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FLASHBULB Lead singer Amanda Stewart of the band Sweet Sage strums and sings the melody of their song "To Be Honest" during the Battle of the Bands on Saturday, Feb. 1. Each of the three bands that attended the event owned the stage for 15 minutes, after which students voted on which band was their favorite. PHOTO BY GABE BARNARD



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NEWS

The consequences of bear and human interactions

BY KYLEE RUX

For mammals as notorious as the black bears and grizzly bears of Yellowstone National Park (YNP) are, and considering they earn the park upwards of \$10 million in revenue every year via tourist viewing, they became borderline endangered in the 1970's. Human involvement with bears was held responsible for their near extinction in the park.

Students, faculty, and community members gathered in a lecture hall in the Chemistry and Biochemistry building on Wednesday, Jan. 27 to listen to MSU alum Kerry Gunther speak about the history of bears in YNP over the last 150 years. Gunther has worked in Yellowstone for the last 37 years conducting grizzly bear research and is currently the Bear Management Biologist for the park.

Within 15 years of YNP being established in 1872, the presence of humans created worrisome effects on the bear population. Waste disposal soon became a problem since dumps existed within the park, unlike today where all the garbage is hauled outside of park boundaries.

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This generated problems for bears that were known to have a diet ranging from moths, geothermal soil, cutthroat trout, bison and, more recently, human trash. As odd as it sounds, dumps in the park became one of YNP's main attractions.

"Lunch counters" for bears were created throughout the park that invited tourists to come observe the bears chow down on human scraps. This strange sight brought in audiences of up to 3,000 people daily. By 1910, it was not unusual for guests to hand-feed black bears or for bears to join families on a picnic. As human interactions with bears increased, the number of bear-caused wounds spiked. From the 1930's to the 1970's, there was an average of 48 injuries per year. The National Park Service had a wake-up call in 1967 after what is known as the "Night of the Grizzlies," when two women and one man were mauled by a grizzly bear during a night spent in Glacier National Park.

Consequently, a new bear management initiative began in 1970. The goal of this initiative was to maintain viable bear populations while reintroducing bears to natural foods. The in-park dumps were closed abruptly.

BEARS IN THE BACKCOUNTRY:

- » Make noise to prevent surprise encounters.
- » Hike in groups of three or more.
- » Always carry bear spray.

BEAR ETIQUETTE WHEN DRIVING:

- » Use a pullout when stopping.
- » Make room for bears who intend to cross the road.
- » Keep a 100-yard distance from bears.

The bears who were unable to cope without human food were captured and relocated to remote backcountry areas. This hopeful initiative was found unsuccessful after the number of human fatalities increased while cub production and survival rates decreased. Subsequently, the grizzly bears who were once known for populating the park were listed as a Threatened Species in 1975.

A modified plan slowly weaned bears off human cuisine. Troublesome bears were once again removed and occasionally killed if their aggressive behavior continued. As the number of problematic bears decreased, the overall population of bears began to approach their original numbers. Ever since, the population of bears in YNP, as well as their living range, has been continually growing. Gunther believes that, eventually, grizzly bears will be in our backyard here in Bozeman.

For more information and a video on the history of bears in YNP visit montana.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/nat08.living.eco.humimp.bearslunch/bearslunch-counter/.



A spectacular Service Saturday

BY BROOKE SPIVAK

Saturdays at MSU typically bring football games, skiing at Bridger Bowl or grinding on homework for hours in the Renne Library. For a group of motivated MSU students, this means spending their Saturday morning doing volunteer work at the monthly Service Saturday. Seeing as Service Saturdays are hosted on the first Saturday of every month, the Office of Student Engagement (OSE) hosted their first Service Saturday of the semester on Feb. 1, with nearly 100 students participating.

Service Saturdays consist of a variety of local service projects open to both students and community members. The goal is to promote the development of new relationships between said volunteers and the greater Bozeman community through diverse projects focused on enhancing both MSU and the city as a whole. Coordinated and sponsored by the OSE, the Service Saturday projects vary from month-to-month, but they always provide volunteers with many options. The most recent Service Saturday featured projects with Habitat for Humanity, Reach Inc., Gallatin Valley Food Bank, Sacks Thrift Store and Montana Dance Marathon.

The five project options allowed volunteers to do a variety of work around the community. The Habitat

for Humanity volunteers helped unload donation trucks and organize ReStore, a resale store sponsored by Habitat for Humanity for used building materials and furniture. For Reach Inc., volunteers helped set up for the Have a Heart Auction, the organization's

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largest fundraiser of the year which benefits adults with developmental disabilities. The Gallatin Valley Food Bank volunteers organized bulk food items for distribution to the community. The volunteers at Sacks Thrift Store helped sort and organize incoming clothing donations to be resold at low prices. For the Montana Dance Marathon, volunteers made tie blankets and Valentine's Day cards for the Shodair Children's Hospital in Helena. Shodair is the only psychiatric hospital for children in Montana and is currently working on ground-breaking research in genetic testing.

LEFT Seniors Megan Pepper and Dakota Fletcher pose with bags of freshly-knotted blankets during the Montanathon Service Saturday on Feb. 1.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MEGAN PEPPER

RIGHT Volunteers pose for the camera in the process of creating tie blankets and Valentine's day cards. The finished products will be distributed to Helena's Shodair Children's Hospital.

PHOTO BY MARIE STEIGER

Megan Pepper, a senior studying elementary education, and Dakota Fletcher, a senior studying biochemistry, are on the executive board for the Montana Dance Marathon and helped coordinate this specific Service Saturday event. The Service Saturday program is one part of a larger series of events in a nationwide movement amongst college campuses to fundraise and support local children's hospitals. Upwards of 60 volunteers worked hard for a few hours in the SUB to make 20 blankets to be distributed throughout the Helena hospital.

"We chose this project because we wanted the patients to feel our warmth year-round," said Pepper. "The most enjoyable part of Service Saturday for me was seeing college students come together to support children they will likely never meet, but yet they still put love into the project." Service Saturdays are a great opportunity for students to volunteer for a cause they are passionate about. If you are interested in getting involved in the next Service Saturday, check out www.montana.edu/engagement/events-programs/service-saturdays/index.html.

- IN MEMORIAM -

SPORTS

Kobe's Legacy: #MambaForever

BY PARKER ELLIOTT

As a long-time sports fan, it's nearly impossible to name a more influential ambassador for athletes, and specifically basketball players, than Kobe Bryant. Sunday, Jan. 24, 2020, stands as one of the most tragic days in sports history. A helicopter transporting Kobe, his daughter Gianna, and seven others to the girls' basketball game crashed into a hill outside of Calabasas, Calif. There were no survivors. The moment truly shocked the world. My thoughts are with those maintaining the legacy of everyone who passed in the wreck.

As the dust settles and we've had time to digest the tragic news of Kobe Bryant's death, now seems like the right time to reflect. It pains me to write this piece, but Kobe would want nothing more than to have his passion and work ethic showcased to the masses. Through the sorrow and introspection, I hope to highlight the tremendous impact Kobe Bryant had on society.

In his basketball career, Kobe finished with five championship rings, two NBA Finals MVP awards, one regular-season MVP award, 17 All-Star appearances, the 1997 Slam Dunk champion, 12 NBA All-Defensive team selections, two Olympic Gold Medals and an 81 point game, the second-most points ever scored in an NBA game. In his 19-year career, Kobe made 36 game-winning shots. His iconic clutch gene gave everyone growing up in our generation a chance to be the hero, even if it was just a paper ball into a trash can. "Kobe!"

Because of his impact and passion, many have called for a revision to the NBA logo. The current logo silhouette, NBA Hall of Famer Jerry West, is not opposed to the idea. "If they [NBA] would want to change it, I wish they would. In many ways, I wish they would," West said. A petition to change the logo to Kobe already has over 3 million signatures.

From a legislative sense, the wreck has brought to the forefront a discussion about the increase in safety standards for helicopters. It was found that the wreck could have possibly been avoided if the helicopter had a TAWS or Terrain Awareness and Warning System on board. The system warns the pilot if they are approaching

dangerously low heights or any oncoming impedance. A petition is circulating that urges the FAA or Federal Aviation Authority to make TAWS a standard feature for all helicopters. That petition and the Kobe Bryant NBA logo petition can be found on change.org.

Kobe Bryant, on top of his accomplishments on the court, continued to inspire millions of people off the court. With the help of Nike, he became a global ambassador for the sport of basketball. Kobe was fluent in multiple languages and became an icon not only here in the States, but all over the world. His brand became synonymous with passion and hard work. Stories from his sphere of influence continually spoke of his incredible work ethic and conscientiousness. When Kobe left the game, his goal was to be more successful in the 20 years after the NBA. He often spent his free time reading, learning and preparing himself for this post-retirement life. In his four years of retirement, he held large investments in several companies, won an Oscar and inspired his daughters through sports. For more perspective on his winning mindset, please give a listen to "The Corp" podcast interview with Kobe Bryant. He won his Oscar for a short film he directed based off of his Players Tribune retirement letter, "Dear Basketball," a piece I highly recommend reading. Kobe also said that on several occasions fans came up to him and said he needed to have a boy to carry on the tradition, and he would tell them that his daughters were his true legacy. He hoped to continue to push forward women's athletics.

Kobe was also not afraid to talk about the mental challenges we all face. "I have self-doubt," Kobe said, "I have insecurity. I have fear of failure. I have nights when I show up at the arena and I'm like, 'My back hurts, my feet hurt, my knees hurt. I don't have it. I just want to chill.' We all have self-doubt. You don't deny it, but you also don't capitulate to it. You embrace it." He encouraged individuals to welcome the challenges of daily life, and set a plan for progress.

Kobe recently said, "The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, top, goes up for a shot between the Boston Celtics' Paul Pierce, left, and Al Jefferson during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles. (AP PHOTO/BRANIMIR KVARTUC)

want to do." This quote encapsulates the heart of Kobe's legacy. He encouraged anyone and everyone to seek out their dreams. He always understood that the pathway to greatness takes many sacrifices, and in nu-

merous personal stories I have heard over the past couple of weeks, Kobe always challenged them on how they plan to achieve their goals. In the spirit of Kobe, go out and seek greatness. #MambaMentality

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BASKETBALL

Ladies win, men fall as Cats battle Griz

BY CAMERON GRAVES

As per usual, emotions ran high in Dahlberg Arena in Missoula this past weekend. The men and women from Montana were eager for a chance to knock off the Cats on their home floor. Headlines entering Saturday's doubleheader featured both the MSU women and the UM men hoping to maintain their leads in the competitive Big Sky Conference. The Lady Griz were hoping to regain some of their confidence shown in early conference play, and many were interested to see MSU men's head coach Danny Sprinkle's first Cat-Griz matchup on top of senior guard Harald Frey's last visit to Missoula.

WOMEN

In the women's game, the story quickly became about senior forward Fallyn Freije, who showed the 3,617 spectators in attendance why she is the best player in the conference. She and the Cats did exactly what great teams do: find a way to win. As the third quarter came



to a close, the women found themselves down by as many as 14 points. The Cats fought through adversity by holding the Griz to just three fourth-quarter points, forcing overtime. Freije scored 10 of the Blue and Gold's 15 overtime points, helping maintain MSU's position atop the Big Sky Conference with a 66-61 victory. Freije finished her incredible performance with a career high 27 points and a game high 14 rebounds.

On Thursday, Feb. 6, the women will head to the Palouse for a massive meeting against the second-place Idaho Vandals. So far, MSU's only loss of the 10 conference games was a one point double-overtime defeat at the hands of the Vandals back on Jan. 9. As the Cats head out on the road again, they will be dwelling on the opportunity to make yet another statement about who they are to the rest of the conference and to the NCAA. Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m., the Bobcats will welcome Big Sky bottom dweller Eastern Washington to Worthington Arena, giving the Cats a chance to catch their breath.

MEN

After the exciting opener to this season's Cat-Griz series, the Griz maintained a wire-to-wire lead in the men's game to continue their recent dominance in the matchup. Despite Frey's career high 37 points for the Bobcat men, it wasn't enough to overcome UM's hot shooting. The Griz have now won 17 of the last 18 meetings against MSU. The Grizzlies went right at the Bobcats from the start of the game and fed off the raucous crowd's energy, making 10 three-pointers in the first half, resulting in a season-high 54 first-half points. As the Cats' defense struggled to assert itself, Frey made sure to embrace his last trip to Missoula. His scoring spree gave life to a team that had little spark in the first half, eventually bringing the Blue and Gold all the way back to within five points of the Griz with seven minutes remaining. Unfortunately, it was too little too late, and the Cats fell 78-64.

The men will get a shot at the Vandals on Thursday night, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Brick. On Saturday, Feb. 8, they will travel to Cheney to take on conference contender Eastern Washington at 3 p.m. Both games will be crucial as the Cats battle for seeding in the quickly approaching Big Sky tournament held in Boise, Idaho.

Though the men could not find themselves a victory, it was mostly a successful weekend for Bobcat hoops.



LEFT Senior forward Martha Kuderer attempts a lay-up amid pressure from Weber State defenders during the Cats' game on Thursday, Jan. 23. MSU defeated the Wildcats, 81-52.

RIGHT Junior guard Amin Adamu breaks past an Eastern Washington defender during the Cats' game on Saturday, Jan. 18.

PHOTOS BY GABE BARNARD

Going forward, the stakes will only get higher for both squads, so make sure to catch the few remaining home games this season while you still can. Go Cats!

CATCH A HOME GAME!

Men vs University of Idaho
FEB. 6 @ 7PM

Women vs Eastern Washington
FEB. 8 @ 2PM

Men vs Idaho State
FEB. 13 @ 7PM

Men vs Weber State
FEB. 15 @ 6PM

Women vs Portland State
FEB. 20 @ 7PM

Women vs Montana
FEB. 22 @ 2PM

Men vs Montana
FEB. 22 @ 7PM

Women vs Sacramento State
FEB. 27 @ 7PM

FOOTBALL

NFL recognizes Bobcat legend at the Super Bowl

BY CAMERON GRAVES

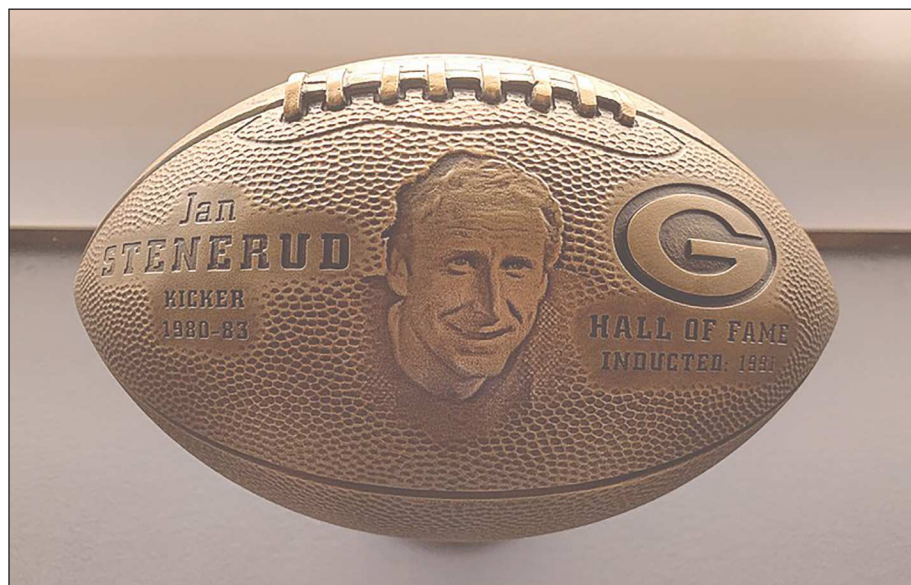
Right before this past Sunday's Super Bowl between the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs, the NFL celebrated the Shield's centennial season by introducing the leagues' all-time team in front of a national audience. Most MSU students who were watching the game probably did not recognize the tall blonde-haired Norwegian introduced alongside a couple of other former Chiefs, but perhaps they should have. That blond was Jan Stenerud (emdash) the greatest Bobcat to ever play the game of football.

Surprisingly, football was never part of the reason Stenerud left his hometown of Fetsund, Norway for the MSU campus. Instead, Stenerud was a member of the Bobcat ski team when he first enrolled in classes in Bozeman. The story goes that he was training for the upcoming 1964 ski season by conditioning on MSU football's former home at Gatton Field. To cool down after his workout, the former fútbol player would kick some field goals with one of the football players. His skill drew attention from former men's basketball coach Roger Craft, who told

legendary football coach Jim Sweeney to check Stenerud out. Sweeney went down to meet the young man and take a look at what he could do. After a handful of kicks, Stenerud was offered the opportunity to suit up the following day for the season's final game. Reflecting on this interaction, Stenerud mentioned in an earlier interview that, "It is Sweeney that changed my life."

The first season Jan experienced as a full-time member of the MSU football team was the following campaign in 1965. That season he established himself as one of the country's top legs, finishing the season with more field goals than the Bobcats had recorded the previous three years combined. One of those field goals was a 59 yard-attempt in a 24-7 victory over UM, which at the time was the longest successful field goal in collegiate or professional football history. His senior season in 1966 was more of the same, resulting in his recognition as the only small school player who was a member of The Sporting News All-American Class.

Stenerud's legacy with the Kansas City Chiefs organization was the most notable during his NFL career. In KC, Stenerud



became a Super Bowl champion in 1969, scoring the first nine points of the game. The Bobcat great went on to become a seven-time All-Pro, six-time Pro Bowler, Pro Bowl MVP and was the NFL's all time leading scorer at the time of his retirement in 1985. In 1991, Stenerud was the first full-time placekicker to be rewarded a spot in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. His fantastic professional career led to his number three jersey being retired by the Chiefs organization and, as mentioned prior, he is now recognized as one of the best players to take part in the NFL's first 100 years of history.

Jan still holds a special place in his heart for MSU and Bozeman. MSU can say the

An NFL Hall of Fame football dedicated to Jan Stenerud rests in a display case.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDRE OPPLØSNINGER

same for Stenerud, whose legacy represents the Bobcat spirit in so many ways. He now stays connected to the community by raising thousands of dollars for athletic scholarships at MSU and working with Montana's Special Olympics program.

Hopefully, MSU students recognized Jan Stenerud when he was introduced during the Super Bowl. If you didn't recognize him then, you will now certainly realize and appreciate the incredible Bobcat's legacy.

Cats solidify roster with top-notch recruiting class

BY PARKER ELLIOTT

MSU's 123rd football roster just became a lot clearer. Wednesday, Feb. 5, marked National Signing Day, the day where prep athletes see their dreams of playing college athletics become reality. With the addition of the early signing period in December, this day became less hectic than in the past. The Cats welcomed eight additions to their 2020 class. To celebrate these recruits and the 21 who signed in the early signing period, MSU hosted a special night at the Rialto featuring head coach Jeff Choate and current Philadelphia Eagles linebacker and former All-American Bobcat Alex Singleton.

Included in Wednesday's signing group were six high school signees: running back Garrett Coon, the Gatorade Player of the Year in Wyoming, kicker Blake Gessner and long-snapper Tommy Sullivan, both the top ranked at their respective positions in Washington, and three solid California signees: defensive

back Devin Davis, running back Minaya Olivo and offensive lineman JT Reed. The class introduced on Wednesday also included two transfers: junior safety Jeffrey Manning Jr. from Oregon State and sophomore wide receiver Tayvian Williams from Laney College.

Choate was excited about this class, saying, "I don't think we've deviated from our DNA. These are each outstanding young men who are great fits for our program. Taken in total, this is a deep and balanced class."

Some of the highlights of the early signing period included transfer sophomore dual-threat quarterback Matt McKay from North Carolina State, who has already started several games in his young career, punter Bryce Leighton, who was ranked as one of top punters in the country, standout linebacker from Washington Danny Uluilakepa, and many of the top athletes in Montana. Two of the ten Montana commits were Butte quarterback Tommy Mellott, who led the Bulldogs to the AA State Championship game this season, and

Melstone defensive lineman Brody Grebe, who returns to his homestate after spending last year at Choate Rosemary Hall prep school in Connecticut.

"I think that we're recruiting at a very high level," Choate said, "However you want to rank a class, I believe this one comes out as one of the best in the FCS, and that is because of the three most important elements we have to offer. First, we have a world class place to live. When you look at the best places to live online, Bozeman always pops up. Second, this is a world class academic institution. And third, we offer a nationally-ranked football program that young men are able to grow with and thrive in."

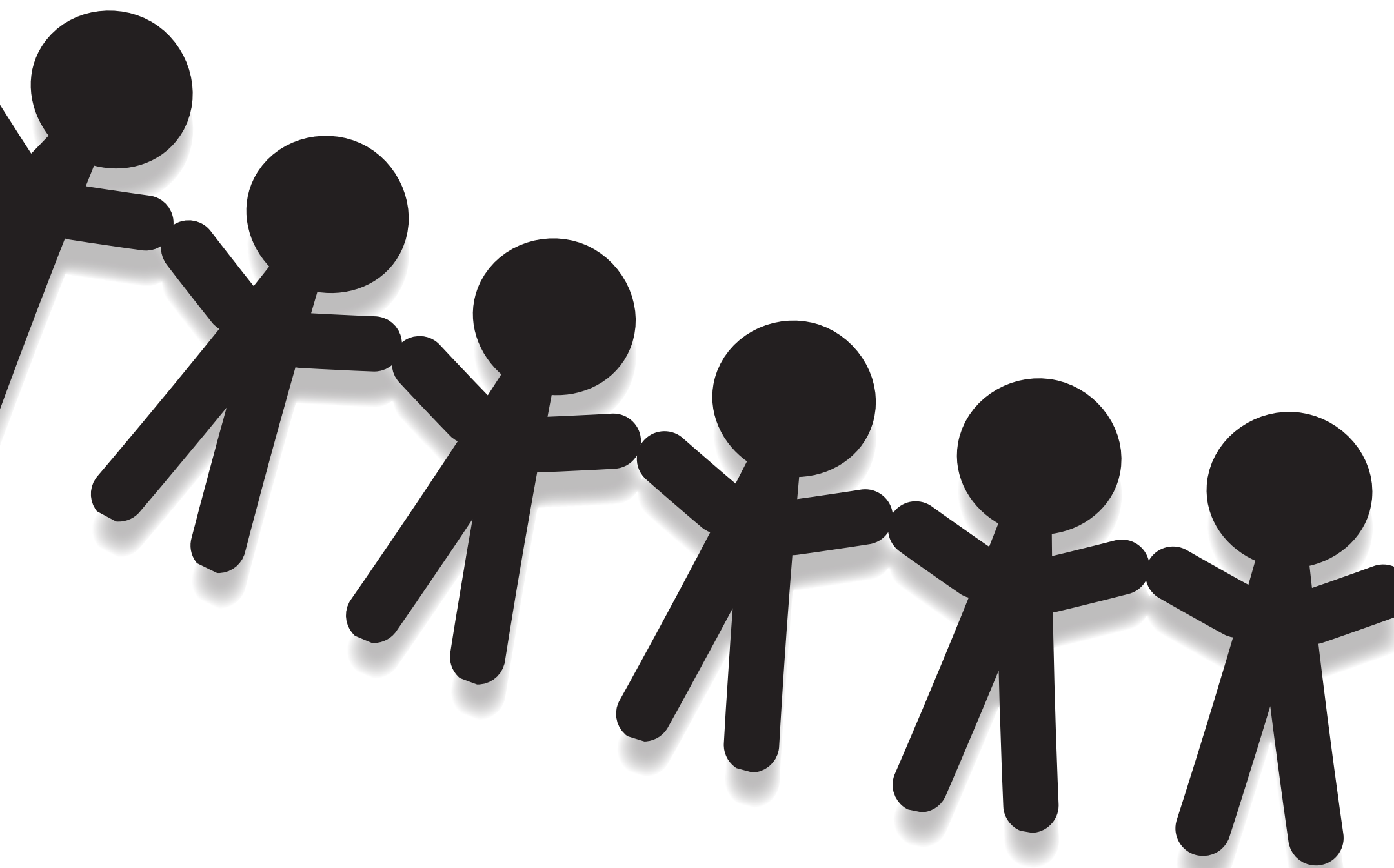
The appreciation for the past, present and future of MSU football was ever present to fans who listened to Choate and Singleton on Wednesday evening. Following one of the most impressive seasons in MSU football history, the standards and expectations are as high as ever. It will take time and hard work, but this signee class of 2020 seems to have all the keys to take this program to the next level.

THE HEART INITIATIVE: PUTTING A **RED LIGHT** ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

By Braden Urion

Human trafficking is a multi-billion dollar industry that adversely affects millions of people each year. It is one of the fastest

growing sectors of the black market – a business based around exploiting desperate, vulnerable people. This February, MSU students have the chance to meet and listen to local leaders who are actively working to help those affected.



The HEART Initiative was founded in Montana to raise awareness of the reality and horrors of human trafficking that occur both at a local and global level. Many students might have considered human trafficking to be a serious yet very distant problem. The HEART Initiative reminds us, “Human trafficking is something that impacts us right here at home.” As a part of its five-week speaker series going on now, the HEART Initiative invited Katie Woods, M.D., to speak on her medical experience volunteering with refugee aid organizations from around the world.

Currently, Woods is a physician working with Student Health Services on MSU’s campus. In addition to her time as a local practitioner, she has spent a significant amount of time volunteering as a medical aid in both Greece and Bangladesh. Despite the somber nature of her topic, Woods managed to interject light and levity into her talk as she recounted stories of hope, love and community found in people during the worst times of their lives.

Woods’ talk began with some quick figures about the state of the global refugee crisis. With current refugee populations at a record high, the dangers for them are tremendous, as over 70 percent of those refugees will be exploited in some way. During her time in Lesbos, Greece working with Lighthouse Relief, Woods saw firsthand just how perilous a refugee’s life could be.

Woods’ talk centered around the story of Sam, an Afghani refugee whose exodus from his home country into Sweden took him and his family 3 ½ years to complete.

Sam was a wealthy Afghani scientist whose previous work with Americans had drawn him attention from the Taliban. After recovering from an attempt on their lives, Sam and his wife decided that they were no longer safe in their home and, along with their son, they fled their country in search of asylum. Despite his sizable wealth, Sam was just as endangered by the perils that face all other refugees. The family was transported into Turkey in the back of a truck where they would sit and wait day after day without

food or water until they finally arrived at their destination. After these trucks had arrived and were opened, it was not uncommon to find that all the passengers had died from suffocation. Sam and his family were thankfully spared from that fate, but their dangers were not over.

In Turkey, they had to wait months until it was their turn to cross over into Europe. In order to cross, they were forced onto dingy rafts overloaded with people and sent over the Aegean Sea. There were no captains or sailors to help make the journey, rather, it was common for one of the refugees to be chosen at random to lead the vessel, as was the case for Sam. Sam would soon learn that refusal was not an option as Turkish officials forced refugees onto the rafts, oftentimes at gunpoint. Once again, no amount of Sam’s funds could aid him, and he found himself making the journey with his family on a cold, dark night with powerful, crashing waves.

The first half of the journey went by slowly as the group waited anxiously for it all to be over. Then, to their horror, their motor stopped. They were marooned. Fortunately for Sam and his family, a Greek Coast Guard ship miraculously came across them and ferried them the rest of the way to the shore of Lesbos. As they arrived on shore, the volunteers at Lighthouse Relief helped carry them on shore, wrapping them in emergency blankets and checking to see if any of them needed medical attention. Woods and other medical professionals waited on the sidelines, ready to jump in at the first sign of trouble.

Many of the refugees weren’t as lucky as Sam and his family and didn’t successfully make the crossing. Their rafts could easily tip them into the deadly cold water of the Aegean Sea or even slowly deflate as they crossed. Some would complete the sea journey but then crash into the rocky shores surrounding the lighthouse.

Thanks to the heroic efforts of relief organizations like Lighthouse Relief and Med Global, many dangers of the refugee crisis have been minimized; however, the

unfortunate reality of the situation is that there are no real answers to this problem. The sheer magnitude of this crisis is staggering, and it is easy to fall victim to thinking of these people as “other.” It is easy to think that this problem really doesn’t affect us on a personal level, but, as Woods shared, “These are people just like you and me. Educated students. People with jobs. These are not people who wanted to leave their home but instead people who had their home taken from them.”

These stories are rarely happy ones, but there are always spots of light amidst the darkness of tragedy. After 3 ½ long years of uncomfortable travel, Sam and his family were able to find asylum in Switzerland. There are brilliant people like Woods volunteering their time and effort in Herculean humanitarian efforts everyday.

“These are people just like you and me. Educated students. People with jobs. These are not people who wanted to leave their home but instead people who had their home taken from them.”

- Katie Woods, M.D.

The HEART Initiative’s last two speakers will give their talks this Thursday, Feb. 6 and Thursday, Feb. 13, both from 7-8:30 p.m. in SUB 233. I, for one, am very eager to attend.

OPINION

The Green New Deal: Promises Without Power



PHOEBE ZEA
OPINION COLUMNIST

Montanans cherish their cold smoke powder, ice-skating and snowmobiling, and climate change could mean a fundamental

change in the quality of our world-class winter. NASA believes the magnitude at which climate change continues depends largely on the amount of greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere, as well as humanity's ability to adapt. So it's up to us to begin making changes.

In hopes of mitigating long-term effects of climate change and making our existence a more earth-friendly one, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Edward Markey released a 14-page proposal known as the Green New Deal on Feb. 7, 2019. The Green New Deal

takes a successful swing at combining a progressive, Roosevelt-era economic approach with modern ideas like renewable energy. Social justice initiatives in the policy recognize climate change's disproportionate effect in communities of low-income people, migrants, and people of color. This concept, known as environmental injustice, has long been recognized and was studied by the Environmental Protection Agency in the 2018 study "Particulate Matter Pollution." Implementing universal basic income and healthcare is the first step to building resilience and the ability of communities to recover from natural disasters and the impending effects of the climate crisis.

Various climate change groups across the country, including the Sunrise Movement and the Sierra Club, support the proposal, citing the immediate need for solutions and change. But economists,

scientists and much of Congress question whether the Green New Deal can be implemented successfully.

Instead of pouring trillions of American dollars into this vague, aspirational proposal, a fraction of the money could be much better spent in other environmentally-friendly ways.

The Green New Deal fails to address the implementation of nearly every brazen proposal within it. While it promises to "provide unprecedented levels of prosperity and economic security for all people of the United States" and "achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers" in 10 years, the document is painfully vague. It lacks any methods for how we will switch to 100 percent renewable energy with our current technology, how we will provide millions of Americans jobs with full benefits and how much it will actually cost to put this Green New Deal into effect.

At the moment, we have not developed sufficient technology to completely ditch fossil fuels (which represent about four-fifths of the nation's energy supply) and switch to clean power. Experts across the country questioned whether the proposal is feasible within the ten-year timeline given by Ocasio-Cortez, and the answer is overwhelmingly "no." John Holdren, a professor of environmental policy at Harvard, commented on the issue. "As a technologist studying this problem [climate change] for 50 years, I don't think we can do it," Holdren said. Transitioning to 100 percent clean energy would also necessitate ending coal mining and

decommissioning all natural gas plants - measures that economists fear would be nearly impossible to do without collapsing the economy.

As for cost, the American Action Forum estimates that the entire Green New Deal, encompassing both energy and "social justice" policies, would cost between \$51.1 trillion and \$92.9 trillion. That equates to about a \$400,000 contribution from every American household. Two large issues, transportation and deterrence from fossil fuels, would make up the majority of this cost. The policy relies on completely overhauling transportation systems, which experts believe would require major financial investments, regulations, and new taxes. In addition, a tax on greenhouse gas emissions to deter the production of fossil fuels is likely. The proposal fails to provide a cost-effective and commercially feasible energy supply.

Instead of pouring trillions of American dollars into this vague, aspirational proposal, a fraction of the money could be much better spent in other environmentally-friendly ways. Since the technology required to switch over to 100 percent renewable energy doesn't yet exist, perhaps the government could fund a new federal agency tasked with developing and innovating efficient and environmentally-friendly energy sources so that we may better tackle climate change. Just as NASA develops technology for space exploration, a new federal agency could invest the money in science and engineering so that the Green New Deal becomes a plausible solution to climate change.

The Green New Deal is a vague, 14-page document that lists goals without any way to reach them. When looking at the future of Earth's climate, we must examine the capabilities of our current economy and technologies and build a solution based on reality rather than a far-fetched politician's dream.

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Social Media Smackdown on Suspicious Sources



GALLAGE ARIYARATNE
OPINION COLUMNIST

From false headlines to doctored photos and videos, fake news is found in many forms. In particular, social media companies suffer from a glut of fake news originating from disinformation.

Misinformation and disinformation are both, at their core, incorrect information. However, the impetus for sharing the content and those who share it are very different. Misinformation refers to an “honest mistake,” like when an article written by a generally trustworthy media source includes an error that spreads organically. Disinformation, by contrast, is deliberately wrong and spread purposefully to create confusion and circulate lies.

Disinformation on social media platforms can be incredibly dangerous. In 2018 and 2019, the Oxford Internet Institute researched 70 countries around the

world that use coordinated social media manipulation to sway their populations' beliefs, including China and Russia. In this count are authoritarian regimes such as Syria and North Korea who utilize these tools to suppress rights such as free speech and to scare off opposition voices.

Thankfully, social media companies are under amplified scrutiny for their maladministration of hate speech and fake news on their platforms. These platforms are not just a blank sheet of paper on which anyone can write anything. Social media companies have now evolved into wardens of content, and they must deal with fake news and hate speech.

Originally, social media companies assumed no liability over the content being published on their respective platforms. But recently, several social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, have promised to clamp down on misleading information. They have since set up a mix of automated and human-driven editorial processes to promote or filter out certain types of content. However, this is not enough to deal

with the sheer amount of disinformation flooding into social media platforms.

So what can we do to clean out the disinformation and reshape the social media environment in this new information era?

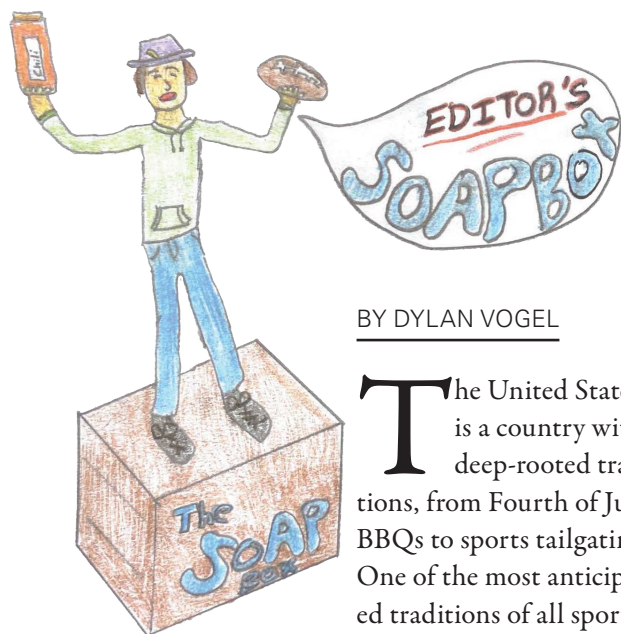
Government interference can make a considerable impact on the disinformation spread through social media and other media sources. In the United States, the Census Bureau formed a new “Trust & Safety Team” of agency staffers who will monitor social media and other platforms for false information regarding the 2020 census. They plan to respond swiftly to inaccuracies when needed. Team is working with external platforms and social media platforms as well as cybersecurity officials in curbing disinformation. They are encouraging the public to report anything suspicious to rumors@census.gov.

Providing alternative information alongside fake content is another approach to clean out disinformation in social media. Through this method, users are exposed to correct information. For example, YouTube encourages users to

click on links with verified and vetted information that would debunk the misguided claims made in false content.

However, we must also contribute individually to solving this problem. Getting to know your own social media feed and algorithm can help you curb disinformation since disinformation targets us based on our online behavior and biases. Nearly all the content people see on social media is chosen not by humans, but rather by computer programs using massive quantities of data about each user to deliver engaging or relevant content. Therefore, we see only information that an algorithm thinks we want to consume, which can be biased and distorted. If we examine and alter our feeds, we can prevent the spread of disinformation.

In the end, the solution for fake news will involve each of us taking up our responsibilities as global internet users. Fact-check before you share! Take the extra few seconds to look over the source or go read the article in full. Do your part to promote a more informed democracy.



BY DYLAN VOGEL

The United States is a country with deep-rooted traditions, from Fourth of July BBQs to sports tailgating. One of the most anticipated traditions of all sports-loving Americans is the Super Bowl. For five months, fans tune into football games every Sunday leading up to the Super Bowl to cheer on their favorite teams. Over the weeks, fans choose which squad they think is going to win, and competition gets stiffer.

Super Bowl Scaries

Finally, it's Super Bowl Sunday. Crock-Pots full of buffalo chicken dip begin to heat up and cans of beer crack open up as fans settle in to watch one of the biggest sporting events in the world. After the game is over and the beer is finished, we are unpleasantly reminded that we do, in fact, have responsibilities the next day.

I am here to propose that the Monday after the Super Bowl be declared a national holiday, “Super Monday,” if you will. This is both beneficial and safe for everyone involved.

Fans all over the country can watch the game in peace knowing that they can sleep in the next day. In particular, those living on the east coast don't have to worry about getting up at 6 a.m. the next morning, since the game runs later there than anywhere else in the country. In addition, since there will be more fans willing to watch the big game and all the commercials that come with it, this proposal

would also benefit the NFL and the companies that advertise with them.

Also, due to the fact that people have work and school the next day, many people feel forced to drive home after the Super Bowl. A mixture of alcohol (and frustration if your team lost) led to an astonishing 41% increase in car accidents hours after the Super Bowl, according to a study done by the University of Toronto in 2003. This statistic is, quite frankly, scary.

Another solution would be to switch Super Bowl Sunday to Super Bowl Saturday. Since the college football season is over, the NFL would not be infringing upon any other football event. Like “Super Monday,” this could also bring in more viewers and benefit both the NFL and their partner companies.

These are two simple solutions to a big issue that the NFL faces with the Super Bowl every year. The NFL should take these solutions to maximize their viewership and protect their audiences. Come on, NFL – raise the Super Bowl standards.



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“‘Urban Requiem’ is a very challenging piece, this excellent group of students has been working for years to prove they were capable,” said Stark. He went on to say how proud he was of this ensemble’s performance. Tanner Rubino, a sophomore studying computer science, remarked when asked why he joined the MSU School of Music, “The biggest reason why I joined the music program is because my friends are in it, plus it’s super fun. All the hard work is definitely worth it when you get to be up there on the stage.”

If you are interested in seeing a performance by the MSU School of Music, the *MSU Staff Recital: With Love, Mackenzie and Suzanne* will be performed on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 3:00 p.m. in the Reynolds Recital Hall. Admittance is \$10 per person or \$5 for students with their CatCard.

City rumbles and melody tumbles

BY LYDIA FRENCH

Beautiful harmonies, claps of lightning, the pitter-patter of rain and the creak of steel found their way to the ears of the audience. On Thursday, Jan. 30, the Reynolds Recital Hall was filled with the beautiful sound of the MSU Wind Symphony accompanied by the Four-o-Sax Quartet. Together, they performed the program “Urban Requiem”, directed by Dr. Nathan Stark. The program contained a total of five

pieces: “City Shuffle” by Jack Stamp, “Emerald Awakening” by Michael Sweeny, “City Rain” by Judith Lang Zaimont, “Tempered Steel” by Charles Rochester Young and “Urban Requiem” by Michael C. Colgrass.

“A requiem is a dedication to the souls of the dead,” said Colgrass, an American-born Canadian musician, composer and educator who composed the piece in 1995. “‘Urban Requiem’ might be described as an urban tale, inspired by a diversity of random impressions.”

Dr. Stark introduced the pieces to the audience with a short summary of each melody, even brightening the mood with a short joke during one of his descriptions. When asked about the pieces accompanying “Urban Requiem”, Stark explained that each piece is a wonderful depiction of a city’s hustle and bustle and that every story deserves to be told.

ABOVE Members of the MSU Wind Symphony rehearse with the clarinet prior to the beginning of the Urban Requiem program on Thursday, Jan. 30.

BELOW A flutist rehearses her part in “Emerald Awakening”, composed by Michael Sweeney.

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Bozeman's best Bobcat spirit(s)

BY BRENDAN KRISTIANSEN

Along beautiful Main Street in Bozeman, there lies a diverse plethora of places to enjoy a drink with your friends as the day comes to an end. While most students tend to flock toward big-name bars like Rockin' R Bar and El Camino, there remain a number of establishments perfect for those looking to unwind in a quieter environment. Bozeman Spirits Distillery, located between Ted's Montana Grill and Backcountry Burger Bar, provides just the place for Bozemanites to calmly enjoy some good conversation and even better whiskey.

Run entirely by MSU graduates, Bozeman Spirits opened their doors in 2014 and has been serving some of Bozeman's best Bobcat spirit ever since. During my visit, I focused on their line of hand-crafted barrel-aged spirits. With the exception of the Arrestado agave spirit, the members of their barrel-aged lineup are all aged at least two years.

MONTANA 1889 WHISKEY

The 1889 whiskey was the first of the lineup and is definitely one of the smoothest whiskeys I have ever had. Incredibly flavorful yet easy to drink, it's an excellent choice both for whiskey connoisseurs looking to explore new frontiers and casual Bobcats just wanting to enjoy a drink.

10/10

PRAIRIE SCHOONER SPICED RUM

The spiced rum took me completely by surprise. Immediately after my first taste, I was taken aback by strong floral notes. Each subsequent sip gave another chance to further unpack this complex and fun-to-drink rum.

9/10

ARRESTADO AGAVE SPIRIT

As a lover of agave, I enjoyed the sweetness that Arrestado had to offer. While it was nice to drink, it was exactly what

one would expect from an "agave spirit": smooth and maybe a little sweet for some people's taste. In my opinion, very enjoyable and would be equally enjoyable in a margarita.

7/10

BOBCAT BOURBON

This bourbon comes in at 84 proof (for the Cats' 1984 national championship), and it shows. It is very strong, but not to the point it is unpleasant to drink. I was surprised with how bright this whiskey was. Overall, extremely tasty.

9/10

OLD FASHIONED

While there are countless modern takes on this famous cocktail, almost all of them have one thing in common: whiskey is the star of the show. Bozeman Spirits made the phenomenal choice of using their Montana 1889 as the base for their old fashioned. Sadly, through no fault of their own, the old fashioned does not adequately showcase their 1889 whiskey. Tasting rooms in Montana are limited to single-ounce pours of spirits; it is possible to ask for a double shot, but those customers must be cut off after one drink. This, unfortunately, leads to a bold blend of bitters, citrus, and cherries without much whiskey to carry all of that flavor. The old fashioned is one of my favorite cocktails, and I will without a doubt be back to try another one – this time with two ounces of the 1889.

6/10

BOZEMAN SPIRITS DISTILLERY
FINAL SCORE:

9 / 10



Bozeman Spirits' take on a traditional old fashioned. Their recipe includes Montana 1889 Whiskey, bitters, bordeaux cherries, an orange slice, and raw sugar.

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FEB. 6 – 20

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CALENDAR

THU 6

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 7 p.m.
Come out and support the Bobcats as they take on the Vandals. Students get free admission with CatCard.

FRI 7

TRACK AND FIELD: INDOOR OPEN
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 4 p.m.
The Track and Field team will host the MSU Indoor Open. Free admission.

SAT 8

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. EASTERN WASHINGTON
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 2 p.m.
Come out and cheer on the Bobcats as they take on the Eastern Washington Eagles. Free admission for students with CatCard.

VALENTINES FETISH BALL
Baxter Hotel Grand Ballroom @ 8 p.m.
Featuring DJ K7NG and a burlesque performance by Jupiter Everhard. Proceeds benefit BridgerCare and The Help Center. 18+. Fetish and formal wear only.

MON 10

OFF-CAMPUS LIVING FAIR
SUB Ballroom A @ 2 p.m.
The Off-Campus Living Fair provides opportunities to find resources needed to live off-campus.

AVALANCHE AWARENESS TALK
Gallatin Valley YMCA @ 5:30 p.m.
Attend an Avalanche Awareness Talk and learn about avalanche terrain recognition, weather conditions, decision-making skills and basic search and rescue procedures.

WED 12

32ND ANNUAL BUG BUFFET
SUB Ballroom A @ 10 a.m.
Eat a bug at the 32nd Annual Bug Buffet. Admission and snacking is free.

THU 13

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 7 p.m.
Come out and cheer on the Bobcats as they take on the Idaho State Bengals. Free admission for students with CatCard.

BONE THUGS N' HARMONY
Rialto Theater @ 8 p.m.
Logjam Presents is pleased to welcome Bone Thugs N' Harmony for a live concert at the Rialto. Tickets are \$45, all ages are welcome.

FRI 14

VERGE COMEDY REVUE
Verge Theater @ 8 p.m.
Verge's ninth Annual Comedy Revue continues to showcase the Gallatin Valley's funniest writers.

SAT 15

MOUNTAINEERS WINTER RALLY
Gallatin Valley Fairgrounds @ 9 a.m.
The Mountaineers Winter Rally is an ice race for street legal vehicles along with competition rigs. Registration is 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. and racing starts at noon. \$30 entry fee with 100 percent payback.

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. WEBER STATE
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 6 p.m.
Come out and cheer on the Bobcats as they take on the Weber State Wildcats. Free admission for students with CatCard.

VALENTINE'S MASQUERADE BALL
Holiday Inn, S Baxter Ln. @ 9:30 p.m.
Bring your significant other to the Masquerade Ball at the Holiday Inn for a night of fun. Must be 18 years or older to enter, tickets cost \$10, and there will be a cash-only bar.

TUES 18

5TH ANNUAL WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL
Emerson Center for Culture and Arts @ 5:30 p.m.
The Wild and Scenic Film Festival is a film festival by activists, for activists. Starts with a social hour with pizza, beverages and a silent auction. Films start at 6:45 p.m. and films are free, no tickets required.

THU 20

15TH ANNUAL "ALMOST" SPRING CAREER FAIR
SUB Ballrooms @ 9 a.m.
Meet with employers in an informal setting. Employers visit campus to provide information about their organizations and to discuss job and internship opportunities with students.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. PORTLAND STATE
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 7 p.m.
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The Dyson sphere

BY CADEN HOWLETT

The advancement of our species has largely hinged on our ability to harness more energy over time. Early energy provided by the control of fire was followed by the industrialization of our planet utilizing coal and oil/natural gas. Once we learned how to split an atom, atomic energy sourced from nuclear fission became possible (perhaps a form that has been underutilized), and we have since seen promising growth in the form of renewable energy sources like solar and wind. In the next few decades, we may see another transition to energy from nuclear fusion, and, assuming no planetary catastrophes, humanity will ultimately have complete control

over Earth’s resources. Once this point is reached, we would hopefully begin expanding outward into space. However, extensive space exploration and solar system colonization both require immense amounts of energy that cannot be realistically obtained from a home base, so we must consider other sources. The ultimate solution to all energy needs would be the construction of what is known as a Dyson sphere.

Dyson spheres are hypothetical mega-engineering projects that would enable a species to capture a large proportion of their host star’s energy output. These structures were originally conceived and popularized as solid spheres that completely envelop a star, but more realistic and recent designs involve series of

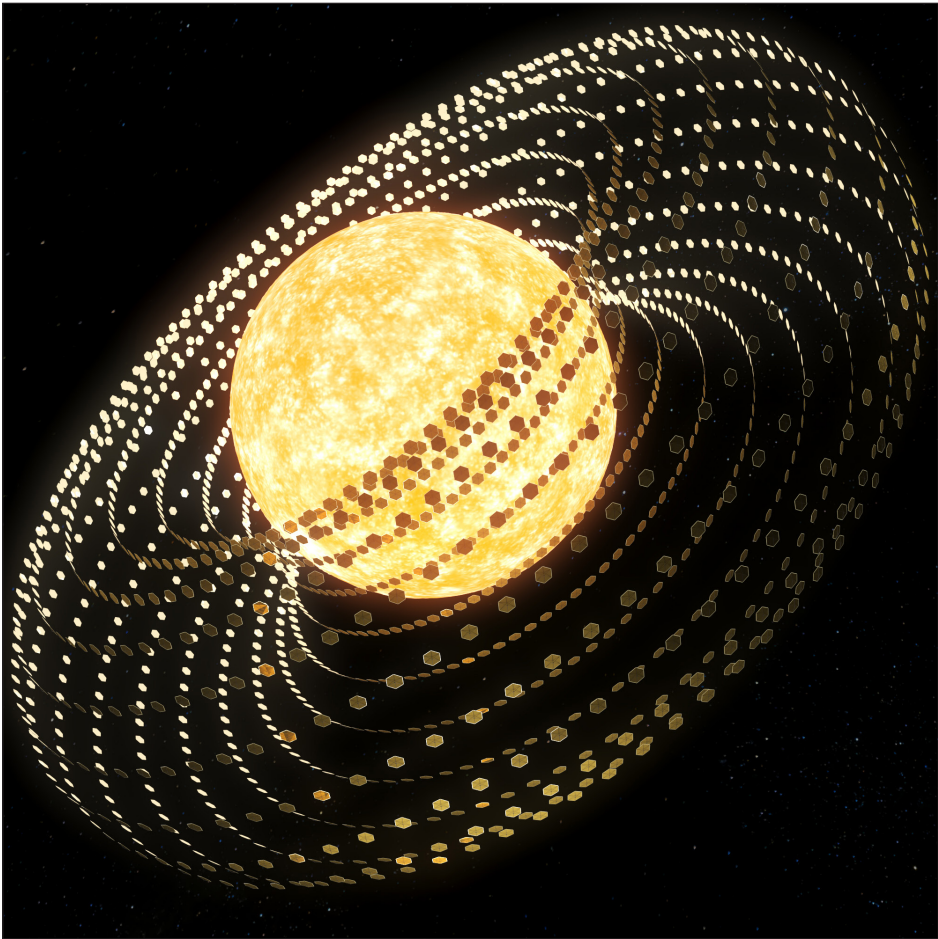


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large, orbiting panels (“Dyson swarm”) that capture power from a star and beam it elsewhere. This would provide unlimited energy for the species that constructs it, but it would require massive amounts of material. Calculations show that to create a swarm around our own sun would require 30-quadrillion 1km x 1km panels, which sums to about 1x10²⁰ tons of raw material. Once you add on the energy required to assemble and transport that much material, we are looking at a daunting task indeed. Some scientists have suggested the complete disassembly of the planet

Mercury for these purposes, as it resides relatively close to the sun, is very rich in metals, has no atmosphere and has a force of gravitational pull about 1/3 that of Earth’s.

Building a Dyson sphere is far beyond our capabilities and will be for a long time, but it is entertaining to consider what will be necessary for our species to become one with a widespread presence in the solar system.

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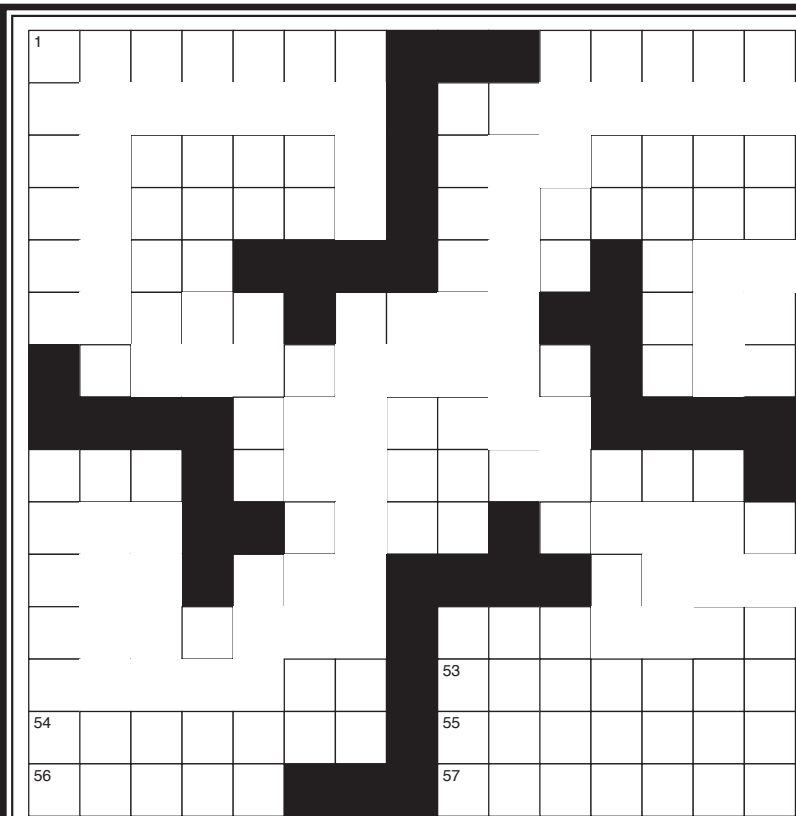
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13. How football players often end up
14. American or Continental
16. Popular ice cream flavor
17. Took a trip
18. Transistor electrode
19. British college entrance exams
20. Caramel-and-chocolate candy brand
21. King or David, to friends, maybe?
22. ____ Smits (NBA star)
23. Galumph
25. Actor Alda
27. Elvis Presley's "____ Can Dream"
28. Couch potato clothes?
31. "Mad" mascot's initials
32. Internet form requirement, often
33. Chairman in reverse?
36. Like a fad
40. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" star
41. Hard-to-find shoe width
42. Gossip notes
44. "To ____ is human"
45. Gerundial suffix
46. "Everybody Loves ____" (Johnny Cash title)
47. Home of the '96 Olympics
49. With extreme anger
52. Stitch with a needle
53. Chemical-free
54. Wild West TV series
55. Make it go
56. Fencing equipment
57. Caused resentment

Down

1. Redirect
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3. Singer-songwriter Barry
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5. List, at sea
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8. Washer's partner
9. King of Norway
10. Cameroon neighbor
11. "____ to Live"
12. Washington football player
14. Sudden inundation
15. Gilbert & Sullivan's titular fairy queen
24. Burrowing rodent
25. "Married... with Children" actress
- Christina
26. Starbucks selection
29. Gifted
30. Indian garment
33. Piece of property
34. Drain feature
35. Chandler's private eye
37. Founder of modern Turkey
38. Army rank
39. Use as a role model
43. Did salon work
45. "He's Got the Whole World ____ Hands"
48. Feel the pain
49. "Are you ____ out?" (poker dealer's question)
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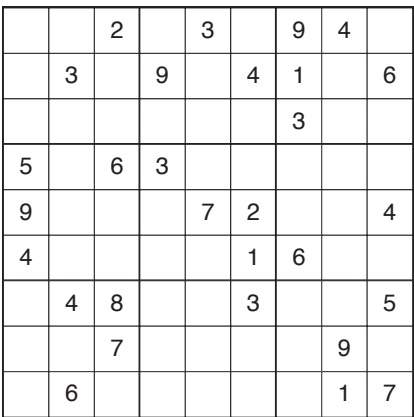
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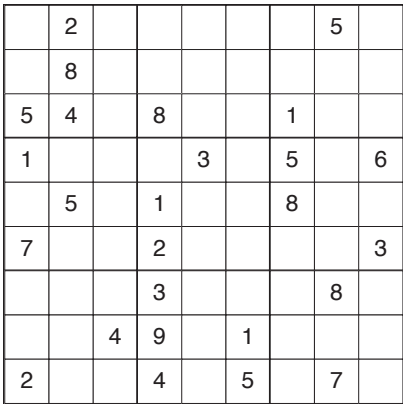
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