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Biff the Bobcat announces his candidacy for student body president at Friday night's Condom Fashion Show.

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@nessa_monster
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@linds_murdock
So over reading. And people's fashion at @msulibrary. Glitter, sequins and sparkles don't belong on everything. #montanastate@ MSUExponent

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@eidietrich
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Between the storms, part II: Missoula scandal creates statewide reaction



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NICOLE DUGGAN

It is hard to think of Montana and sexual assault without thinking of the scandal that has rocked the University of Montana for the past year.

The continuing story in Missoula regarding the alleged sexual assaults committed by football team members entered another chapter this week, as the rape trial against former UM quarterback Jordan Johnson began Friday.

Allegations against Johnson first surfaced in March 2012 when a restraining order was filed against him by a fellow UM student for allegedly raping her after the two watched a movie in February of that year.

In December 2011, an outside investigator was hired by the university after two students reported being drugged and raped. The investigator found that nine alleged rapes and sexual assaults had happened between September 2010 and December 2011, including two that had not been previously reported to the university.

In January of this year, former UM running back Beau Donaldson received a 30-year prison sentence for raping a childhood acquaintance as she slept on the couch. The Missoulian reported that Donaldson will be eligible for parole after two and a half years of time served.

Amid the growing scandal and allegations against members of the team, football Head Coach Robin Pflugrad and Athletic Director Jim O'Day were fired by UM President Royce Engstrom in March.

Missoula and UM are the subjects of ongoing investigations by the U.S. Justice Department, which is investigating how the university has handled claims of sexual assault, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, which is investigating sexual harassment complaints against members of the football team, and the N.C.A.A. These investigations were announced in May of last year.

Last week, former U.S. Congressman and Montana Board of Regents member Pat Williams was quoted in the New York Times, saying, "The university has recruited thugs for its football team, and this thuggery has to stop."

In the wake of the scandal at UM, the Montana University System (MUS) as a whole was forced to evaluate its policies toward sexual assault. "The issues at the University of Montana have helped put sexual assault much higher on the system radar, which gives us an opportunity to get better as a system," MSU Dean of Students Matt Caires said.

In March of last year, nearly 100 student and administrative representatives from colleges and universities across the state came together at Montana Tech in Butte for discussion about sexual assault and prevention. The representatives discussed the different issues facing their respective schools and the prevention techniques and resources used to combat sexual assault. Another statewide summit is planned for this autumn.

"Rape and sexual assault have definitely been receiving more attention by the general public."

— JAKE LOSINSKI, VOICE CENTER EDUCATION/ PREVENTION COORDINATOR

Beginning last fall, UM students are now mandated to participate in the university's new PETSA (Personal Empowerment Through Self Awareness) program that includes a series of videos about sexual violence and personal prevention techniques.

At MSU, the reporting process has been streamlined, according to Caires, allowing it to be more accessible to students. "Because of the work we've done...we're much better at how we respond to these situations," he said. "The policies are better,...the reporting structure is better."

But while the policies have drastically improved during his time at MSU, Caires pointed out that all upgrades are on a "continuous scale," and the university will work hard to continue moving forward.

According to Jake Losinski, the Education/Prevention coordinator for the VOICE Center, "There has definitely been a correlation between the UM debacle and how much our services are being used." He added, "In the past year we estimate that our number of clients has tripled."

While the highly-publicized Johnson trial continues in Missoula, the larger issue of sexual assault in Montana remains in headlines and under scrutiny. "Rape and sexual assault have definitely been receiving more attention by the general public," Losinski said.

In further columns we will examine what sexual assault at MSU looks like specifically, and how MSU will continue to move forward.

The Exponent is committed to achieving the most thorough knowledge possible on this issue. If you have information about MSU's history in response to sexual assault, or if you or someone you know has experience with sexual assault and/or university policy please contact us at news@exponent.montana.edu.

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Contract to be negotiated for grad student wages, benefits

JOHN WOODGERD

Kevin McRae, associate commissioner of the Montana Office of Higher Education, has confirmed that his office will be negotiating a contract for wages and benefits with MSU's graduate research and teaching assistants. The move comes after nearly two years of discussion between both parties.

According to McRae, in early 2011 the graduate assistants met with the Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT) with interest in unionising. The MEA-MFT — the largest union organization representing public educators in Montana — works on behalf of educators and other public employees in order to form unions. The organization agreed to help and began the union formation process.

MSU's graduate students are the first known in Montana to try to unionize, though McRae said the issue has come up in other states.

The MEA-MFT filed a petition with the state Department of Labor and Industry, which approves and creates unions. The petition required agreement from a minimum number of the graduate assistants, and the majority voted for the MEA-MFT to represent them in union negotiations.

The chief point of contention, however, was whether or not the graduate students should be considered public employees.

The Commissioner's office first denied the graduate students' attempts to unionize, stating that they were not public employees. MSU's graduate students are the first known in Montana to try to unionize, though McRae said the issue has come up in other states.

The office oversees a total of 25 collective bargaining units, or unions, in the Montana University System. Those bargaining units have the ability to negotiate with their employers for wages and benefits.

At a hearing called by the office, the Department of Labor and Industry's examiner concluded, under review, that the students should be considered public employees. The decision was then sent to review by a five-person board of personnel appeals, where the employee status was further upheld on a split vote.

Following the appeals board, the Commissioner's office had the option of taking the case to a state court to get an official decision on the employee status of the graduate students. McRae said that rather than risking the possible escalation in court case decisions and appeals, the Commissioner's office agreed to meet with the grad students to negotiate a contract for their benefits and wages. The office still maintains the students are not public employees, however.

McRae, who is already designated as the lead negotiator on behalf of the Montana University System, said, "First contracts can take a long time." Both parties have to wait for the state congress to set a budget, so negotiations will not begin until May. The process may take up to two years.

Contract negotiation works on a cycle of two years, coinciding with the state legislative session. Each year, a new budget is set and new contract negotiations begin.



NEWS BRIEFS

'Life of Pi' author to speak at Convocation

Adapted from MSU News:

Yann Martel, the Canadian author of "Life of Pi," will speak at MSU's 2013 Freshman Convocation on Sept. 5.

"Life of Pi," which was recently adapted into an Academy Award-nominated film directed by Ang Lee, is a worldwide bestseller that has received numerous literary awards and spent 69 weeks on the New York Times' Bestseller list. The book will be featured as the 2013 "summer read" for MSU freshman.

Martel's visit will kick off MSU's Year of Engaged Leadership initiative, which will include events throughout the 2013-2014 school year aimed at helping students, faculty and staff become more effective leaders.

Other events will include workshops, discussions, lectures and other campus-wide programs that highlight a different characteristic of leadership each month.

Martel has written six novels and received awards including the Man Booker Prize, the Hugh MacLennan Prize for fiction and the Journey Prize.

Along with delivering the Convocation address, Martel will lead a master class with students and sign books after his lecture. No word on whether Martel will bring a tiger or a boat with him on his visit.

Past convocation speakers include former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, adventurer Aron Ralston, Steve Lopez, author of "The Soloist," and "Three Cups of Tea" author Greg Mortenson.

– NICOLE DUGGAN

Governor Bullock to visit campus today

Adapted from MSU News:

Governor Steve Bullock will be visiting MSU's campus today, Feb. 14.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., President Cruzado will give the governor a tour of Romney Gym, with students, faculty, staff and the media encouraged to attend.

Following the tour, Bullock will hold a press conference in room 220 of Romney, where he will speak about his JOBS Plan, which, according to the Missoulian, includes steps to improve the state's economy and create jobs. Robert Lashaway, MSU's associate vice president of University Services will also give a brief presentation about the proposed Romney Academic Renovation.

Cruzado and Bullock will then meet with students to discuss the governor's proposed College Affordability Plan following the press conference.

– KRISTEN INGMAN

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A handmade book created by freshman Sadie Robertus PHOTO BY JUAN MARTOS DÍAZ

Students narrate writers' journeys

JESSIANNE WRIGHT

"You are about to read into the soul of another person and the innermost thoughts of a writer," wrote freshman Sadie Robertus in her handmade book, "Growing from Acorns to Oaks," on display at the MSU Writing Center in Wilson Hall.

A diverse set of books sits on the display table making up the Handmade Book Exhibit, which is open until tomorrow, Feb. 15. Some are bound by ribbon, others yarn. Of the nine, one is handwritten and several contain hand-drawn images. Some covers are titled while others remain blank.

Each of the approximately 20 students in Dr. Mark Schlenz's Introduction to Writing Studies class this past semester wrote about their own journey "as an opportunity ... to look at themselves as questing writers," Schlenz said.

Schlenz found inspiration for this writing assignment after visiting an art exhibit in which artists had created their own version of the Ten Ox Herding pictures, which depict the stages of a Buddhist's progression toward enlightenment, resembling the hero's journey. Schlenz liked the idea of using similar graphics to inspire writing, so his students' books use graphics and poetry to chronicle a writer's journey through metaphor.

Students selected ten graphics and developed prose to complement the images, ultimately creating a narrative. Topics range from ballet to mountains, though Robertus, after much consideration, settled on an oak tree as her metaphor for the writer's quest.

These books use graphics and poetry to chronicle a writer's journey through metaphor.

"You can substitute metaphor for whatever is compelling to you," he said, explaining why he introduced this project to his students. Originally, Schlenz used this assignment in his creative writing classes, but last fall he expanded it to his introductory class as an end-of-semester project.

Robertus said this assignment, coupled with non-fiction and technical assignments from earlier in the semester, "forced us to be flexible as writers." In the workforce, she explained, "we are expected to be able to adapt."

Students were challenged to develop a handmade book that could be reproduced, Schlenz said. They had to pair creative binding techniques with computer formatting tools in order to develop a refined, well-written narrative.

Schlenz suggested putting the books on display to Writing Center Tutor Coordinator Jess Carroll. She was enthusiastic about the idea, he said, adding that the display "fits with the center's desire to be a place where writing is celebrated."

The MSU Writing Center is located in Wilson Hall 1-114 and is open every weekday from 8 a.m - 5 p.m.

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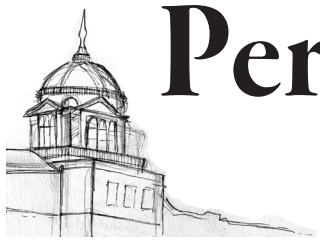
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Performance standard agreement could allow tuition freeze

ERIC DIETRICH

Legislators and higher-education officials have reached an agreement to tie a portion of the Montana University System's (MUS) funding to performance standards as part of a plan to keep tuition steady over the next two years.

The yet-to-be developed standards will focus on each individual university's ability to help students complete their degrees, and are intended to hold campuses accountable for their contribution to Montana's economy.

Under the agreement, which has bipartisan support despite not yet being formally approved by the Legislature, the university system will have a year to study potential metrics, intended to focus on measuring its ability to help students graduate. Then, for the 2014-15 school year, around 5 percent of the state's higher-education funding will be divided between campuses based on their performance with the chosen measures.

Every other year, the Montana Legislature allocates a lump sum of money to support the state's higher-education system, which includes MSU and UM as well as satellite campuses throughout the state. The Board of Regents, which oversees the university system's operation, is responsible for allocating that sum between campuses and setting corresponding tuition levels. About a third of the MUS's educational budget is supported by state funding, with the remaining two-thirds coming from tuition revenue.

Regents have said they can avoid tuition increases over the next two years if the legislature allocates enough funding to provide for faculty and staff raises at the same level as other state employees and cover inflationary increases to universities' operating costs. A measure to provide 5 percent increases to state employee pay is pending in the Legislature and the MUS estimates that inflationary cost increases will total around $17 million a year.

Higher-education representatives said agreeing to tie funding to performance was necessary for legislators to be comfortable allocating enough money to keep tuition steady. "Like all states, Montana has reached the point where any Legislature is wary of spending more money on any university system that isn't up to the task of increasing graduates," said Kevin McRae, the state's Associate Commissioner of Higher Education.

Joe Thiel, the Board of Regents' student member, said that performance metrics provide an opportunity for the university system to demonstrate that it is providing value to the state's economy.

"We are one of the most efficient university systems in the nation," Thiel said, adding that Montana has the second-lowest tuition rate in the country while providing below average support to the higher-education system from state funding. "We're doing very well at delivering affordable and quality higher education."

While the process of determining specific performance metrics has not yet begun, Thiel said he is hopeful that goals can be set in a way that avoids creating "large perverse incentives" like pressure to graduate poorly prepared students.

It is important, he added, to "provide some incentives for campuses to improve the quality of the education that they provide, and not just the quantity."

Ultimately, however, Thiel and McRae said responsibility for maintaining academic rigor lies with faculty and administrators in specific departments.



NEWS BRIEFS

College of Arts invites feedback on Strategic Plan

In the midst of designing a new strategic plan, the College of Arts and Architecture is looking for community feedback on how it will allocate its financial resources during the next six years.

To gather feedback, the college will be holding a series of "charettes" — or collaborative discussions — throughout the next week.

The college's new strategic plan, which is based on MSU's official strategic plan, will specify which elements of the college, such as enrichment experiences for students and new faculty or staff, should be prioritized for funding.

Time and locations for the charettes are as follows:

- Friday, Feb. 15 from 12 - 2 p.m. in Haynes Hall, room 216
- Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 12 - 2 p.m. in Cheever Hall, room 145
- Friday, Feb. 22 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Visual Communications Building, room 182

– COLIN GAISER

Another semester, another enrollment record

13,700 students are attending MSU this semester, setting a new record for spring semester enrollment.

This follows last fall's all-time record enrollment of 14,660 students. 2012 spring semester enrollment, which held the previous record, was 13,306.

In addition, the full-time equivalency — which distinguishes between full-time and part-time students to indicate the number of full-time equivalent students — increased to 11,856 from 11,308.

Expect growth to continue, as MSU's strategic plan, entitled "Mountains and Minds: Learners and Leaders," calls for the student body to grow to over 16,000 by the year 2019. No word yet on expected duck population growth.

– COLIN GAISER

Winterfest to include competitions, cook-off

The Wild West Winterfest will take place this weekend, Feb.16-17, at the Gallatin Valley Fairgrounds.

Events include a Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association tournament, a chili cook-off, dog agility and keg-pull competitions, and a trail horse battle. No word on whether the dogs will be able to enjoy the keg contents once finished.

The event is Saturday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Single-day admission is $5 for adults. Parking is free.

– NICOLE DUGGAN

EDITORIAL



PHOTO BY KARISSA ERICKSON

Take a Look at Parking Perks

Our student body government currently spends $1,986 per year in student fees to fund parking permits for six of its employees. That includes two 24-hour reserved permits for the student body president and ASMSU attorney at $675 each, as well as SB permits ($159 each) for four classified employees: the ASMSU office manager and operations manager, and the Leadership Institute's director and assistant.

Parking permits constitute a tiny fraction of ASMSU's budget. But their presence seems to result from a combination of tradition, administrative oversight and contract negotiations — not necessarily with students' interests in mind. Moreover, not all of the passes are explicit in student government's budget, but are taken from general discretionary spending accounts.

The ASMSU student body president does not need a premier parking permit. President Kiah Abbey does not even own a vehicle to drive to campus, yet the $675 spot has remained reserved for her this academic year. We are glad to hear Abbey has struck her position's permit from future budgets.

It may seem petty, especially as ASMSU's classified employees are not particularly well compensated, but such is the responsibility of public institutions. For the sake of transparency and consistency, student government must determine which permits are necessary to employee work, and write them into the budget. The superfluous spots should be scrapped and the money used to better serve students.

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EDITOR'S DESK

Keeping it Cool: Our Legislators Deserve Fair Criticism

Montana's 63rd Legislature is being closely watched all across the state, and media outlets won't turn away until the session has ended. Coverage ranges from calm appraisal to outrage and indignation. But during the chaos of conveying complex issues to an often ambivalent public, we sometimes resort to the easy road: attacking the Legislature and its officials.



MATT KENNEDY
Opinion Editor

Last week while researching an editorial for the Exponent that detailed the educational background of our Legislature, I found many legislators that I am proud to say make our laws. But I also came across legislators that didn't seem prepared to coach Little League Baseball.

One legislator described herself as "educated in life," another said he had no formal education but considered himself a "computer guru." Yet another is using bigdogarmwrestling@yahoo.com as his professional email.

There may be some value to having both Ivy-League graduates and self-made businessmen in Helena.

In the same editorial, we reported that 22 percent of Montana legislators don't have a bachelor's degree. That information hints that these legislators are not the cream of Montana's crop. But that's all it is, a hint. What really matters is the bills they draft and the decisions they make.

Although some may joke that our "citizen's legislature" is just what one would expect from a rural state, we are not very different from other places across the United States. Nationally, about one in four state legislators don't have a four-year degree. Even in New Jersey — a state legislature considered "professional" by most political scientists — only about 80 percent of legislators have a bachelor's degree.

This is a debate going back to our nation's roots. Should our government be an educated elite or a miniature version of our citizenry? In 1776, John Adams wrote that the representative body "should think, feel, reason and act" like the people at large. James Madison wrote that representatives should "refine and enlarge the public views, by passing them through the medium of a chosen body of citizens, whose wisdom may best discern the true interest of their country." That this question is still unanswered for Americans demonstrates that there are good arguments on both sides. In the end, there may be some value to having a blend of Ivy-League graduates and self-made businessmen in Helena.

This week, a bill was thrown into the spotlight that requires a woman under the age of 18 to notify her parents of an abortion. The bill, HB 391, is sponsored by Jerry Bennett, one of our legislators with no formal secondary education. Currently, in order to be constitutional, a young woman has the option of notifying a judge instead of her parents. However you feel about privacy rights, attempting to pass a bill that is unconstitutional at both the state and national level is a waste of taxpayer money. Bennett acknowledges his bill is unconstitutional, but remains firm in his desire to pass it.

While this type of negligence is frustrating to see at the state level, the behavior is inherent in a "citizen's legislature." Newspapers, blogs and citizens should remember that resorting to personal attacks on our legislators can only go so far. If not the person, we should respect the dignity of the office.

Banter in the form of entertainment, such as this week's political cartoon (on page 8) referencing the aforementioned bill, has its place. The real obstacle to helping implement positive political change is mindless personal attacks in the guise of real criticism. As the Exponent's opinion editor this semester, I see it as my job to separate the two for you, our reader.

STAFF COLUMN

TEAL Classrooms are Both Promising and Concerning



SAMUEL MCDOWALL
Opinion Writer

Mentioned in a recent Monday Morning Memo, the first Technology-Enhanced Active Learning (TEAL) classroom was recently completed in Gaines Hall. President Cruzado touched on some of the technological highlights, such as tables equipped with ports to connect and project up to four separate laptops onto one flat-screen monitor. Students can switch the laptop that is projected with the push of a button. The instructor can also choose a student laptop, or their own, to project onto all screens from the terminal at the center of the room.

Cruzado also described the classroom as designed for collaborative student problem solving. But what exactly does that mean? That is the question I asked when I received an email from my instructor a few days before the semester began, revealing that I had inadvertently signed up for a TEAL section of STAT 216, and would not be sitting through the same class that I had unfortunately not done well enough in during a previous semester.

There would be no textbook; the $100 monster I had used before was now an expensive bookend. The class would rely almost entirely on group work and participation. Anyone who has ever had a bad group project experience can imagine my lack of excitement and only lightly concealed skepticism heading into the class.

Now, a month into the semester, my expectations have in different ways been met, exceeded or turned upside down — beginning with the enthusiastic and sometimes aggressively friendly duo that instructs the class. By their lead we march through examples of real-world statistical problems with our faithful sidekick, TinkerPlots, a statistical modeling program. Despite adding to my skepticism by being advertised for grades 4-9, the $8 price tag was enough to get me onboard.

To my surprise, TinkerPlots has proved incredibly useful, versatile and interactive while fitting perfectly into the technology-oriented class. The combination of group activities with real-world examples and TinkerPlots leads us to unassumingly learn key statistical concepts with minimal lecturing.

Like in most courses, outside reading and homework play a crucial role, however, I find myself actually doing it, even ahead of time (in case you were wondering why I had to retake the course, this sentence contains a hint). The chief reason behind this phenomenon is that I do not want to become dead weight for my group mates. If I am not prepared, it has a direct impact on their grades, and vice versa. Peer pressure can sometimes be a useful educational tool.

For all its promising qualities, the TEAL-style class elicits some concerns worth examining. The heavy emphasis on group work and communication may deter foreign students whose primary language is not English. Since the tests are taken collaboratively as a group, in class, students who need special testing accommodations such as extended time may be presented with a unique obstacle.



Gaines 143 promotes collaborative learning. PHOTO BY JEREMY GOULD

Peer pressure can be a useful educational tool.

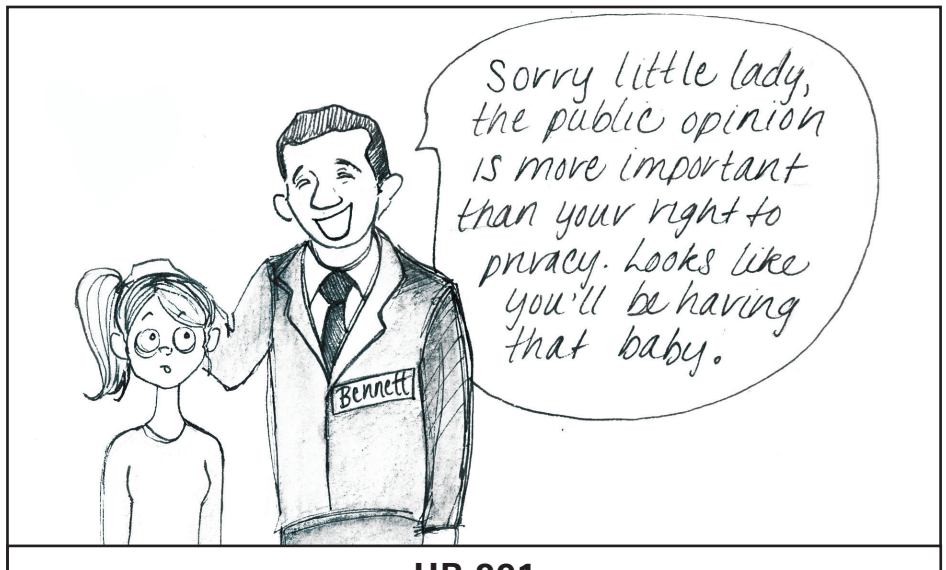
Although there is no textbook to purchase and TinkerPlots is only $8, the class is stacked in favor of students who own a laptop — a luxury not all students can afford.

Though confident I am learning statistics, I have yet to use a single formula that I know exists in the discipline, and that leads me to wonder if I would be prepared to take the next level of a traditional statistics course.

It is still early in the semester, and I am interested in how the rest of the class will unfold. I believe there is a lot of promise in this style of class, but as a participant my opinion may shift as my experience continues. For now I have dubbed it "group hug stats." Reluctant going in, but once in the thick of it, it's not that bad.

Political Cartoon

By Jennifer Rogers



HB 391 CONCEPT BY MATT KENNEDY

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GUNS ON CAMPUS: A HISTORY

BY BRENT ZUNDEL



"Some out-of-state students seem a little shocked."
— Amara Crane, MSU AdvoCat

"Some out-of-state students seem a little shocked," AdvoCat Amara Crane recently explained. Most prospective students who visit MSU, however, don't seem especially interested in guns.

The students who are interested, Crane said, are native Montanans, mostly concerned with storing their hunting rifles while they live in the Residence Halls during the fall hunting season. Crane, of Laurel, has worked as a tour guide for AdvoCats representing MSU to prospective students for two years.

Damon Wells, a Seattle native studying business at MSU, might be one of those out-of-staters who bucks the trend. He recently started trap shooting and also plans to start hunting now that he's going to school in Montana.

While he's seen some "wide-eyed out-of-staters" react to guns on campus, he thinks that gun storage makes sense for a school like MSU and has used the option himself while living in South Hedges this year.

Guns in Montana

Gun culture is something deeply imbued in the character of Montana. It's something that's hard to describe to out-of-staters and even to ourselves sometimes.

MSU Residence Life Director Tammie Brown contends that the topic of guns is very "value laden." When she's explaining ResLife's on-campus gun storage policy during parent orientation events, she "can see out-of-state parents, as compared to rural Montana parents" by the expressions on their faces, although she is careful to couch the discussion as not only Montana versus out-of-state, but rural versus urban.

Like many other tools, guns can be — and have been — used for both good and bad, to defend oneself and to take an innocent person's life. Today, they exist at the bottom of a contentious quagmire, serving as tools for hunters, entertainment for target shooters or avid collectors, and, tragically, implements of murder.

University campuses in particular tend to be highly regulated environments when it comes to guns. In the midst of the nation's current convulsions over gun violence, that makes delving into MSU's complicated, and sometimes downright odd, history with firearms important.

Roughly two-thirds of all Montana households have firearms — many for hunting, but many also for self defense, whether from a grizzly bear or, if need be, another human.

Given the high concentration of guns in Montana, MSU is a remarkably safe place to be, with only two fatal shootings in the 120 years since the university's founding. One incident, however, left a black mark on our relatively violence-free history and left the Bozeman community pondering culpability.

Heating Plant Prank Turns Tragic

Before dawn on April 5, 1948, a dozen pledges of Les Bouffons, a senior men's fraternity who called themselves "The Clowns," planned their annual initiation prank. They intended to blow the whistle at the heating plant before proceeding to to the girls' dormitories, where they would sing to earn their breakfasts, reported Bill Bilverstone in Montana Quarterly.

The bulk of the group tried to persuade John Martin, the night engineer on duty, to let them in the front door. Two students, however, sneaked to the back of the building and surreptitiously entered through a basement-level window.

Those students, James Peterson and Robert Stansbury, threw open the back door for the other pledges, while Martin bustled over to his desk. During World War II, a revolver had been placed in the plant as a last line of defense for the high-pressure boilers against envisioned German saboteurs.

Martin grabbed the pistol and headed off the pranksters. Peterson — who had survived 36 Army Air Corps bombing runs over occupied Europe — "took offense at the leveled gun." Later described by his neighbors as "nervous" and "twitchy," the engineer Martin pulled the trigger as the swarm of young men advanced on him, striking Peterson squarely in the chest.

The fraternity pledges fled the building, only to discover outside that a staggering Peterson had been hit. They loaded him into a car and rushed him to the hospital, but he died in their arms as they lifted him out of the vehicle.

Martin later endured a lengthy and contentious trial, where evidence emerged implicating Les Bouffons in repeated pranks. Throughout the trial, Martin insisted he didn't realize the intruders were students and didn't remember physically pulling the trigger.

He was found not guilty of "willfully, unlawfully and feloniously killing James Peterson." The Gallatin County Attorney called the incident "an unfortunate thing."

The Only Murder in MSU's History

For the next four decades, MSU was spared further gun-related tragedy. Current MSU Police Chief Robert Putzke explained that for a significant chunk of time, Montana laws allowed for a university security department, which carried weapons only at night. Statutes changed sometime in the 1990s, allowing MSU to form a standard police department that is "armed like any other."

But the MSU police weren't the only armed people on campus.

Late in the morning of May 15, 1990, the disastrous freshman year of Brett Byers culminated in the worst act of violence MSU has ever seen. Byers had been regularly skipping classes and had already lost $4,000 gambling. He was tired of other guys in the dorm bullying him and suspected that some of them had been vandalizing his pickup truck.

After spending the night drinking wine and then slamming his pickup into a parked vehicle while spinning a doughnut, he reached for the sawed-off shotgun he stored in his truck. Sneaking into Langford Hall, Byers reached the rooms of two sleeping students who had been teasing him.

He shot each of them twice. Brian Boeder, of Minnesota, and James Clevenger, of Billings, died at the hospital a few hours later. "Who would want to do this to me?" Boeder asked before dying.

At 2:20 a.m., Byers fled the scene in his pickup and headed for his hometown of Great Falls. Police were waiting for him in Helena, though, and he led them on a high-speed chase before crashing through a highway fence and into a gas pump and two power poles in Helena.

Byers was later sentenced to 165 years in prison, where his father has continued to visit him nearly every Sunday for over 20 years. In 2007, Byers was denied parole. This remains the only murder in MSU's existence.

Dorm Room Gun Trafficking

"'You know the guy who stole all the guns? I was his roommate.' I still introduce myself to Quad residents that way." Although he was never in any danger, Ryan Bovy unwittingly spent more time around firearms than many seasoned Montana ranchers.

Connor Kraegel, a freshman at MSU during the 2009 – 2010 school year, was the roommate with all the guns. On Feb. 8, 2010, Kraegel stole 11 guns from the Bozeman Bob Ward and Sons sporting goods store. Those 11 guns included a .308-caliber rifle, multiple .223-caliber rifles, several pistols and a 12-gauge shotgun.

But the situation ran much deeper than that. According to his roommates, he had been storing — and apparently stealing — guns for much longer. Kraegel began stealing and illegally selling night vision goggles and body armor stolen from his summer job in Yellowstone National Park as a senior in high school in Poolesville, Maryland.

Bovy, a current MSU senior, had two more suitemates in addition to Kraegel.

In addition to the theft at Bob Wards, for which Kraegel was sentenced to 15 months in prison, he allegedly sold guns and other "articles of war" to clients in Germany, Norway and Denmark. Bovy recalls an invoice with different makes and models that Kraegel hung in the common area outside the room in Quad E that they shared.

A Bob Wards employee studying at MSU saw a flier on campus advertising some of the stolen firearms for sale. The university and Bozeman police departments teamed up and contacted Kraegel, posing as an interested buyer. They completed the purchase off campus and promptly arrested Kraegel.

Many of these guns were hidden in Kraegel's bedroom, against ResLife policy. Kraegel had told his roommates that some of the larger guns he kept stored in the dormitory were from his duties as a member of ROTC, a college-based training program for commissioned officers in the armed forces, and no one thought that storing firearms in a dormitory in Montana was a particularly big deal. Bovy believes that Kraegel's charisma and good nature also eased any worries.

"You know the guy who stole all the guns? I was his roommate."
— Ryan Bovy, MSU senior

Although no one was ever in physical danger — and some Quad residents often admired the firearms or played with the night vision goggles together — the fact that no one stepped forward to tell the Resident Assistant what was going on was "heart-wrenching," Bovy said.

At an after-the-fact Quad-wide meeting, the hall's Resident Director asked simply, "Who knew?" As all the residents in attendance looked around, every single hand in the room slowly raised. Knowledge of the guns ran Quad-wide.

Facing a Loaded 21st Century

As segments of our nation confront gun violence and state legislatures search for balanced approaches to regulation, guns have proven exceptionally difficult to talk about, with polarized reactions on both sides.

Perhaps one of the most important things to note, according to ResLife Director Tammie Brown, is how safe MSU actually is. In a recent interview, she explained that MSU has adjusted its gun storage policies to balance both safety and convenience in a pragmatic manner.

ResLife allows students to store their weapons on campus with the hopes that it means they won't try to sneak them into their rooms or leave them in their cars. Brown believes that strategy has worked well and keeps guns out of the volatile mix of emotion, stress, and occasional drug and alcohol use that is inevitable in the halls.

Currently, gun storage is provided in Roskie, North and South Hedges, Langford and Johnstone. Most of those also offer gun cleaning rooms. Freshman Damon Wells explained that both of those systems have worked well for him this year.

Joe Sullivan, the Resident Director of Langford, noted that his building is also under 24/7 key card access only. "It makes our jobs as staff much easier," he said.

If anyone violates the gun storage policy — perhaps by hiding a firearm in their room — Sullivan explained that ResLife "always overreacts rather than underreacts" to the potential problem. Brown expanded, saying that violators are immediately evicted.

Currently, Montana statute allows for the Board of Regents to set the policy for guns on each individual campus. Guns are not allowed on MSU's campus with the notable exception of on-campus storage for residents.

As value-laden debate surfaces across the state and across the county, it is imperative to look holistically at the history of firearms on campus. For example, Montana's legislators are currently considering bills like HB 240, which argues that the Board of Regents cannot restrict guns on campus because of rights guaranteed by the Montana Constitution.

Brown, for one, has worked toward a practical policy that acknowledges guns are an important part of Montana, but seeks to manage them in the safest way possible.

In a way, then, MSU's approach to managing guns is a bit like promoting safe sex on a college campus. Guns will always be a fixture of Montana culture, just as sexual exploration is expected of college students. University policy acknowledges such inevitabilities and pragmatically encourage safe practices, while simultaneously mitigating unnecessary risks with an open, inclusive environment.

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MSU football makes splash on Signing Day

ANTHONY VARRIANO

Head Coach Rob Ash and the MSU football staff worked last week to ensure Bobcat dominance of the Big Sky Conference. On national signing day, the Bobcats kept with tradition and signed 11 players from the state, including 2013 Montana Gatorade Player of the Year Gunnar Brekke of Helena.

Brekke averaged over seven yards per carry, amassed 1,285 yards and scored 16 touchdowns. The six-foot, 180-pound running back also boasts a big brain and even bigger heart. He maintained a 3.53 GPA at Capital High in Helena and volunteered his time to a church construction project and flood relief efforts. Brekke should be a great addition to a team that values community service.

"I think their desire and their work ethic are tremendous in those Montana kids and they also have a deep-seated loyalty to the institution," said Ash. "They understand the rivalry and they understand the importance of football in the state of Montana." More than half of the student-athletes Ash signed are from the state, but he also reached out to players in Washington, California, and football hotbed, Texas.

"I know when guys were down on the road it was very easy to talk about," Ash said of his staff's recruiting trips. "The parents would say, 'Well, I want to watch my son play,' and we could say you'll be able to do that because the games are all on TV."

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—HEAD COACH ROB ASH

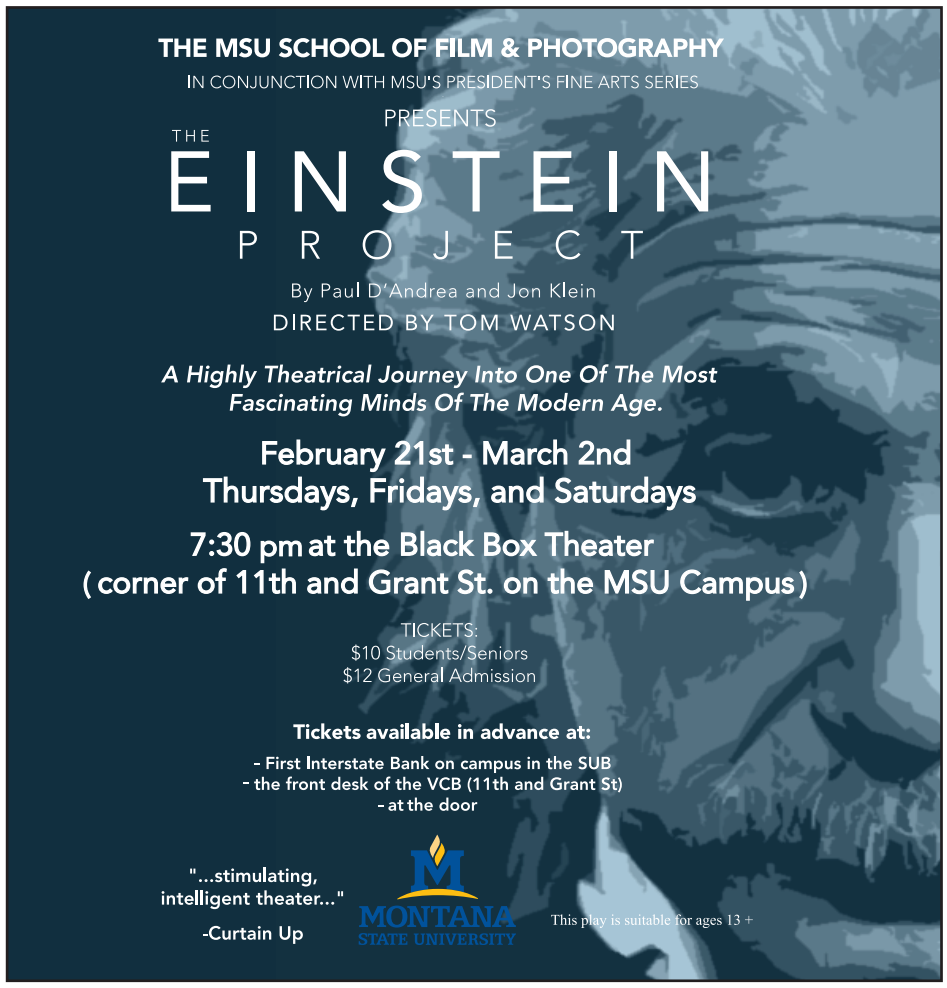
Ash made it clear that the most important thing about out-of-state recruiting is helping the families afford a college education. "When you think about what it means for the families, I mean we're talking about, in the case of an out of state student, probably a $150,000 value that this young man just signed when he signed his financial aid agreement."

Though there are five quarterbacks in this year's recruiting class, only one is expected to start throwing the ball immediately, and that's Manhattan, Mont. standout Quinton McQueary. The rest are listed as athletes and are expected to play either safety or receiver.

"I really like this class, I think it's as good as any class we've brought in," said Ash. "We got somebody at just about every position across the board and that's what we needed to do."



Head Coach Rob Ash speaks about 2013 Bobcat football. PHOTO BY ROGER MILLER





ATHLETE PROFILE: Mike Radford



PHOTO BY ROGER MILLER

MEGAN BERNHARDT

Sand Point, Idaho native Mike Radford might be known for his skills on the ski hill, but the MSU alpine skier also has a big heart. "I had probably 200 trophies when I moved from California to Idaho. I took off the plaques and donated them to the Special Olympics."

The Exercise Science major's favorite class so far has been Master Works in Music, taught by Eric Funk. "There's so much information that may not be relebant to what I'm involved in, but it's nice to understand that art form," he said. "Maybe more so because I'm not too involved in the field." Radford is a music minor.

However, Radford, a sophomore, came to Bozeman for the skiing. "It's the best skiing in the world. Best snow, most challenging hills. And it's packed into a small area called Bridger. [Bozeman is] a pretty nice place," he said.

What is the best part of competing in Alpine skiing?

Diversity. Everything is different from day to day.

When and why did you start skiing?

I was two years old. I started racing at age five. My parents got me into it. They both worked at the ski hill. I started seriously competing when I was eight or nine, and I was pretty good. I decided I wanted to go to the Olympics, and it just went from there. That was the goal and still is.

What is your favorite thing about skiing and why?

It challenges you to zero in on your skills. You have to have mental focus, and tune out distractions. Anything can happen in a blink of an eye. I find the challenge to be exhilarating and invigorating at the same time.

What do you do to prepare before a race?

You have to have a certain fitness level — you want to peak at the right time and maintain that during the season. There's a huge mental aspect, too. You have to try to get your head right and have confidence.

Do you plan to continue competing in skiing in the future?

I plan to get done with school and hopefully be able to pursue ski racing on my own as an independent skier. I'll see where that takes me.

What do you think is the key to your success as a student-athlete?

Time management. You have so many different responsibilities you have to manage. Being an athlete is an honor. There's a reason student comes before athlete. You get what's required of you done to the best of your abilities, and then you can focus on competing.

Have you received any awards while skiing?

Last year, I placed ninth at the NCAA championships in Giant Slalom. This year, I won the Denver Invitational in Giant Slalom.

What person or quote inspires you?

"When opportunity strikes, you must strike back." It was on a fortune cookie.

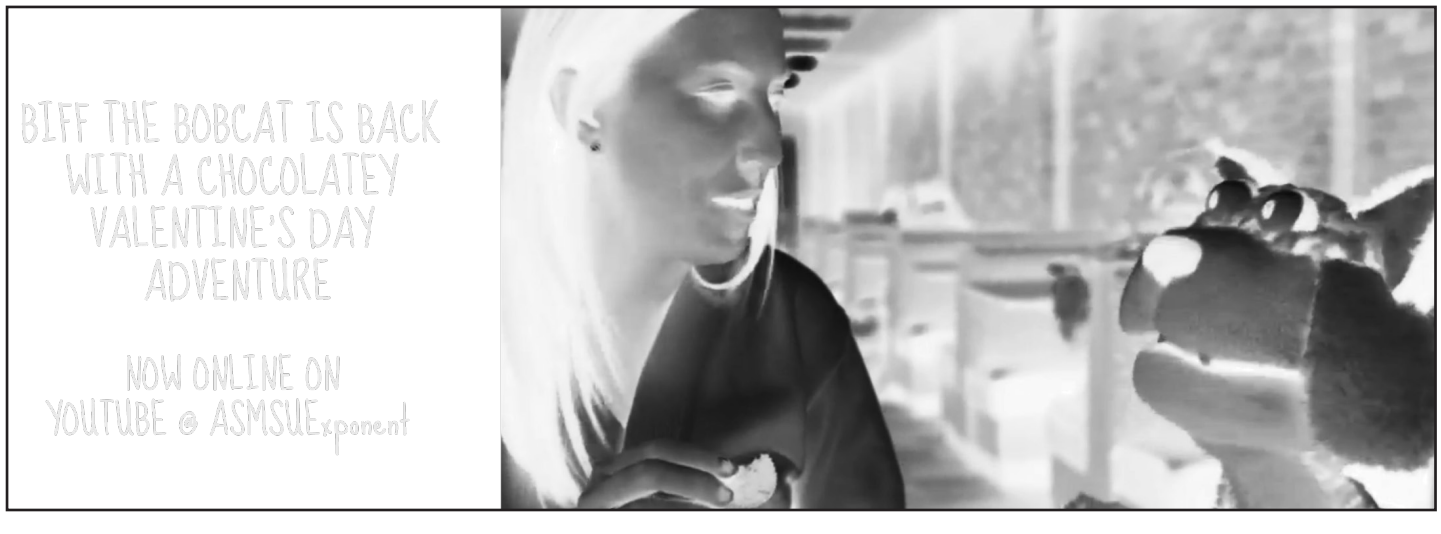
What do you like to do in your free time?

I read, write, play guitar, hike and bike. I just like anything that gets me out in nature.

What would you like to tell students/readers about MSU skiing?

We work hard, race hard and we like to play every once in a while.

Editor's note: The RMISA Championship/ NCAA West Regional Ski competition will be held Feb. 22-24 at Bridger Bowl.



TONE'S SPORTS NOTES



ANTHONY VARRIANO
Sports Writer

A Gonzo Sports Column Celebrating College Basketball, Anxiously Awaiting March Madness, and Rueing the Madness of the Seattle Mariners.

It took five overtime periods for Notre Dame to beat Louisville 104-101 on Saturday. Fighting Irish guard Jerian Grant scored 12 points in the last 50 seconds of regulation to force the first overtime. Some of the Notre Dame crowd exited before that final minute. A minute. Isn't there a saying about living a lifetime in a minute? The Irish and Cardinals played for what seemed a lifetime. The Irish scored nearly as many points in overtime (44) as they did in all but the last minute of regulation (48). This is why college basketball rocks: It's the upsets, as well as the student section crashing the court after an instant classic.

In another close game, Duke overcame a stingy Boston College squad to put together a 6-0 run down the stretch to clinch a 62-61 win on Sunday. They were the only top five team that didn't lose this week, and Seth Curry scored 18 points to become half of the highest-scoring brother duo in college basketball history. The Currys passed Tyler Hansbrough, formerly of North Carolina, and Ben Hansbrough, formerly of Mississippi State and Notre Dame. Seth and Stephen Curry have scored 4,493 points. "It's always good to pass a Carolina guy in anything," said Seth, "so it's fun."

In professional sporting news, the best pitcher in baseball may not be paid. Felix Hernandez's contract status is in question because of a potential elbow issue. The Mariners were offering a seven year, $175 million contract until concern over his pitching elbow thwarted the talks. My message to the Mariners is this: Pay the man! He's an absolute workhorse (only 3 players in history have pitched more innings before turning 27) and has single-handedly carried the Mariners despite a lack of run support (Seattle ranked 27th in runs scored last season).

With the Supersonics returning, Mariner season ticket holders will happily jump ship this season, and if King Felix, the one good thing the Mariners have going for them, is playing with no contract extension, he'll be the center of trade talks (again) all season long, and no season ticket holder wants to spend the season waiting for their best player to be traded. It would drive a man to drink — or watch the NBA.

HOCKEY

Bobcats drop gloves, game

ANTHONY VARRIANO

The Bobcat hockey squad did not manage a goal in their final American Collegiate Hockey Association home game against the Montana Tech Orediggers, losing 2-0 in a rough, rivalry game.

It was certainly a wild one at the Haynes Pavillion. The Bobcats could not seem to stay out of the penalty box. They accumulated 15 penalties to Butte's 10, including six disqualifications for fighting, three on each side. The game ended in fistacuffs and four players were ejected.

This game is comparable to the last loss that came at the hands of the Orediggers, where penalties cost the Bobcats the game down the stretch. MSU committed nine of their 15 penalties in the third period. "It was a pretty frustrating game," said Assistant Coach John Gleason. "I thought we outplayed them most of the game, we just never capitalized on our chances." That has been the story for the Bobcats this season — penalties and missed opportunities.

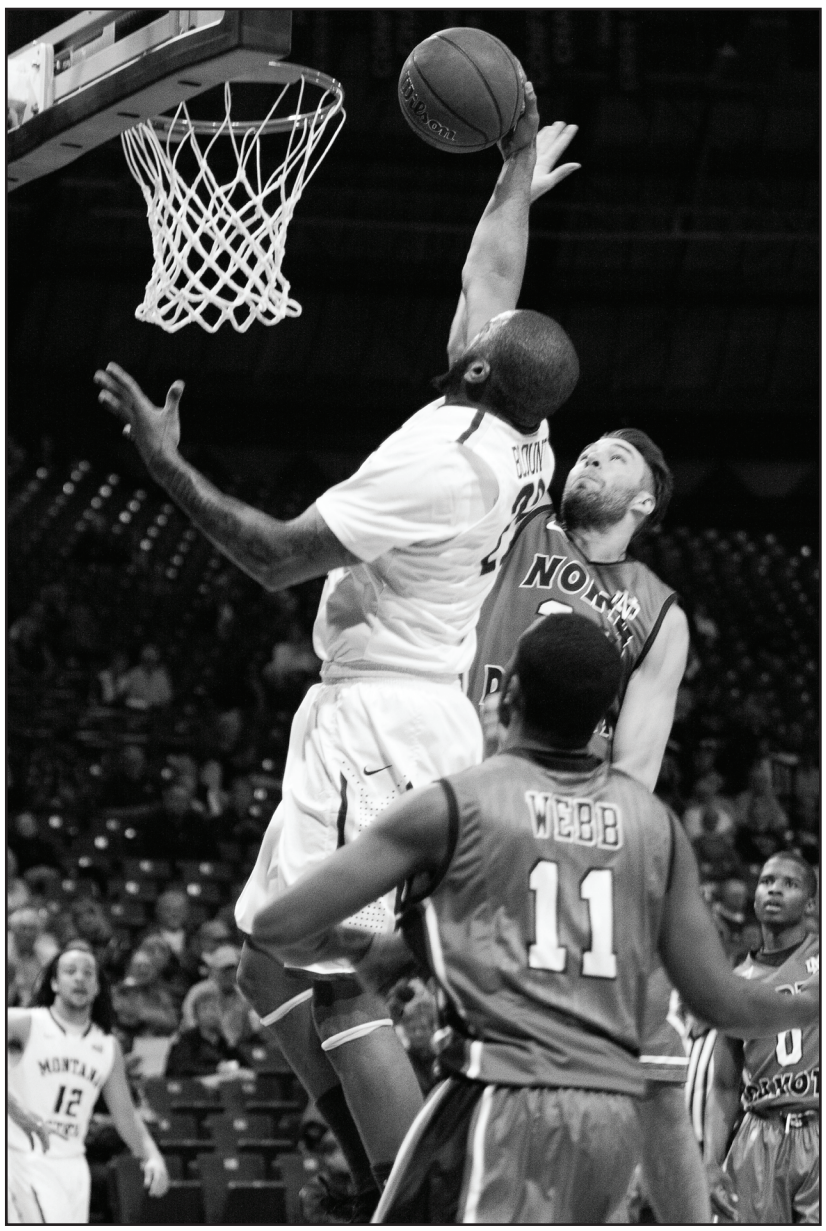
Despite the disappointing record, Gleason focused on the things MSU did right this season. "I think there are a lot of positives to be taken from this season that will help this coming weekend, and help toward building the team up in the future. We have a solid core of players returning, and I think they can provide the leadership and ability to build on this season and improve next year."

The team will most certainly have the support of the MSU administration, as President Cruzado's visit to drop the puck earlier this season sent a strong message that MSU looks to grow its hockey program. Perhaps someday we'll be competing with the likes of North Dakota and Minnesota.

Though Butte was the last ACHA-sanctioned home game, the Bobcats will play the Bozeman men's travelling team, the Stingers, at the Haynes Pavillion on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 9 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 p.m. It will be your last chance to see the Bobcats skate this season, so take advantage.



MSU Bobcats defend goal against Orediggers in final ACHA game. PHOTO BY KATE JUEDES



BASKETBALL

Men's

Bobcats vs. North Dakota — Feb. 7

The Cats were without center Paul Egwuonwu and forward Flavien Davis for both games this weekend, and in their absence, four players scored in double figures against UND. Senior guard Xavier Blount had 19 points and Christian Moon, also a senior guard, had 16. Blount also added seven rebounds. However, the Cats could not hold onto their 14-point lead, and fell 72-83.

Bobcats vs. Northern Colorado — Feb. 9

Junior guard Antonio Biglow led the way for the Bobcats (10-12, 7-7) with 15 points. Moon and sophomore center Blake Brumwell added 14 points apiece. UNC closed the first half with a 9-2 run, and they used MSU's missing players in the frontcourt to their advantage. The Cats lost 72-85.

Women's

Bobcats at North Dakota — Feb. 7

Junior forward Ashley Brumwell had 15 points, and Latisha Adams, a senior guard, added 12 as the Cats took on UND. Brumwell also had eight rebounds, but the Bobcats lost 55-62.

Bobcats at Northern Colorado — Feb. 9

The Bobcats (14-9, 8-6) had three players score in double figures and senior center Rachel Semansky added a double-double with 15 points and ten boards. However the Cats could not overcome a 44-13 Northern Colorado advantage from the free throw line and fell 51-62.

The Lady Cats will play Idaho State tonight, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. in Worthington Arena.

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Xavier Blount drives to the basket against a UND defender. PHOTO BY KATE JUEDES



Sledding: A painful pastime



The assorted sleds post-testing; in order of their effectiveness from left (best) to right (worst). PHOTOS BY MATT WILLIAMS

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Sledding, the underrated sport of sitting and sliding in the snow. Maybe not a sport entirely, but definitely a good way to work out and have fun outdoors in the snow.

As a kid, maybe you slid down the hill behind your house on a sled you got for the holidays or on a flattened cardboard box or a garbage pail lid. On a college student budget, even though the cheapest sled Wal-Mart sells is only $13, buying a sled isn't always an option. In the spirit of savings, we tried out a few sleds and sled alternatives: cardboard, plastic bin lid, frisbee, laundry basket, spoon sled, a saucer-style sled, a traditional sled and a three-ring binder. Our contestants for best sled were helped along by some rub-on ski-wax and icy conditions of Peet's Hill.

Sledding in itself is not particularly athletic, but tromping up the hill after a wild ride downhill brings your physical condition to light. Be prepared to fall down, a lot. The only thing that makes walking on ice more difficult is carrying an ungainly sled and going uphill. Be careful not to hurt yourself and slide back down the hill entirely.



The sadly shattered spoon sled.

Sledding is surprisingly fraught with peril. My tailbone still has not forgiven me for the bumpy rides downhill. A few "sleds" and the rumps of all of the Exponent's sled-testers didn't survive the trip:

- The spoon sled was the first casualty. On the very first slide down, the plastic fractured and cracked, leaving the sled unusable for a second try. Ah, the quality in production we've learned to expect from Wally World.
- The laundry basket was a great ride down — fun and fast, if a little bumpy. It would've been up for the win, except it cracked along the sides during its first try as well. Also, don't try to fit two people in it at once. Not only is it overly cozy, the laundry basket refused to slide much more than a foot.
- Cardboard lasted longer and worked well, until it became too soggy from the snow. Once it got to that point, it tore easily, making it too small to ride comfortably.
- The frisbee was very small and difficult to sit on, especially while plunging down the hill.
- The plastic lid was large enough, but didn't slide well, even with ski wax.
- The saucer and traditional sleds worked well, which is not surprising — if a sled costs $20 or more, it should work as a sled.
- The binder was a disaster. Don't get me wrong, it slid just fine and was large enough once opened, but the binder rings posed a problem. Not at first, but when the bumps hit, it was was not fun when I landed on a binder ring. I still have a bruised tailbone and the lasting embarrassment of injuring myself while sledding.

Cardboard was the best non-sled sledding option by far. However, if you have the spare cash, buy a real sled — they're worth it if you enjoy the pastime, and are far easier to ride with two people at once.

Another, perhaps more practical option, is to rent a sled from the Outdoor Rec Center, which are as cheap as $1 per half day and you can put your student fees to good use!

The best part of sledding, aside from exhausting hiking through snow to the perfect launch point and flying off of an ice bump praying for salvation from any deity willing to help, is definitely warming up with some hot cocoa and friends after. And for those over 21, hot cocoa spiked with peppermint schnapps or Ullr (a Norse liquor that is curiously minty) can help dull the pain.

Sledding is fun and, with fresh snow, Peet's Hill would be an easier ride. Just remember to be careful of the children playing there. Parents do not take too kindly to their kids being mauled by college-age sledders or shouted expletives when you accidentally slide into the fence.



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bozemanSYNC: An app for local living

KATE VAN GENDEREN

Last September, Kyle Steiner had an idea: "How can we take everything great about Bozeman and put it in the palm of your hand?"

Steiner brought the idea to his business partner in Key Listener Productions, a company formed in 2011 that specializes in digital technology, and the intriguing question has spawned into "bozemanSYNC," what Steiner hopes will become Bozeman's ultimate smartphone app.

"This is the first time we built an app from the ground up," Steiner said. "We wanted to create a central location for locals and tourists to go to while in Bozeman or before they get to Bozeman. With all the great features that we have, travelers can plan in advance or locals can constantly be in the know."

Designing the app has taken some time, Steiner said, because "We want people to be constantly using it, so we have to create the ultimate experience for the user."

In developing the app, the people at Key Listener Productions — mostly MSU students — have worked to "promote local business based on how they want to promote themselves." Steiner said involving MSU is a priority "because students are key to us, and it's important that the school's embraced."

The app's calendar was created through collaboration with the Downtown Bozeman Association. "We took their calendar and added features to it that didn't exist," Steiner explained, "and we're allowing you to look months in advance and subscribe to an event." Additionally, stores who sign up for their own page can send out push notifications for special events. "For example, if a bar is celebrating a Bobcat victory, they can send out that they're having $1.00 off drinks," Steiner said. "We are really tapping into the idea that your smartphone is the thing that is always on you — you won't forget it. We are creating a direct link between the business and the customer."

Considering the popularity of smartphone apps these days, "We don't see this doing anything but great things," Steiner said.

bozemanSYNC is a free app that will launch on March 1 for Apple iOS devices, with versions for Android and other devices in weeks to come. Visit *bozemansync.com* for more information.

Sustainability office celebrates transition

PETER HOAG

The MSU Office of Sustainability will host the first ever Spotlight on Sustainability from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Leigh Lounge today, Thursday, Feb. 14. This event celebrates the transition of the Office of Sustainability from a student-funded ASMSU organization to an MSU organization, while also welcoming the new Director of Sustainability, Kristin Blackler.

The Office of Sustainability is a student-oriented organization that collaborates with MSU students and the greater Bozeman community to actively engage in sustainable behavior. Emily Van Genderen, an MSU student and employee of the Office of Sustainability, noted that the office is "entirely student-run besides the two head positions," and the goal of the organization is "action, as well as awareness."

According to Van Genderen, the organization has a distinct focus on student empowerment on campus, as they hope to give grants to students and fund sustainability projects on campus in the coming years. The organization also focuses on community involvement, as its partnerships with the Gallatin Valley Earth Celebration and planned collaboration with the Bozeman Human Empowered Art Project demonstrate.

Despite all of this, the Office of Sustainability has been faced with adversity over the past year with limited funding from ASMSU and difficulty with campus recycling facilities. To ensure the opportunities and funding it needs, the organization is changing its structure, but leaving its core values intact.

"Students funded us to this point," Van Genderen said, adding "Thank you so much for all your support and now we're still looking to help everyone out." She and the rest of the organization hope that this transition will help strengthen its ability to empower students and make a positive change in the community.

The event will feature free, locally-grown food, a raffle to win a brand-new bike donated by the Bike Kitchen and an address from MSU President Waded Cruzado. For more information on the Office of Sustainability, check out the event or visit their office in SUB 175.

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Food Bazaar offers concentrated culture

GENEVIEVE SUWARA

Bozeman is one of the most culturally diverse cities in Montana, and the International Street Food Bazaar provides a place for those cultures to unite. A long tradition at MSU, the bazaar has taken place annually for 30 years and continues to grow. The event is huge, and the experience is worth every penny.

Each of the 32 booths at the event represents one country and serves food native to that country. Ranging from $1-5 in price, the food is served in small portions to give patrons a chance to experience as many different cultures as possible, although many come back every year for the same scrumptious morsels.

While food tantalizes taste buds in the SUB Ballrooms this Saturday, the Union Market will be filled with entertainment. Several international students will dance or sing pieces from their culture on a stage set up specifically for the event. This year, one of the featured performances is a traditional Mongolian dance by a very talented seven-year-old. Other acts will include Salsa dances and African drum performances.

The food bazaar is made possible through the hard work of MSU's international students, event coordinators and kitchen staff. "Students want to share what they have," said Heather Dolan, one of the many event organizers. "The food bazaar is a place for them to share that openly."

MSU has 600 international students from 75 different countries and the bazaar is one of the few places these students can come together and showcase their culture. "The international students are so excited about it," stated International Specialist Geraldine Govaerts. "They prepare for it for months. They talk about it years after." She added that attending community members "can feel the energy and the enthusiasm."

Luckily for skiers and others with daytime interests, the event is from 4 - 7 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 16, so it won't interfere with ski schedules. Tickets for this event cost up to $4 for those who do not attend MSU, but tickets are free for MSU students with a valid CatCard. However, the cost of food is separate from the entrance fee so you may want to bring a good number of $1 bills to buy food at a variety of booths.

If food allergies or preferences are a concern, all the ingredients in each dish will be posted and dishes with V's next to them on the menu will be vegetarian.

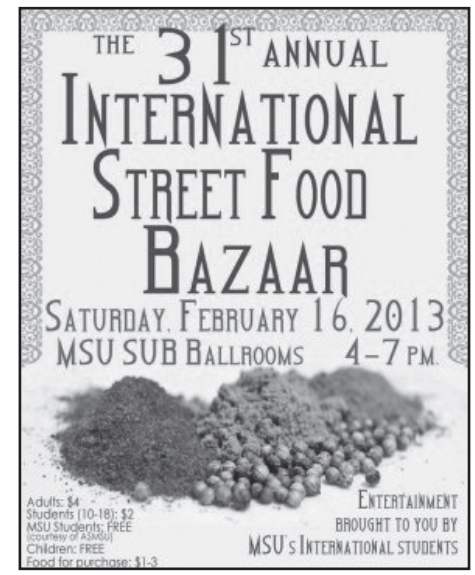


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Don't be silly, wrap your willy

ILLUSTRATION BY JENNIFER ROGERS

Dear Sexponeer,

Last night, I needed condoms. So I walk into a store, and I'm confronted by more types of condoms than I can shake my stick at. Why so many kinds? Aren't condoms just for safe sex?

–Bewildered in Bozeman

First of all, you're right — condoms are, firstly, for pregnancy and STD transmission prevention. If a condom can't perform both of these tasks, it's of no use to you. Secondly, you're right — there are a plethora of sperm-blocking options available. But don't fear this my protection-seeking friend — embrace your options! With dozens of different condom styles on the market today, the opportunities for exploration and finding the condom that really "hits the spot" are virtually endless.

To help you embark on your rubber-seeking voyage, here's a rundown of the Exponent's top picks in the world of love gloves:

Glow in the dark

We'll start things off with some phosfluorescent fun: while offering all the protection of a regular condom, these helmets make you look like a mini mag light, which, as a customer of undercovercondoms.com put it, can "make sex a bit more interesting." Beware — they're not thin!

Non-Latex

There are several reasons you or your partner might prefer a condom made of an alternate material, and there are a couple of varieties to choose from including lamb skin and synthetic latex substitutes.

Sensational Lubrication

We've all seen the commercials where a man and woman are strapped into a roller coaster and take off in a flurry of flames and colors for the ride of their lives. Specialty lubricants can induce sensations from warmth to cold to tingling. Some, such as Trojan's Fire and Ice, claim to vary in feel over time. Some may find the sensations unpleasant, but many couples will never go back to "bare bones" rubbers again.

Flavored and Scented

Fact: strawberries smell and taste good. Condom makers have used this information to craft rubbers that harvest the appeal of fruit and transfer it to a penis. This is, for obvious reasons, a good thing. Also, our sense of smell is linked strongly with sexual arousal. There are even bourbon and whiskey flavors out there.

Textured

From ribbed to nubbed, textured condoms can drastically turn up the intensity dial for one or both partners. Sexual pleasure is caused by friction: by increasing the coefficient of kinetic friction we logically will increase the O factor.

"Like Clockwork" Work

Difficulties in timing can be hard on any relationship. Fortunately, some condoms include an internal numbing agent, intended to slow down the process for the man. Some even include intense texturing on the outside, intended to simultaneously speed it up for women.

The Future: Spray On

Yes, they may be coming. A German consultant has created the Sprühkondom, a system inspired by drive-through car wash mechanics. Application of the latex-based spray takes about a minute, then three minutes for drying, but when all is said and done you're left with a perfectly fitting, possibly edible cap for your Johnson. In a clinical study, many men were afraid to insert themselves into the applicator, however.

In short, there are a ton of protection solutions out there, and so long as you choose one that protects against pregnancy and STI's, the world of latex is your oyster. Have fun, and be safe!

CALENDAR

FEB. 14 - 23

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Email information to
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ON CAMPUS

MSU TALENT SHOWCASE
Reynolds Recital Hall
Friday Feb. 15, 7 - 8 p.m.
Cost: $5 students, $7 general

SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT EVENT
SUB Leigh Lounge
Thursday Feb 14, 4 - 6 p.m.
Join President Cruzado to welcome Kristin Blackler, MSU's new Director of Sustainability, and learn about MSU's sustainability efforts and accomplishments.

ECOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES
Lewis Hall 304
Thursday Feb. 14, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Ecology grad students will offer 10-minute presentations focused on a scientific paper.

31ST INTERNATIONAL STREET FOOD BAZAAR
SUB Ballrooms
Saturday Feb. 16, 4 - 7 p.m.
Cost: Free for MSU students, $4 general, $2 for ages 10-18
150+ MSU international students from more than 25 countries will prepare and sell food from their native countries.

NOT YOUR TALENT SHOW
Howard Hall
Tuesday Feb. 19, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
For more information contact the School of Music at 406-994-3562.

"ALMOST" SPRING JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIR
SUB Ballrooms
Thursday Feb. 21, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

TOMAS GEDEON
Procrastinator Theater
Thursday Feb. 21, 4 p.m.
Tomas Gedeon, recently named Letters and Science Distinguished Professor at MSU, will lecture on "Mathematical Modeling in Biology: Successes and Challenges."

WISE SPEAKER SERIES FEAT. DR. JULIANNE HOLT-LUNSTAD
Reid Hall 101
Friday Feb. 22, 12:30 p.m.

CREATIVE COALITION: A CAREER FAIR FOR CREATIVES
Haynes Hall rooms 216 and 219
Friday Feb. 22, 1 - 5 p.m.
The Graphic Design Guild hosts an opportunity for students in creative disciplines to network and get feedback from creative professionals in the Bozeman area.

MUSIC

THE DIRTY SHAME AND DANNY FREUND AND THE TENNESSEE TWO PIECE
Zebra Cocktail Lounge
Friday Feb. 15, 8 p.m.
Cost: $5

GYPSY LUMBERJACKS WITH THE KITCHEN DWELLERS
The Filling Station
Friday Feb. 15, 9 p.m.

SINGLE AWARENESS PARTY W/ MOUSTACHE BANDITS
The Cat's Paw
Friday and Saturday Feb. 15-16, 9 p.m.

CONTRA DANCE
The Eagles Lodge Upstairs
Saturday Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Live music by Weatherwood, dances taught and called by Rab Cummings.

HOPE HOUSE FUNDRAISER WITH DJ KHOROSHO AND DJ RESONANCE
Zebra Cocktail Lounge
Saturday Feb. 16, 8 p.m.

BLACK ROSE BAND WITH THE MORNING STRETCH
The Filling Station
Sunday Feb. 17, 9 p.m.
Cost: $5, $3 if dressed as your favorite comedian or comedienne

MSU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Reynolds Recital Hall
Friday Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $5 students and seniors, $10 general

BYI BATTLE OF THE DJ'S
Cactus Records
Friday Feb. 22, 8:30 p.m.
Cost: $3

PHAROAH SLAVE PARTY W/ SUGARPILL
Main Street Arts & Entertainment Complex
Saturday Feb. 23, 8 p.m.
Cost: $12 advance, $14 at the door
An 18+ show with a full bar for ages 21+ and music until 4 a.m. presented by Musik Lives Here.

TOM COOK BAND, CHELSEA AND THE RUCKUS AND THE TONY MONTANA PROJECT
The Filling Station
Saturday Feb. 23, 9 p.m.
Cost: $5

FILM, THEATRE

"IN THE NEXT ROOM"
The Equinox Theater
Fridays and Saturdays Feb. 8-23, 8 p.m.
Cost: $10 students and seniors, $12 general
This play is of an adult nature; must be 18 or older to attend.

"AMERICAN TEACHER"
Procrastinator Theater
Wednesday Feb. 20, 7 p.m.

"THE EINSTEIN PROJECT"
The Black Box Theater
Fridays and Saturdays Feb. 22 - March 2, 7:30 p.m.
The MSU School of Film and Photography presents, "The Einstein Project," by Paul D'Andrea and Jon Klein.

COMMUNITY

NW FLOW BINGO NIGHT WITH BYEP
The Eagles Lodge
Friday Feb. 15, 8 p.m.
Cost: $40
Tickets available at byep.org/special-events.php

SWEET TOOTH BALL
The Emerson
Friday Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $25 single, $40 for two
Bridgercare will host its annual fundraiser, the Sweet Tooth Ball with live music by Little Jane and the Pistol Whips.

WILD WEST WINTERFEST
Gallatin County Fairgrounds
Saturday Feb. 16, 9 a.m.
Cost: $5 adults, $3 children
The midway will come alive with an old west encampment, historic reenactments, black powder demonstrations and more.

THEORY MAGAZINE ISSUE 3 LAUNCH PARTY
The Loft Spa
Saturday Feb. 16, 7 - 10 p.m.
Art on display including a live performance piece by Nathan Ira; live music by Onomono and Jason Root.

SPORTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL V. IDAHO STATE
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
Thursday Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
Friday Feb. 15, 4:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL V. WEBER STATE
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
Saturday Feb. 16, 2 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS V. SOUTHERN UTAH
Bobcat Tennis Center
Sunday Feb. 17, 10 a.m.

TRACK AND FIELD
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
Friday-Sunday Feb. 21-23

MEN'S TENNIS V. UTAH STATE, MSU-BILLINGS
Bobcat Tennis Center
Friday Feb. 22, 9 a.m., 2 p.m.

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Bozeman
Friday-Sunday Feb. 22-24

BOBCAT HOCKEY VS. STINGERS
Haynes Pavillion
Friday Feb. 22, 9 p.m.

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< Old English *brēowan* + Latin *expōnere* >

Hangovers

Even if you don't wake up with a tiger in your bathroom, a missing tooth or someone else's baby in your closet, almost every college student will deal with a hangover sooner or later.

This should go without saying, but Montana is the worst state in the nation for drinking and driving, so if you've drunk enough to have a hangover the next day, hand your keys over to someone else that night.



BRENT ZUNDEL
Beer Connoisseur

With the PSA out of the way, let's explore some of the mechanisms behind a hangover (and, no, the green fairy you forgot to remove from your glass before taking a drink isn't one of them). The medical term for a hangover is too good not to mention; it's called veisalgia, from the Norwegian word for "uneasiness following debauchery" (kveis) and the Greek word for "pain" (algia).

There are a few different causes tied to the unpleasant side effects of a hangover. Hypoglycemia, an abnormally low glucose content in blood, contributes to the symptoms. Alcohol breaks down glycogen — essentially energy stored in the liver — into glucose, which is then lost from the body in urine.

Before conversion into harmless acetic acid, the ethanol in an alcoholic drink is converted into acetaldehyde, which is 10 – 30 times more toxic than ethanol and contributes to many hangover symptoms.

But perhaps the most important cause of a hangover is alcohol's suppression of the creation of vasopressin, a hormone responsible for water retention in mammals. Without vasopressin, the kidneys send water directly to the bladder, where it's excreted instead of re-absorbed.

Some studies indicate that drinking 250 milliliters of a standard alcoholic drink causes the body to expel nearly 1,000 milliliters of water. That's four times as much lost as consumed. This phenomenon lends credence to the dorm-room legend of "breaking the seal."

The morning after a binge, the body is usually dehydrated, which manifests itself in the form of a dry mouth. A headache often also results because the body's organs desperately try to take up water and end up stealing it from the brain, causing the brain to physically shrink and pull on the membranes connecting it to the skull.

Furthermore, the diuretic effect of alcohol expels salts (like sodium and potassium) that are important for nerves and muscles.

Now that you know why your head is pounding and you can't focus on studying for that microbiology exam, here are some measures you can take to relieve your symptoms:

- **Exercise:** Raise your metabolic rate and help clear toxins associated with metabolizing alcohol.
- **Vitamin B:** Take a vitamin B complex (usually including vitamins B1, B2, B6, B12, and folic acid). These vitamins play key roles in brain and nervous system functions and are depleted with drinking. The yeast naturally found in homebrew contains B vitamins, leading many homebrewers to claim their beers go easier on those who overindulge.
- **Eat simple foods:** Eggs may help ease symptoms, and milk rehydrates you while supplying calcium and soothing your stomach.
- **Water:** Drink enough water (or orange juice if your stomach can handle it) to replace what you lost.
- **Baking soda:** Quell your stomach queasiness with a spoonful mixed with water.
- **Shower:** Open up your pores and rinse off any toxins (and shame) you've excreted through your skin.

What can you do if you're a proactive soul who knows he's going to engage in a night of debauchery but still wants to function the next morning?

- **Drink water:** Turns out, that age-old freshman advice is true. Alternate between a beer and a glass of water.
- **Don't mix your alcohols:** Different types of alcohols contain different kinds and concentrations of congeners, byproducts of fermentation that contribute to hangovers. The darker your drink (red wine, whiskey, dark beers), the more congeners it has. Carbonation in beer also speeds up alcohol absorption, so following a beer with a shot gives your body even less time to process the alcohol from the shot.



Your hangover will be worse if you sleep on the bathroom floor.

PHOTO BY TREVOR NELSON

- **Don't go diet:** If you're counting calories, mixing alcohol with a diet drink may sound like a good idea, but recent research shows that the sugar in regular sodas actually slows down alcohol absorption. Diet drinks may get you drunk quicker.
- **Vitamin B:** Yes, this is on here twice. Try popping a vitamin B complex pill before binging.
- **Take it easy:** Listen to the Eagles and don't guzzle a lot of alcohol in a short timeframe.



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Make a screamo playlist–share with all your facebook friends

Clean your room–it won't organize itself

Go to Perkin's alone–ask for a booth, only order coffee

Do your laundry–all the machines will be empty!

Go grocery shopping–nothing beats people watching at Wal-Mart

Watch PBS–it's never too early to start practicing for retirement

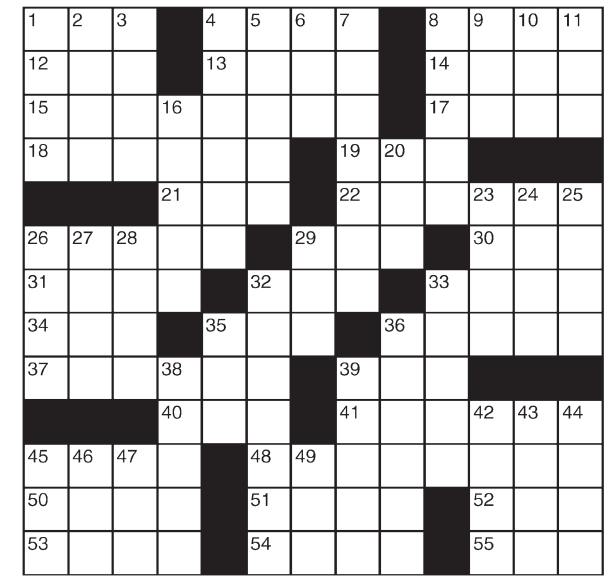
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