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Campus sustainability receives funding for transition



The Sustainability Center provides recycling bins in the dorms. PHOTO BY NICOLE SMITH

SAMANTHA KOHL

Recycling bins have been part of campus culture since the passage of a $3.50 student fee to support and establish the Sustainability Center in 2009. In the three years since, this student-funded initiative has worked to make recycling, along with other sustainable practices, campus priorities. The center will soon become the Office of Sustainability.

A change of name is not the only adjustment the center has experienced. Its original director, Gretchen Hooker, stepped down in Jan. 2012 to pursue other opportunities. She was followed by an interim director who left in Aug. 2012. Since then, the center has been supported by student employees with help from organizations such as the Network of Environmentally Conscious Organizations (NECO) and the Campus Sustainability Advisory Council (CSAP).

Terry Leist, MSU's Vice-President of Administration and Finance, made the commitment last spring to supplement the Sustainability Center's earmarked student fee with an additional $30,000 for the next two years to transition the center to the Office of Sustainability. A committee is currently in the process of selecting a new director.

"Fingers crossed, we will have a new director by the new year," said Sam Atkins, NECO President and member of the selection committee. The university will also hire a part-time recycling director to aid the new director of the Office of Sustainability.

In the past, the recycling program received almost all the Sustainability Center funds. By separating the responsibility of the recycling program and the director, the office will be able to focus on other sustainability projects apart from recycling.

One of these projects is advocating for university responsibility for the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). Signed by past MSU President Geoff Gamble in 2008, the ACUPCC focuses on climate control and reduction of greenhouse gasses and has been signed by 661 universities and colleges.

"Students are the most powerful group on campus."

— E.J. HOOK, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER OF FACILITIES SERVICES

"We want the director to hold [the] university responsible for signing the commitment," Atkins said. She added that there is a significant difference between signing a document and following through on the promises the signature implies.

E.J. Hook, Environmental Services Manager of Facilities Services, has worked closely with NECO and is part of the CSPA. He has aided the students that have been running the center in the absence of a director with some of the administrative responsibilities.

Hook hopes the future director will be able to prioritize and advocate the long term sustainability goals. "There are thousands of ways to approach and improve sustainability on campus, but if we try to do all one thousand...most of them would turn out to be half measures," he said. "We cannot spread ourselves that thin."

The Office of Sustainability hopes to continue the center's emphasis on student involvement. The director's purpose, along with fulfilling the Climate Action Plan and "integrating sustainability into campus operations planning, development and academic pursuits," as outlined in the position vacancy announcement, will be to aid student initiatives related to sustainability.

Sustainability efforts on campus have continued to grow and expand over the past three years. Many attribute this growth to the persistence of MSU students in their effort for sustainability — as Hook said, "Students are the most powerful group on campus."



The new Sustainability Center office is located in the basement of the SUB. PHOTO BY NICOLE SMITH

Bozeman Democrats celebrate election night victories

TOR GUDMUNDSSON

Local Democrats gathered in downtown Bozeman's Baxter Ballroom on election night to cheer on their political candidates. The room was filled with energy and emotion as people stood up to cheer when a Democratic candidate was projected to win his or her race or Obama was predicted to win an important state.

With over 100 people in attendance and a full table of food, the party welcomed President Obama's re-election with a bang.

Scott Young, a librarian at MSU, was positive about the outcome of the election. "[Watch parties] help engage the community in the election results," he said. While Young attended the Democratic watch party to see these results, he considers himself more of a progressive voter than a Democrat.

Also attending were leaders and members of MSU Students for Obama. Neighborhood Team Leader Paul Jordan said the group took a "top-down approach" to supporting candidates, focusing most of their resources on Obama's re-election but also helping Montana Democrats such as Jon Tester.

Troy Duker, president of MSU Students for Obama, commended the president for much of what he did in his last term and what Duker hopes he will accomplish with his second four years. "[For me], as a gay person, Obama holds my future in his hands, to an extent," Duker said.

Obama will get another four years in the White House, but even with the end of election season, Jordan and Duker are both optimistic about continuing to foster political activism among youth.

Voters enthusiastic despite long line



Voters wait to cast their ballot Tuesday in the Gallatin County Courthouse. PHOTO BY MATT WILLIAMS

NICOLE DUGGAN

At any given time during Tuesday's election, over 300 people waited in the roughly four-hour-long line at the Gallatin Valley Courthouse in order to exercise their right to vote.

The line, which snaked through the courthouse and led outside and around the block, was filled with people from all backgrounds waiting to both register to vote and vote.

In Gallatin County, according to the Montana Secretary of State webpage, over 48,000 people voted, making up roughly 68.4 percent of registered voters in the county. In Montana as a whole, nearly 450,000 voted.

Though the line was long, the atmosphere at the courthouse remained calm and positive, said election judge Mary Bardone. She noted that it was "heartwarming and touching" to see so many people, especially students, excited to vote and get involved in the political process.

Brooke Perry, one of many MSU students in line, procrastinated registering to vote, but was convinced to do so by her mother. As a result, she had to wait in line at the courthouse.

Those in line passed time by chatting with neighbors, reading, studying, playing cell-phone games and enjoying treats passed out by helpful strangers. Jessica Sowell and her son Grady brought ice cream and popsicles for those still waiting in line at 7 p.m. Sowell said she was impressed to see that everyone was in "good spirits," and that she and her son were happy to support those in line.

The polls had an official 8 p.m. closing time, but everyone who was in line to vote before that time was allowed to register and cast their ballots.

The last vote at the courthouse, and in Gallatin County, was cast by MSU student Kaylee Mack just before midnight.

ELECTION RESULTS

STATEWIDE RACES

94% of precincts reporting

Governor:
Steve Bullock (D) - 225,418; 49%
Rick Hill (R) - 217,058; 47%

U.S. Senate:
Jon Tester (D) - 224,923; 49%
Denny Rehberg (R) - 206,666; 45%

U.S. House:
Steve Daines (R) - 241,926; 53%
Kim Gillan (D) - 195,484; 43%

Attorney General:
Tim Fox (R) - 238,442; 54%
Pam Bucy (D) - 205,363; 46%

MONTANA BALLOT MEASURES

94% of precincts reporting

Referendum 120 - Parental notification of abortion for minors
For - 316,729; 70%
Against - 133,643; 30%

Referendum 121 - Denying services to illegal aliens
For - 358,060; 79%
Against - 93,898; 21%

Referendum 122 - No mandatory health insurance
For - 280,644; 67%
Against - 138,948; 33%

Referendum 124 - Medical marijuana reform
For - 234,918; 57%
Against - 180,235; 43%

Initiative 166 - Corporations are not human beings
For - 304,901; 75%
Against - 102,788; 25%

GALLATIN COUNTY ELECTIONS

100% of precincts reporting

Senate District 33:
Mike Phillips (D) - 5,346; 68%
Tom Tuck (R) - 2,472; 32%

Senate District 34:
Scott Sales (R) - 7,906; 64%
Michael Comstock (D) - 4,381; 36%

House District 63:
Franke Wilmer (D) - 3,538; 51%
Tom Burnett (R) - 3,391; 49%

House District 64:
Tom Woods (D) - 3,627; 63%
Clint Field (R) - 2,145; 37%

House District 65:
Kathleen Williams (D) - 2,252; 70%
Nick Mahan (R) - 963; 30%

House District 66:
Jennifer Pomnichowski (D) - 3,164; 69%
Dave Ponte (R) - 1,453; 31%

House District 70:
Kerry White (R) - 3,163; 50%
April Buonamici (D) - 2,323; 37%
Christopher Burke (I) - 824; 13%

City of Bozeman Parks & Trails Bond:
Yes - 13,161; 73%
No - 4,808; 27%

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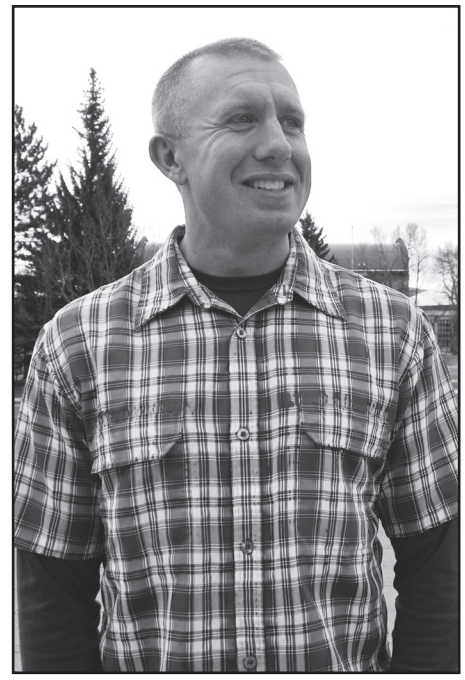


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TOR GUDMUNDSSON

Tanner Moe enrolled at MSU as an undergraduate in sociology in Jan. 2011, and by taking above and beyond the normal course load he is set to graduate in May 2013.

However, the 32-year-old Moe was not always a successful student. He is a recovering alcoholic who was forced to make a drastic life change after being convicted of a felony DUI in 2009.

While incarcerated, he decided he wanted to do more with his life and participated in the Warm Springs Addiction Treatment and Change (WATCh) program. After 15 months of incarceration and education, he was released early for his good behavior and successful treatment.

Although technically still serving a 10-year sentence, Moe began pursuing a college education at MSU three months after his release. Upon arriving, he was disappointed to find there were limited resources and support groups for recovering addicts. The small Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting was not as big a support group as he thought a college campus should have, so he began developing plans for an organization called "Recovering Students @ MSU."

"I've always considered myself an entrepreneur, and I've always had a drive for success and to help others," Moe said. Although the group was started last year, progress was difficult because of Moe's busy schedule and his lack of connections within MSU. Then he met Rick Winking.

Director of MSU's Insight program — the primary education program for MIPs and other alcohol-related offenses — Winking encountered Moe because of the important questions he was asking. After talking and comparing ideas, they discovered the concept of a "collegiate recovery community." Successful at the University of Texas, "recovery communities" blend university resources and student involvement to create a sober support community for recovering students, as well as an avenue for students who may have problems to seek help.

"Recovery communities have existed in cities and states for decades, but one on a college campus has only become an idea in the past eight to 10 years," Moe said.

Although Bozeman has a large AA community, the college is still lacking.

"Recognition of validity for this kind of group is hard for students and faculty," he said. However, awareness at MSU is increasing, as many of Moe's goals are about spreading the word and helping those in need.

"I am not a counselor," he continued. "We talk about weekend fun and relationships and classes, not about alcoholism. We have that in common, but we just have a good time together."

In addition to regular meetings, the Recovering Students @ MSU organization has planned and hosted "sober, fun events, on and off campus." There are about 15 to 20 students who participate in the organization, but Moe is hopeful this number will increase.

In addition to helping students in their personal lives, Moe believes academics are vital. Recovering students work hard, and "from what I have researched, recovering students have the capability to be better students," he said.

After graduating this spring, Moe plans to pursue a graduate degree in mental health counseling and continue to push forward in establishing a successful recovery community at MSU.

NEWS BRIEFS

Streamline forum seeks feedback

An upcoming forum will allow students, faculty and staff of MSU to voice their opinions of the Streamline bus service. The forum will take place on Tuesday, Nov.13 at noon in SUB 235, and lunch will be provided.

The Streamline bus service is in the process of developing a five-year plan, which is common for most public transportation services. Managers of the service hope to gain insight and feedback about what patrons like and dislike about the bus service.

The Streamline supplies a free mode of transportation to the Bozeman public and MSU. Their largest local contributor is ASMSU, making the opinion of MSU students, faculty and staff a high priority.

– SAMANTHA KOHL

Canned food to cover library fines

As a part of the official "Can the Griz" Food Drive, the Renne Library is forgiving students' fines through donations of canned food. Students can pay up to $10 in fines, with one can equalling $2.

The event, which lasts until Nov. 17, helps with the food drive and gives students an alternative for paying off their library fines. If students' past library fines have been transferred to Montana Hall, students can still choose to pay them off with cans rather than money. A library staff member will record students' names, ID numbers and number of cans donated, and the updated or paid fine will be communicated to Montana Hall.

– KRISTEN INGMAN



EDITORIAL

Learning from the CoB Tree Tussle

Faced with "eleventh-hour" frustration about the removal of hundred-year-old trees for the new College of Business building, MSU's leaders have taken a somewhat dismissive tone.

The attitude may stem in part from a sense that the trees do not outweigh the value of the new $20 million building, but it has more to do with a feeling that the concerns now voiced by some students, faculty and staff were already addressed last spring through a deliberately open process.

The university organized a series of public forums in February and March to discuss the building's design and determine location options. President Cruzado wrote about the process in a Feb. 27 Monday Morning Memo, and MSU News published the final location in April.

At the time, this paper wrote an editorial lauding the administration's inclusive planning efforts and calling upon students to join in the process. At one session, we noted, only three students were present — a CoB student, a student senator and an Exponent reporter.

A lack of effort by the university to seek community input does not seem to be the issue. But the absence of community input (even among CoB students) and subsequent community blowback suggests the process did not effectively achieve its goals. The situation provides lessons for how the university could better generate such involvement.

Public participation does not always come as neatly as administrators would like. In this case, it wasn't until the stakes were in the ground and ribbons tied to trees that some at MSU realized a decision regarding the new College of Business building was worth their time. But those stakes must be clear to community members before they will feel compelled to join the decision-making process.

If the university is serious about inclusive decision-making, it must be able to accommodate inevitable "eleventh-hour" concerns as well as find ways to facilitate hard discussions earlier in the process.

We have every indication that the university has thoroughly considered all options for the trees in the Douglas Fir grove north of Wilson Hall. And our sense from MSU environmental services manager E.J. Hook is that great effort and care has been taken to relocate and save as many trees as possible. The seven 106-year-old trees slated for removal next summer could live another hundred years, Hook said, but are too large and too dense to relocate.

By moving the building north 100 feet, however, the grove could be spared. But that would require the removal of some parking spaces in the adjacent E lot — an already overcrowded parking sector on campus.

The choice, in somewhat simplified but straightforward terms, is between a grove of trees or coveted parking spaces. Now that's a forum we would have liked to attend.

Unfortunately, neither Cruzado's memo nor MSU News mentioned the trees. Our editorial mentioned it only parenthetically. Student senator Erica McKay, however, responded to an Exponent writer's opinion column with a letter detailing the tree discussion. Her leadership on the issue was commendable, and our campus could have benefited from more of it.

As MSU's leaders plan future opportunities for participatory decision-making, they should take a more active approach that anticipates points of contention and frames the discussion around them. That's a difficult and courageous task, one upon which our university, including the Exponent, has room to improve.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Healing After an Ugly Election

Flipping through television channels and Internet tabs on election night, I caught a few seconds of NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw speaking about the state of the country. With a solemn gravity that was striking amidst the evening's frenetic atmosphere, Brokaw spoke to the deep fractures underlying today's American political culture.



DEREK BROUWER
Editor-in-Chief

Brokaw delivered a similar message when he spoke at MSU more than 18 months ago. At the time, his broad national narrative seemed banal, but last night it hit home for me.

Nowhere are our society's current rifts more evident than in Montana. Our state's races were exceptionally contentious across the board (for results, see pg. 4), and several were downright ugly. As everyone who has seen a TV ad, read a newspaper or received a mailed pamphlet knows, the residents of Montana have endured a hideous campaign season.

Nowhere are our society's current rifts more evident than in Montana.

Though it is tempting to blame the shameless mudslinging on politicians, super-PACS, outside groups or the media, we must each be careful that the partisan bitterness does not slip into our own attitudes. Unfortunately, the social media universe exploded Tuesday night with partisan jubilation, dismay, name-calling and prayer. Some were even measuring the election by how many annoying people they had "unfriended" or "unfollowed."

But let's be real: President Obama does not have a mandate for his agenda, nor do Democratic lawmakers. When disgruntled voters threaten to move to Canada, they are abandoning the greatest challenge of democracy. The joke is on anyone who dismisses the other 50 million voters as "ignorant."

It's easy to forget that neither Obama nor Romney, Tester nor Rehberg, Bullock nor Hill, Daines nor Gillan possess the skeleton key to the challenges of our time.

What matters most — more than who won the election — is that we, collectively, work harder than we have before to diffuse the antipathy which has swollen over the past year.

We must do more than pray for our nation's security. We must be willing to work alongside those with whom we disagree, not to placate, but because both have something important to offer. Our first step is to realize the ideologies we propound are always upset by the complexity and immensity of the problems we face.

With Montana's incoming lawmakers scheduled to meet in January, the real work of politics is now on the horizon. But while we turn our attention to the struggles ahead, we must also take this time to heal.

Editor's note: The Exponent participated in the National College Media Convention, the largest of its kind, in Chicago last week. At the event, the paper received two best-in-show awards:

- *2nd place, website (school enrollment 10-20,000) for msuexponent.com*
- *5th place overall, special section, for our Oct. 25 Edition on Montana's elections*

These awards recognize what I in a sense already knew: I have the unique privilege of working alongside the best (and largest) group of student-journalists the organization has ever seen. They together have put the Exponent on track to becoming one of the top college newspapers in the country.

We rebuilt our website from scratch last summer, and our elections edition marked an effort by more than 50 staff members. Fred Vollmer and Tina Smith deserve particular congratulations for the website, as well as Sabre Moore, Kristen Ingman, Colin Gaiser, Vanessa Naive and Joshua Botz for the special edition. I couldn't be prouder of my team.

CLARIFICATION

A Nov. 1 opinion column, "Student Leadership: Responsibility or Role-Playing?" stated that the ASMSU Leadership Institute is "funded through the student body, overseen by an advisory board." The Leadership Institute's operations are funded and overseen by ASMSU student government. The National Advisory Board serves in a strictly advisory capacity.

LETTERS

Do Not Apply Tobacco Ban to Residence Halls

Although the tobacco ban has achieved a certain level of acceptance on the main campus (not many people continue to smoke on campus except on the peripheries), it seems fairly extreme to expect freshman living in the dorms to abide by the new directive. The school encourages students to stay in the dorms during their first year (as far as I know, students who wish to live off-campus must make a special request to do so), and freshman pay a lot of money (around $4,000) per semester for this experience.

If the students' behavior is not in fact illegal, it is inappropriately intrusive for the school to make commandments regarding their conduct on the premises of their homes. Tammie Brown said smoking "negatively impacted our on-campus community," but during my freshman experience at Roskie, smoking often encouraged social interaction between smokers and non-smokers alike. Handling tobacco violations "similarly to alcohol and marijuana violations" places tobacco smoking in a realm of law where it currently has no place.

I'm not a smoker, but I think this enforcement is a waste of the school administration's energy and paper. Freshman should be allowed to step outside their homes at will and relieve stress for a few minutes, just like the smokers who live off-campus.

- Anneli Dolmseth, senior in Economics

Leadership Column Offers Important Questions

This letter is in response to the Nov. 1 opinion column, "Student Leadership: Responsibility or Role-Playing?" Firstly, I am grateful that a fellow student has finally given voice to the discrepancies between our greater student body and those student leaders and organizations often considered to be at the proverbial 'head of the ship'. It is not to say we are a campus that promotes or rates the value of students based on their involvement, but it is to say the sense of importance and lack of criticism that exists for those student leaders and their organizations is often detrimental in creating leaders that have an understanding of 'doing' versus 'being.'

Effective leadership comes from the individual acting out of interests rooted in exploration, not pragmatism. It isn't so much that 'student leaders' who seeks to gain extracurricular experience is padding his or her resume, it's that the structure from which he or she will pursue these desires on our MSU campus will leave little room for critical and active engagement. It seems that either one will learn to plan events or to sit actively in meetings.

Surely this is not indicative of every campus organization that involves student leadership, but in my opinion some simply do not promote the type of activity that feels worth it to the student who both attends classes and holds a part-time job. How do we include the interests of these students into a structure of leadership that currently functions without them? This is often difficult to evaluate, but last week's article is a great place to start in offering important questions that no student leader or organization should fear, but rather embrace in a new effort of growth.

- Abbie Bandstra, senior in English

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COMMUNITY ARTICLE

Non-Discrimination Policy Needs Update

This article was written in collaboration with ASMSU President Kiah Abbey due to her unique insight and involvement in this issue.

This fall, ASMSU and the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) co-wrote and passed a resolution supporting the addition of gender identity and sexual orientation or preference to the Montana University System's non-discrimination policy.

As a university system, we must be proactive rather than reactive.

The initiative was originally driven by a concern over the lack of unisex restrooms on the MSU campus. Senators in both bodies, however, found that the problem was rooted in the limited scope of our statewide university system's non-discrimination policy.

After passing the resolution, the student senates sent the resolution on to Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) to add to November's Board of Regents agenda.

The Board of Regents (BOR) is the body that oversees and sets the direction for the Montana University System. OCHE implements decisions made by the Board of Regents and also sets the agenda for BOR meetings.

Despite student support from the two largest campuses in the system, OCHE has delayed acting on the resolution. Currently, the Montana University System's non-discrimination policy includes neither sexual orientation nor gender identity — state law protects sexual orientation but not gender identity. However, OCHE has encouraged individual campuses to be more comprehensive in the protection of individuals. Presently, both Montana State University and University of Montana include sexual orientation or preference in their policies, but do not include gender identity. The system policy will remain unchanged until brought to a vote at a Board of Regents meeting.



SHELBY ROGALA
Opinion Writer

There appear to be three reasons for the delay:

The policy has the potential to create substantial change in the system. OCHE would like to have an implementation plan in place before passing the policy.

This policy change may be more appropriate at the campus level.

OCHE has not heard any stories of concern that would warrant the policy change.

These reasons, however, are not sufficient to address the fact that our state's university system is leaving a portion of its constituents unprotected and underrepresented.

There are pressing needs to move this initiative forward in the upcoming months. First and foremost, we cannot afford to wait for an incident of discrimination to occur before we act to protect our students and citizens. As a university system, we must be proactive rather than reactive, especially when dealing with issues such as equality and discrimination. OCHE's reason to postpone action until stories of concern emerge is short-sighted and dangerous.

Changes could be implemented campus-by-campus but, if universities each set their individual policies, it will be hard to ensure that all students attending Montana universities are subject to the same protections. Students — whether they attend UM-Western or MSU-Billings — should have the same assurance of protection.

If the whole university system addresses these unprotected people at the same time, there will be an opportunity for campuses to collaborate while creating implementation plans. In other words, each campus will be able to design a plan that meets their unique needs while consulting with other campuses.

Universities are composed of a more diverse population than their surrounding areas. As a result, the Montana University System has the opportunity and responsibility to lead the state in providing equal support for all individuals.

Finally, other universities in our region have already passed similar initiatives, including North and South Dakota and Wyoming. The Montana University System should be following the lead of these precedents rather than falling behind state regulations.

We can no longer have a system-level non-discrimination policy that is deficient in its protection of all people. We need to urge Commissioner Clay Christian and the Board of Regents to understand that we want a system that is proactive in its protocol surrounding hate crimes and discrimination, rather than reactive. A system that creates a culture of support for diversity of thought and ideas. Ultimately, one in which every student, staff and faculty member feels safe and comfortable to learn, work and make our state a better place.



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Bozeman's hockey community is one of the most dedicated and unique communities in the state. Despite games lasting well after midnight, the Bobcat hockey team has no problem filling the Haynes Pavilion at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, which says a lot about their fan base and their interest in the sport.

Even the Icedogs, who have yet to notch a win this season, fill the stands, and though the Weasels haven't started playing games, their black-and-white 2013 "booty" calendar will be released to incredible fanfare, and for good reason. Sales of the calendar benefit the Gallatin Ice Foundation and their efforts to build another rink.

President Cruzado's visit to the Haynes Pavilion for Bobcat hockey last Friday, Nov. 2 may indicate the sport's growing popularity. From tasteful, sexy calendars to "No Shave November" for cancer, Bozeman hockey players find creative ways to fund their sport, attract fans and promote goodwill in the community. This feature celebrates their hard work and dedication.

MSU CLUB TEAM

Bobcat hockey earns tie and win vs. Boise State

ANTHONY VARRIANO

President Waded Cruzado was on the ice at Haynes Pavilion on Friday Nov. 2 to drop the puck and start a weekend of games between the Bobcats and the Boise State Broncos. The stands were packed for the game and Cruzado was issued an official Bobcat sweater for her continued support of MSU hockey.

"It was a great experience," said Cruzado. "In addition to enjoying the game, I had an opportunity to meet some terrific individuals who are really passionate about hockey."

Cruzado's presence lifted the spirits of the players. "It was a big step for our hockey program," said Austin Miller, a three-year veteran of the team, said of her appearance.

"It was nice to see some support from the university president," added MSU sophomore defenseman Jeff Quay.

"I really like coaching these guys," said first-year assistant coach John Gleason. "They all love playing hockey and are willing to make some sacrifices to keep playing, even when they don't get anything back for it."

MSU won both games against the Broncos last season and had similar success this weekend: Friday's game was a riot. After goals by MSU's Clancy O'Donnell and Quay kept the Cats in the game, Mike Allport tied it up at 3-3 with just four seconds left in regulation time to force a shootout. Though MSU lost the shootout, the game is still recorded as a tie in the books.

Saturday MSU dominated the ice, winning 5-0. Allport scored two early goals to give him three for the weekend. Quay also added to his weekend goal total, and both Jake Austin and Tyler Francis scored for the Cats.



From left to right: Evan Johnson (captain), Clancy O'Donnell (assistant captain), President Waded Cruzado and Will Thompson (goalie). PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFFREY MOORE

Quay said he was not trying anything new over the weekend, but "just worked hard to get good shots on goal." Nolan Albrecht made the most of his playing time filling in for goalie Will Thompson, earning his first shutout of the season.

"We have a lot of young guys that have been asked to step into some key situations and have done very well. The vets on the team have done a good job of bringing new guys into the fold and they are developing some chemistry together," Gleason said. "We are 2-0-1 in our last three games, and I believe that if the guys keep working hard and keep doing the things they need to do, we will have a successful season."

The Cats travel to Colorado this weekend to play the University of Colorado and the University of Denver, and also are trying to schedule a game with the Air Force Academy. They will play host to their archrival Grizzlies on Friday Nov. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Haynes Pavilion at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Both games start at 10:30 p.m.

BOZEMAN AMATEUR MEN'S TEAM

Rough start for Bozeman Icedogs

BRANDON KOWALSKI

After finishing with a 14-34 record during the 2011-2012 season, the Bozeman Icedogs hope to see a turnaround this season with their new head coach, Steve Harrison. Last season, the Icedogs allowed 207 goals in the 48 games they played — an average of just under four goals per game.

So far this season, the Icedogs are 0-10, have only scored nine goals and have allowed 97 goals — an average of almost 10 goals allowed per game. However, the new head coach has a vision for the Icedogs that focuses on teamwork.

One thing the team needs to work on, said Harrison, is their consistency. "They work hard for the most part. Most of them are learning what hard work really is," he said. "I know I have good guys and when you have that, it's a great base to start with because if you have no foundation, things fall apart."

"We are working hard to represent the city of Bozeman in the manner it deserves."

– COACH STEVE HARRISON

According to Harrison, his favorite game this season was in Yellowstone. The team was winning with six minutes left to play, but was unable to hold off Yellowstone and eventually lost.

"It showed us that if we do systems and work consistently, we are a pretty good team," Harrison explained, "and I emphasize with the team because we worked very well together that night."

With 38 games left to play in the season, there is still room for the Icedogs to turn it around. "We started out [the season] badly, to be honest, but I see improvement every day; not to the level I would like, but the consistent level of work is coming," Harrison said.

One of Harrison's favorite things about being the new head coach is the people, both on the team and in the community. "We really appreciate the support, not just at games but in the city. I have not been here long but the support and friendship people have shown is incredible, and we are working hard to represent the city of Bozeman in the manner it deserves."

The next game for the Icedogs is in Helena Friday Nov. 9 against the undefeated Helena Bighorns. For more information about the team, visit their website *bozemanicedogs.pointstreaksites.com*.

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BOZEMAN AMATEUR WOMEN'S TEAM

Bozeman Weasels prepare for competition

LIZZY NARIGON

It's the time of year when Bozeman anxiously awaits a massive downfall of snow. With cold, snowy weather comes the start of winter sports.

Now is the time for hockey fans to pack Haynes Pavilion in anticipation of another season on the ice. The Bozeman Weasels women's hockey team is set begin their season this weekend. According to team player Hannah Frantz, the team is made up of women who purely enjoy hockey.

"We all have very different backgrounds; some have played Division I college hockey and others are just getting their toes wet in the sport," she said. This versatile environment allows for all skill levels to compete, travel and be a part of a team. BAHA, the Bozeman Amatuer Hockey Association, allows for clubs like the Weasels and other teams to practice in facilities such as the Haynes Pavillion.

In preparation for the games and tournaments, the team practices when it is convenient. Factors that affect when they practice include limited ice time available at the Haynes Pavillion and the numbers of players.

Helen Cornwell has been with the Weasels for four years, and explains how the team shifts their range in age, ability and availability in terms of traveling to tournaments. She says, "For these reasons, every time we go to a tournament, our team is a little bit different. Some might think that this would make team camaraderie challenging, but we make a great effort to connect with each other both on and off the ice."

"We all have very different backgrounds; some have played Division I college hockey and others are just getting their toes wet."

– WEASELS PLAYER HANNAH FRANTZ

Cornwell describes their traveling experiences as a time to test their abilities and engage in competition, many times with teams from Idaho, Utah, Mont. and Wyo.

Frantz added, "We will also go to tournaments in Missoula and Jackson, Wyoming. Every year, we host a home tournament called the 'Get Lucky Cup' and it always falls on Saint Patrick's Day weekend." The "Get Lucky Cup" allows for families, students, and hockey fans alike to cheer on the Weasels in the Bozeman environment.



Bozeman Weasels pose for their annual lingerie calendar. PHOTO COURTESY OF KARL NEUMANN

The team is well-known for their annual calendar, which is sold in an effort to fundraise for tournament fees as well as for a second rink at the state fairgrounds.

The calendars are sold for $20 each and can be found at the Haynes Pavillion, Play It Again Sports, Top Shelf, Madison River Brewery, Summit Bike and Ski and a few other local stores in Bozeman.

With practices not quite underway, the Weasels have their first tournament this weekend, Nov. 9 -11 in Helena. These tournaments allow the team to come together to travel Montana and surrounding states in order to compete with other hockey teams.

For more information on the Bozeman Weasels, check out their facebook page or at *bozemanhockey.org*.

FOOTBALL

Cats escape Sacramento State with comeback win

ANTHONY VARRIANO

The third-ranked Bobcats (8-1, 5-1) found themselves playing catch-up at Sacramento State (6-4, 4-3) on Saturday, but Cody Kirk powered the Cats to a very important 20-17 win. On a day that saw multiple records fall — including DeNarius McGhee setting the bar for most career wins as an MSU quarterback (27) and his coach, Rob Ash, moving into a tie with Sonny Holland for career wins at 47 — the Cats saw the game as another step in the right direction.

"It's never been about my record as a coach. It's about seeing these kids rewarded for their hard work," Ash said. "Our kids work so hard, and they never quit fighting in a game." Saturday's game was a perfect example.

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— HEAD COACH ROB ASH

Though McGhee was efficient and didn't turn the ball over, he completed just 14 of 22 passes for 105 yards. The Cats once again rode Kirk to the finish line. Kirk scored first on a 15-yard run with 7:10 left in the first quarter, and a Rory Perez field goal gave the Cats a 10-3 lead. The Hornets answered with a 13-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Garrett Safron to wide receiver TJ Knowles to tie the game going into halftime.

With 7:02 left in the third quarter, Rory Perez hit a long 44-yard field goal to put the Cats up by three, which would eventually be the difference in the game. The Hornets answered immediately. In 56 short seconds, Safron tossed a 76-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Morris Norisse to take a 17-13 lead with 5:25 to go in the third.

Again, Kirk proved too dominant for the Hornets' defense. A six-play drive that featuring two long, powerful rushes by Kirk and a tricky wildcat play that saw Kirk hand the ball to Shawn Johnson, who then ran for 30 yards, was capped with a 2-yard touchdown run by Kirk. Kirk finished with 129 yards on 24 carries and two touchdowns.

The MSU defense played superb football to hold the Hornets to 17 points, and didn't allow a score in the final eight minutes with the help of a late interception by Joel Fuller to seal the deal. The Bobcat defense held Sacramento State to 82 yards rushing with the help of Na'a Moeakiola.

"Na'a was definitely our player of the game on defense," Ash said. "He was aggressive and played fabulously." Moeakiola finished with nine tackles, five of them for a loss of yards, and one sack.

With another win in the bag, coach Ash and the Cats return home for their final regular season home game against Portland State (2-4, 3-6) on Saturday Nov. 10 at 1:35 p.m.

Saturday's Game Prediction

Portland State is coming off an upset loss to Northern Colorado, but the Cats can expect the same thing they got from the Hornets — hard-nosed football in the trenches featuring a run game that averages over 200 yards a game.

Though Portland holds opponents to roughly 130 yards rushing per game, Kirk should finish above that mark. Portland is also known to bring the blitz having recorded 19 sacks this season, so look for McGhee to set up on the run and make things happen with his legs.

Cats win, 34-24.

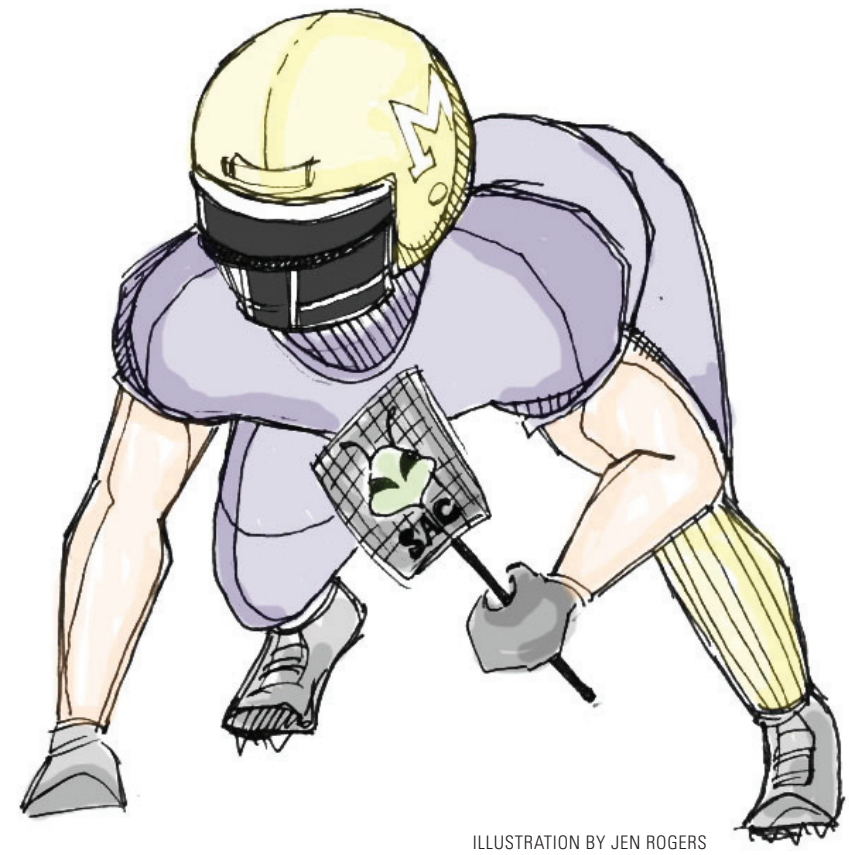


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BASKETBALL

Dual victories for Bobcat Basketball



MSU's Caleb Coleman (#44) shoots over a MT Tech defender early in the second half of Saturday's action.

PHOTO BY ROGER MILLER

Men's Basketball

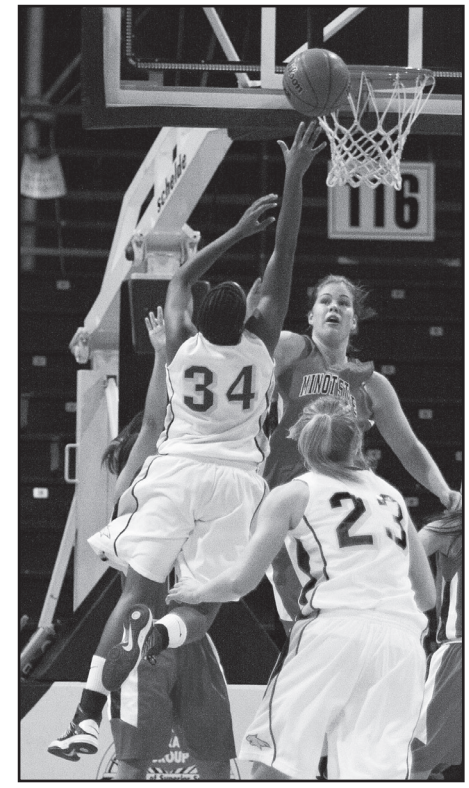
The men's team kicked off the weekend with a game against South Dakota Tech. The game resulted in a strong 93-61 win for the Bobcats, but did not begin with the same strength.

In the post-game press release, Head Coach Brad Huse explained the team's initial mentality: "It was the first game, so those jitters are always a little expected. We knew that would be the case early on. South Dakota School of Mines executed well in the beginning and are a very disciplined team," he said.

With a narrow lead of 37-33 at half, the team let the jitters roll off their shoulders and solidly took over the second half.

"We started slow as we expected, but once we got rolling we were clicking," said MSU guard Michael Dison. "This was just a game to get the rust off, and we did."

The team travels to Seattle, Wash. next Sunday, Nov. 11, for their first away competition. With this and the rest of the season in mind, Dison added, "This season is about proving people wrong and accomplishing what hasn't been done since 1996, making it to the NCAA tournament."



Latisha Adams (#34) goes after one of her seven rebounds in Sunday's victory over Minot State.

PHOTO BY KATE JUEDES

Women's Basketball

Sunday's exhibition game for Women's Basketball ended with a 63-47 win over Minot State. Their first game allowed the team not only to acknowledge their apparent strengths, but to recognize their flaws in an effort to improve.

MSU's standout player of the game, guard Latisha Adams, was a key component in this victory, scoring 14 points for the team along with forward Jackie Elliot.

Head Coach Tricia Binford commented after the game, "I thought Tish [Adams] played well and did a nice job with her shot selection. However, I thought we took a step backward in a lot of areas. We practiced all week on our communication in transition and spacing, and we talked about our shot selection. We fell short in all those areas."

At halftime the score of 34-26 spurred the Bobcats to hold onto their lead. Binford added that the team specifically needs to focus on "the mindset of finding the best shot for the team, without losing confidence and trust in taking what's available. It's a fine line."

The team travels to Colorado State on Sunday, Nov. 11 for their regular season opener.

BY LIZZY NARIGON

ATHLETE PROFILE



PHOTO BY ROGER MILLER

NAME: Mary Koppy
SPORT: Track and Field
EVENTS: Hammer throw and weight throw
HOMETOWN: Great Falls, Mont.
MAJOR: English
YEAR IN SCHOOL: Junior

What is the best part of competing in track and field?
The team. I love the competitions, but they would be so much less enjoyable if the team wasn't so much fun to be around. That atmosphere of competition and excitement makes practice worth it.

When and why did you start playing?
I started in sixth grade. I went to a small Catholic school, so everyone did every sport. You almost couldn't field a team otherwise. Track was the sport I excelled in, so when I got to high school, I dropped volleyball and basketball but kept going in track.

What is your favorite thing about field and why?
Competitions. I love the charged atmosphere of a track meet because the whole team is focused.

What do you do to prepare before a competition?
The women's throwers warm up together before our competition. In addition to that, I stretch out on my own and do several practice turns outside the ring.

Do you plan to continue competing in field in the future?
I'll compete in college until my eligibility runs out, but once I graduate it will become much less of a priority. If I continue to throw, it will be in meets like the Big Sky State Games.

What do you think is the key to your success as a student-athlete?
Time management and forgiving teachers. I'm not always the best at managing my time, but scheduling time to get everything done in a day is so important.

Have you received any awards while competing in field events?
I've been an Academic All-Conference athlete for both of my years of competition.

Is there a person or quote that inspires you?
"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible.'" – Audrey Hepburn

Why did you come to MSU?
A couple of reasons. I came for my official visit in the spring of my senior year and spoke with the head of the English department. They were just introducing the writing major, an idea that I loved, so that played a huge part in my coming. It was also love at first sight for me and the MSU campus. I came to visit the university and left knowing that this was where I wanted to come.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I write short stories, although that's beginning to bleed over into homework this semester. I also enjoy watching movies with my roommates.

What would you like to tell students/readers about MSU track and field?
Come to the meets! It's always nice to have support from our fellow students at our competitions.

BY MEGAN BERNHARDT

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THE MSU exponent

Charting the dark: Spek Atlas travels

REESE LEBLANC

In the music world, the word "atlas" usually denotes expansiveness. The inclusion of the term in a band name is almost a guarantee, a deal with listeners who prefer experimenters and aural adventures unhindered by the compressive force of mainstream radio. No exception to this rule, Bozeman-based Spek Atlas bucks restrictive formats, churning out a heavy, thunderous and slightly gloomy brand of thoughtful, conscious rock.

"This is the first question everyone always asks. What kind of music do you play? I call it hippie metal."

— JESSE COLLINS, SPEK ATLAS GUITARIST AND LYRICIST

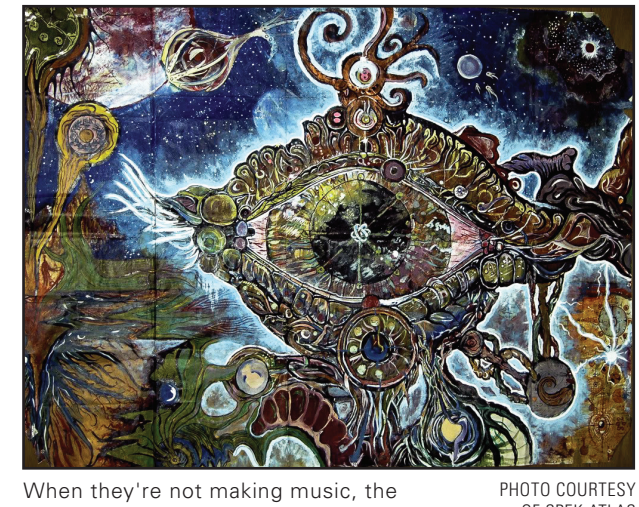
Spek Atlas's initial effort covers strange ground. Raging guitars and high-flying aggressive vocals alternate with quiet, depth-plumbing instrumental moments, a seesaw exchange essential to the group's distinctive product.

Spek Atlas guitarist and lyricist Jesse Collins noted, "This is the first question everyone always asks: What kind of music do you play? I call it hippie metal." This apt label perfectly describes the Atlas sound, a snaking style reminiscent of At the Drive In, Tool and the psychedelic bands of yore. "We definitely do a lot of jams," said Collins. "Our newer stuff is a little more out there. We have a 15-minute song now. If we play a three-hour set, about one hour of that will be improv."

"A Natural Calamity," the band's first album, touches on apocalyptic and introspective themes — a symbolic pooling of external disaster and internal conflict. When asked about possible "apocalyptic undertones" permeating the band's music, Collins replied, "For some reason, we just started writing about disasters, and some of our new songs are along those lines, but they are fairly metaphorical. It's all up for interpretation. Maybe I could tell you what I meant when I wrote those songs, or maybe I forgot."

Clearly, Spek Atlas welcomes an independent-minded audience, one capable of internalizing and deciphering the band's message with a personal lens. "Our mission for ourselves is to grow as artists," Collins said. "But the music is meant to be thought-provoking and if people feel emotionally affected, well, that's part of it, too."

Spek Atlas recently completed a tour of the Northwest and for now, Collins said the band intends to stick to the region and launch another tour in spring 2013.



When they're not making music, the members of Spek Atlas create visual art featured on their Photobucket account "spekatlas."

PHOTO COURTESY OF SPEK ATLAS

Bozeman residents can catch Spek Atlas at the Haufbrau this Friday. The band's album, "A Natural Calamity" streams for free at *www.spekatlas.com*.

Tumbleweeds on the roll



BBQ pork and coleslaw tacos.

PHOTO BY EMMA NIELSON

GENEVIEVE SUWARA

Bozeman's fine dining options draw distinctively less visitors than its surrounding mountains, but some of our most treasured food establishments are affordable, fast and open late.

The Tumbleweeds food truck is a recent and welcome addition to Bozeman, offering fresh food, friendly service and a modern take on the eating experience.

The truck is most often downtown from about 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. for late-night meals, and at the corner of College and 11th from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for breakfast. The owner of Tumbleweeds, Jay Blaske, uses local, fresh ingredients whenever possible, and everything is made from scratch including their sauces. Blaske has an amiable demeanor and treats his customers as most would treat their close friends — with care and geniality.

Wraps, burritos, sandwiches and tacos form the basis of the Tumbleweeds menu, but almost every item has a unique twist. I shared BBQ Pork Tacos and Pork Carnitas Tacos with a friend, the BBQ Pork being my favorite. It had a nice contrast of tastes between the vinegar slaw and the BBQ flavor, and when paired with some Mama Zuma's Revenge habanero chips, it made for a zinging combo.

A nice place to grab a late-night meal while strolling around the downtown area, Tumbleweeds costs about as much as an average fast-food meal — $7 to $8 on average.

The quality service pairs well with the food. Unlike in most restaurants, the chef personally interacts with the people enjoying the food, which only makes the experience better. The truck is on the go every day, and Blaske posts its whereabouts on *facebook.com/TumbleweedsTruck* and on Twitter @Tumbleweedsbzn.

"People won't be disappointed with what they find."

— JAY BLASKE, TUMBLEWEEDS OWNER



The taco truck at one of its usual spots by the 11th and College roundabout.

PHOTO BY EMMA NIELSON

Since food trucks are so unusual in Bozeman, Tumbleweeds is having trouble maintaining access to the downtown area. Blaske has done his best to avoid contention by speaking to city businesses about issues such as the length of the truck, the noise it produces and the places it is allowed to park, but the city planning staff has some concerns with allowing Tumbleweeds to park downtown. Blaske said the city's main concern is that the brick-and-mortar restaurants mean guaranteed income for the city, whereas his truck is using downtown resources while paying no fees. Blaske agrees with this, but hopes that instead of banning his truck from downtown, the city might find a way to charge him a fee for using the space.

Those who support Tumbleweeds can write emails to the city planning staff backing the idea of allowing Tumbleweeds to park in the downtown area.

Blaske intends to run the truck all through the winter, so keep an eye out. "I'd like to just tell people to stop and try us out," he said. "I think that people won't be disappointed with what they find."

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Broad Comedy brings liberal laughs

ANTHONY RAMPELLO

After spending two months performing in West Hollywood and a month in Scotland, where they were voted a "Top-Ten Sketch" in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the Broad Comedy group is returning to Bozeman.

In 2000 Katie Goodman, with help from her husband Soren Kisiel, started work on a combined effort comedy show. Their hard work and determination led to the creation of what is now the world-traveled Broad Comedy.

Goodman, a Boston native, has been a comedian for 25 years. In the past she has done normal stand-up, but is best known for her comedic songs. Her "I Didn't F*ck it Up" song is a huge YouTube hit and the basis behind the website that supports upcoming activists, *unfuckitup.com*.

The show features a witty, all-female cast that combines talents to bring a one-of-a-kind experience to their audience, using individual stand-up, original music and group sketches to entertain a wide variety of people.

The feminist-based show gives Goodman and her companions a chance to discuss important real-life issues in a comedic and informative way. "What I love is being able to talk about feminism in a positive way that excites college-age students to get involved," Goodman said.

Goodman and her husband have long been involved in politics and the activities that took place during the George Bush era inspired them to create Broad Comedy. "It's a very liberal show," Goodman said, adding, "I want to make sure people know that."

The usual cast of Bozemanites — Maggie Garver, Erin Roberg and Cara Wilder — will join Goodman on stage. In addition, this year Missy O'Malley will bring her own sense of humor into the fray.

Goodman makes sure that every year's show differs from the past years as much as possible, so anyone who has seen the show before will enjoy an entirely new experience. Adding to the originality this year will be a group of special guests from Bozeman's roller derby team, the Gallatin Roller Girlz.

Broad Comedy will perform three nights at The Emerson, Thursday, Nov. 15, to Saturday, Nov. 17. Performances begin at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets cost $21 in advance or $25 at the door. For more information visit *www.broadcomedy.com*.

THE BREWPONENT

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Ale to the Chief



BRENT ZUNDEL
Beer Connoisseur

This past Tuesday, we re-elected Barack Obama president of the United States. As the Exponent's designated beer drinker, I credit Obama's crushing Electoral College victory to his well-documented love of beer.

For those who might not follow our president's drinking habits, Obama has been homebrewing in the White House since 2011. Occasionally, he'll share a bottle of his homebrew with a Medal of Honor winner or some lucky patron at a campaign stop.

White House chefs brew a porter, an ale and a blonde ale, all of which use honey from Michelle's beehives on the South Lawn. A couple weeks ago, I started a batch of the honey porter. It's a relatively easy beer to brew because the recipe uses malt extracts — a shortcut for people who don't want to mash grains by hand. Check *whitehouse.gov* for the recipe.

On the other end of the spectrum, there is something that Mitt Romney, a man who's never had a drink (except for a single beer in his "wayward" youth), can never understand about America. As artist and songwriter Will Newman quipped, having a net worth of $171 million must be like $400 million to someone who never spends money on drinks.

How could anyone who's never been drunk understand why his or her constituents would voluntarily drink something like Four Loko or Listerine mouthwash? We need a president who understands the desperation of a college freshman trying to get his or her young hands on a 30-rack.

Barack Obama is that man. During his appearance at the 2012 Iowa State Fair, a man in the audience yelled out, "Four more beers!" So Obama bought four more beers, quipping that he "told him he had to register to vote, though, to get one of the beers."

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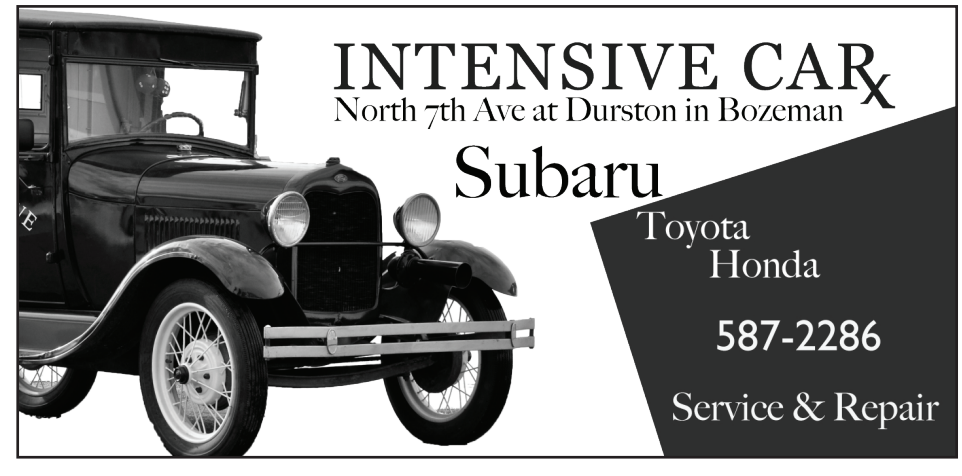
America makes a lot more sense after a few beers. We are the wealthiest nation in the world, but our health care system ranks 37th in the world. Our politicians blather on about the importance of family and "traditional" values, yet we have the highest divorce and teen pregnancy rates in the developed world.

We get off to the overarching ideal of democracy, yet we've orchestrated or supported coups d'état against democratically elected governments in Iran, Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Chile, Argentina, Nicaragua and other nations with more suspect democratic qualifications.

This Tuesday showed that America is not ready for a president who's never been drunk. But most readers are probably right in surmising that this doesn't matter one whit. Ale to the chief!

If you're a yellow-swill-drinkin' wimp, Brent would love to convert you over a pint of Montana beer. If you disagree with him, make sure he knows by emailing letters@exponent.montana.edu





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Saturday Nov. 10, 6 p.m.
Cost: $20 - $25

Featuring The Crystal Method, The Reverend Chachi and a burning mammoth bonfire. Tickets available at http://prayforsnow.eventbrite.com, Cactus Records and Tarantino's Pizza.

THE KITCHEN DWELLERS WITH THE LIL' SMOKIES
The Filling Station
Saturday Nov. 10, 9 p.m.
Cost: $5

BASEMENT JAZZ WITH ERIC FUNK
Reynolds Recital Hall
Wednesday Nov. 14, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

LE VENT DU NORD
Reynolds Recital Hall
Thursday Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.

MSU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Reynolds Recital Hall
Friday Nov. 16, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

KIRA LEE: SENIOR RECITAL
Reynolds Recital Hall
Saturday Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Kira Lee performs on the violin.

ON CAMPUS

GRADUATION INFO FAIR
SUB Ballroom A
Thursday Nov. 8, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PUBLIC LECTURE: INDIAN CONCEPT OF THE NATION AND LEADERSHIP
Danforth Chapel
Friday Nov. 9, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

"UPHEAVAL: A REVOLUTION OF THE ARTS" ARTIST APPLICATION DEADLINE
Monday Nov. 12

To complete an application visit www.montana.edu/engagement/events/upheaval/ or stop by the Exit Gallery in SUB 221.

LIBRARY WORKSHOP: CITING SOURCES
Renne Library Heathcote Classroom
Tuesday Nov. 13, 1 - 2 p.m.

LIBRARY WORKSHOP: DROPBOX IN DEPTH
Renne Library Heathcote Classroom
Tuesday Nov. 13, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS FRESHMAN RE-ORIENTATION
Reid Hall, Room 108
Tuesday Nov. 13, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND VIOLENCE DISCUSSION
SUB 234
Tuesday Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.

American Association of University Women will host a discussion on sexual offenses.

LIBRARY WORKSHOP: VISUAL THESAURUS
Renne Library Heathcote Classroom
Wednesday Nov. 14, 1 - 2 p.m.

MSU 101
SUB Rooms 233 and 235
Wednesday Nov. 14, 1 - 2 p.m.

"FIXATED FIXING GAZE" ART SHOW RECEPTION
The Exit Gallery
Wednesday Nov. 14, 5 p.m.

Esther Murphy presents her flip-books, photos and installation about unforeseen and overlooked patterns in nature.

"WHEN NO ONE ELSE CAN, WILL YOU?"
SUB 168
Wednesday Nov. 14, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Learn the most effective ways to support survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. Presented by VOICE Center staff members Hannah Stark and Sam Sticka.

BREAKSAWAY LEADER APPLICATIONS DUE
Office of Activities and Engagement
Thursday Nov. 15

AN EVENING WITH DAVID SEDARIS
SUB Ballrooms
Thursday Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets available at ticketswest.com.

INDIA NIGHT: A CELEBRATION OF DIWALI
SUB Ballrooms
Sunday Nov. 18, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Cost: $8

MSU's Student Indian Association presents a banquet of traditional Indian food and entertainment to celebrate Diwali, the traditional Indian Festival of Lights.

SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL VS. SOUTHERN UTAH
Shroyer Gym
Friday Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL VS. PORTLAND STATE
Bobcat Stadium
Saturday Nov. 10, 1:35 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL VS. NORTHERN ARIZONA
Shroyer Gym
Saturday Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
Missoula, Mont.
Saturday Nov. 17, 1:35 p.m.

FILM, THEATER

AVALAUNCH FESTIVAL SKI MOVIES
Bozeman Public Library front lawn
Friday Nov. 9, 8 p.m.

Featuring Dean Cummings' "Steep Life," Telemark Skier's "Let's Go!" and Inspired Media's "Education of Style."

"AMAZING SPIDERMAN"
Procrastinator Theatre
Sunday Nov. 11, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Cost: $2

"THE DARK KNIGHT RISES"
Procrastinator Theatre
Sunday Nov. 11, 3 - 5 p.m.; Sunday Nov. 18, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. and 3 - 5 p.m.
Cost: $2

NIGHT O' IMPROV
Black Box Theatre
Friday Nov. 16, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Cost: $3

Join the THTR 494 class for a night of Improv, moderated by Stephanie Cambell.

COMMUNITY

HISTORIC INSCRIPTIONS ON THE NORTHERN PLAINS
Museum of the Rockies, Hager Auditorium
Thursday Nov. 8, 6 - 7 p.m.

Lecture by Tim Urbaniak, MSU-Billings College of Technology Instructor.

"PHOBIA"
The Other Gallery at Spanish Peak Artist Studio, 95 Spanish Peak Drive, Four Corners, Mont.
Friday Oct. 26 - Friday Nov. 9.

An exhibition by Others: the Bozeman Contemporary Art Coalition. Receptions will be held on opening and closing day at 7 p.m. Featured work centers on the strong emotional response of irrational fear.

FREEDOM WEEKEND RED, WHITE, BLUE AND GOLD RECEPTION
Foundation and Alumni Center Foundation Great Room
Friday, Nov. 9, 4 - 6 p.m.

Join in recognizing the contributions of our veterans and MSU ROTC.

AVALAUNCH FESTIVAL EDUCATION PANELS
Bozeman Public Library
Friday Nov. 9, 6 p.m.

Free event featuring Conrad Anker, Doug Chabot and a raffle for Bridger Bowl and Big Sky Resort season passes.

INLAND NORTHWEST PERMACULTURE CONFERENCE
University of Montana, Missoula
Friday - Sunday Nov. 9 - 11
Cost: 3 day pass $40 Students, $80 General

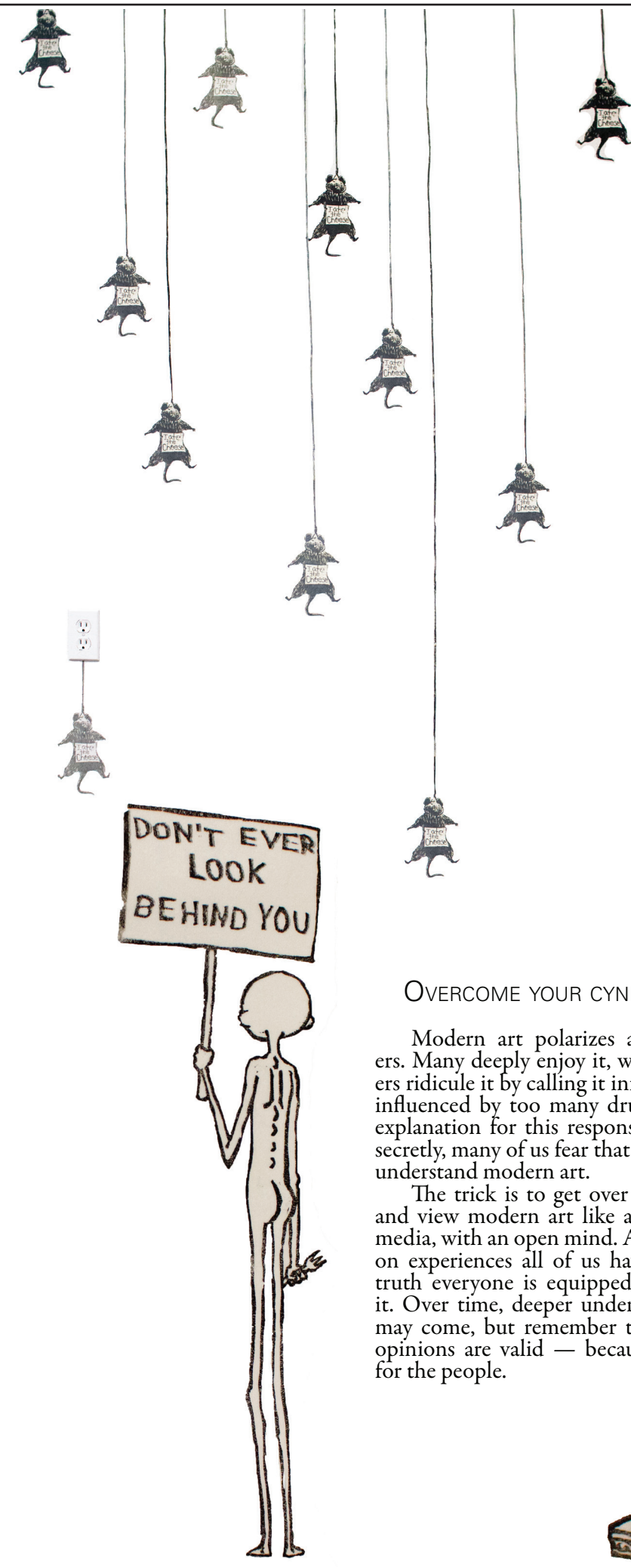
Educational topics include local organic food production, land & desert reclamation, renewable energy, ecosystem design, natural building techniques, forest gardens and more. More info at http://inlandnorthwestpermaculture.com/ and http://www.bozone.com/index.php/features/show_article/47625.

The Others:

A COALITION OF MODERN ARTISTS

"Phobia"





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—STACEY RAY, CO-FOUNDER OF THE OTHERS

The Others studio and gallery currently houses art pieces containing executed mice and phrases like "I can't f—k this up" in a building that has ranged in purpose from church to computer warehouse.

Formed last May, The Others is a coalition for modern art in Bozeman composed of past and current MSU students. Their most recent group exhibition is "Phobia," an exploration of irrational fears. The pieces vary in quality, but each artist's work blends cohesively into the macabre installation.

Modern art already has a minor following in Bozeman through the Cottonwood Club and Theory Magazine. However, their efforts defy a deeply ingrained culture of western art. Prior to these groups, Bozeman modern art was juvenile and rebellious, Others co-founder Jade Lowder said. The Others is still counter-cultural, he explained, but "more progressive than just 'f—k the man.'"

"There definitely is a contemporary art culture here, but I think the majority of artists feel they won't find a buyer," said Stacey Ray, a co-founder who has worked in three other local galleries. Ray believes buyers downtown are more interested in Bozeman as a place, and they want their artwork to reflect that.

Even with the odds against it, The Others is making a difference. MSU currently offers no art installation classes, and makes up for it by running a senior thesis exhibition. Each artist puts in one or two pieces for the senior show, which Lowder noted is completely insufficient to prepare artists for professional work or graduate school.

Artists of The Others urge all like-minded MSU students to contact them, as they plan to run a new exhibition each month. "The Others doesn't just have to be us," Lowder said. "We want a lot of people to come and be a part of it."

"Phobia" will be on display until Nov. 9, with a closing day reception starting at 7 p.m. The gallery is located at 95 Spanish Peaks Drive in Four Corners. To contact the Others, email othersartcoalition@gmail.com.

If you have feedback on this article or you are interested in being featured, email letters@exponent.montana.edu.

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OVERCOME YOUR CYNICISM

Modern art polarizes art viewers. Many deeply enjoy it, while others ridicule it by calling it infantile or influenced by too many drugs. One explanation for this response is that secretly, many of us fear that we don't understand modern art.

The trick is to get over this fear and view modern art like any other media, with an open mind. Art draws on experiences all of us have, so in truth everyone is equipped to view it. Over time, deeper understanding may come, but remember that your opinions are valid — because art is for the people.



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By Jorge Cham
An ongoing chronicle of graduate life started when the author was a graduate student at Stanford.
phdcomics.com

Saturday Morning Breakfast Cereal
By Zach Weiner
A satirical gold mine of comics and YouTube shorts whose author holds degrees in both literature and physics.
smbc-comics.com

XKCD
By Randall Munroe
Intelligent stick drawings with witty dialogue imagined by an ex-NASA-robot-creator.
xkcd.com

The Oatmeal
By Matthew Inman
A collection of comics, blog posts and quizzes courtesy of the imagination of a web designer, developer and online marketer based in Seattle, WA.
(theoatmeal.com/comics)

Subnormality
By Winston Rowntree
A highbrow look at politics, literature and society.
viruscomix.com/subnormality.html

Hyperbole and a Half
By Allie
A funny picture blog of exaggerated life stories made famous by her "Clean ALL the Things!" post.
hyperboleandahalf.blogspot.com

Words by Sonja Benton

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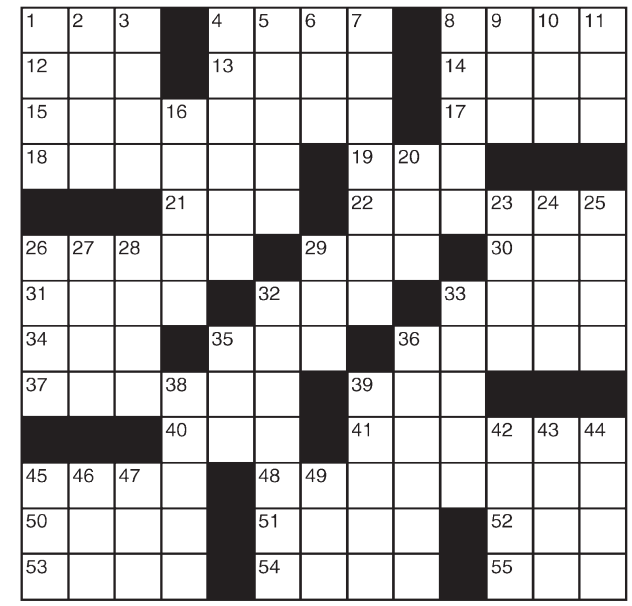
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