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Students try on clothing at the Executive Closet in the SUB Ballrooms on Tuesday, Sept. 17. This event is put on by the Allan Yarnell Center for Student Success where students received free attire, LinkedIn headshots and resume critiques.

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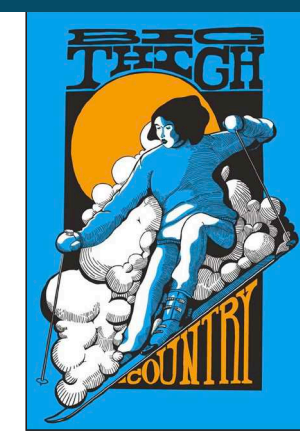

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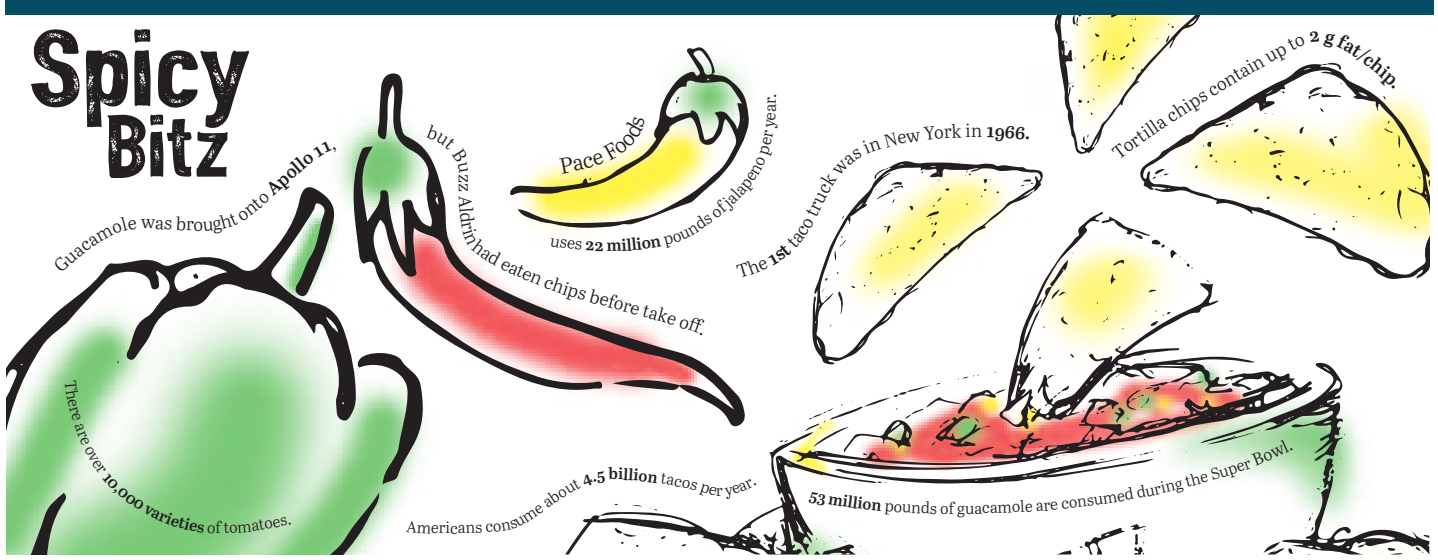

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Give where you have never gone before

BY GABE BARNARD

In the past week, bulletin boards across campus have seen the addition of copious amounts of small green flyers advertising an opportunity for students to volunteer abroad. The Growth International Volunteer Excursions (GIVE) organization is behind these flyers. This organization is dedicated to providing students with opportunities to travel to unique places around the globe and leave an impact on the people they meet. GIVE accomplishes this goal by arranging for volunteers to work with specific communities in promoting education and sustainable agriculture among other projects.

Ambassadors for the organization spoke with students about their past experiences volunteering abroad. Following this, they outlined the various goals and trips GIVE offers as well as fielding questions from interested students.

"It was a completely different situation than I had ever experienced," GIVE Ambassador Sean Hughes said of his 2016 trip to Tanzania and Zanzibar. "I knew I just needed to have an open mind."

The trip Hughes chose to be a part of was one of many travel options for volunteers. Throughout his trip, he did volunteer work focused on building a school for local children by helping mix and lay cement. GIVE abides by the "work hard, play hard" motto, so the activities offered outside of school construction included sailing, an overnight safari and swimming with dolphins. Hughes valued the opportunities that each of these experiences provided to connect with other people.

"It was completely different situation than I had ever experienced. I knew I just needed to have an open mind."

– SEAN HUGHES, GIVE AMBASSADOR

The organization also arranges volunteer opportunities in Nepal, Nicaragua, Thailand and Laos. The first project undertaken by the GIVE organization was the construction of a school in Nicaragua consisting of 15,000 repurposed water bottles, situated in an area where volunteers work today to rebuild homes lost to rising sea levels. In the hill-tribe villages of Thailand and Laos, volunteers help expand sustainable permaculture farming to provide an affordable long term food source.

Travelers to Nepal teach English in local schools and rebuild homes lost to a 2015 earthquake. GIVE's intended purpose is to utilize its volunteers to help communities wield their own resources and assets to expand and develop practices that are sustainable for their people. Along the way, the organization aims to "empower global citizens who will continue to ignite change worldwide."

Students interested in travelling with GIVE can apply online at *www.givevolunteers.org/apply* and register and sign up. Dates for travelling are centered around winter, spring and summer break, and volunteers are able to combine multiple trip packages to determine the duration and activities during their time abroad.

Stay tuned for other study abroad opportunities organized through the university that will be on display during the Study Abroad Fair in the SUB from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

1-800-273-8255

BY BROOKE SPIVAK

Every college student can agree that this is one of the most difficult periods in life. Between homework, achieving good grades, balancing relationships, plus jobs and extracurriculars, life gets stressful. All this stress can negatively impact your mental health. While suicide is an issue that is addressed year-round, September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

It is a time for those affected to share resources and stories to shed light on a highly taboo and stigmatized topic. The goal is to raise awareness and connect individuals with mental health conditions to proper treatment. It is a very important, albeit gut-wrenching and heartbreaking, topic to bring to the forefront of discussion.

Suicidal thoughts typically stem from untreated mental health conditions. Anyone can be affected, regardless of race, gender, age or background. According to the National Alliance on Mental Health, 1 out of every 5 adults will face a mental health condition this year. According to the CDC, suicide rates have increased by 30 percent since 1999. Annually, around 50,000 people lose their lives to suicide.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month presents the opportunity for many communities around the nation to hold events and raise awareness for the cause. MSU and the greater Bozeman community sponsor events during the month as well as throughout the fall.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, Bozeman hosted the forth annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The walk raises money for suicide prevention, education, research and advocacy. Bozeman is also organizing the annual Run for Your Life 5K on Saturday, Oct. 26. The proceeds from the Halloween-themed race benefit the Bozeman Help Center. Over the years, the Bozeman community has raised $40,000 and supported those affected by suicide.

Additionally, Counseling and Psychological Services at MSU is hosting five suicide prevention training courses this September and October. There will be a Sack Lunch Seminar put on by CPS on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in SUB 167. The professional staff at CPS provide free and confidential services including group and individual counseling services, outreach and prevention, plus consultation to students, parents, staff, faculty and the Bozeman community.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Health, everyone can benefit from honest conversations regarding mental health and suicide. If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide, know that there are many available resources and people who can help.

In a crisis situation, always contact 911. Additionally, the National Suicide Hotline can be reached at 1-800-273-8255. A Bozeman-specific resource is the 24-hour Bozeman Help Center, a safe and confidential non-profit providing crisis counseling, outreach and advocacy. The contact number is 406-586-3333. These resources are confidential and incredibly critical for individuals struggling with mental health problems. Take the first step and start the conversation.

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Find Yer Own Space!

BY GRACE LARSEN

In the library, one often hears business and engineering students complaining that there is no room in their program-designated building for them to do their work. With their spacious study rooms, a large quantity of windows, and wildly comfortable chairs, both Jake Jabs Hall and Norm Asbjornson Hall rapidly fill up during the day with caffeinated and determined students seeking a spot to burrow down and grind through their assignments. Let's hit the streets (buildings) and interview students found studying in Jabs and Norm to hear their opinions on the matter.

JABS



NAME: Anastasia Cybulski
YEAR: Senior
PROGRAM: Business Management
DO YOU STUDY IN JABS OFTEN?
Typically, I like to get to school early and work on my homework in Jabs before class.
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS PROGRAM USING JABS AS A STUDY SPACE?
I'm fine with it, I don't even notice who is working on business-related assignments and who's not.



NAME: Garrett Paakkonen
YEAR: Senior
PROGRAM: Business Management
DO YOU SPEND A LOT OF TIME STUDYING IN JABS?
The majority of my time on campus is spent doing my homework in Jabs.
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS PROGRAM USING JABS AS A STUDY SPACE?
It's kind of weird. If you are taking a business class there is no problem with it, but it would be weird for an engineering student to roll over to this building and study in it when there's the library in the center of campus. But if you sign up and you go through all the steps to get a study room then I don't see a problem with it.



NAME: Katelyn Henningsen
YEAR: Junior
PROGRAM: Cell Biology and Neuroscience
DO YOU FREQUENTLY STUDY IN JABS?
Yes, I have a class in Jabs. I normally study in the library or in Gaines Hall, but if I am early to class I will study in Jabs.

NORM ASBJORNSON



NAME: Austin Pliley
YEAR: Sophomore
PROGRAM: Conservation Biology and Ecology
WHY ARE YOU STUDYING IN NORM?
I have a class in Gaines Hall in about an hour, but I find Norm to be a nicer study space.
HAVE YOU EVER GOTTEN ANY COMMENTS ABOUT STUDYING IN NORM ASBJORNSON DESPITE NOT BEING AN ENGINEERING STUDENT?
I haven't had anyone say anything to me yet.



NAME: David Rodriguez
YEAR: Junior
PROGRAM: Physics
DO YOU STUDY IN NORM OFTEN?
Yes.
DO YOU HAVE CLASSES THAT MEET IN NORM?
No. None. I've never had a class in this building, ever.
SO WHY DO YOU STUDY HERE?
I love how open the space is and that there are boards everywhere. It's fun to throw up a high-level physics question on the board and leave it there for engineering students to be puzzled by.



NAME: Halle Priddy
YEAR: Junior
PROGRAM: Mechanical Engineering
DO YOU STUDY IN NORM OFTEN?
I study here and work in a lab here. I'm here every day.
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT NON-ENGINEERING MAJORS HANGING OUT IN NORM?
It makes sense. The Honors College is here, so the third floor naturally has students of all disciplines. Intermingling can be odd but also really nice. A lot of other buildings are subdivided by certain programs, and so you'll never see a big population of the school that doesn't share your major and I think that is really unfortunate.

PHOTOS BY PARKER CANBY

VOLLEYBALL

Bobcats fall in close home-opener

BY CAMERON GRAVES

The MSU Volleyball team took to Shroyer gym for the first time Tuesday night, and barely fell three sets to two against the visiting Seattle University Redhawks. The Redhawks came into Bozeman with a 6-4 record and a block that has been dominant all season despite arriving on a two-match losing streak. The Bobcats on the other hand came into the contest hot off a successful sweep in Missoula over UTEP and CSU Bakersfield. Yet the momentum of last week didn't transition over to Tuesday night where the Bobcats struggled to find consistency. Head Coach Daniel Jones explained, "Seattle U is a good team, and against good teams you have to be at your best." Despite it not being their best, the Cats gave an impressive effort, winning two sets and competing well in each of the other three sets.

Senior outside hitter Evi Wilson lead MSU in kills with 15 followed by junior outside hitter Hannah Scott with 14 and freshman outside hitter Kira Thomsen delivering 13. Kelsie White, a junior blocker, led the team with seven blocks while senior libero Allyssa Rizzo showed a strong presence with a game high 25 digs. Both Big Sky All-Academic Honorees from a year ago, White and Rizzo are players that MSU will be relying on heavily to perform and lead the team throughout the year, especially with conference play starting next week.

Coach Jones further expressed his discomfort with Tuesday's performance along with revealing his focus preparing for upcoming play, saying, "I felt tonight we underperformed. We have to have an 'earn it' mentality. We'll keep putting ourselves in pressure situations during practice and keep working towards winning five-set battles." Learning to thrive in high pressure situations might just be what the Cats need right about now, as next week MSU will be back in Missoula to take on the winless Grizzlies. Despite the Griz struggling this season, it will certainly be a match that they have circled on the calendar. The Cat/Griz rivalry always comes with high emotions, and the Griz will plan to utilize that emotion to their advantage. The Bobcats, on the other hand, will be looking to smother their hopes of a rivalry upset at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24 in Dahlberg Arena in Missoula. MSU's next home game will be Thursday, October 3 against the University of Idaho.





LEFT MSU middle blocker Emma Pence spikes the ball during MSU's volleyball match against Seattle University in Shroyer Gym on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

ABOVE MSU outside hitter Evi Wilson spikes the ball against Seattle's Eve Kerschenbaum.

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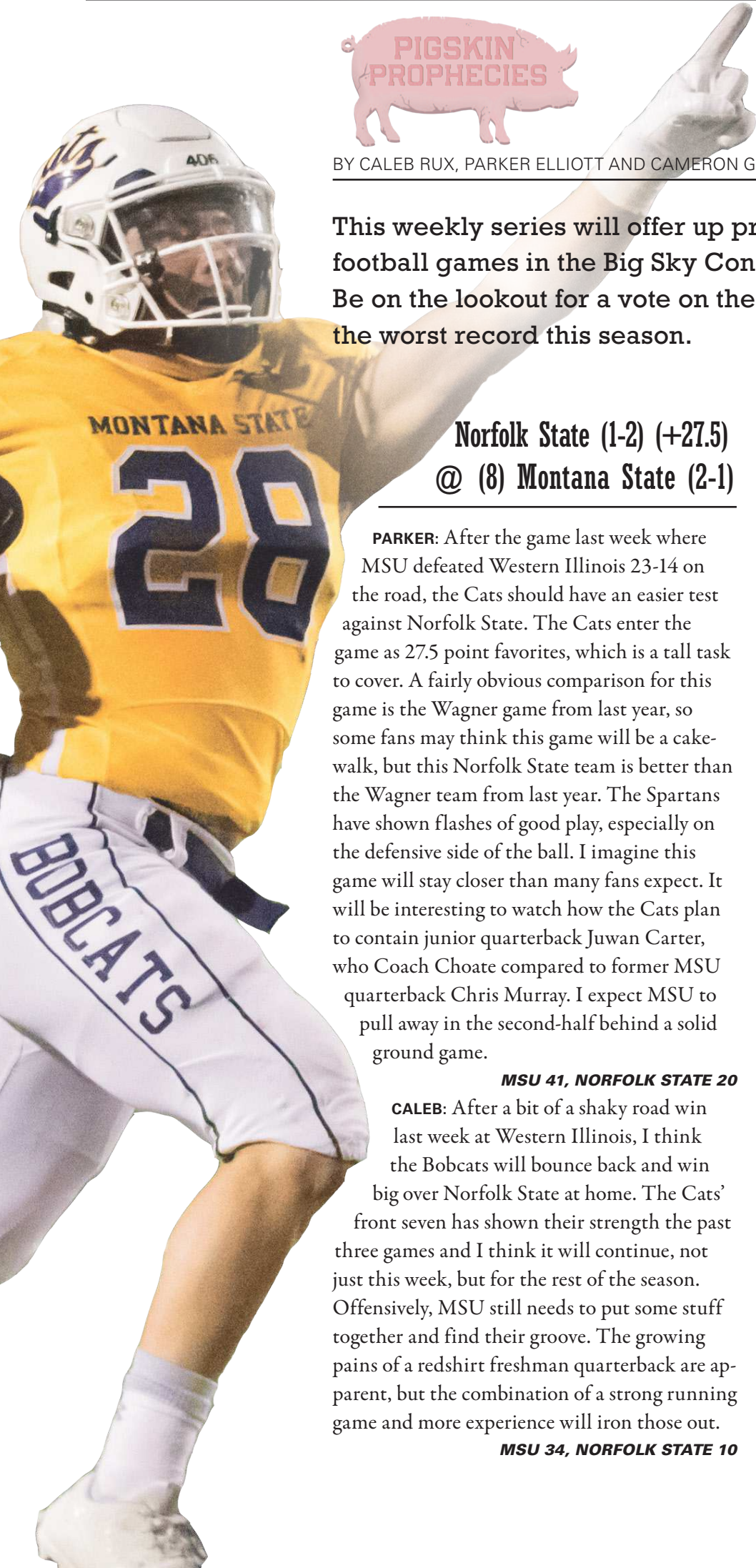


PIGSKIN PROPHECIES

Week Four

BY CALEB RUX, PARKER ELLIOTT AND CAMERON GRAVES

This weekly series will offer up predictions and insights into key football games in the Big Sky Conference for the upcoming weekend. Be on the lookout for a vote on the punishment for the "expert" with the worst record this season.

Norfolk State (1-2) (+27.5) @ (8) Montana State (2-1)

PARKER: After the game last week where MSU defeated Western Illinois 23-14 on the road, the Cats should have an easier test against Norfolk State. The Cats enter the game as 27.5 point favorites, which is a tall task to cover. A fairly obvious comparison for this game is the Wagner game from last year, so some fans may think this game will be a cake-walk, but this Norfolk State team is better than the Wagner team from last year. The Spartans have shown flashes of good play, especially on the defensive side of the ball. I imagine this game will stay closer than many fans expect. It will be interesting to watch how the Cats plan to contain junior quarterback Juwan Carter, who Coach Choate compared to former MSU quarterback Chris Murray. I expect MSU to pull away in the second-half behind a solid ground game.

MSU 41, NORFOLK STATE 20

CALEB: After a bit of a shaky road win last week at Western Illinois, I think the Bobcats will bounce back and win big over Norfolk State at home. The Cats' front seven has shown their strength the past three games and I think it will continue, not just this week, but for the rest of the season. Offensively, MSU still needs to put some stuff together and find their groove. The growing pains of a redshirt freshman quarterback are apparent, but the combination of a strong running game and more experience will iron those out.

MSU 34, NORFOLK STATE 10

CAMERON: FCS fans will recognize that Norfolk State gave FBS Old Dominion a run for its money in week 1 of the college football season. The Spartans also played a very competitive first half against another FBS opponent in Coastal Carolina. But, I can't imagine the Bobcats having anything but a fiery start after last weeks tough-fought win in Macomb. Wish I could say Cats by 90, but I will go with 24.

MSU 27, NORFOLK STATE 3

(5) UC Davis (2-1) (+25.5) @ (1) North Dakota State (3-0)

PARKER: UC Davis has one of the top offenses in the country, led by preseason Big Sky Conference Player of the Year QB Jake Maier, but NDSU is the best team in the country for a reason. The FargoDome is a hostile environment and question marks on the UC Davis defense make this a tough game for the Aggies. I expect NDSU to extend its winning streak to 25 games with their physical play on both sides of the ball.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY 48, UC DAVIS 30

CALEB: UC Davis at North Dakota State is a game that will ultimately affect the playoff picture at the end of the year — yes, I know it's only week four, but mark my words these two teams will both be looking to earn a seed and a bye as the season comes to a close. Although the Bison may have a new coach and lost many of their starters from a year ago, three weeks into the season they look fully reloaded. The Aggies return the Big Sky Conference MVP in senior

CURRENT BIG SKY STANDINGS:

Montana State
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL:2-1

Montana
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 2-1

Northern Arizona
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 2-1

Sacramento State
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 2-1

UC Davis
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 2-1

Idaho State
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 1-1

Cal Poly
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 1-2

Eastern Washington
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 1-2

Idaho
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 1-2

Portland State
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 1-2

Southern Utah
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 1-2

Weber State
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 1-2

Northern Colorado
BIG SKY: 0-0 // OVERALL: 0-3

quarterback Jake Maier but do not have the same offensive weapons they had last year and their defense has not looked the strongest. While it may be a close game for a while, the Bison will pull ahead and come away with the win.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE 45, UC DAVIS 27

CAMERON: This is one of the best games on paper this season in the FCS, and the two defending conference champs both want to make a statement about the quality of their programs. UC Davis will be facing off Saturday in Fargo against the defending national champions North Dakota State in what I believe might become an offensive shootout. UC Davis is led by the All-American quarterback Jake Maier who likes to air it out and can also utilize his mobility if needed. Of course though, the Bison have been the most dominant team in the FCS for the past decade and seem to have done nothing different this season with a defense giving up on average only 13 points a game. With that being said, it's time the Bison lose a home game and the Aggies will be the team to do it.

UC DAVIS 31, NORTH DAKOTA STATE 28

Northern Arizona (2-1) (+10.5) @ (15) Illinois State (2-1)

PARKER: These two offenses each feature stars that can carry their team to victory. Both NAU quarterback Case Cookus and ISU running back James Robinson found themselves on the Walter Payton Award watchlist. After the injury to Cookus last season, he was granted a sixth season of NCAA eligibility, and he is taking full advantage of his final opportunity at the helm. This should be an excellent game that could have some major implications on who is in come playoff time. I expect NAU to travel on the road and pull off a victory, setting up a big first conference game for the Lumberjacks against MSU.

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY 38, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY 35

CALEB: Northern Arizona traveling to Illinois State is shaping up to be an interesting contest. The Redbirds running game is strong, headed up by senior running back James Robinson who was on the preseason Walter Payton Award watchlist. Last year, Robinson averaged an astounding 117.3 yards/game and rushed for 12 touchdowns. On the flipside, Lumberjacks super-senior quarterback Case Cookus also found his name on the watchlist. After being injured last season, Cookus has come back and led NAU to score 157 points in three games this season, including a nail-biter against FBS Arizona, in which the Lumberjacks ended up losing. I think NAU will continue its offensive tear and be too much for the Redbirds to handle.

NORTHERN ARIZONA 42, ILLINOIS STATE 34

CAMERON: NAU has looked GOOD so far this season. Their offense is really clicking in 2019, scoring no less than 37 points in every game this season, but the defense may be their Achilles' heel. That side of the ball may hold NAU to mediocrity this fall. So far they have allowed at least three scores in each game. Illinois State also has had a good start to the season coming into this game at 2-1, but I have a feeling that they will be overlooking this game as NDSU will be coming to town the following week. Expect NAU to prove a point before coming into a hostile Bobcat Stadium next Saturday.

NORTHERN ARIZONA 42, ILLINOIS STATE 24

Monmouth (2-1) (+23.5) @ (19) Montana (2-1)

PARKER: Montana enters this game with a lot of confidence despite losing to Oregon 35-3. Some Griz fans believe this is their breakthrough year, but I am here to warn them that this game will be closer than they think. Montana is fully deserving of their ranking, but Monmouth has a solid defense and some question marks on the young Griz defensive line make me believe Monmouth will keep this contest close. Monmouth has a rushing attack spearheaded by junior running back Pete Guerriero that should pose some fits for Montana. I expect a closer game than expected where the Griz ultimately win at home.

MONTANA 34, MONMOUTH 30

CALEB: Montana has come out early and shown that they deserve to be in the top-25 after consecutive disappointing seasons. Led by redshirt senior Dalton Sneed, the Griz's offense is looking tough, including a 45-point second-half performance two weeks ago. This week Monmouth travels to Washington-Grizzly Stadium and faces a tall task. The Hawks are a mid-level FCS team that competes in a conference not nearly as strong as the Big Sky. Despite having a winning record, Monmouth is no match for the Griz.

MONTANA 44, MONMOUTH 20

CAMERON: Missoula College fans are optimistic that this could be the year they return to glory after a hot start to the season. They have shown to have a strong defense led by redshirt senior linebacker Dante Olsen and have also shown signs of a seemingly improved offensive line that struggled a year ago. Monmouth is coming off a close overtime win last week over the University of Albany and is off to a 2-1 start to a season in which they hope to be competitive in the Big South Conference. Regardless, I believe the Griz will easily take care of Monmouth and win big.

MISSOULA COLLEGE 45, MONMOUTH 17



GROWING PAINS & GENUINE EFFORT

MSU'S EXPANSION PLAN

BY QUINCY BALIUS

The MSU campus is flourishing like a Ponderosa pine in full sun. From Norm Asbjornson Hall to the Cameron Scholars Program, the university is growing rapidly. What led to this massive growth, and how fast is too fast?



Construction workers focus on building the new dorms on the northwest corner of campus. This residence hall is expected to open in fall 2020. **PHOTO BY CHRIS FARRER**

In 2010, the MSU Alumni Foundation began a campaign to raise a massive amount of money for the expansion of the university. This project, titled the "What It Takes Campaign," sought to undertake the first large-scale fundraising campaign that the campus had ever seen. The original campaign goal was $300 million. When this sum was reached in late 2016, the MSU Alumni Foundation "decided to keep going," according to Drew Van Fossen, vice president of communications. By December 2018, the campaign had raised over $413 million for the university. These funds came primarily from private donations from individuals and foundations and ranged from $5-50 million.

When I began researching MSU's expansion project, I was firmly against the development of the campus. It seemed as though MSU was recklessly enlarging its buildings and causing its students unnecessary discomfort. However, I soon changed my tune. After speaking with the people who made the campaign possible, I realized that MSU is making a genuine attempt to better serve its students and the greater Bozeman community.

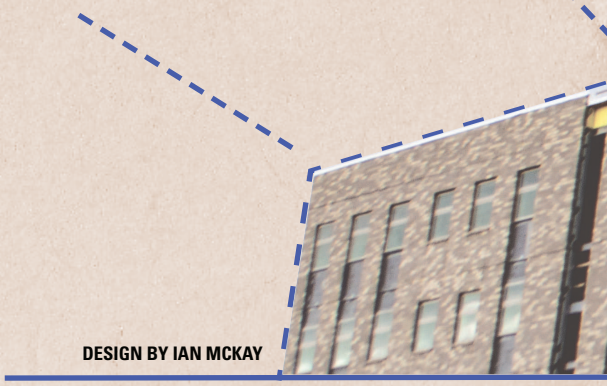
A frequently heard complaint from students is that the university is spending money on constructing more buildings while ignoring other projects. However, the expansion campaign was fully financed through donations from private individuals and foundations. This means that the MSU growth project has put no additional strain on tuition or fee costs for students. Therefore, students benefit from the expansion project without footing the bill.

In addition, the campaign was carefully planned and managed over nine years of concentrated effort. Throughout my time on campus this semester, I assumed that the expansion program was rushed due to the problems caused by construction. However, the timelines on several large projects, like Romney Hall and the American Indian Hall, coincided with unanticipated work on the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center, which resulted in infrastructural problems. The campaign itself was clearly organized and bookended by a clear case statement and report that outlined exactly how the project operated. A summary is available online at *www.whatittook.org*.

Each campus unit, including the seven colleges, graduate school, Honors College, athletics department, and library selected priorities within their own areas centered around the program foci "people, places, and programs."

Waded Cruzado organized and approved the priorities for the campaign, and donors came "to the table with funding for important MSU initiatives," according to Chris Murray, president and CEO of the MSU Alumni Foundation. The donors were free to give to the projects that suited their interests. Over time, funds were raised to complete many of the campaign priorities. Some projects that were begun in the campaign, including the construction of Romney Hall and the Agricultural Teaching Arena Complex, are ongoing and require further funding.

Despite these complications, the overall impact of the campaign is overwhelmingly positive. Van Fossen remarked on the value of remembering that "expansion is not just buildings and facilities, but also the need for - with our enrollment records - more scholarships and financial need, faculty and staff positions, chairs of departments, and so on." Van Fossen makes a good point here about the hidden benefits of the expansion program. The most visual part of the expansion program, the construction of new buildings, is also the most frustrating aspect of the project. While we struggle with the short-term impacts of the expansion plan, it's incredibly important to remember all of the behind-the-scenes positive effects.



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The long-term situation will greatly improve student life. More scholarship funds are available - both the Cameron Scholars Program and the Opportunity Scholars were created through the "What it Takes Campaign." More faculty have been (and will be) hired for the increased number of students, and several new department chair and professorship positions have been created.

For instance, the Don and Sue Fisher Professorship in Early Childhood Education and the Winifred Asbjornson Plant Sciences Chair both emerged from the "What It Takes Campaign." The new freshman residence hall will extend housing space, and the new American Indian Hall will provide new classroom and study spaces for students. In addition, donations will fund faculty research and provide students with more opportunities to work in labs and research groups. MSU has planned well for the massive influx of students who have joined the university in recent years.

In a press release, President Waded Cruzado said, "In this new era of cutbacks in public support of higher education across our country, private philanthropy now spells the difference between an ordinary university and an extraordinary one." The problems inherent in the system of publicly financing higher education are a topic for another time, but President Cruzado's words highlight the importance of the "What It Takes Campaign" for this university. Admittedly, the issues caused by the coincidence of multiple construction projects are frustrating. However, the campaign is a genuine effort to improve student life. If we survive the growing pains, we have a bright future ahead.

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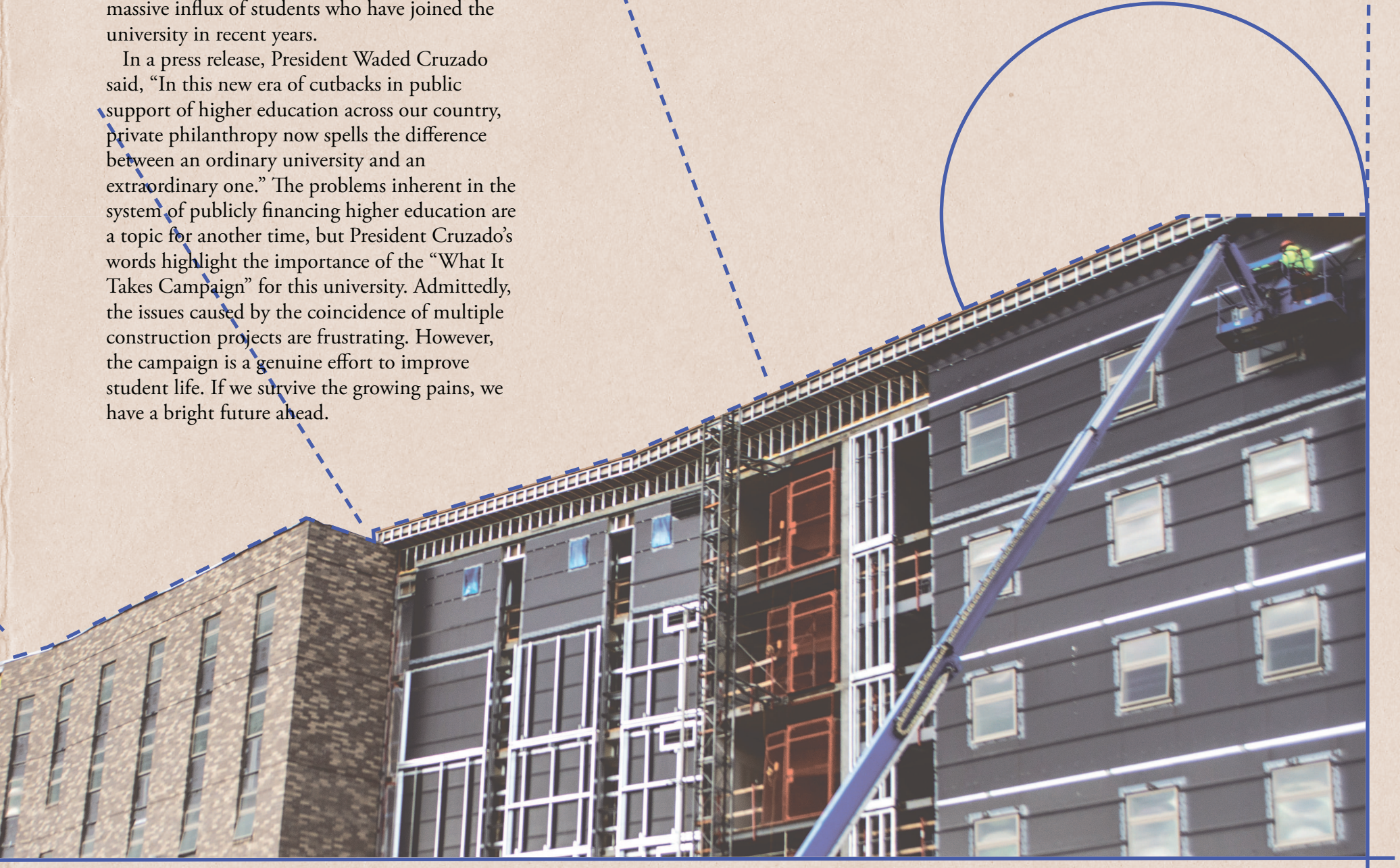

Cat Closeup: Damien Washington

BY CAMERON GRAVES

PLAYER: Damien Washington
YEAR: Senior
POSITION: Cornerback
NUMBER: 27
MAJOR: Business Finance
HOMETOWN: Covina, CA

MSU cornerback Damien Washington had one of the game's biggest plays during Saturday's hard-fought win over Western Illinois. With the Leathernecks threatening on the Bobcat 22-yard line late in the game, Washington picked off junior quarterback Connor Sampson and returned the ball for what looked like a touchdown but was called back after a questionable holding call. His play, however, led to one of the game's biggest momentum shifts. When asked about how important it is to create opportunities like that, he responded, "It's really important, our goal is to always score and get the ball back just because it does change the atmosphere of the game and if we can put points up on defense we're probably having a really good game." Washington will take the field Saturday at Bobcat Stadium for the Cats as they battle Norfolk State at 1 p.m. He had this to say about returning to the environment here in Bozeman: "It reminds you of how great our fans are and how great Bozeman is. I love playing in Bobcat stadium and playing in front of all those fans and the kids that watch. I just love it."

WHAT WAS THE KEY TO YOUR INTERCEPTION LAST WEEK?

I had a lot of help. I had Amadre [Williams] dropping into the slant which caused an overthrow. We hit the quarterback a number of times before that play which caused the quarterback to not really be stepping into his throws like he was to start the game. Then I had the whole team blocking for me, so the only thing that I did was catch it, but there were a lot more things that go into it which the rest of the team did for me.

WHAT ABOUT THE RETURN?

Oh man, I just went back to my high school days. I thought I was going to be tackled about five times. I don't know what happened, but the next thing I know I'm in the endzone, so it was cool and it's really fun to look back on that.

THOUGHTS ON NORFOLK STATE'S OFFENSE AND QUARTERBACK?

It's a really dangerous offense, especially the quarterback. He can get out of the pocket, and he's a really good runner. Coach [Choate] mentioned that he's kind of a Chris Murray type of quarterback, which is almost spot on. He's really great. He has a good arm, and their receivers are good. They're athletic, long, big and they can move when they get the ball. It's a very dangerous offense if you go out there sleeping thinking it's going to be a cakewalk.

HOW IMPORTANT WITH A MOBILE QUARTERBACK IS IT TO MAKE SURE YOU COVER DOWNFIELD?

It is very important, obviously, because you can create passes off the scrambles, and it's important for us to have good eyes whether it's in man or it's in zone to know; okay, the quarterback's breaking the pocket so stay in coverage until he's running. That's really all about our eyes.

STEPPING INTO PLAYING A LOT MORE THIS YEAR WAS THERE ANY MOMENT YOU REALIZED HOW MUCH YOU COULD CONTRIBUTE THIS YEAR?

I've always wanted to contribute any way I can, whether it was four snaps this game or 50. Any way I could help the team out is just great to me. I won't pout on the sidelines, I'll be there cheering the guys on and coaching them up any way I can and just be there for the team.

HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK THE TEAMS LOCKED IN ON THIS OPPONENT, THIS WEEK? ESPECIALLY WITH BIG SKY PLAY STARTING NEXT WEEK AND NOT TRYING TO LOOK TOO FAR AHEAD.

We never look ahead. We treat every week like it's championship week just because of how good teams view us. You know they want to knock us off and they want to beat us of course. This is a dangerous team, a good team and we're not going to go in there and wake up and beat them. So we are very honed in on film, alignment, plays and things that they do, and that's what championship teams do. They take every week seriously and don't look forward to their games in league that are important.

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Rugby runs wild

BY PARKER ELLIOTT

MEN'S MATCH:

The Cats came out fired up in their home opener against Idaho State and never looked back. Junior Finn VaughanKraska had a great day leading the Bobcats with three tries in the first half. Freshmen Jackson Ellbogen-Jackson and Tommy Pappas each had two tries. Freshmen Jack Ritterson and Chinua Ogu also scored tries in the first half. Senior Thomas Kling added 8 conversion kicks to make the half-time score 61-0.

In the second half, senior Harrison Howe led the scoring with two tries from his flyhalf position. Senior captains Jacob Lunsford and Pete Millen each had one try a piece. Freshmen Jordan Moser and Joshua Brischke scored their first tries as Bobcats. Kling added three more conversion kicks. The Bobcats ended the day with a margin of 97-0. The freshmen received a great deal of playing time and put on a show. Freshman Connor Ericksen stood out with his impressive ability to read the defense and set up big plays.

The men's team returns to action in two weeks to play University of Northern Colorado at home.

WOMEN'S MATCH:

The Montana State women's team played against long time rival, Utah State. This year's team has seen great potential in the freshman group. They saw six freshman start and fight their way through a tough game, with an additional six new players making the 23-person roster. In their second game of the season the newcomers showed eagerness and willingness to battle. This year's team is thrilled to continue on the club's legacy and see it grow every day. They matched Utah State for tries on Saturday made by senior Alecia Panagakis (2), junior Quinn Noonan, and freshmen Grasey Szwedkowicz and Gabby Lykins, but fell short in conversions leading to a 27-33 loss. They travel to Orem, Utah this weekend to take on Utah Valley.

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Stay Gold, Pineapple Boy, Stay Gold

BY SHELBY MORRIS

What can end a relationship, divide a household, or turn lifelong friends to enemies? Pineapples on pizza. This prickly tropical fruit can bring out more of a reaction from people than a Beatles concert in the 60s. How is this possible? I don't get it. Who doesn't love a juicy, sun-ripened, slice of yellow pineapple on a hot summer day? How can someone not enjoy a hunk of mozzarella on a slice of doughy pizza with a little bit of sweetness? Pineapple on pizza is amazing.

Lovers of this delicacy shouldn't be surprised to know that the first humans to put this fruit on pizza are the nicest on earth: Canadians. They gave the world the gift of the Hawaiian pizza in 1954, and pizza hasn't been the same since.

When eating pizza that is blessed with ripe pieces of pineapple, one is transported to a tropical island. The Italian dish is reconstructed into a fresh masterpiece. It is a combination of cultures and history in a single bite. The circular nosh brings delight to any onlooker with soft nodes of red, white, and green highlighted next to the contrasting yellow. Pineapple on pizza makes the dish more beautiful.

If for no other reason, it is factual that pineapple creates a more nutritious pizza. Adding pineapple opens the door to a meal with all food groups: diners receive a full serving of grains, protein, vegetables and fruit. Parents can rejoice in the fact that serving this meal to children will bring them joy and health.

Those who can't seem to enjoy this pleasure in life are missing out. Lucky for you, leaving your leftover slices of heaven in the fridge has a slim chance of being stolen by your pineapple loathing roommates. Stay gold pineapple boy, stay gold.



Save a Pineapple, Eat a Pizza

BY QUINCY BALIUS

As a foodie, I'm willing to try almost any kind of new food. I've tasted dragonfruit, fried octopus, frog legs, and much more. For the most part, I enjoy all the weird and wonderful fare which I've savored. However, the buck stops with pineapple pizza.

Pineapple pizza is a sin against humanity. The flavor profile of pineapple pizza is simply wrong. It blends the worst aspects of sweet and savory into one horrible combination. Instead of highlighting the tart sugariness of pineapple and the cheesy deliciousness of pizza, it ruins both by trying too hard. You can no longer taste the lusciousness of pizza. Rather, you are subjected to warm chunks of pineapple and uncomfortably thick hunks of cheese. The sweetness of most marinara sauces only adds to the sickly saccharine taste of the typical Hawaiian pizza.

In addition, pineapple on pizza spoils the traditional pizza texture. The inclusion of fruit on pizza makes the pizza too juicy and wet. The stretchy, cheesy, and bready texture of the pizza is ruined by the soft and stringy texture of the pineapple. While pineapple is wonderful on its own, the combination of the two textures results in an unpleasant blend.

Some of the greatest chefs of our time have taken my side in the pineapple on pizza debate. Gordon Ramsey, British chef and host of such programs as "Kitchen Nightmares", despises pineapple on pizza. He even asked a pineapple-lover "What the f**k are you doing?" when the man ordered Hawaiian pizza. Chef Anthony Carron of 800 Degrees Pizzeria said that he would never eat pineapple on pizza, "nor would any self-respecting Italian." Anthony Bourdain, late celebrity chef and host of the television show "Parts Unknown", said that he would "never defile God's gift to humanity with the acidic, watery bitterness of pineapple."

Not only do celebrity chefs agree with me, but I also have the support of the American public. In 2017, the pizza delivery app Slice polled 34,000 people to find out what they thought about pineapple on pizza. 54% of respondents said that pineapple doesn't belong on pizza. While other polls report support for pineapple on pizza, this poll has the largest sample size of respondents to date.

Celebrity chefs, the American public, and I all agree: pineapple pizza simply doesn't taste good.

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A Weekend in Yellowstone

BY ROB JUMP

Yellowstone National Park is a well-known name back in the UK. We've all heard of it, seen pictures of it and, at some point, expressed a desire to visit should the chance arise—for me the chance arose last Friday.

Six of us, all international exchange students, piled into a beat-up Hyundai Odyssey with enough beers, boxed wine and Cliff bars to sustain a small town. We set off down Highway 89, bass tumbling out of the blown stereo, towards the park where we were to link up with two other cars full of fellow internationals (and a few token Americans) to find camp. Our decision to make the voyage down to Yellowstone was so spur-of-the-moment that nearly every campsite was full, barring Bridge Bay which was over sixty miles away from the entrance. Our initial dismay at having more driving ahead of us was quickly quelled by the sheer beauty and scale of Yellowstone. Our sixty-mile journey to camp took us through vast meadows, steep canyons and gifted us stunning views of Yellowstone Lake, all the while spotting bison, elk, bald eagles and one incredibly picturesque moose in a creek.

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Our weekend really got started on Saturday morning as we ventured to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. The striking contrast of dark green pine against the bright volcanic cliffs provided the perfect backdrop for the lower falls. A short hike along the northern rim of the canyon offered up more spectacular views and a particularly memorable spot for lunch; perched high above the river on a rocky outcrop with very little room to maneuver, risky but rewarding.

Not satisfied with a short, flat hike, we enquired after something more challenging. A ranger told us their favorite hike was up Mt. Washburn, so off we went. The trail meanders up the mountain rather gently, wrapping around it to its peak at 10,243 ft. We were rewarded with panoramic views across Yellowstone and clear conditions gifted us views south to the Teton Range. Mt. Washburn; highly recommended by knowledgeable rangers, now highly recommended by the not-so-knowledgeable me.

Sunday was a more relaxed day with less hikes and more sightseeing. West Thumb Geyser Basin was first up and is home to hot springs so enticingly blue that all we wanted to do was jump in. A short drive north took us to Old Faithful, a world-famous geyser that I felt doesn't live up to the hype it receives. Located just meters from the carpark in the heart of a tourist hub, the geyser was fairly underwhelming. Nice to say you've seen it once, but I doubt I'll be back in a hurry.

Before we loaded up the Odyssey and headed back to Bozeman, we parked on the side of the road two miles south of the North Entrance. A short walk down the banks of the Gardiner River took us to what locals call the Boiling River, where a hot spring flowed into the cool water. It was a fine balancing act to find a place where the temperature was comfortable, but when we did it was the ideal spot to relax after a long weekend. The picturesque location coupled with the spa-like waters gets my full recommendation.



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CAMPUS

SUSTAINABILITY MIXER
Thursday, Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m.
Leigh Lounge
Join the Office of Sustainability for a fun sustainability-focused networking event. Meet other students, staff, faculty, and community members working in sustainability fields throughout Bozeman. Learn about research and volunteer opportunities and have fun.

SHAKE YOUR SOUL
Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
Reynolds Recital Hall
Using music as a motivator for movement, participants are guided through a blend of dance, stretch, play and Qigong like movements. The practice helps reset and restore balance in the regulatory systems of the body. It combines mindfulness with playfulness and invites creativity in a safe and joyful space. For more information contact *ecroy@montana.edu*.

PJ PARTY AT THE PRO
Friday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m.
Procrastinator Theater
The Office of Health Advancement and the Procrastinator Theater are partnering to put on a Pajama party. Wear pajamas, bring blankets, and enjoy the showing of "Rocketman" at 6:30 p.m. There will be trivia and prizes before the film, and light refreshments provided. Admission is free for students. RSVP at *www.montana.campuslabs.com*.

NIGHT ULTIMATE FRISBEE
Friday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
Dobbie Lambert Intramural Fields
Join InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for a campus-wide Ultimate Frisbee at ight. Everyone is invited. There will be a few games going at a time and possibly a tournament. Participants should meet at the new soccer turf field off of Lincoln at 7 p.m. RSVP at *montana.campuslabs.com*.

COMMUNITY

FOURTH ANNUAL THRIVING COMMUNITY MONTH BLOCK PARTY
Thursday, Sept. 19, 4 p.m.
Thrive Bozeman
Join Thrive and the rest of the community to celebrate Thriving Community Month. The afternoon will feature music, games and activities for kids, popcorn, cotton candy, food trucks and tons of community fun.

BOZEMAN PREMIERE OF TGR'S WINTERLAND
Friday, Sept. 20, 6 p.m.
Emerson Center for The Arts and Culture
Teton Gravity Research is returning to the Emerson Center for the winter kick-off party. Get hyped for winter with our new feature full-length ski and snowboard film, "Winterland." Doors open at 6 p.m. for the early show, and 8:30 p.m. for the late show. Purchase tickets at *tetongravity.com/films/winterland/tour/bozeman-premiere-of-winterland*.

ROCKIN' THE M
Sunday, Sept. 22, 1 p.m.
SUB Bus Loop
Join the 100+ year-old tradition. Rock the "M" by covering it with a fresh coat of paint to refresh this staple of the MSU and Bozeman Community. Lunch and transportation will be provided. Pre-registration is required. You can register at *montana.edu/engagement*. Buses leave at 1 p.m. sharp.

THE ARTS

"POP UP" MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
Friday, Sept. 20, 12:50 p.m.
Norm Asbjornson Hall, Norm's Coffee Shop (northeast corner)
From time to time selected musical soloists and small ensembles will "pop up" in Norm Asbjornson Hall for a brief, free, and informal performance during the gap between morning and afternoon classes. MSU music professor Jason Bolte will be performing electro-ambient improvisions. Free and open to the public.

SIP N' SLAM W/ ANDREW GUTTENBERG AND CLINT ANDERSON
Monday, Sept. 23, 5 p.m.
Bridger Brewing
SLAM (Support Local Artists and Musicians) is proud to present the Fifth Annual Sip and SLAM Tour. This is another fun, SLAM-hosted event to celebrate the many talented Montana artists. During September and October, libation locations around Bozeman will host the artistic creations of SLAM artists.

WE WILL ROCK YOU COMES TO BROADWAY IN BOZEMAN
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
"WE WILL ROCK YOU" is a quirky, eccentric and heartfelt story of outsiders. It is also a cautionary tale for the cyberage. "WE WILL ROCK YOU" follows two revolutionaries, Galileo and Scaramouche, on a quest to save rock n' roll in a post-apocalyptic world where there are no musical instruments and rock n' roll has died. Purchase tickets at *www.ticketswest.com*.

ATHLETICS

FIRST ANNUAL MSU TENNIS CLUB TOURNAMENT
Thursday, Sept. 19, 5 p.m.
Bozeman High School Tennis Courts
The Montana State tennis club looks forward to hosting its first intra-club tournament. The tournament will take place over several meetings at Bozeman High School. Balls will be provided, racquets are required. Carpooling options should be available from campus. To sign up, contact Corey Bowlby (406) 465-2118 or email at *bowlbycorey@gmail.com*. Please provide name, events you wish to join, and skill level.

WOMEN'S SOCCER GAMES
Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m.
Lambert Turf Field
MSU Women's Club Soccer Team will be hosting Boise State and Utah State. Games will be going on from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be no event parking at the complex. Attendees are advised to utilize the parking lots surrounding the Complex.

FOOTBALL VS. NORFOLK STATE
Saturday, Sept. 21, 1 p.m.
Bobcat Stadium
Montana State Football takes on the Spartans on Saturday, Sept. 21. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. It is the Stripe the Stadium game, so check your tickets to see what color your section is wearing. Students wear gold. Admission is free for students with tickets preloaded on their CatCards.

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ASTRO WEEKLY

Magnetars, oh my!

BY CADEN HOWLETT

Representing the collapsed core of a giant star, neutron stars commonly rotate about their axis once every 10 seconds and possess very strong magnetic fields due to powerful electrical currents in their interior. They are also some of the densest objects in the known universe. One tablespoon of substance from your average neutron star would have a mass of over 100 million tons. Good luck holding onto that spoon. As fascinating and ridiculous as these objects are, they have relatives that are even more impressive.

The "magnetar" is a type of neutron star that, as the name suggests, has an incredibly strong magnetic field. At approximately 109 to 1011 Tesla, the magnetic field surrounding an average magnetar is several quadrillion times more powerful than the field surrounding planet Earth. Within their magnetic fields, some photons are readily split in two while others merge together, the vacuum of space itself becomes polarized, and your household hydrogen atoms are stretched into rods 200 times narrower than their normal diameter. All this is to say that the environment surrounding these star remnants is awesome, in the truest sense of the word. Scientists believe the incredibly strong magnetic fields result from a magnetohydrodynamic dynamo process (wow, fancy!) that is facilitated by their staggering density. To add to the chaos, magnetars rotate much faster than their neutron star cousins, turning completely over on their axis once every half-second. They are essentially stars on crystal meth (or crack? You get the point).

A personal thought—I find it mildly hilarious that I was able to read up on magnetars this morning over a double Americano. We humans casually read about the most ridiculous cosmic phenomena and subsequently move on with our lives: supermassive black holes, exploding stars, and life on Earth. We are incredibly fortunate to share the universe with phenomena that are so much greater than ourselves. We should learn one thing per day that blows our mind.

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Lighting Up the SUB

BY ROSE VEJVODA

Each year, the Office of Student Engagement (OSE) works hard to ensure that MSU feels like home. As a result, the OSE puts on a variety of fun events as part of their annual MSU Debut. This year, some of the events included a comedy night, a magician, a block party, and Service Saturday.

In addition to these wonderful events, the OSE held a Glow Zumba event on Wednesday, Sept. 11, to get students involved and moving. In total, 112 students showed up to dance under the black lights and release some of those stressful school jitters. Participating students walked into the SUB ballroom and were greeted by a dark room, filled with fluttering neon lights. The lights followed students around as they danced to upbeat international and Latin music. The subtle lighting made it easy to gracefully, or not so gracefully, dance around without feeling like too many eyes were watching. The event gave everyone the perfect opportunity to have some fun while not taking themselves too seriously.

Freshman Laila Balcerzak said, "I wanted to try something new and take the classes at the gym, at first I was like... why am I doing this, and then, it was really fun and I am looking forward to doing it more."

Junior Grace Vejvoda said, "I thought it would be harder to follow along with the instructors, but really it was more about moving and having fun."

For students interested in taking Zumba classes on campus, the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center group exercise team leads four Zumba classes each week, along with yoga, muscle pump, kettlebell classes, and much more.

MSU's Office of Student Engagement did an excellent job putting on the Glow Zumba event. Students were engaged and moving, while having tons of fun. Everyone was smiling as they walked out of the SUB last Wednesday.

Two instructors from GX Unlimited lead a Glow Zumba class in SUB Ballroom A on Wednesday, Sept 11.

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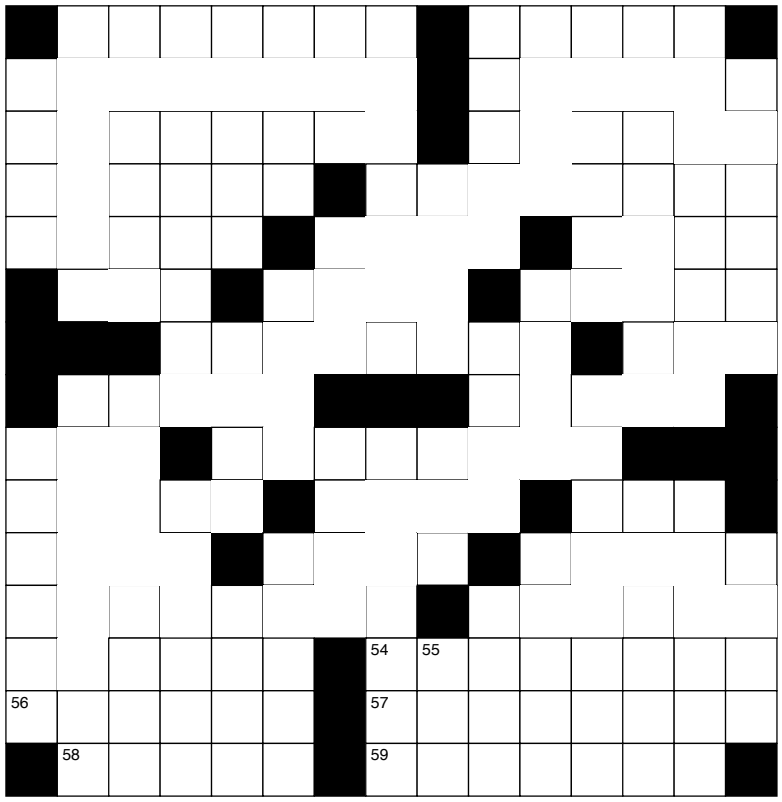

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17. "Romanian Rhapsodies" composer Georges
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19. Go bananas
21. Liable to make one scratch
22. Island near Samoa
23. Kind of scene
24. Six, in Italian
25. Number of months that don't have 31 days
26. Canadian physician William
27. Provided commentary
30. "___ gratia artis"
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33. Yarn spinners
35. With "can," a bird
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43. Tree juice
46. Type of school: Abbr.
47. Necklace ball
48. Diamond weight unit
50. Affected appearance
52. Score less than
53. Commode
54. Jimmy Hoffa follower
56. Alpine songs
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58. Cluttered
59. Lack the nerve to

Down

1. Credos
2. How some Asian meals are served
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6. Wolfed down
7. New York City university
8. Fountain in Rome
9. Philosopher Descartes
10. "___ Eleven"
11. Of veins or arteries
12. Cryptographers, perhaps
13. Start of a Caesar quote
15. TV transmission sites
20. "I'm leaving on ____ plane..."
22. Evergreen
25. Soleil Moon ____ of "Punky Brewster"
26. Slobbering comic dog
28. Rock concert equipment
29. O'Neill's "Desire Under the ___"
31. "The Hustler" locale
32. Time to spike the nog
34. Hitman
35. Trade agreement
37. Deli breads
38. Pigged out
39. German "and"
41. Writer Zola and others
44. Playground response
45. ____ leather
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48. French nobleman
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51. "I Remember Mama" role
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Things your dad thinks are cool

His dance moves
His CD collection
IPAs
The Abraham Lincoln statue
A new lawn mower
Jorts
Controlling the thermostat
Turning lights out
Your mom, boom roasted
Sod
Magnetars
"Bread"
"Yep. That's not going anywhere." after loading a truck
"Hi hungry I'm dad!"
"I'M NOT PAYING TO HEAT THE ENTIRE BLOCK"
A thique BBQ
Loafers
The Exponent
A brand new Traeger™
Tennis
Huey Lewis and the News
Nuey Hewis and the Lews
Luey Newis and the Hues
Knowing how to change his oil
Saying, "Let's rock and roll" when leaving the house

Tall Tales & TIDBITS

President Cruzado makes magnetars by rapidly spinning in her office chair holding magnets.