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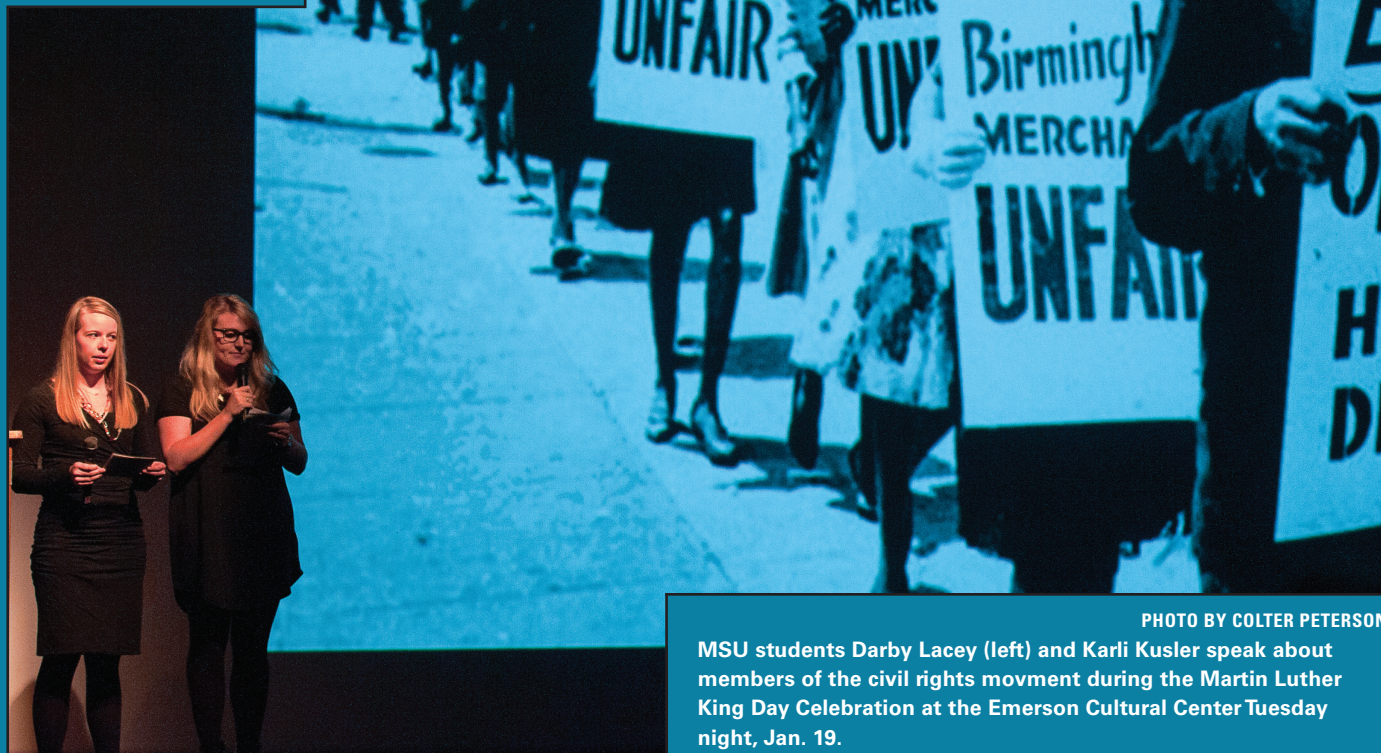


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MSU students Darby Lacey (left) and Karli Kusler speak about members of the civil rights movement during the Martin Luther King Day Celebration at the Emerson Cultural Center Tuesday night, Jan. 19.

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New year's Resolutions



45%

of Americans
make New Year's
Resolutions

30%

give up by
February

8%

consider their
resolutions
successful



38%

of Americans never
make resolutions



Most Popular:

1. Lose weight
2. Get organized
3. Spend less, save more
4. Live life to the fullest
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NEWS

Insuring Littlefoot: MoR required to report value of its collections

By LILLY BROGGER

It would be difficult to guess the monetary value on the Museum of the Rockies' (MoR) collections, as putting a dollar value on one-of-a-kind collections and paleontological pieces is not a straightforward process. This is an issue the MoR is currently dealing with, as the state demands a more accurate insurance value be calculated for all of the items housed there.

The state's Risk Management Tort Defense Division insures all university-owned collections—their fine arts insurance program requires that all entities annually report the market value for insured items. In January 2015, MSU reported an approximate value of \$60 million for the items in its permanent collection. The Montana Legislative Audit Division's report states, "The university was not able to provide us with documentation supporting the \$60 million estimated value of exhibited and stored items."

The state then asked that MSU provide this documentation. The recommendation for the MoR is one of 12 made by the state's Legislative Audit Division for MSU, all of which were presented in November to the Montana Board of Regents. These audits are routine, but the challenge lies in figuring out how to actually value the items being insured. The Montana Legislative Audit's report stated that an adequately documented insurance value is necessary to prevent the university from under-insuring the collection, which could result in being unable to make up for a loss, or over-insuring the collection, which would cause unnecessary insurance costs.

MSU is currently working on calculating accurate values for items but is also trying to balance other commitments. Quickly calculating an accurate value for the entire MoR collection would take a large amount of resources. Daniel Adams, director of audit services at MSU, coordinates between MSU and the state's audit division. He explained that MSU is going to take its time to determine a value in order to efficiently allocate its resources, as well as to do an accurate job of valuing the items. "You don't want to figure it out in a hurry, because sometimes you might get into something and it may be different from what you originally think," said Adams.

For historical items, comparison may be used to derive market values. For example,



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MoR

A *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeleton is on display at the museum.

the Montana Historical Society Museum has many items comparable to those at the MoR. The controversy about the audits arose largely in response to putting values on paleontological items. These are more difficult to compare and have raised questions of morality.

Shelley McKamey, the executive director at the MoR, says that the question the state brought up about valuing the items is one that needs to be addressed. She said the first step will be figuring out how to value the items through fact-checking and communicating with other entities. The second step will be figuring out the logistics of combing through the MoR's entire collection. "I don't think that it's going to be an easy process, or a quick process," said McKamey. She also said that talking with the federal agencies that own pieces in the collection will be important.



The museum is home to many unique dinosaur fossils.

New football coach Choate prepares for an exciting year

By SETH URICK

Football has been an important part of Jeff Choate's life for a long time. He graduated from University of Montana-Western in Dillon in 1993, where he played football. In December 2015 he was hired as MSU's 32nd head football coach following the firing of former head coach Rob Ash. In the past, Choate coached at the high school and collegiate levels and held positions at universities including Utah State University, Eastern Illinois University, the University of Idaho and Washington State University.

According to Choate, he has always wanted to lead a college football program. On top of that, he wanted to coach in the Big Sky Conference due to the strong ties he has to Montana.

"I've wanted to be a head coach at the Big Sky level for a while, and I've had a chance to coach at some unbelievable locations. All it really did was galvanize the idea that what I wanted to do was be a head coach at a place like Montana State," Choate said.

Choate's interest led him to reach out to MSU when they began the process of hiring a new head coach.

"I certainly didn't know Peter Fields or Dr. Cruzado or anybody in the athletic department. I knew some of the football coaches because football coaches get around each other and it's a big fraternity, but I didn't know any of the decision-makers," he said. "What I tried to do was use what I had, which was a lot of connections mostly in the high school ranks in the state of Montana, to reach out to people that did know folks in the athletic administration here. You push your resume out there and sometimes it falls on deaf ears, and in this particular case it got put high enough on the stack that I got a call for the interview."

Since taking the position, Choate has hired several new members for his coaching staff including ex-NFL safety Gerald Alexander as a defensive backs coach and former head coach of UM-Western BJ Roberts as an assistant coach.

"I feel extremely fortunate when I sit in that staff room and I look around and I look at the experience and the character of the people in there, and I think 'This is a place I'd want my son to play' because I know the kind of guys that are in the room and how they're going to treat these kids and how hard they're going to work to help them achieve their goals," Choate said.

"This isn't Jeff Choate's football program,



PHOTO BY COLTER PETERSON

The new head football coach and UM-Western graduate Jeff Choate is looking forward to returning to his Montana ties.

this is Montana State University's football program, and it belongs to our players, and my job is to do everything I can to make their experience here really good. That starts with hiring good people to work with them every day. I think we have accomplished that, and I am really proud of that."

Acknowledging that there would be differences between his approach and that of Ash, Choate said, "I think there was a good culture here. It's not good or bad, right or wrong, it's just different. I have a very different style than Coach Ash, my background is very different than Coach Ash, and so I am going to create the culture that we as a staff feel like we are comfortable with. So that's been a big part of what we're doing. It's not changing work habits so much as how we do things."

Choate expressed his appreciation for the work Ash did to keep keep athletes in the football program out of trouble, saying that the recruiting process is key to ensuring that athletes who are brought into the program are "young men that have values that are reflected by this program: character, accountability, toughness, pride in MSU, those are things that we gotta really hone in on in the recruiting process. The education they get across campus is an unbelievably first-class education, but they're going to get another one here in this building in terms of how to be a real man, how to treat women, how to conduct yourself in public and in private, how to establish a set of values you want to live your life by. Those are the things that are really important to me and our program, and I know were important to Coach Ash too."

An unconventional journey: the unfolding of Peter Buerhaus' career

By DAVID ATKINSON

Peter Buerhaus of MSU's College of Nursing detailed his "unconventional journey" before an audience of students, reporters and fellow nurses alike on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Buerhaus' lecture consisted of the six main "stops" along his career which led to him being a professor of nursing at Vanderbilt University before taking on the same role at Montana State, in addition to having served as an assistant professor of health policy and management at Harvard's School of Public Health.

The first stop of Buerhaus' commendable career began with acknowledging a pressing problem in the nursing community: the generation of nurses that provided healthcare to the baby-boom generation were going to retire, taking away one million registered nurses from the healthcare workforce, with a shortage of 500,000 left in the country by the year 2020. Only a week after conducting studies and having them published in prestigious medical journals, Buerhaus quickly progressed to stop two, when he participated in 75 media interviews, allowing him and his work to gain worldwide exposure.

Stop three in Buerhaus' work consisted of providing sufficient evidence that suggested a positive correlation between the amount of nurse staffing and the quality of care given at hospitals. His study, which was one of the top twenty studies funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, showed that higher nurse staffing in hospitals drastically lowered the risk of negative discharge outcomes in the patients of those hospitals. The study led to him being featured on "60 Minutes."

Buerhaus' fourth and fifth stops in his career were helping with Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing's Future and the founding of the National Healthcare Workforce Commission (NHWC) in 2010, respectively. The NHWC's job was to advise Congress and the Administration on issues concerning the national nursing workforce, focusing specifically on aging healthcare workers, rural healthcare, dental and mental health care services, and to decrease the overall cost of American health care. Finally, the sixth stop Buerhaus mentioned is the current work of the NHWC. The NHWC is concerning itself with helping physicians and nurses themselves, with focus on things like allowing physicians to practice in the location of their choice.

Predicting a global shortage of goods or services due to population growth is no new concept, however. Due to his world-impacting work, Buerhaus has been compared to Thomas Malthus, a famous English cleric of the 1700s. Malthus predicted that, due to the rapidly growing population and marginally improving standards of living of that time, that there would be a food shortage that would eventually cause the living standard to drop back downward. Buerhaus was compared to Malthus because of how his healthcare predictions mirrored those of the old cleric: the rapid decline in healthcare quality with the decrease in nurses.

"Nurses are present at birth, throughout life and during one's passing. The opportunity to contribute to one's health and their potential as a human being throughout their lifetime appeals to me. Nurses can create enormously positive ripple effects," Buerhaus said.

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Police Reports: Hemp hampers happy homebodies

By JOHN TRAPP

On Dec. 20, an individual reported smelling marijuana coming from a common laundry area at Julia Martin Drive. Officers made contact with an individual who was found to have a valid medical marijuana card. A verbal warning was given for the MSU policy violation despite multiple pleas for the officers to “chill, man.”

On Dec. 21, an individual reported smelling marijuana coming from an apartment on Julia Martin Drive. Officers contacted an individual who claimed to work for an off-campus medical marijuana dispensary. No marijuana was detected or located.

On Dec. 22, a resident reported smelling marijuana and hearing loud noise coming from a residence on, you guessed it, Julia Martin Drive. Officers located the source, but the residents refused to open the door and speak to police. The noise did not stop, nor did our intrepid marijuana protagonist stop annoying neighbors.

On Dec. 26, an officer observed a vehicle that failed to stop at a red light. The vehicle was stopped, and alcohol was found inside. The occupants were under 21. Citations were issued for MIP and driving while suspended. In what solution they were suspended in, we will never know.

On Dec. 29, someone reported

seeing profanity written on a flyer attached to another person's door. At the time of publication, the tattle-tale was still visibly shaken by this horrific incident.

On Jan. 1, an officer assisted the Bozeman Police Department in looking for an individual who was reported to have threatened someone with a shotgun. However, there is no cause for alarm because this individual is probably a responsible gun owner, and responsible gun owners only use their guns for hunting and other legal things, and they would never use their deadly weapons to threaten or endanger another person's life.

On Jan. 2, an individual reported smelling marijuana in their building located on Julia Martin Drive. Officers responded but were unable to verify the source of the smell. Hemp Man strikes again.

On Jan. 3, an individual reported hearing shouting, profanity and slamming doors in a nearby apartment. Officers responded and determined that the tenant was playing video games on their PC. The question on everyone's mind is why were they slamming doors while playing video games.

On Jan. 3, an individual reported smelling marijuana in their building on Julia Martin Drive. An officer responded and took a report. Police are now on the lookout for a man with a cheeto-stained, cannabis leaf t-shirt who claims to



ILLUSTRATION BY AMY GILL

be “Hemp Man,” out to prove that “you know, when you really look at the data, marijuana is better for you than most prescription drugs, and cannabis really has no side effects.”

On Jan. 4, an individual reported the odor of marijuana from outside their residence near Julia

Martin Drive. Officers responded and determined the odor was a skunk. Or was it?

On Jan. 7, an officer located an individual in possession of marijuana near West Julia Martin. The individual was cited for possession of dangerous drugs. A referral was

submitted to the dean of students, putting an end to Hemp Man. Eyewitnesses reported that Hemp Man went into an hour long lecture after hearing his charges on how marijuana is not a “dangerous drug,” as it “has no side-effects and is not made by man.”

NEWS BRIEFS

Wonderlust holds reception to showcase non-credit programs

Wonderlust, a program connected to Extended University, invited the community to attend a reception at the Country Bookshelf Jan. 17 to learn about the various courses offered during the winter and spring. Wonderlust gives community members a chance to explore disciplines of knowledge that may have previously been unavailable to them and offers forums for discussion, book groups, writing classes and noncredit courses to the Bozeman community.

As an organization, Wonderlust focuses not on learning in a traditional sense with the goal of a degree, but rather as a lifelong journey. The Wonderlust site reads “There are no ‘requirements.’ No grades. No papers. Wonderlust is simply learning for the sake of learning,” emphasizing the holistic and lifelong approach to increasing knowledge that the organization uses.

During the reception, instructors talked with the community about their programs and fielded questions as they arose. Attendees also enjoyed refreshments to the tune of local musician and MSU faculty member Eric Funk.

Members of Wonderlust are offered discounts on courses and can attend trips affiliated with those courses free of charge. For more information, please visit montanawonderlust.org or contact the Office of Continuing Education at 994-6683.

— TED WEEKS

Bozeman speakers aim to inspire at 2016 MLK Celebration

The community of Bozeman observed the birth of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 19 at the Emerson Center. Held at 6:30 p.m., the event featured several presentations by speakers from the Bozeman community, all presented in pecha kucha format, where 20 slides are shown for 20 seconds each, providing each speaker with six minutes and 40 seconds to speak.

Speakers were invited to present stories, experiences and perspectives about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy.

Presentations for the event included From Bombs to Bozeman, Empowered by King, presented by Dan Lourie; Our Single Stories, presented by Suzanne Held; Radical Philosophy in a Post-Civil Rights Era, presented by Sarah Rushing and Karen DeVries as well as presentations by students Darby Lacey and Karli Kusler, Mike Clark and others.

Held at the Crawford Theater, the event was well attended, with most of the theater's seats being occupied.

— SETH URICK

OPINION

More Medicine, More Money: How Much Med School Really Costs

Ever since November 2015, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle has been extensively covering a rumored new medical college at MSU; a deal which President Waded Cruzado officially stated fell through in an ambiguous email she sent out to the entire faculty and student body on Dec. 15. Even though Cruzado's administrators were deep into talks, the deal fell through because of, according to Cruzado's email, "concerns expressed by some physicians in the state." And that is about all there is to the email, which is extremely unfortunate because it adds to the notion that the President's office does not really care to communicate with the general population of the school when they do not have to.

The email's content raises more questions than answers – the most obvious being why the concerns raised by experts caused the project to fall apart. It seems that they do not want to go into detail about this for a good reason, as there are not enough positions at hospitals and clinics in Montana to accommodate an influx of new medical students. Especially considering the fact that most graduates will not want to work at the hospitals that need the most help, specifically poorer and more rural that cannot afford to pay them what they would need to pay off the proposed \$46,000 per year tuition debt.



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Cruzado did not seem to have this student centered approach in mind when she wrote a guest article for the Chronicle, and the Office of the President's lack of transparency in this plan makes them seem less righteous and more nefarious. That may be harsh: after all, MSU is an institution whose overall goal is to make money, even if it should not be that way. An institution of education should have education as its first and foremost goal, especially when said institution is an entity of the government. Unfortunately, that is not the message the current administration is sending about their goals.

Cruzado and her administration may have entirely different goals in mind, ones that do have students forefront of their concerns. But if Montana Hall administration wants students to think that, then they, and Cruzado specifically, have to be more transparent about what is going on with the institution. Otherwise people are put in the position they are in now where they are left wondering if MSU was in talks with Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine purely for monetary reasons.

If Cruzado and the rest of the administration want to show the students and faculty at MSU that they care about them, they should be worrying about improving areas



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of neglect on campus, and not just try to squeeze more money out of the students. The Diversity Awareness Office, for instance, is in a tiny closet of a workspace on the third floor of the SUB, but at this point it seems like it's asking for too much to give them a proper office space when instead the admin-

istration could just vote to build yet another engineering building with grant money.

The Exponent reached out to the Office of the President for comment and was referred to the Communication Department, who at the time of publication have yet to return with comment.

A Resolution is Not a Reality: Reasons to Give Up Before You've Started

Every year, Americans commit to improving themselves at the beginning of the new year. That resolve lasts about as long as most college students' goal to study more and Netflix less. The whole idea of New Year's Resolutions is pretty much a cop-out for those who lack the resolve to commit to life changes without a massive cultural movement. One would hope that after years of unfulfilled goals, people would abandon the redundant and inane tradition of resolutions for something more feasible. Alas, last year's resolution to campaign against folly petered out after the first couple weeks.

About 44 percent of Americans said they would make resolutions with the beginning of 2016. Of those, over a quarter of them will give up their resolutions by the end of the

first week. This is one of the primary reasons New Year's Resolutions are counterproductive. It is as if Americans decide "Well, hey, I forgot to go to the gym today ... I guess I'll try again in 362 days." Thus end the well-intentioned goals of so many. The problem with trying to reinvent oneself at the dawn of a new year is that a special significance is tied to the date and not to the objective. July 22 is just as valid of a day to stop smoking as Jan. 1.

Unfortunately, society has come to view mistakes as failures. In a study conducted by the University of Scranton, only 19 percent of the testers had kept their resolution after two years. During that time, 53 percent of those who successfully kept their resolution made at least one slip up, with the average being 14 slip-ups per

person. These did not prevent the participants from completing their goal as they still considered themselves successful after two years. They simply had to look at their game plan in a new way.

The biggest mistake made with New Year's Resolutions is creating vague and impractical goals. A survey conducted in December 2014 indicated that the top four resolutions were to lose weight, exercise more, be a better person and improve health. These all sound great. If this pattern continued beyond the first seven days of the year, North America could potentially be a wonderland of healthy, upbeat people. In reality, all of those aspirations involve a lot more work and planning than hastily scrawled resolutions would indicate. A Google trend search shows that there is a huge spike in the number of times people enter "diet" and

"gym" into Google during January, a number which steadily declines until the following January. Gyms make so much money during the beginning of the year because people buy memberships they will use a few times before their commitment peters out. And what physical manifestations prove the relative success of those attempting to "be better people?"

There are more practical ways of growing into the person one intends to be. Any day of the school year, one can make use of the free gym membership paid for by tens of thousands of tuition dollars. It is possible to smile more today even if yesterday an organic chemistry test became an impromptu tissue for tears of regret and inevitable failure. This year, resolve to do whatever you want, for however long you want, for whatever results you are willing to work for.



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Points Pertaining to Pliable Populace's Political Perspectives

Both a new semester and new year are underway leaving MSU students faced with a new set of challenges; one of which is being presented with the opportunity to determine the country's next leader.

With open socialist Bernie Sanders leading over former First Lady and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton among younger voters on the Democratic side and billionaire celebrity Donald Trump leading overall on the Republican side, the presidential campaign is quite engrossing to say the least. Largely perceived as a pivotal political point per primary, presidential and public polls standards, the 2016 campaign demands a highly active and highly informed voting populace.

From women's rights, education and taxes to global warming, national debt, universal healthcare and immigration, the United States is in line for one of its most progressive or regressive periods in decades. While Election Day may still seem a long way out, there are numerous things to keep in mind before the calendars start reading "November."

First and foremost, as a voting populace,

Beyond just knowing the names, every voter has a responsibility to gain an understanding of the policies and plans of each candidate.

the student body should be aware of who the presidential candidates are and which end of the political spectrum they represent. This may at first seem silly, but odds are a significant portion of the student body cannot identify each of the dozen Republican and three Democratic candidates still in the race. Beyond just knowing the names, every voter has a responsibility to gain an understanding of the policies and plans of each candidate.

Financially burdened, busy and frequently overwhelmed, it is often easier for students to allow someone else to form their political opinions. Without access to television or time to spare reviewing countless debates and conferences, students tend to establish their political perspectives based on ease of access: memes circulating Facebook, 140 character slanderous Twitter statements, judgmental in-class discussions etc. The fact is that it is easier to believe the political statements of a friend, co-worker or professor than it is to verify the validity of those statements. Students should neither

allow those around them to discount their informed judgments nor base their beliefs on popular opinion. With that in mind, there are some other things to consider throughout the year.

When considering the 2016 presidential campaign, it is important to understand the major national issues and where to stand on them. This will help in identifying what things to look for in a candidate. After all, these are the people who will potentially represent the voter and their stance. Some of the more important things student voters should take into consideration include where candidates stand on education and their plans for the job market.

Informed voters are not limited to cable subscribers. There is no need to watch hours of debates to research candidates and their political backgrounds or plans. Every student has access to the internet through MSU and the resources therein to help with gaining political insight. Sites like the Conservative Review, iSideWith and Ballotpedia offer profiles on each candidate with details regarding their stances on major

political issues. *iSideWith.com* can also help with determining which candidate best represents the voter based on the results of a short quiz regarding national issues.

Additionally, constituents should not limit themselves to voting for the individual. For many voters, no single candidate may be appealing. Should voters find themselves in this position it may be best to vote for a party instead of the individual. Though the president definitely has influence and acts as our country's main representative, Congress has constitutional powers that can better meet the demands of a constituency than the president; mainly in its authority to make laws. However, a vote for the party line could determine the upcoming political landscape in that the next president may appoint as many as four Supreme Court justices, which would determine the future legal status of hot issues such as abortion and same-sex marriage.

Finally, every voter should know both where to vote and whether they are currently registered to do so. Polling locations were recently changed from campus to Hope Lutheran Church as MSU's nearest polling place. MSU students can check the Montana Secretary of State website for additional information on voting locations and eligibility as well as their registration status.



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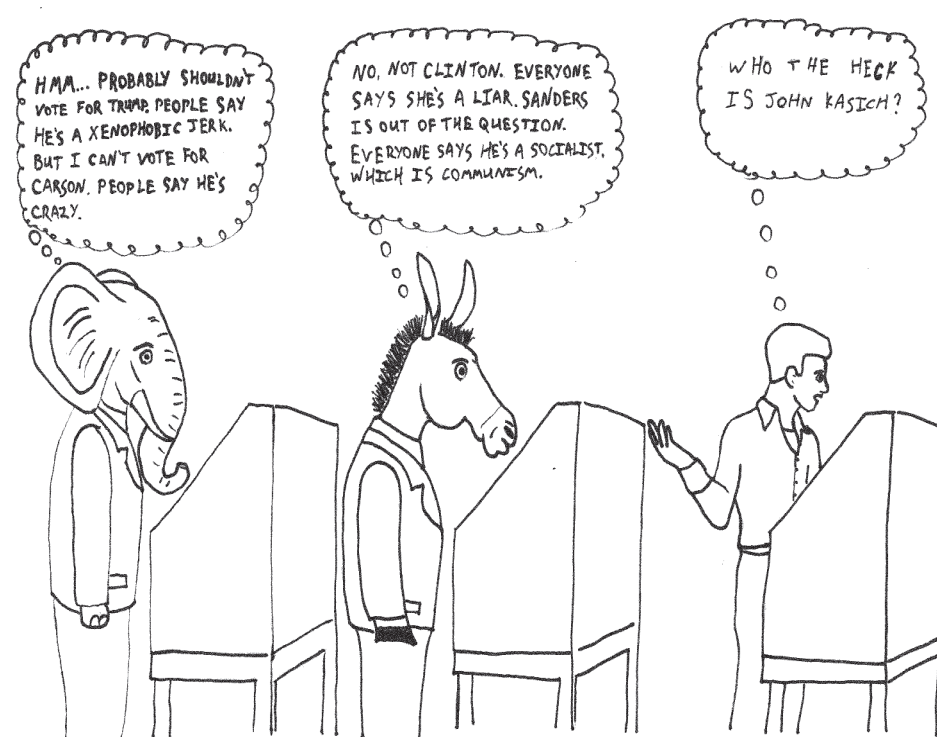


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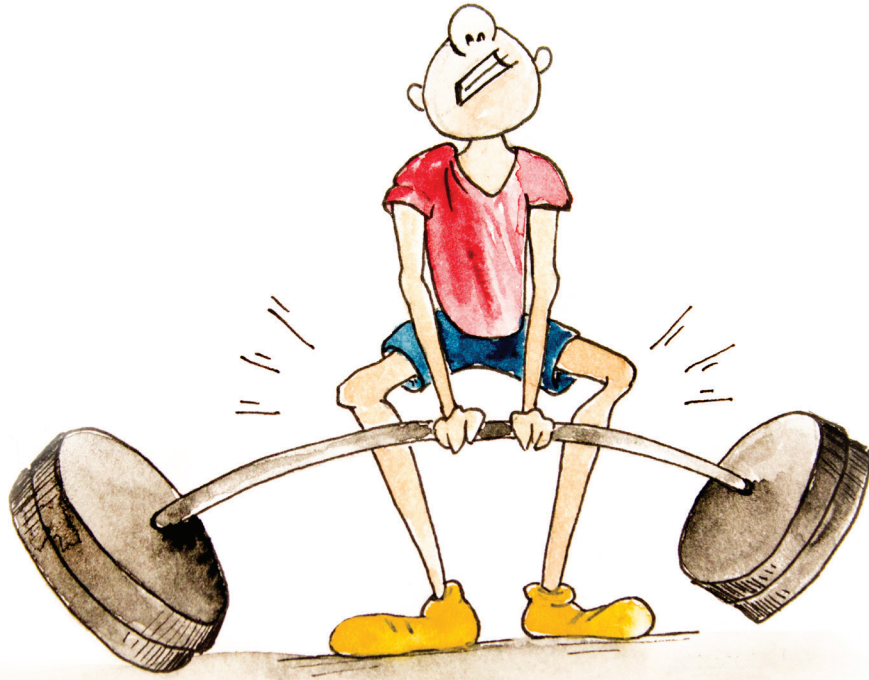
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WHAT'S YOUR RESOLUTION?



A New Year's Resolution is defined as “a tradition, most common in the Western Hemisphere but also found in the Eastern Hemisphere, in which a person makes a promise to do an act of self-improvement or something slightly nice, such as opening doors for people beginning from New Year's Day.”

A New Year's Resolution could also be defined as “a promise that a person makes on New Year's Day and gives up on by mid-January.” News Year's Resolutions are difficult, but below are some tips and tricks that that might make them a little easier — all courtesy of MSU.

Get In Shape

ASMSU Recreational Sports and Fitness provides a wide variety of options for students who are looking to improve their fitness this year. Students who are enrolled in seven credits or more have automatic membership at the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center and students who are enrolled in six credits or less can purchase a gym membership for \$92 at Montana Hall.

Whether you are a marathoner, rock climber or workout novice, there are options for your specific workout and fitness goals. For beginners who are just starting to workout, the fitness center is offering a free three-session class, Smart Start, designed to give students an

introduction to exercise equipment, strength training and developing a workout plan.

Intramurals: While the registration deadlines for basketball and volleyball have already passed, students have an ample amount of time before the floor hockey, dodgeball, indoor soccer and flag football seasons begin, providing students with the perfect opportunity to gather a few friends and relieve stress with fun and friendly competition.

Group Fit Classes: The Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center hosts a variety of fitness classes, from Oula to cycling to strength training. There is even a Nutrition Exercise Fusion class, designed to help participants better understand how to meet their health and fitness goals through diet and exercise. A group fit

pass gives the buyer access to all of the fitness classes offered. Group fitness passes can be purchased in Marga Hosaeus room 120, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mon-Fri).

The fitness center also has a pool, indoor track, rock climbing wall and several different courts in addition to the variety of cardio and weight machines.

Raise Your GPA

There are a variety of options available for students who might be looking for a little extra academic help this semester.

Math Learning Center: Need help preparing for a test? Stop in for free tutoring. The Math Learning Center offers drop-in tutoring

for a variety of math courses. Students must have a valid cat card to receive tutoring. A full list of courses and course-specific tutoring times can be found online.

The Writing Center: If you're having doubts about a paper or presentation, this is the place for you. The Writing Center offers a variety of tutoring options for students at any stage in the writing process. Students can receive free one-on-one tutoring, online tutoring, and can even chat with a tutor to have any writing questions answered. Certified ELS specialists are also available for English language learners. Appointments can be made online, in person or over the phone.

Smarty Cats Tutoring: One-on-one tutoring is available through the Allen Yarnell

Center for Student Success. The tutoring is affordable as students can buy five sessions for \$10. There are also drop-in tutoring hours for various classes offered at the library.

Library: Campus is full of innovative and creative spaces to work, study and collaborate on. The obvious study spot for most students is the library. The first two floors offer prime seating for students who want to study with friends or work on class projects. The third and fourth floor of the library offer students quieter and more secluded study alternatives. Students can also reserve study rooms to collaborate on group projects with a little bit more privacy.

Better Financial Plan

Securing a job in Bozeman is one easy way to increase your financial earnings. Both on-campus and off-campus job postings can be found online at Hireabobcat.com.

The Office of Financial Education: Financially planning while in college can be a challenge, this office can assist students in navigating the financial world. Financial coaches can help students manage money, search for scholarships, create a budget, create financial goals, establish a savings plan and discuss student loans and repayment options.

The Office of Financial Aid: For questions and concerns, the office can provide students with answers. The Office of Financial Aid is home to a wealth of pertinent information, from eligibility requirements for financial aid to FASFA help.

Improve Mental Health

College can be extremely stressful, and for some students it can feel like a balancing act trying to keep it all together. There are a few possible ways to reduce stress and ace the semester.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS): CPS provides free and confidential counseling to eligible students. Undergraduate students enrolled in six or more credits and graduate students actively pursuing a degree and enrolled in at least one credit are eligible for counseling. Undergraduate students enrolled in less than six credits can receive services if they pay the student health medical fee.

CPS can help students with any issues they are having, including but not limited to: depression, academic struggles, anxiety, loss, trauma, sexual assault, coming out, relationship concerns, exploring identity and life choices.

Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success: AYCSSL offers workshops such as MSU 101. MSU 101 is a two hour workshop designed to help students navigate college and learn useful and practical life skills. Learning strategy skills and time management tips can help college students reduce stress and reap the most out of their college experience.

Get More Involved

The Office of Activities and Engagement (OAE): A terrific resource for students who are looking to get more involved on campus and meet new people. The office has several different programs and events that students can easily join and get involved with. There are roughly 250 student clubs on campus, which means that students have a wide-ranging variety of options, from sports clubs to political clubs to special interest organizations. It is also easy to start a club, providing the club has a minimum of ten members.

Outside of clubs, OAE also offers Service Saturdays, where students can volunteer around Bozeman, creating relationships and bettering the community.

BreaksAway is another way students can get involved, and relatively soon. BreaksAway is a spring break program where students can travel to volunteer in five different locations in the U.S., ranging from working with children in Missouri to working with animals in Utah. Registration begins Jan. 28 at 7:30 a.m. in SUB 286.

For even more ways to get involved, consider visiting the Involvement Fair on Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the SUB ballrooms.

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SPORTS

Women's basketball ignites semester with pair of home wins

By IAN BREUNER

The Montana State Bobcats women's basketball team had a hot start to the spring semester, defeating both the University of North Dakota and University of Northern Colorado at home in Worthington Arena.

The Bobcats faced off against the Fighting Hawks of North Dakota on Jan. 14. North Dakota scored the first four points of the game, but the Cats only allowed the Fighting Hawks to score eight total first period points and took a 13-8 lead at the end of the first period. Despite being outsized at the center position, MSU did a great job shutting down the Fighting Hawks post play.

"We established some tempo in the open court and used our speed to our advantage," MSU Head Coach Tricia Binford said. Seniors Lindsay Stockton and Jasmine Hommes got things started in the first couple minutes of the second period and stretched the lead to double-digit figures with the score at 19-9. The Bobcats led 34-21 at the end of the first half.

Hommes continued her hot shooting in



PHOTO BY PARKER FAIREY

Hannah Caudill (23) looks for an open pass during the game against Northern Colorado.

the second half, establishing the Cats' largest lead of 16 points with another triple a couple minutes into the third. The Fighting Hawks outscored the Bobcats 40-35 in the second

half but were unable to cut the lead under eight. "Give them some credit," Binford said. "I thought North Dakota had a really challenging second half and made it a really back and

fourth game." Hommes led the Cats in scoring with 20 points while sophomore Hannah Caudill added 17 points. The Bobcats cruised to a 69-61 win over the Fighting Hawks.

The Cats battled the Bears of Northern Colorado on Saturday, Jan. 16. MSU had a sizzling start, converting UNC turnovers into easy buckets and took an early 19-8 lead in the first period. The Bears came out in the second period and outscored the Cats 17-14 and cut the lead to eight points. The Bobcats led 33-25 at the half.

The Bobcats didn't score until almost seven minutes into the third period, and the Bears used this to their advantage and cut the lead to four before the Cats stretched out the lead to seven at the end of the period. Junior Peyton Ferris helped to ignite the Bobcats' offense in the fourth quarter, scoring both from the three point line as well as in the paint as the Bobcats secured a 66-58 win over the Bears. Ferris led the Cats in scoring with 24 points, and Hommes added 13 points. The Bobcats improved to 6-0 in the Big Sky Conference. "We know there's a lot of season left, but it feels great," Binford said.

Winter months see men's basketball catching a cold

By PATRICK ALLARD

While the entire MSU campus cleared out for winter break, the men's basketball team was busy battling to close out the season with a winning record. Historically, the Cats don't fare well in the winter months and fall susceptible to a harsh losing streak that seems to plague the team for the remainder of the semester. The Cats went 2 for 6 last season during December. Unfortunately the Cats found themselves once again falling prey to the "cold streak" for this season as well, managing only to win 2 of their 7 match-ups. The Cats closed out December with a 7-9 overall record. With 2016 just around the corner, the Cats' New Year's resolution was to achieve a winning record. Of course, like the 90 percent of New Year's Resolutions broken by Jan. 2, so was the Cats', and they've got a lot more work to do to

procure that winning record after back-to-back losses in the opening week of the 2016 season. The team finished up the first week of spring semester with back-to-back losses on the road, putting them at an overall record of 7-11.

Their first match-up last Thursday, Jan. 14, saw the team traveling to Grand Forks to go head-to-head with North Dakota. Going into the game, North Dakota possessed a 7-8 record, facing off with was a 7-9 Bobcats. The Cats were outscored in the first half, falling into a 10 point deficit of 28-39. "I thought we were locked in and ready to play," said Bobcat Head Coach Brian Fish, "but we missed some shots early. Their point guard made three or four shots. We just struggled to get something going." This set the precedent for the rest of the game, the Cats never surpassing North Dakota's lead. Montana State fell to 7-10 overall, 2-3 in the Big Sky,



PHOTO BY COLTER PETERSON

Quinton Everett (24) works his way around Ryan Welage (32) during Montana State's win over SJSU on Nov. 20.

with the loss. North Dakota is now 8-8, 3-2.

The Cats then traveled to Greeley, Colorado, to face the Bears. The hectic last nine seconds

against the Bears in the 4th quarter will forever be imprinted in senior Marcus Colbert's mind. He took the final shot to tie the game but missed even after a tip attempt

by freshman Tyler Hall to seal the shot. The Cats had scrambled back from an eight point deficit tying the score with 39 seconds to play on a three-point shot. He was fouled and converted the free throw. UNC's Jeremy Verhagen made a pair of free throws with 26 seconds to play to set up MSU's final possession, which ended with the failed shot attempt to tie.

"Our effort has been good all along," Fish said, "But we have to get some stops. You can't allow 60 percent shooting in the second half, and you can't put the other team at the line as many times as we do, and win on the road."

Hall totaled 37 points over the past two games, raising his season total to 320, making him the fastest Bobcat to ever reach 300 total points. With the two back-to-back losses, the men's team will come back home to face a 9-8 Eastern Washington in the Brick on Thursday, Jan. 21.

OUTDOORS

Bozeman to BC: exploring Whitewater Ski Area

By THEODORE GROVER

“Despite the lies the ski area might be telling you, there’s really not a lot of snow here right now.” That’s what the wiry old Whitewater local said to us in the parking lot that morning, as we slapped our skins on our skis. It was early December, and the surrounding mountains were already caked in snow. The resort was claiming something like a 75 inch base on the summit, in early December no less! But I guess that’s not a lot of snow for a place like Whitewater. It was our second day exploring the Selkirk Mountains that surround the town of Nelson, British Columbia, and I was enthralled. I turned to my friend Dan, and said, “I think I want to move here.”

Just a few miles up the road from sleepy Nelson lies Whitewater Ski Resort, a quirky little ski area with absolutely ripping terrain and a stellar vibe to boot. White-

We had the fine privilege of sampling just how good the trees at Whitewater are, as we floated down through the silent pines, popping off pillows as we went.

water, along with roughly a dozen other ski areas scattered across the West, make up the Powder Alliance. This collection of resorts offers three free days of shredding at other member resorts, respectively. All one has to do to take advantage of the Powder Alliance is possess a season pass at one of the participating resorts, and Bridger Bowl just happens to be one of them.

Taking advantage of free lift tickets, we spent the first day of our trip skiing at the resort proper. The resort did not disappoint. We hopped on the double chair at opening bell, a rickety old chair that climbed up Whitewater’s steep lower face all the way to the summit. Six inches of

fresh snow had fallen the night before, and we were excited to see what terrain the mountain had to offer. We ripped the lift line under the double for our first run, a steep, cliff-ridden trail. The grade of the slope was impressive, pushing 45 degrees in places, and skied phenomenally well with the fresh snowfall. On the next run, we set out to explore some of Whitewater’s legendary glades. The mountain is covered in towering, thin pine trees, making for some astonishingly good tree skiing. That morning, we had the fine privilege of sampling just how good the trees at Whitewater are, as we floated down through the silent pines, popping off pillows as we went.

The next morning, we set out to explore some of the fabulous backcountry terrain that surrounds the resort. Some friendly old locals that we met in the parking lot pointed us in the right direction, and we were soon skinning up through beautiful BC trees. We eventually gained the ridge that sits opposite the resort, offering up majestic views of the surrounding Selkirk Mountains. Further skinning along the ridge brought us to the top of a large gladed meadow, where we proceeded to dig a pit before dropping in. By the time we dug to the ground, the snow was over my head. There must’ve been 80 inches of snow sitting at the top of the ridge! I thought back to what the timeworn Whitewater local had said to us in the parking lot and had to chuckle. Someday, I’ll have to return to Whitewater to see what a lot of snow looks like, as I can imagine that it must be pretty incredible.

The games we play: reflecting on the danger of a life outdoors

By PARKER WEBB

While volunteering at the Khumbu Climbing Center in Nepal, I lived for roughly two months underneath Tawoche, a mountain in every sense of the word. Tawoche stretches to a height of 21,463 feet, swallowing the sky above the village of Phortse. Everywhere I went, I couldn’t escape its grasp – spanning the horizon with an immense face of rock and ice, capped with seracs into a pyramidal summit, seemingly unattainable. To me, it seems impossible to climb: a mountain people would only dream of climbing, a summit of dreams, not of actuality. For others, that has not been the case. For local climber and superhero Justin Griffin, Tawoche wasn’t just a figment of inspiration – just a jagged tooth cutting into the mind to be dreamed of being climbed. For Justin, it was an actual objective. Over the course of Nov. 8–14, it was an objective and goal that Justin, along with climber Ski DeTray, attained. Yet, unfortunately, this dream was attained at the

cost of Justin’s life. While descending from their first ascent, Justin slipped, dying in the fall. For the climbing community of Bozeman, the news hit hard. Superheroes don’t die. They’re not supposed to, anyways.

Over the course of the years I’ve been climbing, enough friends of mine have passed away in the outdoors to fill the fingers on one hand: Luke Benton, Kevin Volkening, Dendi Sherpa, Jens Anderson and Justin Griffin. I’m not alone with this. Given enough time, almost everyone has the unfortunate chance to lose someone close to them through events taking place in the outdoors, in places that give us so much joy and drive our lives. The games we play in the mountains are dangerous ones. Games with severe consequences. As invincible as we see ourselves to be, especially as college students trying to impress the crew we shred or climb with, death is still a possibility in the outdoors. Perhaps not the most prevalent risk all the time – a sprained ankle or a broken bone is a lot more likely while sport climbing

or mountain biking – but death is still a possibility.

With such a looming risk of death, it begs the question: is it worth it? With the games we play, do the rewards outweigh the risks? In most cases, the answer is it depends, conditional on the perceived risk versus actual risk. And it is different for each person and each setting. A short answer would be no, that dying in the mountains is never worth it, but as alpinist Kelly Cordes has said, “people die every day without living.” Is a life lived on the couch in fear, where death is just as inevitable, any more worth it than living a life full of passion? I’m not telling you to go do the riskiest, most dangerous thing you can. Instead, I’m asking you to take a deep look at your life and the sports you participate in, and truly decide for yourselves what activities are worth the risk. Live a life full of passion and dreams, yet live it to your accounts. Exist passionately, and don’t forget to check your knot.



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The daunting Tawoche mountain in Nepal stands as a reminder there can be dangerous consequences when climbing.

EMBRACE THE COLD FACE

Five ways to enjoy winter in Montana

By NICK KASSER

I live in the mountains. They say home is where the heart is, and although I may sleep in a building, my heart is up high, with windswept pines and perennial snow-capped peaks. My brain is on rivers and sticks in spots where the river bends and big fish like to hide. My eyes are on new lures and fishing reports. And the sunset.

We in Montana, especially in Bozeman, are blessed with some of the greatest scenery and outdoor opportunities in the world. It can be easy to forget this when that beauty is marred by dirty, gray slush in the streets and fog clouding the sky all day. It's even easier when your car won't start, your door sticks, you slip and slide everywhere and it's so cold your face hurts. So here are some ways to embrace the harsh Montana winter and get back in touch with one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

Ice Fishing

I know I've talked about this before, but there really can't ever be too much encouragement for it. Especially if you're already an avid fisherman. You can buy a hand crank auger for 50 bucks, or better yet, borrow one from a buddy. And if you're willing to invest in a shelter, you'll be way more comfortable. Ice fishing is relaxing, and you can even do homework while you wait for the fish to bite. Even in the dead of winter you have the chance to catch absolute monsters, and it's an incredible experience to fish on top of a frozen lake. Wearing a life vest or floating coveralls is a good idea, and always make sure the ice is safe to fish before going out.

Skiing and Snowboarding

Obviously. No explanation needed for this one.

Snowmobiling

This is the wintertime version of four-wheeling. Tons of fun, just make sure you bundle up. (I did this once as a kid and made the mistake of not wearing proper clothing. Needless to say, I got cold real fast and my trip didn't last as long as it should have). There are places around here to rent snowmobiles, and there are even more places to ride them. Ask around and you're likely to find someone very knowledgeable on the subject. It's a great way to enjoy the natural beauty without having to hike for miles. As for rentals, try Summit All Terrain Rentals or Big Boy Toys.

Hiking or Snowshoeing

Brave the cold and enjoy the days of sunshine! There are tons of trails all around Bozeman, and hiking in the snow is a great way to stay in shape and see some wonderful snow covered vistas. Who needs the gym when

you're climbing to six thousand feet in snow up to your knees? Talk about cardio. And just because it's cold doesn't mean you can't enjoy the hike. Just be extra careful of hypothermia and frostbite, which can set in in broad daylight, especially if you're sweating. MSU will rent you snowshoes at the outdoor rec center, and you can buy all sorts of cleat attachments for your shoes if to wear when it's icy.

Watch the Sunset, Hot Cocoa or Cider in Hand

The sunset is beautiful. No paint or camera on Earth can capture the sort of color that a winter sunset puts off. It reminds me that I am part of a much larger universe, and that universe is much greater than just me. Even in the dead of winter, I love sitting on my deck in a lawn-chair and watching the sun go down.

Good luck with the new semester, here's wishing you all lots of As and little work.

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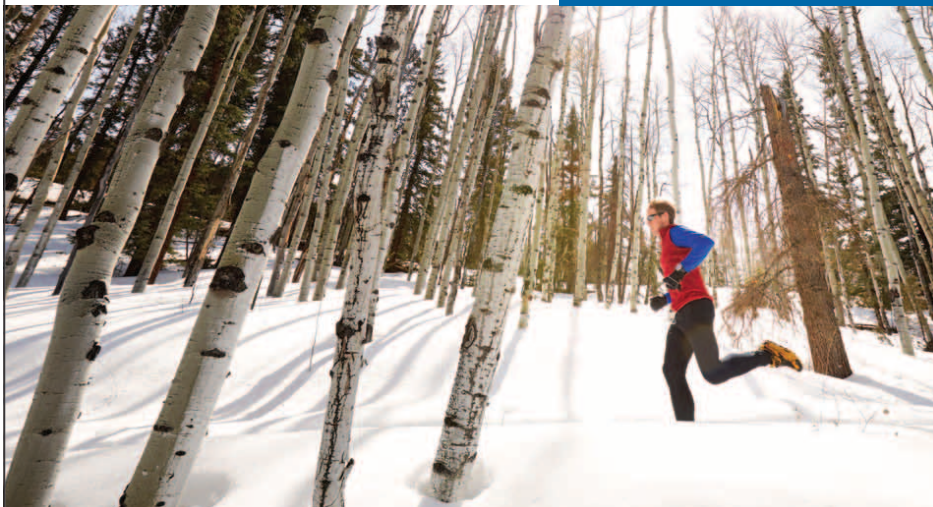


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CULTURE

Student Art

By KAYCEE CRONK

"Art's never been a decision — it's just always been what I wanted to do," MSU senior and art student Muriel Condon said in preparation for the opening of her exhibit "Oh, Wind." The exhibit will be the first of the semester in the Exit Gallery, and its artist is both nervous and excited for the chance to showcase her work.

Condon, a Bozeman native, grew up in and around Bozeman, Livingston and Paradise Valley before finally graduating from Bozeman High School. From the time she was a young child to now, art has always been a major part of her life. "I don't remember ever starting to like art — I just always did," Condon said.

Her passion for art led her to MSU, where she is currently dual-focused in painting and printmaking. Her Exit Gallery exhibit consists of a collection of hand-printed curtains. Suffice to say, the work is incredibly unique, as is the meaning behind it.

"I wanted to play with curtains being a filter of light, a barrier of light," Condon said. "[I]

like talking about the separation of experience between mental or spiritual and the physical. A lot of the stuff I printed on the curtains is body imagery and really simple symbolism towards that — symbolism of deconstructing experience."

Each piece in "Oh, Wind" is, literally, a curtain — as in, the curtains one finds hanging on rods over windows in almost any domestic living situation you can imagine. Of course, Condon's curtains are a little more special than your average drapery. Each features a hand-printed design, and while some of the curtains were found and purchased, others were hand-sewn. In the case of the hand-sewn curtains, Condon selected the fabric based on "its translucency and the way it plays with light." Positioned behind each curtain is a line drawing done in semi-gloss white paint — these drawings can only be seen when a viewer walks past and the light hits it just right.

Condon enjoyed the opportunity to work with fabric. "I like the [saying] 'the fabric of DNA' and how it's 'woven together,'" Condon said. "I like the idea of small segments creating one unified piece, just like cells in the human body or the thread in fabric."

'Oh, Wind' exhibit comes to Exit Gallery



PHOTO BY KIRA NEUBEL

Bozeman native Muriel Condon's upcoming show "Oh, Wind" at the Exit Gallery features hand-printed curtains.

Condon also really wanted to do an installation that played with light. When that idea combined with the curtains, the concept for "Oh, Wind" really began to take shape.

"What I wanted to do with the curtains is make people aware of the difference between the physicality of the curtains and the [intangibility] of the light and try to connect that with being in a space with your physical body and trying to understand that mentally," Condon said.

This is Condon's final semester at MSU.

Though she's planning to take a break from school for a few years, she eventually wants to tackle grad school with the hopes of one day becoming a professor of painting or printmaking.

"I want to live a life where I can make my work, but also educate others and influence other people's lives positively," Condon said.

"Oh, Wind," will be in the Exit Gallery until Friday, Feb. 5. An artist reception is being held on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 5–6:30 p.m.

GAMER'S paradise

By SONJA BENTON

Imagine that you are a god. A fraction of your power has been stolen, and, as such, your watch over your believers has been lax for quite some time. The world you observe has been cloaked in darkness for many years, until now. A waning and waxing light settles over the land, bathing half the year in darkness. The bonds between the underworld, the human world and the gods' realm have been shattered with the burning of the Cosmic Tree, which links them all. The creatures of the night have taken over the land, terrorizing the remaining denizens. Your surviving worshippers inhabit a small, tenuously preserved village. You must guide them to ensure their livelihood and

your power's reclamation, and to solve the mystery of the darkness. You will also face a myriad of unexpected challenges along the way.

"Thea: The Awakening" is best described as an amalgam of "Settlers of Catan," "Magic: The Gathering" and a classic top-down role playing game. While "Thea" does take some effort to learn, since the mechanics of the game are unique, the in-depth storytelling, stunning artwork and interactive plot make it more than worth the learning curve. There is plenty to do, especially for an indie game, and every quest line has a multitude of options, some of which need to be unlocked by specific skills.

In the beginning you chose which god you will act as. Many need to be unlocked after play-

'Thea: The Awakening' banishes the darkness of boredom

throughs. After that, you meet your village. You can craft food, armor, weapons, buildings, and more. More excitingly, new members of your tribe — even from other races — can be acquired in many different ways. Each child that comes of age will also be assigned a profession (worker, craftsman, warrior and, occasionally, medic). Oh, and everything from village to person is nameable.

In order to gather resources, explore the land, defeat enemies and complete goals, you send groups of your tribe on expeditions with food and wood rations to keep them alive on their journeys. It is important to balance the skills of your parties, since some challenges rely on classic fighting, but many others may focus on social, magical, stealth and hunting skills, among others.

Many of the creatures you meet on your quests are familiar, but some may be entirely new. Orcs and elves paint a classic RPG picture, but the personalities each different encounter contains

makes them feel fresh. Strigas, bugays, leshys, pineconettes and cmuch may be familiar to those well-acquainted with Slavic mythology but aren't often seen in video game lore.

Between the plethora of characters and the sheer amount of encounters and side quests, "Thea" is certainly worth replaying again and again. In roughly 30 hours of play, I've only encountered 14 percent of the game's events. The difficulty, number of enemies and size of world are all highly customizable, making each game wildly different from the beginning — even if your choices are the same.

For \$19.99 on Steam, "Thea: The Awakening" is insanely replayable and therefore a great on-the-budget choice for college gamers. Available, unfortunately, only on PC, "Thea" is certainly worth learning more about. Investigate yourself by checking out the title on Steam, or visit developers MuHa on their webpage: muhagames.com/projects/the-awakening/.

CALENDAR

Jan. 21 – Jan. 27

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Thursday, January 21, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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NORTHERN LIGHTS BASH

Friday, January 22, 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

SUB Ballrooms B, C and D
The Northern Lights Bash is a new traditional event being hosted by the North Hedges Hall Council. All students who are currently living on campus are invited to come participate. Prizes will be drawn throughout the night with large ticket items including a Playstation 4, two Bridger Bowl Day Passes and many other various prizes. This event will have free food for attendees as well as a DJ. The attire is semi-casual.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 23, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
SUB 235

At the VOICE Center, we believe that everyone plays a vital role in helping to transform attitudes and actions regarding sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking. We are inviting our community members to spend a day with us to learn how you

can help prevent violence, support survivors and create a safe and inclusive community.

FILM, THEATER



FOLLOW ME HOME

Saturday, January 23, 7 p.m.

Emerson Crawford Theatre
\$15 at the door
"Follow me Home" is a defiant, humorous, poetic tale exploring race and identity. Weaving together traditions of Native African and Latino cultures, the film tells the story of four artists and their journey across the American landscape. The film earned the Best Director award at the American Indian Film Festival and Best Feature Film Audience Award at the San Francisco International Festival and was an official selection at the Sundance Film Festival.

The film screening is a benefit for Bozeman Summit School, which provides Montessori education to children from three to 12 years old and is seeking community support to help the school continue to thrive. The school encourages life-long learning by providing a challenging well-rounded and individualized education based on Montessori principles that nurture the developmental needs of all students.

FLY FISHING FILM TOUR

Tuesday, January 26, 7 p.m.

Emerson Crawford Theatre
\$14
The Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T) is a one of a kind experience showcasing the best in fly fishing cinema. This

year marks The F3T's 10th lap around North America and this year's lineup of films is without question the best the Tour has ever presented. From Bolivia to the Seychelles, British Columbia and Patagonia, from Saskatchewan to Zambia and Virginia to Montana, the notable characters, unique storylines and unparalleled fishing in these films will lead you on an adventure around the globe! Tickets are available at Montana Troutfitters, Bozeman Angler and The River's Edge Fly Shop.

MUSIC



LAUREL YOST FACULTY RECITAL

Sunday, January 24, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Howard Hall, Reynolds Recital Hall
\$5 Student, \$10 General Admission
School of Music Associate Professor Yost will perform 20th-21st century music for solo and chamber piano. Composers include Debussy, Messiaen, John Cage, Bruce Hamilton and Mason Bates. Yost will be joined by Bozeman Symphony members and School of Music faculty members Carrie Krauss, Violin; Greg Young, Clarinet; Julia Cory, Cello; and Jeff Vick, Vibraphone.

The unusual program will include a work for prepared piano by John Cage as well as a simulation of synaesthesia from a listening program developed by music technology alum, Chris Huvaere. The second half of the program will present the Montana premiere of Mason Bates' Red River. The piece consists of clarinet, violin, piano and cello as well as sounds from heavy machinery, insects, water and wind.

FARCH AND PANTHER CAR

Friday, January 24, 10 p.m.

The Filling Station
\$7 at the door
Farch, AKA the Montana Messiah, has rapped and produced his way from his hometown of Helena to his new base of Missoula, to all of Montana and soon the whole Northwest. He's gotten endorsements from Odd Future and Mike Jones, and won first place at the Chamberlain Showcase here in Bozeman just last November. His impressive flow, lightning-speed wit and downright awesome live shows are not to be missed!

SPORTS



TRACK AND FIELD

Friday, January 22

Cheer on your favorite sports team as they face off against teams from across the Northwest, including Idaho State, Utah State and the University of Montana.

BOBCAT SKI DAY

Friday, January 22, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bridger Bowl

Hit the slopes with your MSU Alumni Association and fellow Bobcats at Bridger Bowl for the annual Bobcat Ski Day. We'll be handing out fun goodies, so be sure to wear your Blue & Gold! In addition to sharing your Bobcat pride, \$5 from every lift ticket will be donated to the MSU Ski Team. There will also be live music at Deer Park Chalet from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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Pennies, Afghan girls and Central Asia

By KEEGAN GRADY

Imagine, for a moment, the last time you used a penny. What was it for? Saved in a jar on the counter, maybe — or perhaps in a tray in a grocery store? Did you make exact change for your gum?

What if you could change a life with it?

That's where the Central Asia Institute (CAI) comes in. Lockhorn Cider, located in downtown Bozeman, and the non-profit are teaming up to raise money for Pennies for Peace, a program which takes spare change donations to support youth education in remote Central Asia. All proceeds go to CAI. Lockhorn will exchange donations for a pint of cider and is matching donations up to \$1000. The program has raised over \$7 mil-

lion. As their website says, "A penny in the United States may have little worth, but in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan just a few pennies can buy a pencil and open the door to literacy."

The fundraiser also is matched with a photographic exhibition. Photographer Erik Petersen has worked with CAI for four years and is drawn to the people, who he called "unique and beautiful." The shots ranged from mountain vistas to kids playing soccer in a dusty field, but most were portraits — beautiful young women in bleak surroundings. They are the focus and the mission of CAI. Those young girls are the future of their homes, and by educating them, CAI hopes to expand their minds to the world. As Communications Director Hannah White pointed

out, "If you get kids involved from the beginning, the effects will be felt globally."

However, some may know CAI only by tabloid-worthy news coverage. In 2011, co-founder Greg Mortenson was accused of fabrication and fraud by Jon Krakauer, a journalist and former supporter of CAI. The controversy that ensued became a polarizing national story. In the end, several things became clear — the account in Mortenson's book "Three Cups of Tea" was chronologically inaccurate, and there had been financial mismanagement at CAI. The Attorney General concluded there was no criminal intent, but did note "significant lapses in judgement" and mismanagement of funds. Mortenson paid CAI just over \$1 million in "restitution." As for the story

inaccuracies, Mortenson has stated that the account actually took place over a period of a year and half, rather than one trip, but says that it was "literary license" to write it as he and his co-author did. In the end, very little is completely clear — many, including Mortenson's K2 partner Scott Darsney, defend his claims and mission. Others, such as Krakauer, fervently deny his trustworthiness. The issue still simmers.

Nevertheless, the institute's work continues. They continue to hold fund drives, run Pennies for Peace, and interact with donors around the world. They want to create what White calls a ripple effect. "These communities need help, but they really do want to have access to better educations and opportunities," she said. It can be hard for many Americans to understand that

desire. We are given our educations, and we complain bitterly about them — the books, the homework, the long walk across campus. Petersen recalls a girl who would rise at 4:30 a.m. to tend to animals, make her family breakfast and walk two miles to school. After five hours in a dirt-floored concrete schoolhouse, she would come back home to help with all the evening tasks. Perhaps, in the end, cafeteria dorm food and spread-out campus aren't so terrible.

Of all the photos at the exhibition, there was one that stood out. It is a girl standing before a blackboard in a white head scarf and robe. In her hands she holds a book of bright blue cloth. And she is smiling, simply for the joy of being in school. And that, for the employees and supporters of CAI, is validation enough.



By KAYCEE CRONK

"Goosebumps"

Surely you remember R.L. Stine's prolific "Goosebumps" series. Even if you somehow escaped childhood without reading one of his kooky "horror" novels, you probably noticed their existence. The seemingly endless supply of brightly-colored covers, boasting titles as amazing as "Say Cheese and Die!" and "Planet of the Lawn Gnomes," stood out amongst the otherwise-tepid fare of elementary school libraries everywhere. They were the most wholesome "scary" thing a kid could get their hands on, and given how slim each novel was, they could be devoured by the dozen.



The "Goosebumps" movie offers a fun trip down memory lane, but instead of adapting the novels themselves, "Goosebumps" takes their zany spirit and translates it to the screen. It follows the tale of a teen named Zach who moves in next door to the "Goosebumps" author himself, R.L. Stine (played with relish by Jack Black), and accidentally releases all of the monstrous creatures Stine has ever created. This is a "scary" movie made for kids (so, in other words, it's not very scary), but for anyone looking for an exciting bit of nostalgia, "Goosebumps" is an excellent place to find it.

"Bridge of Spies"

"Bridge of Spies" is Spielberg's lat-



My childhood and the Cold War

est, and once again, the director doesn't disappoint, delivering a harrowing tale that blends legal drama with espionage, war, and emotional upheaval. Based on a true story, "Bridge of Spies" follows James B. Donovan (Tom Hanks), an insurance lawyer tasked with defending a Soviet spy at the height of the Cold War. But after an American spy plane is shot down and its pilot taken captive, Donovan is sent to East Berlin to negotiate a prisoner exchange with the Soviets, with the goal of trading one spy for another.

"Bridge of Spies" is polished, bleak and somehow incredibly violent while also remaining nearly bloodless. It is also — above all — very tense. Lives are constantly at risk throughout the course of the film, and this sense of danger is conveyed with missed meetings and stolen jackets as often as it is with gunfire and downed planes. Masterfully crafted and breathlessly paced, "Bridge of Spies" depicts a pivotal moment in the history of the United States with all the smooth confidence of a spy under fire.

"The Peanuts Movie"

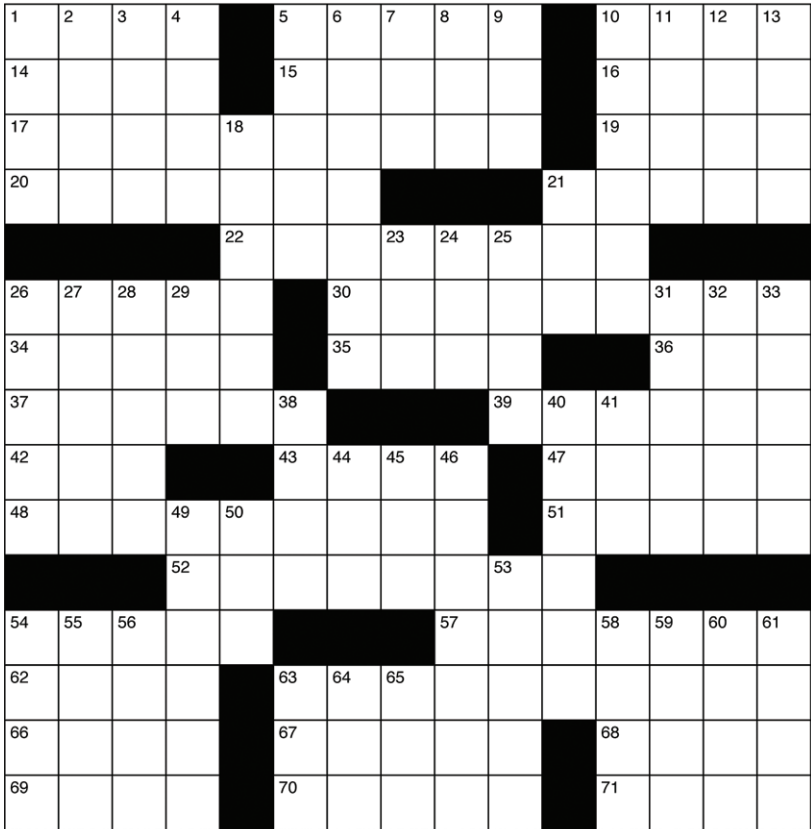
More nostalgia! Miraculously, the studio behind the "The Peanuts Movie"



managed to take the minimalistic artistry of the classic cartoon and adapt the style into computer-generated animation without ruining it. They also succeeded in capturing the unique, woebegone spirit of those old comic strips, much to the delight of dedicated fans around the globe.

So what's the gang up to this time? Well, Snoopy is on a quest to vanquish the Red Baron, and everyone's favorite sad-sack, Charlie Brown, is determined to finally win over the affections of the Little Red-Haired Girl. Meanwhile, Lucy is still doling out psychiatric advice, Linus remains a pint-sized philosopher and that football is still impossible to kick. Basically, "The Peanuts Movie" plays out in the same manner as the old holiday specials — imagine seeing a bunch of comic strips strung together, jumping from story to story while maintaining the loosest of overarching narratives — and it's all the better for it. Anyone who grew up watching "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" or "A Charlie Brown Christmas" will find something to enjoy in "The Peanuts Movie," and even new fans will find themselves chuckling at the antics of this iconic group of children.

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Across

1. Address pts.

5. Popular Volkswagen

10. Thong-like sandal with a straw sole

14. Ginger Spice's real first name

15. English philosopher William of ____

16. Yoko and namesakes

17. Sydney sight

19. Ark. neighbor

20. Motel chain since 1970

21. In a sufficient way

22. Gulleets
26. Long work of fiction

30. Coldest time, often

34. On ____ (having good luck)

35. Harvard rival

36. Derisive laugh

37. Gait of a horse

39. Hebrew speaker

42. Internet shorthand for "I'm leaving"

43. Tomato type

47. Chief port of Italy

48. School catalogs, of sorts

51. Singer Stefani et al.

52. Laundry needs, once

54. Massage

57. ____ Heights (NJ borough)

62. Playing piece

63. Taught by repetition

66. Make ____ dash

67. Make more lean

68. O. Henry's "The ____ of the Magi"

69. TV's warrior princess

70. They each equal one-sixth of a drachma

71. Being aired, as a sitcom

Down

1. "There is ____!"

2. Rap's Salt-n-____

3. Deuce taker

4. Knighted ones

5. ____ Hopkins

6. Airline seating class

7. Home of the Horned Frogs, briefly

8. Profs' help

9. With "mad," a lady in Lyons

10. Adjust the lens, maybe

11. Like a pvt. washing dishes

12. Bakery product

13. Stereotypical British interjection

18. Danny ____ (actor)

21. Form 1040 calc.

23. Entertainer Zadora

24. The "good" cholesterol

25. Inspires wonder

26. Fault-finding

27. Talk from the soapbox

28. Largest river of Europe

29. Pipe bend

31. Yours, once

32. "Goldfinger" actress Shirley

33. Flightless South American birds

38. They aren't amateurs

40. Thing spun by a spider

41. Copy a cat

44. "— — la la!"

45. Shopping ctr.

46. Like always

49. Congo neighbor

50. "Thriller" follower

53. Karate acquisitions

54. 2001 Spacey film

55. Christen

56. McGregor of "Star Wars"

58. Kind of tropical palm

59. Words after pack or rub

60. Dexterous

61. Ron Howard media satire

63. Wedding words

64. Great Plains st.

65. Corp. V.I.P.

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Get a date

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FUN FACT:
The scientific
name of the
bobcat is *Felis
rufus*.