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FROM THE QU*CKING EDITOR'S DESK

Quackery



Ronald R. Duck
DUCK-IN-CHIEF

I am proud to announce that I, Ronald R. Duck, will be taking the helm at the Exponent as Eric Dietrich, our editor-in-chief for the past two years steps down. While the official story has been that Derek Brouwer, the paper's Managing Editor, has been hired to serve as his replacement next year. I simply can't resist quacking the news on a secret: President Cruzado has seen fit to appoint me, a proud juvenile member of the family Anatidae (a baby duck for any poorly educated readers) to serve as the Exponent's true spiritual guide.

Unfortunately, it turns out ducks don't have too much to say. Quick Quack. It's taken its toll on our editing this week. We're. Quack. Quack. Sorry. Quack.

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A duck taking with fantastic communication skills.

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SPOILER ALERT: DO NOT CONTINUE READING IF YOU ARE NOT A LAWYER.

April Fools day is this week. Coincidentally, this edition, believe it or not, is satirical. Where we've attributed statements to real people, they have not actually said them. We jest with love, we promise.

Given that, please, please, *please* treat what you read in these pages with appropriate skepticism. Except our advertisements. Pay attention to those — the folks who've taken them out this week are awfully brave, all things considered.

As always, if you'd like to complain about our poor sense of humor (or, God forbid, complement it), send an email to editor@exponent.montana.edu.

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No, I Won't Write in AP Style

BONNY BIRKELAND AND ROSE SULLIVAN-SPRINGHETTI

There has recently been an almost violent attack on Associated Press (AP) style among the Exponent staff. Younger writers believe AP format is a thing of the past and should be done away with.

AP style is a widely-used set of grammar guidelines intended to ensure consistency in American journalism.

Leader of the attack, Atticus Butch, described his frustration with the AP guidelines. "Pardonnez mon français, but following the rigid structure Ap style is akin to feeding the baby swan of creative freedom through the woodchipper of oppression and stir frying the remains," he tearingly said, " all of this in front of its mother, no less".

The geezers of the Exponent staff still cling to the antiquated format. One senior editor, who has "4:00 \ is acceptable, but time listings with a.m. or p.m. are preferred" tattooed on his inner thigh claimed, "those bolo tie-wearing, pretentious, pseudo-intellectual youngsters think they can just come in here and uproot a system that has been around long before their doily-wearing, tea-drinking days."

The 2 sides have agreed to settle this dispute through a rap battle featuring vocalized punctuation; extra points for grammatical correctness. Refreshments for the battle-weary wizards will consist of 8 cans of baby food, 2 swan eggs, and a barbequed naked mole rat covered in EZ Cheese.

Observers are encouraged to come and cheer on contestants. An arena will be set up temporarily in the Exponent office. The date for the face-off has yet to be determined. Let the AP battle begin!

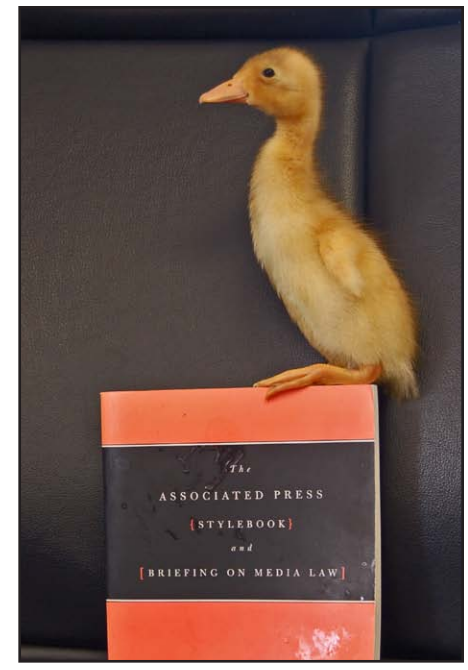


IMAGE BY TREVOR NELSON

AP Style: Oppressive or Adorable?

Sustainable Coffee Drinking Making Students Broke

KRISTEN INGMAN



IMAGE BY TREVOR NELSON

SRO's new sustainable initiatives are proving to be delicious but expensive.

MSU administration reported last week that the increased need for student loans correlates directly with the SRO's hefty profit spike after its transition from Styrofoam to paper cups.

Draco Pogreba, director of the Office of Financial Aid, explained that the number of students who apply for loans has increased significantly since the 2010-2011 school year.

"Students with no history of dependence on loans began inquiring about the FAFSA and other means of aid at the beginning of the semester," Pogreba said. "After years of successfully predicting swells in financial need, this increase has really given us a run for our money."

Baffled by the increase, MSU administrators began investigating student spending earlier this month and have found that an alarming number of student dollars are currently being spent at popular campus café, the SRO. Administrators concluded that the transition from Styrofoam to paper cups was not only an environmental procedure, but also a marketing scheme, and is responsible for the SRO's profit growth.

Administrators have theorized that students may feel less guilt when purchasing coffee that is served in a biodegradable cup. "What students have yet to realize is that the coffee is the same, but their post-college debt sure isn't," Pogreba explained.

The parallel between student consumption at the SRO and increased financial need does not come as a surprise to many students.

Melvin Smith voiced his frustration with students' irresponsibility; "My roommate throws a tantrum every time I turn the heat on, but I see his skinny triple vanilla soy latte with whip cups in our garbage every day," he said. "If he spent less at the SRO, he would be able to afford our power bill and he wouldn't be so reliant on blood money."

> "We've reached the point where financial need and the line at the SRO are growing at equal rates."
>
> – MATT SHARES, DEAN OF STUDENTS

Dean of Students Matt Shares promised to facilitate a forum on the issue later this month. "We've reached the point at which financial need and the lines at the SRO are growing at equal rates," he said. "But if students want to spend their loan money on coffee even after being educated on fiscal responsibility, then I will have to stand by them. That's my job."

Grad Students Found Living Under Campus

MICHAEL GROSS

Facilities Services announced the discovery this week of a sub-culture of graduate students surviving Montana's harsh winters by sheltering in the university's abandoned steam tunnels.

The university has responded to increasing enrolment in recent years by co-opting family and graduate housing facilities for freshman housing. The move has displaced many graduate students, forcing them to fend for themselves in the brutally-competitive world of Bozeman's rental market. No one, however, suspected they were taking refuge underground.

> "The tunnels are free, warm and quiet — it's the perfect place to study."
>
> – PENNY LESS, DOCTORAL STUDENT

"We had nowhere else to go," said Penny Less, a fifth-year doctoral student. "The tunnels are free, warm and quiet — it's the perfect place to study."

"I don't spend much time there myself," said graduate student John Don Marquis, "I only sleep like four to five hours, and then it's back to the library."

Workers were conducting their annual check of the tunnels for vermin when they discovered a small group of grads fighting over used copies of Foucault. Stationary Engineer John Morganes said he was initially shocked but, after thinking it over, realized that "the tunnels are way bigger than their offices, and probably ventilated better, too."

Michael Yates, an undergraduate microbiology major, said that he's wondered for years about never hearing his teaching assistants discuss their lives outside of classes. "I thought they were just too cool for us undergrads," he said.

A comment from university spokesperson Howard Fusterman acknowledged that the administration is "aware of the population" and is considering designating a task force to investigate the situation. "While we can't condone the unorthodox use of university facilities," Fusterman said, "we are concerned that asking the students involved to relocate could force us to reexamine our graduate stipend levels."

HEARSAY

Tobacco Ban 'Countdown' Clock Vandalized with Flavor Flav Cutout

DEREK BROUWER

The "Countdown to Clean Air" clock inside the Strand Union Building was vandalized early Tuesday morning, according to SUB Director Dutch Hamburger. The clock, which celebrates the upcoming implementation of a campus-wide tobacco ban, was surrounded by a life-size cutout of rap artist and television star Flavor Flav.

Though the clock was not destroyed as a result of the vandalism, Hamburger said any banner hung without prior approval from Conference Services violates SUB policy. Given the "malicious nature" of the act, Hamburger reported the incident to University Police.

The cutout "was clearly intended to sabotage the [clock's] public message," he said, noting that the image depicted Flavor Flav smoking a cigarette and donning a Viking helmet.

Flav is known for his role in acclaimed rap group Public Enemy as well as his unusual fashion sense, identifiable by the signature clock that hangs from his neck.

Bonnie Lutes of MSU Health Promotions, the group sponsoring the "Countdown" clock, said the action was "juvenile" and "inconsiderate," and that such taunting underscores the need for MSU to go tobacco-free. "We need to create a campus where everyone's rights are respected," she said, "and this latest act reflects exactly what's wrong with our current culture."

Hamburger commented that as the "living room" of MSU's campus, the SUB seeks to establish a comfortable and open environment for all students. "The offensive and politically-charged nature of Tuesday's display is not compatible with a healthy living environment for our community," he said, "The SUB Union Market is not a place for political propaganda."

"Seriously, I lost my appetite after seeing Flav flashing his golden grillz," said sophomore Jerry Mendel, "I nearly choked on a gem." "It's just gross," he added.

Lutes said students should not be subjected to an image of Flav as they eat their lunch or walk between classes. "I understand that a few people disagree with the tobacco ban," she explained, "but it's unfair to the rest of campus when they flaunt their opinions in this manner."

"We have to realize that visual pollution is harmful to everyone," she said. "The vandals just don't get it."

University Police has not yet determined what parties are responsible for Tuesday's vandalism. However, they have received anonymous tips indicating that future crimes are being planned, including the installation of a papier-mâché Times Square Ball and wax sculpture of federal agent Jack Bauer.

These plans, according to University Police, suggest that not everyone on campus is looking forward to the August 1 ban on tobacco products. For instance, when questioned about his thoughts on the Flavor Flav cutout, senior Mark Esper crouched and yelled, "Yeah Boy!"

Nevertheless, the student body "overwhelmingly" supports the tobacco-free initiative, according to Daniel Hearst, a spokesperson for the university. "We gave the students a voice, and they told us to blow out smoke at MSU," he said.

"I'm proud to say that moment is only 126 days, 13 hours, 45 minutes and 9 seconds away."



IMAGE BY SONJA BENTON

Tobacco Rapper: Oppressive or Adorable?

> "The SUB Union Market is not a place for political propaganda."
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> – SUB DIRECTOR DUTCH HAMBURGER

Roskie Hall Deemed Uninhabitable Wasteland

NICOLE DUGGAN

Bozeman Health Officials announced Wednesday that MSU's Roskie Hall has been classified by the city as an uninhabitable wasteland, an announcement that surprised absolutely no one in the MSU community.

The primarily freshman dormitory, built in 1966, has long been classified by city health officials as "pretty sketchy." But according to Bozeman Health Services Spokesman Rita Johnson, "With undeniable evidence of Roskie's continuing deteriorating condition, we are given no choice but to downgrade its health status to 'uninhabitable wasteland.'"

The announcement came after health officials made several visits to Roskie Hall last week. Johnson elaborated upon the findings; "While visiting the hall last week, health officials found numerous violations of the city's health code. For instance, the report included records of grizzly bears inhabiting the stairways that had assumed the identities of students and were regularly attending classes."

The health officials' report continued for 17 pages. Among the major health code violations were the pile of debris next to the building, which actually exceeds the dormitory in height, the use of hamster labor to provide heat and electricity, and the single electrical outlet provided for the entire building.

"It seems the plumbing in the building has not worked properly for years,"the report states. "But instead has emptied into the basement, creating a horrible stench that radiates throughout the whole building."

Johnson noted that while the health department does not regularly deal with structural issues of buildings, it was noted in the report that one of Roskie's towers leaned away from the building at a 45 degree angle.

"No one in Roskie is really shocked or surprised at the new classification," Roskie resident Brianna Nelson said. "In fact, the classification is probably overdue. This morning I found a family of raccoons living in my closet, and my heater has become conscious and has developed an ornery personality."

The MSU administration released a statement saying while they were not shocked that Roskie Hall is "really just a terrible, terrible place," they were astounded to learn that students still lived in the dormitory, which they had assumed was closed down years ago.

However, now that they learned Roskie was still in use and functional, MSU officials said they would only consider relocating students and closing Roskie if its status fell to the lowest possible health level: "Hell Hole Death Trap."

HEARSAY

Upcoming Senate Race to be Settled Unconventionally

MATTHEW KENNEDY

In what some political analysts are calling a "bold move," Democratic Sen. Jon Tester of Montana has challenged Rep. Rehberg , R-Mont., to a shoot-out to settle the upcoming senate race. In the last month numerous proposals and counterproposals have been made by the Tester and Rehberg campaigns to keep out-of-state money and third party ads out of the upcoming race.

They could reach no compromise. Possibly out of frustration, Tester made the desperate proposition late last Friday night after running into Rehberg at a bar. Rehberg accepted the shoot-out, only commenting that "this is how the founders settled disputes, and they were right about everything."

Not content to simply walk over to the other's office in Washington D.C.and start shooting, both candidates immediately began negotiating the terms of the fight after they woke up with headaches the following Saturday morning. Possibly to showcase the new Republican legislation regarding spear hunting laws passed in Montana, Rehberg initially requested that only spears be used in the fight.

The Exponent's senior dermatology correspondent commented that "Rehberg was really playing a crafty trick. It's quite possible that no spear could actually penetrate his leathery skin"

Tester immediately turned down the proposal, stating that "only six-shooters will be used in a fight to the death. I'm pretty sure it's back there in Montana law somewhere." Tester's counterproposal also included that the showdown would take place at his ranch near Big Sandy.

The Exponent's senior congressional ranch correspondent noted that "Tester knows he'll have the upper hand on his ranch. They mostly grow grain out there. If the fight were to take place at Rehberg's cattle ranch outside Billings, the stench and the unfamiliar setting might throw off his shooting." Rehberg sensed foul play, and finally both candidates agreed that the shoot-out would take place at an unnamed circular graveyard as seen in "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

Jerry McConnell, libertarian candidate in the upcoming race, heard about the

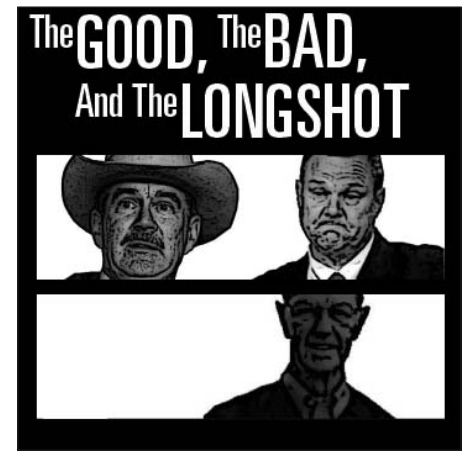


IMAGE BY SONJA BENTON

shootout only a few days ago, commenting that "you guys are so lame, you never tell me about anything." Annoyance over McConnell's knowledge of the fight finally provided some common ground for the two candidates. They immediately agreed that McConnell will be given a Red Ryder BB gun and allowed to attend. This situation represents the closest shot a third party candidate has ever had at winning a U.S. senate race.

EWB Chapter Elects to 'Give Up'

ERIC DIETRICH

MSU's award-winning Engineers Without Borders chapter announced plans this week to abandon its eight-year effort to provide schools in western Kenya with clean water and sanitation infrastructure, citing the attraction of less demanding resume-building opportunities in other campus organizations.

"After extensive discussion, we've come to the conclusion that responsibly conducting development work in a foreign culture is a shit-ton of work," said former President Andrew Lichen, adding that he is "stoked" about no longer needing to care about the plight of poor subsistence farmers in East Africa.

Several members interviewed by the Exponent expressed similar feelings of relief at the announcement. "It's just been so stressful trying to fundraise to go back over there and implement a composting latrine like we promised we would," mechanical engineering student Sasha Folster explained.

"I've really struggled to balance planning meetings with my coursework and social life," Folster added. "Something had to go — and there are just more efficient ways to round out my C.V. than working in Africa."

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> – FORMER EWB PRESIDENT ANDREW LICHEN

Folster said that, based on a cost-benefit analysis she "sketched out on her desk during thermo last week," engineering honors societies present a better opportunity to package herself for future employers. "The average resume-item-length-to-time-commitment ratio is just smaller with EWB," she said. "When you apply a bit of basic math, it's an easy choice."



IMAGE BY ERIC DIETRICH

"I'm definitely going to miss the moral superiority that comes with doing good in the world," said past travel team member Jennifer Couling. "But that's a small price to pay for my social life."

"I'm thinking student government might be worth looking into," Couling added. "After dealing with corrupt officials in Kenya last summer, the ASMSU Senate can't be too bad."

Wycliff Masinde, the project's Kenyan coordinator, could not be reached for comment by press time.

Delta Tau Chi to Promote Recycling with '10,000 Bottles' Campaign

JUSTIN TAYLOR

MSU's newly-chartered Delta Tau Chi fraternity chapter hopes to consume 10,000 bottles of beer in the month leading up to Earth Day in an effort to promote awareness of glass and aluminum recycling.

"By our calculations, each of our 41 members needs to consume 7.9 bottles of beer a day," said chapter president Chaz "God Among Men" Chad. "A week into the project, we're on track. A bit ahead, actually."

"We were inspired by SigEp's push-up challenge," Chad added, referring to the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity's effort to raise money for charity by completing 100,000 push-ups in a semester. "We wanted to do something even more epic," he said.

"Dude, me and my bros have totally gotten behind this," pledge Lance Lance said. "It's so legit. I almost passed out on my US101 prof's desk yesterday when I was asking to see if I could get an extension on my paper since this is for, you know, a good cause and all."

"We're trying to hold the brothers to drinking at night on weekdays and all weekend," Chad explained. "The balance between academics and charity is a fundamental part of our mission."

"Too often, the Greek system is unfairly associated with an 'Animal House' stereotype," he continued. "We're trying to change that by doing more to spread awareness of our community service work."

The fraternity plans to hold regular events promoting the campaign, encouraging community members to join in. "We're totally sure that we can accomplish this ourselves," said social chair Guy "Champion of Chug" Vincent, but "Hey — the more the merrier."

"I think the effort is great for recycling awareness and Montana State University's carbon footprint, NECO President Thomas Verde said. "The science is kind of unclear when it comes to whether glass recycling is actually energy efficient."

HEARSAY

Campus Entertainment to Bring Nickelback to MSU

In a bold move last Tuesday, MSU's Campus Entertainment announced plans to bring Canadian rock band Nickelback to the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. "Last fall's 3OH!3 and Plain White T's concert was such an unequivocal success that we've decided to go even bigger this spring," explained Campus Entertainment Director Johann Rodgers.

"We'll get it right this time," Rodgers promised.

"The 3OH!3 concert cost only $90,000 in student fees and had over 2,000 attendees," said student senator Eliot Curvey. He explained that country music doesn't sell well in Montana, but "skinny white-boy rap and rock music" does.

"My constituents might not all like Nickelback, but I do," reasoned Curvey, while explaining the limitations of a representative government. "They don't always know what's best for them, so sometimes I just have to rely on my own moral compass. I know this is the right decision for MSU."

The Nickelback concert will cost nearly $350,000 in student fees, effectively wiping out Campus Entertainment's budget for the next five years. "Realistically, we're probably going to have to raise student fees substantially to pay for this," Curvey said.

"But this service to students totally justifies the cost," Rodgers contended. "Everybody loves Nickelback."

Last semester's 3OH!3 concert was held during dead week. The Nickelback concert is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 30 — the start of finals week. Instead of Dead Week Live, the promotional name given to last semester's concert, this event will be called Finals Week Freak.

"Come take a break from frantically studying to pass your classes and enjoy Finals Week Freak," read the advertisements plastered across campus as of last Friday. Campus Entertainment Associate Luigi Springhetti explained that a Nickelback concert is "the perfect way to de-stress at the start of the most stressful week of the semester."

"Given the timing of the event, we expect attendance to be through the roof," Rodgers said.

MSU Dean Positions Open to 'Literally Anyone with Last Name Dean'

MSU Provost Marta Potsky has announced that MSU's four vacant dean positions are being opened to "literally anyone with the last name Dean." She continued, "We're willing to consider applicants with a first name of Dean, too. Seriously, we're that desperate."

After notable dental floss tycoon Jacob Punches of Denver made a $25 million donation to MSU's College of Business last fall, the College was finally able to fill its dean position, which has been vacant since last year.

The College of Business successfully hired the aptly named Dean Dean, an interim dean at Idaho State University. Dean has so far maintained an aloof relationship with students, asking to be referred to by his full title and name: "Dean Dean Dean."

Paulina Klutz, the former Dean of the College of Letters & Science, announced her retirement, which will take effect this summer. In a statement to the Exponent, she explained that she gave up on the letters half of the college when she discovered the English and History Departments "blowing their pen and paper budgets by trying to boost faculty pay to minimum wage."

The three other open positions include the Deans of Arts & Architecture; Education, Health and Human Development; and the Library.

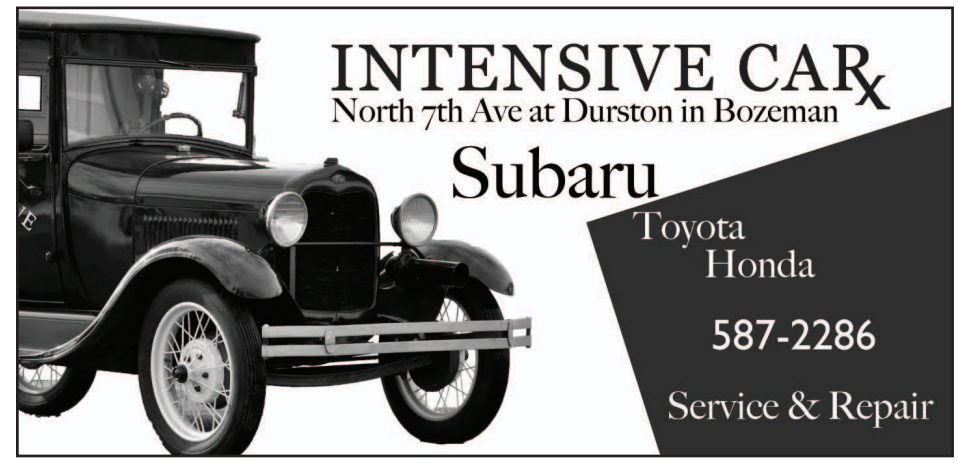
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Montana Tech of the University of Montana is seeking eight Team Leaders for the 2012 Upward Bound summer academies. The Team Leaders will be required to live in the residence hall and will have responsibility for evening and weekend supervision of students in the academy from June 13th to July 15th. Room and board is provided with a salary of $2,400 plus all expense paid trips, internship credit may be available also. Upward Bound is a federally funded program created in 1965 as part of the Economic Opportunity Act with the goal of helping young people prepare for higher education. Candidates should provide a letter of interest; current resume; and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references and an authorization for background check which can be obtained from www.mtech.edu/employment to Personnel Office, Montana Tech, 1300 West Park Street, Butte, MT 59701. Screening will begin on April 1, 2012 and continue until the positions are filled. Further details of job qualifications, responsibilities, and benefits are available at www.mtech.edu/employment. EEO/AA

NAVEL GAZING

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IMAGE BY MATT WILLIAMS

Kony supporters show off their style.

Students Unite Around Kony



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The recent campaign launched by NGO Invisible Children has thrown Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) leader Joseph Kony into the global spotlight. With the simple, hard-hitting slogan, "KONY 2012," it's not hard to see why people are rallying around Kony's cause.

MSU students, like university students around the world, are clicking the "Get the Goods" button — featured on the Kony 2012 website — like crazy in order to "purchase the physical kit with [their] KONY 2012 merch." The "merch" includes the Kony 2012 T-shirt with "KONY 2012" across the top and a mutated cross between a donkey and an elephant to represent party alignment around Kony, and the phrase "One thing we can all agree on" under the donk-ephant. Another piece of "merch" features the slogan "KONY 2012 — Stop at nothing."

And so students, donning their Kony T-shirts and waving their Kony merch brochures, will stop at nothing to show their support for Joseph Kony. (Note: Some unlucky MSU students are not donning the T-shirts because "Due to high demand, the sales of the kit have been put on hold" — no merch kit for those ill-fated, good-hearted souls. Fortunately they can download the "digital kit" and print off inspirational Kony slogans until they run out of ink).

The merch shows people why they too should support Kony — everyone does! Joseph Kony, "is the one thing on which we can all agree," and MSU students concur, if Democrats and Republicans can finally agree on this Kony character, he must be an all right guy.

As MSU student Stephanie Skweeler, who admitted to thinking Africa was a country until very recently, loudly voiced her support for Kony. "When I saw everyone wearing those shirts, I knew I needed to get in on this Kony movement too. I was thinking, this guy has to be pretty awesome since everyone agrees about him. The first thing I did was add him as a friend on Facebook."

Close acquaintances of Kony have reported that he has gained over 5,000 friends on Facebook since Invisible Children began its Kony 2012 campaign. Prior to the campaign's launch, he had seven friends, all of whom shared Kony's status as a member of the World's Most Wanted War Criminals Group.

As students feel the Kony merch and posters provide them with all they need to know about the Kony issue, they continue to come out and support Kony in droves. Some of our culture's most notable leaders also support KONY 2012, further proving validity to the Kony movement.

An MSU student Brett Jackson admitted, "When I heard 'unlikely allies' Lady Gaga and George Bush both agreed on Kony, I was so in." Shortly thereafter, Jackson purchased a Kony merch packet online.

KONY 2012 has chosen 20 "culturemakers" and 12 "policymakers" who have "little in common except the scope of their influence. They represent diverse cultural and political perspectives. But this [Kony] is one thing they can all agree on." With "culturemakers" like Justin Beiber, Taylor Swift, Jay-Z and Tim Tebow, and "policymakers" like George Bush, John Kerry and Condoleezza Rice, it becomes more clear that when people like this all support the same guy, you should too. It also becomes clear that what they have in common — especially the oh-so-cultured culturemakers — is probably their lack of knowledge or experience with African culture and politics.

The merch and slogan campaign of KONY 2012 never specifies why everyone is talking about Kony, and so the natural conclusion is that everyone must just agree on him being.

It is totally reasonable that Justin Bieber should be a "culturemaker" in the Kony movement rather than someone from Uganda; he is definitely going to sell more merch.

For more merch opportunities and exciting conversation, see Joseph Kony's lecture on April 1 sponsored by the Leadership Institute.

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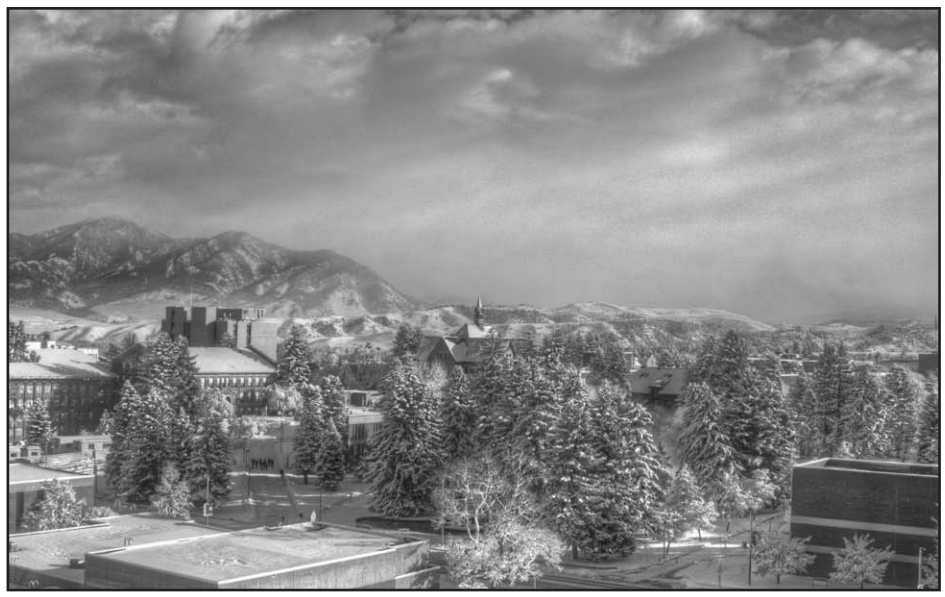


IMAGE BY MATT WILLIAMS

What Climate Change?



Pat Hessman
OPINION WRITER

What the Hell is all this hype about climate change? Every time I look at headlines of news articles posted on Facebook, it's something about the climate. It's always "Global Warming" this and "Depleting Ozone layer" that. Do I read the articles? No! I don't have time for that.

I've been very conflicted on the issue. I mean, if there's global warming, it's supposed to be warmer, right? This winter I was a believer. It never snowed; we had a brown Christmas! Clearly if everyone in Bozeman was complaining about the weather, something must have been wrong, right?

I was just about to jump on that bandwagon and repost climate change videos from YouTube, and then it snowed last week. It doesn't take a climatologist to realize snow means global warming doesn't exist. I was getting my hopes up too; I was tired of this whole "winter" thing.

It was at this point I realized I had to create some global warming. I started by burning through tank after tank of gas in my car — three hours and $36.50 later, there was still snow on the ground. Then again, if those hideous smokestacks in Butte won't punch a hole in the Ozone, how can my little Dodge Neon ever hope to accomplish anything?

My next effort to get some sort of grasp on this climate change situation was to invoke divine intervention. I was informed by username xxWiccanChildxx that leaving tributes of food and tobacco outside overnight would appease the spirits and in turn they would bring good weather (or at least stable weather). Not wanting to cut corners, I placed an extra-large meat lovers with jalapenos, olives and stuffed crust from Pizza Hut in my driveway.

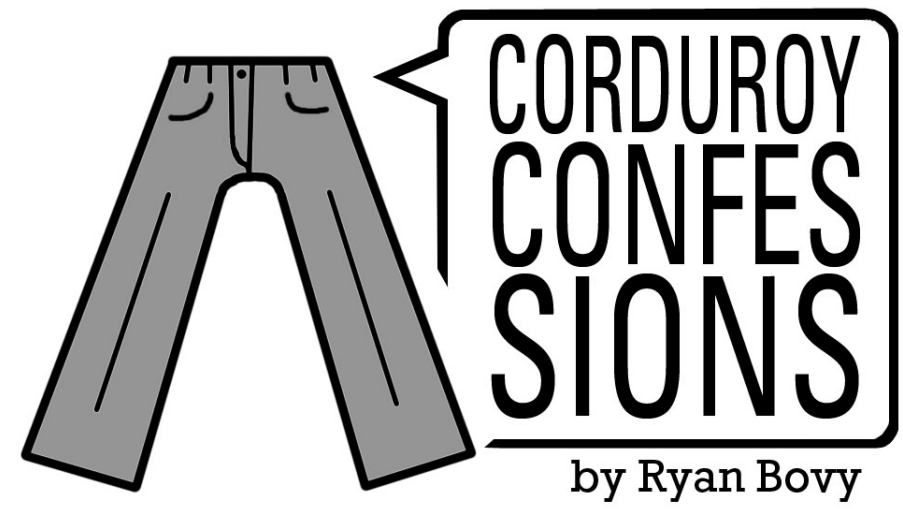
Unfortunately, all that did was bring a bear to my house.

Once it warmed up to T-shirt weather a few days later, I was convinced there was something deeper than global warming at work. I did some research on weather patterns via the Weather Channel and Fox News and came to a conclusion: The snow only melted because of a vast liberal conspiracy to discredit global warming.

It all makes perfect sense now. I'm not sure how. Perhaps President Obama has hired illegal immigrants to carjack snow clouds and sell them to China to pay off the national debt. This agenda cannot be tolerated. I'm not going to let some liberal ideologues force me to drive a 100 percent organic hybrid car that runs on electricity and locally grown coffee.

Wake up Exponent readers — stand up and fight for your rights! Don't give into this global warming lie. We'll have all our freedoms taken away before we know it. I have seen the light about this colossal hoax — you need to as well. Pull the left's wool off your eyes and see the truth. We can burn fossil fuels forever and there will never be any bad consequences.

Just remember this simple argument against global warming: Smog goes into the clouds, snow comes out. You can't explain that.





Ryan Bovy
OPINION WRITER

You know what really jerks my chain? Nothing.

For those of you that know me, this comes as no surprise. I'm a pretty relaxed guy.

I had this idea for a column about stuff I hate every week in the fall because I hated the roundabout. Let's be honest, walking through there everyday makes my life flash before my eyes.

The idea was far too well received, and the "you know what" took on a whole new meaning. You people know that all the rants you send in do not have to start that way, right?

Anyway, the fools in charge saw the incredible following I was attracting (thank you all for the support, by the way) and they told me to start a column. As if I were some kind of circus monkey, they shot guns at my feet and made me dance!

You crazy people have no idea how difficult it is to write this awful column each week. The rumors are true, I usually do compose on Tuesday nights (in about half an hour), but the reasoning behind that is that I'm simply running out of things to hate.

There are a couple very truthful rants that I have written this year.

First, the roundabout does make me poop myself about twice a day, and y'all need to learn how to drive around that death trap.

Second, country music really does suck. As outlined in my original article, there are two acceptable forms, but as a rule of thumb it should be avoided if you are of a reasonable mind.

The third is my love life. Hopefully, each of you notice my desperate pleas for a woman to enter my life (ladies...) week after week. Seriously though, I'm extremely single!

Finally, have you ever met an Alaskan? I mean really. Come on Alaskans, be cool.

Now, I'll be the first to tell you that I love the attention this column has brought me. Who doesn't love being told by strangers they are loved? If I had a dollar for every time some random girl told me she loves my column and so does her boyfriend (dammit), I'd be able to buy myself some organic food.

On the other hand, I must also apologize for the weeks I lack vigor. Just know that I tried to hate something I really don't mind, and that I am doing it for you out of pure love.

I guess what I'm really trying to say is that I hate having to hate things every week for you demanding children. I love you all to death, but it is killing me inside. I'm like one week away from going crazier than that Kony 2012 guy. Which is why I'd like to take this opportunity to retire from sweatpant rants.

It's not you, it's me! It has been a beautiful few months and it was something very special to me. I know you'll find someone new and perfect for you.

One final note, did you notice I used the word "y'all" earlier? Damn, I hate that word.

The Exponent's most infamous ranter doesn't care. If you have any questions, comments or threats, don't bother letting him know at **msuexponent.com/courdroyconfessions**.

Designated Subaru Parking: A Win-Win!

HOGAN PETERSON

With increased enrollment, pressure has been rising for MSU to do something about its worsening parking situation. Multiple redundant interviews with parking services have revealed that there are no easy solutions. Lots and parking garages are incredibly expensive. Fortunately, a student organization has formed to address the issue. Calling themselves the "Parking Reform Initiative for Cars and Keen Solutions," PRICKS has drafted a proposal, and it's a win-win for anyone who drives to class.

One of the most prevalent vehicles in Bozeman is the Subaru Wagon. Known for their roominess, reliability, ruggedness and tendency to go 10 miles per hour under the speed limit, these dog-carrying, sticker encrusted vehicles are a Montana staple. "Subaru wagons and similar vehicles make up around 48 percent of permit holders at MSU" said parking strategist Steve Kurtz. As part of the plan, Subarus and similar vehicles will be required to park in specially designated lots.

Structurally, the Subaru lot plan would create three new parking lots from which to choose. The first would re-open the F lot near 19th. The second would be the result of a co-operative agreement between MSU and the Bozeman Food Co-op, allowing Subaru owners to use their parking lot with an MSU permit. The third lot is near the southern end of Hyalite reservoir, as part of a research-for-parking agreement with the US Forest Service. Recent surveys indicate that these lots respond most accurately to the needs of Subaru owners and normal people alike.

> The plan responds to the needs of Subaru owners and normal people alike.

For non-Subaru vehicle owners, nearly 1,500 new spaces will be opened by removing wagon-based congestion. The greatest benefit will be to the Subaru owners themselves, as the move more fully accommodates their needs and lifestyles.

According to Subaru owners, the distance of the lots is actually a bonus. As Outback owner Alan Floyd put it, "Hiking is pretty much my life. Now I even get to hike to my classes! Plus, my retriever needs the walk since he'll be tethered to a tree while I'm in class."

With the exception of the already paved Co-op lots, all the new lots are dirt, saving parking services money on paving. Additionally, no maintenance will be performed in these lots. This amendment was added after interviews with Subaru owners revealed that "Subarus are world renowned off-road vehicles. Dirt, mud and snow? You couldn't get them stuck if you tried!" MSU saves money, and Subaru owners will no longer be held back by pavement and other things designed for lesser vehicles.

The addition of the Co-op contract lots has received critical acclaim from the Subaru community, who are thrilled to be able to go to their sustainable resources classes and do their grocery shopping from one convenient parking lot. "Plus, if you think about it," said Subaru owner Joseph Sativa, "The agreement itself is another example of co-operative planning!" Unlike the others, this lot is maintained, but only with gluten-free organic fair-trade weed killer.

Overall, the proposal has been well received by the parking administration and Subaru owners alike. It has been deemed the Subaru Parking Relocation Initiative, or SUBPAR. Once passed, the requirements will be subject to change on a regular basis, "to address the spontaneous lifestyles of the wagon owning generation." To sweeten the deal, every permit sold will come with a Dave Matthews Band live album and a Co-Exist bumper sticker. When asked if the terrain and distance from classes would be a problem, Floyd told the Exponent "Actually, I won't even notice those things. I wear Chacos."



IMAGE BY DANYELLE MOORE

Subaru owners are anxiously awaiting the establishment of their own reserved lots.



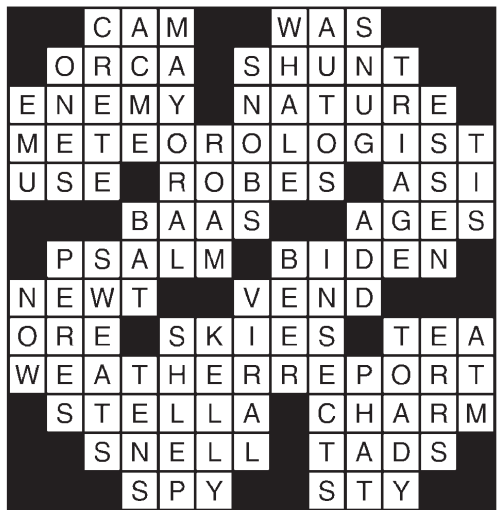
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Cruzado Memos Reveal Plan for 'Bobcat Spirit Revival'

Story by Exponent Staff

The Exponent has obtained confidential documents from Montana Hall that contain the president's personal initiatives to "encourage" school spirit across campus. The documents, including a hand-drawn map of the university and several internal memos, reveal previously unknown elements of President Waded Cruzado's vision for MSU.

The papers reflect the inner thoughts of a leader who bleeds blue and gold and believes everyone else should as well. Among the plans, some of which are printed on the opposite page, is a project to erect a larger-than-life statue of the president, convert the SUB into the "Spirit Utopia Building," install a permanent jungle gym inside Cooley Lab and announce a campus beautification campaign.

"Let's take all the tuition money," she wrote, "and use it to build statues of cats."

The documents were discovered by Derek Brouwer and Matt Schwager, the Exponent's intrepid investigative duo. Employing the rappelling skills they learned during their first years in South and North Hedges, respectively, the duo scaled Montana Hall's ivory-clad walls and, after bonking heads when they both tried to climb through the window at the same time, gained access to Cruzado's third-floor office.

In one memo, Cruzado described a "spiritual arms race" between MSU and UM. She proposed substantial increases to the university's athletics programs and urged the administration's lobbyist to push for a statewide Grizzly hunt.

Cruzado outlined a future speech on one of the scrawls. The speech imagined a future in which UM had been declared an MSU satellite campus. In accordance with the Board of Regents' more efficient plan for the Montana University System, all MSU humanities classes will be transferred to Missoula. Classics, like BIOB 420: Cultivating Chronic Kush in Your Parents' Basement and HIPI 101: Tie-Dye Essentials I, will be offered at UM.

MSU will offer courses with practical ends — focused on job creation — like AGRI 392: Cattle Appreciation, as well as a new certificate program entitled "Innovations in Alumni Fundraising."

Officials from the MSU Administration denied the existence of any secret plans for the university's future. "We cannot confirm the authenticity of these documents," said Communications Director Tim Enders. "President Cruzado is committed to advancing the mission of Montana State University: training the sons and daughters of Montana to advance the mission of Montana State University."

As of press time, President Cruzado was probably unavailable for comment.

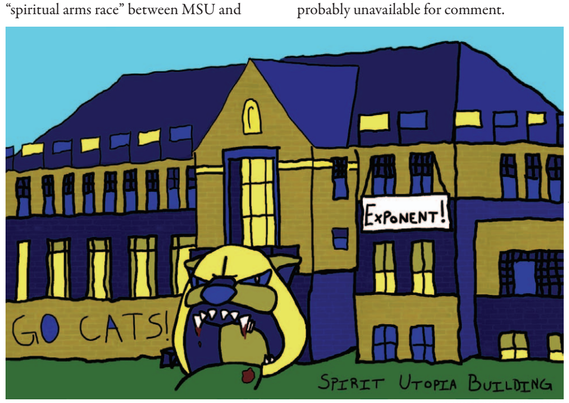
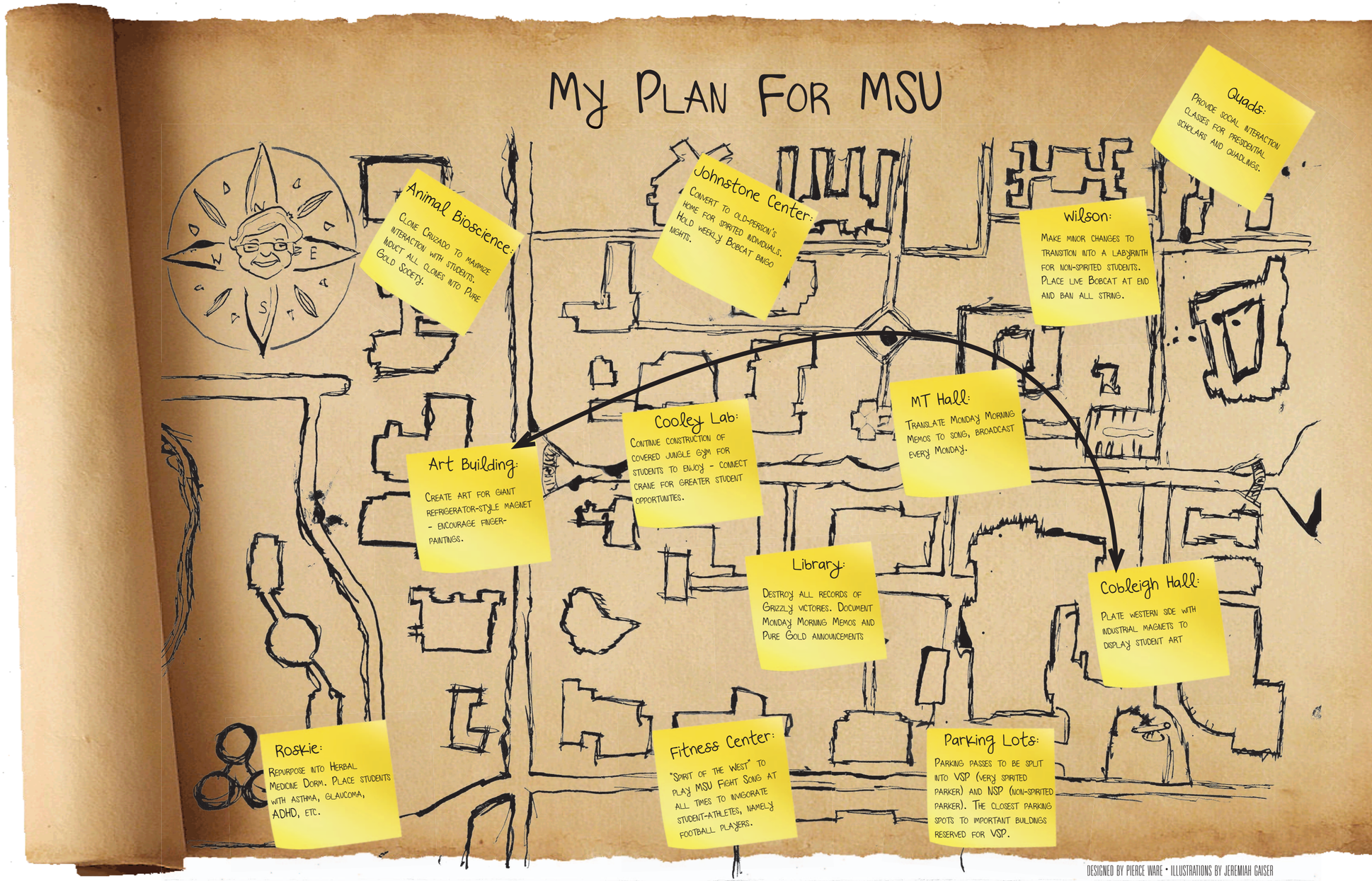
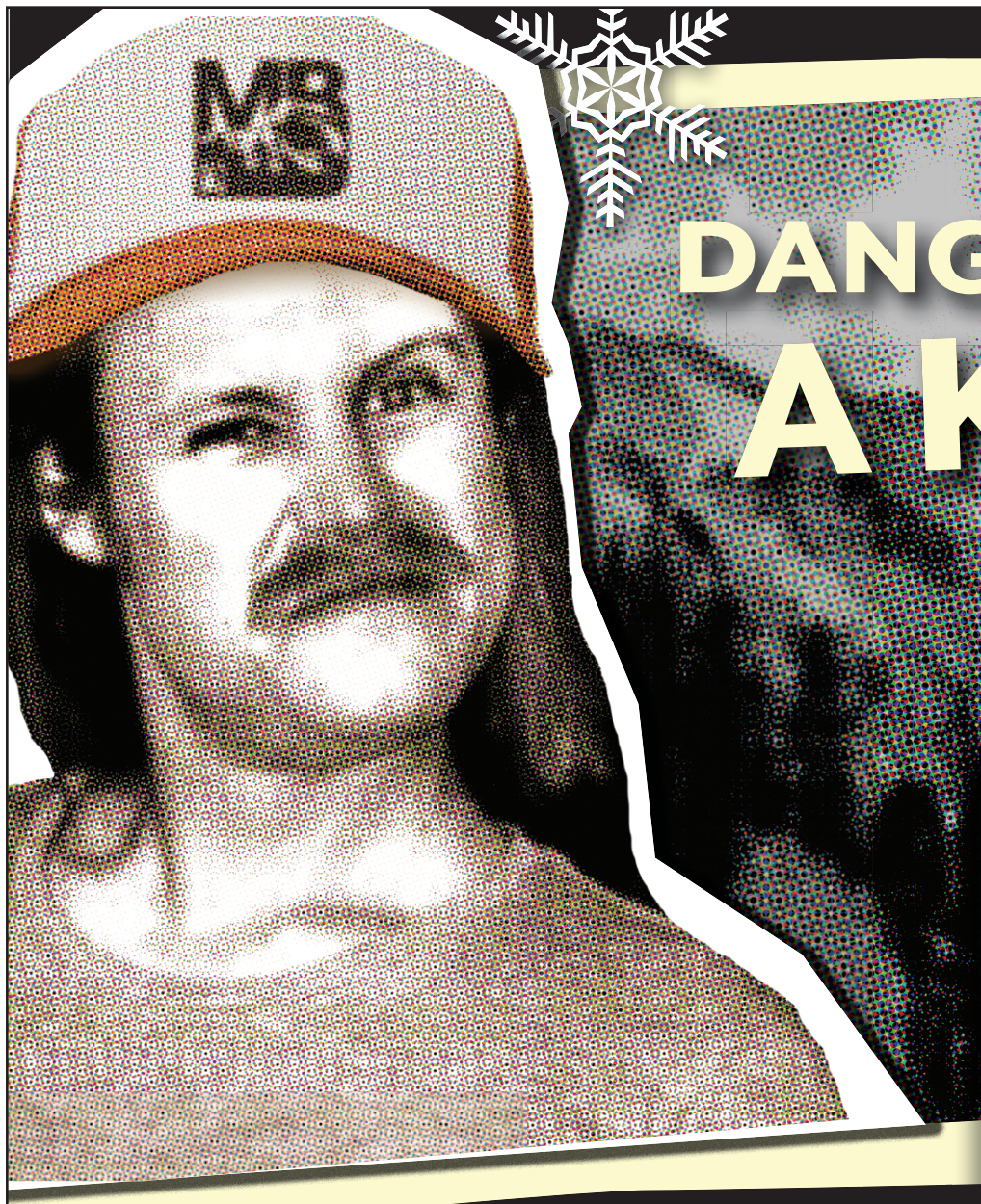


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New City Ordinance Declares Sports Unsafe

KYLE LOWIS

The City of Bozeman has recently passed a new ordinance declaring all forms of sports "unsafe." This decision comes as a response to a new study sponsored by the City of Bozeman, which looked at the safety concerns of local residents and overbearing parents.

Going into effect in early April, this new ordinance calls for drastic changes to sporting in Bozeman, citing current sports standards as "unacceptable." Members of the research group commissioned by the city discovered that as more people partake in sports, there are more sports-related injuries.

This discovery has local residents concerned, prompting an outcry to take measures and make the city safer. "It's frightening to know that people can hurt themselves so easily in town," said local resident Annita Swineheart. "How am I supposed to know my kids are safe when sports are dangerous?"

Sweeping changes are planned for sporting venues within town. Basketball courts, soccer fields and other potential venues are to be retrofitted to meet new safety standards dictated in the ordinance. All concrete surface courts are to be covered in safety foam to prevent potential injury. Any sport involving the use of a ball is to use only approved plush-based material or nothing at all.

> "How am I supposed to know my kids are safe when sports are dangerous?"
>
> – ANNITA SWINEHEART, CONCERNED PARENT

Peet's Hill and the Bozeman Beach are to be closed and paved over completely. Creeks and streams in town are to be filled with cement to prevent any water-related incidents. All sporting venues are to be under 24-hour surveillance by new Security Surveillance Officers. MSU will comply with the new ordinance and install speed bumps throughout campus.

Some residents are upset by the new measures to be implemented. Cyclists have taken to the streets without wearing helmets, riding no-hands in the middle of the road. This protest went unnoticed as not many people saw a difference in behavior.

Other enthusiasts have taken to occupying fields and courts in protest. Most protesters, however, have been rounded up by Security Surveillance and sent to an undisclosed location for sports "re-education." More adamant groups, such as Bozeman's Rugby team, have remained unchallenged in their control of sporting locations.

While some may oppose the new ordinance, the City of Bozeman remains stalwart and intends to enforce it. A representative of Security Surveillance said, "resistance is futile."

Walking Deemed Dangerous, Pedestrians Prohibited from Campus

MICHELLE THOMAS

For the last several years MSU has allowed the use of bikes, longboards and skateboards anywhere on campus. Recently, however, this has begun to cause problems with those walking around campus. There are simply too many people on campus to allow bikes, longboards, skateboards and walking to coexist.

Dean of Students Matt Shares said, "We simply cannot accommodate all four of these transportation types on campus. Something must be done."

The ASMSU student government passed a bill last week to fix this problem. "We believe the solution for this new crisis is to disallow walking on campus," said Ima Winer, ASMSU student spokesperson. "This will remove accidents involving the efficiently travelling bikers and boarders running into the slower pedestrian traffic." In addition, ASMSU believes that by making walking illegal, there will no longer be a need for the debated bike safety patrol officers.

By removing the pedestrians from campus there will also be more room for the student population to continue growing. "The students who walk on campus are so numerous that there is almost no space to get around their slow movements," said Shares. "Students are much faster on bikes and boards, allowing for more free space on campus."

Faculty members across campus are excited for two reasons. One, students will get to class on time because they will be using a faster mode of transportation. The second reason is that by not allowing students to walk to class, only the students who care about class will develop the necessary skills to ride or board to class and therefore only the motivated students will be present in their lectures.



IMAGE BY SAM KATZ

Bicyclers and longboarders are now the only travelers allowed on the Centennial Mall.

"If you think about it, it makes perfect sense to pass this law, no one wants to see a repeat of last year's incident." said Winer, referring to the student who used the ramp at the end of centennial mall to force a bicyclist over the railing to avoid a collision. "The people who walk are the ones likely to get hurt around these alternative modes of transportation. If you remove the pedestrians from campus, they cannot get hurt by the people on bikes and boards."

The MSU administration is expected to pass a university law to disallow all forms of foot traffic within the next few weeks. For updates on the "Ban Walking" debate check out *www.montana.edu/removewalking*.

BENCH WARMERS

LAME-ASS of the Week:

FREDERICK VON SPARK

These students aren't particularly special or unique. They are the kind of person you should probably avoid becoming during your college carrer. Pathetic.

NAME: Frederick von Spark

HOMETOWN: Miles City, Mont.

MAJOR: Mechanical engineering with a minor in Mathematics

OCCUPATION: Engineering student

HOBBIES: Vector calculus, binary code, stamp collecting, Minecraft

Why did you move to Montana? I was born here.

What is a day you'll never forget? I won a 17-hour game of Risk about a month ago.

If you could do anything for a day, what would it be? I would invent a new drug that would make it so I don't have to sleep and could then work for 24 hours straight.

Frederick von Spark is a mechanical engineering major with a minor in mathematics who is currently on track to graduate this spring, after only four years. A quiet, awkward 22-year-old male, Spark explained that he managed to graduate in only four years by taking an average of 23 credits a semester and shunning "superfluous" campus involvement like "socializing, talking to girls and getting eight hours of sleep a night."

His idea of a good joke is working with the civil engineers in Tait Lab instead of the computer labs in Roberts, where most mechanical engineers while away their days.

He claims he's spent so much time in front of a computer that he can "fall into a catatonic, open-eyed sleep" with the soft, phosphorescent light of the computer lulling him into "a strange state between waking and sleep." AutoCAD, he claims, is the most soothing program in front of which to fall asleep.

Spark often spends time coming up with "practice" differential equations problems that he completes for fun. There are no significant others in his life and he says he's never kissed a girl. "Although, I was walking in the SUB one day and it was really crowded, and I accidentally grazed this one girl's boobs," he said. "So, I've practically been to second base."

Spark's biggest hero is MacGyver, and he has three cats named after scientists. He once actually performed Schrodinger's cat experiment on Archimedes, his orange tabby, but was forced to stop midway through the process when his neighbors called the Bozeman Humane Society. "I would have really liked to see how the experiment turned out," he lamented.

While not technically opposed to human interaction, Sparks admits he does not do a good job interacting with other humans. He'd like to work on it, though, and asked that if anyone recognizes him during the weekly trip in which he leaves the engineering building complex to shower, they say hi to him.

– BRENT ZUNDEL

BADASS of the Week:

CHEESERS MCQUAKERS



IMAGE COURTESY OF CHEESERS MCQUAKERS

These students are far more impressive and awesome than you are. I wouldn't even put in the effort if I were you.

NAME: Cheesers "Gimme Yo Bread" McQuackers

HOMETOWN: Conceived in a bush behind the VCB

MAJOR: Honorary degree — Fish and wildlife management

OCCUPATION: Pond coin retrieval service

HOBBIES: Begging for any form of carbohydrates, freestyle walking, taking nice long dips in the MSU pond, crapping on Missoula, and avoiding hunters and cars.

Why did you move to Montana? I enjoy the relaxed population of Bozeman and the relatively low competition from other ducks.

Do your future plans involve this area? Well, I've been ruling the pond on campus for several years now so I've got the upper hand on the other males when it comes to getting some duck tail.

What is a day you will never forget? My team and I were flying V-style down south when a plane came out of nowhere and took out the whole crew with its engine, leaving me at 50 percent after clipping the side of the plane. After a long and painful descent back to land, I realized life is a cold-hearted SOB.

If you could do anything for a day, what would it be? I would throw a brick through a window of a bread store and then raid the shit out of that place.

As a young duckling, Cheesers McQuackers was orphaned when a bro blasting Metallica rammed into his mother and young siblings, too busy checking out some girls walking down 11th to notice the family attempting to cross the street. Too young to know true emotion, young McQuackers grew up on his own two webbed feet with a cold sense of reality.

Luckily, the young duckling was in the comfort of the MSU Duck Pond in his early days. Growing up alone, McQuackers developed an uncanny ability to bully the other ducks during bread-feeding. Disgracefully, he even learned how to nip at the legs of the humans feeding the ducks, causing them to drop the items for his own taking.

"Those early days were tough. I did some things that no duck should have to do," said McQuackers.

On one sunny spring day, McQuackers spotted a child and parent picnicking near the pond. A vicious rampage ensued, resulting in two traumatized humans and a duck pond full of animals instantly afraid of McQuackers. McQuackers hoarded his cache of crackers and cheese, claiming what he believed to be rightfully his, after he had taken it from the humans. Ever since, the ducks of the MSU pond have called McQuackers, "Cheesers."

– DAVID HOY

Beer Pong Provides Serious Consumption

CASSIE WILSON

Most people know beer pong as a way to pass time at college parties, but Francis Edward Acorn IV has transformed beer pong into a competitive and earnest sport for southwest Montana. Acorn moved to Bozeman two years ago from Winchester, England.

"I originally wanted to get out of the U.K., and I heard the skiing in Bozeman was pretty good. Soon enough beer pong was taking over and I didn't have time to ski. So I decided to start a club," Acorn explained. The club turned into a regular Friday night rivalry and last fall, Acorn formed the SWMBPAFV (Southwest Montana Beer Pong Alliance for Victory). They host tournaments throughout the state.

"Creating the SWMBPAFV has been the best thing I've ever done," Acorn said. "I've made some great relationships and really honed my beer pong skills over the years. People don't get that beer pong is just as much a physical sport as any other — like rugby or squash."

Acorn prepares for his tournaments with an hour of meditation followed by warm-up sessions of pong-strengthening techniques. This includes throwing ping pong balls different distances to warm up the arm and wrist, practicing dives to the floor while catching a ball and a pregame energy beverage, or four. "I like Fat Tire — it usually does the trick," Acorn said.

The SWMBPAFV also uses different rules and regulations than typical beer pong. They use a 22 cup set up with only two re-racks. "It's much more complicated than people think," Acorn said. Instead of two ping pong balls for both partners, each team gets four. There is an unlimited number to how big the team can be, but only two for each round. If a member misses more than three in a row, they must continue the rest of the game behind-the-back.

Why beer pong and not flip cup? Acorn replied, "Please, flip cup? Beer pong is so much more respectable! We train all year round — we take it very seriously! Sometimes we even have to practice during the week; then we miss classes if the practice goes really well. But it's all for the love of the game."

In June, SWMBPAFV will host a state-wide contest here in Bozeman. You must sign up as a team before May 1. Contact Acorn at his email FrancisEdwardAcornIV@gmail.com to sign up or visit the website SWMBPAFV.com.. No underagers please!

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> – FRANCIS EDWARD ACORN IV, PRESIDENT OF SWMBPAFV

Yellowstone Club to Hold Pass Giveaway Competition

KAREN WILSON AND KYLE LOWIS

The Yellowstone Club has announced it will distribute 50 free season passes to the general public for the 2012-13 season — to those willing to compete for them. The club has begun building a competition venue for the purpose; its features remain confidential except for a confirmed "tree trapeze." The trapeze is designed to support upright skiers and snowboarders and strategically placed just above a 20-foot cliff so onlookers can see better, promising entertainment for all.

A panel of the club's most prestigious members and executives will judge contenders on three criteria: style, creativity and "wow factor."

"The competition will be challenging," said event organizer Mike Feldston. "Some of our more influential members want to see a memorable event that gets the adrenaline flowing."

The "wow factor" is to be determined by the competitor's abilities on the slopes, and also their ability to maintain a passive role and stay out of the way of prominent club members. Feldston said the club is considering banning competitors from groomed runs entirely and encouraging them to ski the highly visible Pioneer ridge, because "We want both a challenge to competitors along with quality entertainment for our current members."

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> – MIKE FELDSTON, EVENT ORGANIZER

The club's management and Community Foundation decided to hold the free pass competition after numerous club members commented that the slopes "feel deserted" and have "too much powder" all the time. "It's lonely skiing out here," Yellowstone Club member Justin Timberlake complained. "I want to hang out and shred with the locals. I've heard rumors about them, but haven't seen one on the mountain."

Feldston is sympathetic to such desires, but also wants to uphold the exclusive resort's pristine image; this is why the "style" category refers to the physical appearance of the competitors, including how much Arc'Teryx and Patagonia gear they sport. "We can't let just any dirtbag have a pass here," Feldston explained. "We have a reputation. The Warren Miller Lodge has always smelled like roses, and we plan to keep it that way."

For this reason, the winners of the public season passes will sign contracts stating they will not set foot inside the YC's lodges, restaurants or warming huts unless accompanied by an official club member, and they are expected to use the panoramic bathroom on the mountain rather than soil the club's flushing toilets. New passholders are also required to maintain a distance of 50 yards from all established club members.

"We're doing this for the community," said Feldston. "We hope to make it an annual tradition."

To sign up and learn about competition details, visit the Yellowstone Club's website.

NCAA Snowbladers Rip the Bridger Slopes

KAREN WILSON

The NCAA championships swept through Bozeman a few weeks ago, and in the thick of the cross-country and giant slalom madness skiing's unsung heroes quietly tore up the slopes of Bridger Bowl: snowbladers.

"People don't pay attention to our competition as much because 'blading isn't an Olympic sport yet," explained Vermont snowblader and third-place finisher Chris Baggins. "But it requires more skill because our equipment is so much smaller. It's not easy ripping down a slalom course on a 75 cm ski."

East Coasters swept the men's snowblading podium, and most expressed gratitude for the "excellent snowpack" at Bridger.

"It's so much better than snowblading back East," said NCAA snowblade slalom champion Andy Pinker. "Sometimes we hit patches of dirt as long as our 'blades and wipe out hard."

Whitefish snowblader Tori Williams held her own in the women's division, placing second behind rival Christine Adams of upstate New York.

"The snow conditions definitely hurt me," said Williams. "Big Mountain is so much better; it's hard to adjust to the shoddy conditions down south. Usually, I rip groomers with fresh pow on top, so I can get the perfect amount of back lean going."

Williams' "back lean" did not seem to serve her during the competition, as the moment her feet surpassed her body, her snowblades popped out from under her, resulting in an unstoppable slide to the finish line. Still, her momentum was so great that only Adams could beat her speed with impressive one-footed maneuvers which apparently lessen the friction of the snow on the wide oblong planks.

Spectator Donna Jones said snowblading is her favorite snow sport because "the athletes are so talented and passionate. This competition was amazing; I've never seen anybody throw down slalom gainers like Andy Pinker. It proves that snowblading is well on its way to being the next Olympic sport."

BENCH WARMERS

Cruzado to Boost Spirit with 'The Bobcat Games'

BRENT ZUNDEL

In response to the lackadaisical approach taken by many student government senators, MSU President Waded Cruzado has proclaimed that future senators must partake in an annual battle to the death, termed The Bobcat Games.

For years, MSU students have complained about their lack of representation in the senate, culminating with the recent voter turnout of a meager 7.3 percent. "I'm sick of those senators caring only about their résumés," said junior Catnip Everclear. "I want some damn representation!"

According to Cruzado's decree, two Tributes — one male and one female — will be randomly selected from each of MSU's nine colleges in a process known as the Reaping. After being chosen, the 18 tributes will be transported to the newly renovated Bobcat Stadium, where they will fight to the death until only one senator survives, as thousands of fans watch and scream rabidly.

Cruzado explained the new measure will ensure that senators represent their constituents instead of busying themselves with padding their résumés while doggedly avoiding any actual responsibility. Unlike the current senate status quo, the rules for the Games prohibit pregaming for the competition.

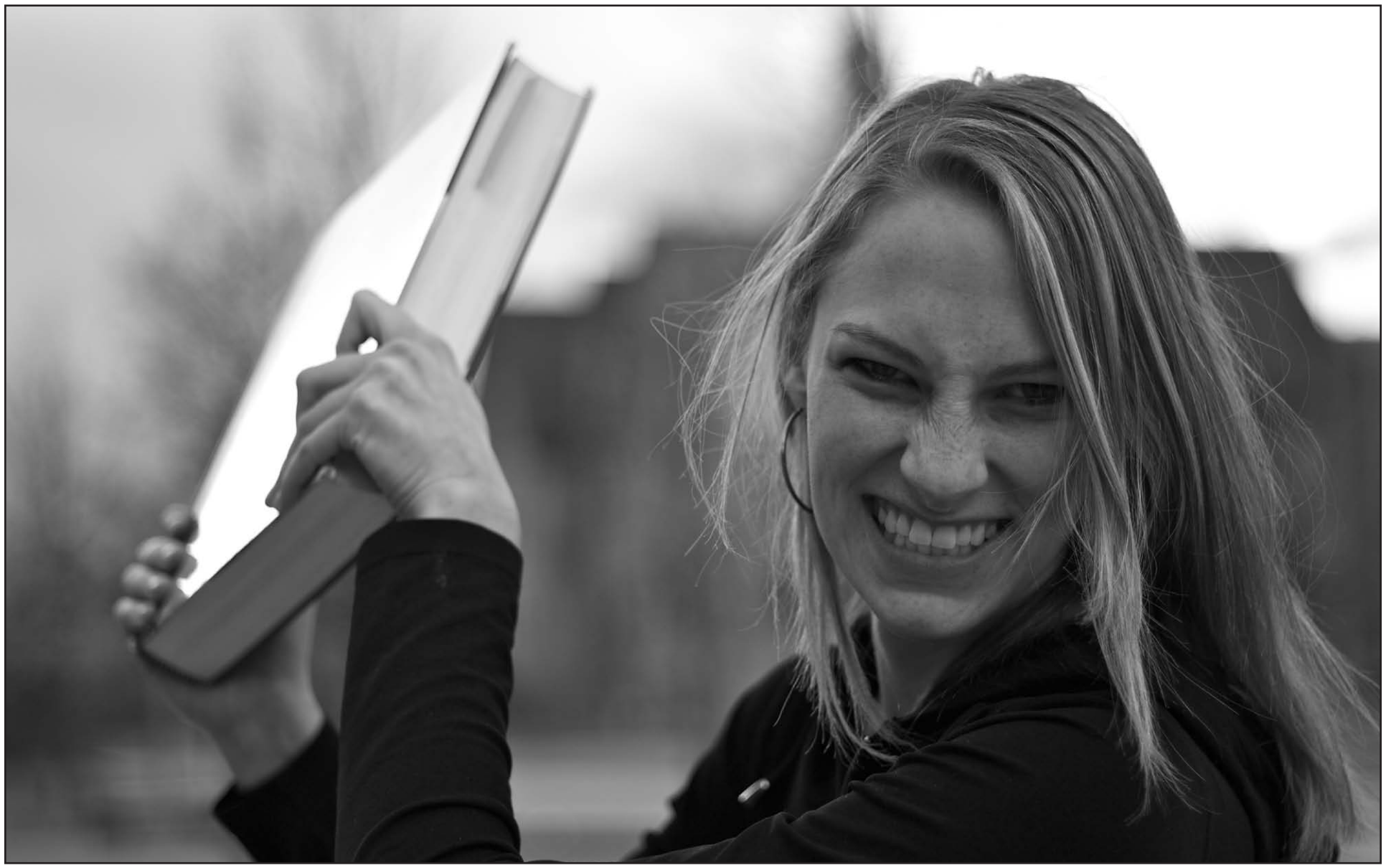
"Serving as a senator under this new paradigm will truly be an honor, because you will literally have to step over the dead bodies of 17 other candidates to do so," Cruzado said.

Cruzado also explained that this will be a great way to increase school spirit, asking, "Who doesn't love going to a Bobcat football game?" before referencing gladiatorial battles in Ancient Rome. "It will be a great use for all the new improvements to the stadium."

In fact, Eric Stevensville, Director of the MSU Alumni Foundation, claimed that this was Cruzado's secret motive for the recent football stadium expansion.

The games are slated to begin at the start of next semester, when MSU is expecting a bumper crop of potential freshmen to add to the Reaping pool. Students will be allowed to bet on the outcome of the Games, and Head Gamemaker Seneca Swan offered advice to potential gamblers. "Freshmen could make you a bunch of money if there's an upset, but College of Agriculture students are usually a safe bet."

Cruzado concluded her decree by saying, "May your chances of success usually be decent."



Students are already training for survival in the upcoming games.

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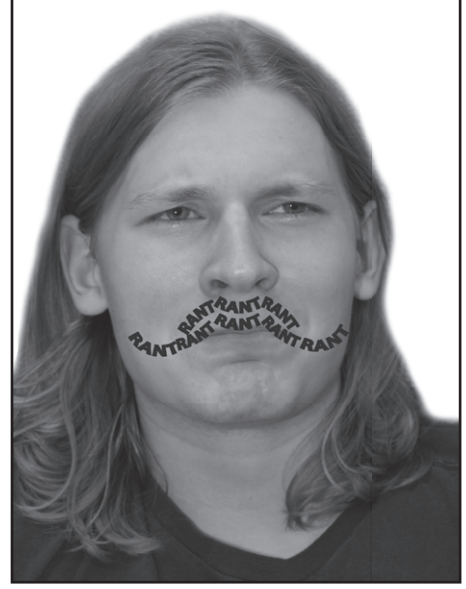
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SUB Pub to Move Forward, Serving Only Keystone



Students rejoice that the pub will open and are sure that after enough Keystone, they'll no longer care what they're consuming.

BRENT ZUNDEL

In a recent decision, SUB Director Dutch Hamburger has begun moving forward with plans to install a pub in the basement of the Student Union Building. The only caveat, he said, is that the new campus gathering place will serve exclusively Keystone beer.

"The Coors Brewing Company made us an offer we couldn't refuse," Hamburger said. A representative from the Bozeman Brewing Company responded to the Exponent's request for comment. "We could sell cheap beer too, if we made it out of cat piss instead of barley," he said, upset at not winning the contract to supply booze to MSU's 13,500 students.

Dean of Students Matt Shares was initially hesitant about the idea. "At first, I thought that a SUB Pub would be a great way to support local breweries," he said, listing off Bozone, 406 and Madison River. "But, more importantly, I think teaching college kids to drink responsibly is critical."

After Hamburger and Shares split a 30-rack of Keystone, provided free by Coors, Shares exuberantly reconsidered his position. "After the sixth or seventh beer, you can hardly taste the formaldehyde. This is great!"

The Pabst Brewing Company also submitted a bid to be MSU's exclusive supplier. Hamburger explained that MSU decided to go with Keystone because PBR is "so hipster, so Missoula — and nothing cultivates Bobcat pride quite like arbitrarily drinking the same shitty, watered-down beer just to spite UM."

An exclusively Keystone SUB Pub will provide more opportunities for community building and student research than a simple brewpub would, the new proposal contends.

At a recent house party at the notorious green house on 12th and Story, the Exponent gauged student reaction to the new proposal. MSU senior Chris Hergett vigorously agreed with the community building half of the proposal. "After all, I make way more friends when I drink eight Keystones at a house party than when I have two pints at the Bozone," said Hergett, before slinking back to his dark, unoccupied corner of the house.

A wet lab will also be set up for engineering students to conduct hydraulic experiments. MSU senior Chris Zimny exclaimed, "A beer bong is a great opportunity to apply the Bernoulli equation to everyday life!" before earning an impressive moustache by passing out with his shoes still on.

At the same party, junior Freddy Moony thought of an additional community building opportunity that the SUB Pub could provide. "Why don't we put a strip club in the SUB Pub!" he yelled over the sound of Katy Perry's "Firework."

Underage sophomore Kristi Blastoviski screamed something unintelligible before jamming a lamp shade onto her head and twirling in circles across the living room, eventually slamming into one of the many free couches that the house owners picked up off a street corner.

Back at his SUB office, Dean Shares said, "I think students are responsible enough to handle this new vision for a SUB Pub. What could go wrong?"

MSU administrators and students alike agree that a Keystone-only SUB Pub would be a great addition to campus. "That survivalist idiot on TV — Bear Grylls — is always drinking his own piss. He seems just fine, so I don't think there'll be any problems serving Keystone," concluded Hergett.

Taps start flowing at the start of fall semester 2012.

GUILTY PLEASURES

Aspen's Answers

A Question of Lust and Love

Dear Aspen,

I met a guy at the bar last night, and he seemed really great! We hardly talked, but he kept buying me drinks and whenever we danced he was really close, like he was afraid to let anyone else near me. I know it's only been a day, but I think he might be the one! We're getting together for drinks tonight; should I sleep with him afterward?

Absolutely. It's obvious that you finally found someone who is going to fulfill all your needs, emotionally and physically. It sounds like this guy is ready to support you completely — I mean after all, he did fund your drinking habit for the whole night, with no other intentions in mind.

Don't be concerned about how little the two of you talked. You won't do much talking in a relationship anyway, so it hardly matters whether you have anything in common, or any interests outside of the bars. That initial attraction based purely on looks (and maybe money, since he seems to have a bit) is the strongest intuition you can have; don't ignore it.

I'm impressed that you found someone whose attention didn't stray from you. Major points if he didn't even look at other girls, because this means he will continue to be faithful to you, even after you sleep with him. In fact, the sooner you sleep with him, the stronger and faster his faith will build.

Ignore all that hype about strengthening a relationship before giving in to sex. Let's be realistic; nowadays we do everything quickly, and it's much more efficient to find out how good at sex he is than to worry about whether he's allergic to your cat, gets along with your friends or can hang out with you without being drunk.

It's never too soon to take care of that itch. After all, you definitely won't regret sleeping with someone you met once in the bar. Bars are an incredibly safe place to meet significant others, and studies have shown that relationships that begin with the help of alcohol last much longer than those that don't.

So put on your shortest dress, your tallest heels and leave your wallet at home. Make sure you both drink as much as possible, because waking up next to your six-hour soul-mate is never awkward. And forget the condom — if he's the one, it's best to start planning for the rest of your lives together as soon as possible.

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A cat frolicks through a field of hay,

Procrastinator Cat Videos Meow Audience

ANTHONY RAMPELLO

The new director of ASMSU-Films, Canthell Ruby, has finally decided to show videos that everyone can appreciate. That is why, on Monday, March 26, there was a group of enthusiastic fans in full costume gathered outside of the Procrastinator ready to watch their favorite YouTube cat videos.

"I've been waiting a long time for the Procrastinator to play something interesting," said Jenn McClaussen. "There is nothing more artistic or better scripted than cat videos."

The fans outside the Procrastinator doors would have put most Star Wars conventions to shame. Students came dressed as their favorite cats and did their best to reenact the funniest scenes. Some people even came dressed in pairs. A particularly flamboyant couple came as a cat and a human with a laser pointer. The human would shine the laser on random walls and watch their friend chase it around the room. Another group dressed up as characters from the musical "Cats" and danced a fully choreographed routine to "The Rum Tum Tugger."

Prior to the screening, the Procrastinator staff held preliminary events like kitty litter wrestling and cat yoga. "The wrestling was wonderful, but the yoga was a cat-tastrophe," said Bustopher Jones, followed by "I'm just kitten', the whole night was great."

Not everyone agreed with Jones though. A group of people dressed as dogs protested the screening, claiming that celebrating felines undermined man's best friend. "While dogs look up to men and help protect us, cats look down on us and think they own us," said Tom Alonzo , the leader of the protesters. "If we keep promoting these cat videos, people will forget about dogs altogether," Alonzo added.

This small group of protesters was largely ignored during the festivities and as the doors to the theatre opened excited fans piled in. The Procrastinator boasted record numbers and decided to continue doing shows of this fashion. Ruby said, "Our next show will be a combination of Bruno Mars and Justin Bieber music videos." She then added, "Our final show of the year will be 'Charlie bit my finger' on repeat for an hour and a half."

It would seem that with this change in management the Procrastinator will finally be put on the map.

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SEXPONENT

Turns Out, Sex is Sweaty and Gross

If you've never had sex before, here is a piece of advice: don't. To the surprise of many, it turns out sex is sweaty and kind of gross.

Let's start with the sweaty part. There are very specific times when dripping with sweat is a pleasurable thing. The gym is one place, after successfully defeating a foe in squash; the bed, however, is not.

Despite the awful appearance of what is actually taking place (thrusting the mercedes into the one-car garage), some people manage to have sex to completion. His completion, anyway, and that's when it gets repulsive. Be sure to clean up in a timely fashion because the nondenominational God only knows how

Avoid the beast with two backs at all costs, unless you enjoy salty liquids and sticky situations.

Apparently, sex is a pretty intense workout. Worse than being super sweaty is rubbing up against someone else who is also super sweaty.

I don't know if you knew, but sweat has a salty flavor. Ever swam in the ocean and then kissed someone? It's disgusting. Imagine that flavor all over your partner's body.

On to the gross parts.

Genitalia. Male or female, they just aren't pretty. You could just not look, right? Wrong. Somehow even when you're staring into the deep blue sea that is your lover's eyes, thoughts wander to fifth grade sex education diagrams, and eyes wander a little bit south.

difficult it is to get crusty semen off your bed or your body (and no, I don't want to know where on your body it dried).

However, you are all reasonable and responsible, so you used a condom. Gross. The mood is gone because one person is pleasured and the other disappointed, so now who's going to peel the condom off and tie it up for flushing? Yuck. Think about it, just yuck.

Between the fluids, noises and body parts involved, sex is an equation for one of the most disgusting processes known. Avoid the beast with two backs at all costs, unless you enjoy salty liquids and sticky situations to man.

Music Review: 'Phantagasm'

COLIN GAISER

The year was 2009, and Xavier Montague III — a.k.a. the Arcade Fox (a.k.a. the Fox) — had left his parents' house in the North 19th Street suburbs with nothing but a guitar in his hand, the flannel on his back and an iPhone in his pocket. The heroic journey lasted nearly an entire hour, until the Fox, hungry and a little sleepy, finally reached the promised land of musicians across the Gallatin Valley: the vibrant urban center of Bozeman, Mont.

"It is here, in this cultural Mecca, where I will record the consummate masterpiece that will embody the gratuitous cultural paradigm of my iniquitous generation," he proclaimed to an impatient barista at the Leaf & Bean.

Little did the barista know she was in the presence of a divine genius.

The Fox went into self-imposed exile in a Bozeman apartment for over two years to write and record the songs on "Phantagasm," coming into contact with no other human being except the occasional bro-friend bearing gifts of donuts and PBR. In this atmosphere of solitude, the Fox let the genius flow freely like organic maple syrup on a gluten-free pancake.

The resulting record is nothing less than a triumph — an album that transcends the limits of human capabilities in the face of artificial rejection from the material world. The opening track, "I Am in Pain," is like scuba-diving into a cathartic ocean of psychological torment. You can almost feel your heart (and ears) breaking as a belligerent violin wails during the track "Love Often Makes Me Really, Really Sad." And the album's centerpiece, "The Government Does a Lot of Things of Which I Don't Necessarily Approve," is an operatic exposé of the Fox's estrangement from "the man" and a rallying cry for a generation of disillusioned youth who just want to be able to smoke their doobies in peace.

"I want this album to be the best friend you never had," the Arcade Fox said to me last week as we took a sunset stroll on Peet's Hill. Then he stopped. He turned toward the landscape, closed his eyes and let the evening breeze wash over him, before finally saying:

"You know what's really good? Cake. I should write a song about that." Genius.

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Calendar

March 29 to April 11

Compiled by Sabre Moore

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Sunday April 1

What: Social Anxiety Support Group

Where: MSU Dorms

When: Sunday, April 1

Led by your local RHA. Be prepared to make new friends!

What: Steam Tunnel Tours

Where: Steam Tunnels

When: Sunday, April 1

Guided by MSU Grad Students. Come learn what's beneath your feet.

What: Conversation Night

Where: Participating Downtown Bars

When: Sunday, April 1

A chance to actually talk to the person next to you without shouting.

What: Agnostics Anonymous

Where: To be decided

When: Sunday, April 1

Bring your questions; don't expect any answers.

What: Smoke-In

Where: Cruzado's Office

When: Sunday, April 1

Protest against the new clean air policy. Let's show Cruzado what she'll be missing!

What: MSU ROTC "Red Dawn" Reenactment

Where: MSU Mall

When: Daybreak

The Commies are coming.

What: MSU Leadership Institute Presents: Joseph Kony Lecture

Where: SUB Ballrooms

When: Sun April 1, 7 p.m.

World famous leader Joseph Kony will discuss his leadership philosophy and motivation techniques. See "Students Unite Around Kony" in Navel Gazing for more information.

What: Joseph Kony Master Class

Where: Procrastinator Theatre

When: Crack of Dawn Sunday, April 1

Contact the Leadership Institute for tickets.

What: Memes Info Class

Where: Renne Library

When: Sunday, April 1

Come learn the intricacies of memes. "Create Your Own Meme" workshop to follow.

What: Madonna Fan Club Meeting

Where: MSU Bowling Alley

When: Sunday, April 1

President Garrett Smith will host a critique of Madonna's latest album. This will be a candlelight service and potluck.

What: Dubstep Concert

Where: Brick Breeden Fieldhouse

When: Sunday, April 1, 7 p.m.

Featuring Skrillex, Mimosa, Goldfrapp, EOTO and Glitch Mob.

What: Magpiefest

Where: Roskie Fields

When: Sunday, April 1

Bring your BB guns and shoot as many as you can. The winner will receive peace and quiet.

What: Rainbow Note-Taking Workshop

Where: Above the Pot of Gold in Renne Library, 3rd Floor

When: Sunday, April 1

Come learn how to take better notes and ace your finals!

What: Drug Test Your RA

Where: SUB Ballroom D

When: Sunday, April 1

For those RAs you've always wondered about. Hosted by Student Health.

What: Rubber Duck Races

Where: Roskie Creek

When: Sunday, April 1

Come place your bets and win a baby duck!

What: Skinny Dipping

Where: MSU Duck Pond

When: Sunday, April 1

Bring your friends and acquaintances.

What: Outdoor Rec. Paddleboarding Excursion

Where: Hyalite Lake

When: Sunday, April 1

Gear provided, wear clothes that can get wet.

What: Survivor Weekend

Where: Hyalite

When: Saturday March 31 and Sunday, April 1

Hosted by Outdoor Rec. Test your survival skills and compete in activities like ice climbing and bear wrestling. GPS devices forbidden.

What: Bobsledding, Jamaica Style

Where: Bridger Bowl

When: Sunday, April 1

Bring your pushcarts and ride some trails with your friends!

What: The Bobcat Games

Where: Bobcat Stadium

When: April 1

Come cheer on the tributes for your college!

STUDENT ART

Meditations on the Can: Bro Art by 'FratCat' Robert Downing

Robert Downing, or "FratCat" as the scrawled name over his dorm room door pronounces, has been making bro-art for over three years.

FratCat started making art while attending Harvard law school, or "Har-turd brah school" as he calls it. "I use to scratch stuff into the desks. Usually just 'F-Cat' or 'Master Chief is a badass,'" said FratCat. The F-Cat left law school after he realized "they cray" and came to MSU to become a "sort of art major" after hearing Bozeman was super chill. FratCat occasionally attends 3D Fundamentals, but stresses that most classes are too structured for a student of the world.

FratCat's bro-art deals with topics of bro-life and being phresh. His most recent work focuses primarily on intersections between past and present Bozeman life. FratCat challenges modern conceptions of art media by working with hemp and empty cans of Pabst Blue Ribbon. "I chose my medium because it's what's in my room, and everybody in Bozeman likes peebers. It's always been that way, peeber is the chosen drink of all the bros that came before me and I want to respect that," said FratCat. Other influences in FratCat's art include "Call of Duty," his bros, YouTube videos of stuff on fire and "anything gnar-gnar."

FratCat's previous instillations include a small wall hanging of a Da-Vinci-sketchbook-esque design of a bong in the Roskie lobby and a pile of bent silverware in Miller Dining Hall, both of which were promptly removed by disgruntled custodians.

His upcoming exhibit will be his largest, which he has titled "Phresh4Life" and will be appearing on April 20 in the Leigh Lounge. "Bozeman has one of the largest per-capita bro communities in the U.S., and I feel like nobody is addressing that. I just want to open the eyes of this campus," said FratCat.

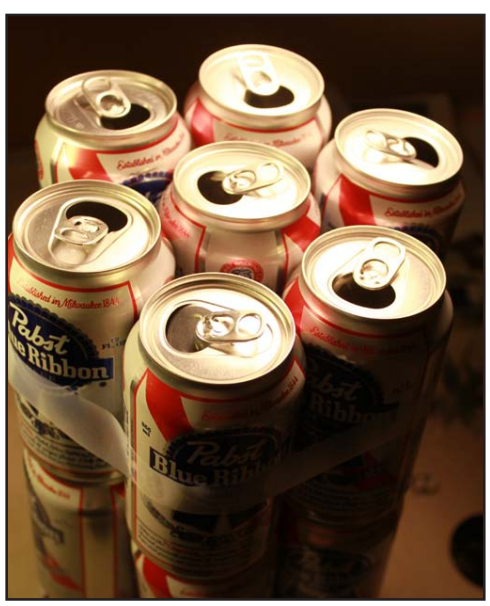
As the F-Cat takes his third shot at freshman year, he is still thinking about the future. Next year he plans to open a small online business out of his Roskie dorm room. His inventory will include bubblers made from PBR cans and hemp necklaces. He may expand into a line of 40-ounce PBR bongs if someone will give him a glass drill, which hopefully nobody does.

— MATTHEW KENNEDY

"It ain't easy being steezy."

– FRATCAT







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April Fools' Pranks

A LITTLE INSPIRATION FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

SHOW YOUR PARENTS YOUR SWEET NEW (FAKE) TATTOO.

PULL A JIM AND PUT SOMEONE'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES IN JELL-O®.

TURN EVERYTHING IN YOUR ROOMMATE'S BEDROOM UPSIDE-DOWN, INCLUDING THE FURNITURE.

SARAN WRAP OVER THE TOILET SEAT: CLASSIC.

MAKE CARAMEL APPLES, BUT MIX IN A FEW ONIONS.

MAKE UP AN EXCUSE TO USE YOUR FRIEND'S PHONE AND CHANGE ALL OF THE LANGUAGE SETTINGS.

WAIT UNTIL TWO PEOPLE WHO LIVE ACROSS A HALLWAY FROM ONE ANOTHER GO INSIDE THEIR ROOMS, TIE THEIR DOOR HANDLES TOGETHER WITH A BIT OF SLACK, THEN KNOCK ON BOTH DOORS AT THE SAME TIME.

STINK-BOMB YOUR BATHROOM MINUTES BEFORE YOUR ROOMMATE BRINGS A DATE OVER.

DISMANTLE SOMETHING LARGE (VEHICLE, BEDFRAME, ETC.) AND REASSEMBLE IT INSIDE (OR OUTSIDE) OF SOMEONE'S DORM ROOM.

TELL YOUR FRIEND THAT YOU'RE GOING TO PULL A HUGE PRANK ON HIM... THEN DON'T.

PUT SARDINES OR A PUNGENT CHEESE UNDERNEATH THE DRIVER'S SEAT OF A CAR.

TAKE OUT A BRUTALLY HONEST PERSONAL AD FOR YOUR FRIEND.

WRITE A CARD TO SOMEONE THAT READS: "HERE'S THAT MONEY I OWE YOU." PUT A WRINKLED PIECE OF TAPE BELOW THE WORDS TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THE MONEY FELL OFF.

OLDIE, BUT A GOODIE: "KICK ME" SIGN ON THE BACK.

SHAVE THE FACIAL HAIR/ EYEBROWS OFF A DEEP-SLEEPING FRIEND.

FILL THE SALT SHAKER WITH SUGAR, AND VICE-VERSA.

COMPLETELY EMPTY YOUR FRIEND'S BEDROOM AND REARRANGE IT EXACTLY ON THE FRONT LAWN.

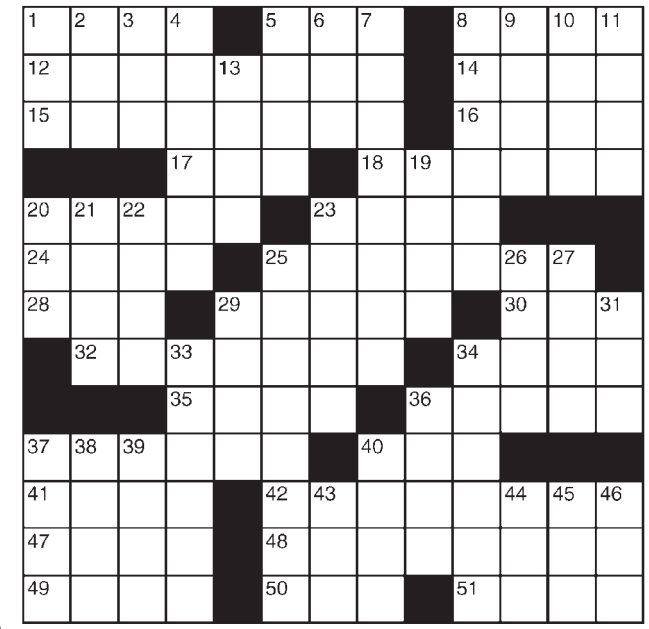
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SUDOKU

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

	8				7	5	1	
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King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Moist
5 Lingerie item
8 "The — Piper of Hamelin"
12 Outside
14 Went on horseback
15 1972 Bill Withers hit
16 And others (Lat.)
17 Two-timer
18 Blazing
20 Garden insect
23 Roman 202
24 Newman or Lynde
25 One with an entry-level job?
28 Up to, briefly
29 Dorian Gray's creator
30 Baby's mealtime garb
32 "Greetings," in India
34 Options list
35 "Woe is me!"
36 "Psycho" surname
37 Lunar surface feature
40 Inmate
41 Raise
42 Pop song of 1929
47 Land measure
48 Store
49 Needy
50 Soon to arrive
51 Charitable donations

DOWN

1 Atl. state
2 Chopper
3 1959 Kingston Trio hit
4 Writing tool
5 Tie
6 Bulg. neighbor
7 Three digits after 1
8 Early game in a tourney
9 Greek vowel
10 Dutch cheese
11 Drop a letter?
13 Street
19 Shoot a gun
20 Suitable
21 Aspirin target
22 Hawaiian dance
23 Indianapolis team
25 Took weapons from
26 Help in a crime
27 Near-perfect score, maybe
29 Corduroy ridge
31 Greyhound carrier
33 Be important
34 Oft-repeated chant
36 U2 lead
37 Applaud
38 Puerto —
39 Roundish hairstyle
40 Superhero costume feature
43 Ostrich's cousin
44 Lubricate
45 Close-mouthed
46 Type squares

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