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hours in winter break
(5pm Dec 14 - 8 am Jan 9)

200

hours spent sleeping
at eight hours per night

5.7 inches

Snowfall in Bozeman
Thurs. to Sat. last week

12.6 inches

Average Bozeman snowfall
in January

-43°F

Coldest temperature recorded
in Bozeman, on Feb 8, 1936

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Frozen Reflections:
Adventure in Antarctica reveals unexpected beauty



A penguin explores his homeland's rocky terrain.

PHOTOS BY MOLLY REED



Penguins look out over the rugged Antarctic landscape.



Penguins play follow the leader on the weather smoothed rocks.

MOLLY REED

On Dec. 8, 2012, eight students left Bozeman for Antarctica as part of an out-of-class academic adventure — and I was one of those students.

The trip was organized as part of a pilot program launched through MSU's Department of Ecology, which aims to make students interested and invested in the climate, ecology and politics of the Antarctic Peninsula.

I had many expectations before departing on our journey. I expected Antarctica to be cold, snowy and filled with penguins. However, before even reaching the continent, I quickly learned that Antarctica is a place of the unexpected.

As we arrived at the Antarctic Peninsula, humpback whales, blue summer skies and thunderous noises from glacial ice calving greeted us. I expected a distinct sound of silence, but most of the time this is not the case. Icebergs flip, avalanches tear through mountainsides and glaciers break away from the rocky terrain.

Stepping onto Antarctica for the first time, not only were we surrounded by snow and ice, but thousands and thousands of penguins. There is no mistaking when you are near penguins; their lively calls and foul-smelling rookeries quickly give them away.

On land, penguins are clumsy creatures, often falling on their faces in the snow after only three steps — but in the water, these flightless birds dart through the crystal-clear sea with little effort. Because they have no land predators, penguins are just as curious of you as you are of them. They approached us fearlessly and continued without hesitation on their paths to the ocean.

This being an academic learning trip, we had many "class" times aboard the research ship — which we lived on throughout our 10-day stay — in order to learn about what we were seeing outside. We learned of the various penguin species and life cycles, the politics and proceedings of the Antarctic Treaty and the geographical makeup of Antarctica. Miraculously, we managed to stay on task and squeeze in these learning times between whale watching and zodiac cruising.

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About a week into our stay on the ship, our group had the opportunity to go camping in the snow. Around 30 people participated in this excursion. We dug our own pits to block the katabatic winds and nestled into the bags provided for us.

Because it was summertime in Antarctica, there were 24 hours of daylight. Peeking out of the bivvy bag, I could see the mountains that surrounded us, and every hour or so, I could hear the ever-shifting ice and snow rolling off the faces of those mountains. It was 10 degrees that night we slept in the snow, but looking back on this hardcore mountain experience, I would do it all over again.

There is a lot to say about Antarctica through stories I am unable to write in a simple article, and sights to show that cannot merely be captured by a camera lens. Seasickness and a harsh climate accompany the panoramic glory of the Antarctic continent. While these factors are mildly unfortunate, they are worth it for the sake of adventure.

Antarctica encompasses all of your senses. You can see it, feel it and even taste it at times. It is not just a place — it is an experience.

Fitness Center locker shortage a growing problem

JOHN WOODGERD

Despite thefts resulting from current locker shortages in the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center, the center's advisory board has no current plan for addressing the issue.

In past semesters, students have submitted locker requests that were not granted due to a long waiting list. Staff members of the fitness center have also been affected by the locker shortage, and student employees without lockers must keep their belongings in fitness center offices.

Steve Erickson, Director of Recreational Sports, explained that the locker shortage is the biggest complaint the fitness center receives, followed by the lack of air conditioning and requests for a better climbing wall. Jeff Hix, the program manager, intramural director and assistant director of Recreational Sports and Fitness, explained that students without lockers often leave their belongings unprotected on benches in the locker rooms, which has resulted in theft.

According to Erickson, the main problem surrounding the locker shortage is deciding how to expand the fitness center to accommodate the volume of unfulfilled locker requests. He added that estimates of the cost of adding new locker rooms or projections for how many lockers would be required to accommodate the growing student population have not been made.

The best chance for a student to get a locker, according to Erickson, is to get one over the summer and renew it for the fall semester. Students are given the opportunity to renew their lockers each semester; otherwise, lockers for fall and spring semesters typically fill up quickly on the first day requests are accepted. He explained that the additional lockers in common areas outside of the locker rooms that are available for daily rental do not solve the locker shortage.

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The Recreational Sports and Fitness Advisory Board has recently acknowledged the locker shortage but does not currently have a plan to fix the problem. Erickson explained that the fitness center staff is only responsible for the center's programming. The advisory board oversees the maintenance of the center, and nothing regarding renovation or expansion can be done without its approval.



Cubbies are one of the few storage options for those without lockers at the Fitness Center.

PHOTO BY NICOLE SMITH

MLK Day events harness community spirit

TOR GUDMUNDSSON

Unlike MSU, students at Bozeman's Chief Joseph Middle School will have class on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 21, as the state of Montana does not formally recognize the day as a national holiday.

However, following Bozeman resident Ruth Forrest's initial push five years ago toward a local MLK celebration, students of Jan Krieger's 1 Million Ways Club have organized the youth over the past four years to create a celebration on the day before the holiday.

Fondly known as "Profé" by his Spanish students at Chief Joseph, Krieger created the club to help students understand how much impact their actions can have "to make the world a better place." Active in service and conservation activities on and off campus, including the installation of water bottle filling stations within the middle school, the 1 Million Ways Club considers the celebration an opportunity to help the community as a follow-up to the National Day of Service on Saturday, Jan. 19.

The celebration, which is partnered with The Gallatin Valley Food Bank, will be held at the Emerson Theater from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and will feature performances by the Bozeman High School band, student singers from the high school and middle school, local actor Chris McIntyre, and keynote speakers Dr. James Bruggeman and Montana National Day of Service Coordinator Judith Heilman. Most of the students involved are graduates of Chief Joseph and the 1 Million Ways Club.

The service-based culture of the club at Chief Joseph has spread throughout the school and carried on into Bozeman High School. Current student Emma Bowen explained that, "When [the club] got started, it was the thing to do."

Maintaining a school-wide value set and focus on service and global community, students pass the club on from year to year. "A lot of students in the club are, for lack of a better word, popular," said Maggie Mackin, an 8th grade student at Chief Joseph, "so they get out and spread the word." Dedicating their past month's efforts to the National Day of Service and the MLK Day celebration, Krieger's club embodies the ideals for the National Day of Service.

As a national holiday enacted in 1994 to coincide with MLK day, the National Day of Service has been organized this year on Saturday to accommodate for the Jan. 21 presidential inauguration. A representative on the Presidential Inaugural Committee, Heilman is a non-partisan leader of the service events in Montana. "[This day] is not about politics but about bringing community together," she explained.

"For me, this is Nirvana," Heilman said about helping with events in her home area. She described the weekend as an opportunity for people to "get out of their little micro realm and look at their community."

Events scheduled by local and national non-profit organizations are available for anyone to sign up for on the National Day of Service website at *www.2013pic.org/service/serve*.

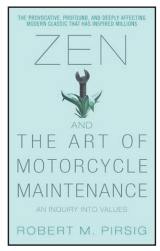
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Vehicle catches fire in Johnstone parking lot

A vehicle parked in a handicapped space in front of MSU's Johnstone Center caught fire at 1:12 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12. According to Assistant Chief of University Police Mark Lachapelle, assistance arrived at 1:14 and the scene was cleared by 2:01.

Lachapelle said an ember from a smoking utensil that fell onto flammable material in the vehicle was allegedly the cause of the fire.

As of 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, the car remained in the parking space, despite a request for the owner to remove it within 24 hours after the event.

– KRISTEN INGMAN



PHOTO BY MATT WILLIAMS

Town-halls to be held for Romney renovation

Adapted from MSU News:

Students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to express their ideas and wishes for the possible renovation of Romney Gym at two town-hall meetings on Thursday, Jan. 24.

Both in SUB Ballroom C, the first meeting will take place from 12-1 p.m., and the second from 4:30-5:30 p.m. All members of campus are encouraged to attend and learn about the potential transformation of Romney into a student-centered facility.

ASMSU Vice President Lindsay Murdock stated, "Right now, there are...a lot of silly rumors going around." She added, "People think decisions have already been made, but they haven't."

MSU will request $20 million from the Montana Legislature for Romney, which is in need of repairs and renovations. However, President Cruzado explained that students will have normal access to the building this spring for their activities, as legislative funding will not be decided before May and work on Romney would not begin for another year.

Murdock encourages students, faculty and staff to attend the town-halls to learn how to get their organizations or offices space in Romney if it were to be renovated into a student center.

For more information, contact Walter Banziger, director of Facilities, Planning, Design and Construction, at *wbanziger@montana.edu*, or Joseph Bleehash, project architect, at *joseph.bleehash@montana.edu*.

– KRISTEN INGMAN

Bozeman events highlight Roe v. Wade anniversary

Two events recognizing the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, a landmark Supreme Court decision that legalized a woman's access to abortion in the United States, will be held in Bozeman next week.

Zoe Women's Services will host a fundraiser entitled "Remembering Roe" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24 at The Commons in Bozeman. The keynote speaker will be Kirk Walden, a national pro-life advocate, former director of a pregnancy resource center and founder of LifeTrends, a company that provides assistance to pregnancy resource centers across the world.

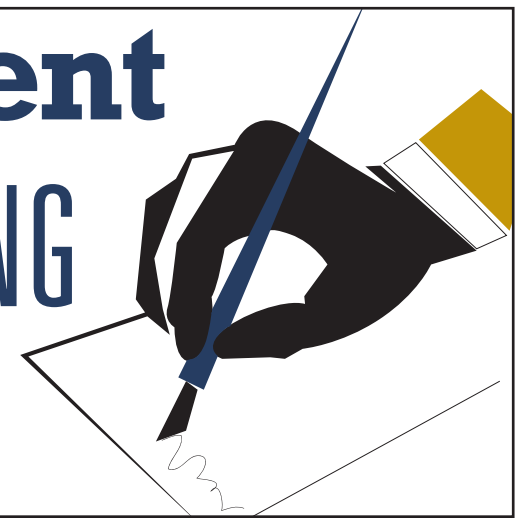
Complimentary tickets for the fundraiser are available in advance by calling 406-586-9444, however, donations at the event are appreciated.

On Tuesday, Jan. 22 Montana Advocates for Student Health, MSU Students for Choice and the MSU Women's Center will host a screening of the film "Jane: An Abortion Service" at 5:30 p.m. in the Procrastinator Theatre, followed by a facilitated discussion. The film chronicles the story of a Chicago-based women's health group who performed safe abortions before the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

The screening is free. For more information, contact the MSU Women's Center at 406-994-3836.

– COLIN GAISER

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EDITORIAL

Renne's Renaissance

Renne Library used to be seen as a space intended for silent bookworms or last-minute cramming, but not anymore. The past few years have seen positive changes, including the recent Library Commons renovation, that are making the library a more vibrant place for students.

The degree to which the first floor Commons renovation has changed the library's atmosphere is notable. The renovation was largely cosmetic — new furniture, new equipment and group study rooms were added, as well as a $300,000 improvement of the Writing Center satellite location funded by ASMSU — yet the resulting change in usage by students has been palpable. More students are using the library, and they are beginning to use it in dynamic ways.

The Commons renovation was completed in the Fall of 2011. After the renovation, door counts increased from 758,954 in academic year 2010 to 839,157 in 2011 — a 10.6 percent increase in usage. That increase can be attributed in part, but not entirely, to a 5.6 percent increase in enrollment and the movement of the Creative Arts Library into Renne.

So far this year, door counts are even more encouraging, showing a 17.5 percent increase during the first five months of this academic year, according to Associate Dean of Libraries Brian Rossman. A survey last year found that nearly 72 percent of all students surveyed use the library at least once a week. The library has rapidly become a center for student collaboration and community, and library staff and administration deserve credit for this transition.

Perhaps more important than quantity is quality of the experience. According to the same survey, 25 percent of those surveyed rated their satisfaction level at "excellent," and another 44 percent at "above average." From our standpoint, it also seems that students are spending more time in the library than only a few years ago, particularly in group settings.

The improvements at Renne transcend the Commons renovation. Last fall, the library started keeping its doors open an additional two hours, until 2 a.m. It moved the ITC help desk into the Commons and offered new events, such as last November's "Write Night," which provided writing assistance to more than 50 students. The library is also active in social media, through @msulibrary and "Rocky G" (@RockyGallatini), Renne building's hilarious twitter persona — a creative model for engaging students that other administrators should take note of.

Library administration is now analyzing recent changes in order to decide where to go next. It's clear that the library has seen a lot of improvement, but now is the time to capitalize on current momentum.

A common complaint found in a recent library survey highlighted noise levels on the first floor. Others said the new computer distribution has made finding an open computer difficult.

The computer and noise complaints could be addressed by closing off the first floor group study rooms to create more quiet work space. As the first and second floors have been increasingly social (and therefore loud), library administration should focus improvement efforts towards the quiet spaces on the third and fourth floors, for students who seek longer and quieter work sessions.

Most importantly, library administration should continue to keep students in mind as it searches for creative ways to enhance this unique location for MSU's campus community.

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LETTER

From a Birmingham Jail

[...] There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair. I hope, sirs, you can understand our legitimate and unavoidable impatience. You express a great deal of anxiety over our willingness to break laws. This is certainly a legitimate concern. Since we so diligently urge people to obey the Supreme Court's decision of 1954 outlawing segregation in the public schools, at first glance it may seem rather paradoxical for us consciously to break laws. One may well ask: "How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?" The answer lies in the fact that there are two types of laws: just and unjust. I would be the first to advocate obeying just laws. One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. I would agree with St. Augustine that "an unjust law is no law at all."

Now, what is the difference between the two? How does one determine whether a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust. All segregation statutes are unjust because segregation distorts the soul and damages the personality. [...]

I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Counciler or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says: "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action"; who paternalistically believes he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by a mythical concept of time and who constantly advises the Negro to wait for a "more convenient season." Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection. [...]

Yours for the cause of Peace and Brotherhood,
Martin Luther King, Jr.
April 16, 1963

Editor's Note: This excerpt from King's landmark work is included here in honor of Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 21. This year marks the 50th anniversary of his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." Also see pg. 5 for information on MLK Day events in Bozeman.

This week's "From the Editor's Desk" column is included in our feature story on pg. 11.

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STAFF COLUMN

Wolves, Bison and Beer:

What to Watch for in the 2013 Montana Legislature



ILLUSTRATION BY JEN ROGERS

Beneath the specter of a sluggish economy, the Republican-controlled 63rd Montana Legislature convened Monday, Jan. 7, under the watchful eye of newly elected Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock.

The Exponent is covering many important issues in this week's edition, but I'd like to highlight some issues that, though they may fly under the radar of the university's steady "fund us!" drumbeat, will also impact students.

Public lands and wildlife policy

The 2011 session considered a record 110 bills related to fish, wildlife and land issues. At best, most of these were simply misguided, but some would have devastated central aspects of what it means to be a Montanan. For example, HB309 would have gutted public stream access, HB307 and SB400 would have prioritized outfitters and out-of-state hunters over average Montanans, and HB292 was a real humdinger that attacked our right to a clean environment by weakening the constitutional mandate. Fortunately, most died or were vetoed by former Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

Already, 130 draft requests have been announced regarding fish and wildlife issues. Most of these won't make it to law, but many would damage Montana's wildlife management system, which has proven itself over decades to be one of the most effective in the country.

In this session, there are a host of contentious issues that will likely draw ink from legislators' pens. Bison management, long a controversial topic in Montana, is likely to remain so.

Rep. Kerry White, R-Bozeman, wants to manage all bison as livestock, while Rep. John Brenden, R-Scobey, would mandate that the Department of Livestock "immediately kill, capture, harass, quarantine and trap for slaughter all buffalo migrating into Montana." Both of those are just as ridiculous as they sound and won't likely become law.

A reasonable proposal that is likely to generate unfortunate opposition is the return of bison to American Indian reservations. In March 2012, the state relocated 64 Yellowstone bison to the Fort Peck Reservation.

Tribal leaders held a drum circle and described the deep spiritual significance of the animals that sustained their ancestors for generations. Relocating bison also makes sense from a biological perspective because a larger pool of animals is less likely to suffer a genetic bottleneck from disease, poaching, winter hardship.

Such a bottleneck is not an imagined calamity: In 1902, a mere 23 bison were the sole remaining survivors of the near extirpation of their species during the 19th century. These were literally the last wild bison in the entire United States, a country that had, a generation prior, held a millionfold more.



BRENT ZUNDEL
Opinion Writer

Rep. Wendy Warburton, R-Havre, has proposed a bill that, given her previous positions, will likely oppose such translocations. No text is available yet.

Wolves are also on the docket. Rep. Ted Washburn, R-Bozeman, proposes a general hunting season and gives the Legislature control over how many wolves can be taken each year, season dates and structure, and even management units. His bill would also mandate a cap of 250 wolves for the entire state, with the probable consequence that any extras would be killed. FWP Wildlife Division Administrator Ken McDonald warns that the bill could lead to relisting wolves on the endangered species list (and thus a loss of state control over their management) and costly, time-consuming litigation.

Rep. Kelly Flynn, R-Townsend, proposes a different bill that still allows for a general wolf hunting season, but allows FWP to make most of the decisions. FWP supports Flynn's bill, and also — coincidentally — employs trained, educated biologists.

To mention just one more gem, Rep. Champ Edmunds, R-Missoula, has proposed HB150, which would give every big game hunter one free wolf license. With a population of around 650 wolves and over 100,000 hunters in the state, this bill is as dumb as it sounds. Ironically, Edmunds contends in the text that this would not lead to relisting of wolves on the endangered species list, but it doesn't take a degree in mathematics to see that such poor management could quickly crash the wolf population.

Montana microbreweries

During the 2011 Legislature, the Montana Brewers Association pushed to shift tap room operating hours back two hours. Admittedly, Montana does have a messy licensing structure for alcohol sales, but the main reason this bill died is that the Montana Tavern Association (MTA), representing the state's bars, pushed back hard. That's unfortunate, because it would have supported local businesses and helped consumers, while likely having a very small impact on bar patronage.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, the MTA announced their support for a bill that would limit beer sold on the premises of a small brewery to only 10 percent of its annual production, Growler Fills, a Missoula-based beer blog, reports. Referred to as LC1322, it's still in the drafting stage and is sponsored by Rep. Jeff Welborn, R-Dillon.

Current Montana law allows breweries to serve a maximum of 48 ounces (three drinks) of their product to customers between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Despite these severe restrictions, sample rooms, as the law calls them, have become very popular across the state. Bozemanites need look no further than the Bozone, 406 or Madison River breweries.

Even though microbreweries fully comply with the law, MTA argues that their sample rooms were never supposed to become the inviting gathering places they have become; rather, they were supposed to remain small, bland, whitewashed rooms. (And they often were in the beginning.)

We might not be able to drink our way out of the recession, but that won't stop Montanans from trying.

Many breweries currently sell between 85 and 100 percent of their beer on site. For the MTA to argue that these breweries could successfully complete an about-face and distribute 90 percent of their beer is simply disingenuous.

In a move that may or may not be related, Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill, D-Missoula, who was named one of Time Magazine's "Rising Stars" in 2010, is working on a bill that would allow breweries to "stack" licenses, Growler Fills reports. If passed, her bill would allow breweries to purchase an all-beverage or beer and wine license, which is currently illegal for them.

The 10-percent bill, whether it is actively pursued or just drafted as a sort of warning, should be seen for what it is: an attempt to reign in the successes of the breweries and force them to compete on an uneven playing field with the bars and taverns.

If legislators are truly concerned with jobs and improving Montana's economy, they would do well to focus on striking reasonable compromises with breweries that support our homegrown businesses, rather than try to knock them down a notch, as the MTA would like.

This summer, Montana overtook Oregon to become the state with the second most microbreweries per capita. The University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research recently estimated that Montana breweries provide nearly 500 jobs and contribute $48.4 million in private sector sales and $1.5 million in government revenue.

We might not be able to drink our way out of the recession, but that won't stop Montanans from trying. It is clearly more important than ever to foster a brewery-friendly business climate in our state.

Legislating insanity

During the 2011 session, the Legislature outdid itself, reaching cringeworthy levels of hilarity that occasionally drew embarrassing national attention. There's no reason to think they've learned their lesson.

1 Rep. Bob Wagner, R-Harrison, gave a horrifying interview on CNN, claiming he wasn't sure that President Obama was born in the United States and that Montana can choose to ignore the 14th Amendment and redefine a "natural-born citizen."

2 In a logically impaired online blog post, Rep. Krayton Kerns, R-Laurel, compared Sandra Fluke, the former Georgetown Law student whom House Republicans blocked from testifying about birth control, to a bulldog who is paid stud fees. A stud fee is the price paid by the owner of a female animal to the owner of a male animal for the right to breed it. His post was every bit as offensive as it sounds.

3 One bill sought to legalize hunting with hand-thrown spears (SB112), while another aimed to create a fully armed militia in every town (HB278). Oops, I mean jobs, jobs, jobs!

4 A couple legislators wanted to declare that global warming is "beneficial to the welfare and business climate of Montana" (HB549), while others presumably hoped to mitigate global warming by opening up the Flathead Valley to nuclear power (HB326).

STAFF COLUMN

Broken Resolutions: A Vicious Cycle

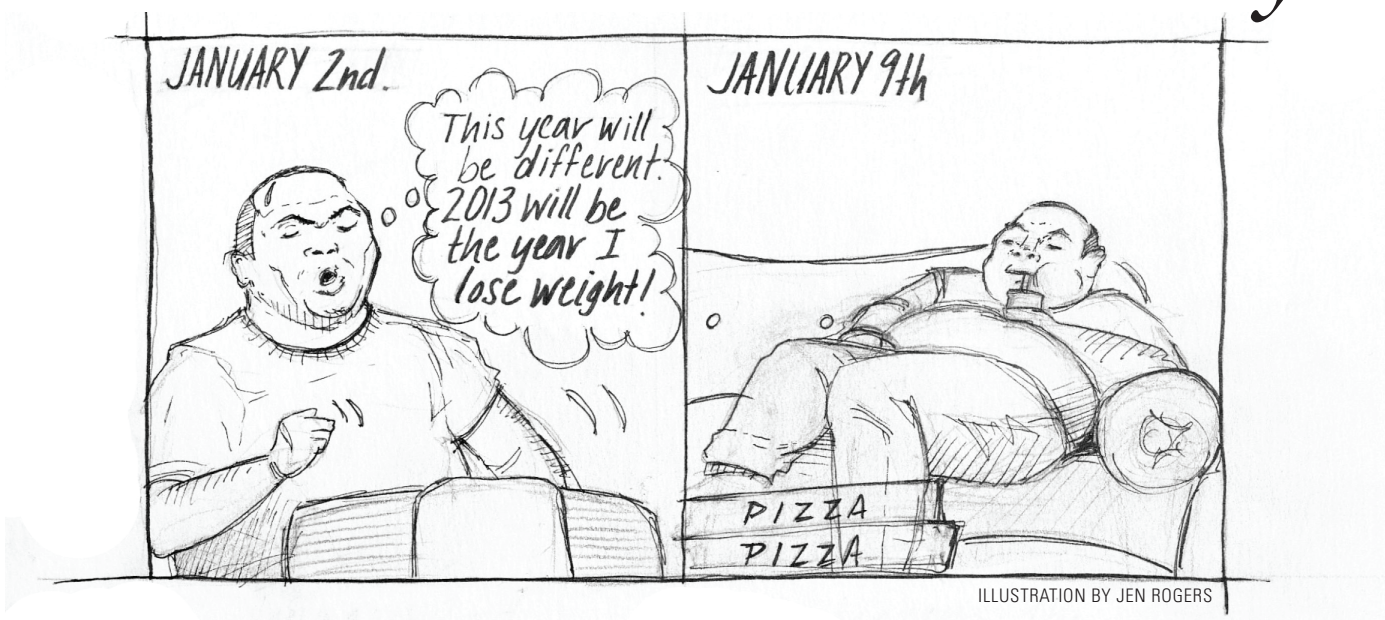


ILLUSTRATION BY JEN ROGERS

Ah, the new year. The fitness center sees new faces that have either been long absent or never attended before, low calorie food and diet sodas replace pizza and beer, packs of cigarettes hit the trash can — all in the name of self-improvement for 2013. The new year is the perfect time, right? As Lenore, the prostitute in "Forrest Gump" said, "Everybody gets a second chance."



PAT HESSMAN
Opinion Writer

But, let's see how long all of those wonderful life changes last.

According to a University of Scranton study, 62 percent of Americans make New Years resolutions. That's a lot of optimism packed into each fresh January. Typical resolutions include managing debt, curbing drinking, quitting smoking and the never-ending quest to get fit and lose weight. These are just a few of the many goals set for starting off the new calendar year right.

With all of that flare for improvement, one would think there would be this wonderful, productive cycle of continuous advancement each year. The truth, however, paints a more disappointing picture: The same Scranton study found that of all the people who set New Years resolutions, a mere 8 percent achieve those goals. When the year begins, 25 percent of people attempting them have already failed to maintain their resolutions. After six months only 46 percent of people are still working to maintain their resolutions. Ain't self-improvement grand?

Why is it so hard for us to stick to our yearly declarations to become better people? Among many failed resolutions, there is a commonality: People don't like the resolutions they make. This could mean anything from being miserable by depriving one's self of delicious thick crust bacon pizza with extra chocolate sprinkles to suffering through P90X workout hells — all the while agitating your significant other because those bacon pizza withdrawals are driving you insane.

The grand goal of kicking smoking or dropping 83 pounds to get back to your high school pant size may have incredible payoff, but getting there feels next to impossible when you hate yourself and your life every step of the way. Then at the end of it, you're back at Dairy Queen sucking down an extra large Butterfinger Blizzard wondering what went wrong.

This isn't to say New Years resolutions are a complete waste of time and sanity. There are ways to ensure you'll actually complete them, or at least make good strides toward doing so. Identify changes to make in your life that are steps in the right direction but still livable. Chopping out all trans fats and sugar to live on a 500 calorie per day diet may hurt your health, not to mention your sanity. However, kicking high-sugar sodas in favor of diet drinks is livable and attainable.

Making important changes in one's life is the only way to move forward to being a thinner/less smoky/more frugal/better-job-having person, but you can't torture yourself along the way. Make your goals reasonable and your steps to get there manageable. If the temptation to give up is already knocking at the door, consider toning down your approach. That way, you can actually keep your resolution.

"Political" Cartoon

BY MATT KENNEDY



RANT

Learn to Park

NATE ORLOWSKI

Here's a little something that not too many people know. In America, there are these things called "parking spaces." They are made with little solid lines meant for designating certain areas to stop your car in.

You may not be the most observant person in the world, but you see them every day. Just because it's snowing outside doesn't mean those lines are erased from the asphalt. "Hold on a second, Nate," you might say. "I can't see the lines because of the snow!" No worries, fellow motorist. That's where this crazy thing called "common sense" comes into play. If you think parking your piece of crap Prius sideways next to another already overparked, oversized and overcompensating truck is a good idea, you may want to reevaluate your everyday decision-making.

Just because there aren't visible lines doesn't mean you can't park side-by-side like a normal human being. It's really not that hard. You may wonder who leaves those angry little notes under your windshield wiper while you're in class. If I had to guess, it would be people like me, who are tired of driving to Miles City to find a place to park because you were too lazy to fix your parking and took up 11 spots. Get a grip and go back to the DMV, or ride a bike since you can't be trusted behind the wheel.



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• ASMSU OUTDOOR RECREATION •

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ITEM/DESCRIPTION	1/2 DAY	1 DAY	2-3 DAYS
AVALANCHE SHOVEL	1.00	2.00	4.00
AVALANCHE TRANSCEIVER & PROBE	5.00	10.00	20.00
BACKPACK: external frame	NA	3.00	6.00
BACKPACK: internal frame	NA	5.00	10.00
BICYCLE: mountain (includes helmet, lock)	7.00	14.00	28.00
CANOE: 16'9" (includes PFD's, paddles, carrier)	NA	25.00	50.00
CANOE: inflatable, 16' (includes PFD's, paddles, pump)	NA	30.00	60.00
COOLER: 24 quart	NA	1.00	2.00
COOLER: 120 quart	NA	3.00	6.00
DAY PACK	NA	2.00	4.00
DRY BAG: 3.8 cu. ft.	NA	3.00	6.00
FUEL: propane, isobutane or white gas	* inquire for prices *		
GAITERS	.50	1.00	2.00
HELMET (rafting)	NA	1.00	2.00
ICE SKATES: figure	2.00	4.00	8.00
KAYAK: "sit on top" (includes. PFD, paddle, helmet)	NA	20.00	40.00
KAYAK: inflatable (includes PFD, paddle, helmet, pump)	NA	20.00	40.00
LANTERN: battery	NA	2.00	4.00
LIFE VEST (PFD): type III/V	NA	3.00	6.00
PADDLE: canoe/raft	NA	2.00	4.00

ITEMS CONTINUED ON NEXT COLUMN

ITEM/DESCRIPTION	1/2 DAY	1 DAY	2-3 DAYS
RAFT: 13', self-bailing (includes pfd, paddles, pump, helmets)	NA	40.00	80.00
RAFT: 14', self-bailing (includes pfd, paddles, pump, helmets)	NA	60.00	120.00
ROWING FRAME: 13' raft or stern (includes oars, no dry boxes)	NA	15.00	30.00
ROWING FRAME: fits 14' raft (includes oars & dry boxes)	NA	25.00	50.00
SLED/SNOW SAUCER	1.00	2.00	4.00
SLEEPING BAG: 10̊ (synthetic)	NA	3.00	6.00
SLEEPING BAG LINER: adds 10̊ (synthetic)	NA	1.00	2.00
SLEEPING PAD: closed cell foam	NA	1.00	2.00
SNOWSHOES: includes poles	2.50	5.00	10.00
* STOVE: backpack (isobutane)	NA	2.00	4.00
* STOVE: camp, dbl. burner (propane)	NA	2.00	4.00
TENT: 1-2 person	NA	5.00	10.00
TENT: 2-3 person	NA	8.00	16.00
TENT: 3-4 person	NA	10.00	20.00
TENT: 4-5 person	NA	12.00	24.00
TUBE: river/lake floating	5.00	10.00	20.00
WATER CARRIER: 5 gallon	NA	1.00	2.00
XC SKI PACKAGE: touring (includes skis, NNN/BC boots & poles)	3.00	6.00	12.00
XC SKIS: touring, waxless (NNN/BC bindings)	1.50	3.00	6.00
XC BOOTS: NNN/BC	1.50	3.00	6.00
XC POLES: adjustable	1.00	2.00	4.00

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MSU students, faculty/staff and university affiliates are eligible to rent equipment. An MSU ID is required for verification. Persons having paid the ASMSU Activity Fee for the current semester will qualify for the student rate. An additional 10% will be charged to other eligible patrons.

Reservations are accepted beginning Monday for the current week. Minimum rental period for reservations is 1 day. A non-refundable deposit equivalent to 1 day rental charge for each item is required to secure a reservation, payment for the balance of rental charges is due upon issuance of equipment. Full credit (no cash refunds) for deposits will be granted for reservations which are canceled at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the designated rental period, cancellations of less than 24 hours notice will forfeit the reservation deposit.

ALTHOUGH RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED, "WALK-IN" RENTALS ARE ALSO WELCOMED.

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Outdoor Recreation Events - Spring 2013

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	COST	MSU PRIORITY THRU
SAT. JAN. 19	NEW WORLD GULCH SNOWSHOE HIKE	Gallatin Range	$10.00	1/17
SAT. JAN. 26	MILL CREEK /CHICO HOT SPRINGS XC SKI TOUR	Absaroka Range	$20.00	1/24
SAT. FEB. 2	TRIPLE TREE SNOWSHOE HIKE	Gallatin Range	$10.00	1/31
SAT. FEB. 9	BRACKETT CREEK XC SKI	Bridger Range	$15.00	2/7
SAT. FEB. 23 - FEB. 24	YELLOWSTONE PARK XC SKI TOUR	Northern Region	$50.00*	2/20
SAT. MAR. 9 - MAR. 17	CANYON COUNTRY CAMPING	Utah	$225.00*	3/1
SAT. APR. 6	BUFFALO JUMP/MISSOURI HEADWATERS HIKE	Three Forks Area	$10.00	4/4
SAT. APR. 13	MADISON RIVER FLOAT, Warm Springs	Black's Ford	$25.00	4/11
SAT. APR. 20 - APR. 21	YELLOWSTONE PARK TOUR	Yellowstone	$50.00*	4/17
SAT. APR. 27	YELLOWSTONE RIVER WHITE WATER RAFTING	Yankee Jim Canyon	$40.00	4/25

COST INCLUDES:

Transportation, group equipment and organizational expenses. Participants are responsible for personal gear, meals, clothing and other individual needs. Each trip has minimum & maximum limits. Outings are open to MSU students, faculty, staff and university affiliates. Guests and public may also participate on a limited basis. Please inquire for further information.

*Deposit required for registration

AVALANCHE SEMINARS

Side Country IS Backcountry: Jan. 16 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in MSU SUB FREE and open to the public
Introduction to Avalanches: Jan. 23 & Jan. 24 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. in MSU SUB, Jan. 26 from 9:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Bridger Bowl ... Cost = $30
Advanced Avalanche Workshop: Jan. 30 & 31 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. in MSU SUB, Feb. 2 from 9:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Bridger Bowl ... Cost = $50

Contact Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center at **www.mtavalanche.com/education** or **587-6984** for details

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Instruction in paddling, rolling, safety, equipment selection and other basics.
Session #1: Feb. 5 - Mar. 5, **Session #2:** Mar. 26 - Apr. 23
Class will meet Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m
Cost: ASMSU=$35 / MSU=$45 / Public=$55
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CPR: Mar. 22, Cost = $45
Wilderness 1st Aid: Mar. 23 & 24, ASMSU=$180/Public=$195
WFR "Refresher": Mar. 23 & 24, ASMSU=$225/Public=$250

Contact Aerie Backcountry Medicine at **www.aeriemedicine.com** or **542-9972** for registration and further information

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"Do It Yourself": free use of work area and tools, limited supply of parts and resale items are available
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Connecting to the Capitol

JOSHUA BOTZ & NICOLE DUGGAN

The 63rd Montana State Legislature is now in session, and local politicians from around the state have convened in Helena to make decisions for the entire state. The session began on Jan. 7 and will continue until April 27.

The Legislature's primary goal is to make laws for the state and to hold the newly-elected governor, Steve Bullock, accountable for his actions, just as Congress functions on the federal level. The Legislature is divided into two houses — the House of Representatives and the Senate — and meets every two years for 90 days.

When a state legislator believes a certain law should be introduced, he or she writes a draft of the bill which is then assigned to a committee within either the House of Representatives or Senate, depending on the legislator's house.

For example, if a senator believes a new law relating to roads and transportation is needed, it would likely be referred to the Highways and Transportation Committee in the senate. That committee revises the bill before presenting it before the Senate. After an initial reading, the bill is amended upon recommendation of the Senate body. The bill is read and revised a total of three times before debates and voting occur.

In this example, if the bill passes by a simple majority of 26 senators, it would be moved to the House of Representatives where this process would be repeated with three readings and revisions, debates and final voting, where a majority vote of 51 representatives is needed. If the bill is passed in both houses, it is given to the governor who can either sign the bill into law or use his power of veto. If vetoed, the Legislature can override it with a vote of two-thirds in both houses (34 senators and 67 representatives).

MSU Representation

Whether or not students are actively engaged in or following the legislative process this season, their interests are nevertheless being represented in Helena.

MSU, Montana Associated Students (MAS) and the Board of Regents each have a list of objectives they consider important and want communicated to the lobbyists. To achieve these objectives, MSU employs Tracy Ellig to serve as its professional lobbyist and its primary liaison on legislative matters.

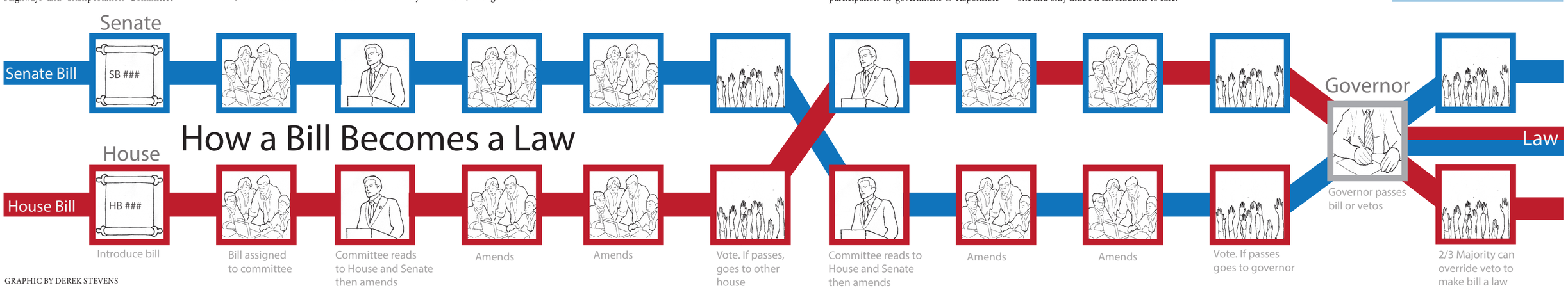
Additionally, ASMSU-hired student lobbyist Dani Clark lobbies for ASMSU while working with other lobbyists from UM and MSU-Billings to bring the Montana higher education student voice to Helena.

According to Ellig, "A good lobbyist strives to be a sort of walking library of information on a particular issue and is also very good at communicating complex topics. If student lobbyists are not available to answer legislators' questions, then budgets and laws are passed in an information vacuum. That's never a good thing."

The most important ASMSU initiative, according to ASMSU State Legislative Director Bryan Vadheim, is to get the student voice heard by legislators. Vadheim said that means getting students involved in the process, which may include going to Helena to testify before the legislators and show their support for initiatives.

Vadheim explained that the Board of Regents, MAS and ASMSU all regard the State Employee Pay Plan as the most important objective facing the legislature this session. This plan determines the funds state employees such as MSU faculty and staff are paid.

Clark reiterated the importance of student involvement, stating, "We have great students in our Montana University System, but I don't think they always know that they can make the biggest impact up in Helena. When I meet with legislators, and others who work during the session, I'm repeatedly told that students make the biggest impact, and if they communicate directly, it will make a huge difference."



GRAPHIC BY DEREK STEVENS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Why (and How) We're Covering the Montana Legislative Session



DEREK BROUWER
Editor-in-Chief

Two weeks have passed since the 63rd session of the Montana State Legislature began, and a very-long fourteen weeks remain. But I'll only say this once: You should probably care about the work being done in Helena right now.

The decisions made by Montana's citizen legislature in the coming months will affect our state, our lives and the university system of which we are all part. As you may know, legislators set the university system's total budget for the following two years, and will decide whether to fund large-scale building projects such as MSU's proposed renovation to Romney Gym. They also make legislation regulating elections, including voter registration policies. As opinion columnist Brent Zundel describes (see pg. 7), Montana's public lands and even local microbrews are subject to legislative initiatives this session. So, yes, they do a lot inside the State Capitol Building.

Throughout this semester, everyone in MSU administration and student government will be talking about the legislative session. President Cruzado has written about it in her first few Monday Morning Memos, and ASMSU has a team dedicated to lobbying for student interests. Students will be encouraged to follow the political drama, write letters to their legislators and perhaps attend rallies in Helena. We are told becoming active in state politics will have real influence on lawmakers' decisions and that participation in government is responsible citizenship.

Underlying these calls to action, though, is a feeling that legislators do not often give students a fair shake. Students do not have the best reputation in Helena.

During the last session in 2011, for example, now-House Majority Leader Tom McGillvray wanted to end state-mandated voting outreach efforts to students and other traditionally disenfranchised citizens. "Concerned individuals don't need to be coddled and babysat to make sure they get it right," he said. Fellow representative Champ Edmunds opposed use of mail-in voting ballots, conjuring a scenario where university RAs and students conspire to forge ballots mailed to residence halls.

What frustrates me about such attitudes is not so much their ability to impact higher-ed funding or voting laws; as a student, I do not think Montana's lawmakers should always give more money to higher education. However, as a student, I do think Montanans should expect more sophisticated discourse from their representatives.

Similarly, students should expect a public dialogue about the state legislature that does more than ask them to simply "get involved." Students hold a wide range of political opinions, but what unites our group is our busy lifestyle and high mobility. When juggling two jobs and 18 credits, students quickly become adept at tuning out calls for more of their time and energy. So, this is the one and only time I'll tell students to care.

Access and information, more than advocacy, is what seems lacking in state legislative dialogue around campus. Given that, the Exponent's top responsibility this semester is to make it easy for students to access consistent, diverse coverage of the legislative session. Visit *www.msuexponent.com/mtleg* for updates throughout each week — not just on Thursdays. The webpage will host a regular stream of news reports, links to resources, as well as new forms of blogging, analysis, social media storytelling and links to reports from across the state.

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As a student-run publication without reporters based in Helena, we recognize our reporting limitations. Nevertheless, we hope that by including relevant outside material alongside original content, and experimenting with new modes of storytelling, we can provide a premier source of legislative coverage for students in the state.

If you are curious about the developments in Helena, bookmark *msuexponent.com/mtleg*, or follow our social media links by liking the "Montana State Exponent" on Facebook or following @msuexponent on Twitter. I will also provide legislative updates and commentary using my personal twitter account, @derekb6464.

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Social Media Guide

COLIN GAISER

With these technological tools, following the Montana Legislature has never been easier — or more fun:

Twitter: Use the hashtags #mtleg and #mtpol to keep track of the conversations at the capitol and from political junkies and journalists across the state. If you are interested in what policy-makers themselves are saying, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle has put together a list of Twitter feeds from senators and representatives: *twitter.com/bozchron/montana-legislature*.

Facebook: Join a group called "Montana State Legislature for Students," which is dedicated to highlighting issues that concern students across the state. Find it by using the search bar or by following this link: *on.fb.me/Wfv4YR*

Mobile: Download a mobile app called the "Montana 2013 Legislative Directory," which provides contact information, committee assignments and social media links for each senator and representative in the Legislature. It is available for $1.99 for iOS and Android.

BASKETBALL

Cats win two conference games



Ashley Brummell (23) reaches for one of her five rebounds against Northern Colorado. PHOTO BY KATE JUEDES

MEGAN BERNHARDT

After notching four straight wins, the Lady Bobcats basketball team is getting into the heart of Big Sky Conference play. They have notched four straight wins, and are looking good going into a road trip. They are tied for first place in the conference with rival UM.

On Jan. 10, the women took on Northern Colorado (UNC). UNC entered the game undefeated in conference play, yet with senior center Rachel Semansky's 17 points, the Cats (11-4, 5-1 conference) were able to get the win.

The Bobcats shot 49 percent from the field, which helped them achieve the 65-58 victory.

The Cats' homestand was not over, as they had a matchup against North Dakota on Jan. 12. They started off strong in the first half, shooting 50 percent from the field. Going into halftime, the score was 34-21, and North Dakota could not recover.



Rachel Semansky (32) fights for a loose ball against UND. PHOTO BY KATE JUEDES

Semansky once again led the way with 15 points, and sophomore guard Kalli Durham added 14. At the end, the score was 64-49, with the Bobcats securing another victory.

Head Coach Tricia Binford was impressed with the team, "Our team has been very consistent these past two weeks from the defensive end. Our intensity and aggressiveness on that end of the floor has catapulted our offense."

"We have had success away from home this year and want to continue to thrive under that kind of adversity."

— HEAD COACH TRICIA BINFORD

With the upcoming road trip including Cat-Griz this weekend, Binford and the team are looking forward to "truly identifying ourselves as the Road Warriors. We have had success away from home this year and want to continue to thrive under that kind of adversity," Binford said. "It forces us to truly rely on each other and we want to make sure we continue that in a very loud hostile environment."

Up next for the Cats is a newcomer to the conference — Southern Utah. Tipoff is at 7 p.m. tonight, Jan. 17, in Cedar City.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

Interested in coaching soccer? The Bozeman Blitzz Soccer Association is looking to hire new and experienced soccer coaches for this spring season. No experience necessary! For more information, please contact Technical Director Dan Ferguson at:bozemanblitzzfc@gmail.com



Looking for work? Need some extra cash?

Parking Services is hiring students to participate in a lot utilization survey to be conducted between February and April. Starting wage is $9.00/hour and hours are flexible between 7:45 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. We will hire for a minimum of 2 hours per week to a maximum of 20 hours per week. Please call Ronn Brekke at 994-7943 or email him at: RBrekke@exhcange.montana.edu



Winter Mountaineering:
Garnet Mountain Fire Lookout

ANTHONY VARIANNO



View from cabin overlooking Garnet Mountain. PHOTO BY MATTHEW SKUNTZ

The annual trek to the Garnet Mountain Fire Lookout has become a new tradition for me and a few of my friends. To make things more interesting, we do it on New Year's Eve Eve — in the dead of winter — when things get hairy and weather is unpredictable.

Our ascent began at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 30. My friend who reserved the cabin via the Gallatin National Forest website, advised we get an early start, estimating the climb could take up to six hours depending on weather. Despite the weatherman predicting a 50% chance of snow, there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

My two friends on skis and their dogs, Heidi and Theo, set a torrid pace and by 1 p.m. we had completed more than half the hike without using snowshoes. The skiers gave us hikers a nice pack-down to walk on until we reached the first big snowfield, where I wish I would have put on snowshoes.

Hint: Once you're out of the timberline and see the sun for the first time in an hour or so, put on snowshoes!

After a short break for water, lunch and pulls from the bottle of Knob Creek to ease the pain in our legs, we were back at it. The most technical part of the hike was upcoming, where a crown was clearly forming at the ravine we had to cross. The skiers glided across and the snowshoes dug into the snow nicely to keep us from falling end over end for what looked like a quarter mile.

After clearing the ravine, the rest of the hike was more physically gruelling than technically difficult. The last 1,000 feet were absolutely devastating, as the cabin is in sight nearly the entire time but never seems to get much closer. "I was hurting," said Alex Hoerger, "but I just wanted to finish and start drinking."

Alex had the best setup for climbing Garnet, sporting Black Diamond Megawatt skis mounted with Dynafit TLT Vertical bindings and über-light Garmont Radium boots. He finished in roughly three hours flat.

Matt Skuntz finished 10 minutes after Alex, using Rossignol Scratch BC skis mounted with Black Diamond O2 bindings, but suggests using free pivot bindings like Black Diamond O1's. I came in third, at three hours and 15 minutes, on snowshoes. Davey, carrying 10 pounds of sushi, 2 bottles of sake and a bottle of whiskey on his back, finished in three hours and 22 minutes.

We took to drinking Glenlivet and Knob Creek, eating Swiss chocolate and laughing about the idiot who climbed up on alpine skis, duck-walking the last quarter mile instead of carrying the skis and hiking instead. We felt like we were on top of the world at just 8,245 feet above sea level.

We slept heavy and hard and began our descent at about 1 p.m. the next day. The skiers got a few turns in fresh powder while they waited for Davey and I at the snowfield for lunch, but we weren't hungry enough to eat after steak and eggs for breakfast so we kept on trucking. We hit the parking lot at about 3 p.m. that afternoon, just 10 minutes behind our skiing friends.

When I do it next year, it will be on skis with AT bindings. The skiers made it look so easy, and my legs still ached four days later.

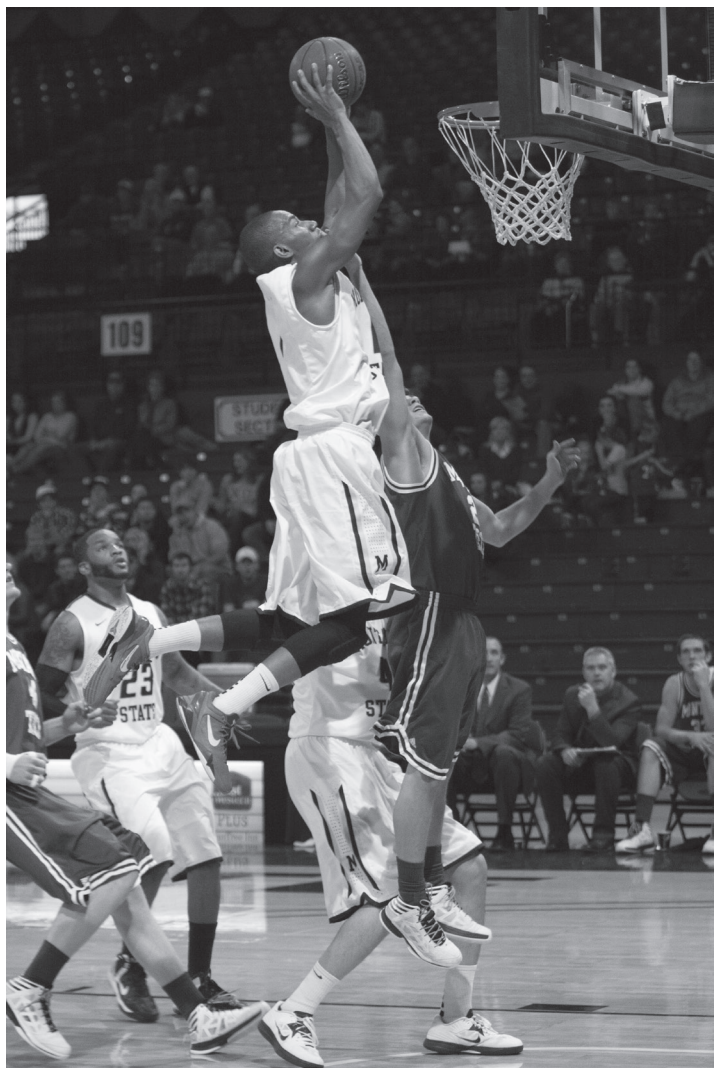
If you're determined to show a mountain who's boss this winter, the Garnet Mountain hike is a relatively safe yet difficult trek with a comfy cabin and wood stove to greet you at the finish, and though I doubt you could outdo sushi and sake, go ahead and give it a try. Just remember the cabin is generally booked year round, so make your reservations early, and don't even try to reserve New Year's Eve Eve. That's our day.

Multimedia Mondays

Interview with Chris Stedman, interfaith activist

BASKETBALL

Photo Feature: Bobcats take Tech



Jamie Stewart takes it to the rim against Montana Tech. He finished with a team-high 15 points.



Michael Dison puts pressure on the Orediggers in the Cats' 78-54 win. PHOTOS BY KATE JUEDES

Skating the Winter Away

GENEVIEVE SUWARA

It can be difficult to get outside and have fun in the winter and although skiing is fun, it can be a bit of a hassle during a busy week. Ice skating is a great alternative. There are three rinks in town maintained by the city and it is quick and easy to rent skates from MSU, so it is time to bundle up and get outside again!

The rinks are located at Beall City Park, Bogert City Park and Southside City Park. They are all open from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

If you are counting on being able to skate, you may want to visit the park before you plan on skating, since there are some additional times posted at each park that are unavailable due to hockey clubs or other events.

It doesn't cost anything to skate, but if you don't have your own skates, you need to rent some. Luckily, as MSU students, it is easy to get a huge discount. Just bring your CatCard to the ASMSU Outdoor Recreation Center across from Roskie, and you can get rentals for only four dollars a day or two dollars per half-day.

Skates can also be rented at Chalet Sports or Panda Rental, but the price is about three dollars higher. Make sure you bring some soft socks or something similar to stuff in the skates around the ankles to make them more comfortable.

If you're looking for something exciting to do in the next couple months, ice skating is a fun and cheap way to go. Hint, hint to the guys and girls looking for Valentine's Day ideas. With ice skating, you will have at least part of a really cool date, and if neither of you are very good, it may be a chance to get a little closer and warm up with hot chocolate afterward. The rinks are only maintained until March, so don't miss out.

Bobcat men split road games

MEGAN BERNHARDT

Winter break was good to the Montana State men's basketball team as they not only won all their home games, but continued to use the momentum while competing against tough foes from the Big Sky Conference.

The men (6-8, 3-3 conference) kicked off the new semester with a road win over Northern Colorado on Jan. 10. It was not an easy victory. The Bobcats were trailing by eight points with seven minutes left in regulation. However, they dug deep and made 13 of 23 field goal attempts in the second half to clench a three point victory over the Bears. The final score was 69-66.

Sophomore point guard Mike Dison said, "What I think is the main reason we beat UNC is the fact that we never felt we were gonna lose. The game was never out of reach for us. Also, we clamped down on defense in the last few minutes which made things easier."

Later in the week, on Jan. 12, they lost in a tough game against the University of North Dakota (UND). UND shot 10 of 19 from behind the arc, yet the Bobcats were within one point with five minutes left. Senior guard Christian Moon was a bright spot for the Cat team, shooting 45 percent from behind the 3-point line, and netting 21 points.

The 86-73 loss snapped MSU's four game win streak.

Dison says the team can still improve. "After the UND game, we know that we have to come focused to every game like it's the conference championship. I think we might have gotten a little too comfortable where we were. But that loss was the wake-up call we needed."

Overall, Dison feels the team has learned many lessons. "Over the last two games we showed that we are maturing as a team because when we got down we never quit on each other and kept believing," he said. "In the past, I think that would have been something we couldn't overcome. One thing we have to work on is coming out with intensity to start the game so we don't have to play catch-up ball all game."

Next up for the Bobcats is the first Cat-Griz matchup, in Missoula on Saturday, Jan. 19. Tipoff at is 7:05 p.m.

ATHLETE PROFILE: Wena Tsan



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Name: Wena Tsan
Sport: Tennis
Hometown: Kuching, Malaysia
Major: Marketing
Year in School: Junior

What is the best part of playing singles? Doubles?
I love getting the crowd excited when they see great points from me and I absorb the good energy from them to win my singles matches. It's the same with doubles, but I also love being in front of the net and setting up perfect shots for my partner to hit winners on.

When and why did you start playing?
My uncle put a racket in my hand when I was around six or seven, but I only seriously started when I was nine. I mostly started because all my siblings were already playing tennis. Their coach convinced my mom to let me start as well. Also, I started because I got rejected by this badminton coach. I'm glad I chose tennis.

What is your favorite thing about tennis and why?
My favorite part of tennis is that I get to travel and meet people from all over the world. For the most part, it has kept me out of trouble, because I've met the right kind of people.

What do you do to prepare before a match?
I like listening to upbeat music and playing it really loud while I do my warm ups and stretches.

Do you plan to continue competing in tennis in the future?
In the future, if an opportunity presents itself, I would want to give it a shot to join the pros and compete with them just to get the feel of playing at such a high level of tennis.

What do you think is the key to your success as a student-athlete?
The key to success as a student-athlete is mostly good time management and keeping a balance with school, tennis and social activities. I cannot possibly do that without my team and coaches, who are always giving me the extra boost.

Have you received any awards while playing tennis?
As a team, the [MSU] women's tennis team has placed first and second for teams with the highest GPA.

Is there a person or quote that inspires you?
One of my favorite quotes is "See a glass half full, instead of half empty." Why always see things the negative way when you can do the opposite?

What do you like to do in your free time?
When I do have free time, I like to do nothing, because being a student-athlete is so tough. I love spending time with friends I hardly see.

Why did you come to MSU?
I came to MSU because my sister played college tennis for Sacramento State. She knew my current coach and suggested I apply here because the coach is super nice.

What is your favorite class at MSU and why?
One of my favorite classes was Elementary Spanish. I had Sally Sanchez — she is one of the coolest professors I've ever had.

What would you like to tell students/readers about MSU tennis?
MSU does have a tennis team, and yes, we are good. Our season is starting soon, so be a true Bobcat and come cheer for us at our home matches.

BY MEGAN BERNHARDT

Jock Talk

Junior guard Antonio Biglow was suspended indefinitely from the men's basketball team for behavior issues.

Senior guard Jamie Stewart was dismissed from the men's basketball team.

Sarah Horton, a junior volleyball player, left the team and MSU after she was declared academically ineligible. At present it is not known if she left school because of the eligibility issue.

MSU football added two new players: Tanner Roderick a former Montana Gatorade Player of the year transferring after two seasons at the University of Nevada, who will be playing receiver, and Ijumaa Armstrong a cornerback who transferred to MSU after two seasons at the University of Hawai'i.

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Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas:

A peek into the American nightmare



KATE VAN GENDEREN

Upon reading Hunter S. Thompson's book "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas: A Savage Journey to the Heart of the American Dream," one may occasionally feel the need to question one's sobriety with all the layers of insanity Thompson's creation falls into. The drug-fueled and hallucination-laced tale seems as though it could be shallow — on the surface appearing to be focused on drugs and the pursuit of the next high — but instead has incredible depth in its reflections on the meaning of aspiring to realize the self-made American nightmare.

The story follows Raoul Duke and his lawyer in the early 1970s as the duo venture to Las Vegas to cover the Mint 400 motorcycle race in a red convertible he fondly calls "the Shark." However, they have packed enough drugs to make Duke's journalism coverage difficult to accomplish. Their arsenal includes a jug of ether, a salt shaker of cocaine and sheets of blotter acid, among other various "medicines." In the depth of their various waves of drug use, Duke and his lawyer experience encounters with reptilian people and the ugliness of America. While they are in Sin City, neon lights blind, excess in every form overwhelms, and the police are around every corner.

Thompson famously blurs the lines of reality, and does so with rapid-fire language that vividly recreates the experiences of his characters have in their various non-sober states. The setting of Las Vegas perfectly places his tale in the midst of the American ideals that he degrades throughout "Fear and Loathing." Consumerism is spat upon, material items are destroyed and Thompson's book plants seeds in the reader's mind that cannot be unsown.



Dr. Gonzo

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Head for the Hills:

Not another bluegrass show

KAREN WILSON

With winter in full swing, school back in session and subzero temperatures making the couch more appealing than the chairlift, risks of cabin fever are running high among Bozemanites.

Luckily, one cure remains consistent in these discouraging times: live music. If you can muster up the motivation to head north of Main Street to the Filling Station next Thursday, the fast-plucking sounds of Head for the Hills will undoubtedly rejuvenate your soul.

A four-man string band from Fort Collins, Colo., Head for the Hills rejects the traditional "bluegrass" label, but their upbeat songs bring to mind images of a good old-fashioned foot-stomping hand-clapping hoedown. The guys can sing, too — well-tuned vocal harmonizing on tracks like "One Foot in the Grave" makes you want to sing along while grooving to the catchy melody, and the lyrics of "Goin' Down" are bound to put a smile on your face: "I'm goin' down to that place I gotta be/In the Colorado backcountry."

The group met in 2004 at Colorado State University and quickly became a local favorite, earning the annual distinction of headlining the Mishawaka Amphitheater's season-opening weekend.

As their name suggests, Head for the Hills shares the same values which prompted many of us to live in Bozeman, although it's been a couple of years since they last played at the Zebra.

"This time of year, one of the best parts of being in this group is we all love to ski," said guitar player Adam Kinghorn. "Montana's especially cool because we always get to ski when we're there."

"We're going to try and throw down as hard as we can."

— ADAM KINGHORN, HEAD FOR THE HILLS GUITAR PLAYER

Skiing aside, the Head for the Hills sound seems ideal for the Filling Station, where bluegrassy string music feels most at home in Bozeman. "Sometimes the small shows are more intimate and more fun," Kinghorn said. "The type of thing we're going to play at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival is a similar set to what we're going to be playing at the Filling Station. Because people are there and ready to hear us and we're going to try and throw down as hard as we can."



Head for the Hills plays traditional bluegrass string instruments, minus the banjo.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HEAD FOR THE HILLS

The band is currently working on recording their third studio album, which Kinghorn said "gets away from the hard-driving bluegrass thing and gets a little more into exploring different genres like jazz and indie rock and folk." They will kick off their winter tour today in Colorado, marking their first opportunity to showcase the material they've been working on in the studio in a live setting.

"It's just exciting to get back on the road," Kinghorn said. "We're extremely happy to be coming back to Bozeman — it's been too long for us. We're hoping people come to the show and we can't wait to see them."

Head for the Hills will play the Filling Station next Thursday, Jan. 24. The Kitchen Dwellers will kick off the night with music starting at 9 p.m. Tickets are $11 at Cactus Records. For a taste of what's coming check out *headforthehillsmusic.com*.

THE BREWPONENT

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brew·po·nent (**broo**-poh-n*uh*nt)
n. a person or thing who expounds, explains or interprets drinks for refined palates < Old English *brēowan* + Latin *expōnere* >

Bozone Buzz Kill Java Stout



Bozeman Brewing Business Manager Tucker Kalberg pours a sample of Buzz Kill Java Stout. PHOTO BY JEREMY GOULD

When Brewponent writers Brent and Matt arrived unannounced at the Bozeman Brewing Company at the crack of noon one day over Christmas break, we found the building, as near as we could tell, completely deserted, even after dutifully pounding on the front and back doors.

Business Manager Tucker Kalberg had previously invited us to stop by sometime after 9 a.m. — there should be someone there to show us around, he said.

When we showed up at 2, their official opening time, the tap room was occupied by just a few early-birds, a bartender, the owner Todd Scott, and Kalberg, walking around with a smile and still-damp ski gear draped over his frame. "We enjoy working as much as we enjoy playing," he explained.

The reason for the Brewponent's visit to the Bozone this break was one of their most popular seasonal beers: the Buzz Kill Java Stout. Coffee beer with a dash of local flare is a serendipitous combination of the alternating bartender and barista content of this column.



BRENT ZUNDEL : **MATT KENNEDY**
Beer Connoisseur : *Coffee Connoisseur*

There's little that Bozemanites enjoy more than refreshing beer and hot coffee (except, perhaps, skiing, Subarus and dogs). Buzz Kill doesn't disappoint on either front. It's a strong-bodied stout infused with coffee flavor and aroma that mixes the best of a solid stout and a sweet espresso.

Five years ago, the Bozone brewers decided to make a coffee beer. They bought coffee for their first batch of Buzz Kill at Costco, Kalberg admitted, saying they've always gone for a dark roast. But the brewers don't skimp on malt, yeast or hops, so they reached out to local coffee roasters.

For the next two years, the brewery partnered with the Daily, but they've brewed with Rockford beans for the last three batches, including the current one. "They approached us, and it has been a great relationship ever since," said Ryan Wilson, owner and head roaster at Rockford Coffee.

This batch of Buzz Kill uses Rockford's Dark House Blend. The Dark House is a blend of two Brazilian coffees and a Sumatran coffee. Both Brazilians and Indonesian coffees are known for their low acidity — Sumatrans are known for their earthy notes and Brazilians are often sweet and nutty.

"The Dark House Blend is what they drink at the brewery so naturally they wanted that in the stout," Wilson said. The blend is a "full city" roast, a roast temperature slightly lower than a dark roast, which mutes the brighter notes of the bean but gives a smoky finish. You can't taste the coffee in the Buzz Kill like you would in a French press, but at least in principle the Dark House Blend is a great pairing for the Buzz Kill.

The beer itself is a stout with a strong malt backbone — it has to be able to withstand the flavor of the java. Stouts are a beer style whose history is intertwined with the related porter style. Stouts can vary significantly, but generally have a thick, sweet, dark malty body and a balanced hop bitterness.

In order to infuse the coffee flavor into the beer, the coffee is cold-steeped with the beer for two weeks. The cold steep helps avoid imparting any bitterness from the coffee into the beer — it "doesn't stress the bean nearly as much" as a hot brewing process would, Kalberg explained. This year a finer grind was used, which means the coffee chemicals leach faster and run the risk of overbrewing. However, the grind did the trick, as no over-brewed flavors, such as bitterness, were present.

The brewers focus on the aroma specifically. Buzz Kill definitely has a coffee flavor, but it still tastes like beer, and that's important. Try serving this beer a little warmer than you would other beers — around a cool cellar temperature of 50° F. This will release some of the beer and coffee's great aromatics, making for a more flavorful drinking experience. The warmer temperature also brings out the sweetness of the coffee.

Buzz Kill won't disappoint either the dedicated beer or coffee drinker. It pours a dark brown with a creamy tan head. The solid stout body provides a good, sweet base for the coffee flavors. It's quite low in bitterness — a byproduct of the cold-steeping process — which makes for an enjoyable drinking experience. The aroma is sweet and malty, with coffee overtones, hints of sweetness and a faint nuttiness.

At the end of the tour, Kalberg jokingly summed up the mindset at Bozeman Brewing: "We make pow turns by day and beer by night."



Owner and head roaster Ryan Wilson emptying the drum roaster. PHOTO BY TREVOR NELSON

Hurry over to the Bozeman Brewing Company, located at 504 N. Broadway Ave., for a pint or two (or three) before it's gone. This seasonal beer is brewed in 20-barrel batches (one barrel is 31 gallons), and Kalberg predicts that Bozeman's enthusiastic beer drinkers will finish that off within a few more weeks.

Make sure to take a growler to fill — you'll want to take some of this beer home with you. Buzz Kill Java Stout has been available on tap since December 23. Head over before it's gone until next year.

Buzz Kill Fast Facts:

Where to drink Buzz Kill:
Fill a growler at the brewery or down a pint at Ale Works.
Alcohol by volume: 6.43%
Amount of coffee used per 12-oz. beer: 0.025 oz
Number of 12-ounce beers brewed: 6,613
Coffee used: Full city roast of Brazilian and Sumatran beans from Rockford Coffee.
7,400: Approximate feet travelled from coffee roasting location to brewery.

BIG SKY BREWING: COWBOY COFFEE PORTER

Missoula's Big Sky Brewing has their seasonal Cowboy Coffee Porter on tap now. Fill a growler if you're passing through Missoula or grab it in one of their variety 12-packs. It's also on tap at a few Bozeman bars, like 317.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 17 - 30

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Email information to
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FILM, THEATRE

"LOOPER"

The Procrastinator Theatre
Thursday - Saturday Jan. 17-19, 6:30 p.m. and Sunday Jan. 20, 12:30 p.m.
Cost: $2

"THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER"

The Procrastinator Theatre
Thursday - Saturday Jan. 17-19 and Monday - Tuesday Jan. 21-22, 9 p.m., and Sunday Jan. 20, 3 p.m.
Cost: $2

"99 PROBLEMS BUT A SKETCH AIN'T ONE"

The Equinox Theatre
Fridays and Saturdays Jan. 18-26, 8 p.m.
Cost: $10 students and seniors, $12 general

For reservations visit equinoxtheatre.com or call 406-587-0737 x1.

BANFF FILM FESTIVAL

The Emerson Crawford Theatre
Friday Jan. 18, 7 p.m.
Cost: $15

Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at REI, Mountain Hot Tub, Bangtail Bike and Ski, Northern Lights Trading Co. and the BSF office.

"JANE: AN ABORTION SERVICE"

Procrastinator Theatre
Tuesday Jan. 22, 5:30 p.m.

Film screening followed by a facilitated discussion. Snacks provided at a reception before the show.

THE RAT PACK SHOW

Brick Breeden Field House
Wednesday Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $35-$45

Tickets available at ticketswest.com.

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MUIR STRING QUARTET

Reynolds Recital Hall
Thursday Jan. 17 & Saturday Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $20 students and seniors, $27 general

Tickets are available at Cactus Records and Era Landmark Realty.

FROM AMERICA TO PARIS AND BACK

Reynolds Recital Hall
Friday Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $5 students, $10 general

FLATT CHEDDAR WITH THE RUSTY BIRDS

The Filling Station
Friday Jan. 18, 9 p.m.
Cost: $5

HEAD FOR THE HILLS WITH THE KITCHEN DWELLERS

The Filling Station
Thursday Jan. 24, 9 p.m.
Cost: $11 advance, $14 at door

Tickets available at Cactus Records. See article on page 16 for more information.

ENCHANTED FOREST

Main Street Art & Entertainment Complex
Saturday Jan. 26, 9 p.m.
Cost: $7 ages 18+, $5 ages 21+, $3 for everyone that arrives before 10 p.m.

An ages 18+ event with a full bar for ages 21+. For more information join the event on Facebook.

PORTLAND CELLO PROJECT WITH ALIALUJAH CHOIR

Reynolds Recital Hall
Wednesday Jan. 30, 7 p.m.
Cost: $17 advance, $20 at door

Tickets available at Cactus Records.

ON CAMPUS

EXIT GALLERY RENOVATION CELEBRATION

Exit Gallery, SUB 212
Thursday Jan. 17, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. LECTURE FEATURING CHRIS STEDMAN

SUB Ballroom A
Thursday Jan. 17, 7 p.m.

Activist and author Chris Stedman will speak about community, social justice, interfaith cooperation and the power of youth activism today.

DANZA LATINA

Romney 302
Thursdays, 7 p.m.

This Friday Jan. 18, join the Danza Latina club to learn how to salsa dance.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF LECTURES

SUB 177
Tuesday Jan. 22, 12 - 1 p.m.

For more information contact the Office of Student Success at 406-994-7627 or email success@montana.edu.

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Renne Library Heathcote Classroom

Tuesday Jan. 22, 12:15 - 1:10 p.m.

LIBRARY WORKSHOP: ZOTERO BASICS

Renne Library Heathcote Classroom
Tuesday Jan. 22, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

ASMSU SENATE APPLICATION DEADLINE

ASMSU Office, SUB 221
Wednesday Jan. 23 5 p.m.

BREAKSAWAY REGISTRATION

SUB 284
Wednesday Jan. 23, 7:30 a.m.

Sign up to volunteer and travel this spring break. Spots fill quickly. For more information visit montana.edu/engagement.

WOMEN'S CENTER SACK LUNCH SEMINAR: HOW TO RELAX WHEN YOU'RE BUSY

SUB 168
Wednesday Jan. 30, 12 - 1 p.m.

Workshop on relaxation techniques presented by Dr. Shapiro.

SPORTS

TRACK & FIELD MONTANA STATE DUAL MEET INVITATIONAL

Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
Friday Jan. 18, 4:30 p.m.

VOLCOM STONE'S PEANUT BUTTER & RAIL JAM

Moonlight Basin
Saturday Jan. 19, 8:00 a.m

The Peanut Butter and Rail Jam is Volcom's free amateur snowboard contest series. For more information visit moonlightbasin.com.

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. SOUTHERN UTAH

Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
Monday Jan. 21, 7 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. WEBER STATE

Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
Thursday Jan. 24, 7 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD MSU OPEN

Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
Friday Jan. 25, 4:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. IDAHO STATE

Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
Saturday Jan. 26, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY

JANUARY ART EXHIBITION RECEPTION

Tonic Hair Salon, 7 W. Main St.
Thursday Jan. 17, 7 - 9 p.m.

Featuring the work of Sonja Jacobson and Nate J. Anders; runs Jan. 10 - Feb. 1.

BOZEMAN WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Emerson Cultural Center
Saturday Jan. 19, 9 a.m.

Featuring a variety of locally grown food. For more information visit bozemanwintermarket.com.

ZOE WOMEN'S SERVICES "REMEMBERING ROE" FUNDRAISER

The Commons, Baxter & Love, Bozeman
Thursday Jan. 24, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Coffee and dessert at 6:30 p.m., event at 7 p.m. Complimentary tickets available in advance by calling Zoe Women's Services at 406-586-9444. Featuring Keynote Speaker Kirk Walden, a national pro-life advocate.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATION

The Emerson Ballroom
Sunday Jan. 20, 1:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m.

The 50th anniversary of Dr. King's famous "Letters from Birmingham Jail." Donations for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank solicited. Commemorative buttons available. Featuring artwork, music of local students.

STUDENT *ART*

Carol Hartman's *"Concurrent Nature"*



Alchemy



In the Midst of Grandeur

After spending considerable time away from her native state of Montana, Carol Hartman has returned to Bozeman to showcase her newest art exhibit. Although she has travelled extensively with art installations from coast to coast, Hartman still affectionately calls Bozeman her "favorite place on this earth!"

Like many Bozemanites, Hartman fosters a love for nature which is clearly expressed in her work. The exhibit is appropriately titled 'Concurrent Nature' for the contemporary landscapes that captivate "the essence of the skies, land, water and air." The collection is comprised of oil and cattle marker paintings, her first project using color on canvas. Cattle markers, a less traditional medium, are wax and oil crayons primarily used to mark livestock at auctions and help Hartman achieve the rich, colorful blends so prevalent in her art.

The former Bobcat received degrees in K-12 Art Education and Graphic Design, however, strong memories of growing up in rural Eastern Montana equally influence her style. Hartman said she strives to incorporate memories of the past into her dramatic paintings, which represent an immersion into the senses. The paintings also show Hartman's continued effort to identify with her viewers, allowing them to explore their memories through the senses. Hartman jokes that being away for so long has made her more aware of Bozeman's beauty, seeing it with "fresh eyes" and inspiring her to paint those big Montana skies we are all so fond of.

"Concurrent Nature" opens today, Jan. 17, with a reception from from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Zoot Gallery, 555 Zoot Enterprises Lane. It will remain until April 26 with the gallery open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Hartman looks forward to seeing new and old faces alike at the free reception.

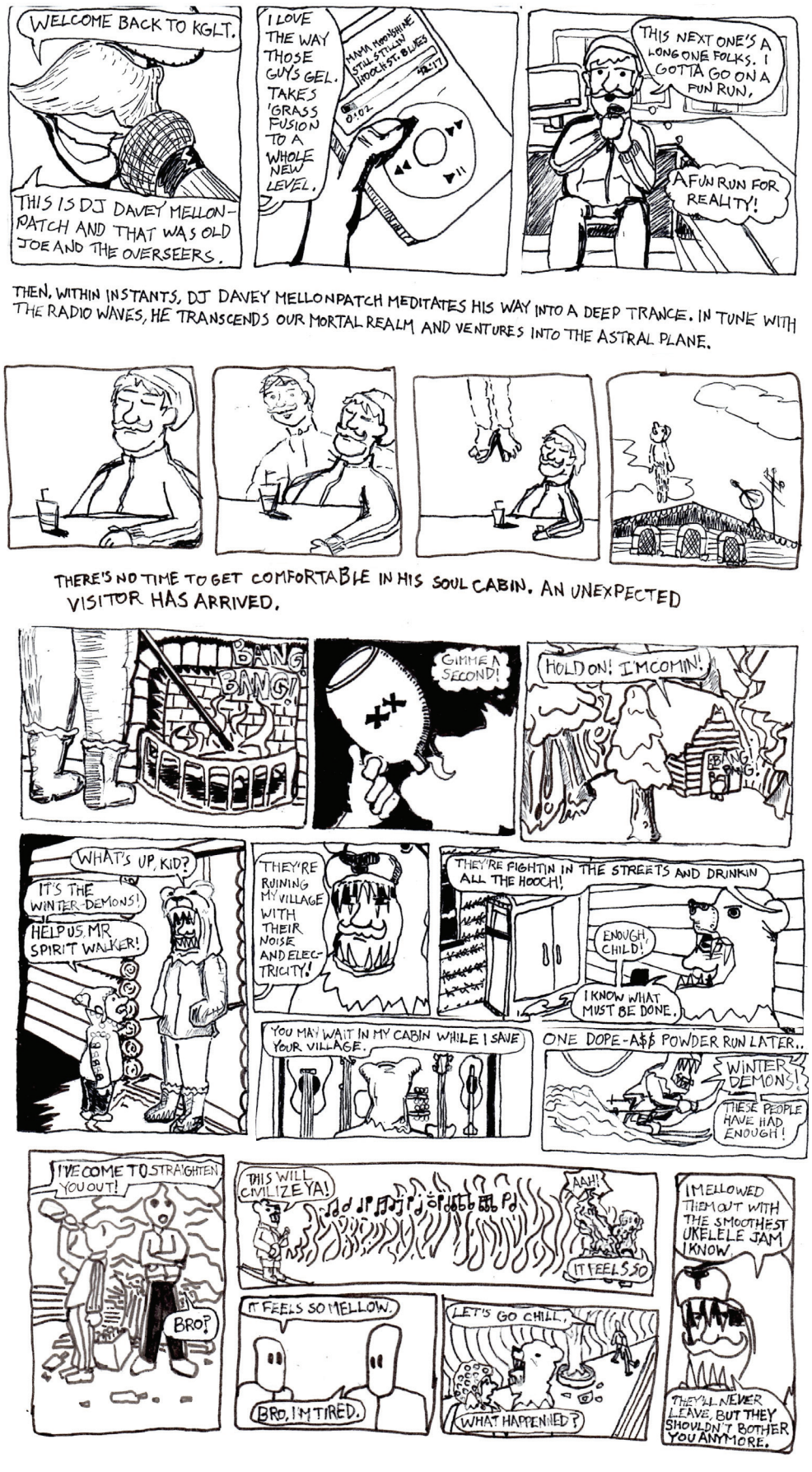
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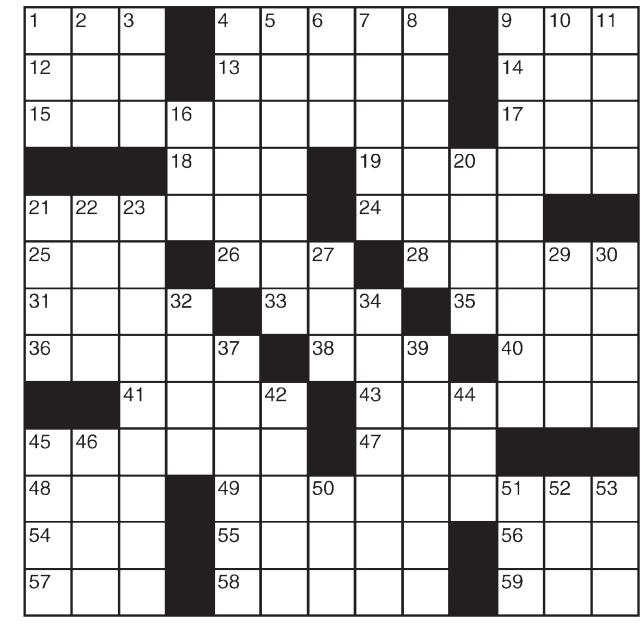
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