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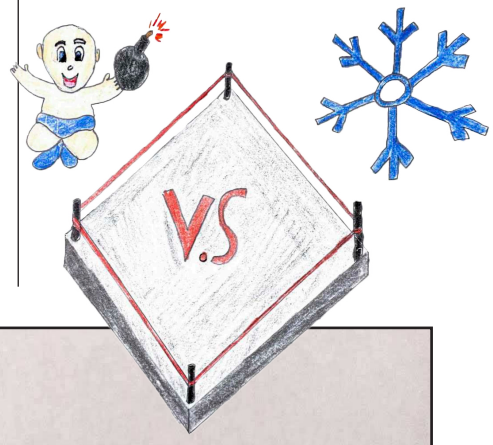
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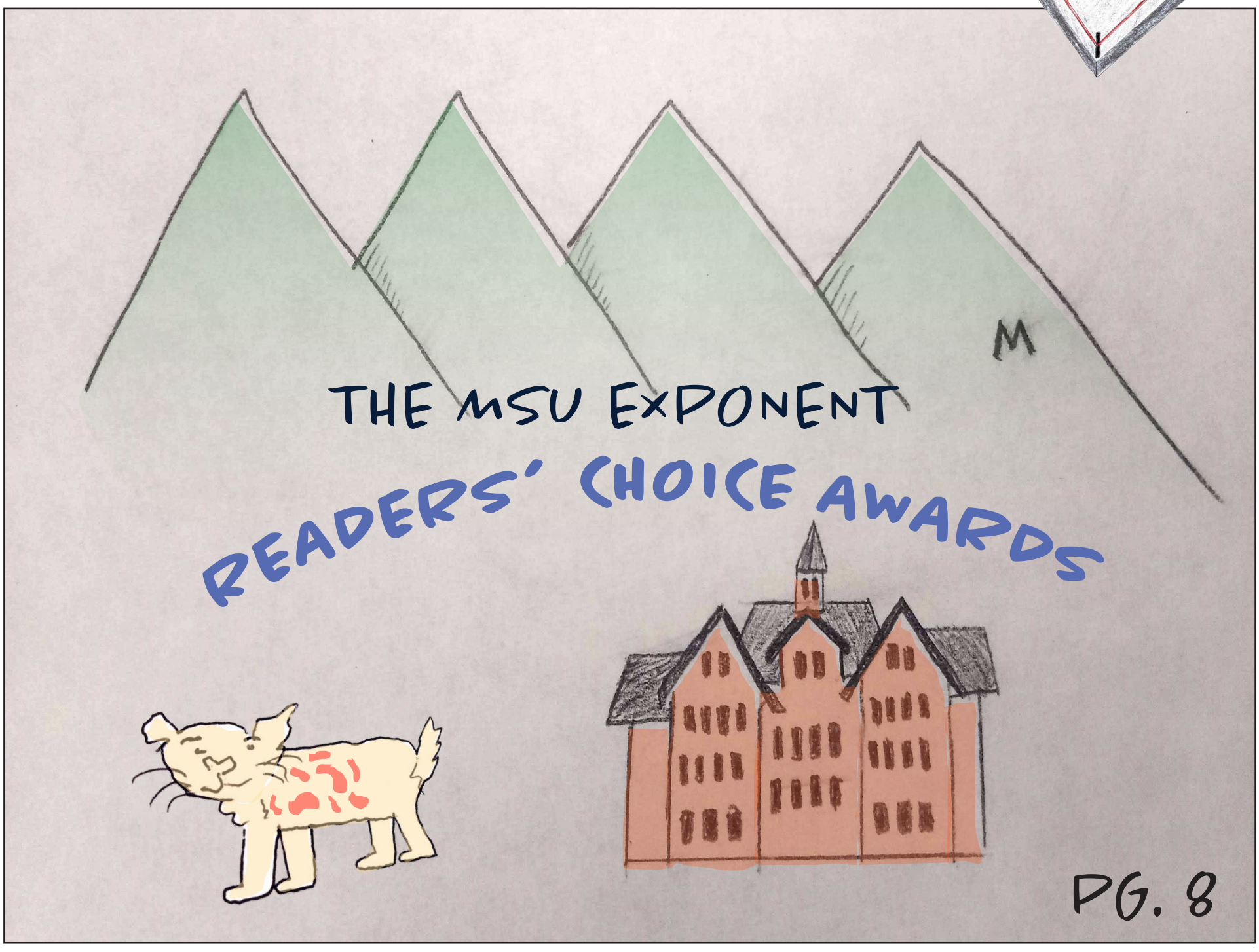
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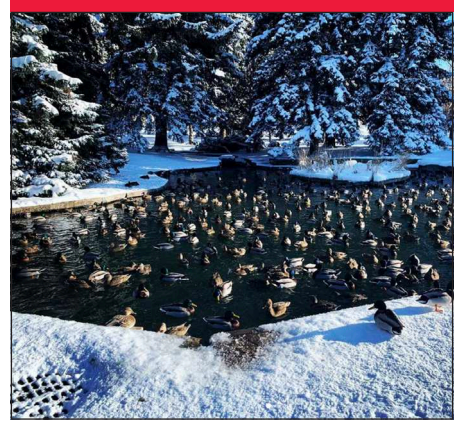
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ASMSU Vice President Sophia Elias, ASMSU President Taylor Blossom, MSU President Waded Cruzado, and mascot Champ count down for Lights on Montana Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

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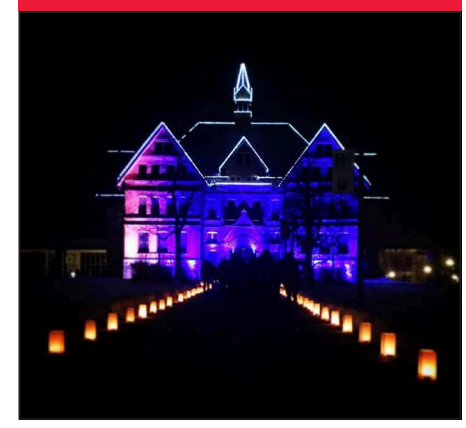
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Semper Fi: Simplified

BY SHELBY MORRIS

To be comfortable in an uncomfortable position is a life skill no one can learn without practice. Taking part in the Marine Corps Officer Program while working towards a college degree is one way students at MSU and across the country can learn this life skill. The program endows individuals with unique leadership skills and tremendous responsibilities that will change them forever.

Captain John Schoverl IV, recruiting officer for the majority of the northwestern U.S., explains that this program is for "anyone who has a passion to lead; to be a part of something bigger than themselves. All individuals are suited for this program, you just need a passion for service." Officers are left with skills, experiences, and life lessons valuable to employers. Only 1% of the American population decides to serve in the military, and only 1% of those initial 1% go on to become Marine Corps Officers.

Currently, nine MSU students are going through the program, and there is room for more. Backgrounds, year in school, and plans after college all differ amongst these individuals. Captain Schoverl IV complimented the Bozeman platoon for having exceptional comradery. Although they are undertaking the program right now, their everyday life looks the same as any other student. Unlike ROTC, where there are consistent requirements such as early mornings or group trainings, the focus of the Marine Corps Officer Program is on academics first, alongside a physical training regimen. By the end of the program, ROTC students and USMC students come out with the exact same officer ranking.

"All individuals are suited for this program, you just need a passion for service."
- CAPT. SCHOVERL IV

The students who want to take part must be within 18-28 years of age, a citizen of the United States, able to pass a physical examination, attend and graduate Officer Candidates School (OCS), and a full-time student or have a bachelor's degree. After the program concludes, three years of active service or five years of inactive service are required. If choosing an aviation option, the requirement is eight years of active status. At the beginning of the process, an Officer Selection Officer helps students decide from three commissioning programs: Ground, Aviation, or Law.

Captain Schoverl IV encourages students to consider this opportunity with the idea in mind that "change is forever; once a Marine, always a Marine."

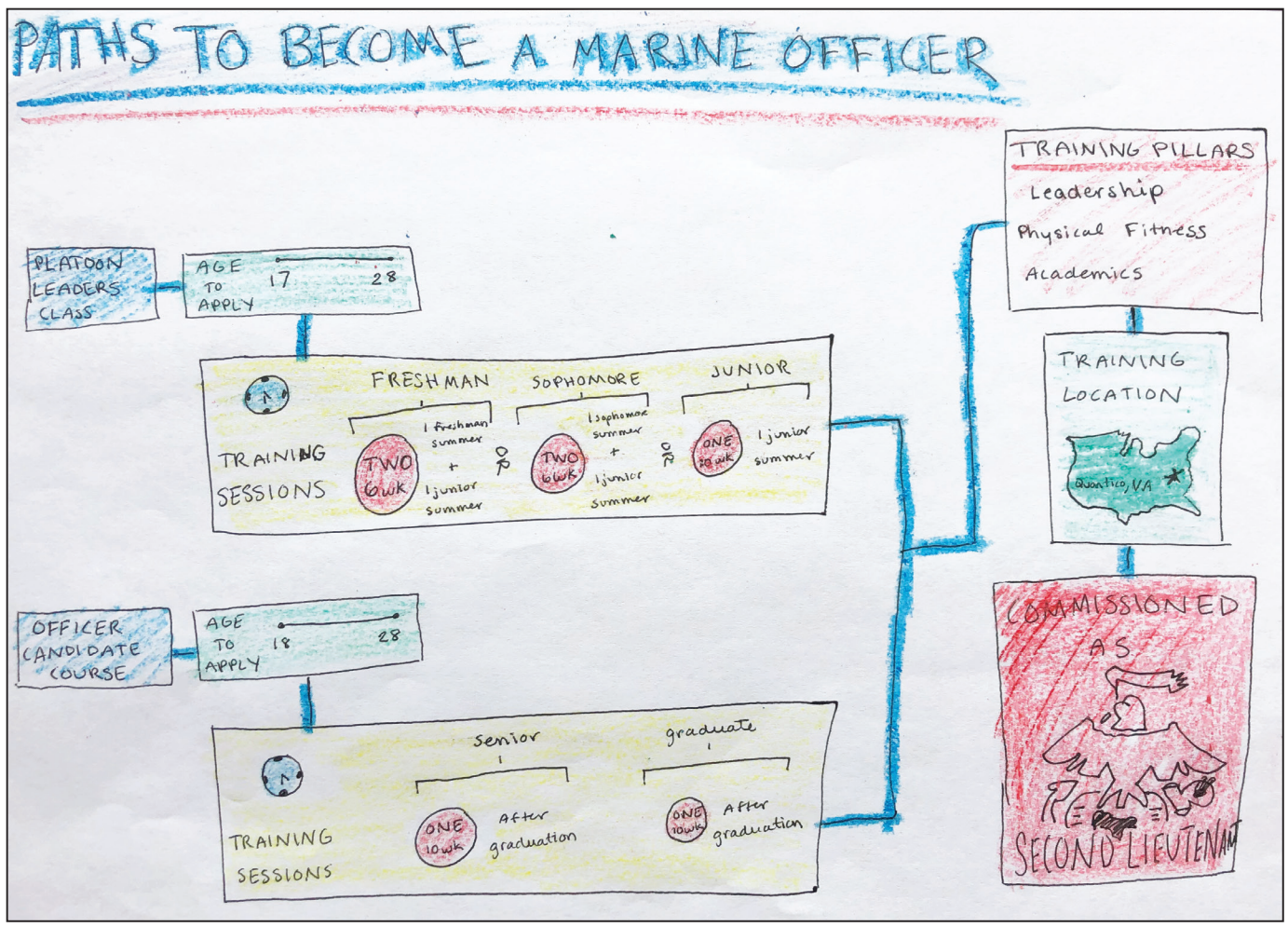


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Montana Board of Regents joins legislature in joint session

BY GABE BARNARD

The SUB was the center of legislative action as the Montana Board of Regents and the Education Interim Committee (EDIC) met for a joint session on Thursday, Nov. 21 and Friday, Nov. 22. The Board of Regents is responsible for governing the Montana University System, while the EDIC reviews and drafts legislation regarding the many topics influencing education in the state. As such, both authorities came together to address issues directly impacting MSU and its students.

A motion to increase payment of employees in the university system working on an hourly wage was among the ideas approved by the Board of Regents. Starting in January of 2020 and 2021, all campus employees on hourly pay will see a wage increase of either 2% or $0.50 per hour, depending on which is larger.

MSU's President, Waded Cruzado, will see a dramatic increase in her salary, as the Regents voted to offer her more than a $150,000 increase to her current salary from here on out for her to remain in her position at MSU. This award came in an effort to keep Cruzado from leaving MSU after rumors began circulating that she had received a larger offer from an undisclosed university. The pay raise will take the president's total salary from approximately $320,000 to $476,000 annually.

Critics of the decision compared the new salary to the $11 average hourly rate paid to Montana residents, using this difference to question the true need for the increase. Supporters pointed out Cruzado's track record at MSU, during which enrollment and graduation rates have drastically increased and millions of dollars have been raised for new buildings on campus since Cruzado took office in 2010. "I'm not leaving, my heart is at Montana State University," Cruzado said.

"I think that it is the fiscally responsible thing to do," Commissioner of Higher Education, Clayton Christian, said. "There is no way we can look for a new president without incurring costs associated with the hire, costs associated with the recruitment process, time, and energy."



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Plans for American Indian Hall finalized

BY DUNCAN PETERSON

The final design plans for the new American Indian Hall were revealed to the public on Tuesday, Dec. 3 . The new building, being constructed northeast of the SUB, will support the growing population of Native American students enrolled at MSU.

"We have over 700 Native students, so we're growing exponentially," said Lisa Perry, the American Indian/Alaskan Native Student Success director. "I also forecast that with this new American Indian hall, we're going to grow even more."

The hall is meant to be an educational and cultural center for Native students. There are several special rooms, including a drum room that can be used for ceremonies and a space for dance. The hall will also provide space for the Native American Studies department, which is currently located alongside the Native Student Success center in the basement of Wilson Hall.

The design for the new building started back in 2005. It was first proposed by Dennis Sun Rhodes, an architect and MSU graduate. Since its conception, the design has changed many times. Over the years, input from students and tribal members has influenced the overall design of the buildings, both interior and exterior. "The design has changed because the student body has changed," said Jaclyn Liebscher, the project manager.

The final design of the hall took inspiration from numerous tribes in and around Montana. Many rooms, such as the common area and the classrooms, feature a circular layout, a feature common to many Native designs and room layouts. Stones from Native lands will also be used in the floors, and the colors of the walls will be colors common to Native culture. Additionally, the landscaping will feature grasses and plants native to Montana.

The work of three artists will be featured in the hall. Stacia Goodman, a non-Native artist, has created a piece of art depicting water and fire that will be displayed on a pillar in the main entrance way. Bently Spang, of the Northern Cheyenne tribe, has created a piece he calls "a living war shirt." The shirts he designed were originally created with photographs, but the one in the hall will use a digital display instead. The third artist is Robert Martinez from the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. He creates Native ledger art with a modern twist.

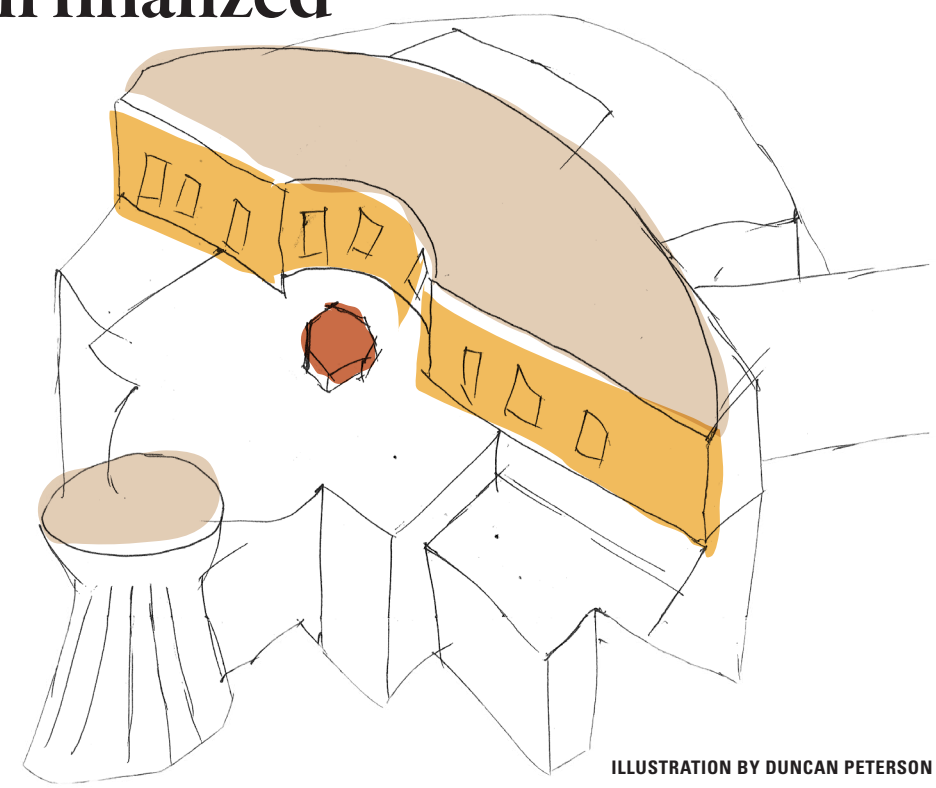


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"[The art] is not only reflective of our past, but also of our present," Robinson said. "We're not just stuck in our leather and feather phase. We're also in this digital phase too, so we're embracing that."

"From the landscaping, to the inside art, to the colors, it's like 'this reminds me of home'," said Major Robinson, the project's cultural design liaison. "But it's also an opportunity for those non-Native students to come and experience that culture."

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BASKETBALL

Double-header, double trouble

BY PARKER ELLIOTT

Cats basketball fans have a golden opportunity to watch twice the action of a normal evening in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. Tonight, Thursday, Dec. 5, the women's team hosts the 17th ranked Gonzaga Bulldogs at 6 p.m. followed by the men's team facing off against the South Dakota State Jackrabbits at 8 p.m.

Gonzaga enters the contest with a 6-1 record — their only loss being to Stanford in overtime. The Bulldogs have outscored their opponents by an average of almost 20 points a game this season. The team also features two sets of twins that see significant playing time: junior forwards Jenn and LeeAnne Wirth and freshman gaurds Kayleigh and Kaylynne Truong.

The South Dakota State Jackrabbits have been a highly successful program in recent history. They have won three of the last four Summit League Championships and bolster a 6-4 record so far this season despite a challenging schedule. The Jackrabbits are led by junior forward Douglas Wilson, who is averaging 16.6 points and 7.2 rebounds per game.

The Cats women's team lived up to their high expectations coming into the season. They enter the contest coming off a great win over Seattle U, 73-65, and hold a 4-2 record this season. The Cats have used a balanced offensive attack and consistent team defense to pull out wins this season.

The men's team is coming off a loss to a solid Green Bay squad, but the Cats have been solid performers during the pre-conference slate. Senior guard, Harald Frey, has been consistently impressive all season, averaging 15.6 points, 5.9 rebounds, and 5.8 assists per game, all of which are team highs.

The next home game for the women is when they take on Northern Colorado on Thursday, Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. The next home game for the men's squad will be on Saturday, Dec. 28 at 4 p.m. when the red-hot Hornets of Sac State make their way to Bozeman

This double-header featuring four great teams is a must watch for Cats fans. Come out, cheer on and enjoy what should be a fun night for everyone in the historic Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. Entry is free for students with their CatCards.

VOLLEYBALL

Bobcats volleyball finishes program altering season

BY CAMERON GRAVES

The Montana State volleyball team's impressive season came to an abrupt finish this past Friday when the Bobcats fell to top seeded Northern Colorado in the Big Sky conference tournament. The Blue and Gold enjoyed their best season since 2012, when the Cats matched this season's record. Senior sensations Allyssa Rizzo, Evi Wilson and Sydney Mathison will end their incredible careers in Bozeman with a 15-14 overall record this season, which places them at fourth in the Big Sky conference. This is an impressive feat considering that Rizzo, Wilson and Mathison's freshman season concluded with a 5-20 overall record.

These remarkable seniors have set the standard for the fresh faces beginning to make their names in Shroyer Gymnasium. In an interview with Rizzo earlier this season, she told the Exponent, "We have been telling the younger girls to treat every season like it's the one. You have to believe that every year. It's exhausting, it's a lot of pressure, and it's going to feel like too much. It would be easier to back down, but you just have to fully invest yourself because you blink your eyes and you're a senior." Rizzo, the Big Sky conference Libero of the Year, proved to the rest of the country that Bozeman can produce one of the nation's top players as she finished this season ranked seventh in the NCAA in digs per set. In addition, Rizzo will be leaving MSU as the program's all time leader in digs.

Rizzo's senior counterparts, Wilson and Mathison, also capped off their terrific careers with strong performances in their final games. Wilson's senior season will be tough for the Bobcat faithful to forget, as she led the squad with 371 kills this season. This placed her within the top five in the Big Sky and earned her a spot on the Big Sky all-tournament team. Mathison's role has been crucial to the Cats success all season and head coach Daniel Jones recognized her effort after Friday's match, sharing that "Sydney was such an incredible leader." Wilson will graduate with a degree in Business Finance, and Mathison will walk away with a degree in Psychology.

This year's team has made it clear to the rest of the Big Sky that this program is only beginning its rise. Shroyer Gym was packed to the rafters on mostgame nights, something that used to only happen when the Montana Grizzlies visited town. The increased average attendance is expected to persist. Freshman outside hitter, Kira Thomsen, is coming off an outstanding rookie season for the Bobcats and looks to be a future force in the conference. She joins Bozeman native junior setter Allie Lynch as part of a talented team that fans can look forward to watching next year.

Jones understands the talent returning but also recognizes the significance this senior class holds, saying on Friday, "It will be a challenge, but we have a lot of talent coming back. Where the leadership and toughness comes from is what we will need to figure out." MSU Athletic Director, Leon Costello, tweeted about the team's season, concluding with "the foundation has been laid and the legacy has been built." Thanks to the hard work put in by this year's senior class, along with Coach Jones and his staff, Montana State volleyball is a program obviously headed in the right direction.

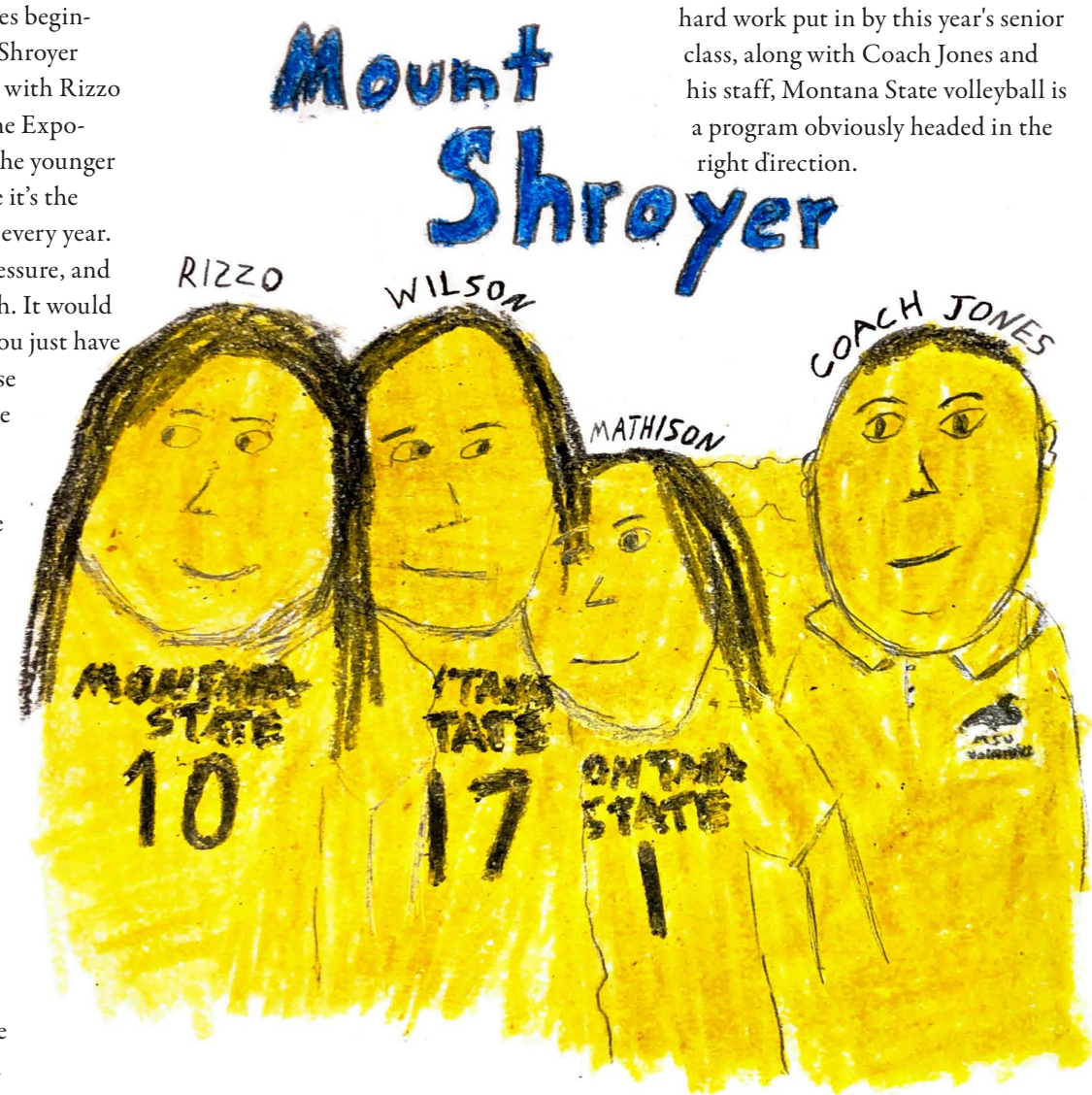


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Pigskin Pick 'Em: FCS Playoffs Round Two

BY CALEB RUX, PARKER ELLIOTT & CAMERON GRAVES

The FCS playoffs are officially underway. Weber State, Sac State, Montana State and Montana received seeds three through six, respectively.

Kennesaw State (11-2) @ (3) Weber State (9-3) (-12) @ 1 p.m on ESPN3

PARKER: Kennesaw State had one of the easiest schedules in the FCS this year. Despite their 10-2 overall record, the Owls were one of the last four teams to make the FCS playoffs. They maintained a standing in the top 15 of the coach's poll this season as a result of their success in previous seasons, but their body of work was never that impressive. Their toughest conference competitor, Monmouth, beat the Owls 45-21. Last week, the Owls proved the haters wrong and pulled off a solid win against Wofford 28-21. All told, the Owls triple-option attack will not be able to move the ball against one of the most physical teams in the country. I expect the Wildcats to blow past Kennesaw State.

WSU 34, KSU 17

CALEB: After proving the doubters wrong and winning their first round matchup, Kennesaw State will travel cross-country to take on Weber State. The Owls made a nice run last year, but I expect their season to end on Saturday. The Wildcats simply have too much firepower. Weber State has looked tough all season. They took it to a couple of FBS schools and almost won. Their only conference loss came to Montana which is starting to look like a fluke. I think the Wildcats easily come out on top.

WSU 41, KSU 20

CAMERON: The storylines coming into this game are interesting. Kennesaw State has been scrutinized all season for their high ranking despite their weak conference, along with Weber dominating most of the season before being badly exposed against Montana. Weber State is a much more physical team and will look to dominate by doing what they do best — stopping the run on defense and a strong running game up the gut. MSU fans may remember just a few years ago when KSU came to a snowy Bobcat Stadium and beat MSU with the odds stocked against them. Could this be a repeat of that? Probably not.

WSU 31, KSU 21

Southeastern Louisiana (8-4) @ (6) Montana (9-3) (-11.5) @ 1 p.m. on ESPN3

PARKER: In the best game of the first round of the FCS Playoffs, Southeast Louisiana barely slipped by Villanova, 45-44, after the refs called a phantom offensive pass interference call with under two minutes to play. The Lions of Southeastern Louisiana have had an up-and-down season. On one hand, they beat the eight-seed in the country, Central Arkansas, 34-0, but they also lost to Incarnate Word, who finished the season 5-7. Their explosive offense may keep them in the game for the first half, but the Griz will end up dominating the line of scrimmage in this one. Imagining this may seem difficult after the Cats made the mighty Grizzlies look like a prep team in the Brawl, but I'm here to give true insight.

4-PEAT BRAWL OF THE WILD RUNNER-UPS 41, SELA 20

CALEB: After a rough couple of weeks off, the Griz will look to bounce back against Southeastern Louisiana. The Lions came just two points short of claiming the Southland Conference title. During their regular season campaign, they beat a few tough opponents, including eighth-ranked Central Arkansas, but also dropped a few games to some less formidable opponents. Knocking off Montana in Washington Grizzly Stadium is going to be a tall task. The Griz, coming off of a bye, will roll Southeastern Louisiana. I just hope the Zoo won't be serving up Lion on finals week.

LIL-BROWNIE WINNERS 45, SELA 23

CAMERON: Montana is back in the playoffs for the first time since 2015. But after being dominated in every facet by MSU a few weeks back, one wonders how they will bounce back after a week off from competition. UM is welcoming Southeastern Louisiana to town looking to bring Bobby ball back to the national stage, but the Lions are better than most would expect, coming off a big time win against Villanova who was at the time ranked number eight in the STATS FCS top 25. This game may come down to the wire, but if Dalton Sneed is up to full speed UM may find itself coasting. I say SELA misses the game tying extra point.

MCC 21, SELA 20

Austin Peay (10-3) @ (4) Sac State (9-3) (-13) @ 7 p.m. on ESPN3

PARKER: Austin Peay from the Ohio Valley Conference dominated in the second half of their first round matchup. After entering half up 7-3, the Governors rattled off 28 unanswered points on their way to a 42-6 victory. Austin Peay with a couple explosive offensive plays could stay in this contest, but a week off for Sac State and Big Sky Conference Player of the Year, junior quarterback Kevin Thomson, should be enough for the Hornets to get rolling.

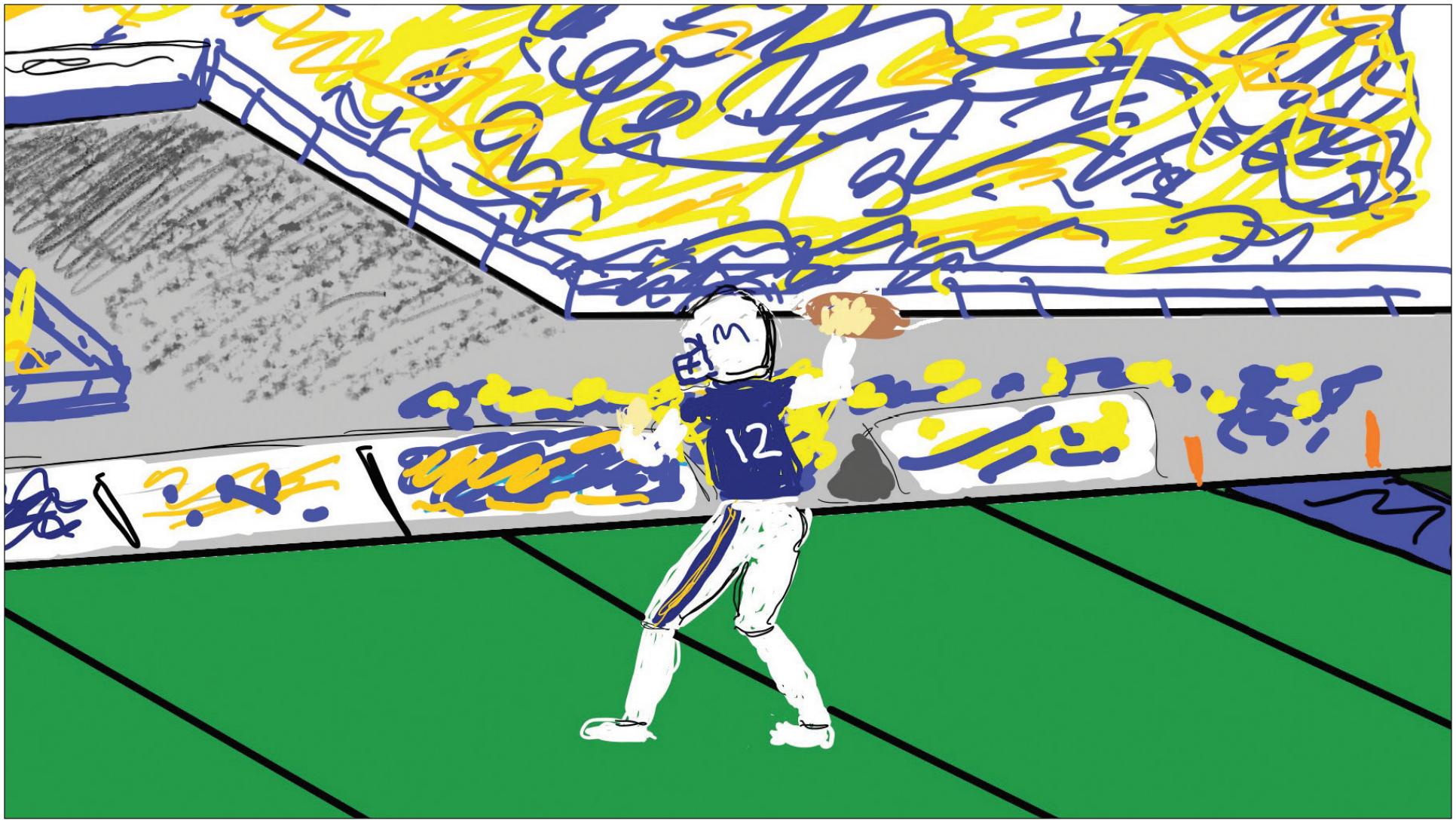
SAC STATE 40, AUSTIN PEAY 24

CALEB: The Governors easily skated by last week in a blowout win over Furman. Now, they face a much taller task in taking on Sac State. The Hornets were the biggest surprise in the Big Sky Conference this season. At the conclusion of the regular season, junior quarterback Kevin Thomson was awarded Big Sky Conference Player of the Year, and Head Coach Troy Taylor won Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year. The only time the Hornets struggled all season was when they were missing Thomson due to injury. I think this game will be closer than expected, but ultimately the Hornets will pull it off.

SAC STATE 49, AUSTIN PEAY 44

CAMERON: Playoff football is in Sacramento, Calif. for the first time in a long time, and the Hornets will be visited by the Austin Peay Governors. Sac dominated the Big Sky this season, leading to a share of the crown with Weber State and a number four seed in this year's FCS playoffs. Austin Peay is located in Clarksville, TN and boasts this years OVC coach of the season. They have a record of 10-3 to match Sac State's 9-3, but their conference is much easier to navigate. Expect Sac State to roll on Saturday.

SAC STATE 42, AUSTIN PEAY 3



MSU sophomore quarterback Tucker Rovig slings the pigskin down the gridiron.

ILLUSTRATION BY CALEB RUX

Albany (8-4) @ (5) Montana State (9-3) (-9.5) @ 1 p.m. on ESPN3

PARKER: The Cats did it. They absolutely embarrassed the Griz so badly that Bobby Hauck had a tough time coming up with excuses. He said they prepared for Troy Andersen to play, meaning they could not stop the Cats running game because our best player did not play? Hmmm. The Cat/Griz game was amazing, but if the Cats want to make a run in the playoffs, they're going to have to build off this game while keeping emotionally invested in the game in front of them. Last week, Albany had a huge second-half behind freshman quarterback Jeff Undercuffler to pull-off a win. If the Cats continue to show diversity in the run game and maintain a stout defense, this could become a blow-out.

GRIZ KILLERS 38, ALBANY 14

CALEB: 48-14: possibly the sweetest score in Bobcat history. The Cats dominated the Brawl, from President Waded Cruzado's coin flip all the way until redshirt freshman backup-quarterback Casey Bauman ran out the clock. Students poured onto the field to celebrate our fourth straight Cat-Griz victory. But now that's all in the past, and it's a new weekend. The Bobcats will take on the University of Albany from the Colonial Athletic Association. The Great Danes are coming into this weekend hot and looking to upset another team that has been playing its best football. I considered giving the Great Danes a shot until one of their players said, "I don't believe in dinosaurs." That was enough for me to give up on the Danes for good. The Cats will add to their four-game winning streak on Saturday.

MSU 34, DINOSAUR DENIERS 17

CAMERON: There are two parts to this prediction. I would like to cover how it looks on paper and the reality of the situation. On paper, the Cats should roll the Great Danes. MSU is the fifth ranked team in the nation and Albany is 11-34 all time against teams ranked inside the FCS top 25. Oh yeah, and last week was their first ever playoff win in program history... but throw all of that out the window, because in December every game means more and real fans know that anything can happen. Expect the Great Danes to come out hot and full of enthusiasm before they become overmatched by MSU's big boys in the trenches and the unfriendly confines of chilly Bobcat Stadium.

MSU 31, ALBANY 10

Records	Overall (Last Week)	Against the Spread (ATS)
PARKER	21-11 (4-0)	16-16 (2-2)
CALEB	**21-12 (4-0)**	**11-21 (2-2)**
CAMERON	18-15 (4-0)	11-21 (3-1)

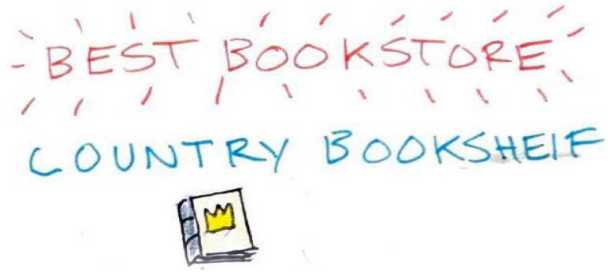
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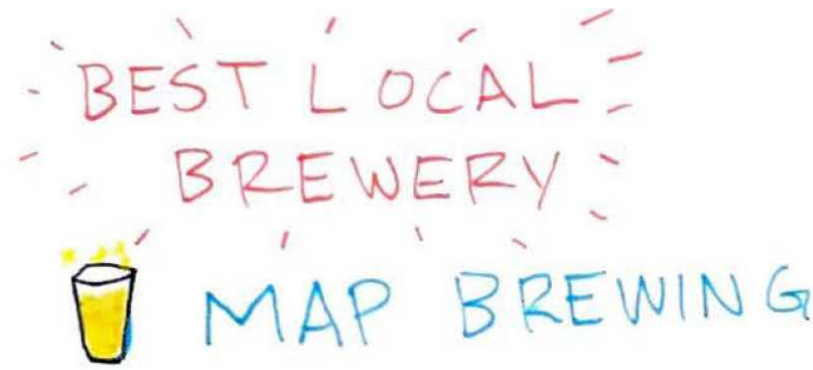








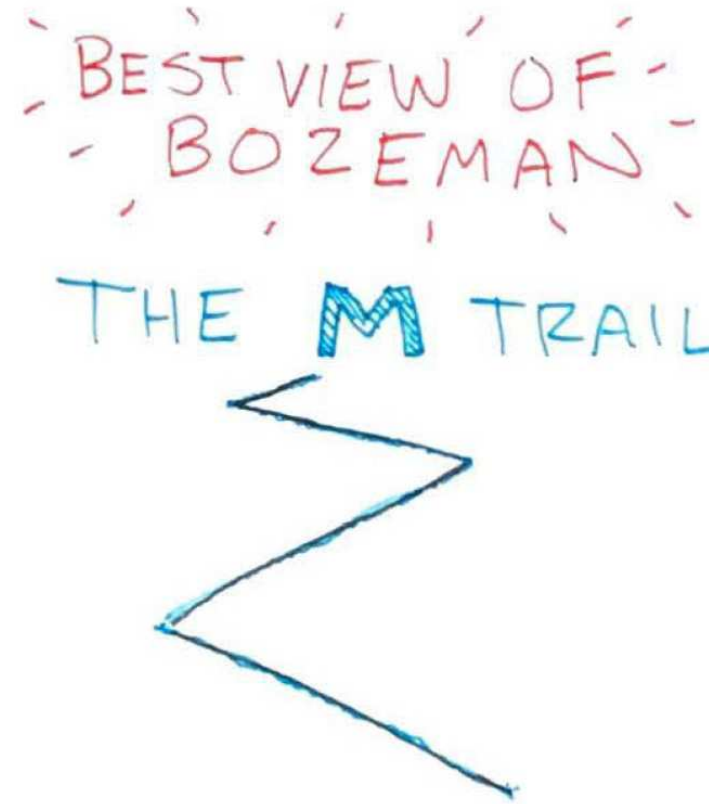














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Call a Ceasefire on the Generational Warfare

BY PHOEBE ZEA

The generation gap was on the back burner until the phrase "OK, boomer" took over the internet earlier this fall. Becoming the headline of memes, conversations, and even uttered in New Zealand's parliament, "OK, boomer" has revived the decades-old topic of intergenerational hatred. This has long been a driving force behind political affiliations and alliances as each generation rebels against its predecessor. But behind the amusing memes, nasty phrases like "OK, boomer" and "snowflake" only create further polarization in the U.S. They also distract from the deeper conversations we should be having about what really divides us and how to form the affiliations that will truly bring progress to our nation.

Generational divides date back to the beginning, as proven by Homer's "Iliad", which says, "And so with men: As one generation comes to life, another dies away." Boomers are not our boring, egotistical enemy. We know them as people stubborn in their political ideologies with a childhood in a prosperous, utopian suburbia. However, boomers were actually labeled as hippies and rebels in their youths, and they were the generation that desegregated the nation and led the feminist movement of the 1960s. Their "spend now, worry later" lifestyle angered their financially conservative predecessors who survived the Great Depression. Boomers strived for a better life in the suburbs—one where their children could attend college and both spouses could reach their career aspirations. Baby boomers have done a lot of good for this country, and they definitely don't deserve to have their opinions ignored or answered with a passive "OK, boomer."

Gen-Z and millennials aren't just a bunch of "snowflakes," though. These generations are living through an era of wage stagnation, declining life expectancy, and rapidly approaching environmental collapse. "Gen Z will be the first generation ever to have a lower quality of life than its predecessor," said Joshua Citarella, a researcher who studies online communities. We watched the Twin Towers fall and have known nothing but life in a nation always at war in the Middle East. We are not lazy and entitled narcissists like older generations believe us to be. We know what it's like to take out an average of $26,290 per year in student loans and live in a one-bedroom apartment that costs an average of $1,216 per month.

So let's face it: every generation has its challenges, and there is a deep divide between us. Dialoguing, voting, and working together are more pragmatic approaches to uniting our nation, but the use of derogatory terms in referencing age groups does nothing to help. We might not be able to fully unite simply by ditching these terms, but it is a vital step toward bridging the gap between boomers and younger generations. If we throw away degrading terms like "snowflake" and "OK, boomer," we would further unite our nation and speed up compromises in politics.

It's trendy to be accepting of others' tattoos and hair color, so let's make it trendy to be accepting of others' ideologies and stop this generation-shaming. Your Fox-News-watching, gun-toting grandpa is not the enemy, and neither is your avocado-toast-eating, blue-haired, Bernie-Sanders-supporting friend. We must end this intergenerational warfare. Instead, we should begin to listen to each other, young and old, boomer or not, and compromise with one another based on ideas, not birth year.

One Switch at a Time

BY GALLAGE ARIYARATNE

On a day in late March, I was filming a short film in the SUB for extra credit in my BIOB260 class. As I walked down a hallway on the first floor, I popped my head into each room. It was 9 a.m. on a Saturday, the sun was out, and the building was empty. Yet every single room had all of its lights turned on.

While crossing each room to flip the switch, I was troubled wondering exactly how many offices, classrooms, and conference rooms at MSU stand completely empty and fully lit every day. The Office of Sustainability's program initiatives show that MSU has undertaken numerous energy efficiency projects that both reduce our school's environmental footprint and save money. However, MSU has not yet reached its goals for energy efficiency, and students and the administration must work together to achieve this objective.

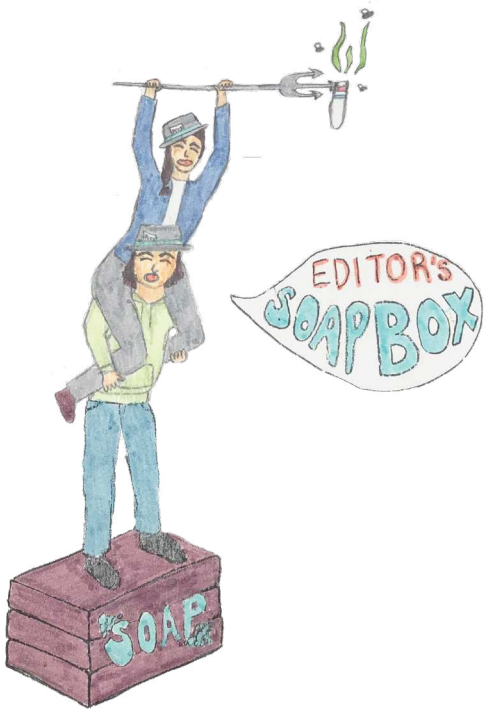
As a signatory to the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), MSU has made an institutional commitment to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from campus operations and ultimately achieve a carbon-neutral footprint. The initial step in achieving this goal was to complete a comprehensive GHG emissions inventory. The inventory determined that the total emissions for the 2009 reporting period were 77, 375 metric tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent. 57 percent of our emissions were associated with purchased electricity, mostly lighting, ventilation and heating. This is higher than the average emissions value when compared to many ACUPCC institutions in the GHG inventories.

MSU does have several initiatives for energy conservation in its buildings. Norm Asbjornson Hall is the eighth building on the MSU campus that is LEED-certified, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program. LEED is one of the most popular green building certification programs worldwide.

However, there are problems with these energy initiatives. Rendezvous Dining Hall closes every day at 7 p.m., but the lights stay on throughout the night. The only people entering these buildings late at night are the janitorial staff. I do not think it is necessary to leave all the lights on for this purpose. Norm Asbjornson Hall uses motion-activated lights that turn on when someone enters the room and turn off automatically when the environment is not in use. This initiative should be implemented across the campus since it is both convenient and energy-efficient.

Our collective actions on our campus do not exist in a vacuum. Global climate change is impacting the planet in ways never before experienced in human history. So, Bobcats, I'm asking you to start turning off lights, computers, projectors and any other electronics when you leave any room on campus or elsewhere! Talk to your friends and classmates, share this article, and convince those around you to do the same. Small actions on your behalf will collectively have a huge impact on the carbon footprint of our campus and will advocate for the responsible use of your tuition money.

After all, why should our carelessness have a global impact? Who is benefiting from brightly-lit, empty classrooms? Climate action cannot take place if we all continue to wait for the government, large corporations or the university to "do something about it." It's time for all of us to start moving. Let's start with the first step: Flip a switch on your way out the door.



Vibe Check on Wilson Hall = Subpar

BY GRACE LARSEN & DYLAN VOGEL

MSU has many amazing attributes, but Wilson Hall is not one of them. Its overall unpleasantness is made evident by the ever-present smell of sweaty feet and week-old moldy vegetables. Reasons for this smell include bad plumbing and even worse personal hygiene (Old Spice exists folks, please make use). The real issue is the lack of trash cans, resulting in crusty Naked fruit juice bottles, apple cores and used Band-aids strewn throughout classrooms for days on end.

Also, don't even get us going on the lack of chairs and outlets on both floors of the building...too late, we're going. We are both English majors, and when we are waiting upwards of 45 minutes to talk to our Lit professors, we have to pray to the Good Lord above that our laptops are sufficiently charged or that we have paper homework. Otherwise, we're absolutely screwed.

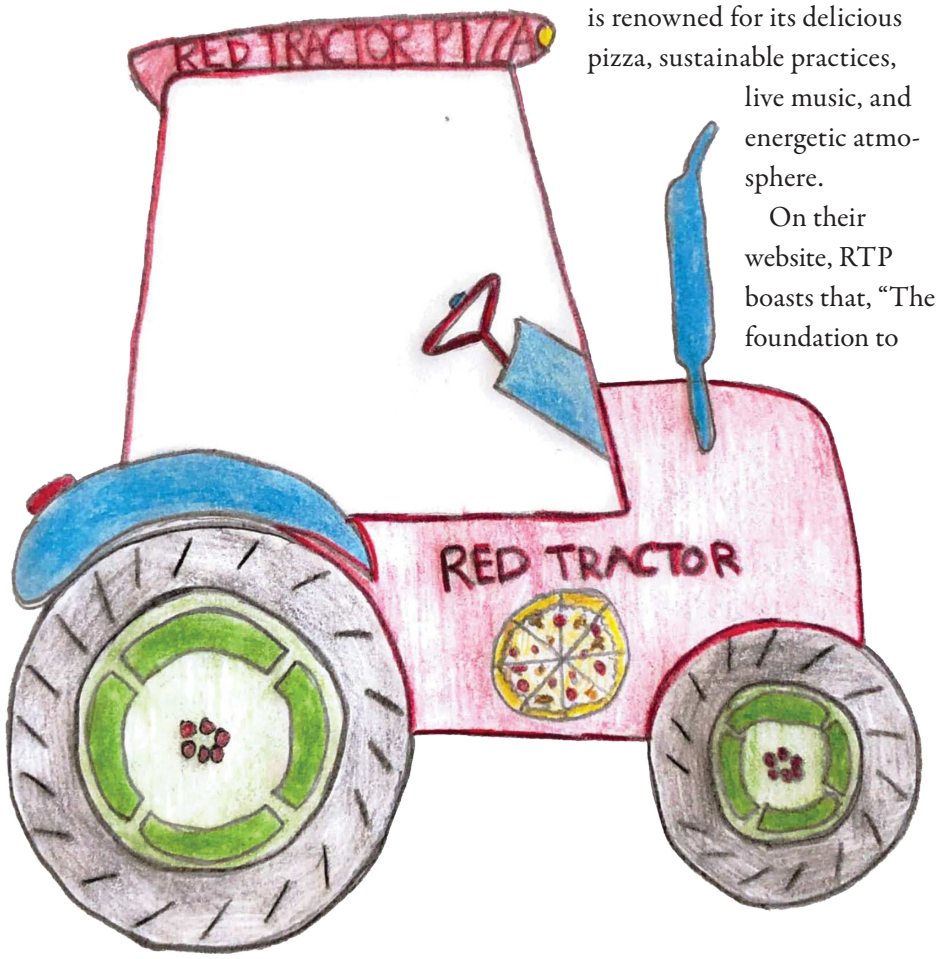
Additionally, the staircases in Wilson are narrower than the one-inch margins demanded on every essay we have ever turned in. In our feeble attempts to save our grades midway through the semester and finally make use of the office hours our professors have marketed for the past seven weeks, we begrudgingly drag ourselves up the concrete steps of hell. Turning the corner in the stairwell, we are greeted by a fast-walking student who accidentally slams into one of us, mutters an apology, and keeps going. Damn narrow staircases. In all this, we get to the top only to get lost in the maze that is the upper floor of Wilson.

In short, Wilson is a nightmare that only gets worse the deeper you go and the more time you spend there.

CULTURE

Farmer's Pizza

BY ROSE VEJVODA



To pizza lovers and foodies throughout Bozeman, Red Tractor Pizza (RTP) is a well-known name. RTP is renowned for its delicious pizza, sustainable practices, live music, and energetic atmosphere.

On their website, RTP boasts that, "The foundation to great communities starts with creating welcoming environments where people can come together. At Red Tractor Pizza, we aim to provide a lively and warm space to gather and enjoy thoughtfully crafted foods and drinks, as well as lively and engaging music and entertainment!"

Not only does their pizza taste amazing, but it is beneficial to Bozeman and our planet. All of their ingredients are sustainably grown or raised, and sourced locally. RTP also does a great job best to accommodate those with dietary allergies or restrictions. They offer homemade gluten-free crust and vegan cheese substitutes. Even their pesto sauce is nut-free for individuals with nut allergies.

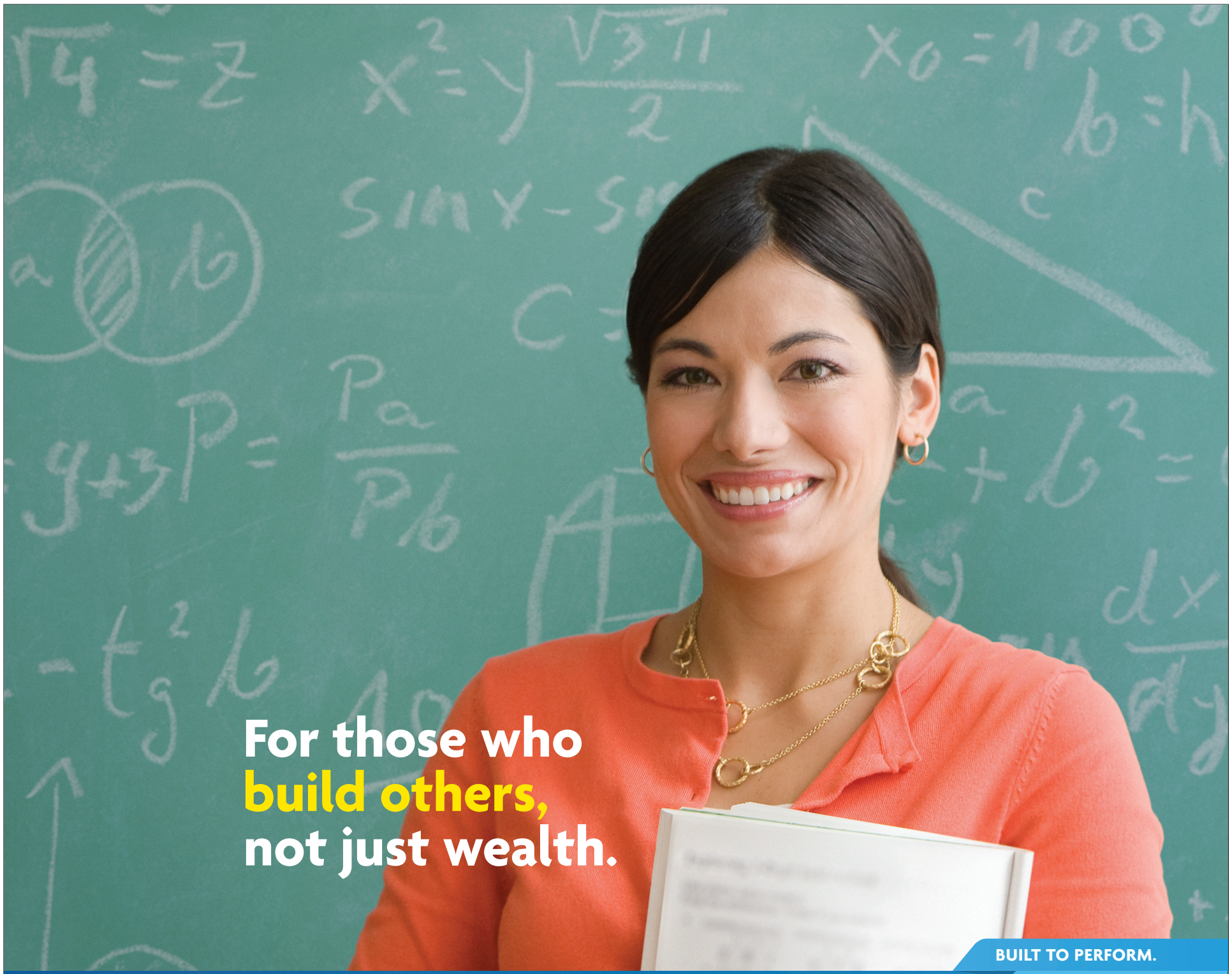
The delicious pizza place also hosts local musicians every night of the week. One of the artists that frequently plays at RTP is Alex Robilotta, a jazz musician who moved to Bozeman in 2015. Robilotta plays at RTP each Friday from 7-9 p.m. The smooth and relaxing feel of his music pairs perfectly with a crispy New-York-style, oven-roasted pizza.

On Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m., RTP offers an all-you-can-eat buffet for just $11, making it a college student favorite. On Tuesdays, they offer cold beer and warm breadsticks for $8 and live music from 7-9 p.m.

One customer testimony said that RTP is "The best! What other pizza place takes the initiative to connect with the community, provides live music five nights a week, and brings fresh produce and healthy options for everyone? The answer: no other pizza place."

Be sure to check out RTP if you haven't already. It's atmosphere and to-die-for pizza is sure to please it is located at 1007 W Main Street and is open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 4 p.m.-9 p.m. on Sundays. Prepare to be amazed by the delicious meal you will surely receive.

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El Camino: The New Kid On The Block

BY ROB JUMP



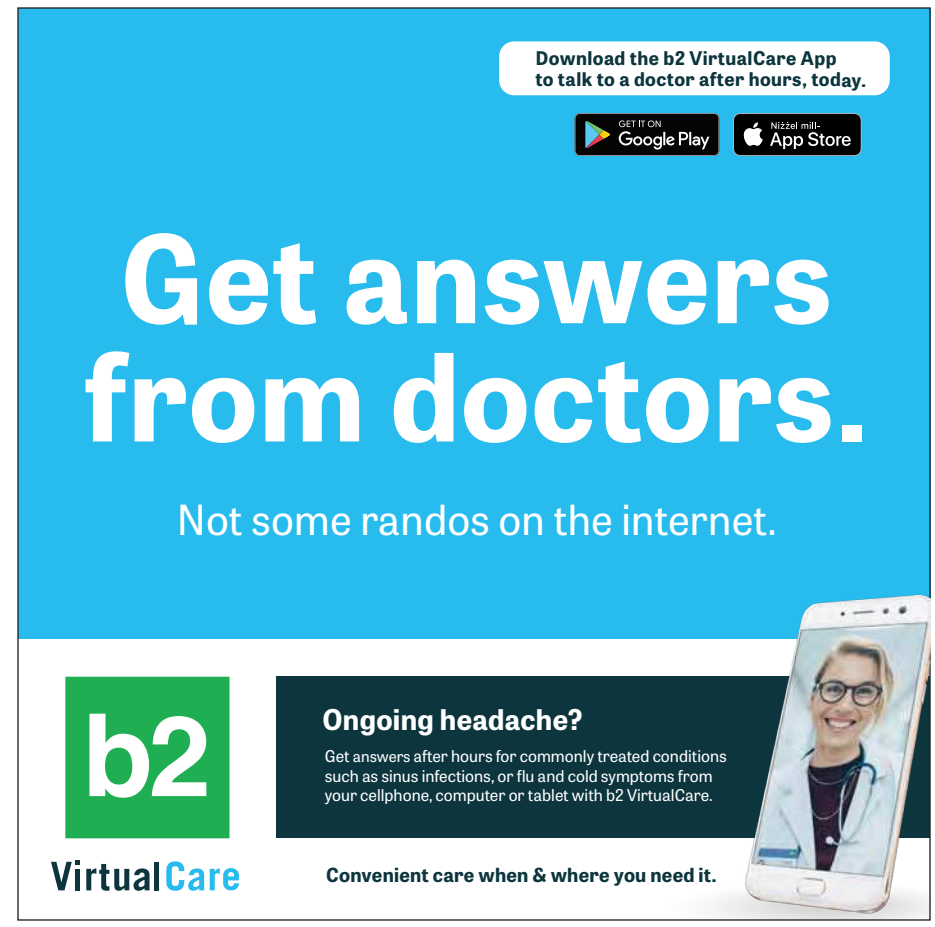
ILLUSTRATED BY ROB JUMP

Despite having only opened at the start of the year, El Camino has quickly become an integral part of Bozeman's unique nightlife. Through its Main Street doors awaits a welcoming retro wonderland, transporting revelers back to decades past. It's a place that is not afraid to be unabashedly hipster, and it does so without falling into the trap of trying too hard. The walls are adorned with vintage neon signs and movie and music posters. One can find old school arcade games and multiple shuffleboard tables, as well as ample space to sit back and relax with any of the vast arrays of drinks they offer. Head down on Wednesday's for the best deals including half-price pitchers of beer that can ring in as low as $5.

Every night El Camino offers something new. From great drink deals, to live music DJs, and karaoke, the younger and less established sibling of Main Street's Rocking R Bar and Bar IX, offers a welcome respite from the packed and sweaty atmospheres of the typical downtown staples. That is not to say that El Camino is dull and quiet. If you just want to chill out with some mates and drink some beers, listen to good music, and avoid swinging treacherously from small ledges on the wall (Bar IX, we're looking at you), El Camino is the place to be. If you catch it on a busy night, you can always duck down into the Kitty Warren directly below. The elusive cocktail bar gives off great speakeasy vibes and is a perfect way to get the night going before heading back upstairs.

Cheap drinks, great atmosphere, retro décor (particularly the screens playing classics like "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" and "Pulp Fiction") and good tunes make El Camino my favorite bar in Bozeman.





CALENDAR

DEC. 5 – 13

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THU 5

2019 CHRISTMAS STROLL GINGERBREAD CONTEST
Jacob's Crossing, All Day
The Downtown Bozeman Association, Sweet Pea Festival, and First Security Bank present the 2019 Christmas Stroll Gingerbread Contest.

BASKETBALL DOUBLE HEADER
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 6 p.m.
Come out and support the men's and women's basketball team as they take on the SDSU Jackrabbits and the Gonzaga Bulldogs, respectively. Lady Cats start at 6 p.m., immediately followed by the men's team at 8 p.m. Students get in for free with their CatCard.

FRI 6

MONTANA THEATREWORKS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Ellen Theatre @ 7:30 p.m.
Montana Theatreworks is proud to present "A Christmas Carol" at Ellen Theatre. Tickets are $18 for upper balcony and youth (17 and under), $22.25 for main floor and mezzanine, and $33 for premium seating.

SAT 7

HOLIDAY MARKET JUBILEE
Gallatin County Fairgrounds @ 9 a.m.
Admission with food item donation or $2 at the door. Come out and enjoy live, festive music and amazing food vendors.

DECEMBER SERVICE SATURDAY
MSU SUB by the AskUs Desk @ 10 a.m.
Service Saturdays are local service projects held on the first Saturday of the month and offers a great opportunity for community members and students to create relationships and make an impact in the community.

FCS PLAYOFFS ROUND 2: MSU vs. Albany
Bobcat Stadium @ 1 p.m.
Come and support the MSU football team as they take on the Albany Great Danes in the FCS playoffs.

39th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STROLL
Downtown Bozeman @ 4:30 p.m.
Join the Downtown Bozeman Association for Bozeman's most beloved holiday tradition: The Christmas Stroll. Event is free and open to the public.

SUN 8

SUNDAY NIGHT MULTIMEDIA SERIES
Howard Hall, Reynolds Recital Hall @ 7:30 p.m.
The MSU School of Music continues the 2019-2020 Sunday Night Multimedia Series with a free concert of live performers and electronic sounds.

MON 9

BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR
Dahl Funeral Chapel @ 8:30 a.m
Join the fun and help wrap gifts for seniors in the Bozeman community.

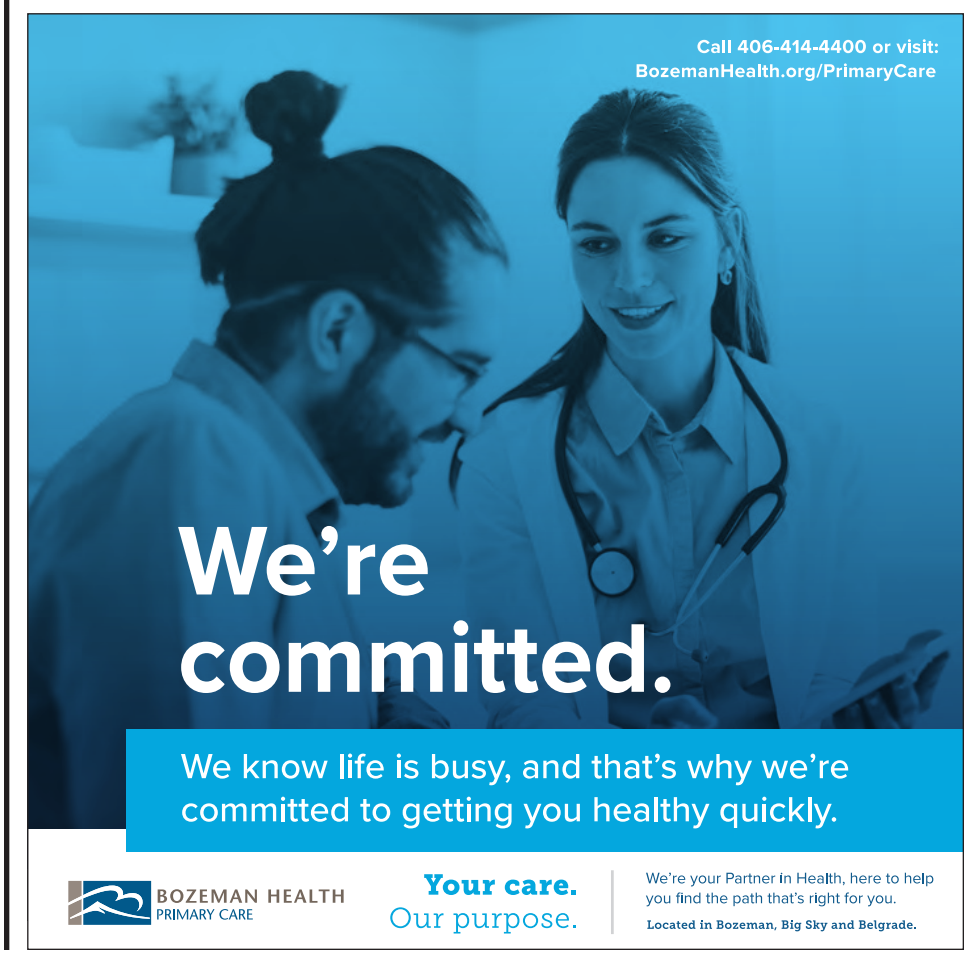
THU 12

FURROW AND RIDGE POP-UP
Bozeman Taproom @ 5 p.m.
Furrow and Ridge is hosting a pop-up clothing stand at the Bozeman Taproom. The clothing is all handmade in Bozeman.

FRI 13

BELGRADE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Belgrade Events Center, All Day
The Belgrade Festival of Lights is an all day celebration that includes the Jingle Jog 5K, pancake breakfast, holiday bazaar, live music and fireworks.

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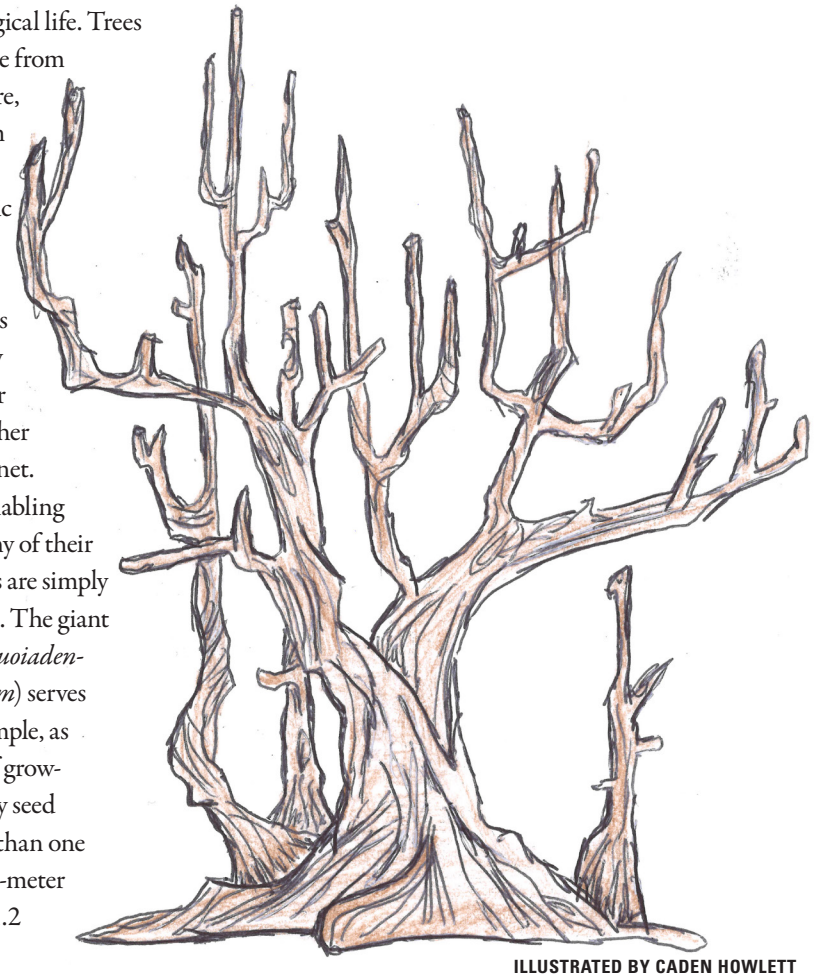
A Special Shoutout to Trees

BY CADEN HOWLETT

A few hundred years before the ancient Egyptians constructed the Pyramids of Giza, a seed germinated in the soil of western North America. Today, nearly 5,000 years later, that seed lives on as Methuselah—the current oldest tree on Earth. This tree came into existence when the world population was less than 14 million people, lived through the invention of alphabetic writing, and was standing strong at over 2,000 years old during the rise and demise of the Roman Empire. Through everything I've learned about geologic time, the vastness of the cosmos, and the depths of the oceans, few things have inspired me more than the mighty tree.

Trees have existed as long as many of the rocks on Earth and they have a rich and complex evolutionary history and have played a key role in the development of biological life. Trees carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, allowing them to live. The photosynthetic byproduct of their survival is oxygen, a gas that is directly responsible for supporting other life on the planet. Aside from enabling us to live, many of their characteristics are simply magical to me. The giant redwood (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) serves as a good example, as it is capable of growing from a tiny seed weighing less than one gram to an 85-meter (275 ft.) tall, 1.2 million-kilogram (2.7 million lbs.) behemoth. A single quaking aspen tree (*Populus tremuloides*), that is connected through an underground root system, exists in south-central Utah and it occupies 106 acres and has a weight of 6 million kilograms, making it the heaviest organism on the planet. A substantial body of scientific evidence now suggests that some trees of the same species can communicate and form alliances via interconnected fungal networks that exist a few inches beneath the forest floor.

Trees are truly fascinating organisms whose importance should be appreciated. In celebration of trees, I want to give a special shoutout to all the beautiful trees that line our streets and campus. We are fortunate to share the land with organisms of such grandeur.



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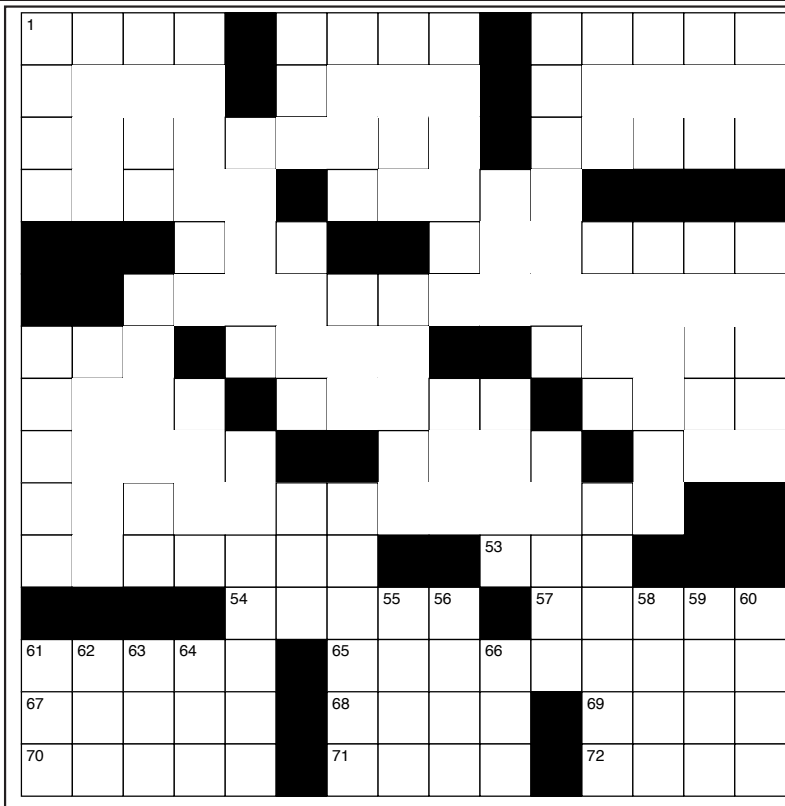
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5. ____ Disney World
9. Mambo relative
14. Cash dispensers
15. Sky color in Cannes
16. Smoldering coal
17. Signal
19. 2009 George Strait album, or sound characteristic of country music generally
20. Singer with the Mel-Tones
21. Half of "Dead Man's Party" band name
23. Not even
25. Japanese island in 1945 news
30. Becomes too crowded
33. Cry
35. Ph.D. and 20 below
36. Examines, as evidence
37. Muslim honorific
39. Beaver's brother
42. Old Italian dough
43. Ain't right?
45. Poetic black
47. Pre-schooler
48. Tyrannies
52. Seals in a sepulcher
53. Abbr. word after photo or black
54. Pet protection gp.
57. "___ Wife" (Sena Jeter Naslund bestseller)
61. Ring holding a watch crystal
65. Honorable
67. Ferric ___ (rust component)
68. Conservationists' magazine
69. Don
70. Fraudulent
71. Slangy approvals
72. Double ____ (Oreo variety)

Down

1. Par ending
2. Pay-mind connection
3. Rank below capt.
4. Author of "The Foundation Trilogy"
5. Fighting org.
6. Voice range
7. First in a string of popes
8. Mustard family plant
9. Updates, as a device
10. Ore digger's org.
11. CEO's degree, often
12. Actor Kingsley
13. S.A. republic
18. Surrendered
22. D.C. school
24. Attracted
26. Lockup
27. Exultant cry from the dressing room
28. Part of MGM
29. Liability's opposite
30. Express dissent
31. Tiger's org.
32. William ___, the Father of Modern Medicine
33. Sheltered spot
34. Put one's___ (meddle)
38. Put ___ words
40. Scale divs.
41. Pirate's cry
44. Mexican snacks
46. Try to bite, like a pup
49. Recipe abbr.
50. Florida raptor
51. Dismissive scoffs
55. Singer Winans
56. Each
58. Criminally assist
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Best Places to Cry

The Exponent office

In the cold shadow of Spirit the Bobcat

Stairwells in Norm Asbjornsen

Loudly and publicly in the registrar's office

International Coffee Traders

The Streamline

The prickly embrace of a Christmas tree

The fourth floor of the library

Your neighbor's porch

MSU's underground tunnels

Miller Dining Hall

The Bozeman airport

Rockin' R Bar

In the Sewer, Boi

A cold dark corner in closed Avogadro's

Taco John's

An endless discussion about hugging

CHUNCH

Into a carton of ice cream

Roskie showers

Yourself to sleep

The Jingle Jog 5K

In this economy…?

On the gridiron

Tall Tales & TIDBITS

The SUB was actually named after a sandwich.