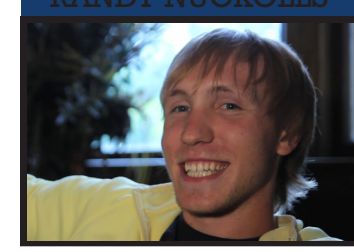
MARCI KOLAR



Marketing
Business
Belt, MT

"We [ASMSU] just actually passed a resolution for our support of adding some more phyical activity classes, and that's one thing I want to work on this year."

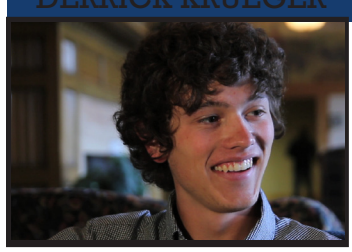
RANDY NUCKOLLS



Business Management
Business
Buffalo, WY

"I'm looking into lowering our carbon footprint and making our university more sustainable."

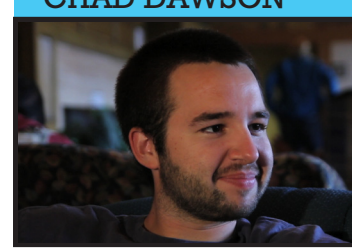
DERRICK KRUEGER



Business
Business
Butte, MT

"I hope to really voice the students' needs and concerns of the College of Business. I think our college is so diverse."

CHAD DAWSON



Film
Arts & Architecture
Kalispell, MT

"We've accomplished a lot so far and we're going through some major restructuring and really trying to focus in on some key points.... I just want to continue that momentum."

STEPHEN STEFFENS



Music
Arts & Architecture
Helena, MT

"I think that it's important to be able to accommodate for all the students that are coming in."

KEVIN CURLEY



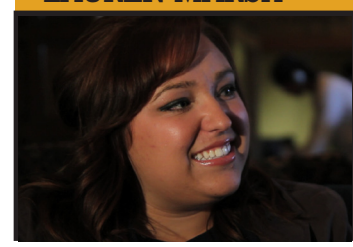
Criminology

At-Large

Lame Deer, MT

"My goal is to encourage more minorities, especially Native Americans, to step up to positions like this."

LAUREN MARSH



Spanish/ International Business

At-Large

Billings, MT

"I've had a lot of experience on campus and I feel like I can really give back through that experience."

CODY FLOERCHINGER



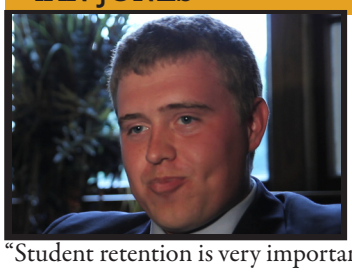
Biochemistry

At-Large

Anchorage, AK

"I wasn't really involved my freshman or sophomore year, and I got involved [with ASMSU] my junior year ... and I feel like I've been able to help my school again."

IAN JONES



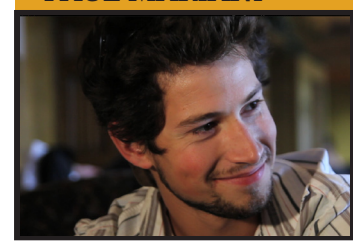
Cell Biology & Neuroscience

At-Large

Wrentham, MA

"Student retention is very important...the more students that we retain, the more students can have a better experience at MSU."

PAUL MARIANI



Cell Biology & Neuroscience

At-Large

Mystic, CT

"I want more facilities available for students to use for sports and recreation outside of the basketball gyms."

LANA LAKE



Political Science

At-Large

Frenchtown, MT

"I really have a passion to serve others."

MAGGIE FRANQUEMONT



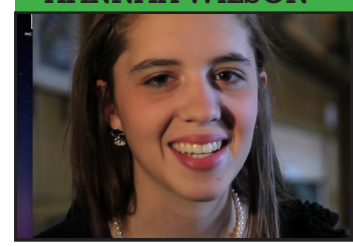
Land Rehabilitation

Agriculture

Evergreen, CO

"I want to change people's perception on what the College or Agriculture is all about."

HANNAH WILSON



Sustainable Food & Bioenergy Systems Agriculture

Kalispell, MT

"I think that because [Agriculture is] the smallest school, it needs the biggest voice in the ASMSU Senate."

RACHEL ABEH



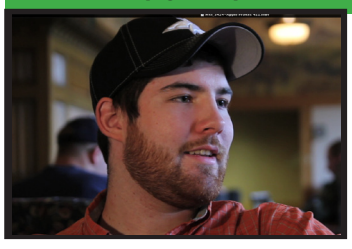
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"I'm not just representing myself, I'm representing an entire college [of students] and what they want."

KELLAN STANDLEY



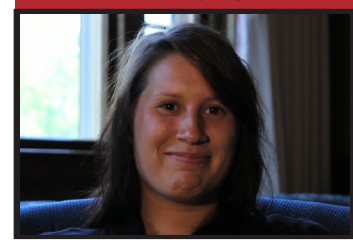
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"I think that I can provide an open-minded consideration of the issues and do a good job representing what students actually want."

ABBIE BANDSTRA



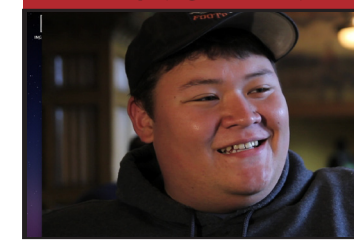
Secondary English-Education

Education, Health, & Human Development

Livingston, MT

"I really care about students academically succeeding, and just so they know that the support for their success is there."

BRIAN MURAKAMI



Elementary Education

Education, Health, & Human Development

Half Moon Bay, CA

"Students can look up to [me] and [I] can be that voice between the students and the administration."

JILL MCLAUGHLIN



Food & Nutrition

Education, Health, & Human Development

Harlowton, MT

"It's important to make sure the students feels safe, welcome, and comfortable approaching the senate."

HANNAH COMBS



Nursing

Nursing

Rescue, CA

"I saw that there was nobody running for the College of Nursing and I felt that I needed to step up and get more involved."

Editor's Note: Adrienne Peck, running as an Arts & Architecture candidate, declined to be interviewed.

SPORTS

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Men Place Third in Cross-County MSU Invitational

Michael Gross

The Cross-Country MSU Invitational was held at the Bridger Creek Golf Course last Saturday. The men came in third in the 5-mile, as Seth Grossman led with a time of 25:12. Keely West led the women in the 3-mile with a time of 17:38.

"Perhaps the most notable performance came from Heather Haug," said Coach Kennedy. Haug, a fourth year MSU athlete and team cornerstone, finished third overall with what was "by far her best collegiate cross-country performance."

The team's biggest downfall was their inability to link up their fourth and fifth runners. For both the men and women, there was a gap of at least one minute between these groups of runners.

Dale Kennedy, who has been the cross country head coach for the past 10 years, had a great deal of confidence in the team before the races. The women's team entered this season with an encouraging preseason ranking of sixth in the Big Sky Conference coach's poll, while the men entered at a very promising second.

The team has also recently taken on some young but very strong runners. One of the competitors to watch is Jake Turner, a freshman from Lolo, Mont. He was the state champion in the 1,600-meter race for track and cross-country his senior year, as well as the state runner-up for the 800-meter.

Another new recruit is Emily Garneau from Castle Rock, Colo. She ran an impressive 5:33 mile and 12:33 two-mile during her high school career. She was also named All-State Academic in track and cross-country.

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>
> -Cross-Country Coach Dale Kennedy

Although Coach Kennedy was aware of both teams' potential, the competition brought some heavy rivalry talent. He said before the race, "We'll be running against some of the strongest teams in the region and this will give us a great look at what we have."

These rival schools included Idaho State, the University of Montana, Utah State, Utah Valley and Weber State, Carroll College, Westminster and South Dakota School of Mines. The most feared competitors were the University of Montana, Weber State and Utah State, who beat MSU in the Mountain Region Championship one year ago.

MSU cross-country will be heading to Missoula Sept. 30 for the Montana Invitational and then to the Penn State Invitational on Oct. 14 in University Park, Pennsylvania.

ASMSU Outdoor Recreation Bonds in the Tetons

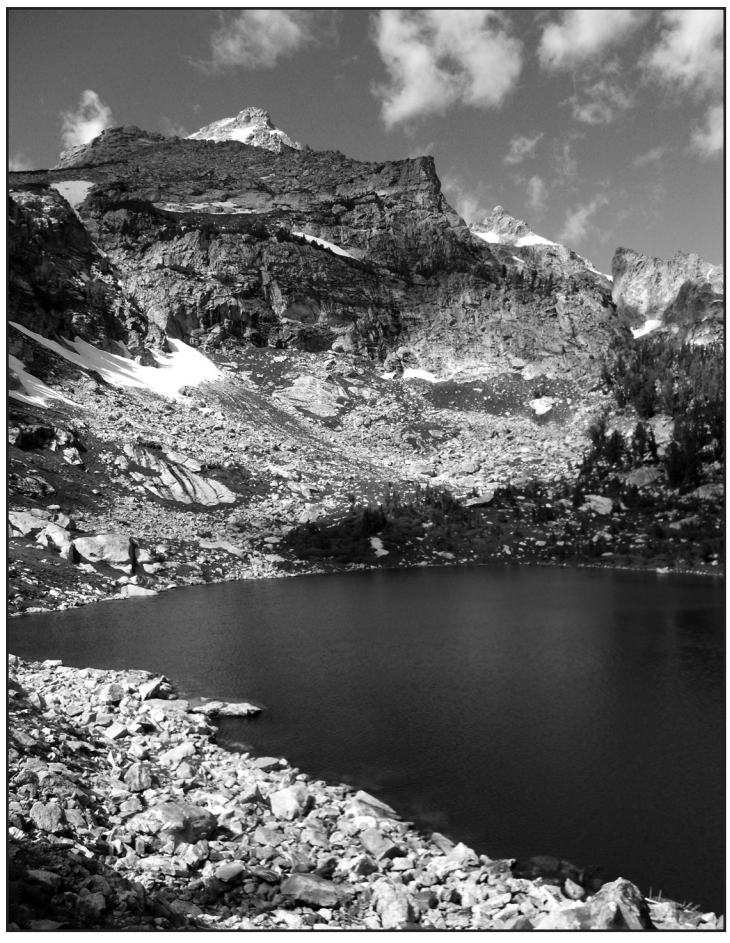


IMAGE COURTESY CASSIE WILSON

Cassie Wilson

This past weekend, ASMSU Outdoor Recreation took a three-day trip to Grand Teton National Park in northwestern Wyoming. It was a weekend full of hiking, exploring and, most importantly, bonding. The group of 10 MSU students met Friday to leave from campus. The Tetons are about a five-hour drive, and, as an added bonus, the drive goes through Yellowstone Park.

Jonathan Leff, a junior, had never been to the Tetons. "They gave us freedom to do what we wanted, which was awesome," he said. "My group of hikers went off-trail to explore and found a neat place, a really steep cliff and a beautiful view of a mountain lake."

> "There were a bunch of international students on the trip and people from all over the U.S., so I learned a lot about other people, their experiences and their passions."
>
> -Rose Hudon

The hikers set up camp at Colter Bay, a campsite on Jackson Lake, and kicked off the weekend with a picnic dinner. Participants observed some great wildlife and even canoed Jenny Lake. The Tetons can be chilly this time of year; on some nights, temperatures dropped below freezing — but that didn't stop some from a mid-day swim.

Ricky Gardner, a sophomore, particularly liked the hike to Amphitheater Lake. The five-mile hike took them to a natural amphitheater, created by steep cliffs on the side of a lake. "I would highly recommend this trip to other students. It was loads of fun and the Tetons are amazing in every aspect," Gardner said.

Rose Hudon, a freshman, said she didn't expect to learn so much during the trip. "There were a bunch of international students on the trip and people from all over the U.S.," she said, "so I learned a lot about other people, their experiences and their passions. I literally had everything to learn about these people."

Not everyone on the trip had prior experience with hiking or camping. Outdoor Rec is focused on bringing people together who love the outdoors, no matter their level of expertise. The trips are coordinated, not guided, so the hikes are mostly free range. No matter what your age, year or major, check out Outdoor Rec. It's a convenient and fun way to become involved in the local great outdoors.

SPORTS

Bobcats Trounce Beavers 43–7



Cody Cunningham kicks for a field goal during Saturday's game against Minot State.

IMAGE BY MAURY NEIPRIS

Sam Roloff

The Montana State Bobcats steamrolled the Minot State Beavers 43–7 for the Cats' second home win this season, bringing MSU's overall record to 2–1.

Minot State, a division II football program, just couldn't keep up. The Bobcats forced three turnovers in the first half and entered halftime with a 38–0 lead, coasting over the Beavers.

> "We were ready, focused and took care of the matters at hand. You can't take anything for granted in this league."
>
> – Coach Rob Ash

MSU held Minot state to 176 total offensive yards on Saturday, the worst showing by an MSU opponent since 2009. The Bobcats put up 491 total yards on offense with roughly 234 yards rushing and 257 passing — highlighting how balanced the Bobcat offense continues to be.

Some individuals were hugely successful during the game. Elvis Akpla, a senior from Portland, Ore., caught his ninth career touchdown as a Bobcat, placing him on MSU's all-time career touchdown catch list. Akpla's 115 yards receiving marked his third career 100-yard game.

Cody Kirk, a sophomore from Frenchtown, Mont., already has four rushing touchdowns in the first three games this season, and continues to be a staple to the offense.

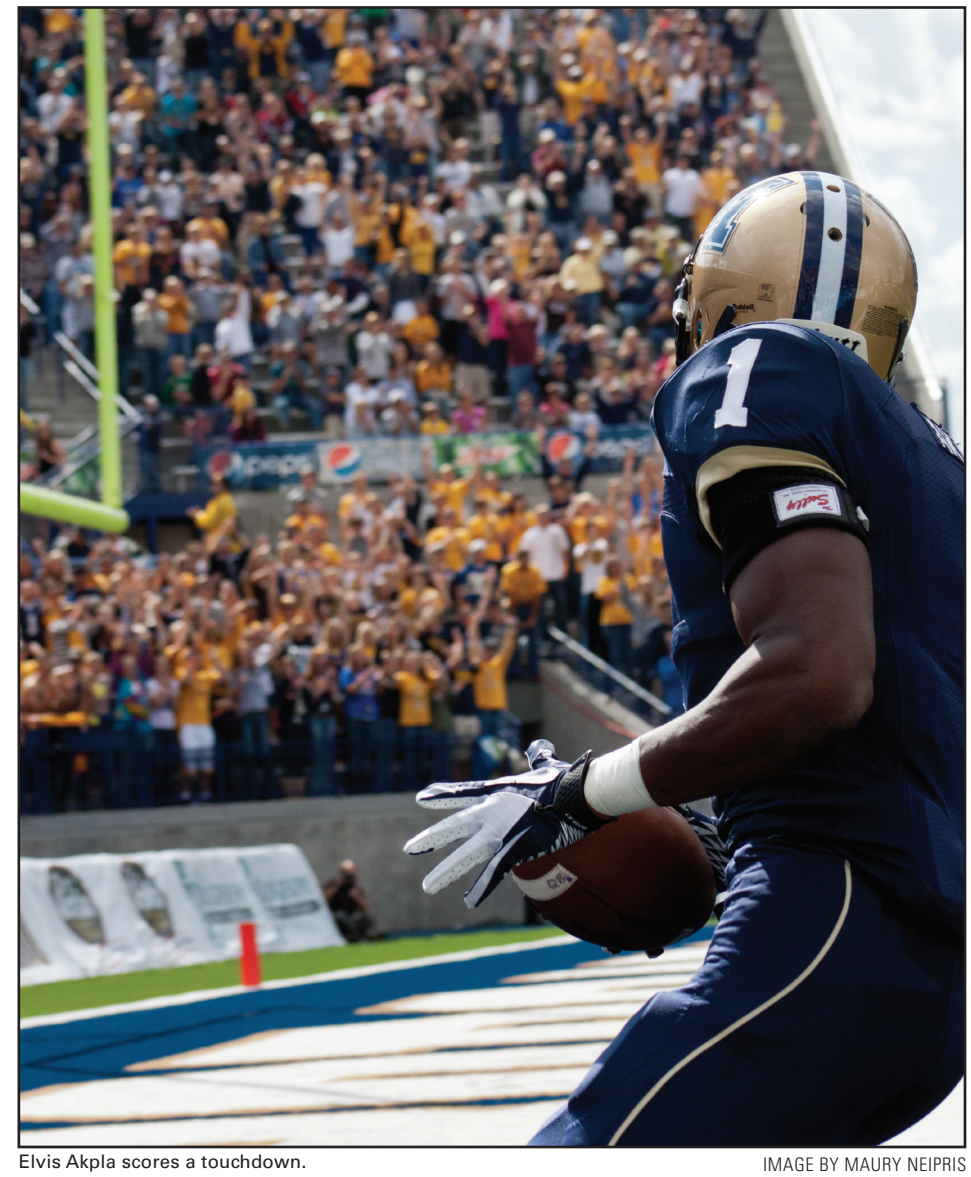
DeNarius McGhee brought another show worth watching, completing 13 of 20 for 227 yards and two touchdowns.

Playing Minot State was a bit of a head game for the Cats as the focus was on 'focusing'. Minot State was the last chance for the Bobcats to tighten any loose screws before conference play begins.

"We were ready, focused and took care of the matters at hand. You can't take anything for granted in this league," said Head Coach Rob Ash.

Next week the Cats travel to Eastern Washington for their first Big Sky Conference game of the season. Eastern Washington, the defending FCS National Champion, has started their season with a lackluster 0–3 performance and will look to use MSU as a stepping stone for a winning season.

When asked about upcoming preparations for Eastern Washington Ash added, "This week will be a fabulous week. The players want it and you know guys are in it when they come watch film on their own. We're excited."



Elvis Akpla scores a touchdown.

IMAGE BY MAURY NEIPRIS

ATHLETE PROFILE: ALEX PENEWELL



Sport: Volleyball
Upcoming Home Matches: Sept. 23 vs. Eastern Washington at 7 p.m., Sept. 24 vs. Portland State at 7 p.m, Sept. 30 vs. Montana at 7 p.m.

Hometown: Newport Beach, California
Major: English Literature, Art History minor
Transfer: Attended University of Colorado at Boulder for two years before being recruited to MSU.
Year in School: Senior
How long involved in sport: Nine years
Position: Middle Blocker

Why did you start playing?
I wanted to play with my friends on the beach. After I began playing in the summer, a coach told me to try out for the club team. It's a popular sport in Southern California.

What's your favorite aspect of playing volleyball?
The team camaraderie—winning and losing as a team.

What are you looking forward to this season?
Making it my best season and as a team taking our program to the next level.

How do you motivate yourself before a match?
We do visualization as a team. I'm also big into seeing myself winning and playing a perfect match. I also look to hype up my teammates before the game.

What person or quotation most inspires you?
John Wooden, former UCLA basketball coach, and his thoughts on competitive greatness. Such as, "Be your best when best is needed."

Do you have other hobbies/activities/interests?
Reading, pilates, yoga and working out.

What's your favorite class at MSU and why?
My Forms and Functions Literature class. I learned a lot and it kicked my butt.

What's your favorite place to eat in Bozeman?
The Nova for breakfast.

Anything else about volleyball?
We are a hardworking group.

If you are interested in being featured in a future athlete profile, please email sports@exponent.montana.edu or call 406-994-3976.

- MICHELLE THOMAS

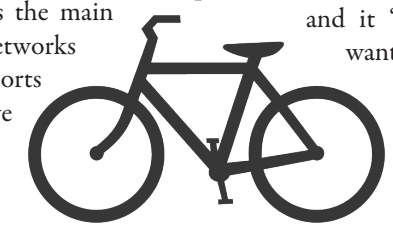
Profile: Cycling Club

Megan Bernhardt

Who: Anyone with an interest in biking.
When: 8 p.m. every Wed.
Where: SUB 233
Cost: $65-$75, varies per year depending on cost of jerseys.

Three "C's" are vital for the success of the cycling club — camaraderie, competition and, of course, cycling. The Montana State University Cycling Club is much more than a club that goes biking occasionally, according to club president Brandon Kelley. They also ride competitively and are active in the community.

While biking is always the main attraction, the club also networks in the community and supports recreational and competitive cycling for the university. They raise money for Toys for Tots to buy bikes for less fortunate children.



As part of the Division II Northwest Collegiate Conference, the club competes in up to 10 competitions per year. They range in location from Bozeman to the west coast, traveling as much as 800 miles. The club's members carpool to these competitions. The club receives money from the university through student activities fees in addition to sponsorships from local businesses, which help them reimburse members for gas money.

Kelley said the cycling club is a "great way to meet new people and learn new tricks." Additionally, you don't have to be a part of the club to come to the meetings, and it "gets as serious as you want to take it."

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SPORTS



Building the Perfect Mountain Break Shack

Kris Drummond

The temperatures are dropping, and along with them is that fresh-start motivation that was definitely going to last all semester. Homework is being exchanged for movie premieres, Wednesday is quickly becoming the new Friday. With so much going on, it's hard to stay focused, but while anticipating the upcoming winter, it is imperative that skiers and snowboarders plan ahead and make the proper on-hill safety precautions.

It's 11 a.m, with 20 inches of fresh powder, and tracks are starting to harden on what was a pristine, untouched hillside. At this critical junction, for the safety of yourself and everyone on the hill, it is usually best to gather up the friends and go find one of the many conveniently-located break shacks to take a breather.

Where are these recuperation shacks, you ask? Well, that I cannot divulge, but I can provide some advice on how to build your own.

The first and most important factor of any hut is location. Because break time is best enjoyed in the privacy of your own personal envoy, a spot that is both concealed and easily accessible is critical. The best examples are usually found within a nice grove of healthy, mature foliage about midway down a run, and preferably accessible from multiple lifts.

The next step is to bring a large crew of people, especially if you are trying to get a project off the ground in the fall. It's amazing how all that motivation can easily turn into a group of tired lads sitting on the ground, sipping the only liter of water they thought to bring along.

The last thing to remember may be the most important: bring the right tools, and give yourself enough time to get it done. When you first embark on a fort-building adventure, it's easy to dream big and envision that secret mountain chalet. Remember, cutting down (preferably dead) trees by hand is hard work, and the snow is coming soon. Bring enough saws, twine and knives to at least get your structure through the season, and don't forget a shovel unless you want to take your hard-earned break on a 40 degree slope!

When all is said and done, it's all about safety, and building a break shack on the hill is one of the most rewarding preseason preparations to engage in. There's nothing quite like enjoying elevation in the comfort of a structure you built yourself, and then returning to the hill with a refreshed sense of enthusiasm. Get building, don't tell anyone about the location and don't forget your gloves!`


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Double Snowboard Feature Premieres at Emerson

Karen Wilson

Last Wednesday, Absinthe Films and Yes Snowboards came to Bozeman for a double-feature snowboard film premiere. There was only one showing and the audience at the Emerson was uncharacteristically small, laid-back and family-friendly. When Absinthe producer Justin Hostynek took the stage to introduce their latest film "twe12ve," he quietly announced that three of its 12 featured riders were in the audience: Annie Boulanger, Lucas Debari and Bode Merrill.

All proceeds from the Bozeman premiere went to Big Sky Youth Empowerment (BYEP), and before the movie started there was no fanfare, just a short BYEP promotional video.

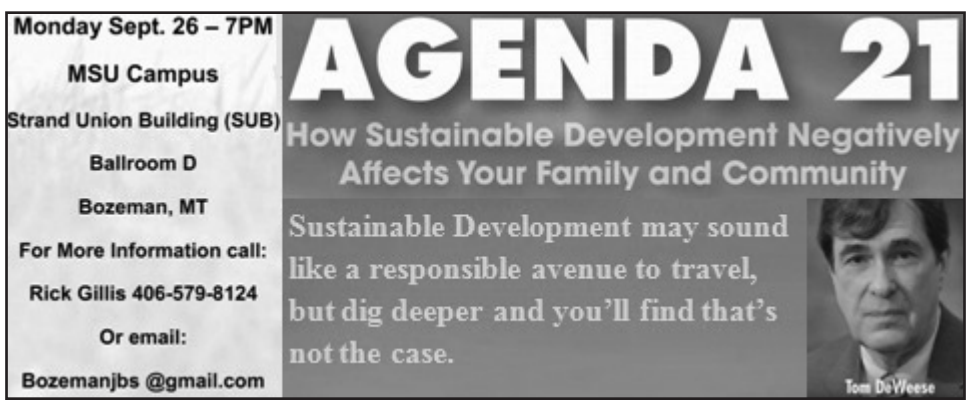
Much like Hostynek's introduction, "twe12ve" did not feature extraneous footage. It delivered what snowboarding films are expected to: shot after shot of epic powder lines, big air and just enough rails to keep things interesting. Each rider's part showed them doing what they do best with little background information, leaving the viewers wondering, "Where was that? I want to go there." The film ended solidly with Bode Miller's part, in which he landed massive one-footed airs that would cripple the average human.

Despite the small crowd, cheers were consistent through the movie and energy was high. When it ended, "Yes. It's a Movie" immediately started with no intermission. "Yes. It's a Movie" is the first film by Yes Snowboards, a small but growing company founded by three pro snowboarders. Last year, the Yes riders were featured in Absinthe Films' "NowHere," and the continued collaboration of the two companies made for an awesome double feature this year.

Among others, two prime locations were featured: Haines, Alaska and the Kootenay mountains of British Columbia. For fun, there was also a "pow battle" segment in which riders DCP and Romain DeMarchi floated airs into deep powder, showcasing snowboarding's true nature: fun with friends. Suffice it to say, "Yes. It's a Movie" left the crowd shouting, "Yes!"

If you missed this premiere and want to see more like it, it may not be too late to get your ticket for Teton Gravity Research's newest film, "One For the Road," premiering tonight, Sept. 22, at the Emerson. There are two showings, at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and tickets are $15 in advance at Chalet Sports or $20 at the door if they don't sell out.

For more information about Absinthe Films and Yes Snowboards, check out *www.absinthe-films.com* and *www.yesnowboard.com.*



Movies Heat Up as Fall Sets In

Vanessa Naive

It's official: we are recovering from our end-of-summer slump of kids' movies, pointless war movies and raunchy almost-there pornos (with a few exceptions sprinkled in). With numerous critically-acclaimed movies out, the fall movie season is already blazing as the temperatures begin to cool.

IN THEATERS

Contagion

Contagion is currently topping the box office, and, with an all-star cast including Marion Cotillard, Matt Damon, Jude Law, Gwenyth Paltrow and Kate Winslet, can anyone say it's a surprise? The directors researched intensively what would happen if a lethal airborne virus killed within days and spread across the planet. The striking realism of this world has chilled audiences and kept them in its grip. Rated PG-13.

Drive

If you could drive as a stuntman in Hollywood, why wouldn't you try and gain some extra cash on the side by assisting armed heists at night? Ryan Gosling and Carey Mulligan star in this action movie. A reviewer on RottenTomatoes states, "Moody and mystical at the start, this movie explodes with violence which shakes its audience to the core." Rated R.

Warrior

"The beats are familiar, the stakes are high, the fights are brutal and the rewards are just," reviews film-critic William Goss. When the youngest son of an alcoholic former boxer returns home, he's trained for competition in a mixed martial arts tournament. This puts him on a crash course toward his estranged brother, forcing them to confront their past battles in the ring. Rated PG-13.

Midnight in Paris

Midnight in Paris is an excellent "meet in the middle" date movie that will satisfy both parties. Paris sets the stage for this quirky romantic comedy about a family who travels to expand their business, including a young engaged couple forced to confront the illusion that a life different from their own is better. Nostalgic and heartwarming, "Midnight in Paris" has been a well-received Woody Allen movie. This will also be a part of the Bozeman Film Festival, and will be reviewed in more detail in an upcoming edition of the Exponent. Rated PG-13.

COMING SOON

Moneyball, Sept. 23

Starring Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill and Philip Seymour-Hoffman, "Moneyball" is the true story of Billy Beane, the Oakland A's general manager, whose successful attempt to stay ahead in the game leads him to put together a baseball club on a budget by employing radical computer-generated analysis to draft his players. Rated PG-13.

50/50; Sept 30

When you're best friends, the other's experience becomes integral to your own life. Inspired by personal experiences, 50/50 stars Joseph Goron-Levitt and Seth Rogen, whose lives are changed by a cancer diagnosis. The drama/comedy also stars Oscar nominee Anna Kendrick, Bryce Dallas Howard and Anjelica Huston. Rated R.

Calendar september 23 - 29

Got an exciting, entertaining, extraneous, educational, or just plain excellent event coming up? Let us know at calendar@exponent.montana.edu

Friday september 23

Towne's Harvest Farm Stand,
3 - 6 p.m.
By Flagpole on Campus
Fresh produce for sale!

Native American Heritage Day
10:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.
MSU's Centennial Mall
Dance demonstrations, musical performances and storytelling to celebrating the cultural legacy of the Native American people

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Every Friday and Saturday
Runs till Oct. 1st
Show starts at 8 p.m.
Equinox Theatre
Tickets: $10 for Students
Join in the fun of the Tony Award-winning musical comedy chronicling the journey of six adolescents in a thrilling spelling bee championship

"Taste It, See It, Live It"
Sept. 19th to Sept. 30th
The ASMSU Exit Gallery
An exhibit displaying MSU students' work derived from international study abroad trips

Bobcat Volleyball vs. Eastern Washington University
7 p.m.
Cheer on the Bobcat Volleyball girls in their first home match!

Saturday september 24

Junk 2 Funk Recycled Fashion Show
7 p.m., SUB Ballroom
Tickets: $5 - $9
Enjoy the creativity of fellow students as they display fashions created from garbage can materials; All proceeds support Engineers Without Borders

Saturday continued

Rockin' the 'M' Restoration Project
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Join in on a hike hosted by the Office of Community Involvement that will end in a group effort of repainting the iconic 'M'; Transportation, lunch, and T-shirt provided
Sign up at www.surveymonkey.com/s/7N8F7MD

Bozeman Symphony: Romantic Guests
7:30 p.m.; Also performing Sept. 26th at 2:30 p.m.
Willson Auditorium
The opening performance of the 44th concert season

Hushush Festival
Kountz Arena
Electronic musical festival featuring DJ's Jason Root and K-HOL and the sounds of Eoto and Beats Antique
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Cahalan Morrison and Eli West
7:30 p.m., Pilgrim Congregrational Church
Tickets: $5 - $15
Acoustic folk melodies that combines a sense of old-time with the most sophisticated of bluegrass

Poundstone: Comedy Show
8 p.m., Ellen Theatre
Tickets: $25
Returning after her sold-out show last year, Poundstone brings her wit and spontaneity to the stage for an incredibly entertaining experience

Bobcat Volleyball vs. Portland State
7 p.m. at Home

Bobcat Football vs. Eastern Washington University
4:05 p.m. in Cheney, WA
Watch on Max Media Channel

Saturday continued

Drop and Trot
8:30 a.m., Lindley Park
Registration: $25 - $35
Visit www.havenmt.org
Do a minute of push-ups and then take off in Haven's 5k or 10k race, dogs are welcome

Tuesday september 27

Farmer's Market
5 - 8 p.m.
Bogert Park
Last day of the Farmer's Market for the season!

Tripsichore Yoga Theatre
7 p.m., Emerson Ballroom
Tickets: $15 at Emerson and F-11 Photography
Combines aspects of dance and yoga into an experience of power and passion similar to Cirque du Soleil

Banned Books Week
12 - 12:50 p.m.
Renne Library
Come learn more about the history of book censorship

Wednesday september 28

Sack Lunch Seminar: Health Through Farms
12 - 1 p.m.
The Procrastinator Theatre
Bring your lunch and join in the discussion concerning the importance of a local, farm-to-school approach

The Taxi Takes on Terror
7 - 9 p.m.
The Procrastinator Theatre
Web video directed by Vandana Soud will be screened followed by a question and answer session

Wednesday continued

Sizzling Salsa, Every Wednesday, Lessons at 8 p.m., Dancing till 11 p.m.
Baxter Ballroom
$5 per person
For more info contact sizzlingsalsa@gmail.com

Senate and Homecoming Elections: 'Rock the Vote'
All day voting; 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. : Free BBQ on Centennial Mall and live music
Vote for your Senate and Homecoming Candidates online at www.montana.edu/asmsu/vote

Thursday september 29

'GO CATS' Lighting and Homecoming Bonfire
9 - 11:30 p.m.
South Hedges/F-lot between Field House and Stadium
Watch the South Hedges lighting of 'GO CATS' and bring your school spirit to the Homecomine bonfire!

Library Workshop: Citing Sources Properly
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Renne Library
Heathcote Classroom

Letters and Science Distinguished Speaker Series
3 p.m.
The Procrastinator Theatre
Andrew Lo will present "Can Financial Engineering Cure Cancer, Solve the Energy Crisis and Stop Global Warming?"

9/11 Red Cross Mental Health Volunteer to Speak at MSU
7:30 p.m.
SUB Ballroom C
Montana author and Red Cross disaster mental health worker Maureen McInnis shares her experiences in the 9/11 tragedy

A-Z Lecture Series

Belize: Culture, Environment and Sustainability

Summary by Shelby Rogala | Lecture by Herminio Sho, Jr.; University of Belize

Belize is a country of diversity: cultural, environmental, social and political. For its small size, it packs a tremendous punch – rain forests, barrier reefs, mountain ranges and beaches.

Yet, also overwhelming is the disparity. As social, environmental and economic forces clash, various organizations fight for their interests, their priorities and their constituents. Those constituents may be consumers of oil, tourism, or natural processes and local cultures. Those organizations may be foreign corporate entities, local tribes, national activists or international environmentalists.

Some organizations, such as Sustainable Harvest International, seek to balance social and environmental sustainability by providing multi-year tutorials for local farmers on topics from crop rotations to low-fuel stoves. Yet how do organizations such as these balance the immediacy of issues with the necessity of lengthy programs? And how are appropriate incentives provided so local communities are receiving advice, not handouts?

Is there anything we can learn from how Belize is dealing with competing interests? Are Montana ranchers analogous to the Belizean farmers that cannot afford to grow crops to feed their families? Do communities in U.S. inner cities that are unaware and unable to balance environmental and social issues have as much to benefit from focused programs as citizens in Belize? How do we approach and bridge these similar yet different problems, and how does this affect the way we view our culture, our future and our globe?

Learn more at *http://www.sustainableharvest.org*

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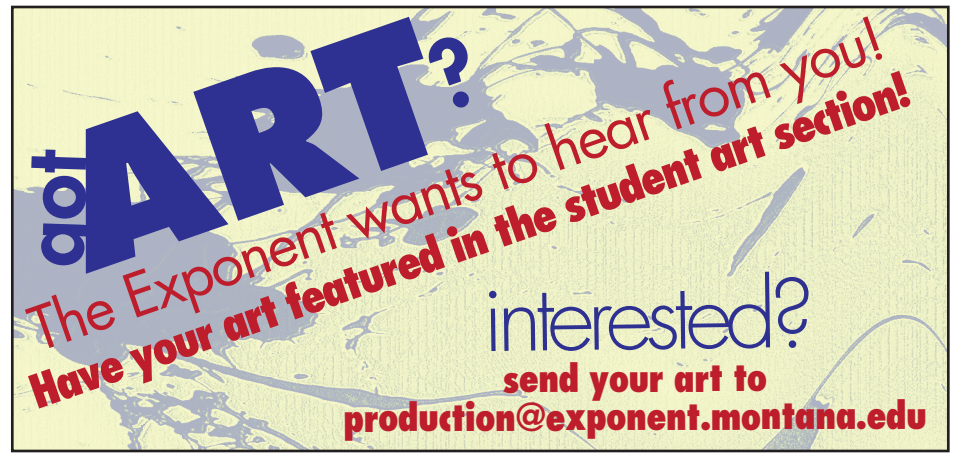
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Female Model Wanted - $100/hr - Fine Art Figure Photography - email faceshot to Julia at jkern@bresnan.net or call with questions at 406-570-8653.

EMPLOYMENT
Women with interesting Tattoos wanted for Photography project. Please email a photo of your tattoo to Jkern@bresnan.net or call Julia 570-8653 for more information.

FOR SALE
Townhouse a Hop, Skip* & a Jump to MSU: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, on three levels. New flooring & paint in this end unit with a fenced backyard. All appliances stay including washer, dryer & gas stove in living room. Call for a showing today. Christine Delaney Bridger Mountain Realty 406-522-5446 (* skipping not required) Offered for $154,900

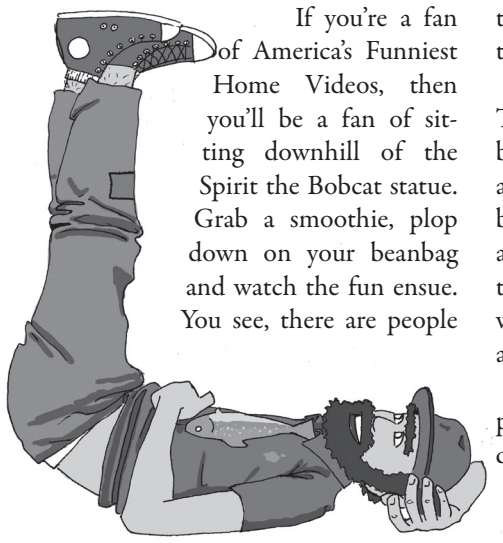




CLARENCE MJORK'S APOCRYPHA

People Watchin'

Here's the dealio. You're looking for ways to procrastinate, and I have ways to procrastinate. Now anyone can be a procrastinator, but you want to be respected as well. I am sorry to report this to you, but no matter how many clever ways you photoshop a troll face into screenshots, nobody respects a Redditor. Besides, the Internet is for the colder months and sad people. Get off your duff and get outside. If you've become really attached to that beanbag in the corner of your room, bring it along.



If you're a fan of America's Funniest Home Videos, then you'll be a fan of sitting downhill of the Spirit the Bobcat statue. Grab a smoothie, plop down on your beanbag and watch the fun ensue. You see, there are people on this campus who use longboards. Longboarders are attracted to long stretches of concrete, one of which stretches from Montana Hall down to Johnstone Center. A seemingly popular way to stop is to bail off the sidewalk into the grass. This process is never graceful and always entertaining.

Another fun spot to set up shop is next to the printers in the library just before 5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. This is typically when lab reports are due, which means the library temporarily turns in to a track meet of flustered, desperate students trying to beat a deadline.

And then there's Centennial Mall. The mall is a fun place to people watch because everyone else is people watching, and everyone knows it. From the girls sunbathing to the guy parading his new puppy around, everyone knows they're being scrutinized. The fun part is to watch as casual walks turn into runway struts as students approach Montana Hall.

This makes me sound like I watch people a lot. That's because I do. Have a great day!

-Clarence

MUSIC REVIEW

St. Vincent: Strange Mercy

Indie-rock darling Annie Clark, aka St. Vincent, makes music that is frustratingly difficult to describe. It is beautiful yet foreboding, like the soundtrack for a sinister murder-mystery set during a classy cocktail party. St. Vincent has returned with this sound on her third album, Strange Mercy, an ambitious record that may just be her finest yet.

With her sweet, alluring voice, St. Vincent could easily make a living belting lounge-jazz tunes in hotel bars—but singing was never her musical focus. Clark is first-and-foremost a guitarist—she played for the Polyphonic Spree as well as with the fabulous Sufjan Steven on his touring band—and on Strange Mercy she holds back on the cute-ish orchestral arrangements of her previous album, Actor, and makes her aggressive and erratic guitar the main attraction.

"Cruel"—possibly St. Vincent's catchiest song to date—soars on the contrast between the chorus' lovely guitar melody and the manic shredding on the bridge. "Surgeon" winds its way through a number of twisted avenues ("Best, finest surgeon / Come cut me open," she cries) before erupting into a furious, climactic solo. Though occasionally veering into self-indulgence, such as when she embraces her inner-Peter Frampton on "Neutered Fruit," most of her guitar experiments are wickedly successful.

When St. Vincent goes for a quieter and more stripped-down sound, her soft, chilly vocals become the center of attention—and fortunately, she has the lyrics to justify it. The prevailing mood is dark: sadness, fear and disconnection are prominent themes ("You're like the party I heard through a wall," she sings on "Dilettante"). "Champagne Year" is a cruel assessment of the fate that awaits many a college student after graduation. It's heart-breaking stuff.

Strange Mercy is a dense album, and its harshness might initially make you uncomfortable. But don't abandon this treasure after the first listen. It is one of the year's most thrilling albums.

Best tracks: "Cruel," "Surgeon," "Strange Mercy"

Score: 9/10

Aspen's Answers

Dear Aspen,
As much as I hear about a--holes consistently getting girls, I can't bring myself to be one. But as many times as I've heard I'm a nice guy, I've also heard I'm too nice. How do I stop being seen a pushover?

Sincerely,
Toeing the line

You don't have to be an a--hole, but it wouldn't hurt to observe and consider a few things they do. A--holes are not known for setting high expectations. Because you're known for it, it isn't out of habit for you to do something nice [rephrase this sentence?]. But this puts you at a disadvantage. Girls like an a--hole because whenever he does something "nice," girls think, "OMG, I'm changing him." It's viewed as a larger event because it travels farther along the spectrum.

The trick here is not to let a girl you are interested in walk all over you. It's about balance– you can't always be chasing her. Keep her interested, but don't put her in control. A--holes are notorious for leading girls on. Don't make her think she's got a shot when she doesn't, but give her a chase worth participating in. You don't want her to take you for granted.

The Nice Guy's biggest fallout is trying too hard. You just can't do it. (Think about a--holes. They never try at all). Trying too hard is the equivalent of giving off bad body odor. It can very well repel the girl you're trying to impress (they can smell the desperation). So when you text her, let her respond before you text again. Never text her repeatedly if she didn't respond the first time, and don't offer to do multitudes of things for her, especially if you've just met.

If you've just had a fantastic evening enjoyed by both parties and you leave her wanting more, she isn't likely to forget it any time soon. As much as girls can dwell on a--holes who leave them feeling self-conscious and alone, she'll spend more time thinking about the way you offered her your coat when she was cold. If she remembers you as "the one that got away" rather than "the one that would run her errands at the drop of a hat," she'll have more respect for you. With respect comes admiration, and a girl feeling those strong emotions isn't going to let you get away easily.

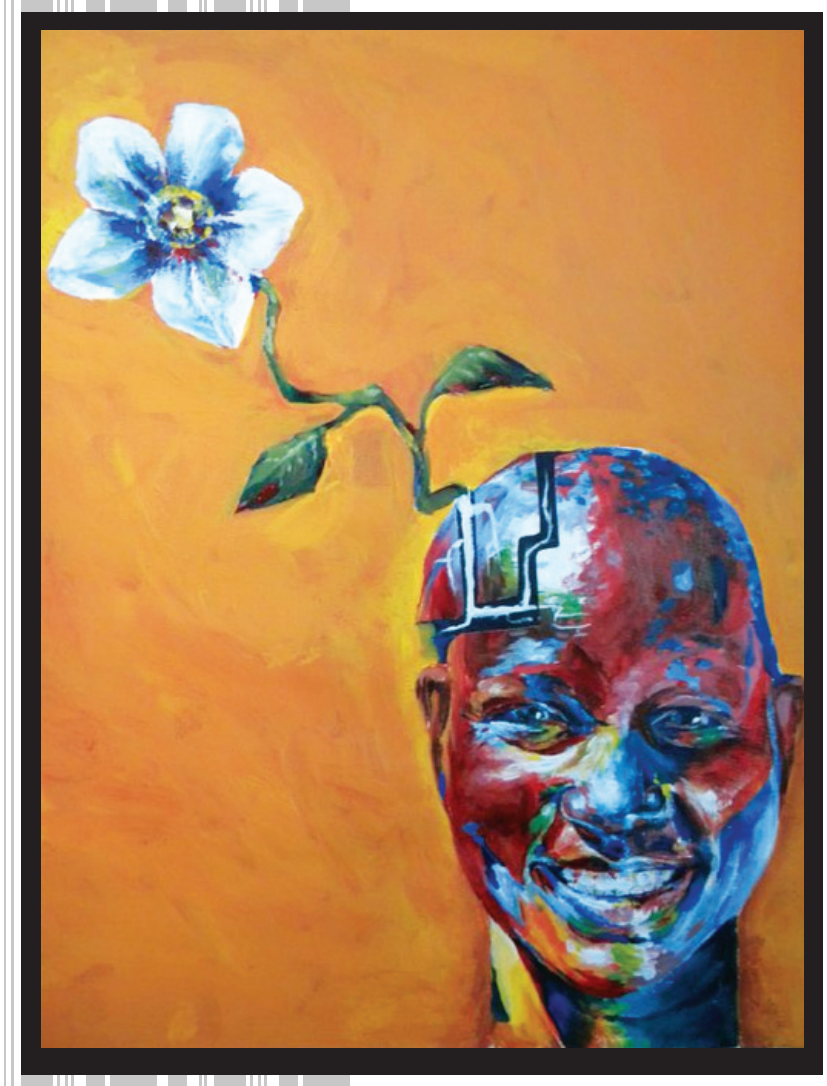


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STUDENT ART

"Thoughts are Ready to Burst" by Genevieve Pugesek





Our mind is a wonderous place that is filled with seeds of ideas. The ideas we have are far-fetched, but they are not impossible to achieve. Life begins to grow on our heads as we become closer to the ultimate satisfaction. The plants, fungi and flowers are just the beginning of our thought process.

Genievieve Pugesek is a sophomore at MSU studying biology. This is why there is an organic element implied in her artwork. Throughout the painting process for this series, Pugesek felt like there was a mini-forest starting to grow out of her head. She used acrylic thoughout her work. Painting is the perfect tool for her because it's an easier way to manipulate the values of the textures and colors.



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Tammi Heneveld

WHAT OUR STAFF WAS LOOKING UP INSTEAD OF LAYING OUT THE PAPER AT 11 P.M.

TEXT PURGATORY – (n.) The time period one waits for a response to a flirtatious text.

CHIPTEASE – (n.) When you buy a bag of chips thinking that it will be full of chips, but when you open the bag it's barely full.

BED GRAVITY – (n.) An irresistible force that draws you back to bed, or toward any mattress, couch or other soft horizontal surface. Usually stronger when one or more persons are already on said furniture.

LADYBONER – (n.) When a woman is sexually attracted to a man or another woman.

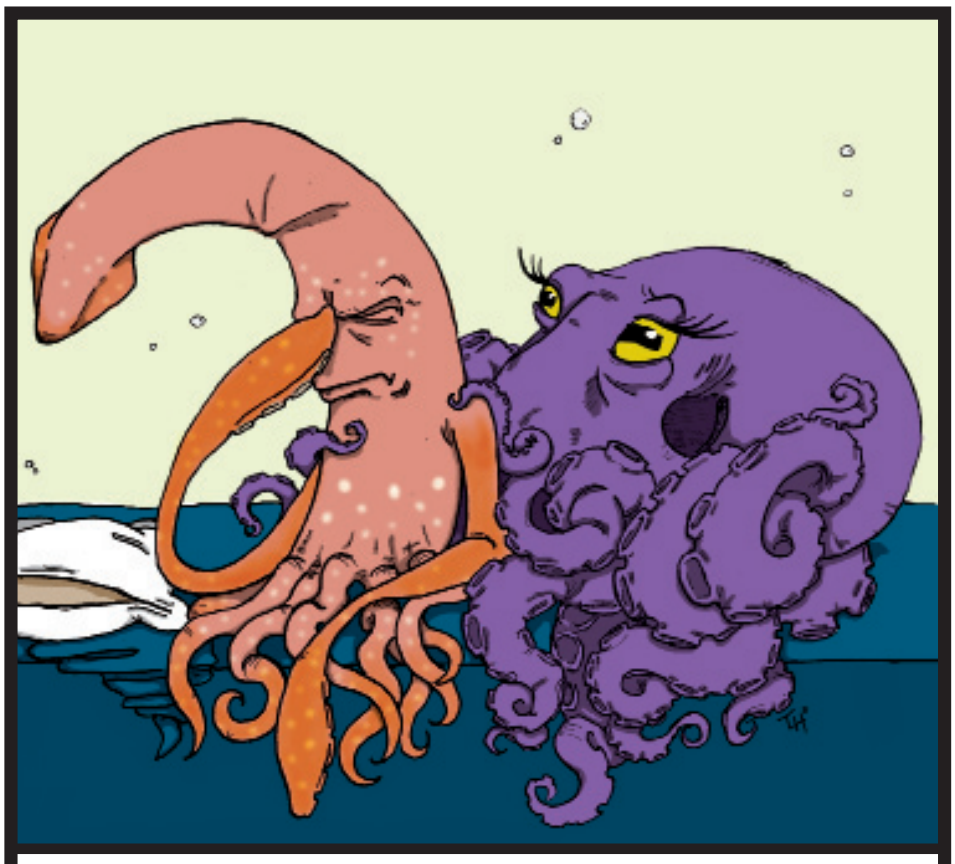
BEEF WALK – (n.) Going outside or away from the group in order to fart with less consequence.

PILLOW LUST – (n.) A feeling college students experience when they're so exhausted that the idea of their face hitting their pillow sounds so utterly fantastic that it's almost sexual.

TWITTER BANG – (n.) Hooking up with someone with whom you've spoken less than 140 words.

Comic

Tammi Heneveld



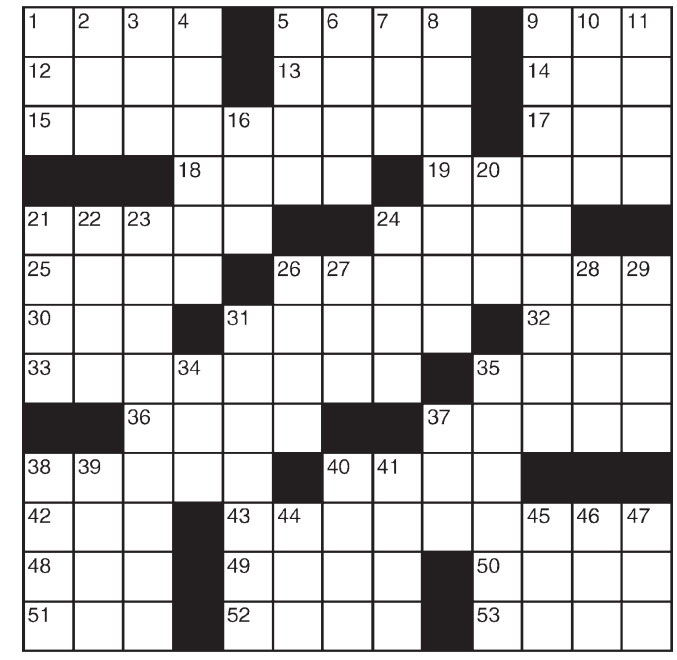
"It's okay, I'm sure it happens to a lot of squid..."

SUDOKU

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King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Loony
5 Actress Sorvino
9 "That's a laugh!"
12 Reed instrument
13 Black, in poetry
14 Hearty brew
15 Mouth organ
17 Tier
18 Asset
19 Physician of ancient Greece
21 Was sore
24 Great Lake
25 Carson predecessor
26 "All Quiet on the Western Front" author
30 Blunder
31 Automaton
32 "Born in the —"
33 Suave
35 Hastened
36 Terrible guy?
37 Gives temporarily
38 Dr. Salk
40 Entrance
42 Early bird?
43 Teen sibs of whodunit
48 Before fame
49 Did surveillance on
50 Touch
51 Apiece
52 Stitches
53 Viscous

DOWN

1 Homer's out-cry
2 Lawyers' org.
3 Supporting
4 Composure
5 Options list
6 Wading bird
7 Sinbad's bird
8 Turn of phrase?
9 Pantomime jester
10 Lotion additive
11 Chopped
16 Antiquated
20 Melody
21 Mimicked
22 Give a darn
23 Omen
24 Like certain profs.
26 Equine coloration
27 Inventor Whitney
28 Second-hand
29 George of "CSI"
31 Grinds one's teeth
34 Eggs
35 Kind of tea
37 Myrna of Hollywood
38 Military vehicle
39 Shrek is one
40 Sketched
41 Probability
44 Sailor's assent
45 Japanese sash
46 "Tasty!"
47 Messy place

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