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GIS research on snow aims to prevent future rooftop collapses

BY CHRISTINA GIBBS



Photo courtesy of Eric Sproles

In the winter of 2019, the roof of the North and South gyms of the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center collapsed after unprecedented heavy snowfall. Now, researchers and undergraduate students are using geographic information system (GIS) technology to prevent future collapses.

Eric Sproles, assistant professor of the Department of Earth Sciences, approached university facilities after the roof collapse to gauge if his work in GIS would help measure rooftop snowfall. “We usually map and measure snow in the field, but it’s actually a lot easier to do it on a rooftop,” Sproles said.

A GIS takes information and distills it into a map, Sproles said.

“We’re taking a location-based measurement of snow density and then we’re able to take millions of measurements of snow depth and integrate those to make a map of snow density across rooftops,” he said.

The project involves a couple of different components. The first is a snow scale, which was installed on the roof of the Strand Union Building (SUB). The snow scale works similarly to a regular weight scale you might have in your bathroom, Sproles said. But in this case, the scale measures the mass of snow. Once the mass and the area of the roof are determined, snow density can be calculated. The scale measures continuously, so the project receives data throughout the year.

The second component of the project is drone flights, which can record the differences in snowpack between the middle of rooftops and the edges, Sproles said. Undergraduate students often operate drone flights.

“You want a lot of dates throughout the year, but you also want to capture the big snow events because that’s when you’re going to have the best data,” said Sam Neitlich, a senior in environmental science who joined the project in the winter of 2021.

The drone flights take place about every two weeks or after large snow events, Neitlich said, and are often set on a flight plan for ease. The drones also use a Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) system to measure snow depth. A LiDAR system sends photons from the transmitting system — in this case, the drone — to objects from the scene and rooftop snow, Neitlich said. The reflected light is detected by the system receiver and is used to develop a distance map.

Once the interactive maps are put together, facilities can determine snow removal plans, Sproles said. Furthermore, tension sensors are also installed on the roof to measure the flexing of the roof when it snows. “When the pounds per square feet are x, the roof of the SUB flexes y,” Sproles said. Now, the interplay between snow load and how the roof responds can be measured to prevent future collapses. “It all happens in real time, and that’s something that didn’t exist before,” Sproles said.

Currently, the project measures snowpack on the roofs of the SUB, Leon Johnson Hall and the Museum of the Rockies. “The overall goal is to provide better information to facilities,” Sproles said. “We aren’t making maps, we’re regenerating knowledge and science.”

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What happened with the death threat to Young Americans for Liberty

BY AMELIA DIGIANO

Editor’s Note: This story was originally published online on Friday, April 7.

During MSU’s spring career fair on March 2, University Police issued two warnings for disorderly conduct after a “heated argument” occurred at an MSU Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) club recruitment table.

YAL is a “conservative libertarian organization that mostly works on student rights and campus policies,” according to Rachel Stevenson, current president of the MSU YAL chapter and State Chair for Montana and Wyoming.

According to YAL member Dylan Dean, the club had set up a recruiting table outside of the Student Union Building on Thursday afternoon, during MSU’s spring career fair. An unnamed student approached the table and asked the club members if they liked guns, because of the presence of pro-second amendment signage at their table, Dean said.

When the members said yes, the student responded “Oh, I should shoot you in the head and blow your brains out’ then mimed like he was taking a gun out of his coat,” Dean said.

This threat occurred on the heels of threats sent to MSU’s Queer-Straight Alliance in February, and was ultimately discussed in a statement released by President Cruzado about the incidents after controversy surrounding MSU’s response to them.

According to Dean, the student left the table, but YAL members wanted to determine if the student would return. Dean said he shouted at the student and asked him “Is that a threat, do I need to call the police?” to which the student responded yes.

Dean said that he was concerned the man would leave and return with a weapon. “This guy just threatened to shoot us, and he’s walking away,” he said. “So, we [didn’t] want to let this guy leave.”

“We got in a bit of a shouting match,” he said.

An unaffiliated bystander called the University Police Department (UPD) and reported a “heated argument” outside the Strand Union Building (SUB), according to MSU spokesperson Michael Becker.

According to Becker, officers immediately investigated. However, the student had left by the time officers arrived, Dean said. According to the police report filed by the UPD, officers interviewed five remaining witnesses and Dean. The YAL members reported to the UPD that the student had threatened to shoot them, according to Becker.

From the police report, the man who threatened YAL was described as a tall older male in his 50s, wearing a green hoodie or jacket, black glasses and was carrying a brown bag and wearing a cloth hat. He was last seen heading towards Wilson Hall, said the report.

The police report states that officers involved on the scene initially failed to locate the male.

According to Dean, the student returned to the YAL table about half an hour after UPD’s initial response. YAL members called UPD a second time and officers caught up with the student between Norm Asbjornson Hall (NAH) and the SUB. The police report confirms that at around 3:10 p.m., officers

received a dispatch that the individual had been seen again at the SUB Ask Us Desk.

Officers ultimately stopped the man outside of the south end of the SUB, according to the report.

According to Becker, officers determined that the student who allegedly made the threat and a YAL member were involved in a heated political argument. The student denied making any threat to YAL members. Both of the students involved in the argument admitted using antagonizing language, he said.

Officers determined no weapons were present and there was no legitimate threat of violence posed, Becker said.

According to the primary narrative of the police report, the incident escalated into a verbal confrontation between Dean and the man. According to an interview gathered by officers, one witness said they heard yelling going on between Dean and the individual from around NAH, which is on the south end of the SUB.

The witness also said that the individual “was up in [Dean’s] face.” The witness believed that the man was the aggressor, so they called the police because they “[were] worried someone might get hurt,” according to the police report.

The following Monday, March 6, Dylan Stokes, YAL’s social media manager, said he was followed by the same student who had approached the YAL recruitment table on March 2. Stokes was walking back to his car in the parking garage when he noticed the student following him. “I was like, that’s really weird. I need to get out of here. I felt pretty intimidated,” Stokes said.

Stokes worried that the student was targeting him because he had filmed the second interaction between the student and the YAL table on March 2, and he had the video on his phone.

Stokes said that he has not seen the student since March 6, but did not report being followed to UPD. “I reported it to Dylan Dean, who then reported it to university police. UPD told us to get the police report, and they recommended an order of protection against him,” Stokes said.

However, Stokes and Dean did not attempt to place restraining orders against the man because they said UPD did not provide them with his name.

“I don’t see how you can get a restraining order against an unnamed person,” Dean said.

MSU Chief of Police Michael Stanley said that

if anybody went to the Law

and Justice Center and inquired about applying for an order of protection, a name or physical police report would not be required for staff to access the information needed for consideration. The information about this incident was in the system and available for access on March 2, he said.

“In most cases we do not release the names of the other people involved and would not release any additional names in disorderly conduct incidents — this is consistent with practice,” he said. “To reiterate, if any of the individuals involved in this incident wish to file a protective order, all local law enforcement agencies and criminal justice support units have all the available information needed to process or refer such a request.”

According to Dean, UPD notified the office of Matt Caires, dean of students, about the incident. YAL members met with Caires the following week, Dean said.

“I think the response should’ve been more immediate,” said Dean, who said he feared the student would also target him. “I was the one who he was shouting at, an inch and a half, two inches from my face. So if he remembers anyone, it’s me. It’s not a great position to be in.”

When asked about the allegation that the university should have taken more immediate action, Dean of Students Matt Caires said that he can’t speak to specific student conduct cases, but students do have a foundational due process during the student conduct process. “We work through our cases as quickly as possible, but adequate due process does take time,” he said. “During the first week of March, I can tell you that due to staff illness, our student conduct meetings were delayed by one day.”

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-Dylan Dean, YAL member

From what Caires understands of the incident, he said UPD responded immediately after the threat was reported in the SUB with three officers, and he wasn’t sure how they could have responded faster.

“If YAL members continue to have concerns about their safety, they should contact University Police, which would be the same direction we would have given to any YAL student or any other student,” he said.

According to Stevenson, the club sets up recruitment tables very regularly. The club wishes that more measures were taken by UPD and MSU administration to ensure their safety, according to Stokes.

“If someone feels threatened on campus, they need to take it seriously. They need to get involved in the incident and figure out what happened,” Stokes said.

According to Becker, UPD’s response to the incident was a serious one. “Three UPD officers immediately responded to the call on March 2 and investigated. The investigators spoke with multiple witnesses and with those involved and ultimately issued warnings to two individuals for disorderly conduct. That is a serious law enforcement response,” he said.

“If members of YAL continue to feel concerned about their safety, they should contact University Police and make law enforcement aware of their concerns. That’s the same approach we urge to anyone who is concerned about safety on campus,” Becker said.

The officer who filed the report wrote that he ultimately determined both parties to be at fault. “My investigation revealed [the man] committed Disorderly Conduct at Dylan Dean for having a gun supporting booth, saying he should shoot him in the face and making a finger gun motion,” the report states. “Dean committed Disorderly Conduct by calling [the man] a p’ssy and a “variety” of other things. He antagonized [the man] into returning and participating in further quarreling which led to other students’ peace being disrupted.”

Even though the investigation revealed that both Dean and the other student committed Disorderly Conduct during these interactions, the officer filing the report elected to release both parties with warnings.

Inside MSU's Steer-A-Year Program

BY EVAN HANSEN

Only a few programs at MSU can boast a connection to education, student engagement, community involvement and on-campus dining all at the same time. The Animal Science department of the College of Agriculture's Steer-A-Year program, which gives students the opportunity to raise cattle, accomplishes all of these missions.

"This year, we have 37 steers on campus, and they came from 35 different producers," said course instructor Hannah Delcurto-Wyffels. Steers are donated from all around Montana for the program to use.

"One reason producers donate to the program is for our hands-on learning in the animal and range science department. And it's a fundraiser: The money from those steers goes to support students in the College of Ag," she said.

Student groups supported in the college include Collegiate Stockgrowers, judging teams, beef practicum and different 4H events.

Those who join the program have the opportunity to get hands-on learning in the beef industry from contacting producers and reporting steer performance to vaccinations and daily feeding.

The program is structured around ANSC 437, the professional development in beef feedlot systems class. The year-long program utilizes fall and spring semester classes to make it all happen.

"The fall class does the majority of the work to solicit donations. They do all the calls to the donors, and getting the steers to campus and doing everything to get them going on feed and all the initial processing. The spring class does more of the day in day out feeding, since we have steers on campus the whole spring semester," Delcurto-Wyffels said.

Jeremiah Peterson, who is getting his masters in ruminant nutrition and currently manages the program, said it's focused on students.

"We allow them to do everything," Peterson said. "Every time the steers are vaccinated or weighed, they're the ones doing it. I really step back. They run the chute, vaccinate, tag and implant. The hands-on experience is the greatest part of the class."

One unique part of the Steer-A-Year program is its relationship with the dining and catering services on campus.

"It's kind of a neat partnership on campus. Actually all of the steers that we've had for the last six years have been sold back to university dining services. So all of the meat products go back to campus. Some of the higher-end cuts are used for catering events on campus," Delcurto-Wyffels said.

Peterson elaborated on the partnership with culinary services, saying, "Once these [steers] are grown we'll send a first load in May, June and then July, to Big Timber, where they'll be processed and the meat is used in dining halls. Kind of a win-win for producers, students and the university."

The producers from around the state who donate steers during the fall semester are updated regularly throughout the year on how their steer is performing. The students report on feed efficiency, weight gain and overall health.

"So the producer that donates, we return all the information we have back to them, help them make more informed choices on breeding management, and how the calves are going to perform in the feedlot," Peterson said.

"When the class first started there was a lot of pushback because they didn't think college kids would take the initiative and it wouldn't happen and couldn't get done but it's been kind of cool because they are pretty responsible," Peterson said. Now, Peterson said the students get involved and end up creating time to be with the animals even when they aren't scheduled to feed or check in.

"Students are able to take ownership in the program. We learn this in the classroom and then you go apply that to steers that the students are 100 percent responsible for. I feel like ownership in their education and ownership in the program is super important," Delcurto-Wyffels said.



Steers and heifers stare through the fence on the Bart Farm on April 15. Photo by Cady Allen

Manager of the Steer-A-Year program, Jeremiah Peterson overlooks a pen of cattle as he explains the learning opportunities provided by program. Photo by Cady Allen

SPORTS

Big Sky getting ready to call it quits for the 2022-23 winter season

BY JACKSON DESCOMBAZ

As we enter the last month of classes, summer is on the way and that means the local ski resorts are shutting it down for the 2022-23 winter season.

Bridger Bowl's last day was Sunday, April 9 and Big Sky's closing on Sunday, April 23. As spring seasons hit full blossom, it's a sad time for many as we see a historically good winter across North America wind down.

"Skiers and snowboarders will remember this winter as a fantastic snow year, where Big Sky Resort opened early, and Lone Mountain stayed consistently above average snowfall all season long. We saw continuous refreshes during the season, and often, the snowfall would overdeliver what we expected in the forecast," said Stacie Mesuda, public

relations manager at Big Sky.

With such a good year in the snow department, many are left wondering why Bridger and Big Sky aren't extending their closing dates.

In a statement published on Bridger Bowl's social media accounts on April 3, General Manager Hiram Towle explained the reason for the decision to close last weekend. Rapidly warming spring temperatures, he wrote, create unfavorable snow conditions.

"We have a history of upper lift shutdowns due to wet slide hazards and difficult skiing and riding on the wet snow of our lower slopes," Towle wrote.

Big Sky has a humongous project to be completed over the summer season, and they'll need every second to get it done for

when snow begins to fall come autumn.

"Each winter, our operating dates are published ahead of the ski season, which opens annually on Thanksgiving Day. This summer, we have a lot of work to do to get ready for next ski season – the most exciting being the completion of the new Lone Peak Tram," Mesuda said. "With many key construction deadlines ahead, we have to stick to our planned closing date to ensure that these highly-specialized construction teams have access to the mountain and can begin making progress on installing the tram. As always, the summer construction timeline is tight as we expect to open the new Lone Peak Tram on opening day of the 2023-2024 winter season."

With Big Sky's new tram being put in

this summer and a new base area gondola to follow the summer after, it's an exciting time for skiers across the region, but let's not forget about right now. It's prime time spring skiing weather, so whether you're touring in the backcountry or at Bridger Bowl, catching some late season turns at Big Sky or heading to another resort, get outside and catch some fresh air as classes reach the most stressful part of the year.

Check out "A guide to backcountry skiing near Bozeman" on msuexponent.com for safety tips and information about backcountry skiing locations near Bozeman, if that's what you're into.

Women's lacrosse crushes division, looks ahead

BY GUS YEAGER

A difference of one goal was the margin of defeat for the MSU Women's Lacrosse team at last year's regional tournament. This year they are determined to be an indomitable force coming out of their division.

Founded in 2014, the team is one of eight schools that fields a team in the Northwest Women's Lacrosse League's (NWLL) Second Division. After the disappointing loss at last year's regionals, the team is ready and poised to take another crack at it.

Club President Grace French has been playing lacrosse since the second grade. The sport has always meant a good deal to her, so it simply made sense to continue playing for the Bobcats when she got to school.

"When I decided to come here, I knew I wanted to play with the club team. I reached out to the president at the time, and it was during the 2020 COVID-19 situation. It was a team of eight people. When the president graduated, she just



Illustration by Karstyn Clawson

appointed me as [the new] president. I was happy to do it my sophomore year," she said.

The club French has built is a step up from the team of eight that existed when she joined three years ago. The club now fields a roster of twenty-seven.

"I was really big on growing the club. It's hard when we have no subs and can't field a team and can't play good games. I wanted to make sure we could field a team. What we have now is amazing," French said.

This year's team has been quite successful, having achieved a current record of 8-1. This mark includes a perfect 8-0 against teams within MSU's NWLL division.

Last year's regionals tournament saw MSU as a four seed, but this year's solid play will mean that they will enter the fray as the number one seed. A thirteen-hour bus ride to Portland awaits them, but the team is ready to go and excited to compete.

"Our goal right now is to win regionals, and keep moving up from there. We want to play against better competition from better schools and different leagues," French said.

French said that winning regionals would be instrumental in continuing to build the program's reputation. While nationals is out of the cards this year due to travel and scheduling issues, it isn't that hard to see MSU competing for a national title down the road.

Backcountry Hunters and Anglers club provides a home for all eager MSU sportspeople

BY WILLIAM MALIZIA



“I think the biggest thing is we’re open to anyone showing up, whether you know nothing or know everything.”

-Elliott Drewry, president of BHA

Sun shines on Bridger Bowl's nose ridge hike on March, 25. Photo by Sam Negen

The bountiful variety of wildlife in Montana inspires sportsmen from all over the country to settle down in Bozeman and explore its nearby recreational hunting grounds and water access.

The Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA) chapter of MSU aims to inspire the student body, promote public land access and cultivate an all inclusive organization of people who share love for these hobbies.

The chapter is a spur of the national organization of the same name. According to the national organization’s website, “Backcountry Hunters & Anglers seeks to ensure North America’s outdoor heritage of hunting and fishing in a natural setting, through education and work on behalf of wild public lands, waters, and wildlife.”

Their non profit nationwide effort has spread throughout the country. There is a BHA chapter at University of Montana, a few more starting up throughout the state, and also here at our own MSU.

Elliott Drewry, junior at MSU and

avid hunter and fisher, got involved with the BHA as a general board member in the Fall of 2021, and stepped into the role of president at the beginning of the 2023 spring semester. Drewry grew up in Port Townsend, Washington, and has been fishing and hunting since he was a child. These experiences proved formative enough to inspire his involvement with the club, he said.

“Now, at the place I am in college, I’ve been able to insert myself more into what allows sportsmen like me to engage with public lands and in turn what drew me to Backcountry Hunters and Anglers,” Drewry said.

The club’s goals are simple. According to Drewry, on a national scale the organization is primarily devoted to the promotion of public land and water access. But, the local club — while not abstaining from these pursuits — focuses more on building a strong sense of community.

“We tried to get it as more of just an open community for people to come and learn some stuff, make friends, you know, and just talk about hunting and

fishing in all the awesome public lands that we have around here in Bozeman,” Drewry said.

The club stays updated on current events related to public land and water access. Drewry said he will potentially give virtual testimony in opposition to some legislation that’s awaiting a vote in the Montana House of Representatives. The bill is titled SB 533, and seeks to remove discounted hunting tags for out of state students, among other restrictions.

The BHA club hosts outings and workshops throughout the semester,

where any and all students can come learn about new activities, improve their hunting/fishing prowess and apply these skills out in the field.

In February, the club hosted an ice fishing event out at Canyon Ferry lake. More recently, they held a spring turkey hunting workshop on Thursday, April 6.

“I like the word workshops, because it’s kind of like, inclusive of, you know, conversation and asking questions,” Drewry said. The workshop began with a brief overview on turkeys, and progressed into an explanation of viable turkey hunting access sites and a deep dive into different turkey hunting tactics. The BHA club ended the workshop with a brief Kahoot, quizzing the participants with turkey trivia, entering names into a raffle and auctioning off some exciting turkey hunting gear.

A clear sense of community and inclusion was maintained throughout the hour-long event. The presentations were informative and straight-forward, but also wholesome and light-hearted. Some jokes were exchanged as some twenty or thirty MSU students shuffled out of the room.

“I think the biggest thing is we’re open to anyone showing up, whether you know nothing or know everything,” Drewry said.

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MSU faculty denounce hateful actions on campus in new resolution

By Amanda Fulton

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution condemning hate speech last Wednesday, April 5, in front of a room full of students who expressed their frustration and personal experiences with MSU's response to threats directed at queer and BIPOC students.

The Faculty Senate is the governing body of faculty on campus and is composed of members from each department on campus. The senate regularly meets to determine policies, standards and procedures within MSU's Faculty Handbook, supervise curriculum and improve communication between MSU faculty, administration and students, according to its website.

Normal proceedings during the April 5 meeting were altered from the beginning. Once the minutes had been approved from the last meeting, Jerry Johnson, a faculty senator and political science professor, suggested that public comment in the meeting should be moved from the end of the agenda to the beginning, given the large number of students in the room.

"These people have turned up to Faculty Senate because they're looking to the faculty," he said. "And I think we owe it to them and I think it's a sign of respect to our students that we allow them to move to the top of the agenda."

The motion was seconded and approved, and it was decided by the senate that this advance public comment should be limited to twenty minutes.

Students then moved to the podium to comment about recent hate speech on campus, including threats to MSU's Queer-Straight Alliance (QSA) and individual students on campus.

Marquayvion Hughes, former diversity and

inclusion director for the Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) student government, said he is leaving MSU despite four years of working hard to succeed here.

"We deserve basic human rights, and aside from basic human rights, to not pay thousands of dollars to not be protected," Hughes said. "So if you're going to charge me for tuition, at least make sure either I don't kill myself or someone else doesn't get the pleasure of killing me."

Taryn Van Steeland, an ASMSU senator for the College of Letters and Sciences and a senior at MSU, said that even as an extremely high-achieving and involved student, she is struggling to keep going. She said she can't get out of bed most days, doesn't feel safe in her classes and feels nervous to even pick up her phone in the morning because she is worried that something has happened to her LGBTQIA+ or BIPOC friends.

She then urged faculty to help protect students on campus. "You guys are our first line of defense. You bear the burden and the responsibility of caring for your students," she told the Senate. "The administration and the school have mostly failed to defend us. You want to talk about access to education and time, place and manner? I don't have access to education right now because I don't feel safe in my classes and I don't feel defended."

"I deserve better than that. These students deserve better than that. And we ask you that when we go to bat to defend our rights, that you stand by us, that you support us and that you take the side of your students," Van Steeland said.

Faculty Senate Chair Jennifer Thomson explained in a statement to the Exponent after the meeting that the faculty interacts with students daily and cares deeply about all of its students. Every faculty

member feels a profound responsibility to their students and wishes to help them as much as possible, she said.

"When students bring issues to faculty, we take our responsibility of connecting them with the appropriate resources on campus seriously. Most of us are not law enforcement officers, discrimination investigators or licensed counselors," she said. "Still, we will always help a student connect with those resources — many faculty will even walk students to those offices to help with an introduction."

During the first segment of public comment, an anonymous freshman political science student said students are leaving MSU due to safety concerns on campus. After the semester, they said, they will take their money and leave the university as well.

They said that they know this situation isn't the faculty's fault, because many of them have done their best to help students — but it's time to do more. At this point, they said, the university has shown a disregard for students' safety — in addition to treating their identities, which cannot be controlled, as a political argument instead of unchangeable facts.

"I spend my time here doing what the university should be doing — making sure students are aware of what's going on, aware of the threats that have come up against many minority students and aware of the danger we face instead of learning," the anonymous student said. "This is no longer a place of education for me and many other students here. It is a place of fear."

Provost Robert Mokwa, who was present at the meeting, wrote in a statement to the Exponent after the meeting that the university has consistently lower crime rates than the surrounding community, according to annual security reports. MSU has to receive a report to begin an investigation, he wrote.

"In this particular instance, given the relatively low number of cases reported, we want to understand why some students are saying at this moment that they don't feel safe," he wrote.

"We agree with students: the investigation of crimes and protection from acts of violence are the responsibility of professionals at the university, it is not the responsibility of students,"

Mokwa wrote. "Faculty and staff can assist in some situations, but in a limited manner. The university employs highly-trained professionals whose job is specifically to protect and to support our students."

He said MSU will continue to offer students a high level of

"When this happens next time, I don't want students to find my obituary. I don't want students to find the obituaries of people who've been helping me fight this, and I fear that is what's going to happen."

-Kole Burdick, QSA treasurer



safety, security and support services, but that students must report issues.

“Unfortunately, if a student refuses to report an issue or to seek help, we end up in a cycle in which paralysis, rather than action, impedes the possibility of a successful intervention. It is not fair nor is it good for anyone,” he said. “If a student has specific concerns or recommendations to share with us, we urge them to share those with the responsible units. We are always ready to listen and to help.”

Mokwa also said that if a student, faculty, or staff member reports a threat, there is a well-established protocol that is activated by MSU, which is normally led by the University Police. He said there are many reporting mechanisms that students can use, including reports that can be made confidentially to UPD through silentwitness@montana.edu. He urged people to call 911 in case of an emergency.

In the senate’s proposed Hate Speech Resolution — which was discussed after the public comment — the faculty of MSU acknowledge recent hate speech and threats on campus and reaffirm their commitment to a learning and working environment free from discrimination, harassment and retaliation.

The resolution affirms that the existence of hate speech should not be ignored, as that could be seen both as a tacit endorsement of hateful rhetoric and isolating to those experiencing threats. Ignoring this speech also slows down the passing of critical information between targeted groups and is overall detrimental to the mental health of these members of the MSU community, it reads.

It lists the resolutions of the senate; including supporting efforts to increase communication between administration and faculty about hate speech at MSU, continuing support of targeted groups by connecting them to campus and community resources, working to ensure the safety of all members of the MSU community, and finally reaffirming the Senate’s commitment to equity and justice, according to the resolution.

Personal testimonies were not limited to students last Wednesday. Faculty senator Gilbert Kalonde, an associate professor in the College of Education, Health and Human Development and the curriculum and instruction program leader, explained that as a person of color with a son on campus, this is a pressing matter — and he considers this resolution draft the first step. “What we’ve heard from our students, saying ‘We are ready to jump ship from MSU’ — is serious,” he said.

Kalonde said his own son told him that he was leaving MSU for the University of Hawaii. When he tried to convince him to stay, his son also told him that he will not be moving around with a gun in his vehicle and that it’s scary on campus — and that’s the extent of where things are going, he said.

He explained that there needs to be short-term and

long-term solutions soon in order to protect both students and faculty on campus. “So thank you for the draft, but at the same time, we need a solution ASAP,” he said.

Faculty senator Maggie Thorsen, an associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, also defined this resolution as a first step. She said that she wanted the Faculty Senate to reflect on how it can achieve its goals defined in the resolution.

“How do we actually put these words into action? What does that mean? I don’t have the answer right now,” Thorsen said. “But this is something that we need to be working on.”

Ultimately, the resolution was voted on and approved by the Faculty Senate. It is now visible on the senate’s website.

Later on, during open discussion in the meeting, Kalonde asked the room to acknowledge the elephant in the room, as he defined it. “What are

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-Provost Robert Mokwa

[the students] going out with from us? What am I going out with for my son? What am I going out with for myself?” he asked. “This shouldn’t be business as usual. There are kids who are hurting and this shouldn’t be looked at like it’s normal.”

Thomson responded to Kalonde saying that she personally understands the pain felt when your child is suffering, as she has an LGBTQIA+ child who faces daily bullying at school. She said that faculty have a responsibility to make sure students know they care.

“I would encourage any faculty member or student to go directly to the administration with their concerns,” Thomson said.

When a second segment of public comment began at the end of the meeting, more students shared their experiences. QSA’s treasurer Kole Burdick said that, when searching for old members of the QSA who might have experienced threats before, there were more obituaries than living people to be found.

“When this happens next time, I don’t want students to find my obituary,” Burdick said. “I don’t want students to find the obituaries of people who’ve been helping me fight this, and I fear that is what’s going to happen.”

Wyatt Clark, a junior political science student, said that the Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN) has issued a human rights alert for MSU’s campus. The MHRN aims to organize residents to create

justice and equality in their communities, support marginalized people and advocate for legislation for basic human rights, according to its website.

“This isn’t the 50s. We should be doing better. And with all due respect to every faculty member that says they’re sending hopes and prayers, and that they stand with us — they aren’t reflecting their words through their actions,” Clark said.

In her statement after the meeting, Chair Thomson said faculty are working on the specific actions the resolution committed them to. She said that faculty have been advocating for and continue to advocate for increased communication on campus, and are engaged in planning and brainstorming with administrators to improve support and ensure the safety of all on campus. Additionally, she said, faculty advocate for student support resources to be well-funded and well-staffed.

“Faculty realize that our interactions with students are only one part of the many things that contribute to student success,” she said. “As a result, we are always open to student recommendations about actions we can take to support them better.”

The Faculty Senate resolution also follows a resolution the ASMSU Senate passed on March 9 condemning hateful and threatening actions at MSU. In it, the student senate stated that it condemns hate in all forms with particular emphasis on the hateful speech that occurs on the MSU campus directed at protected communities. In the resolution, ASMSU laid out several objectives; such as providing meaningful support for protected

groups and their allies in the aftermath of future events, providing training for MSU community leaders to prepare them to support protected groups and to create a culture of acceptance and solidarity, according to the resolution.

Van Steeland, the ASMSU senator who was a co-sponsor of the resolution, said that she hoped that this document would have a visible effect and show students that they are not alone. “ASMSU is doing things, and we care and that we are working on behalf of them. We wanted to take a little bit of that work and make it visible by standing in solidarity with students,” she said.

If you or someone you know is struggling, there are resources available to help. These include MSU Counseling & Psychological Services, the Voice Center, the Dean of Students CARE Program, the Women’s Center, the Office of Institutional Equity and the Diversity and Inclusion Student Commons (DISC). For anyone experiencing immediate distress or crisis, call or text 988 for 24/7 access to assistance.



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The Erosion of Modern Democracy

BY HOLT BURGE

On April 6, 2023, two young African American men of the Tennessee House of Representatives (HOR) were expelled from their positions for participating in a protest on March 27, 2023. This protest was in response to a shooting where six people were killed at the Covenant school in Nashville, Tennessee. This news prompted a large group of people to make their voices heard on the growing issue of gun reform in the United States. Among those chanting with the protestors were representatives Justin Jones, Gloria Johnson and Justin Pearson.

These three representatives were accused of attempting to start an insurrection. The act of chanting along with people is being compared to the events of January 6, 2021. In an unprecedented vote, both representatives Justin Jones and Justin Pearson have been expelled from the Tennessee HOR. The third, representative Gloria Johnson, was able to retake her seat within the senate.

It is impossible to not acknowledge that the Tennessee HOR decided to allow the one white representative her seat back while leaving thousands of others without due representation. These former representatives were expelled for leading a protest asking for gun reform following a mass shooting. This ruling brought down democracy that day in the Tennessee House of Representatives; this was an abuse of power highlighting the racist views which encapsulate the current GOP party.

Members of the GOP party were able to systematically influence the demographic of the House in their favor, eroding the meaning of democracy. Fortunately, the esteemed people of Tennessee have no intention of allowing this overreach to remain.

This may seem like an issue entirely separate from the great state of Montana; however, this blatant overreach should queue people into the larger political narrative taking place. The Tennessee HOR had the audacity to expel Democratic representatives in front of hundreds

of protestors simply for standing up for what they believe in. They decided to question the democratic rights of the people while staring them in the eye and Montana has far less people watching. The Montana legislatures can and will run unchecked and if the GOP thought that the expulsion of these two would go smoothly then what is happening within our government? On April 4, two days prior to the attack on democracy in the Tennessee HOR, the Montana House passed HB 915. This proposed bill seeks to put democracy on the 2024 ballot, stating

that the governor shall appoint the Supreme Court Justice instead of the citizens of Montana in a due process vote. This bill outlines the hopes and dreams of the Republican party—to strip people of their right for representation. This bill effectively assures the agenda of a radical political party to run free in the state legislature. This gives the governor supreme power over the future of this state.

In 2024, HB 915 will be on the ballot and I do not think it is going to pass, but it should not be there in the first place. What

happened in Tennessee is a cautionary tale which reflects the current values of politics. HB 915 takes away the opportunity for Montana to change its political alignment. It puts the comfort of the governor over the due process of democratic election. There are now a bunch of grumpy old lawmakers who are scared of the new generation. Instead of ushering in a younger demographic, these antique lawmakers will hold onto the power they have established. This house bill is one way in which the government may continue to be endlessly old. There is no assurance that HB 915 will not be abused to curate a triumvirate of political power. It is a case where people stand to gain nothing if this bill is adopted. Just another sign that the state government has moved away from serving the interests of the people as long as it lines their egos and pockets.

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Save an Animal's Life, They Might Save Yours

BY TAY STRADIOTTO

One of the most pure and fulfilling aspects of life is adopting a pet. Adopting a dog or cat from a shelter has positive implications, not only for you but for the pet as well. The bond between people and their pets helps increase physical activity, lower stress levels and gives them a sense of purpose. When looking for a furry friend to bring into your home, adopting from a shelter rather than buying from a breeder is the best and most ethical route you can take.

When you adopt a pet from a shelter, you are doing so much more than just giving a homeless animal a second chance and happiness. You are also helping to prevent overpopulation in shelters, which in return will help keep more pets from being abandoned, off the street and those pets will inevitably end up in shelters. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), every year an estimated 1.5 million adoptable shelter dogs and cats are euthanized in the United States. Shelters do not have enough space or funding to accommodate all animals brought there. By adopting a pet you are opening up a space for another animal's life to be saved.

Buying a pet from a breeder is unethical and harmful to the pet. Most purebred dogs have inbreeding somewhere in their family line, which leads to health problems they will suffer with their whole lives. The overcrowding conditions and poor treatment in toxic environments can also affect the animal's mental health and quality of life. Adopting instead of shopping is the best way to give a pet a better life.

Cultivating a relationship and building a bond with a pet that you rescued will leave an indelible mark on you. The Stafford Animal Shelter in Livingston is a must-support business and is a no kill shelter. They support every pet in need, whether they are abandoned, unwanted, unneutered or confiscated by control officers for cruelty. I adopted my first rescue dog, Lupin, from the Stafford Animal Shelter after a regrettable experience at Heart of the Valley shelter in Bozeman.

The facility at Heart of the Valley as a whole, as well as the kennels, was dirty. The staff informed me that the four puppies they had all had giardia, which is a parasite that lives inside of a dog's intestines. There were multiple puppies and other dogs in one kennel, whereas at Stafford

Animal Shelter, each pet had their own space. There was a spacious common room where you meet and greet each dog individually at Stafford and the facility in general has better hygiene.

In June 2022, Stafford was a victim to the damaging floods that Livingston experienced. They temporarily closed down and sent their pets to foster homes. They reopened their doors January 23, 2023 for a great experience with great hospitality and pet care you can trust.

The benefits of supporting a local shelter and saving an animal's life are irrevocably positive. One thing is for certain, life with a rescue dog or cat brings big changes in the best way. You will say goodbye to predictable nights and a boring routine and say hello to a new lease on life. Your new pet will keep life exciting, fresh and full of love. College is full of stressors, but your rescue pet will never judge or let you down. Pay a visit to a local animal shelter and you could find a furry friend for life.

Letters to the Editor

Support Behavioral Health Specialists; Vote Yes on SB 198

Jennea Attai

Mental health resource demands are at an all time high since the pandemic. These resources are often unavailable or intangible for many people who would like to take advantage of resources for both mental and behavioral health. Senate bill 198 will allow for behavioral health peer support specialists to receive credentialing to be able to engage in behavioral health peer support after passing a background check and completing a period of training under supervision under a competent and licensed mental health professional.

Studies have shown that working with a peer specialist for mental and behavioral health concerns

show a higher likelihood of achieving and maintaining success working towards their behavioral health goals. An individual's sense of self efficacy is shown to be increased when working with a peer specialist that has experience in similar circumstances. SB 198 lists clear guidelines for how many hours of training an individual must undergo prior to receiving credentials as a behavioral health peer specialist, which will work to ensure that anyone able to achieve these credentials will be competent and fully able to be productive and beneficial for anyone seeking to work with a behavioral health peer specialist.

SB 198 will empower those looking for mental and behavioral health resources to choose from outside of a standard health professional that may be

intangible for a variety of reasons, most commonly having the financial means to take advantage of these resources. The positive long term benefits from working with a peer behavioral specialist is invaluable, the experience is mutually beneficial for the peer specialists, all while allowing for the behavioral resources to be more evenly dispersed to be available to a higher number of people. I encourage your legislators to vote yes on SB 198.

Jennea Attai is a community health major at MSU. SB 198, sponsored by Sen. Jen Gross, D-Billings, has passed the Montana Senate and is awaiting a vote in the House of Representatives, according to the Montana Free Press Capitol Tracker.

House Joint Resolution 11 Will Remove Montana from Conservation and Sustainability Efforts

Jazmin Lerman

House Joint Resolution 11 has been passed by both chambers and it is waiting for the governor's approval. This resolution is intended to push back on federal regulation regarding environmental, social and governmental policies. Proponents claim that federal regulation limits the prosperity of our state's economy since it relies heavily on natural

resource exploitation. However, Montana also gets revenue for tourism for its clean, pristine, and beautiful environment.

We are at a crucial point in which measures towards conservation need to be taken. Changing our social system to a more environmentally friendly one will create change that can be intimidating, but it is also necessary. It is important to acknowledge that the transition

to renewable energy and other conservation practices will also create new jobs.

Moreover, federal policies are in place to help us progress as a nation towards a more sustainable future. Pushing back against federal policy will remove Montana from being a major player in conservation and sustainability efforts and could also limit federal funding for our state.

Let's spread awareness of what is

happening in our legislature and get involved to avoid further damage to our precious and beautiful home.

Jazmin Lerman is a pre-law student at MSU majoring in environmental studies. HJ 11, sponsored by Rep. Steve Gist, R-Cascade, urges U.S. Congress to resist environmental, social and governance regulations.

Vote Yes on the Urban Transportation District

Makayla DeLange

Every human has a need for transportation. That need varies from person to person, lifestyle to lifestyle. In Bozeman, and especially on campus, we often have a need to travel farther than is practical by walking. Some bike, some are privileged enough to own their own reliable vehicles. But for many, the best option for getting around is public transit. And here in Bozeman, public transportation begins and ends with the Streamline Bus. The Streamline is a zero-fare bus, which means all of its funding comes from

state and federal transportation budgets.

The 2020 census redefined Bozeman as a "small urban area" which affects our budget and how public services are funded. When these changes go into effect, we may lose some or all of the budget. The best way to prevent this is to form an Urban Transportation District (UTD). A UTD would allow the bus line not only to remain fully funded, but it would also have more ability to travel outside Bozeman's city limits. This means it would be able to serve Belgrade, Livingston, Four Corners, Gallatin Gateway, and more underserved

growing communities. There is no cost to form an Urban Transportation District; in fact, you won't even be taxed additionally unless the public votes in a separate election to allow it.

There are plenty of good reasons to vote for this new UTD, and you'll have the opportunity to. This vote will appear on the ballot for the school district elections May 2nd. Mail ballots will appear mid-April, bearing the words "Shall the Gallatin Valley Urban Transportation District be created?" Vote yes for the Urban Transportation District to allow the Streamline Bus Service to keep serving your community.

Makayla DeLange is a political science major at MSU. The Gallatin Valley Urban Transportation District would allow Streamline, Bozeman's free bus transportation network, to receive federal funding, allowing it to continue operating after Bozeman's designation as a small urban area made the service ineligible for its previous funding source. See the Exponent's Feb. 9 edition for more information.

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Aurore French Bakery: Bozeman's little piece of France

BY KELLY COYNE

From selling houses to baking traditional french pastries, Aurore Adams, born and raised in France, has turned 180 degrees and switched professions to start a life here in Bozeman.

It all started in 2020 when Adams came out to visit her twin sister in Bozeman to celebrate her birthday. She only planned to stay for a visit, but the pandemic

had other plans in store for her. "They closed the border three days after I landed," Adams said.

Like others, Adams adopted a new hobby of baking during quarantine to pass time, she said.

"During this time I was kind of like everyone in their kitchens during COVID-19, baking stuff that you never thought of before," she said.

Not only did Adams find a love for baking but also for the city of Bozeman. "The best part about baking is when you make other people happy," Adams said.

Adams knew she wanted to make the move but soon found out that she could not continue her previous job as a real estate agent. "My immigration attorney told me that it's one of the exceptions that you can't be a real estate agent when you are not American," she said.

After realizing she had to switch careers, Adams got to thinking. "I was like, 'I'm French,' so I can play the card of champagne or wine but I'm not drinking a lot. Then there's cheese, but in the U.S. there is good cheese and I'm not a farmer, so no way I'm doing that. So I was like, 'ok, baking'."

Once Adams made up her mind after discussing her possibilities with her attorney, she hung up and said to herself, "Ok, I'm opening a bakery," she said. After making a decision that would change her life forever, Adams went back to France to let her real estate clients know and refer them to her friend. While she was back, Adams went to baking school and trained in multiple bakeries to learn different techniques in the baking world, she said.

The next goal after acquiring the necessary skills was getting her visa so she could make the move official. After a long year of waiting, she finally got her visa in March of 2022 and was able to call Bozeman her home.

After spending a year baking from her apartment and using her social media platform to gain support and followers from the community, Adams finally found a storefront of her own.

Located on 141 W Baxter Lane, near Four Corners, is Aurore French Bakery. Adams is in the works of getting everything set up and plans to open in late April to early May she said but that is subject to change.

The bakery will have French

decorations and music to make the customer feel as if they just teleported to Paris. Adams will also speak in French with her coworkers in the kitchen as well as speak in French with her customers who wish to.

Adams' bakery will offer authentic French pastries that are baked the French way. "Everything is in grams and everything is in degrees Celsius," Adams said. Not only is Adams using French recipes, but she is also importing her baking equipment, butter and flour from France. To some, flour and butter may not mean much, but if you've ever been to France you know their croissants are top notch and don't begin to compare to most croissants offered here.

"In a croissant, for example, the main ingredients are flour and butter. If you take one croissant made with French butter and flour and one with American, you will have the same aspect but the taste will never be the same," Adams said.

Some of the treats that Adams will be selling are French baguettes, bread, baguette sandwiches, signature pépite, croissants, cakes and other mouth-watering goodies, she said.

Adams will also host events in her bakery, like baking classes and movie nights once a month, she said. Movie night will consist of a French movie with English subtitles, pastries and champagne.

"Food is a part of life and when you eat good food and you share that with people and they like what you are making [it's] the best reward."

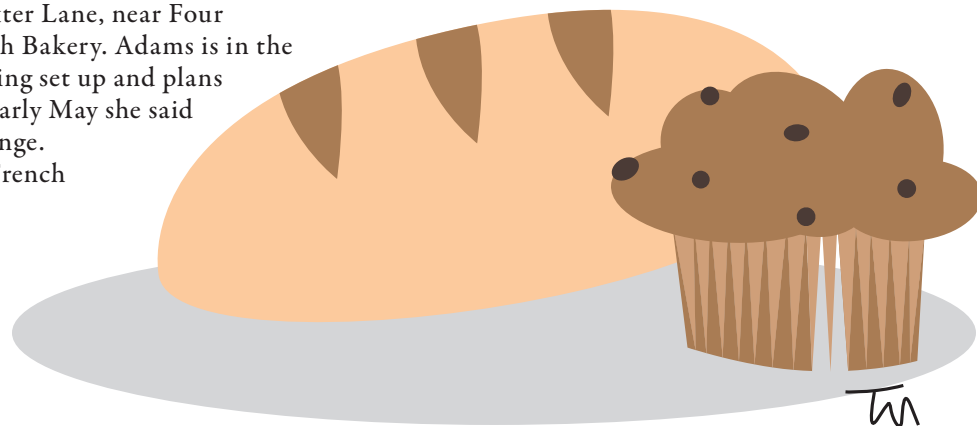
If you're eager to get your hands on one of these pastries you can order through Adams' Instagram or website.

Instagram: [aurorefrenchbakery](#)

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Aurore poses inside the bakery while renovations are made on Wednesday, April 7. She prepares her store for its grand opening. Photo by Cady Allen



Inaugural Asian Multicultural Night in the SUB to be held this weekend

BY ALYSSA STARR

An inaugural night celebrating Asia’s vast customs and cultures will light up the SUB ballrooms this weekend, on Sunday, April 16. The event will feature everything, including dancing, solo music performances, great food, even customary toys and a fashion show.

The newest night to celebrate different cultures will be brought to campus by the Asian Student Interracial Association at Montana State (A.S.I.A), and its partnerships with other student organizations like the Bangladeshi and Sri Lankan Student Associations at MSU.

“The idea of this event is to showcase to the Bozeman community and the university how diverse Asian cultures are,” said A.S.I.A vice president Aishik Biswas. “There are so many countries in Asia, so we’ve tried to contact other organizations, such as the Indian Student Association and the Chinese Cultural Club, and we are partnering with them to bring different elements”.

“It’s the first-ever Asian multicultural event on campus. So it’s a huge event that’s a first of its kind, and we are partnering with so many different people to make it possible,” said A.S.I.A president, Olivia Gervacio Jakabosky.

Biswas and Jakabosky have diligently planned this event since last spring after attending the Afro-Cultural night.

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“I attended that and it was a really good event and we then thought that it would be really nice to have something like that for Asia as well,” Biswas said.

The Asian Multicultural Night is open to everyone in the community. One of the student organization’s most significant priorities for this event is to help bridge the gap between the university and the community of Bozeman. They estimate and hope 300 people will attend their event this weekend.

“Currently, we have around 100 to 120 people who have already registered for the event, or they’re performing,” Biswas said.

The event is free; however, tickets are available for purchase if you want to enjoy traditional foods from different Asian

countries. Proceeds from the event will go back to the Asian Student Interracial Association to be used for future events.

The tickets are available for \$7 on *eventbrite.com* or \$7 cash at the door. However, the event organizers highly recommend purchasing your food ticket online before the event. Buying tickets online will help them gauge how much food they need to prepare and speed up the check-in process at the door.

The Asian Multicultural Night will be held in the SUB ballrooms on Sunday, April 16, at 5 p.m. The doors open at 4 p.m.

Lecture series continues with the arrival of Erin Corcoran

BY EMMA FRY

It is estimated that 117.2 million people will be forcibly displaced or stateless in 2023, according to The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Many of these people will be classified as refugees and seek asylum. The protection of such refugees is recognized as a fundamental human right under international law. Although the protection of fleeing refugees looks altruistic, in reality, the application process is incredibly complex, according to the director of the Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies, Erin Corcoran. Corcoran has spent her professional career researching how humanitarianism tends to ignore historical context as a possible root cause of the migration of refugees and will be visiting MSU to give a lecture as part of the Shannon Weatherly Lecture Series.

Corcoran views the problems facing refugee protections with a

humanitarian, feminist twist by positing what is needed to eliminate labels that perpetuate dualistic paradigms. “Oftentimes we can label people as victims, Which is pretty flat, so they have to demonstrate they are victims, through awful violence sometimes at the expense of their own sense of self or agency,” she said.

“When I was working to get my client’s immigration status, oftentimes that meant putting their experiences in a very narrow box in order for them to qualify for protection, which stripped away what it means to be human,” Corcoran said. “Refugees are humans with very interesting and complex stories. But lawyers are being forced to fit their client’s experiences into the legal definition that would give them the ability to stay in the States. The whole process is dehumanizing and strips them of their agency.”

Corcoran first found herself in Montana when she attended a Girl Scout camp and fell in love with the state. However, she started school at Central Michigan University studying earth science before transferring to MSU and taking a class in women in religion with MSU professor Lynda Sexson. Corcoran learned from Sexson that she had a passion for philosophy, women and gender studies, and religious studies. “A lot of my research and work has been about working with very vulnerable populations, but I’ve also had a lens of looking at systems of power and seeing how they affect the most vulnerable women and children, which can be attributed to my time at MSU,” Corcoran said.

With inspiration from Sexson, Corcoran found herself working with the Women’s Center and was part of the group to begin the Take Back the Night March, which works to

raise awareness of sexual violence against women. Corcoran is a Bobcat at heart and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from MSU in Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Women’s and Gender Studies, and she completed her law degree at Georgetown University Law Center. After school, she worked in immigration and refugee law. Corcoran currently serves as a director at the Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies and as a faculty member at the Keough School of Global Affairs at Notre Dame. Through the Shannon Weatherly Lecture Series, Corcoran will be coming to MSU once again to speak about her research. Shannon Weatherly, founding board member, volunteer, and MSU alumni, was unfortunately killed by a hunter in Yellowstone. In response, her friends and family put together an endowment for a lecture series in her name, as she was a human rights activist with incredible passion. The series was unfortunately disrupted by COVID-19 but is now back with Corcoran’s lecture.

“I am hoping they will be inspired by an MSU alumnus who has experienced the same things they are now and can see where their paths can take them,” said the director of the Women’s Center, Betsy Danforth. “She is a really funny person and somebody who really cares about what she is researching and speaking on. I hope students will be inspired and find out some interesting viewpoints on the refugee experience and how this country handles refugee law.”

Corcoran’s lecture, “Reclaiming Agency: A Feminist Critique of Refugee Protection,” will be presented on Tuesday, April 18th at 6 p.m. in the Museum of the Rockies’ Hager Auditorium and is free and open to the public.

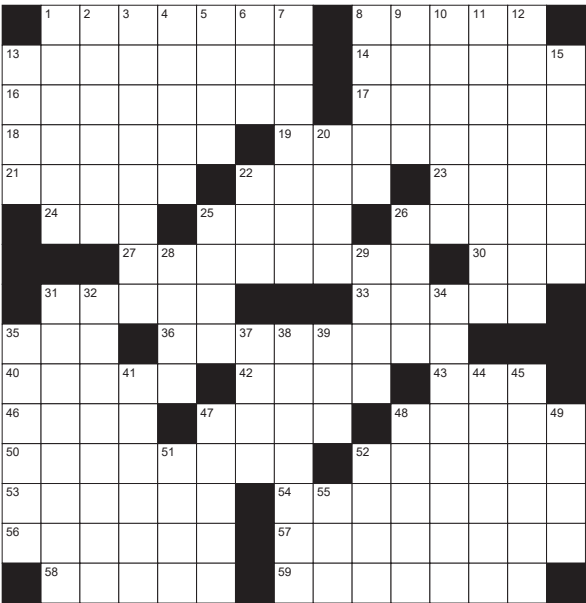


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 - 14. Every pre-1969 Vassar graduate
 - 16. Foe
 - 17. Conical homes on the plains
 - 18. Ear inflammation
 - 19. Knickknack holders
 - 21. Elixir
 - 22. Bottom-row PC key
 - 23. Idle
 - 24. Bro or sis
 - 25. Decide, as a judge
 - 26. Flat sign?
 - 27. Missing companionship
 - 30. German article
 - 31. Comic actress Anne
 - 33. As ____ resort (when all else fails)
 - 35. Anaheim team, on scoreboards
 - 36. Quarantines
 - 40. Others (Sp.)
42. Keats, for one
43. Communist leader Mao ____-tung
46. Ship boss, familiarly
47. Japanese electronics brand
48. Village officer, in Canada
50. Supporter of a cause
52. Become rigid
53. Let out a bit
54. Caribbean islanders
56. Ron Paul's middle name
57. Any military recruit, these days
58. Divisions
59. English billiards game

- Down**
- 1. Kidnapper
 - 2. Like Swiss peaks
 - 3. Naval unit
 - 4. Roman wear
 - 5. Pub potables
 - 6. A Bobbsey twin
 - 7. Jewish towns
 - 8. Deadly
 - 9. "Get ____ Up" (John Mellencamp tune)
 - 10. Honey variety
 - 11. Rich greens
 - 12. Take lightly
 - 13. Beep the horn
 - 15. Portfolio contents
 - 20. Palm phone
 - 22. Actor's prompt
 - 25. Genetic strands
 - 26. TV part
 - 28. Swiss watch company
 - 29. Actor Dillon
 - 31. Arruza and Manolete
 - 32. Headset part
 - 34. Keypad symbol
 - 35. Setting
 - 37. Not buttoned
 - 38. Detests
 - 39. Old nuclear watchdog (abbr.)
 - 41. "Be with you shortly"
 - 44. Calm down
 - 45. Less biased
 - 47. Bivouac shelters
 - 48. Five-to-one, e.g.
 - 49. Start of Massachusetts' motto
 - 51. Take it easy
 - 52. Hawaiian city
 - 55. Mrs. Mitt Romney

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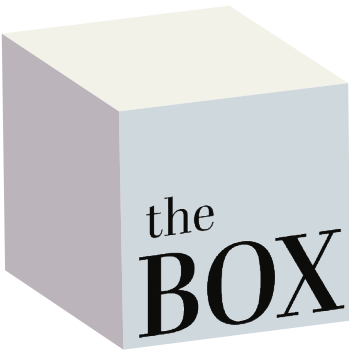
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What I can't do now that
the sun is watching me:

Be financially responsible

Make an illegal left turn
onto college street when
pulling out of the bobcat
parking lot. iykyk.

Eat a gallon jug of
whoppers in bed

Ben's mom

Bathe in the warmth of the
duck pond

Cry

Keep my christmas tree up

Blame all my problems on
seasonal depression

Eat snow by the shovel

Trying to clear my driveway

Use bad weather as an
excuse for not going on a
run

Sleep in until the P.M.

Moon

Pretend im working out

Join my people, the rats, in
their sewer paradise

Write an expose about
exposes

Go commando

Wear my 100% accurate
Whinnie the Poo cosplay

Eat Taco Bell

Transform into a bat

Tall Tales & TIDBITS

Inside you there are two
(2) rats. One in a sticky
trap. One in a slippery
trap. Which one are you
right now?