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MSU President Waded Cruzado waves to Bozeman community members at the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, Oct. 13.

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NEWS

Pebble wrestling wall returns

BY GRACE LARSEN

It's a good day for bouldering boys and babes. MSU's beloved bouldering wall has reopened in the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center. The MSU climbing gym is a great place to learn about climbing, practice your bouldering skills, meet new people, reduce stress and have fun. The staff of our cherished outdoor recreation program frequently sets a wide variety of new and challenging climbing routes that will be sure to test you no matter your climbing experience. As of fall 2018, the wall features over 2,000 square feet of wall space that ranges from less-than-vertical slab to overhanging.

Here are some need-to-know details if you have never visited MSU's bouldering wall. The climbing wall is free to all paid facility us-

ers and doesn't need to be reserved in advance—just show up and climb. Rock climbing requires a specific type of footwear. Don't stress though. If you're not fully committed or ready to drop upwards of \$100 on special shoes, the Rec Center offers climbing shoes to rent at the Fitness Center Equipment Room. Lastly, many climbers like to bring a chalk bag to the bouldering wall or out on their climbing excursions to keep their hands dry and grippy. If you don't have chalk of your own, consider picking some up at REI or the MSU bookstore. You could ask a new pal at the bouldering wall to borrow their chalk bag while you are learning.

If you have never tried rock climbing but are interested in learning in a more controlled environment, the Outdoor Recreation Program will

MSU Freshman Katherine Rabago using the recently reopened climbing wall in the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARRER

be hosting a Beginner Climbing Night on Monday, Nov. 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the bouldering wall in the fitness center. There will be an introduction to the space, a climbing movement lesson, and some climbing-focused games. This is a mandatory-RSVP event, so be sure to visit their location south of Yellowstone Hall or register online using the CatsConnect app to secure a spot at the event.

Before visiting the climbing wall, please be sure to read the MSU Climbing Wall Guidelines and Rules, which can be found at www.montana.edu/getfit/climbing-wall-rules.html.



New construction at MSU

BY BROOKE SPIVAK

MSU reached the fundraising goal for a new addition to the football stadium. The Bobcat Athletics Complex (BAC) will be constructed on the north end of Bobcat Stadium and will be the new home for the MSU football program. The 40,000-square-foot space will house locker rooms, training spaces, meeting rooms, rehabilitation and medical spaces and offices for coaches. Currently, the coach's offices are located in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. Following the construction of new office spaces in the BAC, the project will transform the current office spaces into a 3,400-square-foot space for tutoring, academic advising and studying open to all student athletes.

Construction of the new addition will begin following the 2019 football season and finish prior to the fall of 2021. The athletic fundraising campaign has been the largest in the university's history with a total of \$18 million, all from private donors. The money was garnered from donations and gifts from over 500

alumni and community members. Of the \$18 million, however, \$3 million was given directly from MSU and will be reimbursed with revenue from athletic events. No taxpayer money was used to fund the project.

Following the new football stadium expansion, MSU has plans to further enhance additional athletic facilities. These plans include renovations at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse and stadium as well as new facilities for track, tennis, and golf. Improvements to the facilities will meet the needs of student athletes and provide a space for students, staff, faculty and the community to honor MSU athletics.

This project is one of the many expansion and improvements happening across campus. In the past few years, MSU has constructed new buildings including Norm Asbjornson Hall, Rendezvous Dining Pavilion and the parking garage. Current projects at MSU include Hyalite Residence Hall, the American Indian Hall, reconstruction of the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center and renovation of Romney Hall. All the ongoing expansions as MSU continues to make its mark.

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Student feedback on consensual relationship policy

BY GABE BARNARD

Big policy changes are happening at MSU. One of these is MSU's stance on consensual relationships between faculty and students. This policy is stated in a paragraph at the bottom of MSU's non-discrimination policy and has recently garnered attention. In SUB Ballroom A on Wednesday, Oct. 9, the Relationship Task Force provided an opportunity for the Bobcat community to openly discuss the new draft of this policy.

The new policy matured over biweekly task force meetings for one

“Big policy changes are happening at MSU.”

year leading up to the public feedback. A diverse representation of university groups including students, faculty and staff are on the force. The task force began when universities across the country reviewed policies regarding consensual relationships a year ago. The group took into account how other universities are handling the issue and considered what fits MSU best. They received feedback from two previous student input sessions and presentations to the deans of the various colleges on campus and ASMSU. “We have decided that this is something we need to pay attention to,” mentioned MSU Legal Counsel Kellie Peterson.

Consensual relationships become a problem when a power dynamic develops. This most often takes place between individuals with different statuses in the same college, such as someone taking classes from their

partner. If not addressed properly, the concern exists for the difference in power to influence the other members of a class or group, or alter the consensuality of the relationship.

Students offered feedback with sticky notes on the document, which was posted on the wall of the SUB Ballroom. Members of the Relationship Task Force were available throughout the day to discuss the draft. Comments can also be emailed to Kellie Peterson at kellie.peterson@montana.edu.

Using observations made by students, the task force plans to identify any consistent issues brought up in the draft and continue the iterative process. Areas of concern will be revised and more feedback sought until the draft is finalized. Peterson emphasized the need for the final policy to be a strong fit for the MSU community.

MSU announces 2019 Homecoming Ambassadors

BY GABE BARNARD

The energy surrounding MSU's homecoming traditions, both new and old, continued this year with the second annual homecoming ambassador election. Each candidate for homecoming ambassador exhibited a thorough investment in the community, participating in a diverse range of organizations both on and off campus to make an impact on other people. The election was divided into three platforms, leadership, service and involvement, each consisting of three candidates with experience focused toward the category. Students were provided a two-day voting period to elect the ambassadors. When the polling came to a close, Tory Johnson, Kate Barlow and Mariah Erhart were awarded the title for their category (leadership, service and involvement respectively), continuing the new tradition.

BASKETBALL

SPORTS

Kuka, the only Cat to score in the NBA

BY CAMERON GRAVES

A few weeks back, MSU Men's Basketball alum Keljin Blevins signed a contract with the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, giving himself the opportunity to accomplish something only one previous Bobcat has done before: score a point in the Association. Blevins will be hoping to join Havre-born forward Raphael "Ray" Kuka of the class of 1947, who went from small town hoops to participating at the pinnacle of collegiate and professional basketball. Besides setting a standard for MSU basketball, Kuka set an example of what it means to be a Bobcat by serving in the United States military during World War II.

Kuka graduated from Havre High School in 1940 after producing the school's only men's basketball state championship. The highly-touted recruit then left Big Sky Country for basketball's most sacred of places: Indiana. Upon joining the University of Notre Dame's historic basketball program, he enjoyed two years as a member of the Fighting Irish including a sophomore campaign which concluded with him being recognized as an All-American.

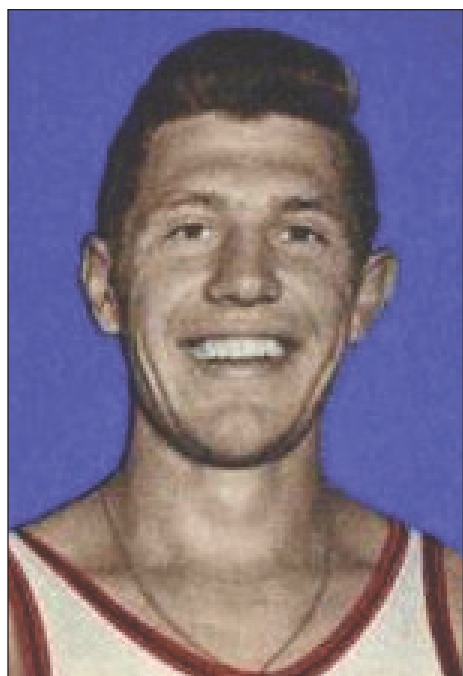


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Instead of getting the chance to build off of his impressive sophomore season for the Irish, Kuka became a true All-American when he was drafted by the United States Army and trained to serve as a flight instructor in the Air Corps. He spent the remainder of the war in the military, but he still managed to hone his basketball skills by playing on an enlisted team that competed in exhibition games across the country.

Once the war concluded, Kuka picked up right where he left off, going back to college to play ball, this time much closer to Havre — joining the Bobcats in Bozeman. While playing for the blue and gold, Kuka was named an All-Conference talent in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. His stellar play for Cats was enough for him to be included in the BAA (now NBA) draft, where he was selected by the legendary New York Knicks.

Unfortunately, his career in the Big Apple was cut short as he suffered a career ending injury during his second season in the league. He remained with the Knicks as a scout and coach for a few more years before returning to teach and coach in his hometown where he spent the rest of his life. Kuka's career was so elusive that one of the few pictures that exist of him is from his professional basketball card, which in mint condition sold at one auction for more than \$2,200.

Raphael "Ray" Kuka was a Bobcat that represented the best intentions of this university and its students; proving that those from the Treasure State can succeed at both the top of their field and sacrifice in an effort to serve others. While Kuka's career may not be the first to fans' minds, his remarkable legacy on and off the court is something us Bobcats should truly understand and appreciate.

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MSU cornerback Tyrel Thomas intercepts the ball from Sacramento State at the homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 12. PHOTO BY PARKER CANBY

Records Overall (Last Week) Against the Spread (ATS)

Records	Overall (Last Week)	Against the Spread (ATS)
PARKER	11-5 (2-2)	8-7 (1-3)
CALEB	11-5 (4-0)	5-10 (2-2)
CAMERON	9-7 (2-2)	6-9 (2-2)

NAU has looked good and senior quarterback Case Cookus makes the Lumberjacks a team that could jump up and surprise anyone. NAU has faced a tough schedule and that continues this week. I expect Weber to continue their campaign and stay undefeated against FCS.

WEBER STATE 30, NAU 24

CAMERON: NAU still has stud senior quarterback Case Cookus, so expect the Lumberjacks to at least score once or twice.

WEBER STATE 42, NAU 14

Baltimore Ravens (4-2) @ Seattle Seahawks (5-1) (-3.5) @ 2:25 p.m. on FOX

PARKER: The 12th man will be rocking for this game. The Seahawks are confident of Russell Wilson's push for MVP. I find the more interesting matchup in this game to be how the Seahawks defense handles Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson. If Jackson can handle the pressure of the crowd, I think the Ravens can be spoilers in this one. Usually, picking

against the Seahawks at home is sacrilegious, but I have already picked two underdogs this week, so what's one more?

RAVENS 31, SEAHAWKS 27

CALEB: Believe it or not, to begin the season the Ravens boasted the most FCS players on their 53-man roster with a total of nine. The Seahawks, on the other hand, had only three. But, enough about obscure facts, this is set up to be one of the best games of the week. Both teams have high expectations and are looking to build on their strong starts. Seattle's extra man will get them the win.

SEAHAWKS 31, RAVENS 24

CAMERON: Expect two traditional defensive powers to play very mediocre defense, and instead rely on their MVP-caliber quarterbacks to win the ball game. I would be fair and evaluate this game further, but being from Sammamish, WA, born and raised, I've been a part of the 12th man for a long time. #biased

HAWKS 35, RAVENS 30

H O C K E Y

“Blue and Cold” take the top team in the country down to the wire

BY CAMERON GRAVES

The Montana State Hockey Club began their 2019-2020 campaign earlier this month with as tough of an early season test you can get. The 12th-ranked Bobcats traveled to Bismarck, ND to challenge number one ranked University of Mary in a two-game series last weekend. While Saturday's contest caught the Cats off guard in a 5-0 loss, MSU rebounded Sunday giving the conference's top team all it can handle. The “Blue and Cold” caught fire to begin the game, going up 3-1 by the end of the first period, but the undefeated Marauders

chipped away at the score and forced the game into overtime before escaping with the win.

MSU head coach Dave Weaver expressed his satisfaction in the effort saying “To battle in the second game to overtime was impressive. We obviously did not get the final result that we wanted, but we have many things to build on.” MSU has a lot to be excited for this year after ending last season with the club's first ever trip to the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II National (ACHA) tournament. They also have a new face on the coaching staff in the form of NHL great Peter Budaj.

“Our program is in a position it has never been in before,” said sophomore goalie Patrick Healy when asked about this upcoming season. “We feel like this could be the strongest team MSU has ever had.” The squad will be heading to Idaho this weekend to take on the Boise State Broncos before returning home to Haynes Pavilion. Don't miss out on next week's home action as the “Blue and Cold” host Weber State Thursday, Oct. 24 at 8:30 p.m., Utah State on Friday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and BYU Saturday, Oct. 26 at 3:00 p.m. Dress warm, be loud and roll Cats.



Week Eight

BY CALEB RUX, PARKER ELLIOTT AND CAMERON GRAVES

Even though the Bobcats are on a bye this week, our predictions and insights are still razor-sharp. Be on the lookout for a vote on the punishment for the “expert” with the worst record this season.

**(5) Montana (5-1) @ (15) Sacramento State (4-2) (+2.5)
@ 7 p.m. on SWX or PlutoTV**

PARKER: Sac State was impressive in all facets of the game against the Cats last week. This week the Hornets get a chance to take out the Griz coming off their bye week. I could see this game going either way with the explosive offenses of each team, but I think Sac State will try to slow the game down and limit the number of possessions the Griz get on offense. I see the Hornets jumping on the sluggish Griz early, then holding on at the end to solidify themselves at the top of the conference.

SAC STATE 38, MONTANA 30

CALEB: After a dominant performance last week against the Cats, the Hornets face another tall task in the form of Montana visiting them this Saturday. Heading into this weekend, neither team has lost to an FCS opponent. While Sac State has been good, the Griz coming off of a bye will have the edge.

MONTANA 38, SAC STATE 31

CAMERON: Both Montana and Sacramento State will be full of confidence heading into a game that will play a huge role in deciding a conference champion. Sac State looked physically dominant on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball last week while spoiling MSU’s homecoming — which is exactly what I would fear if I were the Griz. If Sac State can dominate in the trenches, the game will be theirs, but since they just faced a tough Bobcat team, I expect a rested UM team to come out hot for the Hornets’ homecoming.

MONTANA 35, SAC STATE 24

Idaho State (3-3) @ Idaho (2-5) (+6.5) @ 3:30 on PlutoTV

PARKER: Last week, I was the only “expert” to pick Idaho State to win against North Dakota by predicting that the Bengals would have an offensive flurry, but I didn’t quite expect 55 points. Last week, Idaho came out and dropped a goose-egg against Portland State. I’m going to stick with my guns here and keep riding junior quarterback Matt Struck and the rest of the Bengals offense for this pick.

IDAHO STATE 45, IDAHO 24

CALEB: Both Idaho teams have had their ups and downs this season. The Vandals only have two wins, but managed to pull off a big upset against Eastern Washington a month ago. Since then, Idaho has been 0-3 and lost a few games they were favored to win. On the other hand, Idaho State has put on a strong showing as of late, beating up on North Dakota by an astounding 55-20. It hasn’t been all shine for the Bengals though, they’ve lost a total of three games, but all were against either an FBS opponent or a top 15 team. With that said, I think the Bengals will pull this one off on the road.

IDAHO STATE 34, IDAHO 17

CAMERON: The good ole battle of the domes will be taking place this weekend as Idaho and Idaho State battle it out in Moscow for the spuds’ homecoming. The Vandals are coming off a hard to comprehend 24-0 shutout loss against Big Sky bottom feeder Portland State while the Bengals on the other hand are fresh off a solid win after hosting North Dakota. An Idaho player said this week that this game means more because it decides who the best team in Idaho is. I don’t know if he has ever heard of Boise State, but I am sure they would like to have a say in that along with the College of Idaho Yotes who are ranked top 10 in NAIA and currently undefeated. That being said, I will go with the Bengals to be crowned as the third best team in the Gem State.

IDAHO STATE 45, IDAHO 28

**Northern Arizona (3-3) @ (4) Weber State (4-2) (-15.5)
@ 2 p.m. on Pluto TV**

PARKER: This game should be another cakewalk for the fourth-ranked Wildcats from Weber State, but to quote the great Lee Corso “Not so fast, my friend.” Northern Arizona was on bye last week, giving them time to recover from injuries and mentally reset. The Weber State defense could be the best in the country, but the offense has been lethargic at times, resulting in final scores that were closer than the game appeared. On top of that, Weber State has yet to play a quarterback as efficient as Lumberjack senior Case Cookus. A few big plays early in the game for Northern Arizona may result in a deficit the Wildcats cannot come back from. I think the Lumberjacks are going to shake up the standings and prove they are not a team to sleep on.

NAU 27, WEBER STATE 21

CALEB: Per usual, Weber State is an FCS powerhouse. Their defense currently sits atop the Big Sky, allowing only 19.2 points per game. On top of that, the Wildcats have won three straight and have found themselves in the STATS FCS top five.

CURRENT BIG SKY STANDINGS:

(5) Montana
BIG SKY: 2-0 // OVERALL: 5-1

(15) Sacramento State
BIG SKY: 2-0 // OVERALL: 4-2

(4) Weber State
BIG SKY: 2-0 // OVERALL: 4-2

(12) Montana State
BIG SKY: 2-1 // OVERALL: 5-2

Idaho State
BIG SKY: 2-1 // OVERALL: 3-3

Portland State
BIG SKY: 2-1 // OVERALL: 4-3

Eastern Washington
BIG SKY: 2-1 // OVERALL: 3-4

Northern Arizona
BIG SKY: 1-1 // OVERALL: 3-3

UC Davis (23)
BIG SKY: 1-2 // OVERALL: 3-4

Cal Poly
BIG SKY: 1-2 // OVERALL: 2-4

Northern Colorado
BIG SKY: 1-2 // OVERALL: 1-6

Idaho
BIG SKY: 0-3 // OVERALL: 2-5

Southern Utah
BIG SKY: 0-3 // OVERALL: 1-6

What the hell am I doing here?

By Rob Jump

I think the most common response when other people find out I'm an exchange student after "Oh, cool!" is, "Why Montana?" I asked myself the same question when I woke up on my first morning in my new dorm, "What the hell am I doing in Montana?"

I've come here on an exchange program from my home university in Exeter, UK, where I've spent the last two years as an International Relations student. My journey so far has been an interesting one, plenty of ups and downs, culture shocks and far too long drives. It began less smoothly than I imagined. A delayed flight from Heathrow led to a missed connection in Salt Lake City and a mind-numbing, six-hour layover in the SLC departure lounge. Instead of my initial 5 p.m. scheduled arrival in Bozeman, I ended up stumbling out of a taxi laden with all my earthly possessions at around 1:30 a.m. with zero clue as to what to do.

The following days were a blur, but what struck me the most was the weather. Everyone back home had told me Montana was cold. That's about the extent of our knowledge. How wrong we were. When I arrived here to 95-degree heat with my suitcase full of winter clothes and ski gear I was slightly lost as to what to do. I ended up spending the first couple of weeks wandering around in my old rugby shorts and a T-shirt questioning everything I knew about this place. I'd give quite a lot for some of that heat right now, however.

Once I'd unpacked, met some new faces and acclimatized to the unexpected heat, I was faced with a dilemma. Back home, the first week of university

before classes start is known as 'freshers week' and is a celebration of our favourite English pastime; drinking far too much cheap lager and making a fool of yourself in front of complete strangers. Here, however, not so much. The first couple of days there seemed to be nothing going on, and I found myself getting envious of my friends back home heading out. You can imagine how relieved I was when a German exchange student popped his head round my door and uttered those magic words, "Hey man, you fancy a beer?" Since then there have been some amusing clashes with the RAs as we let our European drinking culture loose on the strictly overseen dorms you have over here.

As things have started to settle down and people got to know each other better, one of the highlights of being here so far has been the opportunity to travel around and explore the outdoors. So far I've spent weekends in Yellowstone hiking about and probably getting slightly too stoked on seeing a moose (we just don't have anything that big at home, they're huge), days exploring the local countryside, and more recently I made the journey down to Denver for a long weekend. It took us 12 hours to drive there, if you drive for 12 hours straight in England you would just run out of road. The outdoors got all the more interesting when I finally got a glimpse of the Montana winter I'd heard so much about. I'm sure for any Montana locals the recent snowfall was merely a light dusting, but for me it was wild. If it ever happens to snow in England, which is not that often at all, an inch or two is enough to shut the country

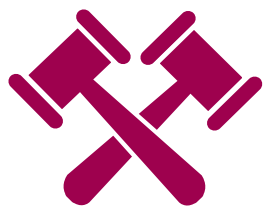
down. School is cancelled, the roads are chaos, and everyone heads to the supermarket to clear the shelves of bread, milk and canned food. You'd think it was some world ending event, when in reality it just got a bit colder than usual. In stark contrast to this, when I woke up one morning to some seriously negative temperatures, I spotted some maniac walking to class in shorts and a t-shirt as I struggled to keep from shivering in my ski jacket.

I've also asked a couple of my fellow Brits what their experience so far has been like. "America is strange," said Alice Cooke from the University of Bradford, "but a good strange, I'm just very excited to go skiing." It is a bit strange here, and one of the stranger things I've noticed is how nice everyone is. I'm used to the cold and stony demeanour of England, whereas everyone in Bozeman always seems up for a chat, especially when they realize you're from abroad.

My experience so far has been a good one. It's not been what I expected, but in hindsight I don't know what I really expected. All I knew about this place was that it was cold and I could go skiing all of second semester. Since arriving I've experienced so much more; adventuring outdoors, sampling Colorado's local 'delicacies', shooting guns out in the middle of nowhere. I've expressed my disdain for lite beer countless times and heard 'Wagon Wheel' played enough to last me a lifetime. It has taken a while, but I'm settling in and Bozeman is feeling more and more like a second home with each passing day.



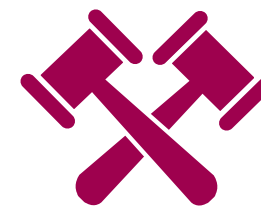
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Gender-Neutral Homecoming Court Turns Heads

BY GRACE LARSEN

From the university's inception in 1894 through the fall of 2017, MSU elected a homecoming court in the traditional way: one man wins the position of homecoming king and one woman wins homecoming queen. There were never two men or two women elected, even if they were the most qualified to represent the university. The voting was based solely on how many and which people you knew, how much Patagonia you owned, whether or not you shredded, if you could tele-ski. Sure, this way of voting is traditional, but also wildly close-minded. Homecoming royalty was full of trendy Bozemanites rather than people who maybe looked different or had different interests but were serving the school to a far greater degree.

It wasn't until September 2018 that student senators presented an idea to change the structure of the homecoming court at MSU. In the record of minutes from an ASMSU Student Government meeting held on Sept. 20, 2018, multiple student senators proposed the idea to change MSU's homecoming court traditions to benefit the student body. One student suggested that the court change from a king and queen to "royalty" that best represent the campus. Another student added that this would be a great opportunity to create a tradition of respect and acceptance for the student body.

This conversation ignited change. The look of MSU's homecoming court changed in October 2018. Our school now boasts three homecoming ambassadors each year, based on the platforms of involvement, leadership, and service. The winners, one on each platform, can

be a combination of any gender- whoever the student body feels best represents them. Sure, last year we had only women representing each platform of royalty, but that's not the point. The point is that it can be anyone and the genders of leadership can change every year based on the candidates offered. Some years there may be three strong women running, other years three strong men. We as the student body can be represented by only one gender if that is what we choose, but at least now there is a choice.

Prior to the election of the homecoming royalty, student candidates are nominated by a campus organization for one or more of the three election platforms. From there, the candidates highlight themselves and their time at MSU through their platforms and in their biographies on the homecoming website. This can take multiple forms, but typically the candidate will showcase their investment in student clubs and organizations, campus engagement, and service to the community.

Not utilizing the traditional homecoming court layout doesn't make schools any less "American" or established. Rather, this new structure is a way for universities to rewrite history and create school environments that don't make individuals or groups feel excluded while focusing on representing the school at whole and not just a niche group.

Other universities such as Michigan State, Purdue, Penn State, and Northwestern have also turned to this more gender-neutral practice of electing student representatives to a homecoming court. Cheers to all these universities for their celebrations of inclusivity and diversity.

Tradition Mustn't Die

BY SHELBY MORRIS

Homecoming at MSU is a tradition. There's the football game, the lighting of the 'M,' the parade, and of course, homecoming royalty. The new Bobkittens have been around just long enough to call their dorm home-sweet-home, and Bobcats of all ages return for this one special weekend, which has been celebrated for more than a century. They come to see what has changed and to relive what has always stayed the same: tradition. Tradition is that spark between people when a T-shirt or baseball cap summons a conversation over their team, their school, their business, or simply something they love. We are connected to the places not because we lived there, but because those life experiences have been woven by association into our memories.

Some look forward to the football game or the tailgate party. It's these things they remember the most. But for me, it's the whole enchilada: being with friends, watching the parade, eating free burgers at the homecoming BBQ and voting for homecoming royalty. I love seeing black-and-white pictures of MSU students in the student section, in front of Montana Hall, and of course on the wall of past homecoming royalty. Who hasn't stopped in the hallway of the SUB to look at the wall of MSU homecoming king and queens to make light of the old-school hairstyles and collar lines? Every time I walk by, there seems to be someone looking at the past in these frames, and many of those are alumni. This wall alone symbolizes tradition.

Last year when the titles "king" and "queen" were removed, I felt a mix of emotions. Will alumni be able to share a

replaced tradition with us? How come the titles have to be removed? Can't we add an ambassador to be more inclusive? Why was this whole tradition scratched without thinking of MSU alumni who gave us the tradition or even polling the student body first? The categories of leadership, service, and involvement are impressive, but the past royalty were students who embodied all three. I see the point of being more inclusive, but how did three women win last year? Was it not more equal to choose a man and a woman? This year there were two female winners and one male, so that was nice. I am confused because I believe that words and societal expectations don't change who you are, yet the strongest proponents for this argument were excited to change a big part of what made MSU homecoming... well, MSU homecoming.

After studying abroad for a semester, I can only laugh at some of our American traditions. When I was abroad, people asked me if students actually had house parties with red solo cups. Yes, we do. They teased us for loving schools and teams so much. A pep rally? That seemed a bit too much. Loyalty to a high school? Americans are crazy. It's funny because even as I saw these things in their light, I still felt pride for my schools and my teams. We have comradery in ways they never will. I can't even count how many times people abroad mentioned that they'd love to experience college in the United States. Every single one of my friends who had studied abroad in the United States said they never felt so welcomed by strangers in the community as they did after playing on high school teams. These silly things we do are American, and they don't make sense. However, they make us who we are, and for that simple reason, tradition must not die.

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Office Obsession and Openly Overeating

"Dear Expie" is a semi-weekly, anonymous column answering student questions on relationship troubles, family woes and more.

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Dear Expie,

I'm struggling with motivation for my classes — and honestly, all of college. All I want to do is lie in bed, rewatch "The Office," and eat junk food. It's halfway through the semester, and I don't know what to do. I'm starting to get really worried about my mental health. How do I get my groove back?

Only Interested in the Office

Dear Only Interested,

It's common for college students to lose motivation around the mid-semester mark. It's always a stressful time of year, and some people retreat from stress instead of facing it head-on. I would recommend making a list of the work that you need to complete, which can make everything seem far more manageable. Reach out to friends and ask them for help in staying accountable to your list. Then, take a shower, drink some water, and get started crossing some of those items off of your list. Once you get started, it

becomes far easier to keep going.

You also might be suffering from some symptoms of depression, including listlessness, loss of interest in former passions, and loss of motivation. If this issue persists or becomes more serious, consider heading over to Counseling and Psychological Services in the Swingle Building or calling their phone at (406) 994-4531. There's nothing wrong or shameful about getting help.

Dear Expie,

I can't seem to stick to a healthy diet this semester. I flip-flop between eating a ton of sugary, fatty foods every day and eating only a few pieces of lettuce each day. I can't help my food cravings, but I feel so guilty about eating badly that I try to make up for it by fasting. How do I find balance with food?

Feasting and Fasting

Dear Feasting and Fasting,

It sounds like you have a serious problem with your relationship with food. The first step is to recognize that you have to change, and it seems like you've done a great job of that. Next, you need to speak with a qualified dietician who can give you advice for your specific situation. Call the MSU Office of Health Advancement and speak with dietician Julie Goyette at


(406) 994-4380. You can schedule an appointment to discuss food and nutrition and work out a plan that will fit your body and health needs.

In the meantime, try eating healthy foods that are both filling and sweet. I love fruit because it fulfills my sweet tooth while remaining much healthier than dessert. This can meet your cravings without pushing you toward sugar. Ensure that you eat at least a few vegetables and something starchy, like potatoes or rice. Get your protein, whether that means meat or a vegetarian option like eggs. Try to eat with a friend so that you have some support with eating healthy meals. While meal prepping can be difficult, there are a variety of sources online that will help you prepare healthy meals efficiently.



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Relax and Re-Focus

BY GALLAGE ARIYARATNE

The blissful days of summer are over. Many of us are completing major and university requirements while filling the remainder of our schedules with work. Students that work, live on their own, or pay their way through school may have additional stress added to their lives. Exams are approaching, and many students will now be in the depths of the library study spaces trying to captivate intelligence via osmosis and diffusion.

I generally don't get stressed easily. From the days of yore, my parents taught me to complete one task at a time, schedule my day and maintain a tranquil mentality no matter what was going on around me. I was able to keep this up through most of high school, but "midterm season" at MSU, which spans from the midst of September to the week before finals, can make it

exceedingly demanding even for the calmest person to remain relaxed.

For me, stress and panic set in before a midterm. It's important to balance all your work with a little fun and remember that having a sense of humor can help you through these trying times. College life is bound to be stressful, but there are plenty of coping mechanisms that can relieve the stress, making your college years more enjoyable.

First, restructure your study environment and the way you study. Study with the people who have positive vibes. If you study with another stressed-out person, you won't have a productive study space at all. Make sure to include study plans with some fun breaks, but not too many. A short break is a great way to reward yourself for your hard work. I used to take a break every 40 minutes after studying, which helps me concentrate. The

majority of students still believe that a protracted time with their notes, textbooks and subject matter will somehow bolster their memory. However, it is impossible for anyone to concentrate on a subject that long. Try watching your favorite Netflix comedy show. Remaining optimistic releases hormones in your neurons that help you deal with stress during midterms.

Secondly, I would recommend a retreat to nature. There are so many miracles of nature in Bozeman, and it's always good to explore them whenever possible so they can soothe your mind. When I view the splendor of nature, my minuteness is accentuated, and my niggling problems disappear. For me, a simple hike to the mountains can create peace in my mind. I find that even just looking up at the sky helps me relax.

Finally, grades have a fundamentally nil effect on your future career, your future success, or the buying price of your future mega-yacht. I have asked

one question to every professional I met: when you applied for your first job straight out of college, did your employer ask to see your transcript, especially grades? The response was always "No."

So, what do these grades mean, in general with a few classes a semester for four years? Countless hours buried in a book, stress and stress-induced consequences such as high blood pressure and vomiting? The stress you feel about grades is frivolous compared to the important things in life. Five years from now, you probably won't even remember some of the classes you took in college, much less the grade you received. Society places unnecessary importance on numerical values and letter grades. These do not form the lasting interactions which sincerely matter in existence of a person.

Weeks ahead will be tough for all, but you've made it through some tough times previously, and there is no reason why you can't do it again.



BY BRENDAN KRISTIANSEN

The year was 2016. Those living in Bozeman had never known life without a selection of large chain restaurants serving only the finest selection of Italian cuisine. With

Johnny Carino's offering an exquisite assortment of pizza and pasta and Olive Garden offering endless salad and the

best breadsticks out there, sometimes deciding where to go out for a special dinner took longer than eating the meal itself. While the choice may have been frustrating to some, I saw it as a great blessing on the Italian food of Bozeman. Having two restaurants trying to serve better spaghetti and ravioli than the competition down the road allowed patrons of both establishments to experience a wonderful meal.

Fast forward to 2018. A giant "For Lease" sign covers the name of a once great Italian restaurant that now sits cold and dark on 19th Avenue of Bozeman. On June 9, 2018, Johnny Carino's closed its doors permanently, leaving Olive Garden the sole provider of Bozeman's nationally recognizable Italian food. The crowd at Olive Garden rejoiced over such news — who wouldn't be happy to lose the only competition for the title of "best meatballs in town"? While Olive Garden fanatics were relish-

ing in the sweet taste of victory (and five-cheese marinara sauce), many were unaware of the horror that would ensue.

Today, only Olive Garden stands in its genre. To put it briefly, "fine Italian cuisine" has now simply become "adequate Italian cuisine." Having dined there recently, I could not help but reminisce about the days where the endless breadsticks were actually endless and the house red wine had more complexity than Welch's grape juice. While the kind people working there do an astounding job waiting on their customers, the food is simply subpar. So subpar that it could have forced Olive Garden to close its doors for good if it was served while Carino's was in town. I believe this sad story should serve as a warning to all: always seek out the competition, and strive to serve the best meatballs in town.

CULTURE

MSU comes out

BY ROSE VEJVODA

Every year, the United States celebrates National Coming Out Day and celebrates individuals coming out as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ+). The Diversity and Inclusion Student Commons (DISC) and Queer Straight Alliance (QSA) held a Coming out week on campus.

It all began on Oct. 11, 1987, when half a million people participated in the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights. Momentum continued for the next four months, until more than 100 activists gathered together to propose a national day of celebration and recognition. The following year, the first National Coming Out Day was celebrated around the country and since then has been celebrated every Oct. 11.

This year, the MSU Queer Straight Alliance planned several events to take place throughout the week. On Monday, Oct. 7, they hosted a coming out celebration that included bowling, pool, and food. On Friday, Oct. 11, the QSA and DISC planned to have a booth on the mall, including a closet, to represent coming out. Unfortunately, Montana weather had other plans. The groups cancelled their event due to

below freezing temperatures, but the QSA plans to host a make-up event when weather permits.

Groups like the DISC and QSA assist with helping people make the difficult decision to come out. Both of these groups work together to make sure that any student at MSU can feel comfortable and included on campus and in the world.

The week was full of fun and inclusive events. The overall reason for this event is best encapsulated in this quote by actress and producer, Ellen Page, at the Human Rights Campaign's Time to Thrive conference in 2014: "I'm here today because I am gay, and because maybe I can make a difference, to help others have an easier and more hopeful time. Regardless, for me, I feel a personal obligation and a social responsibility. I am tired of hiding and I am tired of lying by omission. I suffered for years because I was scared to be out. My spirit suffered, my mental health suffered and my relationships suffered. And I'm standing here today, with all of you, on the other side of all that pain."

If you are interested in getting involved with QSA or DISC, QSA meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in SUB 235 and the DISC office is on the third floor of the SUB in room 368.

Sri Lanka Day celebrations at MSU

BY GALLAGE ARIYARATNE

Sri Lankan Student Association (SLSA) organized an event for the Bozeman community on Saturday, Oct. 5 to share Sri-Lankan culture in a dignified manner. Hundreds of visitors came together representing different nations to enjoy history, music, dance, cuisine, and many other special aspects of Sri-Lankan culture. This was the first Sri Lanka day celebration held at MSU.

The celebrations started with the playing of the National Anthem of Sri Lanka.

Deborah Chiolero (Advisor for SLSA), Dr. Indika Kahanda (Advisor for SLSA), Erin Boyd (Office of International Programs), Marianne Borough (Office of Student Engagement), Sophia Ellis (Vice President of Associated Students Montana State University), Micah Mcfeely (Diversity and Inclusion Student Commons), Chris Pruden (Office of Student Engagement), Dr. Shelton Jesuraj (Chemistry and Biochemistry) Katherine Knight (Office of International Programs), Anuda Pallegama (President, SLSA) and several other invitees were invited to light the traditional oil lamp of the occasion.

Lamps have played a significant social, religious and cultural role in the lives of Sri-Lankans. Every important function, ceremonies or festivals across cultures, lighting the oil lamp is one of the most important events in most Sri-Lankan celebrations.

Sri Lanka is rightfully known as the "Wonder of Asia." Sri Lanka is an island nation and a multicultural, multiethnic sovereign country. Its unique nature as well as cultural legacy enriches appeal of the country. Sri Lanka displays its various folk dances, today there are three distinct traditions of dances of Sri Lanka which differ from each other based on the body movements, attire and tempo.

They are "Uda Rata Natum" Kandyan dance culture of the hill country, "Pahatha Rata Natum" which are low country dances of the southern plains of the country and finally "Sabaragamuwa Natum" which depicts the dances of the "Sabaragamuwa" province of the country. The opening act was a Kandyan dance performance by a Sri-Lankan student. This dance falls under the category of Kandyan dances and a special genre of that dance known as "wannam."

Some performances which hark back to the traditions of other countries such as Indonesia lent a great deal of color to the event. One such prominent performance was the percussion orchestra "Gamelan" administered by Dr. Jeffery Vick from the School of Music at MSU. There were performances by the Indian Students Association which showcased their unity at MSU.

The evening featured a variety of traditional Sri-Lankan cuisine and sweet meats including vegetable rotti, seeni sambol buns, chicken patties, fish cutlet, "bibikkan" also known as coconut cake and a tea station for guests to taste ginger tea.

Addressing the gathering, both Dr. Kahanda and Anuda Pallegama recalled their efforts of SLSA in putting up an event to highlight the different dimensions of the cultures for the MSU community as well as the association's efforts to inform the public about their country and its customs.

The first Sri-Lankan day of celebration provided the MSU community with an opportunity to experience a culture that not too many people get to experience.

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Helen E. Copeland Gallery, Haynes Hall @ 5 p.m.

The School of Art at MSU is pleased to present "Here We Are Now: Works" by Anne Appleby at Helen E. Copeland Gallery located on the second floor of Haynes Hall. Talk and reception are free and open to the public.

FACTION SKIS MOVIE PREMIERE SUB Ballroom A @ 7 p.m.

Join Freeriders MSU in SUB Ballroom A to watch the new Faction skis movie, "The Collective." Doors will open at 7 p.m. and movie starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students (please have CatCard) and \$10 for non-students at the door.

HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHTS Kitty Warren Social Club @ 7 p.m.

Halloween Movie Nights at the Kitty Warren Social Club will take place every Thursday during October. Films start at 7 p.m., free admission, must be 21+.

FRI 18

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 5:30 p.m.

Men's and Women's basketball is here for their inaugural "Late Night at the Brick." This event allows the students and Bozeman community the first chance to look at the men's and women's basketball teams. Free for students with their CatCard.

COSTUME PARTY MOVIE NIGHT Procrastinator Theater @ 6:30 p.m.

Come watch a movie in your favorite costume with the Office of Health Advancement at the Procrastinator Theater. Anyone with a CatCard gets in free. There will be trivia and prizes to entertain you before the movies.

HISTORY AFTER DARK: GHOSTS OF BOZEMAN'S PAST The Extreme History Project- 234 E. Mendenhall St., Bozeman @ 7 p.m.

Ready to encounter the ghosts of Halloween past? Take a step back in history and meet the colorful characters who shaped Bozeman. Your self-guided journey will take you down Main and Mendenhall streets to meet "soiled doves," salacious madams, mystic mediums, and other bold inhabitants of this western town.

SAT 19

PUMP THE PECS BOOT CAMP Marga Hoseaus Fitness center @ 8:30 a.m.

Pump up your pecs with a fitness boot camp in the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center. Please RSVP at montanastate.campuslabs.com/engage/event/4938771.

LIGHT ON THE LAND Museum of the Rockies @ 9 a.m.

"Light on the Land: The Photographs of Albert Schlechtan" is an exhibition presenting a dramatic and beautiful natural world through the lens of Albert's camera. Cost is included with admission to the Museum of the Rockies.

AMAZING BUTTERFLIES EXHIBIT OPENS Museum of the Rockies @ 9 a.m.

Amazing Butterflies invites you to shrink down into the undergrowth to become one of the most extraordinary creatures of Earth. This immersive experience is based on an exhibition created for the Natural History Museum in London.

WALK FOR FREEDOM 2019 Downtown Bozeman @ 10 a.m.

Bozeman will be hosting Walk for Freedom 2019, a Global Event to end Human Trafficking. It will be Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Main St., Downtown Bozeman.

SUN 20

SUNDAY NIGHT MULTIMEDIA SERIES Howard Hall @ 7:30 p.m.

The MSU School of Music continues the 2019-2020 Sunday Night Multimedia Series with a free concert of music for live performers and electronic sounds.

MON 21

PINK OUT ZUMBA: FREE Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center @ 5:30 p.m.

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Enjoy a regular yoga flow class by soft calming candlelight. A wonderful pre-bedtime practice or perfect for a sense of calm and relaxation before beginning late-night studies. The class will be held every Monday, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in studio 1.

WED 23

LIBRARY/ SPECIAL COLLECTIONS WORKSHOP: DECADES OF DISCOVERY Special Collections, 2nd floor of the Renne Library @ 9 a.m.

Join us in Special Collections at the Renne Library on Oct. 23 to explore student life throughout MSU's history. This workshop will discuss the MSU Exponent and the MSU yearbook, "The Montanan."

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ASTRO WEEKLY The illusion of self

BY CADEN HOWLETT

What does it feel like to be reading this? If you are a human being, it probably feels like you are absorbing these symbols via the eye and subsequently unmixing and interpreting them (this happens very quickly, and we usually do it subconsciously). But what does it mean for “you” to be interpreting these words? What do we mean when we say that we are seeing the words with “our” eyes? Not only does it feel like we are something separate from the words, it feels as if we are separate from the very body that experiences them. It seems more likely to me that we are not separate from the words. Doesn't there have to be a conscious experiencer to imbue them with meaning? Additionally, there is no evidence to suggest that there is a separate entity residing somewhere between the ears and behind the eyes to whom all experiences are happening.

Our overly complex human brains have deluded us into feeling that we primarily

and independently exist inside of our heads. What are the implications of this? To start, let us recognize that much of the longing, pain, jealousy, and greed that we experience arise as a direct consequence of feeling that our true self is separate from external events. I think this is because it feels that when something happens to us, we take it personally (why me and not someone else?). I think this feeling of separation also deprives us severely of the true beauty of existence. It is much richer life to be an integral part of the universe than a lonely soul detached from it. A recognition that our experience is not separate from our surroundings makes life simpler, more beautiful, and ultimately more worth living.

The bottom line—we are not what we think we are. Let's try together to loosen the shackles of human intuition and escape the prison of the self-obsessed mind.

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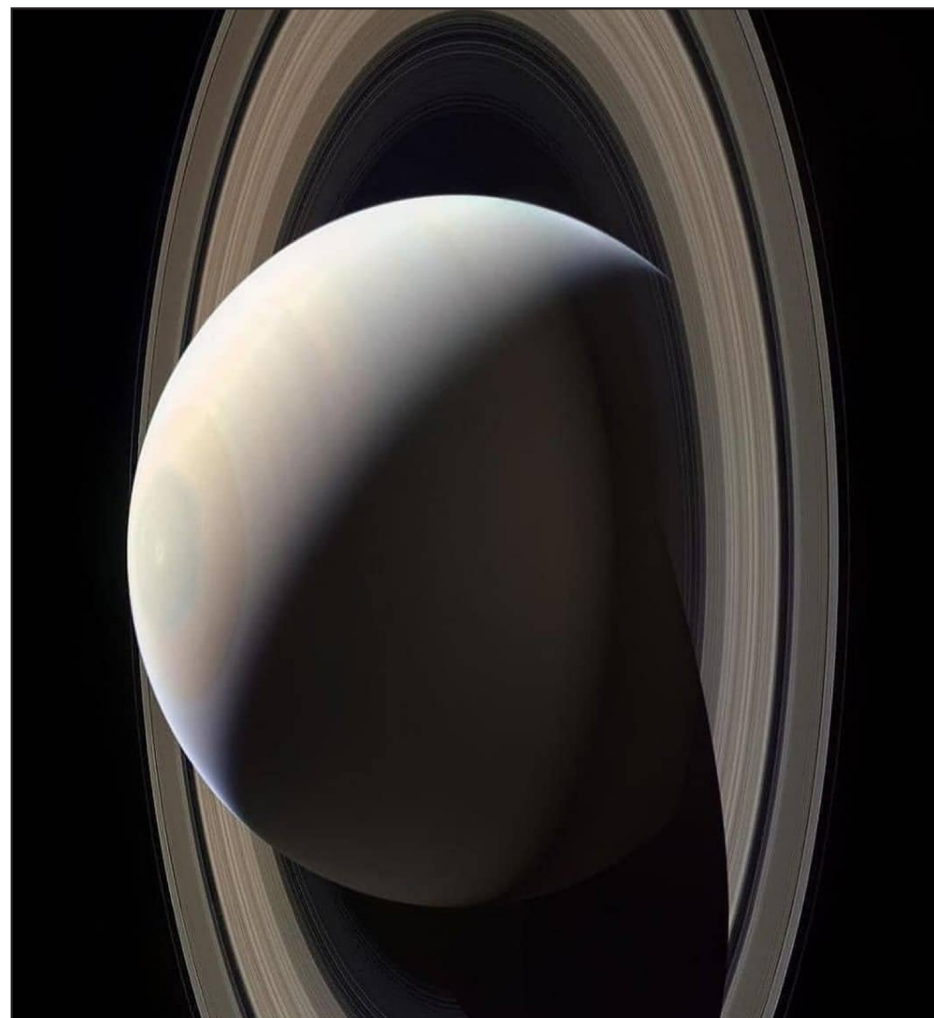



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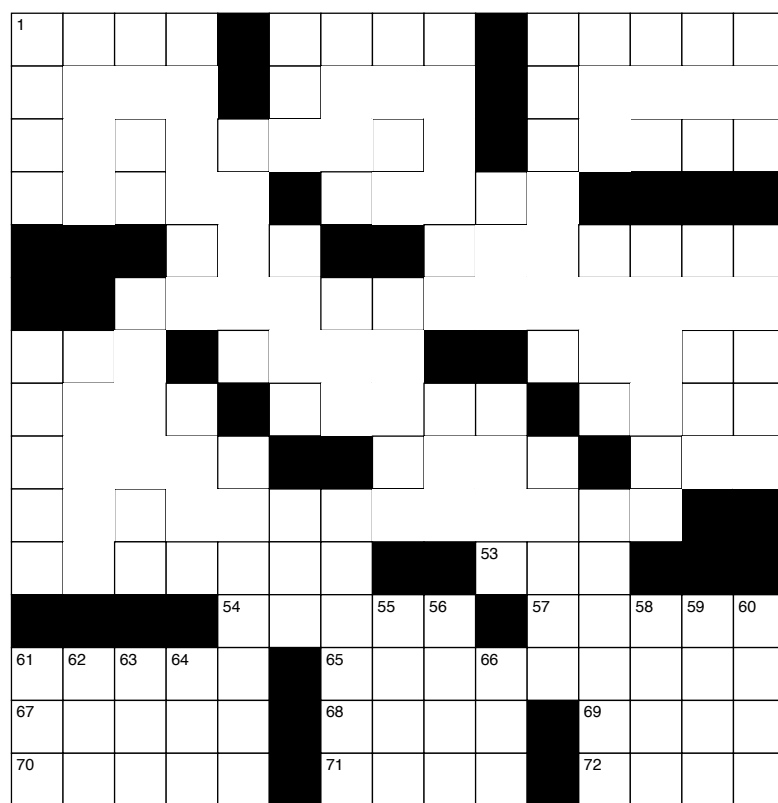
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9. Beef roasts
14. Floating ice sheet
15. Berkeley campus, briefly
16. Like chalet roofs
17. Sixth king of Babylon
19. ____ Miss (cocoa brand)
20. Canon competitor
21. Where Emirates Airline is based
23. Half the NFL
25. State of "Parks and Recreation"
30. Taxidermist
33. Electric guitar need
35. Drink excessively
36. Third note of a C minor scale
37. Bones connected to fibulae
39. Tide types
42. Ancient past
43. Trumpets and tubas, e.g.
45. Caviar sources
47. Zebra's cousin
48. Instrumental support
52. John Grisham best seller
53. TX institution
54. Saw features
57. Luggage attachment
61. "It's ____" ("There's no doubt!")
65. "Deep Blue" objective
67. Pfeiffer of "Up Close & Personal"
68. Fit
69. Crammer's concern
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72. Root beer brand

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9. Leftovers
10. Motor City org.
11. 1006, to Nero
12. Roman foot
13. Radical '60s gp.
18. Not qualified
22. Aardvark's snack
24. "Let's go already!"
26. Subject to chance
27. On the water's surface
28. Comes close
29. Cultural pursuits, in Spain
30. '____ in the Sun'
31. Goon
32. Pay attention at school
33. Awaiting a pitch
34. St. Patrick's Day month
38. "Time ____ the essence"
40. Hawaiian food
41. Rel. schools
44. Enamored
46. Weigh station visitors
49. Prefix with nuptial
50. "Guest Wife" star
51. Prodded gently
55. In that direction, to a whaler
56. Prefix with port
58. Phylums, e.g.
59. Make ____ dash for
60. Stones on rings
61. Tack on
62. Doctor's charge
63. TV spot (abbr.)
64. Corp. captain
66. Et____ (footnote abbr.)

Down

1. Journey's "____ Breaks Your Heart"
2. What one gains from sitting?
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 James Man-hoe
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Tall Tales & TIDBITS

It's illegal to sexualize war criminals in the box text.