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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee to host community meetings

BY LUKAS KOSEL

This year, ASMSU adopted a new and improved Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee. The former, and similarly named, committee consisted of around three members, and it has since been “substantially beefed up,” according to ASMSU Student Diversity Advisor and Chair Anja Lincke.

The concept for the DEI committee began with a Diversity Summit held on campus in 2016, according to an MSU Diversity & Inclusion Framework Report released on the MSU website in 2017. The old diversity director position was replaced with the Student Diversity Advisor (SDA) position in response to campus climate issues and the campus response to discrimination, threats and hate seen in the spring 2023 semester, Lincke said.

“That diversity director position was not designed to be integrated into some of the conversations at the ASMSU Executive team level. My current role is designed to be integrated into the big things that ASMSU does, and to the big bodies that ASMSU has,” they said.

The position is brand new, working closely with Senior Diversity and Inclusion Officer Ariel Donohue and Diversity and Inclusion Student Commons Director Barbara do Amaral, according to Lincke.

“Those administrators don’t tell me what to do, rather, I come to them and seek their perspective and get connected with other campus-wide diversity efforts,” they said.

The committee is seeking out ways to spread awareness of their mission to students, with hopes of further diversifying voiced perspectives to benefit campus culture according to at-large student representative Annika Gao.

“Hopefully if people are aware they can give us a little more feedback,” she said.

Currently consisting of three ASMSU senators and three at-large students, the DEI committee holds open meetings that all students are welcome to attend. These meetings are usually held each Monday from 6:10-7:40 p.m., according to Gao.

“If people have visions for what a committee like this could look like, or changes they want to see implemented on campus, this is a great place to start,” ASMSU Senator Annika Lawrence said.

Achieving the goal of heightened student engagement has proven difficult. “Many students don’t have a lot of trust in our organization to represent the diverse needs of our students,” Lincke said. Because of this, ASMSU and the DEI committee have been working to build trust and opportunity through various meetings, projects and the Town Hall initiatives started by ASMSU Senator Luna Richards.

“Don’t think that you as one person can’t change things, because all it takes is one person who cares an awful lot,” Richards said, urging students to use their voices.

The committee is meant to empower students to engage in difficult conversations and to help them recognize the power they have to make a change, according to Lincke. They also said that they are looking for feedback on what encourages students to engage with things like the DEI committee.

“I – nor any other future SDA – will ever be able to bring the entire perspective of diversity, nor is that a reasonable expectation,” Lincke said. “The point is that we keep learning and growing, trying to connect to the diverse needs and challenges of our community to figure out what we can do to leave this place better than we found it. I believe our future depends on it.”



Wilson Hall was never a women's prison, despite popular belief

BY ALEX SOKOL

The initial purpose of Wilson Hall — the Brutalist, red brick building north of Montana and Hamilton Hall — has long been rumored to have been initially built to serve as a women's prison in Bozeman. The building is named after Milburn Lincoln Wilson, who was part of the agriculture economics faculty 1914-1934 and undersecretary of agriculture during Franklin Roosevelt's presidency, according to MSU's webpage on the building.

With its watchtower-like exterior stairwells and recessed narrow windows, it's understandable how the College of Letters and Science building makes for a believable prison.

Emma Navone, a junior English major, said of the rumor, "It's one of those things I heard once in some random Wilson class and just kind of adopted as fact. It was believable at the time, especially given the look and feel of the building. The weird catwalk out front that could be for guard surveillance. The small enclosed courtyard."

Raymond Peters, a junior English major, who heard a more accurate history of Wilson's creation — that it was designed by the same company that designed women's prisons — echoed Navone's perception of the building. "I can see how it could have been used as a prison. The professor's offices are about the size of prison cells," he said.

Even tour guides from the admissions office have been heard spreading the false history, according to Professor Kirk Branch, who said he overheard guides misinform prospective students through his office window as they cross Wilson Hall's inner courtyard.

When questioned about the alleged spreading of the rumor, Associate Director of Recruitment in MSU's Office of Admissions Anders Groseth, responded, "It appears that there may be an old fashioned game of telephone going on between some of the history we provide our tour guides throughout training, and what professors overhear. We never say that Wilson Hall used to be a women's prison, or encourage our tour guides to say that it was. What information we do provide is that the architect of Wilson Hall also designed a women's prison."

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Mandy Hansen, the business operations manager for MSU's English Department, said that while serving on the university facilities planning board, the rumors were addressed and discounted as unfactual. But Hansen knew the rumors were untrue even before her participation on the university planning board. "I grew up on campus," Hansen said. Both of her parents worked at MSU. "My friend Klee was the son of the principal architect of CTA [now Cushing Terrell] who designed this building. This building was not designed to be a women's prison," she said.

Despite Wilson Hall's daunting appearance, it was never meant to house incarcerated women — it was built to educate.



The statue of Walt Whitman sits on a bench in the Wilson Hall courtyard on Wednesday, April 3.
Photo by Ariana Crockett O'Harra.

Montana State to break ground April 17 on building to house Gianforte School of Computing and related educational programs

FROM MSU NEWS SERVICE

BOZEMAN — Montana State University will break ground on a new building later this month that will house the Gianforte School of Computing and provide space for computing-related fields, including cybersecurity, film, photography and music technologies.

The groundbreaking will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, adjacent to Norm Asbjornson Hall and MSU's parking garage. Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte and MSU administrators will be on hand for the ceremony, including President Waded Cruzado; Brett Gunnink, dean of the Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering and John Paxton, director of the Gianforte School of Computing.

The three-story building was made possible by a \$50 million gift from the Gianforte Family Foundation.

"I am grateful for the generosity of the Gianforte Family Foundation and for the opportunities this new facility will create for students at Montana State University," Cruzado said.

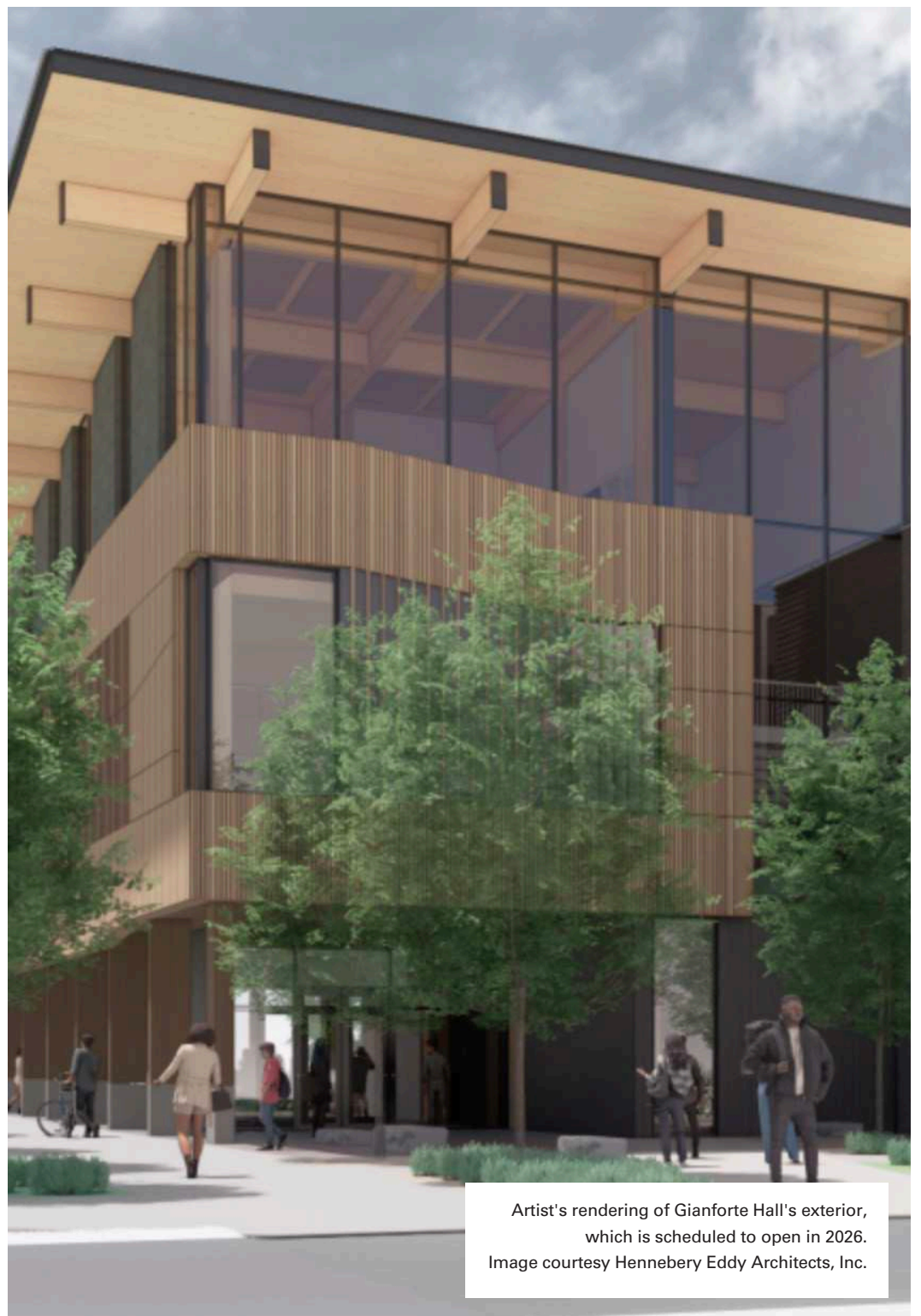
The building, named Gianforte Hall, will feature two large classrooms and laboratories dedicated to robotics, cybersecurity, augmented and virtual reality, data science, artificial intelligence and machine

learning. A video production studio will be available, as will an audio recording facility. Some of the spaces will be designed to highlight the contributions of computing pioneers Grace Hopper and Alan Turing.

Gianforte Hall will incorporate multiple sustainability features designed to target a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, silver certification. The building will be part of MSU's South Campus Energy District, a system that helps reduce energy use by allowing buildings to help heat and cool each other. The district includes Norm Asbjornson Hall, Romney Hall and the new Student Wellness Center, now under construction. Additionally, Gianforte Hall will be MSU's first mass timber structure, a sustainable choice of materials that will help minimize carbon emissions from concrete and steel used elsewhere in construction.

"Gianforte Hall is the next step in our journey in expanding access and increasing excellence in computing education at MSU," Gunnink said. "The Gianforte Family Foundation has been our partner on this journey for the past two decades. We are greatly appreciative of their steadfast support for advancing computing education for Montanans."

The building is expected to open in 2026.



Artist's rendering of Gianforte Hall's exterior, which is scheduled to open in 2026. Image courtesy Hennebery Eddy Architects, Inc.

Underclassmen break track and field records. What's next?

BY WILLIAM MALIZIA



The MSU track on the morning of Wednesday, April 3.
Photo by Ariana Crockett O'Harra.

A pair of underclassmen stole the show for the Bobcats on Friday, March 22, smashing two MSU track and field records. Freshman Sydney Brewster, who competes in the shot put, and sophomore Pat Vialva, who competes in the javelin, highlighted the team's season opener in Missoula. As the outdoor track and field season shifts into gear, there's some worthwhile speculation as to who could follow in their footsteps and break another Bobcat record.

Noah Barbery, a sophomore sprinter for men's track and field, shows some real potential. Barbery qualified for the 200m finals last year, running a time of 21.73 seconds and earning 7th place in the Big Sky Conference outdoor championships. This time was only 0.37 seconds slower than the MSU record of 21.36 seconds. At the same meet, Barbery was also a member of a 4x100 relay team that got 5th place and earned the 2nd best time in MSU history, 41.07 seconds.

Junior Will Anderson, also a sprinter, holds an impressive personal best for the 400m sprint, clocking in at 47.02 seconds at the 2022 Big Sky Conference outdoor championships. This time is only 0.52 seconds slower than the MSU record, 46.50 seconds. Although Anderson was not able to get within less than two seconds of his personal record last season, there's still a possibility that he will pull it off this season.

Some prospects on the women's team are just as promising. Sophomore Peyton Garrison has a personal record of 24.46 seconds in the 200m race, which is less than half a second slower than the MSU record, which is 23.99 seconds. Her 400m time is also impressive, clocking in at 54.71 seconds, creeping up on the school record of 53.05 seconds.

Caroline Hawkes, a sophomore sprinter for the women's track and field team, holds even more impressive times. Her 400m best is 53.58 seconds, and her 200m best is a remarkable

24.40 seconds. Both girls appear to have a chance at breaking one of the sprinting records this year.

Elena Carter, a graduate student at MSU and school record holder for women's 100m hurdles, is also remarkably close to breaking the women's record for long jump. Carter can jump an incredible 20 feet and 1.5 inches, only 7.5 inches shy of the MSU women's record, 20 feet and 9 inches.

Lastly, senior Maisie Brown is extremely close to breaking the MSU ladies' pole vault record. This past Feb., as the indoor track Big Sky Turner, Brown vaulted 13 feet and 9.25 inches. This was only 5.25 inches short of the MSU record, 14 feet and 2.5 inches.

It's difficult to predict how things will pan out for this outdoor track season, but with a number of promising athletes on the roster, there's no doubt that this spring will be interesting.

To keep up with MSU's track and field team, visit msubobcats.com.

Summertime activities around Bozeman

BY JACKSON DESCOMBAZ

The sun is shining more and more each day and as winter slowly fades away, summer is on everyone's mind. Summer means a new plethora of activities available and there's no shortage of options in and around Bozeman.

"Some of my favorite things to do around Bozeman in the summer are whitewater kayaking on the Gallatin and Madison Rivers, riding my mountain bike on trails in the Madison, Gallatin and Bridger ranges as well as fishing on all of the rivers and creeks in and around Bozeman," freshman Finley Bishop said.

With the Gallatin, Jefferson and Madison rivers all meeting in Three Forks, there's a ton of fishing potential less than a half hour from town. There's also a lot of camping opportunities along the water.

"I have done many camping trips up at Hauser and Holter lake, as well as Canyon Ferry, but stepping away from the lakes, camping up in Hyalite and by the Gallatin up towards Big Sky is also great," sophomore Macy Williams said.

Besides the options adjacent to Bozeman, the area has two of the best national parks in the world. Glacier National Park (GNP) and Yellowstone National Park (YNP) have a ton of great camping, but there's also a massive amount of national forest land which has free camping if you are willing to stay off the grid.

"Obviously the opportunities increase greatly as you enter [GNP] or [YNP], but some of the more hidden places are just as fun with an added factor of peace," Williams said.

"Some of my other favorite spots around Montana in the summertime are Holland Lake, Cliff and Wade Lakes, [YNP] and [GNP]," Bishop said.

For those still craving the snow, there's a summer skiing option near Red Lodge called Beartooth Basin. The lift starts spinning in late May and it generally runs for a few weeks. There's also a bunch of spring backcountry skiing around Bozeman such as The Great One in the Bridger mountain range.

The saying goes, people come to Bozeman for the winters, but stay for the summers. This summer should be no exception.

"This summer I plan on working two different jobs, one of which will involve kayaking on the river every single day and I plan on doing lots of camping, fishing, mountain biking and hiking as well as other various outdoor activities," Bishop said.

"In regards to camping I plan to do it a lot throughout the summer. I also plan to hike the Bridger ridge trail. Other plans involve traveling to Canada, Minnesota, Washington and Colorado, which will surely involve many

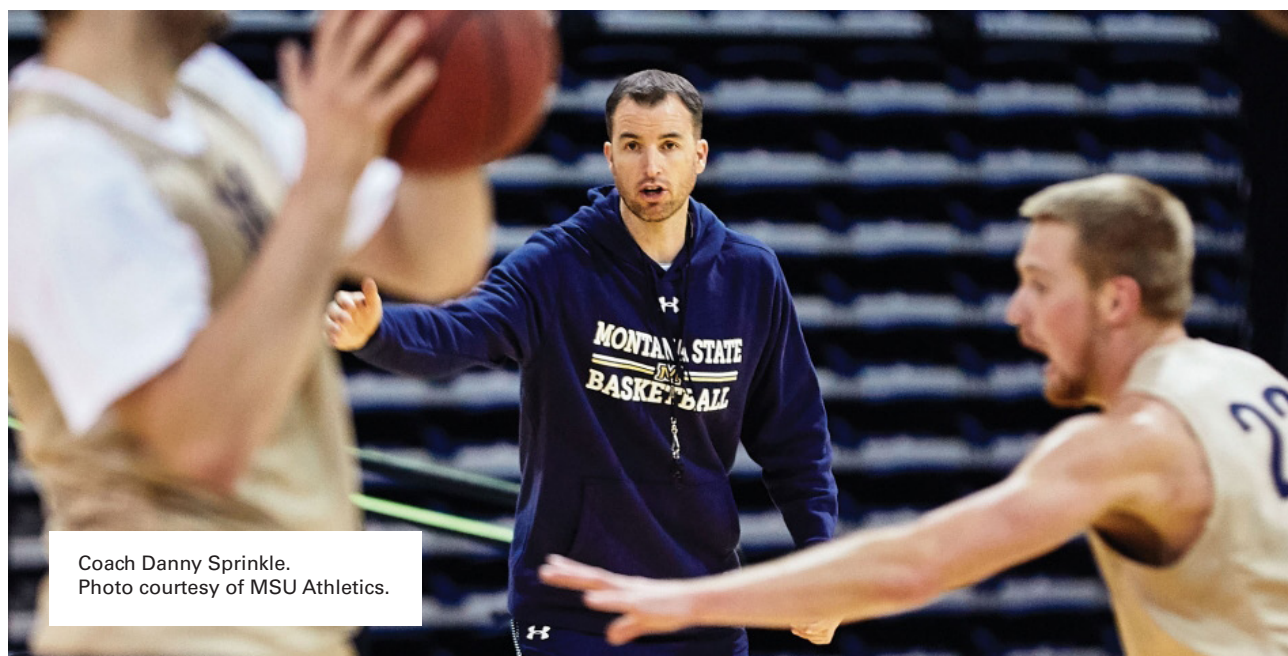
adventures along the way," Williams said.

It certainly will be a fun Bozeman summer and with many adventure opportunities, use a few sick days from your job and go explore the wonderful area we all call home.



MOVIN' ON UP

FORMER MSU BASKETBALL COACH ANNOUNCED AS HEAD COACH OF UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



Coach Danny Sprinkle.
Photo courtesy of MSU Athletics.

[Austin Swartzenberger](#)

Former MSU basketball coach Danny Sprinkle was introduced at a press conference in Seattle as the next head coach of the University of Washington last Wednesday.

It was a full circle moment for Sprinkle as he took the helm at a school where his dad, Bill, was a star football player in the 1960s. Despite the personal connections and the fact that this new job marks the current peak of his professional career, Sprinkle took time to acknowledge that all of it started 676 miles away in Bozeman, Montana.

"Montana State, the athletic director Leon Costello and the president Waded Cruzado, who are absolutely phenomenal, took a chance on a guy who had never been a head coach before I got the job at Montana State. I will forever be thankful for them and Montana," Sprinkle said.

Sprinkle took his appreciation for MSU a step further, clarifying the narrative that someone from Washington was coming to guide the program into its first years in the Big 10 Conference.

"I'm from Montana, despite what you may have read in that paper, and I'm very proud of that. I'm not from Pullman. I was born in Pullman, that's it," Sprinkle said.

"But I take immense pride in being from Montana and representing those people."

Sprinkle's rise from mid-major head coach to leading a power five conference school has been nothing short of meteoric, but he is the first to acknowledge that his own story can't be told without also recognizing his time with MSU.

A two-time all-state player for Helena High School, Sprinkle's sole Division I offer to continue playing basketball came from MSU. During his time at MSU, he garnered a reputation as a sharpshooter from the three-point line and helped propel his team to the 1996 NCAA Tournament. When he graduated, he was the school's seventh all-time leading scorer.

Post graduation, Sprinkle spent 19 years as an assistant coach, bouncing between roles at Cal State Northridge, MSU and Cal State Fullerton.

His success in his playing career and his time as an assistant coach played key roles in landing Sprinkle his first head coaching job at MSU in 2019. "I went in the arena and looked up at the rafters and one thing I noticed was that it had been a long time since the Bobcats had been to the NCAA Tournament. I had been at two schools,

Northern Iowa and South Dakota State, where they had success in basketball and had gone to the tournament. You could see what that success in basketball and the result of going to the tournament did for the department but also the university," Director of Athletics Leon Costello said. "It's just a big deal to do that. I think with where our basketball program was, hiring Danny, I don't want to say it was a no-brainer but it was kind of a no-brainer just because he was an alum, he had been in the coaching business a long time, it was kind of his turn."

In the four years that followed, Sprinkle and MSU enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship and a historic period of success, including two straight NCAA Tournament appearances. That success placed Sprinkle on the coaching map and eventually helped him land a job at Utah State, but it also cemented MSU as a mid-major basketball destination.

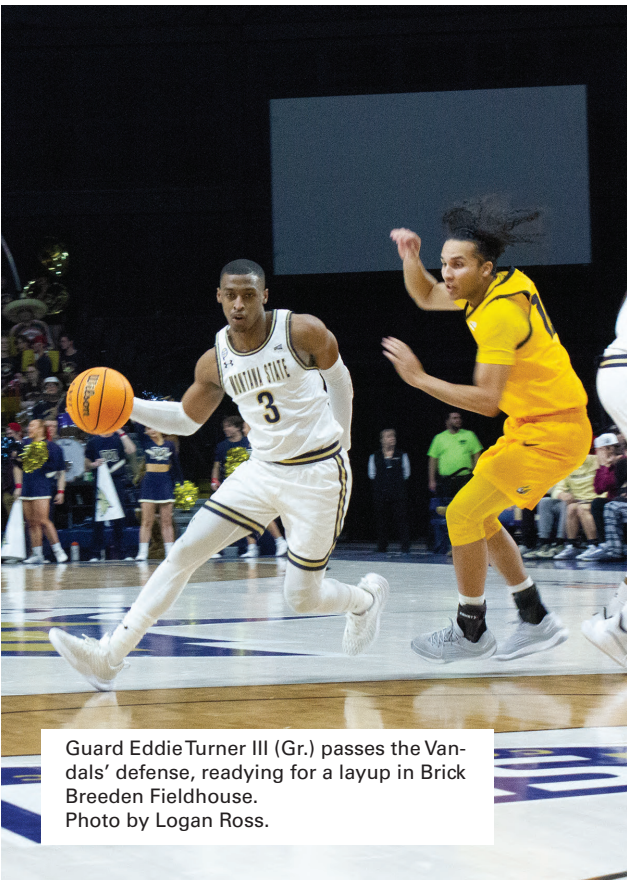
"I'm not going to lie, I watched a lot of Utah State games this year and every time they talked about Danny, every time they talked about Great [Osobor] and Dari-

us [Brown II], they mentioned Montana State. I think for us, it says a lot about where our basketball program has come. We've had a lot of great success here recently and we are continuing that under Coach Logie. To be honest, I think having Danny here and accomplishing what he did enabled us to hire somebody of Coach Logie's expertise, somebody that had been a head coach for that long, had that much success," Costello said. "It just put us on another level, and I'll always thank him for that."

Sprinkle and the Utah State Aggies took the Mountain West conference by storm. Despite being projected in a

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-Danny Sprinkle



Guard Eddie Turner III (Gr.) passes the Vandals' defense, readying for a layup in Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.
Photo by Logan Ross.

coach is nothing short of shocking. When asked if he had ever seen a coach ascend this fast in any sport, Costello laughed at the impossibility of what had happened.

"Not this fast, no, not this fast. I'd like to tell you, oh yeah, we saw this coming, but it's been pretty amazing to watch," Costello said. "In his four years here, I thought what he did was pretty amazing. It takes a while to build a program, to build a culture, but he did that really, really fast. We hated to lose him anytime, but then to watch how he put his plan in place at Utah State and then to watch it all year long and the success that they had. You just knew that he was bound for something big. Did I think it would happen in a year's time? Heck no."

Now, Costello will be watching the progress of Sprinkle as he takes over at Washington. He has no doubts that the process and skills Sprinkle honed at MSU will translate to a higher level.

"He's just a great person who is very highly competitive, that wants to win and wants to win at the highest level. He's going to do everything in his power to make sure that he will continue to win. When you have a great person who surrounds himself with great people, the sky is the limit for what you can accomplish and he's really great at that," Costello said. "He's probably the master at that."



Coach Danny Sprinkle.
Photo courtesy of MSU Athletics.

preseason poll to finish 9th, the Aggies won their conference outright. It was an improbable run that ended in the second round of the NCAA Tournament this year, but the seeds of what made it possible were visible during his time at MSU.

According to Costello, one of the major components of Sprinkle's success is his ability to connect and build relationships with the people around him. "With the transfer portal and NIL, if you are going to build a roster and retain that roster you have to have a relationship with them and he's one of the best at it. I think he can coach the way he wants to coach because the student athletes know it's coming from a place of love," Costello said.

"They know what he's trying to do for them is make them the best basketball player they can be but also, in return, the lessons they're learning on the basketball court helps them become the best person that they can be. They know that from day one when they come in to play for him and that relationship starts really early and develops throughout the course of the year and years that he has them around.

I think every student athlete that has played for him would probably say the same thing."

Even for people who watched closely as Sprinkle strengthened the culture at MSU, his rise to a power five



Forward Brandon Walker (So.) attempts a jump shot over the Vandals in Brick Breeden Field House on Saturday, Feb. 3.
Photo by Logan Ross.

48th annual American Indian Council Powwow celebrates unity

BY MOLLY HOUSER

In the blue bleachers of the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, women lovingly braided their daughters' hair. Some used otter skin hair ties to secure the braids, while others sewed finishing touches on beaded dresses with needle and thread. Men fastened headdresses, some comprised of intricate beading, while others were adorned with deer or otter fur and most featured eagle feathers attached to the top of the headpiece. Through this simple yet meaningful ritual of communal dressing, a profound bond to the community was evident.

The 48th annual American Indian Council (AIC) Powwow kicked off on Friday, Mar. 29 at 6 p.m. and went through Saturday. Powwows are a celebration of Indigenous culture, where community members from various tribes and nations gather to dance, sing and honor traditions. The celebrations often feature dance and drum circle competitions, royalty pageants and a variety of cultural cuisine.

The event was put on by students and faculty in the AIC, who worked diligently to coordinate dancers, singers, vendors and community members. Treasurer for the council, freshman Tracee Burland, explained what the Powwow means to her.

"I am the treasurer for the [AIC]," Burland said. "It's been an amazing journey. I am Salish and Kootenai. My father is adopted, so I never really grew up with my heritage until I moved here. I am still learning and I am loving every experience. Getting to do this with my best friends is [the highlight]."

On Friday, the first session began after dancer and drum competition registration. At 6 p.m., the grand entry commenced with a blessing of the arena and an opening prayer read by an elder in the community. Following the prayer, all dancers prepared for the "Victory Song" and "Flag Song." An elder in the community entered the dance circle first, carrying an Eagle Staff. Honored veterans followed, holding the American and Canadian flags. AIC students



Dancers during the grand entry at the 48th annual AIC Powwow on Saturday, March 30.
Photo by Ariana Crockett O'Harra.

carried various state and tribal flags as title holders from tribal pageants danced alongside the beginning of the procession. Then, all registered dancers joined in order of their dance categories. After the grand entry was completed, the competitions began.

Zenaida Arroyo and Daniel Scholfield heard about the Powwow held in Bozeman from word of mouth and Facebook. The duo traveled from California to compete in dance and connect with members of their community.

"My dance is called the Jingle Dress dance," Arroyo said. "The dance is a healing dance. The cones on my dress provide healing for those who need it. It comes from [the] Ojibwa people, around the Great Lakes area. I am from the Ojibwa people, and I have been dancing it since I could walk. My family all dances this dance."

The Jingle Dress dance is identified by the rolled metal cones sewed onto the skirt, often created from chewing tobacco lids. The dance features light footwork and a gentle, graceful sway to the beat of the drum groups. The women often hold and raise a feather fan in salute to the drum.

Similarly, Scholfield said he grew up dancing in his specific style of traditional dance and

resonates with the history behind the category.

"Men's fancy dance originated from Oklahoma, from the Punca people," Scholfield said. "It began in the Wild West shows. The dance is based on a horse galloping, which is why we wear the angora furs on the bottoms. It was originally in Buffalo Bill shows. My family dances in this category, I grew up with it. I love it, and you have to be really athletic to do it."

In the stands, Osamuskwasis Roan, who is from Alberta, secured the final touches to her dress while waiting for the women's Jingle Dress competition to begin. The top of her teal dress featured various floral patterns, with the jingles sewn in horizontal rows on the bottom. She wore beaded pinkish-red strawberry earrings.

"I designed my dress last year," Roan said. "Last year, I was going through health problems, so I wanted to make the dress to heal myself as I dance. It is a representation of myself and my family. All the designs on my dress are Cree florals. [Cree women] wear strawberries to represent womanhood."

On the arena floor, MSU junior Ryan Old Crow watched dancers with fellow drum circle teammates as they waited for their turn to play.

"A drum circle is a very sacred space for men,"

Old Crow said. “We sing our songs for dancers. I grew up around [powwows], my brother sings and he is the one who introduced [me to] it.”

According to Old Crow, the MSU Bobcat Singers group took a brief hiatus but has been revived this year by the new council members.

“We weren’t good at all when we first started,” Old Crow said. “We have been practicing consistently over the last year. [The most challenging part] is not losing your voice. When you sing with your throat, you lose your voice. You have to learn to sing with your stomach and your diaphragm.”

To the west of the dance area, various vendors set up stands to sell handmade artwork. MSU senior Kayla Kujaczynski is an artist and enrolled member in the Chippewa-Cree tribe. She drew the artwork for the 2024 Powwow poster and set up a pop-up shop to sell her art with her mom, Stefanie.

“I primarily do ledger art,” Kujaczynski said. “I do my best to capture Indigenous beauty and try to honor my people through my work. Art is what I feel connects me best to my people. It helps me express myself and my Indigenous identity to people who may not be familiar with Indigenous people.”

Kujaczynski and her mom run a shop through Etsy called Twisted Feathers Shop, where they sell stickers, clothing and Kujaczynski’s ledger art.

Alongside booths showcasing Indigenous

“Last year, I was going through health problems, so I wanted to make the dress to heal myself as I dance. It is a representation of myself and my family.”

- Osamuskwasia Roan

artists, numerous organizations who collaborate with Native communities establish informational stalls throughout the arena. Some included MT 988, Western Native Voices — an organization that advocates for Native peoples to register to vote — and the Helena Indian Alliance — a community health center based out of Helena.

Next to the announcer stage, Indigenous Peoples’ Day Montana sold t-shirts, hats and artwork. The Montana-based initiative focuses on changing Columbus Day to better honor Native peoples. Additionally, the booth offered a sign-up sheet for a developing Women’s Self Defense Workshop, put together by the Fierce Women Warrior’s Society.

The Fierce Women Warrior’s Society is a non-profit established in 2019 by a multi-generational group of Native women, who aimed to combat rising statistics of missing and murdered Indigenous women in Montana.

“It’s about raising awareness for domestic violence,” member Marsha Small said. “It encourages us to heal and move forward.”

The group’s current projects focus on the prevention of violence against Native women, offering resources and support to those who seek it. To donate or to find information about the self-defense workshops, visit www.thefiercewomenwarriorsociety.com.

“Know your culture,” Small said. “But learn from others as well.”



Dancers during the grand entry at the 48th annual AIC Powwow on Saturday, March 30.
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MSU commemorates the late I-Ho Pomeroy with honorary doctorate

BY MAGGIE TOWNSEND

I-Ho Pomeroy, owner of local restaurant I-Ho's Korean Grill, former city commissioner and cherished community member, passed away peacefully in her home on March 12.

Her absence has been felt by those who knew and loved her, and it was recently announced that she would receive an posthumous honorary doctorate in humane letters at spring commencement from MSU.

"When an individual is considered for an honorary doctorate, what happens is a nomination will go forward from anyone in the community, and then that nomination is reviewed by a committee that involves a whole bunch of faculty members who will forward that community member's name on to a vote among the general faculty, and then upon the recommendation of the faculty and the president, the nomination then goes on to the Board of Regents and the Montana University System who will eventually vote on the nominations," university spokesperson Michael Becker said.

I-Ho's nomination was submitted and reviewed at the most recent meeting in March with a letter of support written by MSU President Waded Cruzado. "The president has known I-Ho for a while, and I think everyone who's lived in Bozeman for a while has heard of her and is familiar with the philanthropy

and community support and the community service that she's put into this town, and her support of MSU," Becker said.

I-Ho will be honored at one of the two graduation services this coming May with a video of interviews from those who knew her to properly celebrate her contributions to Bozeman and MSU. I-Ho was the first immigrant and woman of color to serve on Bozeman's city commission. She frequently spoke on entrepreneurship panels on campus. "She was known for her generosity, for her humanity and her empathy for others, for her long run of raising money for different causes — disaster relief, charities — through her restaurant," Becker said.

"You know how when you're in school everybody tells you that you can make a difference in people's lives, you know, be nice to everybody because you don't know if they're having a hard time and you might make a positive impact on people's life? She lived that. She made a positive impact on people that she never even met," Pomeroy's daughter, Jin-Ju Jahns said.

Jahns says that the family has been receiving a massive amount of support from the community. "We're getting cards now, from friends and family, as well as people who never even met her, but still somehow people were

impacted by her life in Bozeman and they're really lovely cards," Jahns said.

Bozeman has so much to thank I-Ho for, after all her service to the city. "She's just been there as such an integral part of Bozeman's community for so long and she's contributed a lot and this honorary degree recognizes that; it's the highest honor MSU can bestow and I'm very glad to be able to give it to her," Becker said.

Jahns hopes that people can remember her mother by learning a thing or two from her. "Try to live like she did, always try to find the good in other people, always be respectful and kind, stay positive, and she always believed that the world is a good place. Our world is a bit depressing at the moment, and I think it's quite easy to find the negative, but even at the end, she was still finding a way to laugh and find joy every day," Jahns said.



The outside of I-Ho's Korean Grill is pictured on Main St. Photo by Cheyanne Kerns.

Bozeman's Dying Mall Culture

BY HOLT BURGE

Shopping malls were at peak popularity from the 1980s up until the early 2000s, according to Business Insider. Just 20 years later, they are no longer the social centers of the populace. This is partially a result of the boom in online food delivery and shopping since the COVID-19 pandemic. People are just not as willing to window shop for hours on end when they can have a more streamlined experience on a laptop.

Another issue — which is more obvious in the Gallatin Valley Mall — is that the shop variety attracts both higher-end tourists and college students, which splits the potential audience. Ultimately, malls will develop to cater toward the market they can make money from. As the Gallatin Valley Mall rebrands to Gallatin Crossing, are the mall owners willing to preserve a culture over their ever-increasing bottom line?

The point of a mall is to exist as a space where people can socialize, as well as experience a convenient space for walking, talking, and some side shopping. The Gallatin Valley Mall is fortunate because it offers both a movie theater and a bookstore, which pulls college students to the mall for its intended use as a social space. It is the gravy to the proverbial mashed potatoes. The problem is that currently there are too many stores in the mall that do not cater toward the people who most often walk in them. High-end jewelry stores and Montana gift shops do not exactly appeal to the majority of college students. The mall could have been a space for the youth to define a culture, but it is increasingly obvious that the Gallatin Valley Mall is done functioning as a traditional mall.

In Feb. 2023, phase one of the Gallatin Valley Mall redevelopment was completed with the opening of Whole Foods Market. This addition adds another layer of ambiguity when it comes to whether the Gallatin Valley Mall is attempting to serve as a mall. The majority of the redevelopment plans so far are not associated with making the main

experience of youthful independence that malls provide. Wolf Hanson, a senior in art education, said that “[the mall closing] affects college students, but more importantly takes away culture from high schoolers.” She also commented on the difficulty of “losing nostalgia” for a place. She reflected that in the past she would “hang out with friends and go to Spencer’s or Joanne’s,” but that those visits are sparse now.

The adoption of high-end stores and a movement away from affordability pushes out the college students. The modernization of their values ultimately leads to an economic business model that leaves no room for the generational nostalgia of hot pretzels and arcade cabinets.

The mall's future is uncertain, but it is clear that students have already begun to no longer see the mall as a place for social gathering. The remodel is further saturating a market of tourism that is already overflowing in Bozeman. Focusing on stores such as Whole Foods limits the availability for interesting local shops in

the future. After generations, it seems like the mall is destined to slowly disappear — but we can still enjoy it while it lasts.



building more appealing to customers. In Sept. 2022, the pathway connecting the shopping center to the Barnes & Noble began demolition, influencing the walkability of the shopping center. As of last year, phase two of the redevelopment is underway seeking to create a place for high-end retail, entertainment, medical services and groceries. By the end of phase two, the Gallatin Valley Mall will cease to exist as it rebrands to Gallatin Crossing.

The abandonment and loss of malls across the U.S. is no surprise and seems like a natural economic decision. The issue is that it takes away from the

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SUB 183 @ 9:00 - 10:00 A.M.
This event offers students the opportunity to engage with Dean Miller in an informal setting, discussing ideas, concerns and enjoy delicious donuts and coffee.

LET'S EXPLORE! MOVING FROM UNDECIDED TO DECIDED — MAJOR EXPLORATION
143 GAINES HALL @ 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Spend an hour with University Studies Academic Advisors exploring MSU's major exploration tools and resources. If you have a laptop or tablet, please bring it with you.

THYME BISTRO
HANNON RESIDENCE HALL @ 11:00 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).

MENTOR MAPPING WITH THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
SUB 236 @ 12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Learn how to diversify your mentorship to address power dynamics and improve well being and overall education. Open to all graduate students.

NACOE-ROTC COMMUNITY 5K RUCK MARCH
CENTENNIAL MALL @ 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Join ROTC for a Ruck March Benefiting Bounty of the Bridgers Food Pantry

SERVICE SATURDAY
SUB 222 @ 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Volunteer some time to the community by participating in this month's Service Saturday at the Eagle Mount, Big Sky Youth Empowerment, or Valley of the Flowers. Check in starts at 9:30 a.m.

MSU SCHOOL OF MUSIC AT THE SHANE CENTER
SHANE CENTER, LIVINGSTON @ 3:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Explore the world of the MSU School of Music with guest saxophonist Wonki Lee.

CABINETS OF CURIOSITY
THE STORY MANSION @ 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Immerse yourself in the curious collections of the "Raven's Eye Society," a fictional club of collectors who traveled our world and beyond to create their cabinets. Beautiful and interactive, the nine cabinets on display were created by real MT artists.

MON 08

HONORS PRESENTS: PATTERNS, PATTERNS EVERYWHERE
GAINES HALL, 143 @ 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
The natural world displays a vast gallery of beautiful patterns. Surprisingly, the underlying causes for all of these phenomena can often be understood from the same scientific viewpoint. In this talk, we will discuss these patterns and the history of how scientists understand them.

CHANGEMAKERS IN HEALTHCARE PANEL
INSPIRATION HALL @ 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
A panel discussion to gain an understanding of what it takes to create a profound impact in your community from various healthcare leaders.

SWINGCATS DANCE LESSON
LEWIS HALL, 306 @ 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Come jump, jive and groove with Swingcats! Swing Cat is MSU's vintage swing dance club that teaches students how to dance like they're in the 1920s with free lessons and social dances.

WALLEYE WORKSHOP PRESENTATION
NORM HALL @ 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Chester Floyd and Seth Morris from the Meat Eater group will be joining BHA and Odigos club on campus to give students the inside scoop on walleye fishing in Montana.

DEEP LEARNING ONRAMP PARTY
ROBERTS HALL @ 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
An introduction to deep learning with MATLAB. Come grab pizza and merch while you improve your MATLAB skills.

CAA-TAPALOZA INFORMATION AND STUDENT CLUB FAIR
CHEEVER HALL @ 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Open to all majors! College of Arts & Architecture info fair with CAA student guilds and clubs.

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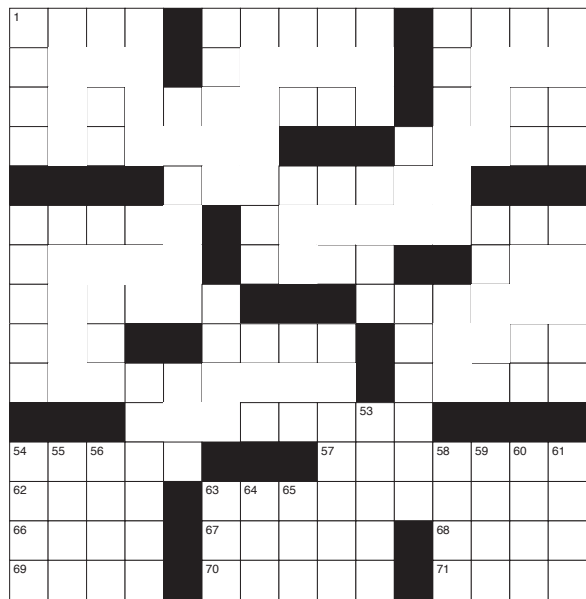
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Across

- Country singer Williams
- Backed away from the shore
- Hosp. tests
- In ____ (even)
- "Beavis and Butt-Head" spinoff
- Tide variety
- Closely together
- Golfer Lindley
- Jordan, once
- Felt feverish
- Intro to a vague estimate
- Of a section
- Single-minded
- Ones with high IQs
- "Cats" director Trevor
- "____ have to repeat myself?"
- Quick glance
- Hoodwinked
- For every
- "Raiders of the Lost Ark" villain
- Voice one's view

Down

- Violinist Hilary
- Run ____ (alternative to paying as you go)
- 1492 ship
- Vans rival
- Actresses Best and Purviance
- Persian Gulf state
- Neighbor of Arg. and Col.
- German one
- The old man
- Sign up to serve
- Boat's bottom
- Garden entrance
- Surveyor's nail
- Not perfectly vertical, font-wise
- Doofus
- Serengeti beast
- Sailor's org.
- ____, zwei, drei...
- In awe, visibly
- Disgust
- January, in Juarez
- Football filler
- 19th-century actor ____ Booth
- Without stopping
- Shoreline fluxes
- "Do ____ others..."
- Jones and O'Donnell
- Nail polish brand
- Word with foreign or financial
- Actress Saldana
- On hand
- Stoop
- Speech fillers
- Man and Capri, e.g.
- Edwards and others, briefly
- Actor Hill of "The West Wing"
- "____ it!" (outfielder's cry)
- ____-Tass (Russian news agency)
- "Ratatouille" rat
- Jeff Bridges film
- Nostalgic song ending
- Aggies' sch.
- Con's opposite
- Post ____

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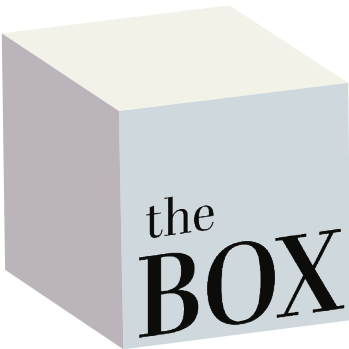
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What's one thing you're grateful for?

When the chips get stuck and the vending machine freaks out and gives you two bags

When it snows but the snowflakes are super fat

Men

Access to education

Vodka

Yerba

Ice cold Coca-Cola

My friend Cooper

Shirts with big puffy sleeves so I can pretend I'm a pirate

Women

Nonbinary individuals

When you're walking in the grass and see the little spring flowers trying to grow out of the half-frozen soil

Watching the birds build their nests

The ability to disassociate

The fruity little leprechaun on the Lucky Charms box

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I can hear you.