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MSU students dance to their own beat during the silent disco on the Mall on Oct. 16.

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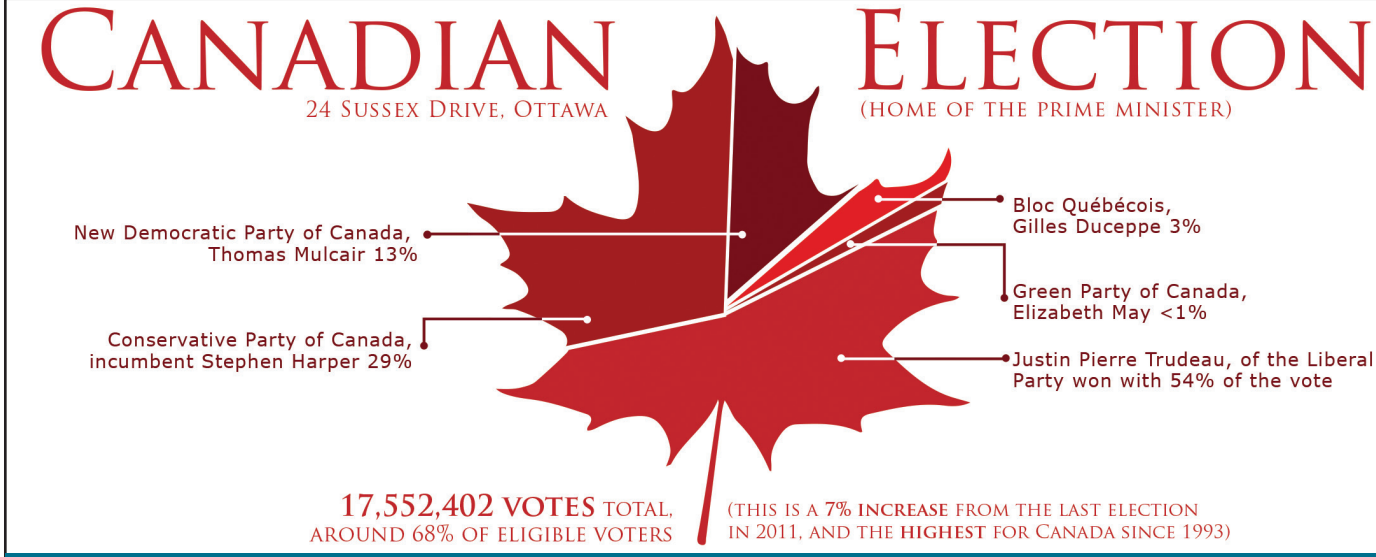
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Great ShakeOut: are you ready for an earthquake?

By JOHN TRAPP

Students, faculty and staff learned to drop, cover and hold this Wednesday. On Oct. 21, MSU participated in Great ShakeOut Montana, part of the world-wide Great ShakeOut, the largest earthquake preparedness drill in the world. Tara Moore, director of the Office of Emergency Management and emergency management coordinator, said, "It gives us an opportunity to get the word out about earthquake preparedness."

The drill took place Wednesday at 10:21 a.m. Professors and teachers were asked to take a few minutes out of their class time to conduct the drill, and there were even lesson plans online if they want to take the opportunity to ensure that their students prepare for an earthquake. While participation in the event is not required, "we at Montana State encourage all students, faculty and staff to participate in whichever way they feel necessary" said Moore. An email sent by President Waded Cruzado reminded people of the event, and encouraged students and staff to "consider emergency actions they can take to protect themselves before, during, and after an earthquake."

Staying safe in an earthquake requires taking certain precautions both during and prior to the event. The first step, according to the Earthquake Country Alliance, is to "secure your space." To do this, "move heavy objects to lower spaces, also secure things like bunk beds," Moore notes. Secondly, a plan for action after an incident should be formulated, as communications may be down due to the event or due to the overflow of people trying to contact each other.

The third item on the list of precautions is to create a disaster supply kit. "We highly recommend that students in the dormitories here on campus have a go-bag in the case of an emergency," Moore stated. A go-bag could include things like food and water, but also a first aid kit and proper clothing to possibly spend hours displaced into Montana's brutal winters. Minimizing financial hardship is the last step in earthquake preparedness. Minimizing financial hardship can be done through structural checks and improvements and keeping important documents safe. The Earthquake Country Alliance notes that "after the immediate threat of the earthquake has passed, your level of preparedness will determine your quality of life in the weeks and months that follow."



PHOTO BY JOHN TRAPP

A representative for the Office of Emergency Management helps raise awareness during the emergency preparedness drill on Oct. 21.

During and after an earthquake there are some essential steps to take to ensure survival. The first one is to drop, cover and hold on during the shaking. "You never want to move, or try to go somewhere during an earthquake," Moore said. "The people who do that suffer the most injuries." After the initial tremor, improve safety. Evacuate unsafe buildings and areas, help clear easy to mitigate hazards like broken glass, and only use the cell networks if there is an immediate emergency, or to send a short text message to an out of state family member. Finally, it is time to rebuild. Help neighbors to re-establish the community, and volunteer to help repair the damage. As many other natural disasters have shown, the only way to rebuild yourself, is to rebuild the community.

Go to *montana.edu/emergency* for more information on how to be ready for a natural disaster.



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Five students help run mountain bike world freeride tour stop

By TYLER STITT

Last week 42 of the best mountain bikers in the world competed on one of the most dangerous and challenging courses ever made for a $100,000 prize purse.

With representation from 11 different countries, riders from around the globe have highly anticipated Redbull Rampage each year since 2001. This year, five MSU students were invited to help run the prestigious competition, which included premiere access to the course and the athletes themselves.

The five students had one job: help the athletes. Each were tasked with assisting a rider, where they would help carry the bikes up the course, or simply hangout at the drop-in point with them for a bit while they figured out which line to take. "Our job was at the bottom of the totem poll," joked Patrick Rooney, an MSU student who helps build and maintain local Bozeman mountain bike trails. Rooney continued, "but you have the best access out of anyone. You can be anywhere at anytime, more so than media coverage."

Rooney amongst the other students slept atop an RV for the weekend, along with a group of seven other campers from other universities. Most of the group had never been to the desert and were taken aback by how much they ended up enjoying it. Ian Nagel-Brice, president of the MSU Backcountry Ski Club, said his favorite part of the trip was "sleeping on top of the RV – it's an incredible feeling sleeping in the desert."

Going to bed around two in the morning and waking up at six a.m. sharp, each day was a long one. Averaging roughly 10,000 vertical feet per day made each hour of sleep that much more important. However it wasn't the tough workout that was the challenge. Nagel-Brice said, "These were sketchy goat trails, and we had a bike on our back. If you slipped one foot you could recover, but two, you're done." He continued, "There were certain places you just couldn't afford to fall."

Lorenzo Politano, an MSU student, said that regardless of how hard the hike was, it was worth it. "I loved being up on the ridgeline," Politano said, "it was an intimate experience with the athletes. I was able to watch these riders decide if they would push it to the next level and risk their life, or just settle for fourth place. " Politano was helping one of the international athletes and said, "[it] gave me a new perspective of Rampage."

Travel costs were covered by the sponsor of the event, Red Bull, which made the trip easier on a college budget. Nagel-Brice said. "Everything went super well," he said, "I think the hardest part of the entire trip was trying to find a parking spot at Zion National Park."

Kurt Sorge, a Canadian, took first, redefining the highest score in Rampage history with a 96.50 out of 100. Andreu Lacondeguy, representing Spain, placed second with a 95.75, followed by Graham Agassiz, another Canadian with a 94.75.

The group agreed that if there's one thing they learned from their trip it was: "To speak softly, and carry a big bike."



PHOTO COURTESY OF TYLER STITT
Rampage is held in the rugged desert mountains of Utah.

NEWS BRIEFS

MSU student arrested for assault

Following an assault on another student on Oct. 15, MSU police arrested Allen Tarkon, a senior in psychology. Tarkon heard a slur and at first thought it had been said by a preacher evangelizing on the mall. According to MSU Police Chief Robert Putzke, Tarkon then heard the slur again and incorrectly attributed it a student bystander in the crowd. He "spun the student around" and punched him several times. MSU Police arrived on the scene soon afterwards and took Tarkon into custody, charging him with simple assault, a misdemeanor. The incident took place around noon. Tarkon was detained at the Gallatin County Detention Center and has since been released.

Putzke said the nature of the slurs and the identity of the person who said them is not known at this time.

– SETH URICK

Drugging and rape reported on campus

The MSU Police Department received a report of a rape that they believe to have occurred at the Johnstone Center around midnight on Friday, Oct. 16. Few details were available, as the victim appeared to have been given date rape drugs and had little recollection of the previous night. The victim had been given food that resembled a rice krispie treat, and could not remember details of subsequent events.

At the request of the victim, the crime is not under further investigation. However, an MSU Alert was released Saturday afternoon to inform the community of the incident. According to University Police Chief Robert Putzke, issuing the MSU Alert is important for the safety of the MSU community. While previous alerts released by MSUPD addressed the risk of date rape drugs in the presence of alcohol, this situation was different as the victim had not consumed any alcohol. The MSU alert included the advice, "MSU Police remind people not to accept drinks or edibles from strangers," issuing a warning that people could be at risk of receiving date rape drugs even if they are not drinking.

– JULIE DONAGAN



the exponent explains

By SAM HOCHHALTER

A.C.E. Language Institute helps international students adjust to MSU culture

Transitioning from home life to college can be a nerve wracking and stressful time. Add to that a lack of strong language skills in English and the change is even more daunting. The A.C.E. (Associates in Cultural Exchange) Language Institute at MSU is a comprehensive language program for prospective and current international students from a variety of countries looking to develop or perfect their English skills. With this program, students are able to study English in order to prepare linguistically and culturally for their education in the US. Aside from in-depth English classes, students also have the opportunity to explore the community and learn about the diverse set of cultures that exist in Bozeman.

The A.C.E. Language Institute is an intensive program servicing hundreds of students a year from a variety of countries including Saudi Arabia, Brazil, China, Japan, Korea, Turkey and Kuwait. There are five full-time and 10 part-time faculty with master's degrees or certificates in teaching English as a second language, and students generally spend 18-21 hours a week in English classes with another three hours of optional electives. There are two seven week sessions per semester, and depending on their skill level at the beginning, it takes students anywhere from six months to a year and a half before they graduate and begin taking true courses at MSU. The program is also useful for current international students who may have passed their Test of English as a Foreign Language exam, but find themselves struggling in a classroom environment. These students do not just learn English through the department; they also learn about the cultures of fellow students.

The A.C.E. curriculum even has the option to test out of a class at MSU before enrolling. Before graduation, students participate in an actual course without credit to get a feel for English in a university lecture hall. According to Debra De Bode, director of international student and scholar services for MSU, who has worked with A.C.E. Institute for 20 years, "It gives them a real idea of how fast the lecturers speak, how to pick up on discussions going on, how the homework load is, and what the tests are like, so I think that's a really cool thing about the program that gives them a nice launch pad to go on into MSU," De Bode said. Not only do they get classroom experience, but students also have the opportunity to explore the community on field trips to places like the Museum of the Rockies or even Yellowstone National Park.

There are also opportunities for current English speakers at MSU. For those in need of observation hours for the PeaceCorps, teaching requirements, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) certificate program, or for those who just want to learn more about working with English language learners, contact the Director of A.C.E. Language Institute, Mary Ulrich. She can be reached via email at *maryu@cultural.org*, or through the program's office at 330 Culbertson Hall. Students can also take part in International Education Week from Nov. 16-20. Included in this week is a panel discussion called "Teaching English Overseas: Different Paths and Possibilities."

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Sexual Assault: A Serious Problem for Everybody

"MSU Police received a report of a rape which likely occurred in or around the Johnstone Center around midnight Friday night." I received this MSU Alert on Saturday Oct. 17, while I was at the VOICE Center's annual retreat, learning how to support and advocate for individuals impacted by sexual assault among other issues.



ERIN MURDOCK
Editor-in-chief

While Bozeman's crime rates are extremely low in comparison to other college towns we are still affected by the same issues that plague other campuses, including sexual assault. National statistics state that one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives.

Sexual assault is defined by Montana law [MCA] section 45-5-502 as "a person who knowingly subjects another person to any sexual contact without consent." There are a few situations in which an individual can not give consent, including when the perpetrator is in a supervisory role over the victim or if the victim is mentally or physically incapacitated.

With that being said, sexual assault does not happen on a spectrum; there are no gray areas, there are no 'maybes'. Either a crime was committed or it wasn't.

While alcohol often plays a role in sexual assaults, alcohol does not create criminals. The average person does not drink alcohol and immediately think "who can I sexually assault now?" Yet it seems that, far too often, students place the blame on alcohol when they say comments such as: "They didn't realize what they were doing because they were drunk ... They were both drunk so it's wasn't anyone's fault."

If people want to place the blame on alcohol when discussing sexual assaults, consider applying the same reasoning to DUI's. When an intoxicated person gets behind the wheel of a car, they are held 100 percent responsible for all of the possible consequences. The same goes for sexual assault. When the perpetrator commits a crime, regardless of intoxication on either party's part, the instigator of the sexual acts is responsible for their crime, just as any other criminal would be.

Campuses around the nation are focusing on sexual assault and doing their part, through policies and regulations, to prevent sexual assaults. One such regulation is the Clery Act, which requires "colleges and universities ... participating in federal student aid programs to disclose campus safety information, and imposes certain basic requirements for handling incidents of sexual violence and emergency situations." The more recent Campus SaVE Act, passed in 2013, requires colleges with Title IX funding to dedicate money and effort towards sexual assault education.

MSU is extremely lucky in that not only do we have a fantastic Title IX Office, housed in the Office of Institutional Equity, but we also have the VOICE Center. The advocates at the VOICE Center assist survivors of sexual assault through offering unconditional support as well as provide survivors with various reporting options and resources.

While the Title IX Office and the VOICE Center are terrific resources that provide MSU with a stable foundation for assistance, outreach and preventive education, they cannot improve the culture on campus without the participation and commitment from members of the MSU community; students, staff and faculty alike.

We need to work as a unified body that understands the importance of speaking out against rape culture and stepping up to prevent sexual assault. Every single one of us can make a difference by doing our best to eliminate rape culture.

Rape culture, simply defined, is when societal attitudes towards gender and sexuality reinforce and normalize rape. If we want to see a positive change on our campus, we need to realize the detrimental effects that sexist language, jokes and behavior have on our campus, and do our part to eliminate such language and actions from our personal lives. Through dissolving the pyramid of violence from the bottom up (refer to visual), we can work to eliminate problem-causing behavior.

It is important to realize that sexual assault is a crime of power. It robs an individual of one of their most basic rights; the ability to choose what happens to their body.

While breaking down rape culture is important, it won't stop a sexual assault that is about to occur. Arguably one of the easiest ways to stop a possible sexual assault from occurring is through bystander intervention. If you see an individual taking advantage of another individual that seems mentally and/or physically incapacitated due to alcohol etc., step in and make sure that the incapacitated individual has a safe way to get home, preferably with trusted friends. If you see anyone alter any food or drink, report it to MSU Police Department at 994-2121. When you're in a public setting keep an eye on your beverage and don't accept any food or drink.

Most importantly, educate yourself and others. As the student code of conduct details, legal consent only takes one form: an affirmative yes.

I challenge the students of MSU to step up and say something, even when it's easier to remain silent. I challenge the students of MSU to make a difference, after all it's on us.

Advocates at the VOICE Center can be reached 24/7 for support and assistance at 994-7069. The MSU Police can be reached at 994-2121. Anonymous reports can be made to the MSU Police Department at *switness@montana.edu* and at the VOICE Center.

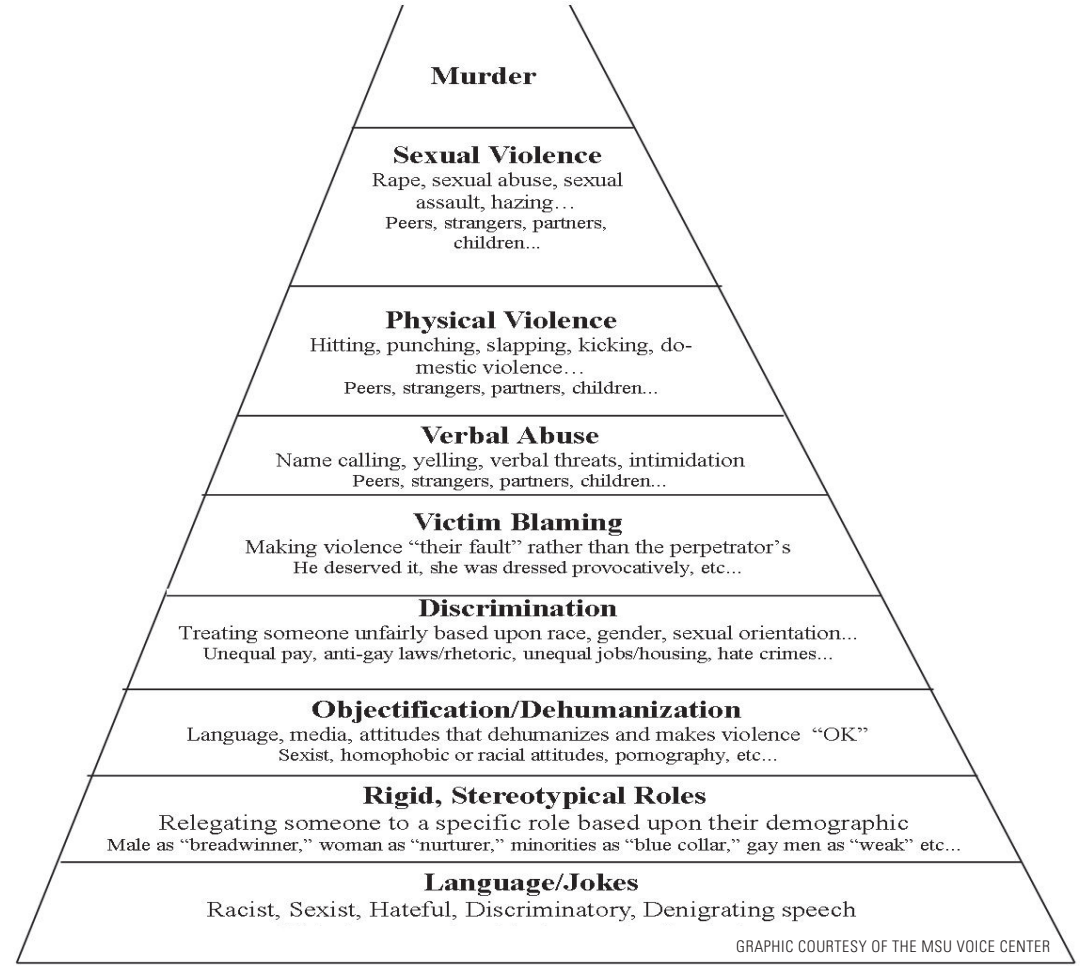
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Want to get involved on campus?

Not in Our House Task Force: For more information call 994-5682.

Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA): For more information call 994-7622.

The Pyramid of Violence



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FROM THE OPINION DESK

Campus and County Leadership Failing Young Voters



HALEY COX
Opinion editor

Joe Skinner, Steve White and Don Seifert likely have many things in common. They're all Gallatin County Commissioners; more importantly, they're all Gallatin County Commissioners who chose to prioritize their budget (among other things) over the safety of voters in the upcoming elections, undermining the democratic process. A basic google search (or middle school US history class) provides that a democracy is a "government by the people; a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system." The U.S. is officially a democratic republic, further emphasizing that the authority lies in the hands of the citizens who are represented in their republic by elected officials. As such, it is critical that our country has the highest voter turnout possible in order that everyone is equally and fairly represented.

In choosing to move the polling location from the MSU campus to Hope Lutheran Church, the commissioners also chose to move it to a location that requires voters to travel nearly a mile on 19th from Kagy to the church – a stretch that does not have a sidewalk, bike lane or shoulder. In choosing not to fund a bus route servicing that location during elections, the commissioners chose to endanger the lives of voters who don't have access to a private vehicle.

The commissioners' decision to move the polling location on campus directly contradicts one of their most basic duties as public servants in a democracy: to serve the people. The commissioners are charged to serve Gallatin County as a whole, not just those who elected them into office. They can't serve a population of voters if said voters can't vote and have their opinions heard in an election.

Kiah Abbey, Bozeman director of Forward Montana, graciously took the time to provide the Exponent with further affirmation, other than voter safety, that the MSU campus better serves Gallatin County as a polling location than Hope Lutheran Church. She pointed to MSU as a central landmark in Southwest Bozeman; the accessibility of campus by foot, bike, bus and private vehicle; the important role polling locations play in minimizing confusion surrounding elections; the dense population of voting age adults on campus; and finally, that over a third of the voters served by Hope Lutheran Church are between 18 and 30 years old (the same age demographic served by MSU). Other than funding, Hope Lutheran Church is neither more convenient nor more accessible than MSU.

A recent editorial by the Bozeman Daily Chronicle stated that "commissioners are getting an earful from liberal activists who accuse them of suppressing the Montana State University student vote." As a Republican student, I find that petty accusations that the Republican commissioners chose to move polling locations off campus because young people tend to vote in favor of the Democratic Party, trivializes the issue at hand. This issue goes far beyond partisan politics. The opportunity to vote is a fundamental right guaranteed to citizens of the United States and MSU students represent an important demographic of people. Historically, one of the first and most crucial ways a group of people are oppressed is to limit their ability to vote. It would be an exaggeration to say young people are being oppressed as a population in Bozeman, but it's clear that they aren't being valued on an appropriate scale.

Perhaps the commissioners were influenced by their personal political views, but they were also likely influenced by a recent shift to absentee ballots through the mail, the budget (as they've said) and a busy location at MSU that involves more coordinating and paperwork than Hope Lutheran Church. None of these justify the commissioner's' decision, however. Accessible voting for MSU students transcends these issues.

I want my generation to understand that they each play a crucial role in their government; however, the Gallatin County Commissioners have created an environment that hinders this goal.

Forward Montana, ASMSU, the League of Women Voters, Montana Conservation Voters and Disability Rights Montana met with the Gallatin County Commission and Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder this past June to communicate their concerns with the change of polling location. On Oct. 6 2015, Gallatin County Commissioners expressed their support to move two additional precincts to Hope Lutheran Church for the upcoming elections in 2016 due to fairgrounds renovations.

At some point, sacrificing pride for the betterment of the population is necessary to effectively lead. Leadership at MSU and elected leadership in the greater Gallatin Valley need to step up for young people and encourage them to be involved their local government, which is certainly not what they've done in moving the polling location to Hope Lutheran Church. The commissioners made the wrong decision, and it's time for them to either move the polling locations back to MSU or provide a way for students to easily access Hope Lutheran Church.

A central tenant of the American Dream is that the U.S. continues to improve for future generations. I want my generation to understand that they each play a crucial role in their government; however, the Gallatin County Commissioners have created an environment that hinders this goal. The message that the county commissioners send with this decision is clear: young people's voices aren't important enough to warrant reversing their decision.

As elected public servants, their main priority should be the constituents that they represent. That constituency includes MSU students, and the commissioners essentially axed a great majority of them from the voting populace when they moved the polling location somewhere that can hardly be considered accessible. With a few weeks until the elections, it's clear that the people have spoken. Polling locations need to be moved, and the MSU administration and Gallatin County Commissioners need to rise to the occasion and make the necessary changes.

WHY A POLLING LOCATION NEAR CAMPUS?

- Campus is a central landmark to Southwest Bozeman.
- Campus is safely accessible by foot, bike, bus and private vehicle.
- Elections can be confusing for any voter but can be especially confusing for first time voters and new community members. A polling location on campus is easily identifiable and accessible for all voters, students and long time residents alike.
- Campus is the most dense population of voting age adults in the state.
- Over a third of the voters served by Hope Lutheran Church are between 18-30 years old.

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OPINION

No Ducks Given: Flipping the Birds off Campus



CHRIS MYERS
Staff writer

The campus duck pond is a popular landmark among the student body and community alike. Since its 2008 renovation, the pond has transformed from blemishing, muddy hole to charming public gathering site. Yet, despite the new aesthetic upgrade, the pond remains a potential source of harm for both its avian inhabitants and frequenting humans.

The pond provides a habitat for local waterfowl. However, its small shape and limited volume can only sustain a finite number of ducks, which means the $256,000 renovation from 2008 will be a recurring necessity to support the ever growing duck population. Overcrowding leads to sanitation issues similar to those that demanded the initial refurbishment. These issues are presented in the form of stagnation from built up algae and feces. Poor sanitary conditions extend beyond just the pond itself. As the ducks wander from the pond and all about campus, their droppings follow.

Human interaction with the animals is also concerning. A primary motivation for visiting the pond is feeding the ducks; and while some may find the act therapeutic for themselves and beneficial for the waterfowl, throwing bread to the ducks has proven to be damaging. Bread can become such an abundant source of food that it attracts unnatural amounts of waterfowl to the pond. In combination with attracting new wildlife, the current inhabitants of the pond are inclined to lay more eggs, further leading to overcrowding. When the pond cannot sustain such an unnaturally large population of ducks, the ducks begin to overgraze campus lawns. The less that the duck's natural environment is able to sustain them, the more the ducks become dependent on artificial feeding. Furthermore, the ducks compete for food that is thrown to them, leaving some of the smaller ducks malnourished. On days when food is scattered about so extensively that it remains uneaten, it is left to rot. Bread is often thrown onto the ground, scattered amongst duck fecal matter. Feeding from a feces covered pond platter facilitates the spread of disease. Disease or infection is not just limited to the ducks either. Parasites responsible for swimmer's itch are prevalent in Montana, and while it is not common to see students wading in the pond, children tend to make the area their playground and, at times, head home somewhat damper than expected. MSU's pond is susceptible to these parasites as they generally live in shallow waters, particularly near the shoreline, which is where young children most often make contact before being pulled away from the pond's waters. Other forms of harmful human interaction are more blatant than feeding. Let us not forget the blow dart incident from earlier this year, where an individual found it prudent to shoot a duck with a blow gun.

The location of the duck pond can be considered a hazard as well. The pond is situated next to one of MSU's busiest streets. 11th Avenue has already claimed the lives of several ducks, whose increasing population will only add to the number of fatalities. Besides being hazardous to the ducks, the location also serves as an inconvenience to traffic. The ducks often cross 11th in search of grass to graze, impeding traffic in the process.

The ducks migratory patterns can be lethally affected by the pond. Deriving its water from three different sources, including a sump pump from Sherrick Hall, the pond is not entirely natural. Its warm winter waters, along with artificial feeding, give the ducks a residence and reason to stay throughout the winter. Delayed or non-existent migration is lethal for waterfowl as some cannot survive the sudden onset of freezing weather.

The pond, while eye candy today, could just as easily become an eyesore tomorrow. Overgrazed lawns, feces covered sidewalks, malnourished ducks and stagnant water could be the future of the pond. Unless, of course, a few more hundred thousand dollars were spent on renovations. Students could also stop feeding the ducks ... but that would take away from the pond's appeal. Still, the most mutually beneficial course of action would be to ban feeding the ducks. Without artificial feeding, the pond and its inhabitants would resort their natural tendencies. Perhaps students will find that indulging in nature can be just as therapeutic as artificial feeding.

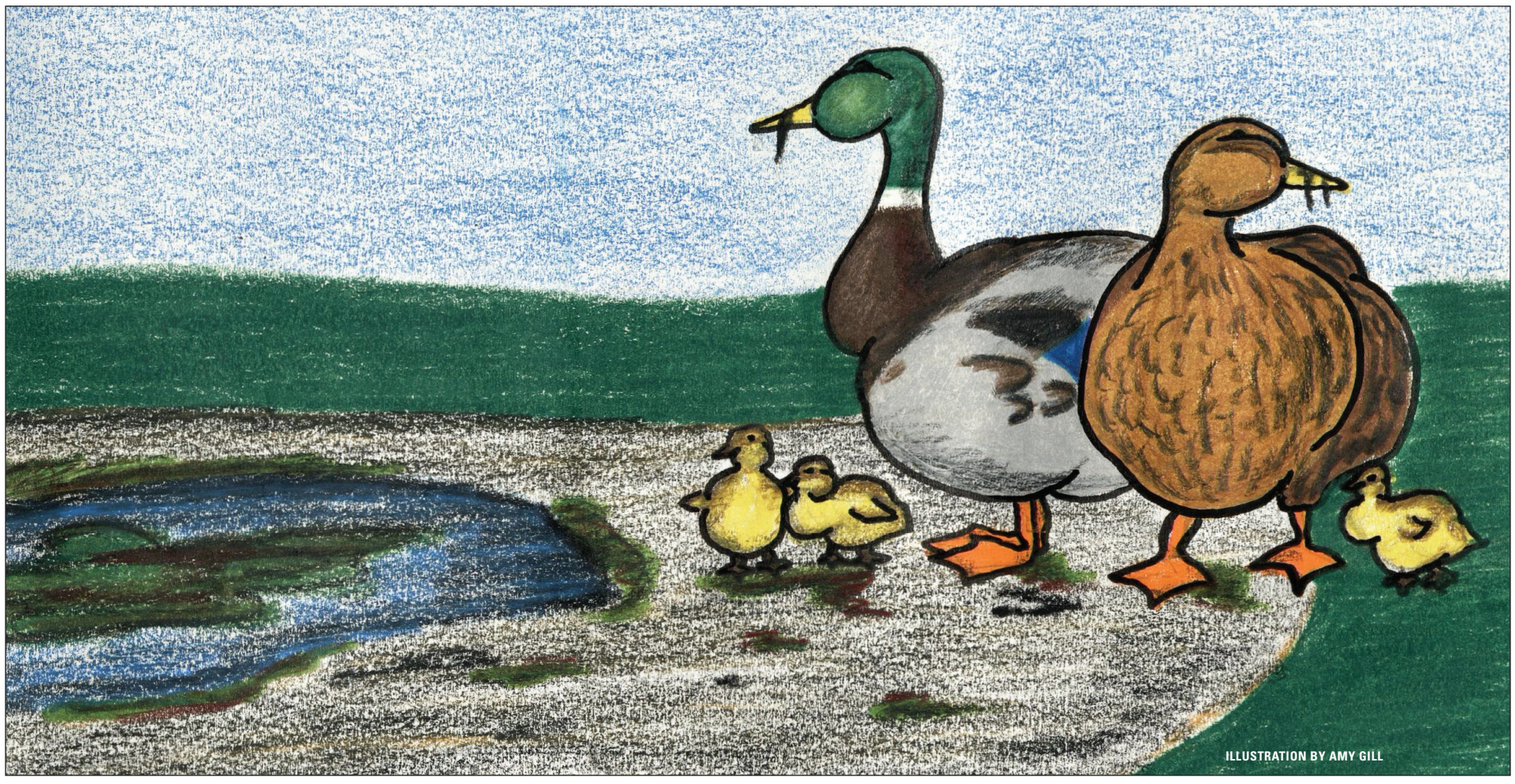


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CONVICTION & CONDEMNATION

Thoughts on the Preacher Assault from Christian Students



HALEY COX
Opinion editor

In Sept. 2014, a preacher who goes by the name "Shawn the Baptist" was pepper-sprayed on campus. More recently, multiple fights have been started surrounding a preacher on the mall and bystanders have again resorted to violence as evidence of their disapproval. According to his website, Shawn the Baptist believes that "A world view of tolerance and universalism are rampant at universities. If a student is a Christian on a University they are often times ridiculed because of having a biblical worldview." Considering that tolerance is "a fair, objective and permissive attitude toward opinions, beliefs and practices that differ from one's own," Shawn the Baptist is essentially the Antichrist of his own personal view of universities, preaching condemnation in the "open-air" to all that surround him.

While he is correct in asserting that Christians are far less accepted on modern university campuses than they used to be, he is wrong in assuming that universities are centers for tolerance and universalism. In an ideal world, universities would be hubs of tolerance and universalism. Universities are a place where young adults should have the ability to discover the world around them, and tolerance creates an environment where they can explore their options safely. Unfortunately, both Shawn the Baptist and his attackers have proven that this is not the case.

Shawn the Baptist believes that "one of the most loving things he can do is to tell others about his risen Saviour." Because he approaches this calling through a window of aggression and condemnation, he rubs a lot of people the wrong way–for good reason. When one's beliefs are criticized, judged or insulted, as Shawn the Baptist does to nearly everyone who walks past him, the instinctive response is to defend oneself with equal vigor and aggression. In an open-minded culture tension and even direct opposition between beliefs should lead to introspection and, ultimately, a better understanding of why one believes in something. While this is apparently the goal of Shawn the Baptist, the way he approaches it is entirely contradictory to his beliefs as a Christian and is not conducive to spreading God's love.

When he attacked fellow students due to an apparent "slur" surrounding a preacher in front of Montana Hall last week, MSU senior Allen Tarkon failed to condemn the slur and further validated what was said. Martin Luther King Jr., who derived his pacifist views from Jesus, believed that violence was the wrong way to confront important issues for two main reasons. When one responds in a violent rage, they are essentially welcoming more violence in return. The idea that a fundamental issue of humanity can be fixed with a response more fit to the rest of the animal kingdom is just wrong, and minimizes the humanity involved in the issue. Humans are innately humane towards other humans; in order to act violently against another human being, one must first reduce them to a level below their own.



ELISE BYLE
Staff writer

As intellectuals, we should encourage a questioning mind but as morally conscious beings, we should do it in a more appropriate way that is conducive to a free exchange of ideas. Shawn the Baptist represents himself as someone who has no desire to respect other beliefs. It is difficult to respect someone when they don't demonstrate respect for others. Especially as Christians, we find this repulsive. God calls us to love others as He loved us. This means respecting their choices, even if we don't agree with them. We chose to be Christian but others chose to be Muslim, Buddhist, atheist etc. It would be wrong to force our beliefs on others just as it would be wrong for them to force their beliefs on us. Instead, one should focus on highlighting the similarities and understanding the differences.

In choosing to be Christians, we, the writers, are choosing to admit our imperfections. We are choosing to admit that our lives are not complete or whole or perfect, but that there is a perfect God willing to accept our flaws. When we call ourselves Christians, it is a declaration that we accept His love knowing that we don't deserve it. God tolerates us, so we can tolerate Shawn the Baptist. Bravo, Shawn the Baptist, for further validating what it means to be a Christian on a university campus. It means being condemned by believers and nonbelievers alike, but choosing to have faith anyways. However, in doing so you have also created the atmosphere of intolerance that you apparently like so much. One of the cornerstones of Christianity is free will. The choice to believe is just as sacred as the belief itself. We choose to believe (whatever we want).

SATIRE

The Importance of Apathy in Our Society



ALEX LEI
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Let's be honest, you probably don't care about this article. You were just flipping through the paper to find the photos from last week's volleyball game, and the title happened to catch your eye. Normally, you'd've stopped reading by now, but perhaps you're hooked. Now I'm just wasting your time, which is why you shouldn't have cared in the first place.

We live in a fast-paced world, there's not enough time to care. As college students, we're swamped with Netflix, chill sheshes and over three credits of classes. How can we be expected to keep up with things like politics or global warming? That's what scientists are for. We have to focus on our futures in college, and posting rants on Facebook isn't going to get us there.

On top of that, nobody even reads Facebook anymore. Again, if we cared what other people posted, then we'd actually have to read all of that stuff. There's only 15 seconds before Netflix starts the next episode of "Always Sunny," there's no way you could read the comments on an article someone shared, let alone the content itself.

Scientists are starting to prescribe apathy as a cure for stress, sleep-deprivation and even emotion in general. Dr. Neve Stichols, science expert, told us that they've "noticed an increase in apathy, linked to an increase in student wellness on campus." Lucky for us, studies show Montana State's levels of apathy are the highest in the entire Gallatin Valley, approximately 3.7 percent higher than Bozeman High.

This might not be the case for long, though. Clubs and activists all across campus have made it their job to make people care. The Center for Disease Control projections show that levels of apathy could drop by almost 30 percent in the next five years. Montana Hall made no comment on this development. If we keep doing things, we would end up caring more than those people who yell about Obama on TV, and nobody wants that.

Our ability not to care is being threatened by people who do. They will stop at nothing to make us care about our surroundings. When you're walking to class listening to that sick mixtape you made in your pass/fail music lab, the last thing you want is for Morward Fontana or that preacher guy to tell you about the government or God or something.

The solution is us. Keep those earbuds in, tune out the noise, and check Instagram one more time. Make sure not to read the captions, because, let's be honest, you don't care. One day it may be possible for all of us not to care, but right now, today, there are still those that do all around us. So for now, we will all just have to keep not caring and hope they will too.

IN-HOUSE EATS: LUNCH ON CAMPUS



The food truck Fork in the Road is a new addition to campus.

PHOTOS BY CONOR GLESNER
LAYOUT BY KIRA NUEBEL

FORK IN THE ROAD

WRITTEN BY KAYCEE CRONK

Are you looking for a tasty bite to eat? Do you detest the lengthy walk from the west side of campus to the SUB? Well, then MSU has the place for you: Fork in the Road — a.k.a. "that food truck by Montana Hall." If you haven't checked it out already, put it on your "before I graduate" bucket list. Though the menu options are limited, what Fork in the Road does serve is incredibly delicious. If you're looking to indulge, check out their hearty Cubano sandwich, loaded with slow-roasted pork, ham, cheese, pickles and a garlic sauce. Other stand-outs include their Slider Duo — two miniature cheeseburgers served with your choice of toppings — and their delectable chicken skewers. Fork in the Road's prices are as reasonable as its portions, so you'll definitely feel like you're getting your money's worth. It's also the perfect place to grab some food if you like eating outside — take advantage of it before campus freezes over.

Hours:
Fork in the Road moves around campus and has variable hours, but is usually in front of Montana Hall for lunch 11 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Check *facebook.com/MSUFork* for location and hours updates.

SOLA CAFE

WRITTEN BY SABRINA HAYES

With the opening of Jabs Hall came a new and interesting dining option on the MSU campus, and unlike every other dining locale, this one is forcing us into the 21st century with online pre-orders and in-person iPad ordering. There aren't any signs to let you know, so just stand around awkwardly until you figure this out, then finally step up to the iPad and place your order, no human interaction necessary. However, once you get through the actual ordering, you have found yourself at possibly the best dining option available on campus. With the exception of the beverage and coffee menu, the mini Sola Café does not have every item the Sola at the corner of Kagy Boulevard and Willson Street has, but they've chosen the most delicious, quick food items to satisfy college students on the go.

Open every weekday at 7:30 a.m., the mini restaurant serves breakfast until 3 p.m. which makes it not only one of the few breakfast locations on campus, but also the latest breakfast option. Cold lunch items — wraps, cold sandwiches and the salad bar — are available all day and hot lunch items are served until 3 p.m. They also provide catering for meetings and cakes of all kinds as long as the order is placed two days in advance.

In classic Sola fashion, the bagels (which can be served with cream cheese or in a deliciously prepared bagel sandwich) are made fresh by their bakery, along with all the pastry items. There's a mini version of the café's iced tea bar along with their famous and delectable grass-fed beef chili.

If you can make it down to Jabs Hall do it; the mini Sola Café is not to be missed. Just don't waste too much time trying to use the iPads; you can always ask the employees for help. Online orders can be placed at *solacafe.com*.

Hours:
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Sola offers coffee, food and baked goods from inside Jake Jabs Hall.

AVAGADRO'S NUMBER

WRITTEN BY ADAM WALDORF

My Tuesdays are hectic. I'm stranded on campus from 1 - 9 p.m. Due to this, and the fact that I live off campus, I get hungry. While I could be a go-getter and pack a lunch, my brain always seems to neglect that as an option. This makes me eat somewhere on campus or starve. Given that I have at least forty years of life left (hopefully), I choose not to starve. To ease my inevitable starvation, I usually choose to eat at Avogadro's Number.

If you don't know where Avogadro's is, it's in the space between the Procrastinator Theatre and the Union Market. In my humble opinion, Avogadro's has the best food on campus. They serve primarily wraps and sandwiches, but they also have a small pre-made section where you can buy something quick and get on your way. It's also affordable — all of their sandwiches and wraps are around $6, and they have a wide selection of drink choices. I usually spend about $9 to get a wrap, drink and some snack food. While most of the campus food is often greasy, Avogadro's tends to be good for you. I would recommend Avogadro's to anyone who is looking for a quick, affordable bite to eat.

Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday: 12 - 8 p.m.



The lower market in the SUB offers pizza and burgers.

THE UNION MARKET

WRITTEN BY KEEGAN GRADY

The Union Market has three main food locations, as well as a smattering of other miscellaneous food options. The most well-known vendor is the Union Market Grill. Nothing unusual or exotic here — this is the spot if you want some good old-fashioned American food. Burgers, fries and chicken strips are the focus at the grill, and for college food, they are actually quite good.

Across from the grill is Pacific Rim Marketplace, an Asian self-serve market. The food is a mix of various Eastern cuisines, and is a fairly good imitation of actual Asian food. Of course, it can't be called 100 percent authentic, but it's also not advertised as such. They also have takeout boxes if you happen to be in a rush.

The other named location is Sabroso's, a Mexican grill. They serve everything from enchiladas to burritos to vaguely authentic quesadillas. The food is fairly tasty, if a bit Americanized — and if you have an idea what you're looking for, they do have some options that are closer to Mexican street food than Taco Bell.

There is also oatmeal, a salad bar with a passable selection, soups, fruit baskets, several soda and coffee machines and a few other small options.

All in all, the Union Market is a pleasant, if unexciting, place to eat. The ambiance couldn't exactly be called intimate — the tables are often quite full. The meals run about $7 on average, which isn't bad compared to "real" restaurants. The food isn't gourmet by any stretch of the imagination, but if you want a quick, reasonably priced meal without any bells or whistles, you can't go wrong upstairs.

Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Avogadro's Number also has a snack section for those in a hurry.

SUB'S DOWNSTAIRS

WRITTEN BY JULIANA HART

At some point or another we all get tired of dining hall food. I'm sure that we all get cravings for food that is bad for our health, but so good for our tastebuds. We desire the diversity and there are many options beyond the dining halls on our beloved campus, many housed in the SUB's bottom floor.

Wild Flour Pizza and Pasta is one of my favorite restaurants in all of Bozeman and especially on campus. True to its name, Wild Flour serves both delicious pizza by the slice and made-to-order pasta as well as breadsticks and salad.

Next to Wild Flour is Bobcat Grill. The Grill is home to a variety of burgers and a few sandwiches. Those burgers can be served with fries or tater-gems. The burgers and tater-gems are fairly good — not the best you will ever have, but still good. The Grill also now serves breakfast. You have a choice of things like omelettes, pancakes, and the like. I have yet to try the breakfast, but hopefully it is as good as I have heard.

Now that you have had lunch would you care for some dessert? There are two other food shops under the SUB. The Sweet Shop will give you that sugar rush you are looking for. Freshens is a smoothie and ice cream shop connected to the Sweet Shop, ready to satisfy your every craving.

Hours:
Wild Flour: Monday - Thursday: 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bobcat Grill: Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
The Sweet Shop: Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Freshens: Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



The Union Market is a large food court in the SUB where a variety of dishes can be found.

VOLLEYBALL

Bobcats fall short against undefeated Eastern Washington Eagles

By IAN BREUNER

The Bobcats faced the No. 1 ranked volleyball team in the Big Sky Conference, Thursday, Oct. 15 in Shroyer Gym. Despite a tremendous start, the Cats fell to the Eastern Washington Eagles 3-1.

Montana State started off the first set with eye-opening energy. Opening up on a 5-1 run, the Bobcats set up a lead that would be sustained for the rest of the set. Leading 12-8, the Bobcats went on a firey 7-0 run before the Eagles would score again, securing a 19-8 lead that would be enough to put the EWU away with a score of 25-16. "The girls were focused," Head Coach J.J. Riley said. "They came out loose and aggressive. I think they believed that they could win and they played like it."

The Bobcats came out strong once again in the second set, tying the score with the Eagles seven times before establishing a 15-10 lead. The Eagles took the lead after being tied up twice more, and managed to win the set 25-21.

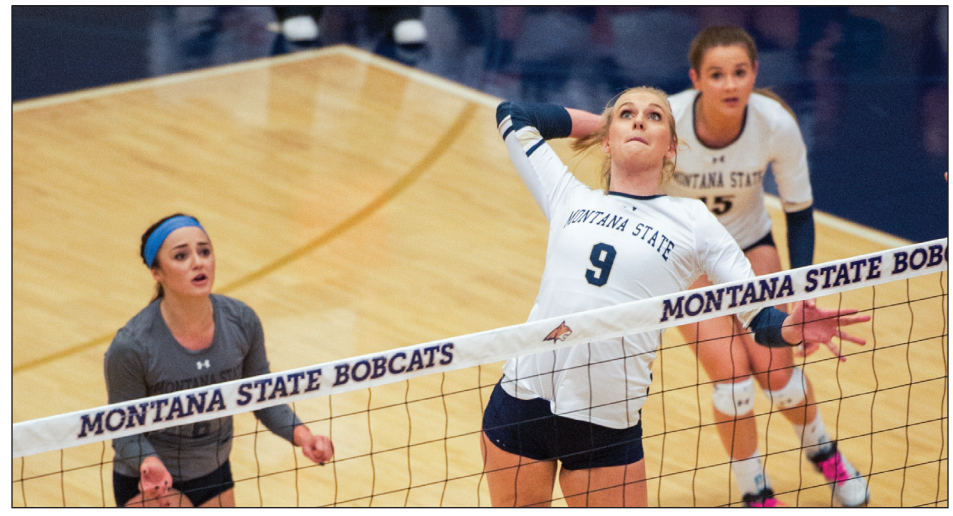


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Natalie Passeck (9) prepares to spike the ball against Jessica Gilbert (12) of Eastern Washington.

The third set was as much of a battle as the second. The Eagles managed to snag a late lead however, and came out on top again to win the set 25-23.

The Cats started off slow in the fourth set, giving up five points before scoring. Later, with the score at 10-5, the Eagles went on a 7-0 run to take a 17-5 advantage over the Bobcats. The Bobcats only scored three more times as the Eagles took a commanding 25-8 victory in the fourth and final set. "I think that the biggest takeaway is that the girls can decide what happens," Riley said. "They can play with anyone if they believe in that."

The Bobcats were led in both kills and digs by freshman Chase Doughty, who racked up 13 kills and 11 digs. "Chase is a dynamic athlete," Riley said. "She plays with a lot of intensity and her athleticism allows her to make those big plays."

"Chase really brings a lot of energy," senior Natalee Godfrey said. "She hits hard and takes care of business on our side of the net." Godfrey followed up with 11 kills and sophomore Kasey Altman added 10 digs.

Vandals defeat Cats in three close sets



Katie Harrington (2) sets the ball during the Bobcat's home match against Eastern Washington Thursday night.

By IAN BREUNER

The Montana State University Bobcats competed against the University of Idaho Vandals on Saturday, Oct. 17 in Shroyer Gym. MSU lost to the Vandals three sets to none.

The Cats got off to a good start, pulling ahead 8-4 in the first set. With the score at 12-9 the Vandals went on a 4-1 lead to tie the score at 13-13. Tied at 16 apiece, the Vandals scored four unanswered points to take a 20-16 lead and coast to a 25-21 victory. "Despite the loss I think they did a good job of focusing and moving on when a mistake happens," Head Coach J.J. Riley said.

The Bobcats started off slow in the second set, allowing the Vandals took a 6-1 early lead. A kill by senior Natalee Godfrey got the team rolling again and the Bobcats went on a 13-7 run to tie the score at 14 apiece and force Idaho to take a timeout. Following the timeout, the Vandals jumped out in front again before the Cats tied it at 24 apiece. Two unanswered Vandal points closed out the second set.

Montana State got off to another slow start in the third set, and the Vandals jumped to a 11-4 lead. The Vandals continued to build on that lead as the set progressed and led 20-13. The Bobcats went on a 9-4 run to bring the game within two points before the Vandals closed out the game with a score of 25-22. "The girls were mentally tough and focused on what they needed to do instead of the scoreboard," Riley said. "Doing that allows you to come back like that." The Cats were led in kills by Godfrey with 14, and Kasey Altman led in digs with 13. "We really focused on recovering, and that was key to helping us get out of some of those ruts," Altman said.

Montana State will travel to Sacramento on Thursday, Oct. 22 to take on the Sacramento State Hornets.



PHOTOS BY PARKER FAIREY
Natalie Passeck (9) jumps to spike the ball against EWU.

Will's World of Sports

by Will Hamel

Rejected press conference questions, pt. 2

Renowned American journalist Edward R. Murrow once said, "Get these ants out of my pants!"

Oops, sorry that was someone else. What he really said was, "To be persuasive we must be believable; to be believable we must be credible; credible we must be truthful." Clearly I — and a high percentage of cable news journalists — have no idea what this means.

That being said, in my exhaustive search for truth and understanding, I compiled a list of questions for MSU Head Coach Rob Ash. However, after discussing these questions with my editor, brother, grandmother and a mysterious weary traveler with an eye patch and a collection Betamax cassettes, the universal poor reaction convinced me otherwise. I'll let you decide for yourself.

"Coach Ash, your passing offense has averaged 312 yards per game, eighth in the country. With that in mind, what are your thoughts on the Greek bailout and what effect it might have on the Russian occupation of the Crimea?"

"What are you going to dress up for Halloween? Spiderman? I'm guessing Spiderman."

"Coach Ash, your defense is ranked 118th out of 123 schools, allowing 487 totals yards per game. With that in mind, do you think oil production in the Bakken is sustainable?"

"Where's my pen?"

"Head Coach Dave Arnold of the 1984 National Championship team had dark hair. Would you be willing to have dark hair?"

"How long does food digest in the small intestine?"

"Guess what I'm dress up for Halloween? Did you guess Spiderman? You should guess Spiderman."

"Should Henry Kissinger be tried for war crimes?"

"Head Coach and Bobcat Chuck Norris Sonny Holland of the 1976 National Championship team played center in his younger years. Would you be willing to play center in your younger years?"

"My spoon is too big."

"How excited are you for the release of Star Wars: Battlefront, available on PS4, XBOX One and PC this November?"

"Head Coach Toni Storti of the 1956 National Championship team has six letters in his last name. Would you be willing to have six letters in your last name?"

"Why am I so lonely?"

"Coach Ash, your defense gave up 506 yards to Northern Arizona, 667 yards to Eastern Washington and 682 yards to Portland State. With that in mind, what was wrong ... with The Godfather Part 3?"

"Dónde está el queso y burro?"

"I'm a banana."

(This question has been omitted due to graphic nature, strong language and poor gardening tips)

Of course, Coach Ash would be too wise to humor these questions, though he may have said, "Will, frankly I expected you to dress up as Elsa from Frozen. Good night and good luck ... with these security guards."



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CROSS COUNTRY

Bobcats prove worth in national competition

By ANDREW WATERS

Both the Montana State men's and women's cross country teams travelled to Louisville, Kentucky to compete in the Pre-Nationals Race on Saturday Oct. 17th. Eleven nationally ranked teams took to the field at this competition with 73 men's teams and 80 women's teams. Due to the sheer amount of teams at the meet they divided the race into two divisions: "red" and "black," with the red division being "seeded" teams. The Montana State men's team raced in the black unseeded division while the women took on the best in the country in the red "seeded" division.

In the black division, the Bobcats took 20th out of 31 teams, junior Diego Leon was the first to reach the finish line placing 49th in at 24:59. The rest of the seven Cats finished within a minute of each other. The only exception was senior Jake Turner who returned after being injured during the first race of the season. MSU combined for a respectable showing but ended up looking up at defending Big Sky Conference champ Weber State, who placed 17th. Liberty University, out of Virginia, won the black Division.

The women's team took 42nd out of 45 in the red seeded division with freshman Alyssa Snyder leading the way with a time of 22:58, 58 seconds behind the winner. While Snyder headed out at her own pace, the rest of the team put together an impressive effort with six runners finishing within 30 seconds of each other. Conference foes Eastern Washington took 13th and even more impressive, last year's conference champions Weber State took eighth. With all three schools competing in the upper division the strength of the Big Sky Conference was on display. Most of the schools they were competing against schools have double and some even triple the enrollment numbers. Almost every major NCAA Division I Conference was there.

In the men's seeded division, Thomas Curtin of Virginia Tech, a senior, recorded his first ever cross country victory. Thomas beat out favorite and two-time defending champion junior Edward Cheserek of the University of Oregon by more than four seconds with a time of 23 minutes and 18 seconds. The University of Colorado won the overall meet and in second was the notorious University of Oregon.

Both teams have shown continual improvement as the season rolls on. With splits between them getting shorter the team hopes to use space to ensure the pack of runners stays with them. Hoping to use this team approach the Bobcats have their biggest race of the season on Oct. 31 in Cedar City, Utah as they hope to challenge all of the Big Sky Conference and be crowned BSC Champs.

FOOTBALL

DEFENSIVE DISASTER

Road woes continue for Cats

By DAVIS CONNELLEY

Another road trip and another dismal outing for the Montana State Bobcats. Against Portland State University on Oct. 17, the Bobcat defense didn't register a stop until late in the third quarter, allowing eight straight touchdown drives to the Vikings. The offense tried to keep the Cats in the game, but the daunting task of scoring every possession proved to be too much and MSU lost 59-42 and dropped to 3-3 on the season.

Things started off well enough for the Cats when junior Dakota Prukop took the ball 61 yards on a quarterback sneak on the third play of the game to draw first blood. However, PSU answered immediately and scored on their first play of the game, with poor tackling and poor positioning turning a routine off-tackle run into a 79-yard TD scamper. With fewer than two minutes off the clock, it was clear the Cats were in for a dogfight.

The teams traded blows to a 14-14 stalemate, with neither defense looking particularly capable of stopping the prolific offenses, until the Cats went three-and-out twice in a row and Portland State capitalized. The Vikings ran rampant over the Bobcats' paper thin defense and gave themselves a 14-point cushion while the Bobcat offense stalled out. This early second quarter lead would prove to be the difference maker in the game and the Cats would never close the gap.

If things looked bad in the first half, they only got worse in the second. MSU Head Coach Rob Ash elected to try an onside kick in an attempt to get the ball back right after the break, but the attempt failed and gave PSU excellent field position. The Vikings made quick work of whatever adjustments MSU made at the half and scored on a quick, five play drive to double the Cats up a 42-21.

While there were some second half highlights for the Bobcats, such as a 100 yard kickoff return touchdown by freshman Logan Jones and a forced fumble by sophomore Mac Bignell, but ultimately the Bobcats could not overcome the complete lack of execution on the defensive side of the ball. Allowing a near record number of rushing yards — 465, 56 points in three quarters and 32 first downs, the defense continues to unimpress. Showing no lessons learned or improvement after last week's acceptable performance against Sacramento State, the MSU coaches cannot seem to crack the defensive conundrum. Poor lineup pre-snap, poor tackling and poor pursuit angles continue to allow opposing offenses to have their way with the Cats, even through the seventh week of the season.

With a home game against winless and newly promoted East Tennessee State University this weekend, surely the Bobcats will look to right the ship against a very poor team. The Cats better make the most of the learning opportunity because they hit the road in two weeks to face a resurgent North Dakota program. ETSU has not won a game this season and has lost to a Division III school, so when the game kicks off on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 2:35 p.m. let's hope the Bobcats come to play.

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MISADVENTURES *under the Big Sky*

Stuck up the Banana Couloir without a ski

By THEODORE GROVER

The long-range forecasts looked like absolute garbage and the snow seemed perfect. I suppose if it hadn't been for that fact, I might've turned around when my first touring binding broke, or maybe after we ended up more than a mile off route in the wrong direction. By that point we had been aimlessly skinning around the Bracket Creek Drainage all afternoon, and were nowhere closer to Ross Peak. However, things were looking up. We had now righted our course, and were within reach of the base of Ross and its aesthetic Banana Couloir. Indeed, it seemed that after a string of blunders we had stumbled into some good luck. That's when my second touring binding snapped, leaving me wallowing in waist-deep snow miles from the trailhead.

It was early afternoon by the time we finished classes and got to the trailhead. My friend and I were planning to ski the Banana Couloir that day, so named for its banana-like shape down the southeast face of Ross Peak. Unfortunately, the tour was doomed almost as soon as it began. My first binding cracked nary a half mile from the trailhead. One of my Atomic Trackers sheared where the base plate meets the toe piece. The touring capabilities were compromised, but the binding would still function in downhill mode. This left us with a peculiar dilemma. As long as I could get to the top of the line, I would still be able to ski down safely.

Neither of us wanted to turn around that afternoon, as the conditions were absolutely perfect. The skies were blue, the air was cold and the snowpack was stable. Furthermore, the long range forecasts looked exceedingly hot, with forecasted highs in the 60's for later that week, in January no less! My friend and I both realized that if we didn't ski the line that afternoon, there was no guarantee the conditions would line up as favorably again that winter. It seemed that this day might be our only — and best — shot. This dangerous rationalization ultimately skewed our judgement heavily.

We decided to press on, at least a little further. Using electrical tape and rubber ski straps we managed to directly attach my boot to the binding's toe piece, essentially creating a poor man's tech toe. The jerry-rigged repair worked surprisingly well, allowing us to skin several more miles without incident. The only downside was that most of those miles were spent traveling in the wrong direction. We made a wrong turn shortly after my binding broke and ended up somewhere in the vicinity of Texas Meadows, well south of Ross Peak.

Our mistake proved to be a costly one. Upon realizing where we were, a review of the map revealed us to be over a mile south of the base of Ross. Once again, we weighed our options. We probably had roughly two hours of daylight left to work with, and one and a half miles to cover before we would top out on the couloir. The ridge was beginning to cast an afternoon shadow over Bracket Creek, a casual reminder that we were running out of time.

If we'd been smart, we would've turned around when my first binding broke. If we'd had half a brain, we would have turned around at Texas Meadows and cut our losses. Turns out we had less than half a brain, because we kept going. The lure of deep stable powder was just too hard to ignore. Our steadfast determination to ski the Banana Couloir was insurmountable; we would not be defeated by a broken binding and a wrong turn. This was my mindset when the Banana Couloir came into view ahead of us. It glowed in the afternoon sunlight, beckoning us forward. It was finally within our reach.

The electrical tape that had allowed me to keep skinning came undone about a half mile from the base of the line. I began to tape my boot back into the binding, but didn't get far. At that moment my second binding broke, shearing just like the first had a couple hours beforehand. I sunk up to my waist in the snow, allowing the gravity of the situation to sink in. I was standing in waist deep snow, with two broken bindings, miles from the road with sunset fast approaching. The tour was over.

The ski out to the road was miserable. I had to ski back to the car on one ski because the second broken binding didn't snap as cleanly as the first. I arrived back at the car exhausted and bitter. It would've been one thing if a poor snowpack or poor conditions had forced a retreat, but to be turned back due to equipment failure stung. In a winter defined by poor snow and warm temperatures, wasting one of the few good days of the season felt unacceptable. But I wasn't done with Ross Peak. As I drove back to town, my determination to ski the line only grew larger. I knew I would be back to settle my debt with the Banana Couloir.

In praise of injury: time off can lead to unexpected benefits

By PARKER WEBB

Regardless of the sport, getting injured is not a fun time. Your ACL gives out skiing, an ankle breaks ice climbing, a rotator cuff tears while sending your project; there cannot be any good news from an injury, right? Wrong. While an injury is normally not good, there is a value to forced time off from an activity.

Odds are, if you go to MSU and are an outdoor enthusiast, you eat, breathe and sleep your activity. Class time is spent daydreaming about the next powder day, ripping the single track down Garnet Mountain, or clipping the chains of your latest sport climb. When you meet up with pals, all that you talk about is the collective similar interest in that sport. Dreams are of the perfect outdoor lifestyle — perfect turns on a splitter powder run and winning that cyclocross race. Injuries stop the pursuit of your sport immediately and with no warning. All of a sudden, instead of spending every afternoon climbing, you're stuck in town unable to do anything. It seems like no value can originate from not being able to crush on a daily basis, yet there is. Look at it this way: suddenly, there is all this free time. You can catch up on school work, find another hobby. Doing the same activity day in and day out is, in fact, not healthy. Variation is a necessity, and injuries allow you to find and pursue other passions, allowing yourself to be a well-rounded individual.

Got an upper body injury? Take up a sport that only uses the lower half of your frame, like running. Not a runner, you say? No problem. Now is the time to start. Do it for fun, from a beginner's mindset. A skier with a torn ACL? Go work on balancing out that lower body musculature with upper body workouts. Invest your time into studying a subject you know nothing about.

Currently, I am recovering from a shoulder injury from climbing. At first, my time was spent floundering, not knowing what to do. So I went back to slacklining and running, sports I hadn't done for years. New personal records were broken, I still had fun. I checked out cyclocross races, cheering on friends that crush in that realm. I'm missing Rocktober and missed the end of Sendtember, but that doesn't mean I have to mope around and not have fun. Taking a new perspective allows for injuries to have a silver lining — opening doors where others get shut.

Accept the fact that injuries happen, and learn from them. Become a more rounded individual, try new things, actually do your school work on time. Try not to get injured, but more importantly, recognize that climbing, biking, skiing or whatever other sport you choose are not the most important things in the world. Plus, once you come back to your sport, think about how much more excited you will be when you haven't done it for months.

Next week in Culture: Gamer's Paradise—Rocky Horror Picture Show—Coming to the Pro—QSA's Drag Show and Dance—Best Halloween Movies

Renovating from 'Schwag' to Miller mediocrity

By ADAM WALDORF



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The new layout of Miller is more organized, separated by different kinds of foods.

"Well that was underwhelming," was my initial response after leaving Miller Dining Hall for the first time this year. After a seemingly endless amount of renovations made to Miller in the past year, I was expecting something much more impressive than I was given. All-in-all, I wasn't impressed with what the new Miller Dining Hall has to offer.

Allow me to clarify. I was one of the sorry souls who had to deal with eating in Miller last year during the construction. For the first semester, I was plagued by dust, loud construction equipment and inconsistent food, which made me fed up (no pun intended). It only got worse as the second semester started. Instead of actually being treated to a dining hall, everyone was limited to one line of dry burgers and some french fries or a cooler that was stocked to the brim with soggy sandwiches and dirty salads. This made me walk across campus to eat at the other dining halls for every meal. By the time the end of the year rolled around, I was content with never eating at Miller again.

Then this year rolled around, and I heard that the new Miller was impressive, with an interior that looked incredible and food which was leaps and bounds better than it was in previous years (which, let's face it, didn't take a whole lot). Being one of the people who had to eat in Miller last year, I was awarded with ten free meals for this semester. So, I decided to take advantage of this opportunity and eat at the dining hall.

My first impression when walking into the dining hall was spectacular. The inside looks beautiful. It has a modern feel to it and is much more organized than it had been in previous years. The layout is separated into areas where you can get burgers, noodles, pizza, coffee, sandwiches or breakfast. It is all neatly organized and looks amazing. There are many more places to sit as well, with the back portion being expanded. As a whole, I was impressed when I first saw what they had done with the place.

Then I ate the food.

For the first semester last year, the menu included cardboard pizza, weird casseroles that never looked quite right and fruit that was only fresh half of the time. It got worse the second semester where the food was completely inedible. I had a lot of my friends tell me that the food was a significant amount better in the dining hall this year. They were right. The food was much better than it was last year. But, honestly, it didn't take much for this to happen. Rather than having something different every day like in previous years, the new Miller has stations where you can get different kinds of food. The big problem with these stations is the lack of variety. Each station serves the same food every day, making the variety aspect of the dining hall nonexistent. While the food is better than it has been in the past, it still isn't very good. My food was dripping in grease, leaving me searching for a place to wash my hands. I wasn't as impressed as everyone else seemed to be.

If you have a meal plan at the dining hall, Miller is a good choice. It has the best dining hall food on campus. Otherwise, it's not worth the absurd prices ($8 or $9) to eat there. I would highly recommend eating anywhere else on campus, such as in the SUB, before eating at the new Miller Dining Hall. You'll probably save a few bucks to eat much better food.



Students can find rotisserie chicken at Miller Dining Hall.

Dragons and space and marching band, oh my!

By JULIANA HART

As you may have noticed, the last few marching band shows have been down right amazing. Perhaps you aren't quite the band enthusiast, but you can still appreciate what Nathan Stark, the Spirit of the West marching band director, manages to create year after year.

The marching band's most recent show, "Dragons," featured music from "Game of Thrones" and "How to Train Your Dragon." To create this show, band members marched into the shape of a dragon growing from an egg to an adult before the grand finale — fighting a human knight. The wonderful dragon that the band creates then defeats the human opponent in battle.

Their next show for the rest of this season is titled Space Music. This show includes music from "2001: A Space Odyssey," "The Final Countdown," Flash Gordon and even a little "Star Wars," which was the basis of the show to begin with.

Stark has a fascinating method for choosing and choreographing shows. His first show is always chosen by himself and Assistant Director Stephen Versaevel. The second show is at least partially chosen by the members of the band. The directors still have veto power, but Stark says he does his best to "meet the needs and desires of the members of the band" — a welcome change from many directors who prefer to do it all themselves.

Several band members said that they like this system and that it is always fun to work with the directors and find common ground. It is especially important to work together as a team, because the band has a very short time within which to rehearse both their music and their shows. Despite the limited time span, however, Stark is adamant that the Spirit of the West's quality is on par with other universities in the U.S. — even bigger schools with larger bands. In fact, some say they are better than a fair few of those bands.

Stark has been writing drills (the show is commonly referred to as a drill by those in the band) since he was in college. He spent a summer learning the software choreographers use called Pyware, then began to write drills for rural high school bands. Stark eventually became skilled enough at creating these drills to write for his own college band. He has been writing ever since and frequently takes inspiration from drum and bugle corps.



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The marching band practices new choreography for a show revolving around space.

Creating these shows and writing the drills for them is very complex, Stark said. The directors have both a lot and little artistic freedom. They are free because no one has ever told them that they cannot do something or that they have to do something else. However, they also have restrictions on that freedom because of limitations in what the band can actually pull off.

Audience members occasionally can be heard criticizing the band for not having more elaborate drills or moving faster. These people forget, however that the band has the task of playing their instruments, making sure the music sounds good as well as remembering the drill and where and when they need to move. They essentially have to be perfect where perfection cannot exist.

After having seen The Spirit of the West's shows last year and "Dragons" this year, many students and community members alike are eagerly awaiting "Space Music," which premieres at the home game on Saturday, Oct. 24.

MSU's improv team wants to make you laugh

By KAYCEE CRONK

Looking for Something Funny? Well, fear not — you'll be able to find it this upcoming Wednesday, Oct. 28. The Something Funny Improv Club will be putting on a show at 7 p.m. in SUB Ballroom A. This is the club's first show of the school year, and it will be both free and family-friendly.

For those who aren't familiar with improv, it's essentially spur-of-the-moment acting. It requires a lot of quick, creative thinking on the actor's part, as well as a fair amount of theatrical and comedic skill. Longform improv basically equates to a one-act play made up by actors on the spot, whereas shortform improv is made up of shorter skits and games. (If you've ever seen the show "Whose Line is it Anyway?", then should be familiar with shortform improv).

Something Funny's upcoming show will consist entirely of shortform improv, during which the club will split into two competing teams. Both teams will perform a few short scenes — in the form of games — and at the end, the audience will be able to vote for which scene they liked better.

This is only the second year that Something Funny has been in operation. It was founded last year by the club's co-captain, Alex Tita. "I noticed that we had a lack of fine arts programs here [at the university], and that really bugged me. So I decided that something needed to be done about it," Tita said. He decided to start a club focused on improve because it's what he knew best.

Something Funny has around ten core members who show up to meetings regularly, in addition to a handful of other members who pop in sporadically. The club is always open to newcomers — no experience necessary. The ever-changing nature of their group adds another element of spontaneity to their performances, which is why no two shows are the same.

"We have a lot of new, talented people this year. And every time someone new comes into this club, they bring a different brand of humor with them," Tita said. "A scene with Michael, Helen, Tyler and me will be much different than a scene with Dean, Karl and Ivan."

Wednesday's show is free, and that's the plan for most of their shows. "I don't feel comfortable asking for money for what we do, because I'm not doing this because I expect compensation," Tita said. "I'm doing this because I want to spread this art form." Karl Ohaus, another member, jokingly chimed in, "I joined this club with the expectation that I would be hired by SNL in a couple of years."

From there, the jokes kept on rolling. "We're basically all vampires that need to feed off of the energy of an audience," club Secretary Tyler Weil explained.

"It's heavily implied that something funny will happen at the Something Funny Improv Show," Weil said. So if you're looking to have a great time on a Wednesday, check out the Something Funny Improv Club's show — it's free, it's fun, and it's conveniently located right on campus. What have you got to lose?

The show is Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in SUB Ballroom A. Admission is free.

CALENDAR

Oct. 22 - Oct. 28

Want your event featured here? Email information to *entertainment@exponent.montana.edu*, preferably two weeks in advance.

ON CAMPUS

MUSIC SEMINAR
Thursday, October 22, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Howard Hall, Reynolds Recital Hall
Pianist R. Andrew Lee is one of the foremost interpreters of minimal music. He has premiered or released the premiere recording of compositions by many composers whose work lie on the boundaries. The intersection of minimal music and temporality is a primary research interest for Lee. As such, he has presented papers and lecture-recitals at several international conferences.

COMING OUT DRAG SHOW AND DANCE
Saturday, October 24, 7 p.m. - 12 a.m.
SUB Ballrooms
$8 in advance, $10 at the door
Join QSA for the 10th annual Coming Out Drag Show and Dance Party! See your favorite Kings and Queens as they strut their stuff on the SUB Stage. The doors open at 7 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. and the dance will start immediately after the show. Tickets are available at all Bobcat Ticket locations.

FILM, THEATER

'THE MARTIAN' PANEL
Friday, October 23, 5 - 7 p.m.
EPS 103
With NASA presenting awe-inspiring images and data almost daily from our favorite red planet, the world has turned a enthusiastic eye and curiosity to Mars. In this circumstance, the new blockbuster movie "The Martian" is creating quite a stir. What do the experts think about the science and ethics presented in the movie? What is real and what is not? Join us to hear what the experts think and to ask your own questions. Panelists will include Astronaut Loren Acton, Dr. Charles Kankelborg (Physicist), Dr. David Sands (Botany), Dr. Angela Des Jardins (NASA Montana), and Dr. Kristin Intemann (ethics).

IMPROV AT THE VERGE
Monday, October 26, 7 p.m.
The Verge Theatre
$7
Recover from your weekend with Improv Comedy. Once again we are offering up a Monday Night sacrifice of the most daring, death defying type of live theater there is: Improv. The Bozeman Improverts will beguile you with their laser-like wits, sharp tongues, and obnoxiously large heads. These masterful, main stage players improvise sketches built around audience suggestions, play improv games similar to those you see on Who's Line Is It Anyway, and perform long form improv that is basically making up short plays on the spot. You have to experience this to believe it.

MUSIC

MSU SYMPHONY CONCERT
Friday, October 23, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Howard Hall, Reynolds Recital Hall
$5 Students and Seniors, $10 General Admission
The MSU Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Tobin Stewart, will perform works by Morton Gould, Bedrich Smetana, Jean Sibelius and Serge Rachmaninoff.

TED NESS AND THE RUSTY NAILS
Saturday, October 24, 9 p.m.
The Filling Station
$5
Don't miss out on a great night of bluegrass music with Missoula's Ted Ness and The Rusty Nails, with special guest Beargrass Bluegrass.

COMMUNITY

SUMMONING THE DEAD IN THE WEST
Thursday, October 22, 6 - 7 p.m.
Hager Auditorium, Museum of the Rockies
The Museum of the Rockies is pleased to host the Extreme History Project lecture series that encourages public understanding of the way our history has shaped our present. Speakers will take a fresh look at intriguing historical topics. Visit museumoftherockies.org for full lecture descriptions.

BREWS AND THE BIG SKY
Tuesday, October 27, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Museum of the Rockies Lobby
$8, 21+
Based on our popular summertime Hops & History program, this new winter series pairs the history of local industries – presented by MOR Curator of History, Michael Fox – with beer tastings from local breweries. Join us for a discussion of early day freighting and shipping in Big Sky Country. In the 1860s everything that pioneers and settlers needed, from furniture to whiskey, traveled overland by wagon or up the Missouri River by steamboat. Times have changed but moving and distributing commodities is still an important part of life in our communities. Space is limited. Tickets are required for all events and are available at museumoftherockies.org.

SPORTS

QUIDDITCH
Thursday, October 22, 6 p.m.
Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center
Quidditch, the otherworldly game made famous by the Harry Potter novel series, is coming to MSU with alterations to give every intramural athlete the chance to play on the pitch just as Harry did.

TRICK-OR-TREAT 5K
Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Roskie Fields
$20
Time for our annual Trick-or-Trot 5K! All the proceeds help the Montana State University Club Exercise Science Club attend the American College of Sports Medicine annual northwest conference, this year held in Tacoma, Washington. In addition to being a valuable educational experience for our club members, attending the conference also provides members the opportunity to obtain one credit for independent study.

FOOTBALL
Saturday, October 24, 2:35 p.m.
Bobcat Stadium
Cheer on the Bobcats as they take on East Tennessee State. This Saturday also celebrates Military Appreciation Day, Bobcat Corral, Youth Football Day and Band Day.



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Merry Melodies visits the Museum of the Rockies



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By AMY GILL

Explosions of Acme products and the sounds of classical music blast from the Museum of the Rockies' newest exhibit. The Warner Bros. cartoons that we all came to know and love are back for a limited time, and once again are appealing to all ages. Students and visitors alike will be reminded of lazy Saturdays spent watching Pepe le Pew attempt to woo a cat and the Tasmanian Devil lose his temper.

The museum's two-room exhibit consists of all kinds of Warner Bros. artifacts, from model sheets to story sketches and background paintings. All of the production art is from the 30s to the 60s. Warner Bros. opened in 1930, when even six or seven minute cartoons took several months to a year to create.

Marketing Director Mark Robinson stated that the exhibit, which shows pieces that are currently being rented from a representative, took about a week to set up. Besides artwork and information boards, the exhibit also includes two projection screens, one set up in each room of the exhibit. Visitors to the museum can sit in front of the screens and watch the famous cartoons for as long as the museum is open. Robinson said that his favorite character is Marvin the Martian, as well as his dog, K9, because Marvin, unlike other Warner Bros. characters, can come out on top and be "almost equal to" Bugs Bunny.

Surprisingly, the cartoons were not largely popular in their own time. During their finest years of production, people did not consider them worthy of serious attention. Though television helped bring more attention to the cartoons, Warner's Cartoon Division was shut down in 1969. The cartoons were later rediscovered in the mid-1970s. In spite of the limited audience of their time, in 1943 critic Manny Farber said of the cartoons, "the good ones are masterpieces and the bad ones aren't a total loss."

Another important point to note about the Warner Bros. cartoons is the way they are presented to the audience. One of the many information boards placed on the walls around the exhibit notes that the Warner Bros. cartoons are noticeably different from the "soft and sentimental and storybookish" Disney. The Warner Bros. cartoons are unafraid of violence, as opposed to Disney, which is famous for its princesses. As Warner Bros. storyman Michael Maltese stated, "We wrote cartoons for grown-ups."

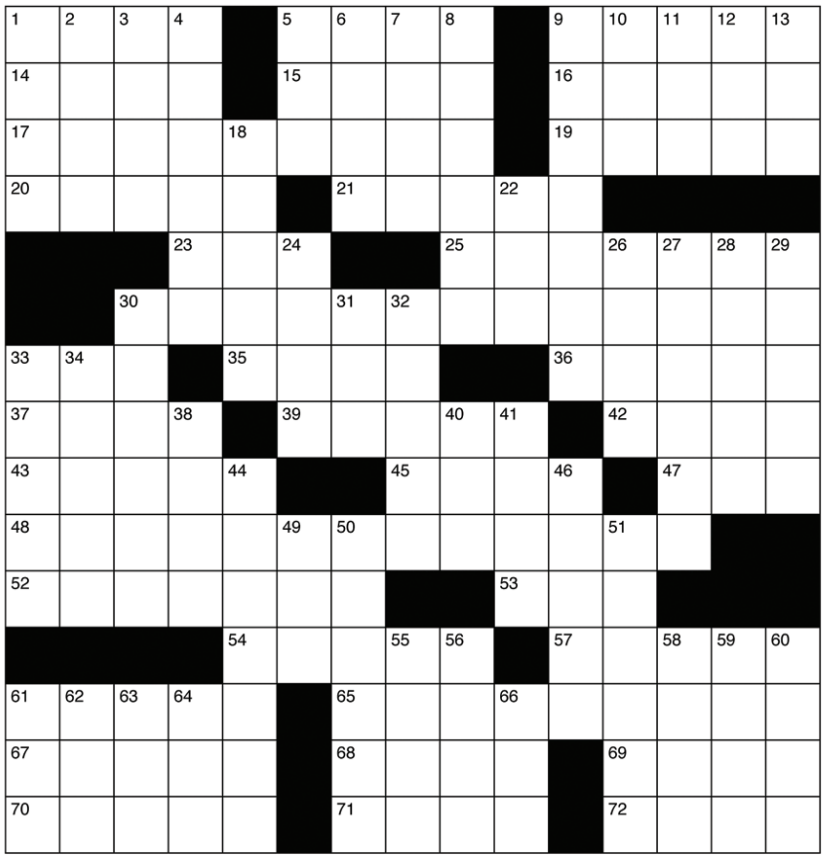
The museum is known for its dinosaur displays and planetarium shows, but nothing really beats a good cartoon. Students who drop by the museum are welcomed in with open arms and a discount on the entry fee. In the words of Porky Pig, "T-th-that's all, folks!"



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The Warner Bros. exhibit will be presented at the museum until Jan. 31, 2016.
Tickets are $10 for students, $14 general admission.

THE MSU exponent PUZZLES



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9. Songwriters' gp.
14. Pizza destroyer of the 1980s, with "The"
15. Colo. neighbor
16. Fortress ditches
17. Skier forerunner?
19. Mosaic element
20. Pasta tubes
21. Does last-minute studying
23. Sort
25. Boris' partner in crime
30. Class instructor
33. 401, to Nero
35. The low-down
36. Gave out hands
37. Real estate parcels
39. Note next to F
42. Eins + zwei
43. Leading
45. Suzanne Vega song about child abuse
47. Carry-___ (small pieces of luggage)
48. 1967 war film
52. Hamlet's friend
53. Day light
54. "____, truth is the first casualty."
57. Toy cube inventor
61. Grain husks
65. Add up
67. Island off Greece
68. "____ Rose"
69. Scratched (out), as a living
70. Toy race car adornment
71. Blueprint detail
72. Catches rays

Down

1. Gadget, e.g. (abbr.)
2. Nincompoop
3. Well, in France
4. Paradisaical
5. Schubert's "Symphony No. 8 ___ Minor"
6. College celeb
7. King of Shakespeare
8. Current
9. 1997 movie slave ship
10. Greg, to Mike Brady
11. Dieting unit, briefly
12. "... one leg ___ time"
13. Prefix with -chic or -cho
18. City of northern India
22. Miss West
24. Hong ____
26. Scored 100 on
27. Wife of Ozzy
28. Wife of Menelaus
29. Last word of MGM's motto
30. Parental stand-in
31. Mistaken
32. Treat on a stick, for short
33. Dressmaker's need
34. Hawaiian crooner
38. Bar mixer
40. IRS action (abbr.)
41. Ref's decisions
44. Quite sad
46. Blue hue
49. Part of a classic canine star's name
50. Beach needs
51. Gets used to
55. Had ____ (imbibed)
56. Slap-worthy
58. Capital of Azerbaijan
59. Southern cross-country hwy.
60. Footwear brand
61. Digital imaging sensor
62. Weed whacker
63. Pendulum's path
64. High school agr. org.
66. Big ____ (fast-food burger)

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'Back to the Future' Predictions We Wish Came True

Hoverboards
Cubs World Series Win
Flying Cars
More down vests
Equality
No wage gap
Self-cooking ramen
Polling location on campus
Goldie Wilson III for mayor
Another posthumous Tupac album
Cat communities
Mars colonies
Sweet denim jackets
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World peace
Self-lacing Nikes
A cure for Parkinson's Disease
No lawyers
Jobs
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Bobcats take over the world
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DeLoreans still in production
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FUN FACT:
The word 'Texas' is used as slang for crazy or wild in Norway.