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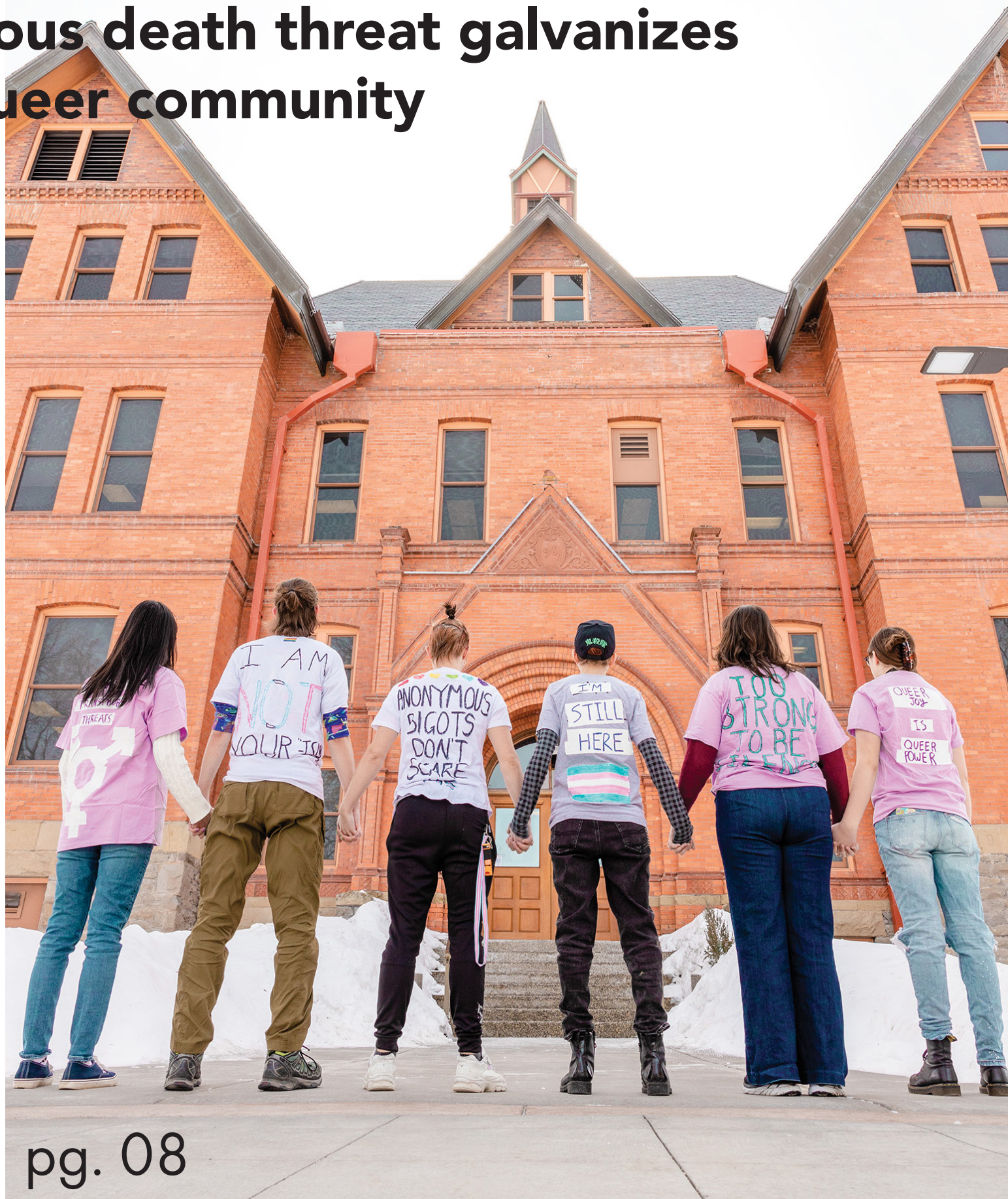
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ASMSU condemns rise in NorthWestern Energy’s utility rate

BY CHRISTINA GIBBS

MSU’s student senate has condemned a proposed utility rate increase by NorthWestern Energy in an effort to urge the company to pivot away from expensive and environmentally damaging electricity generation.

NorthWestern filed the request to increase electricity rates with Montana’s Public Service Commission (PSC), which regulates the state’s utilities, in the fall of 2022. The commission has scheduled a vote on the request during a public hearing on April 11.

The PSC approved an interim 12.6% electricity rate increase in Oct. 2022 until a decision on the filing is reached. For now, the rate increased an average of \$11.19 per month, according to NorthWestern spokesperson Jo Dee Black, meaning the average home will pay an additional \$134.28 in electricity bills from Oct. 2022 to Sept. 2023.

The proposed 25% increase in electrical rates would raise prices for customers consuming an average of 750 milliwatt hours per month an additional \$273.12. An added proposed rate increase of 11% for natural gas would add an additional \$90.84 to customers who use an average of 65 therms per month, according to reports from multiple news sources.

The rates to deliver natural gas and electricity to NorthWestern’s customers are based on cost information from 2015 and 2017 respectively, Black said. The regulatory rate review is to be considered as an update to assets needed to deliver energy service to customers “reliably, safely, and at the most affordable rates,” she said.

The Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) condemned the rising utility rate in the form of a resolution submitted as a public comment to the PSC, said Calvin Servheen, sponsor of the resolution and ASMSU senator for the College of Engineering. The PSC could, theoretically, decline the rate increase.

“The university isn’t the target audience,” Servheen said. “It’s explicitly a public comment to the Public Service Commission.”

Roughly 10,000 off-campus MSU students already struggle to afford to live in Bozeman, according to the resolution. Additionally, it states that NorthWestern Energy is without a state competitor, leaving students and homeowners no other financial options as the utility rate increases.

According to the resolution, at the same time as carbon-free energy is becoming cheaper across the country, NorthWestern is increasing its ownership in non-renewable sources. The resolution said the company should make a rational transition away from expensive, non-renewable energy, and move towards less expensive renewable energy.

NorthWestern’s reported carbon-free electricity generation is currently 59% in the state of Montana, according to spokesperson Black. For comparison, the generation of zero-carbon power is 40% nationally, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The company’s carbon-free electricity generation is down 10% from 2020 based on a decrease in hydroelectric and wind energy output, Black said. For hydroelectricity specifically, “2021 was a lower water year from 2020, so the 10% decrease can be attributed to less water coming through the dams,” she said.

The Office of Sustainability was able to track this decrease through a program called SIMAP, or Sustainability Indicator Management Analysis Platform, said Nick Fitzmaurice, resolution collaborator and former ASMSU senator. The program consists of three scopes, the second of which tracks purchased electricity; in this case, the electricity MSU has purchased from NorthWestern Energy.

“Although [the university was] using less electricity, the electricity that we were buying from NorthWestern became dirtier, and therefore overall emissions that we take credit for increased,” Fitzmaurice said.

Utility-scale wind and solar have surpassed the affordability of coal and natural gas generation, according to Lazard’s Levelized Cost of Energy Analysis.

However, “energy is different than capacity,” Black said. Although wind and solar are the most cost-effective, when those sources do not generate enough energy to satisfy customer demand, such as on colder days in the winter, NorthWestern depends on the energy market to meet capacity needs.

Additionally, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 includes tax credits for generating and storing renewable energy, such as the Clean Electricity Investment credit and the Clean Electricity Production credit, according to the IRS website.

The best-case scenario would be that the PSC declines the rate increase, Fitzmaurice said. They would have to review and approve NorthWestern’s strategic plan for energy production, which could trickle into an investigation into why NorthWestern chooses to produce unsustainable energy when cleaner energy could be produced at a cheaper cost, he said. “People should know that their electricity is going up and why, and then there’s an opportunity for public comment.”

The PSC will hold public comment on April 11, according to the resolution. ASMSU is also planning on having students attend when Senate Speaker Paytyn Wilson travels to Helena to give a comment, Servheen said.

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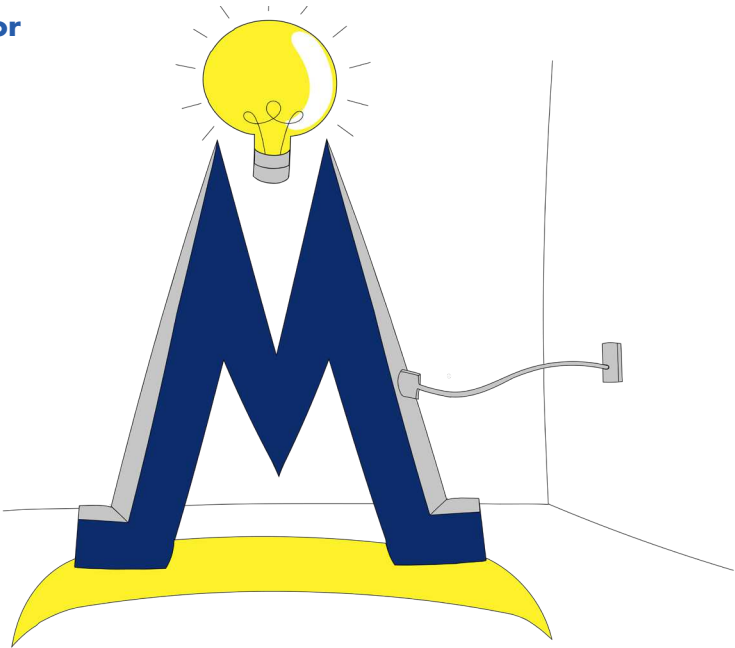


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What it takes to plan AIC's annual powwow

BY AMELIA DIGIANO

The 47th annual American Indian Council (AIC) Powwow, the “biggest cultural event in Bozeman,” is approaching on March 31. That’s according to John Murray, a business student and a member of MSU’s Powwow Leadership Course. Murray and his classmates, along with the AIC, make up a small team of students organizing the powwow.

The event, which is a free celebration of Native American culture, will host dancers, vendors and pageant competitors from across the U.S. Organizers are preparing to fill the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse with attendees and competitors.

Preparing for a powwow is no small task. The planning team spends the first few weeks of the spring semester fundraising for the following year’s powwow, according to Murray. “It’s a lot of groundwork. It’s a lot of organizing. It’s a lot of communicating,” he said.

To prepare for the spring current year’s powwow, students divide into eight committees that cover aspects such as security logistics and pageant organization, as well as an alumni breakfast, a weekend-long basketball tournament and a fun run. Course members are also tasked with recruiting volunteers and promoting the event on social media.

The AIC’s fundraising efforts, separate from those of the class, begin during the fall semester, according to AIC social chair, Cheyenne Rose Whiteman. The AIC is also in charge of selecting the head staff for the powwow, including arena directors, head dancers, the host drum and judge panels for the dances and the pageant.

Once the spring semester begins, members of the AIC are assigned to work with a committee from the powwow leadership course. “A lot of students don’t have experience in event planning on this level,” said Nicholas Ross-Dick, who co-teaches the powwow leadership course with Lisa Perry.

The work continues even after the event is over. “After the powwow, we just work on getting a new folder ready for next year’s class — all the information on things we liked and things we have to change,” Whiteman said.

Based on feedback from last spring’s powwow, students are working on ensuring that concessions are more indigenized than hotdogs and chips, according to Murray.

Organizers are also currently scrambling to find volunteers. “The leadership course has like ten people in it and then there’s like ten people on the council. Twenty people are not enough to run a powwow,” Whiteman said. Whiteman estimated that over 100 volunteers are needed to fill all the roles. Because the powwow is a community-wide event, volunteer slots are open to anyone, not just MSU students.

While the leadership course and the AIC organize, powwow participants are putting time into their individual preparations. Pageant competitors must prepare speeches, preferably in their indigenous language and fashion homemade dresses and regalia to compete in. Prior to the competition, dancers also prepare by working out and rehearsing.

“You have to get in shape for dancing because you’re on your tiptoes for three minutes. And you have two songs, so that’s another three minutes,” said Ruthee Baker, a pre-

nursing major and jingle dress dancer. Baker is the head woman dancer for this year’s powwow.

“I’m trying to run more. A lot more. And just practice. I just turn on some music and dance in my room,” Baker said.

Baker’s mother made her jingle dress over the course of three weeks — but it’s not done yet. “I have 230 jingles. But I have to put them on. And that takes forever. We have to unravel [each] jingle and clamp it down and make sure it’s straight,” Baker said.

Despite the weeks — even months — of preparation that go into the powwow, students cherish the event. “It’s really unique,” Whiteman said. “Everyone who’s come to a powwow has really enjoyed their time. [People] really get to see a part of who we are.”

This year more than ever, students have been stepping into knowledge and culture-keeping roles, according to Ross-Dick. Baker, who is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock tribe, explained the importance of getting her name out into the native community as head woman dancer.

“As a little kid, I would look up to the head woman dancer. Now I’m in that role and I’m in the nursing program, going to school, it’s great to represent. Represent my family, my tribe, where I come from, and being a native woman,” Baker said.

If you are interested in volunteering at the AIC powwow, sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/Powwow-volunteering>.

The Powwow is at 6 p.m. on March 31, and from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 1 in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

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The 2019 American Indian Council Powwow held at MSU's Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. The American Indian Council Powwow was one of the largest powwows held in Montana. Photo courtesy of MSU News Service by Jackson Harris

Gallatin Refugee Connections' 6th annual kit drive aims to support incoming Montana families

BY JACKSON OLLIFF

Arriving in the United States as a refugee fleeing your home country can be an extremely traumatic and confusing experience. However, a local nonprofit is working to make the transition a little bit easier for refugees and their families coming to Montana.

Gallatin Refugee Connections (GRC), a local refugee support group, will host a Kit Drive in partnership with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Soft Landing Missoula. The Gallatin Refugee Connections' 6th annual Kit Drive is happening in Bozeman on Saturday, April 1. The Kit Drive is a collection day in the Gallatin Valley aimed to help refugee families start their new lives in Missoula.

Eamon Fahey, the Director of IRC Missoula, gave a presentation at the Emerson Auditorium last Friday, March 3, to raise awareness for the 2023 drive. During the presentation, Fahey explained what the IRC is and how it provides a much-needed service to refugees in the process of resettlement.

Resettlement is the next step for refugees after joining a refugee camp in a neighboring country near where they fled. This is a

permanent step for people who don't have the option to return home in the near future, and not everyone gets the opportunity to relocate.

"The resettlement process can be difficult and take up to 10 years," Fahey said. "Around 1% of refugees actually are able to resettle," he said. Once refugees have resettled, groups like the IRC can help them adjust to their new lives.

Fahey illustrated this shocking change by explaining what resettlement can be like for people. "Picture arriving on a cold day like today in Missoula from Sub-Saharan Africa. You don't have a jacket or any essential items for living in a place like this."

That is where the GRC gets involved. The GRC is a small volunteer organization that exists to create and sustain a welcoming environment for refugees. They were founded in 2017 after the Syrian Refugee Crisis and seek to raise awareness of the global refugee crisis and how Montanans can help.

Their kit drive is meant to provide those refugees with items that will help them transition into living in Montana and the United States in general. Even though

this drive aims to help refugees coming to Missoula, Bozeman can still help by donating necessary supplies to the GRC and IRC drive. People are encouraged to drop off donations at the Pilgrim Congregational Church from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 1.

Up to April 1, people can drop off these essential items at the designated collection points, which are then taken by the GRC and bundled as "kits" for the refugees by volunteers. Some collection points include Wild Joe's Coffee Spot, Epic Fitness and Steep Mountain Tea House, according to the GRC website.

Once the kits are created and checked, the volunteers load them onto a massive U-Haul to be driven to Missoula. They are then released to the IRC and another partner group, Soft Landing Missoula, to be distributed to the refugees and their families.

Each kit is specific to different aspects of housing and life in general. One kit is called the "baby kit" and includes a diaper bag, changing pad, baby blanket, baby wipes, and other items. Two other kits are the "queen bedding kit" and a "cleaning kit."

The list of items in the kits is given to

GRC through the IRC, which maintains relations with state and federal governments. The state department mandates what items are included in the kits and informs the IRC, which then passes that information to the GRC, according to Marty Albini, the Welcome Kit Director for the GRC.

Patrons can either donate individual items at the collection points or entire kits. Other ways to get involved include signing up to be a volunteer.

Albini said the GRC offers various jobs for volunteers and would love more student involvement. If you want to help out, they will find a spot for you just about anywhere.

If you want a good resume builder, good karma, or just to help Bozeman and Missoula community members, consider volunteering on April 1.

To find the kit lists and see the GRC's current projects, go to: <https://gallatinrefugeeconnections.org/>



Eamon Fahey, the director of the International Rescue Committee, gives a presentation to Bozeman residents on Friday, March 3. **Photo by Sam Negen**

SPORTS

Women's ultimate frisbee club aims to conquer regionals

BY AUSTIN SWARTZENBERGER

Cold Smoke, the women's club ultimate frisbee team, is looking to build on its most successful season yet. The team's 2022 season culminated in a chance to represent MSU in the regional tournament out of the Big Sky Region, and has led to even loftier goals for this season.

Following a period of masked practices, wearing gloves to not contaminate the frisbee and no tournament play, all of which was made necessary by the COVID-19 pandemic, their current season is pushing ahead.

Founded in 2014 under the name 'Booty Chest', the club has provided an opportunity for women and non-binary players to form a community and compete with other schools in the United States Ultimate Women's Collegiate Series, a Division 1 competition.

With their sights set on the upcoming season, senior Alison Kidd, a handler for the team, said, "Last year we made it to regionals," said Alison Kidd, a handler for the team. "Now we want to get there and beat somebody."

This sentiment was echoed by Co-

President Chloe Silbernagel, a junior handler and cutter for the team.

A handler is responsible for throwing the frisbee downfield, while cutters attempt to catch the frisbee in the end zone to score points.

The team seems poised to reach its goal — and they showed it at the first tournament of the 2023 season, the Big Sky Brawl. They went undefeated in four placement games before the remainder of the tournament was canceled due to snow.

Silbernagel said recruiting more people to the club is a long term goal. Junior Anna Chagnon, a cutter for the team, said, "I had never played ultimate before, but I heard about it from a friend and started coming to practices."

According to Silbernagel, students with no experience in ultimate frisbee make up approximately 75 percent of the club.

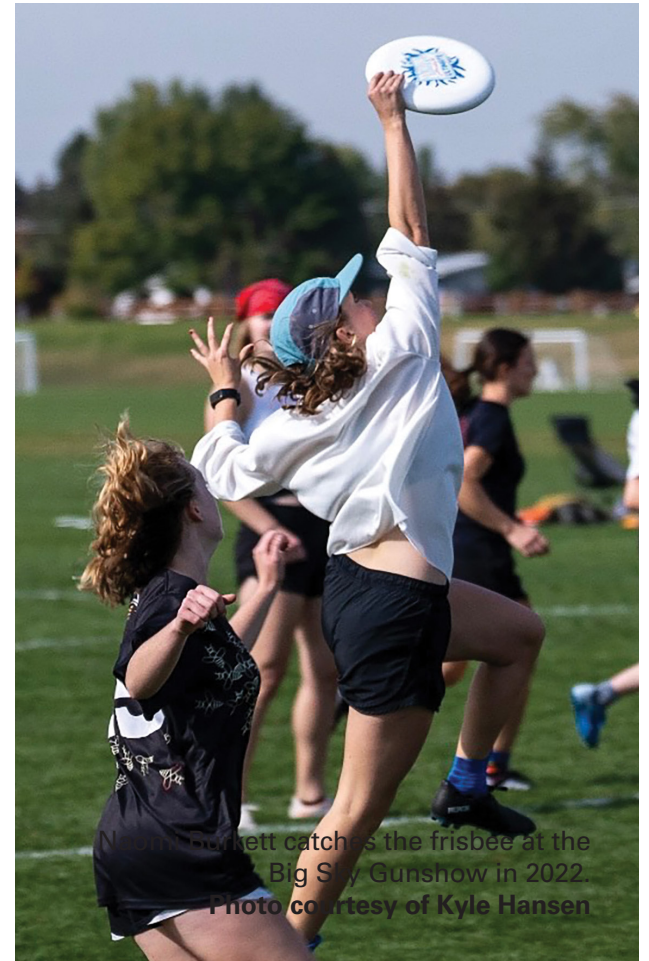
An important component of the success the team has found on the field

has been the close friendships formed off of it. "Everyone keeps the energy good," Kidd said. "Ultimate is a self-officiated sport, so there is a different level of respect involved. It's part of the spirit of the game."

Silbernagel reiterated this point, saying that the group can often be found bonding outside of practices. This includes team hikes at Hyalite, sitting around the fire together and even spending time with the University of Montana women's ultimate club team at tournaments.

"Ultimate is the perfect community to learn, and it is a very welcoming community," Silbernagel said.

If you want to learn more about the team, they can be reached at womensultimatemsu@gmail.com or found on Instagram, [@coldsmokeulti](https://www.instagram.com/coldsmokeulti).



Alison Kidd catches the frisbee at the Big Sky Gunshow in 2022. Photo courtesy of Kyle Hansen



Cold Smoke, the MSU women's ultimate team, at the Big Sky Gunshow in 2022. Photo courtesy of Kyle Hansen

Duncan Hamilton and Lucy Corbett lead the way for a promising outdoor season

BY JACKSON DESCOMBAZ



Duncan Hamilton. Photo by Andrew Pederson courtesy of MSU Athletics



Lucy Corbett. Photo by Garret Becker courtesy of MSU Athletics

With the indoor track season drawing to a close, it's time for most track and field athletes to switch the focus and begin looking at the outdoor season which lies just around the corner.

But Duncan Hamilton and Lucy Corbett aren't making that transition quite yet.

They're heading to the 2023 NCAA Division 1 Indoor Track and Field Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico this weekend to compete in the 3,000 meter and high jump, respectively.

Hamilton also qualified for the mile, but decided to put his focus on the 3k.

"I scratched the mile just to focus on the 3k because I think that is my strongest event. I'm just trying to score as high as I can in that one," Hamilton said. "My last two indoor meets I was kind of passive and just sat at the back for most of it, so I'd like to not do that this year."

Both Hamilton and Corbett will compete on day two of the meet; Saturday, March 11. For those who can't take a 17 hour road trip to watch the historically strong national meet in person, it can be streamed live on ESPN+.

"Distance [running] is super strong right now. I'll be racing the collegiate record holder. It's a historically fast field," Hamilton said. "This is one of the hardest meets to get into."

In a historically competitive year, many athletes missed out on competing. Hamilton's teammate, Levi Taylor, placed 17th overall in the mile with a time of 4:04 but only the top 16 make it to the national meet.

The outdoor season is right around the corner following Hamilton and Corbett's trials at nationals, and other team members are warming up.

"I mainly compete in hurdles and long jump, and outdoors I also run the 100 and the 4x100 relay," said grad student Elena Carter. "This outdoor season I am redshirting so I can focus on school. However, I am going to compete unattached in a few meets throughout the season. I think that the ultimate goal would be to win outdoor conference next year in the 100 hurdles and long jump, and qualify for further meets after our regular season."

The Bobcats have a very unified team, which goes a long way when athletes get more isolated as they move further into the season. Even after graduation, the team still acts as one by supporting each other.

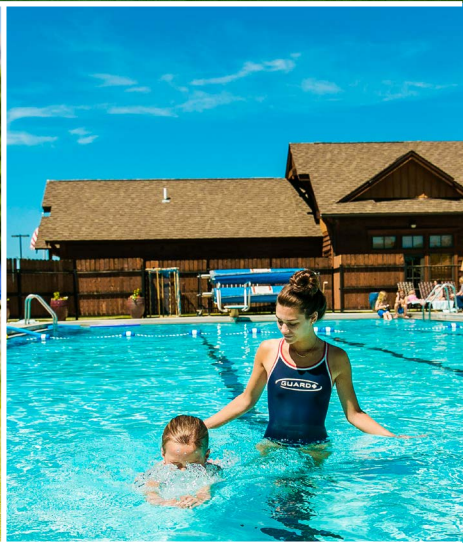
"One thing that has been really special for me has been being able to run track with my sister, Leigha, who is also part of the team. It is really cool to be able to share the unique experience of being a student athlete with someone that I am already so close to," Carter said. "Another thing that has made competing at MSU special for me is that I've met some of my best friends on the team. Although one of my closest friends graduated last year, he is still super supportive of the team, and coaches me on little things when he can, and I really appreciate that."

Watch the championship indoor meet March 10-11, and keep an eye on our Bobcats as the outdoor season gets fully underway because, come early June, there could be a caravan headed down to Austin, Texas, to compete at the 2023 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.



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In the face of a death threat, the QSA stands strong

By Jackson Sledge

A segment of the original version of this story with comments from MSU Vice President of Communications Tracy Ellig has been corrected to clarify that MSU does not believe threats of violence, such as the one sent to the QSA, are protected under the first amendment.

Trigger warning: This article contains violent anti-queer rhetoric, including slurs.

“RE: Killing all the groomers and f*ggots”

That’s the subject line of a death threat sent to the Queer Straight Alliance (QSA) on Feb. 16, just hours before a queer-friendly dance party took place at the Rialto theater. Although they did not organize the 18+ event, the QSA helped promote it on Instagram, and some of its members attended.

“This rhetoric does do us harm,” said Tierney Hula, a cell biology and neuroscience student who serves as Drag Chair for the QSA. “It can be very distracting from our ability to engage as students, to engage as equals with our peers and to feel safe on campus.”

The email originally attributed itself to MSU’s student chapter of Turning Point USA (TPUSA), a national conservative organization that has drawn controversy for its anti-queer rhetoric. However, the email was sent using an encrypted email service called Proton, allowing its sender to remain anonymous. TPUSA at MSU has denied sending the email.

Upon receiving the email, QSA leadership sprang into action to ensure the safety of its members. The Rialto’s building manager and the Bozeman Police Department (PD) were immediately notified, the latter of which increased patrols in the vicinity.

Several attendees who felt unsafe remaining at the event were personally driven home by members of the QSA. Otherwise, the event proceeded safely and without interruption. Once its members were safe and accounted for, the QSA began alerting its allies in the community, both institutional and grassroots.

“One of the biggest things that might not seem like a security measure is making it clear that we have a network of support and solidarity within this community,” Hula said, explaining that the QSA has existed at MSU for almost five decades. “We have huge strength in numbers.”

Included in that network is the Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU), which was adjourning its weekly senate meeting as the dance party kicked off.

Marquayvion Hughes, a political science student, is the student government’s liaison to the Diversity and Inclusion Student Commons (DISC). He was in the middle of writing an essay and missing his ice scraper when the QSA contacted him.

“I’m scraping ice off my windshield with a debit card so I can get to the SUB, inform people and get to doing things,” Hughes said as he recalled the long and chaotic night.

Hughes said the student senate was disturbed upon learning of the threats and had one thing on its mind: “Students are in danger and we need to do something to protect them,” he said.

ASMSU was able to provide emergency housing to several individuals who felt unsafe in their university

housing due to the threat, according to Hughes. At the request of the QSA, the names and emails of its members were removed from CatsConnect to protect their identities. ASMSU also took several symbolic actions, including writing a draft of a resolution to condemn the threats. Hughes said some senators worked until 2:00 a.m. that night.

According to multiple accounts of the night, MSU President Waded Cruzado was immediately informed of the situation. However, the silence from the university’s upper administration since then has frustrated some students, including Hughes and members of the QSA.

“It is noticeable that there hasn’t been a statement from the university on this,” Hula said. “I think it can be very clearly stated, without any controversy, that this is inappropriate.”

Tracy Ellig, MSU’s vice president of communications, said that, by releasing a public statement, the university could inadvertently magnify the message of the sender.

Instead, he said, the university makes its statement through resources on campus for students.

“We speak to it with the many offices and programs we have for students, especially those in minority groups,” Ellig said, pointing to the recent creation of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Diversity and Inclusion Student Commons. “These are all actions of President Cruzado to dedicate time, staff and resources to speak for the university about our values.”

Hughes said situations like the threats sent to the QSA have complicated his work at the DISC. He said a prospective student came in to ask about how safe MSU is for diverse students the day after the threats were sent.

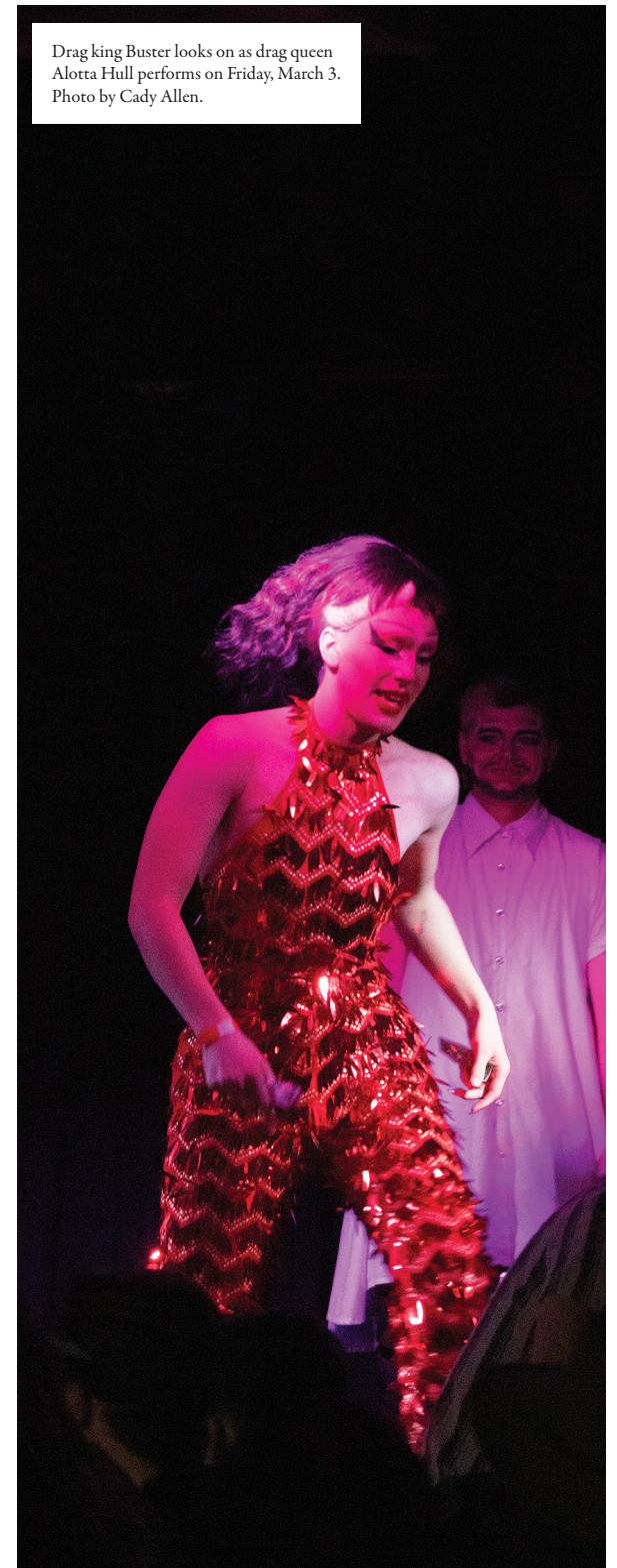
“This [had] just happened less than 12 hours ago. I didn’t know what to say. It broke my heart because I really do love this university,” Hughes said. “But the fact that there are so many cogs that are unchanging, it really makes a lot of situations harder.”

Marianne Brough, the Director of the Office of Student Engagement, explained TPUSA MSU’s current status on campus. “They’re not a student club right now. Turning Point is having a really difficult time finding an advisor,” she said. “But they have been in the past. And they have been very vocal and influential on campus in the past.”

Her office oversees all of MSU’s recognized student organizations, including ASMSU, the QSA, and, at times, TPUSA MSU. Although they are currently unrecognized, TPUSA MSU president Andrew Blickensderfer, a civil engineering student, said the group still meets every other week.

Brough said the Office of Student Engagement

Drag king Buster looks on as drag queen Alotta Hull performs on Friday, March 3. Photo by Cady Allen.



contacted TPUSA MSU and offered them a chance to explain themselves. “If that’s your version of the story, let us know and we’ll tell it,” she said.

According to Ellig, ASMSU President Lucas Oelkers acted as a “diplomat” between the QSA and TPUSA MSU. Blickensderfer said sending a memo directly to the QSA was Oelkers’s recommendation and that overall he found ASMSU to be helpful in responding to “this hideous email.”

In response, TPUSA MSU sent a memorandum to the QSA, writing that the email was “falsely attributed” to them “in an effort to defame our club.”

“Your organization and the people you represent do not deserve to be mistreated, harassed, or harmed. We are sincerely sympathetic to all those who were distressed by the hateful message,” reads the memo, which TPUSA MSU sent the day after the threats were received.

Brough says her office will not discipline TPUSA MSU as long as there is doubt over who sent the threat. However, her office would take action if necessary.

“If Turning Point is actually responsible for this, they will be prohibited from participating on campus,” Brough said.

Determining the email’s true sender is the responsibility of MSU PD Lieutenant Ken Perry. He said MSU PD began investigating as soon as “everyone was safe at that moment.” Unfortunately, the anonymous messaging service Proton has stifled attempts to trace the email back to its sender.

“Proton is based out of Switzerland. It is very, very private and that’s what it advertises. It’s also, to my knowledge, accessed via the dark web,” Perry said. “Being that Proton is in another country, has no need to respect our legal processes, and has basically sworn to secrecy, we have received very little information from them.”

Perry hopes the FBI will be able to extract more information from the Swiss company. “What the FBI has is clout through the state department overseas that we simply don’t have,” he said.

For now, Perry’s investigation will rely on word of mouth. He has already interviewed members of TPUSA, who he said were fully cooperative. “Whoever sent this, my hope is that they’re bragging about it, and that information leeches back to me,” he said.

Unfortunately, the QSA has already received a second hateful email on Feb. 23. The second email was also attributed to TPUSA MSU and sent using Proton mail. Perry said the two emails were “connected in a sense.”

“Do I think it’s the same person or group? As an investigator, I have to keep an open mind about that,” he said.

Although the second email does not directly threaten violence, it has similar rhetoric to the first. “Sinners, you may have been able to coerce some of us into silence, but a majority of Montanan’s, along with our founder Charlie Kirk, will always be against your satanic ways,” it reads.

Charlie Kirk, the co-founder and CEO of Turning Point USA, has drawn both scorn and support for his increasingly open calls for violence against queer youth. On Saturday, Feb. 20, just two days after the threat was sent, Charlie Kirk called for the listeners of his podcast, The Charlie Kirk Show, to “take care of” transgender student athletes “like we used to in the 50s and 60s.”

The 29-year-old commentator has made a high-profile career drumming up support for anti-LGBTQ+ legislation on college campuses nationwide. Particularly, Kirk has protested the normalization and visibility of transgender students and athletes in public schools.

Brough says Kirk’s rhetoric clearly violates the student code of conduct, which specifically protects queer identities from discrimination and hate speech. However, she said the Office of Student Engagement cannot hold the MSU chapter of the organization

treasurer for the QSA. Four days after the threats were sent, members of the QSA traveled to Helena to hear testimony regarding anti-queer legislation.

One piece of legislation, SB 315, would require school districts to provide reports on comprehensive sex education to Montana’s Office of Public Instruction. Hula attended the bill’s committee hearing and said that opponents of the bill used rhetoric similar to that contained in the threatening email.

“We heard groomer rhetoric being used very often by the individuals and organizations coming up to testify in opposition to this bill.

We [also] heard a lot of anti-trans and anti-LGBT rhetoric being used as official testimony against this bill,” Hula said.

The QSA is also concerned with HB 359, which would ban minors from attending drag shows and exclude them from occurring in public spaces like libraries and universities. Not only

would this impinge upon the QSA’s ability to host drag shows, Hula said, but the broad language of the bill could potentially affect other queer-focused events on campus such as educational workshops.

HB 361 would classify misgendering or dead-naming as not discriminatory under law. Opponents of the bill say it would protect students bullying others based on their gender identity from discipline. “There has been an increase in the visibility of queer and trans joy. That is the thing that scares these people. It scares them that we are able to be out and be proud of ourselves,” Burdick said.

The QSA was adamant about continuing its work in spite of anti-queer individuals and organizations.

“While they might have big powerful voices and nasty little voices hiding behind anonymous emails, we have such strength and love and support from ourselves and our allies,” Hula said.

“One of the biggest things that might not seem like a security measure is making it clear that we have a network of support and solidarity within this community. We have huge strength in numbers.”

-Tierney Hula, Drag Chair for the QSA

responsible for the words of its CEO, who actually visited the MSU campus in 2019 as part of his Campus Clash tour.

“I find that personally reprehensible and a hateful piece of speech. [But] it has not been consistent with the behaviors of that club within the matrix of MSU,” Brough said. “It’s really difficult to say, are you a true believer in this ideology? And then say, now you are cut off.”

Blickensderfer said he isn’t completely aware of all the opinions of the TPUSA founder. “I do not know all the opinions of Charlie Kirk. Our club supports free markets, limited government, and civil liberties,” he said.

Unfortunately, the QSA is all too familiar with hearing bigoted views.

“A lot of the rhetoric that was included in this email, especially in the last several years, has been incredibly prevalent in our legislative and government processes,” said Kole Burdick, a human development student and



OPINION

The Fight to be Recognized Under Montana Law

BY HOLT BURGE

Bills targeting transgender individuals and the art of drag have been making their way into many Republican controlled states, including our own. Senate Bill 458, which is awaiting a vote in Montana's Senate, is seeking to define "sex" in Montana law. The current Republican majority House and Senate has introduced several laws in the past month targeting LGBTQ+ groups and individuals. Unlike some of the more blunt bills targeting the LGBTQ+ community, Senate Bill 458 is far less crudely worded — yet equally as nefarious.

Updating older understandings of scientific terminology is an important part in keeping our language modern and inclusive. Our understanding of sex and gender has changed, so a bill seeking to create a more inclusive definition, in legislation, is necessary for change.

Unfortunately, the definition proposed by SB 458 is far more archaic. The bill quite clearly states that "there are exactly two sexes, male and female." Legislators are pulling their own definition from what they assume is indisputable scientific fact. Even biologically this definition does not hold up to our current understanding of science.

People can be born intersex, meaning they have several sexual traits, which is naturally occurring and not discussed in the bill. This definition is based on religious ideology rather than indisputable scientific fact.

Senator Carl Glimm, R-Kila, is the sponsor for this bill. He previously attempted to pass legislation prohibiting sex education below sixth grade and is supporting an anti-abortion bill currently in voting circulation. The bill states that sex exists "without regard to an individual's psychological, chosen, or subjective experience of gender." The

bill intends to categorize all intersex, nonbinary, genderfluid, transgender and twin spirit Montanans into two unrepresentative categories. The state seeks to no longer recognize the separation between gender and sex and the effects of this are especially dire to youth.

This is a bill attacking people both within and outside the gender binary and it effectively condemns the human right to discover that fluidity. If the state wishes to not recognize the deeply personal connection between gender, sex and pronouns, then what does this definition seek to accomplish within the Montana community? State legislation is, after all, the localized law created to benefit the specific people of the state.

This bill also claims to ensure fair athletic competition in schools. For such a "scientific" bill, they seem to not understand how hormones, and especially hormone replacement therapy, works. Why are a bunch of men so afraid of testosterone? Lastly, the bill suppresses gender ideology in public schools. I'm pretty sure they will be forced to remove every book where a pronoun

"THE SAFETY OF THE YOUTH AND THE FREEDOM TO BE RECOGNIZED SHOULD NOT BE IN DEBATE."

is present. A bill that effectively denies the existence of anyone should not even be in consideration. It is the job of state legislatures to work with each individual present in their community. It is also the role of each person to ensure that these lawmakers understand our discontent.

The safety of youth and the freedom to exist should not be in debate. The bill passed 6-3, with six Republicans on one side and three Democrats on the other. Six legislators choose to not recognize the existence of vulnerable youth, and they will decide my fate, along with many others.

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CULTURE

Fast, loud and delicious: The Garage is a Bozeman hotspot

BY TAY STRADIOTTO

Vintage cars, all-American cuisine and rock and roll music are the basis of The Garage’s appeal. Since 2001, The Garage has been a well known community hang out spot and restaurant, located on Huffine Lane. This locally owned business captures the rawness of Americana with its cohesive theme, quality food and down to earth customer service. It offers a relaxed environment where you can work on homework, have a drink with your buddies or get dinner with your family. The versatility of the restaurant attracts customers from all walks of life. But for MSU students specifically, this is an optimal hotspot in Bozeman.

There is no need to dress up for a trip to The Garage. After a long day at school or after a workout you can wear whatever you are comfortable in to this restaurant. There is no stigma around what you are expected to wear — the more casual the better. The Garage feels approachable and welcoming while still serving high quality meals.

“We get all of our meat from Daniels Meats and that is because we know Asten Daniels personally. He’s a great guy with a great business we love to support,” Clay Prosise, the co-owner and manager of The Garage, said. For the best locally brewed beer, The Garage has a variety of options and prides itself on keeping its products local. The best beer there that I would recommend is Ranch Hand western cider. It’s bold, refreshing and brewed right in Montana.

The Garage engages with the community in a unique way by hosting one of a kind events. If you’re looking for something to do on a Thursday night, The Garage has the perfect thing for you. Every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the restaurant staff hosts a trivia night where college students and community members come to enjoy some playful competition and have the chance to win gift cards to The Garage.

“The versatility of the restaurant attracts customers from all walks of life, but for MSU students specifically, this is the optimal hotspot in Bozeman.”

“The culture that surrounds The Garage offers things for everybody and we ride that line of a family friendly place but also engaging and appealing to college kids wanting to relax or work on homework,” Prosise said.

Cars and Coffee is another amazing event put on every Sunday during the summer. “It’s very much in the spirit of if you love it, bring it.”

If it has wheels and a motor, bring it in. The Garage wants to see all of the cars in the community and this car show is an event you don’t want to miss out on. There is also an anonymous raffle that anyone can enter. With the help and participation of a brewery that sponsors the event, you could win a small package.

There is an unbeatable feeling of community and productivity when you’re there that has melded together to create the perfect spot for a variety of activities. With new events in the works, including involvement with little league teams around Bozeman and more car shows, there is always something to do at The Garage. “We have a lot of thoughts on how we can continue to create a great space for people to come in,” Prosise said.

Keeping a cohesive theme is a standout quality of The Garage showcases. “Sticking to the theme of ‘loud, fast and delicious’ we like fast cars, loud music and delicious food. It’s strong like an 80s rock song,” Prosise said. There are a lot of places that will give you great hospitality and great food, but the coordination between the decor, music and events sets this restaurant apart from the rest by offering an immersive experience.





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The Exponent compares local grocers — so you don't have to

BY ANGELA CATEORA

With the recent opening of Whole Foods in Bozeman, there has been a lot of discourse around shopping locally and how expensive and/or sinister Whole Foods supposedly is. While it is a nice thought to only shop at stores that directly enrich the community, stock local products, and are operated locally, the reality of the situation is that some Bozemanites must think about cost first.

As Bozeman grows, prices around town are rising, and it can be difficult to decide where to shop in order to be most cost effective.

For the benefit of all, I have dug up my rusty AP Statistics knowledge to take a semi-representative sample of the price of groceries around town. To do this I have chosen a fairly standard recipe, classic chili courtesy of thewholesomedish.com, and tabulated the lowest cost for each ingredient in the recipe from four Grocery Stores. Whole Foods and the Co-op represent a national and local health-food type store whereas Safeway and Town & Country represent national and local standard grocer.

My findings here aren't exactly surprising. Whole Foods and the Co-op are similar in price. Whole Foods has a far larger selection and variety of products, but the Co-op offers far more locally sourced products. Safeway is a close third, coming in about \$10 less than the health food stores. To me, there isn't much benefit to shopping at Safeway in order to explain the price, especially seeing Town & Country's total — a whopping \$17 less than Safeway. Safeway and Town & Country have similar selections, but if you're shopping for price Town & Country is absolutely the way to go.

Ultimately, where you shop for groceries comes down to personal preference. If you're looking for organic foods, the Co-op and Whole Foods have a negligible price difference, with the Co-op coming out a little lower, and Town & Country comes out lowest overall. Shop smart Bobcats.

Whole Foods

Olive oil.....	\$8.99
1 medium yellow onion.....	\$1.89/lb
1 pound 90% lean ground beef.....	\$8.99
Chili powder.....	\$2.99
Ground cumin.....	\$3.99
Sugar (4lb bag).....	\$7.29
Tomato paste.....	\$1.19
Garlic powder.....	\$3.19
Salt.....	\$1.99
Ground black pepper.....	\$4.49
Cayenne pepper.....	\$4.69
Beef broth.....	\$3.19
1 (15 oz.) can petite diced tomatoes	\$1.69
1 (16 oz.) can red kidney beans.....	\$0.99
1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce.....	\$1.59
Shredded cheese.....	\$4.29
Sour cream.....	\$1.99

TOTAL: \$62.05

Town & Country

Olive oil.....	\$5.39
1 medium yellow onion.....	\$0.59/lb
1 pound 90% lean ground beef.....	\$5.29
Chili powder.....	\$2.75
Ground cumin.....	\$1.85
Sugar (4lb bag).....	\$2.79
Tomato paste.....	\$0.99
Garlic powder.....	\$2.25
Salt.....	\$0.95
Ground black pepper.....	\$1.39
Cayenne pepper.....	\$1.70
Beef broth.....	\$1.99
1 (15 oz.) can petite diced tomatoes	\$0.79
1 (16 oz.) can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed.....	\$0.99
1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce.....	\$0.69
Shredded cheese.....	\$2.49
Sour cream.....	\$0.99

TOTAL: \$33.45

Co-op

Olive oil.....	\$9.99
1 yellow onion.....	\$1.99/lb
1 pound 90% lean ground beef.....	\$5.99
Chili powder.....	\$4.43
Ground Cumin.....	\$4.49
Sugar (2lb bag).....	\$3.49
Tomato paste.....	\$1.09
Garlic powder.....	\$4.49
Salt.....	\$1.99
Ground black pepper.....	\$2.85
Cayenne pepper.....	\$4.49
Beef broth.....	\$4.99
1 (15 oz.) can petite diced tomatoes	\$1.99
1 (16 oz.) can red kidney beans.....	\$1.49
1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce.....	\$2.78
Shredded cheese.....	\$4.69
Sour cream.....	\$4.23

TOTAL: \$59.92

Safeway

Olive oil.....	\$6.49
1 medium yellow onion.....	\$0.69/lb
1 pound 90% lean ground beef.....	\$6.99
Chili powder.....	\$4.79
Ground cumin.....	\$2.89
Sugar (4lb bag).....	\$4.29
Tomato paste.....	\$1.29
Garlic powder.....	\$3.29
Salt.....	\$1.19
Ground black pepper.....	\$4.19
Cayenne pepper.....	\$3.29
Beef broth.....	\$2.99
1 (15 oz.) can petite diced tomatoes	\$1.79
1 (16 oz.) can red kidney beans.....	\$1.99
1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce.....	\$1.59
Shredded cheese.....	\$1.99
Sour cream.....	\$1.59

TOTAL: \$50.82



Refrigerators keep the vegetables fresh at the newly opened Whole Foods on Saturday, March 8.
Photo by Tully Warren

Afro-cultural night bridges gap between cultures

BY CÉLIA KOH

Last week, MSU students had the opportunity to experience African culture without stepping foot on an airplane. Africa is a diverse continent. It includes 54 countries, more than 1.4 billion inhabitants, and four main language groups, with about 2,000 languages.

Edwin Allan, treasurer and executive member of the African Students Association (ASA), was born in the Republic of Ghana, West Africa, into the Nabdan tribe. Ghana is a small country, about the size of Oregon, with lush rainforests and spanning shore-sides.

Ghanaians speak more than 50 languages, including English. There are five major ethnic groups and numerous tribes within the country.

The goal of the ASA is to inform people of the multiculturalism of Africa and encourage people to learn more about the continent, to travel there, and to discover the wonders of Africa.

The first African Night took place in 2020 as an experiment, according to Allan. Organized by Sam Ojetola, the president of the ASA at time, Nnamdi Kanaga, the secretary of the ASA, and Allan, the first African Night saw nearly 400 people in attendance. This number was matched in 2022 and was expected last week, on Sunday, March. 5.

Afro-Cultural Night: Bridging the Gap, the ASA students showcased the cultures of their countries through music, dance, a fashion show, and food. “Culture is not just about language, and language is not the only way to communicate,” Allan said. ASA aimed at including any existing African diaspora, including African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans. The organizers of the event, five volunteer executives and over thirty volunteer members actively helped prepare it.

The ASA is a crucial entity for African students. Allan sees the ASA as a “support system” for African students coming to MSU, he said. Allan reminisced on an anecdote shared with him by his friend, Moses Yeboah, a former member of the ASA.

“Moses and Dr. Wigganson Matandiko (one of the founding members of the ASA) saw a student who looked African, and lost. He was an exchange student from Guinea,” Allan said. “He wasn’t actually fluent in English, and didn’t know where to go. It was cold outside. He did not have a jacket.”

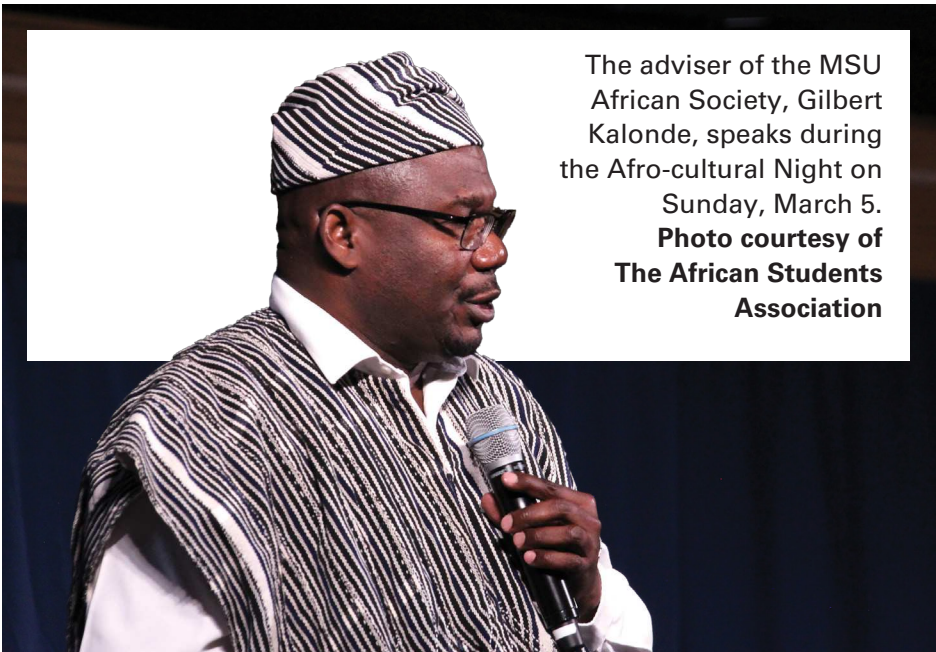
In response, the two African students helped him and saw the importance of connecting with other African students so they don’t get lost.

Attendees of the event were welcomed with traditional Nigerian snacks and a Ghanaian drink, as the organizers presented a short history of Africa and clearly emphasized that “Africa is a continent, not a country!” a statement essential to understanding its diversity.

The many dances, accompanied by traditional drumming, immersed participants into a beautiful representation and display of multiple different cultures. Through the many different clothing items showcased in the fashion show, it was easy to feel the excitement of discovery.

As a member of the MSU community and the international community, I admired the work done by the ASA and their commitment to community and to each other.

The event was covered by KBZK Bozeman, and broadcast on YouTube on “Ama’s Haven” page, “Afro Cultural Night.” You can follow the ASA on Facebook @msu_africansociety or can contact them at: msuafricansociety@gmail.com.



The adviser of the MSU African Society, Gilbert Kalonde, speaks during the Afro-cultural Night on Sunday, March 5. Photo courtesy of The African Students Association

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Lifetime punk and Bozemanite opens a new skate shop on College St.

BY ALYSSA STARR

Punks, rebels and misfits may all rejoice as a possible new home base has opened up shop near #MontanaSkateUniversity.

Bozeman's second locally-owned skate shop is next door to Colombo's Pizza and Pasta at 1007 W College St. According to owner Nate Howe, Cub Power Skate Shop started in Butte a couple of years ago. Howe originally moved to Butte to work for the city and ultimately quit to open the first Cub Power Skate Shop. In Dec. 2022, Cub Power moved to Bozeman as "most of the customers drove in from Missoula, Helena and Bozeman or ordered online," Howe said.

Howe is a born-and-raised Bozemanite who considers himself one of the first skaters in town. "I started skateboarding here in Bozeman when I was young, back in the 70s," Howe said. Back in the day, skateboarders were seen as rebellious delinquents. "We were all punk rockers, nobody liked us and we didn't care," he said.

He recalled skating on campus in the 70s on old-school skateboards, and pointed to one on display in the store. It was tiny and wooden, without a modern grip on the deck, and, according to Howe, "kinda sketchy."

"In the 80s, we had the bigger boards, and there are still some marks near Wilson Hall. We used to skate there in the 80s. I didn't know anyone else doing it then and there wasn't any evidence of it being skated. Now you can tell it's been skated on for decades," Howe said.

Growing up, Howe and his skateboarding group of friends admired teens in Southern California from afar via magazines as they pioneered the sport. Howe recalled trying to mirror their actions. "If they had a ramp, we would build one in a barn. I even remember telling people I was from California because I thought it was cooler," Howe said. Now, he has nothing but pride for his hometown and state as he contributes to the local skating community.

The name Cub Power is derived from a nickname lovingly given to Howe by his girlfriend, who calls him cub. "Cub Power was just a way I felt at the beginning of lockdown," Howe said.

During the lockdown at the pandemic's beginning, Howe started his one-person skate team. During lockdown, he took advantage of the empty parking lots and streets to get outside on his board and ride. "Bummin' down Wilson is awesome with no traffic," Howe said.

Before Cub Power arrived in Bozeman, Howe used to buy all of his skateboarding gear online because he was unhappy with the selection in town.

The people and the culture that make up the skating world have always accepted people from all walks of life. "Skateboarders are good people," Howe said. "Maybe it's because we know what being physically injured is like, then getting back up and into something that tried to kill you."

"When you see another skateboarder, you go, there's somebody who knows how to fall and get back up. I like that guy or girl already," Howe said.

In Howe's experience, skateboarding gave him a community. "Skateboarding has always been really cool because it includes misfits. You know, people with things they didn't have names for back then, ADHD and stuff like that," Howe said.

At the beginning of his skating career, Howe recalls mostly guys skating with him and his friends. "But the cool thing about the inclusivity of skateboarding is that it includes everybody now: women, men and non-binary people. It's super awesome. Everybody is welcome to skateboard," Howe said.

Some of his favorite professional skaters to watch right now are women, as they are incredibly creative in their skating.

Howe has even teamed up with a local group out of Missoula called Girls on Shred.

According to Howe, Girls on Shred focuses on bringing clinics and lessons to communities that may not have access to sports gear otherwise. Recently, Howe donated equipment to Girls on Shred to help support their efforts.

"Groups like that are cool and specific.

Because I think, in the olden days, girls would go to the skatepark and feel dejected and rejected. Or didn't maybe feel welcome. But it's not like that anymore, and I think if a girl can start with a group of women that already rip themselves, they would probably feel a lot more a part of it," Howe said.

Mostly, though, skateboarding is his version of therapy.

"Gravity sports are so fun. They make you live in the moment," Howe said. "As soon as I'm on my skateboard, I'm not worried about the disaster of the past that you can't do anything about or the terror of the future," Howe said.

Cub Power Skate Shop carries completed factory-built and custom skateboards. But according to Howe, "the better ones are the skateboards I build."

Beyond skateboards, Howe stocks custom-made Cub Power merch and a hand-selected vintage rack. So, if you want new trucks, wheels, or a deck, check out

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- Nate Howe, owner of Cub Power Skate Shop

Bozeman's latest Skate Shop.

Check out their Instagram @cubpowerskateshop, where Howe has been promoting the hashtag #MontanaSkateUniversity. Or, you can stop by during business hours, from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturdays.



Customers park in front of the Cub Power Skate Shop, located on College St, on Wednesday, March 8. Photo by Tully Warren

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HANNON HALL, DINING ROOM @ 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Need a break from the dining hall? Come have lunch curated by the culinary students of Gallatin College at the Thyme Bistro every Friday. Prices are \$8 per plate, \$1 dessert and \$1 La Croix with a new dish each week. Weekly menus are available on the Gallatin College Instagram [@gallatin_college](https://www.instagram.com/gallatin_college) or at <https://gallatin.montana.edu/programs/culinaryarts/thymbistro.html>.

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SUN 12

HAUFBRAU HOUSE OPEN MIC
THE HAUFBRAU @ 10:00 P.M.

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BOZEMAN HOT SPRINGS @ 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.

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MON 13

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TUE 14

BONE DRY COMEDY HOUR OPEN MIC
LAST BEST COMEDY @ 8:00 - 10:00 P.M.

This is your opportunity to start your stand up comedy journey, try new material or witness some of Bozeman's amateur comedians.

ST. PATRICK'S WEEK
BACCHUS PUB @ 11:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

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WED 15

SPRING BREAK TEA PARTY
MSU LIBRARY @ 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

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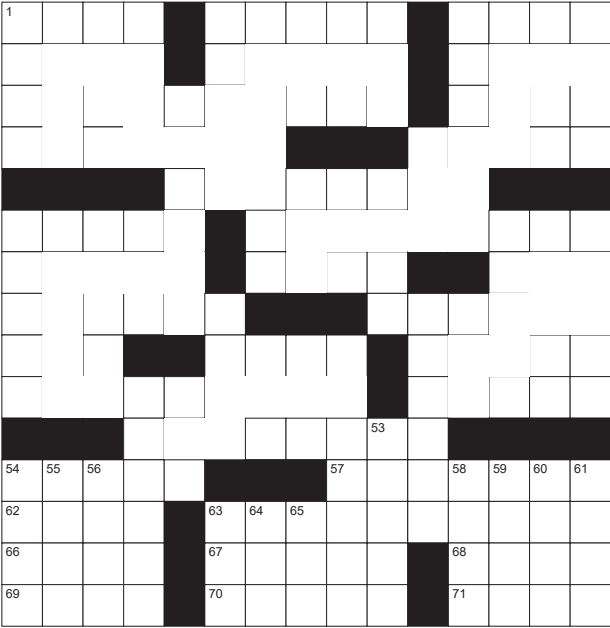
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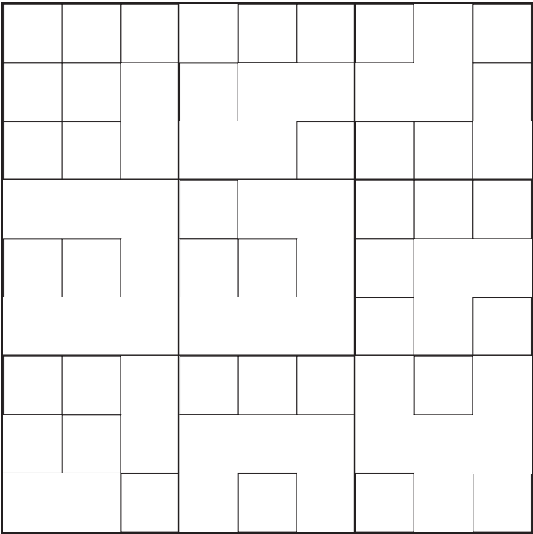
1. Hockey's Bobby and family
5. Russian retreat
10. Donations to the needy
14. Author Simone
15. Moral precept
16. "Wake ____ Before You Go-Go" (Wham! hit)
17. Certain observational scientist
19. ____ fide
20. Pancake flipper
21. Self-titled #1 album of 1956
22. Is at work, maybe
26. Originated
30. Art of acting
34. TV's "Kate & ____"
35. Reunion attendee
36. Call from a farm field
37. Pageboy, e.g.
39. Runner's unit
42. Furthermore
43. Part of a country whose capital is Ouagadougou

47. A Hyundai
48. Duplicate
51. Seen less
52. Supplement to a book
54. Clumsy oafs
57. Romance language
62. Mortgage again, briefly
63. Halifax's home
66. Jessica Rabbit, e.g.
67. Castaway
68. Pie pans
69. Number on a tag
70. Gunfighter Earp
71. Aged brandy designation

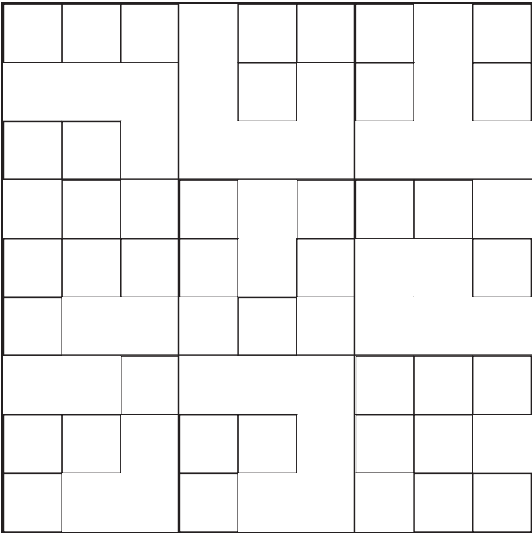
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1. Is in possession of
2. Harvest
3. Moreno of "West Side Story"
4. Trollop
5. Bargains
6. XXVI Olympiad site
7. Life force, to some
8. Part of H.R.H.
9. Fake it
10. English novelist Eric
11. Tenth-century pope
12. He portrayed Zola
13. Relaxing retreats
18. In decay
21. Paramedic (abbr.)
23. Two before Sat.
24. Layer
25. Meat loaf add-in
26. Religion founded in Persia in 1863
27. Savanna grazer
28. Fly without an engine
29. Make public
31. More slick
32. Personnel group
33. Attest
38. "The Wizard ____" (comic)
40. Runway surface
41. Rapper born Robert Diggs
44. ____ of Base
45. ____ Juan
46. Savvy sailor
49. Author Gordimer
50. Six-pt. scores
53. Emotionally shaken
54. Monitors for PCs
55. First in a string of popes
56. "...the wonderful Wizard ____"
58. Threat to a misbehaving child
59. Suffix with tonsil
60. Prefix with Tibetan
61. Door fixture
63. Still in the package
64. Moronic starter?
65. Traveling through

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Arena

Behead

Bluer

Boned

Border

Burro

Conspicuously

Debts

Decent

Denim

Elite

Frisk

Gentile

Internationals

Joyful

Level

Masks

Misled

Obese

Pinks

Pitched

Pokes

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Reopens

Respectability

Sardine

Sawed

Strutted

Surly

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Tangerine

Tepid

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