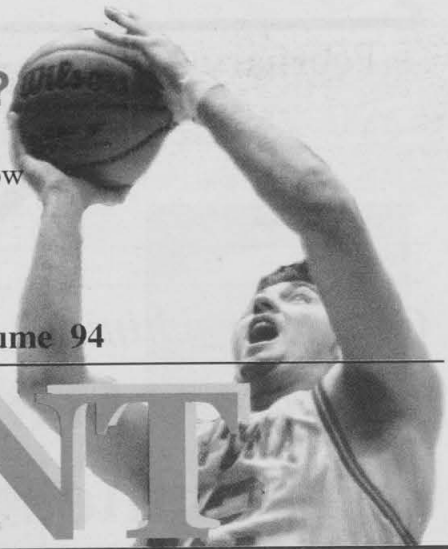


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Cat Cab promises safe rides for MSU

son Lehmann
ponent News Editor

Rising concerns about students drinking and driving have prompted several organizations to offer Cat Cab,

service for students who need a designated driver to take them home.

ASMSU and Student Wellness, in conjunction with the Alley Cab company, began the low-fee service to provide designated drivers for MSU students.

"It's a safe ride home if you've been drinking or if you don't want to drive home."

—John Johnson, ASMSU senator

Cat Cab will be operating this Saturday after the 'Cat/Griz' game. The phone number for Cat Cab is 388-9999 and it costs only \$1.

driver program available for students.

ASMSU hopes to have Cat Cab running every Friday and Saturday by next fall, but only if enough funding is provided. Johnson said possible sources of funding could be the DUI

Task Force, the Parent's Association and possibly an athletics grant.

Johnson felt there was a need for the program, saying "As far as people driving home from the bars drunk, I think there is a problem. There are a lot of people who don't take precautions. It's a really awesome program."

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Annual ASMSU budgeting process gets underway

aniel Fox
ponent Writer

As the ASMSU Senate prepares their annual ASMSU operating budget, which provides funding for the 25 ASMSU committees, they're finding themselves a little light on cash.

According to ASMSU President Pro-Tempore James Stenzel, student funding is between \$15,000 and \$25,000 lower than last year's budget of \$750,000.

ASMSU appropriates money to campus groups that include the MSU Day Care School, KGLT radio, Lively Arts and Lectures, concerts and others. The process of budget finalization takes about three weeks and involves much negotiation between groups competing for the limited funds.

According to ASMSU Business Manager Erin Pasha, arriving at the significantly smaller budget was primarily based on projected student enrollment and the activity fees it generates for ASMSU.

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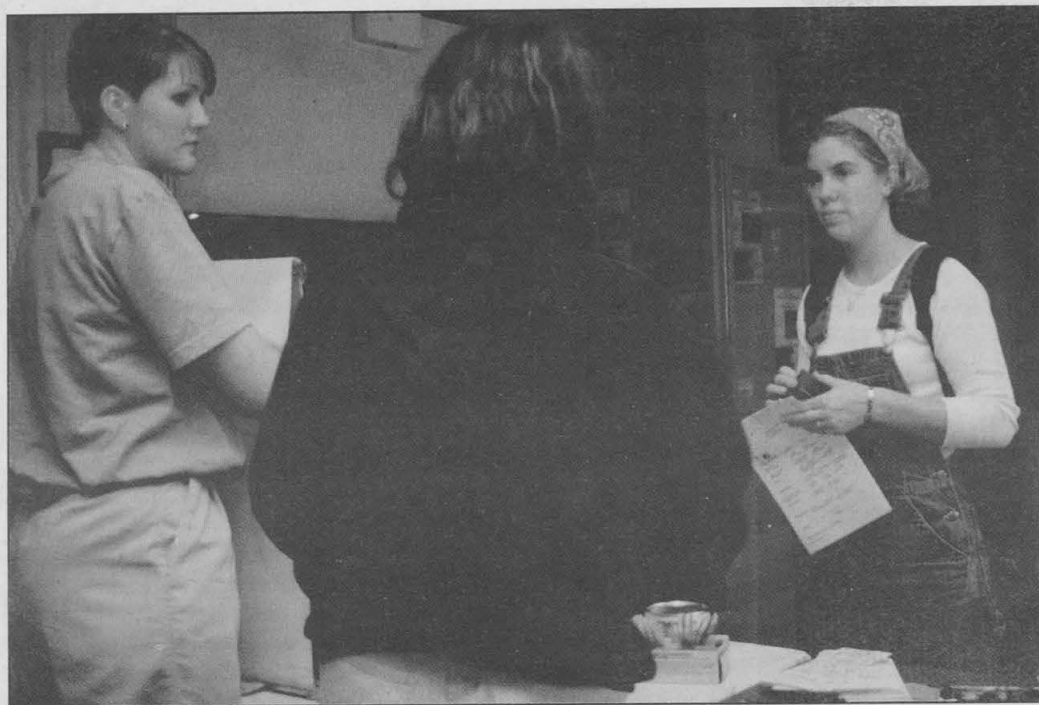


Photo by Jay Thane

An MSU student checks out one of the many non-profit organizations during Into the Streets yesterday.

Students find volunteering opportunities at Into the Streets

Marcus T. Hibdon
Exponent Editor

In spite of childhood warnings to stay out of the street, over 300 MSU students volunteered to assist non-profit organizations during the Office for Community Involvement's biannual Into the Streets community service fair Wednesday and Thursday.

With 21 agencies participating in the event, Director Kathy Tanner said the event was a success.

"Student turnout was good," she said. "Based on the sheets we received from the non-profit agencies, we had over 300 students. That's a good number for the spring."

The event is designed to introduce MSU students to various community service opportunities and to allow non-profit organizations to attract student volunteers. According to Tanner, Into the Streets is mutually beneficial for both students and non-profit agencies.

"As nice as it is to be on campus with your

friends, there are some wonderful people in the community that our students are never exposed to," Tanner said in an earlier interview. "By going out and getting involved they will have the opportunity to meet these people. I've seen some very strong relationships develop—it's one of the silent benefits most people don't see."

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—Kathy Tanner, director of the office for community involvement

one month doesn't mean they don't have a need for volunteers," she said.

Although the next Into the Streets will not happen until next fall, Tanner said there are still plenty of volunteer opportunities in Bozeman. Interested students can contact the Office for Community Involvement for more information or check the Volunteer Classifieds and Community Calendar published monthly. However, Tanner said checking with her office regularly assures students will be aware of new opportunities.

"Just because an organization doesn't have a listing with our office

The Exponent

A tribute for deceased MSU President Mike Malone will be held Tuesday February 8. All MSU students are invited to attend. Be sure to see Tuesday issue for the Exponent's memorial to our lost President.

Quit your whining!

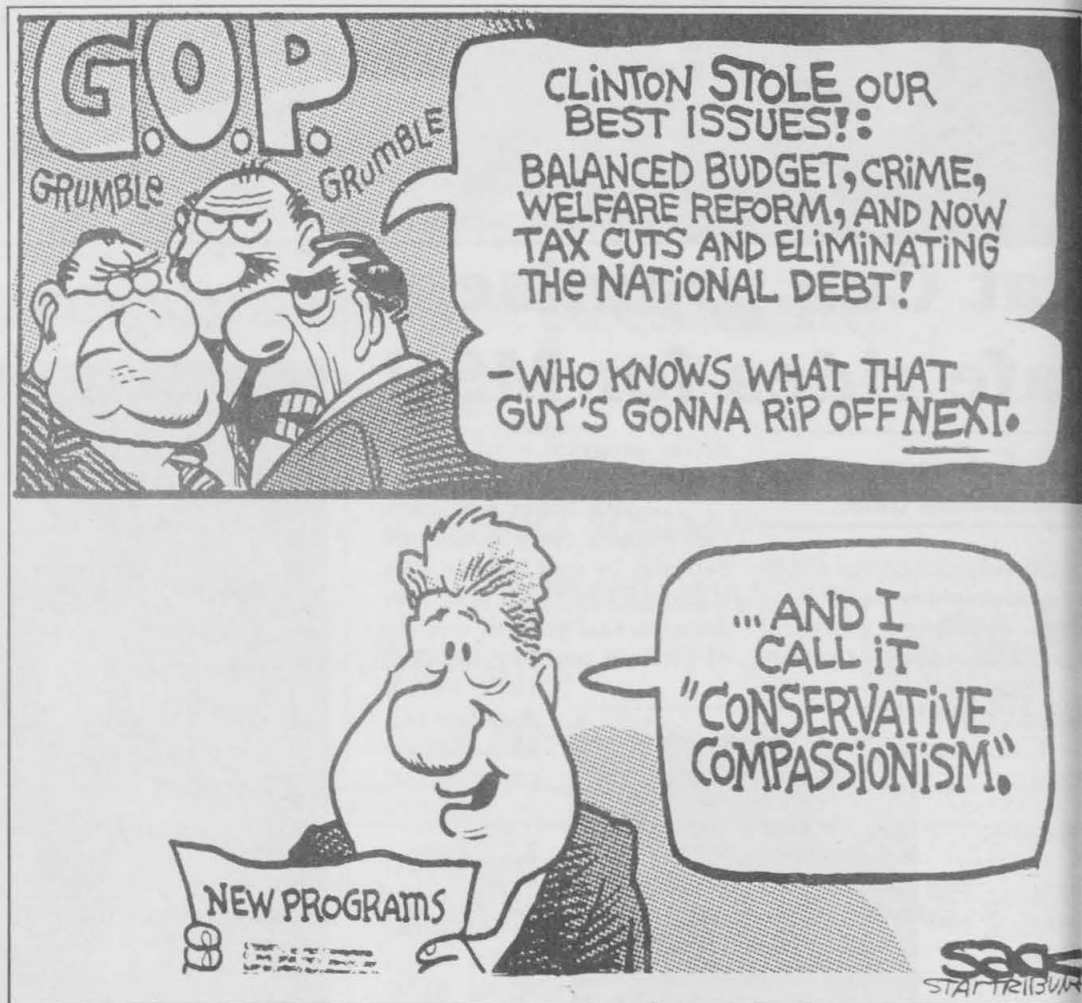
Exponent columnist misses the mark on parking 'problem'

To the Editor:

I am writing to you regarding the ridiculous column written by Joe Spangler in the Jan. 28 issue. He and others are complaining about this supposed "Parking Problem" here at MSU. I'm sorry but there is NO parking problem here at MSU. These people don't know how good they've got it! The problem lies in self-LAZINESS. These people arrive here for class maybe 5-10 minutes early and expect to have their own private parking space right next to their class. Well, you know what, behind the Fieldhouse always has plenty of spaces available for you people running late—but Oh...I forgot, you're just too good to walk for less than 5 minutes in your busy schedule. No, it just boils down to plain laziness on your part. Quit playing the blame game. Try going to even just a junior college in southern

California and you'll quickly see just what a parking problem looks like. Or, if you want to build your parking garage get ready to pay about five times as much for your decal than what you do right now. A basic parking garage is very expensive with each space costing about \$5000 each! But if you insist on having a huge ugly garage in the middle of campus so your precious little feet don't get tender from walking, go ahead, but get ready to reap the consequences. As for you visitors to the college, paying \$1 per day to park is not going to break the bank! You can't park for free "all day" at any major university across the US. So...to all you complaining people out there—QUIT PLAYING THE BLAME GAME AND QUIT COMPLAINING!

Tim Fulton
MSU Staff/Student



Fee at last? Cost of Athletics too high for some

The "Cat/Griz" football showdown is always a safe bet for an entertaining day. Not only do students have an excuse to get plowed, they also have an excuse to spend a day outside, rain or shine. And it's free, in a manner of speaking. At least most students *think* it's free.

The \$30 Athletic Fee, a mandatory fee for students taking seven credits or more, that is used to support the Bobcat athletic program, can be found among the list of fees on most tuition bills. The benefits are outstanding. Free tickets for all sporting events and the use of all gym facilities, including racquetball, basketball and weight lifting, are just some of the benefits reaped from the fee. It's quite a bang for the buck when compared to any local gym or athletic club.

The \$30 fee, however, becomes nothing more than a nuisance when you can't get game day tickets because they sold out; or if the weight room and playing courts are too crowded on the one day you want to work out.

What if your interests have nothing at all to do with attending an MSU sporting event or using the gym facilities? It should be no surprise that there are many students who couldn't care less about working out or watching games. Should all students be forced to pay a fee for services that only some use?

In 1994, MSU issued a vote to students—a vote on the implementation of an athletic fee. The students turned it down. Blatantly ignoring the students' wishes, high-level MSU administration and the Board of Regents passed the mandatory athletic fee anyway. What was the point of issuing a vote if it was only to be disregarded by the very

people proposing it? The MSU Athletics Department estimates there are some 4,000 to 5,000 student tickets available for football games and some 2,000 available for basketball games. Obviously this is not enough to seat the 9,709 full-time students who pay the athletic fee. It becomes glaringly obvious when ticket lines stretch hours long for popular games. And even after the wait, some students go home empty handed, forced to buy tickets from Athletics to see the fabled games. (Allow me to ask the students who *paid* for their Cat/Griz football tickets this year a question: Was it worth it?)

Nonetheless, the Athletic Department does take measures to open more seats to those crowded game days either by adding portable seating or giving non-student seats to students. Even then, there still aren't enough seats for everyone.

Perhaps the athletic fee should be discontinued entirely.

In 1998, the Athletic Department took in \$577,783 from student athletic fees, of their total budget of \$5,665,062. The feasibility of the Athletics program *without* the fees must be examined. Would athletics be able to survive? After all, if the budget information is correct, the fees make up approximately 10 percent of the budget. That's a fair chunk of money. It's hard to say what would happen if the athletic fee were discontinued entirely. Athletics would probably go far under the current debt, but seeing how students didn't want a fee to begin with, maybe that wouldn't be such a horrible fate.

Why *shouldn't* students have to pay an athletic fee? After all, students pay several other worthless fees on their tuition bills. For instance, students pay a computer fee, a student equipment fee,



Joe Spangler
Exponent Columnist

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Q of the U: If the athletic fee of \$30 was voluntary, would you pay it?

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"No. I don't use any of the facilities; I don't go to the games. It means a whole lot of nothing to me."

Chauncy Whitworth
Junior
Electrical Engineering



"Yes. If it's all included in one lump sum, it doesn't make any difference. If I have to shell it out myself, it makes a difference."

Jessica Hendryx
Sophomore
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"No. I pay enough at this school anyway. I'd rather not."

Trent Denson
House Painter



"Yes. I'd pay it either way because I utilize the facilities. If you volunteered to pay it, it would be more motivation to use it."

Aaron Haffey
Sophomore
General Studies



"No. I would not pay it. Our teams suck. We're terrible. When was the last time we won anything?"

Brad Westphal
Senior
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Athletics: Unpopular fee should be optional

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fee, a few ASMSU fees, and a network service fee, which brought the Banner system (widely acknowledged to suck), to MSU. All this added to tuition.

Interestingly enough, there is one fee that can be waived—the student medical insurance fee. Students may petition the fee with proof of other medical insurance. Perhaps all of these fees should be petitionable.

In 1994, the \$30 fee was proposed by athletics due to budgeting concerns. In other words, they were in the red. This year the Athletics Department will

probably be in the red again, not because of lack of student support, but because of the shiny new stadium that sits across Kagy street from the university, and the newly renovated Fieldhouse. Strange that the renovations didn't include seating for all students. Once again, the students will pay for it whether they like it or not.

It doesn't make sense to force students to pay fees that can't even come close to benefiting even half of the student body. Paying the athletic fee should be an option for all students attending MSU.

The facts of this story leave

big, gaping holes in the viability of the school's decision. The fact that the students voted down the fee increase stands by itself against a mandatory athletic fee. The fact that the fee is a rip-off for some students leaves room for question. Furthermore, athletics has little to do with an educational institution or receiving a degree.

So, the next time you are stuck in traffic after a football game you haven't been to, think of the MSU administration's compromised ethics towards its students and remember that the students were not allowed a choice—once again.



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Budget: Senate projects cuts for ASMSU committees

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She said, however, the Senate did use figures from Treasurer Tom Gibson's analysis of what he expects ASMSU to generate through student fees next year. Every MSU student registered for seven or more credits pays a \$45 student activity fee to fund the ASMSU committee.

"We're picking a number out of the sky basically," Pasha said. "We're trying to be conservative."

According to ASMSU Vice President Kira Kuntz, last year ASMSU over projected the enrollment at MSU. As a result, they will be forced to draw money from the Reserve account, a contingency account used to pay for unexpected expenditures. This year, Senate's projection of income will be more conservative, Kuntz said.

"We are budgeting conservatively this year so that next year we won't have to take money out of reserve," she said.

According to Stenzel, the purpose of budgeting is for Senate to make sure student dollars are spent wisely.

"We look at what we're financially able to give to each committee. The university is under funded as a whole ... so we have to balance the wants and needs of each committee and try to find things that students get the most benefit from," Stenzel said.

Pasha said the most



Photo by Jay Thane

(Left to right) ASMSU Business Manager Erin Pasha and Assistant Business Manager Andrea Marable look over the Senate agenda during last night's ASMSU Senate Meeting. The senate meetings are held at 6 p.m. Thursdays in SUB room 106 E, and are open to the public.

difficult aspect for the ASMSU committees is enduring cuts of their operating budgets by the Senate. She said most committees will face budget cuts.

"We're going to have to cut \$100,000 off of what was submitted by the committees. ... I would certainly expect to see Campus Entertainment, the *Exponent* and KGLT to get

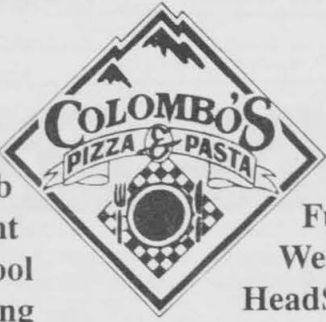
cut."

But Pasha said there isn't too much to get concerned about as most committees inflate their expected operating budget in anticipation of the cuts. "We have to go through their budget, each line item to see what they get."

If the whole process of budgeting seems draconian,

Stenzel assures students that ASMSU really does try to give students the best deals they can on campus events.

"Services we charge for are to cover our own expenses," Stenzel said. "If we make money on a concert we consider it a bad thing because that means we could have charged lower ticket prices."

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Feb. 5

The Cat Cab will be available after the Cat/Griz game this Saturday. Cost is \$1 and your One Card. Cabs can be reached at 388-9999. Call for a safe and sober ride home. Sponsored by ASMSU and All Valley Cab Co.

Feb. 11

Q-MSU, a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender student organization at MSU is sponsoring a film festival entitled "Exposure." Local and national filmmakers will be highlighted in this film festival. The event will be held Friday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. in SUB Ballroom D and Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in SUB Ballroom D. For more info about Q-MSU and the film festival call 994-4551.

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Bad-ass bluegrass



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Yonder Mountain String Band's Jeff Austin wails on the mandolin as the Boulder, Colo. -based band gets the audience moving with their energetic bluegrass jams Wednesday night at the Cat's Paw.

'Eye of the Beholder' has blurred vision

by Katie Parsons
Exponent Writer

Clarity and cohesion are not friends of the newly released "Eye of the Beholder," a jumbled and disarranged project by film maker Stephen Elliott. Though the film brought some interesting and experimental elements to the big screen, it proved to be a little too disjointed.

Ashley Judd is Joanna Eris, a beautiful woman with some serious issues. She was abandoned by her father in her childhood years, an event that spawned a very unpleasant cycle later in her life.

Joanna's tragic past leads her to murder man after man as what appears to be bloody revenge on the whole male race.

Ewan McGregor is "The Eye," a private detective who is sent on a mission to arrest her. "The Eye" is haunted by the memory of his missing daughter who was taken from him by his estranged wife. Eris and "The Eye" haven't met, but the troubled detective soon becomes entranced by her seductive persona. He is also drawn to her emotionally when he sees her plight as almost a parallel to that of his missing daughter (both were "left" by their fathers). He swears not to leave her, and obsession makes him

a quasi-guardian angel.

"Eye of the Beholder" is not, however, an epic romance or cutesy love story. It's a grim and frightful fairy tale, full of oddities and inconsistencies in plot and story line. The movie was entertaining enough - the plot was quirky and the actors were snazzy. It lost it's pizzazz somewhere in the translation, as it plodded from plot point to plot point. Spurts of intrigue could be found, but seemed muddled in the delivery. Several events and scenes that were intended to rile up the audience seemed unnecessary and inconclusive....not exactly

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Film contests seek creativity

Jason Massad
Exponent Writer

A pair of upcoming film contests are looking for new, visual ideas for their projection machine.

Both are national competitions focusing on student short movies in exchange for cash, prizes and the opportunity to stroll down Melrose and whisper that you make movies.

The first has a feel good bent, but is a tall order - the theme: One Person Can Make a Difference, in five minutes or less for \$3,000.

The film can be any format: documentary, short fiction, melodrama, comic, heart-breaking, drama, animated, etc.

Content is the determining factor with the contest. The second is artistic and technical proficiency.

"As a college professor for some 25 years, I know that college students have the enthusiasm and creativity to make the world a better place. The millennium is a unique time for them to express their ideas," said Father Thomas McSweeney, director of the Christopher, the sponsoring organization. "Our motto is that it is better to light one candle than curse the darkness."

Or "In a lit room no darkness can enter." Or "I am the light. He who followeth me shall have the light of life." It's open for interpretation.

Applications can be found at its New York City website at www.christophers.org/vidform.html, before the June 16, 2000 deadline.

The next competition is a little more wide open. There's no theme, but ZDTV sponsors it and they have a cable channel all about computing technology, the Internet and cyberscene produced in their state of the art studio in San Francisco Cali.

The entries must be of a digital format, so people can vote on them over the net, and two minutes in length - because of download time. The categories for the extremely short movies are ZDTV network promotions, humor, special effects, fiction and documentary.

"The Cam Film Festival is special because it allows anyone, using easily available technology (net cam), to flex their creative muscles and contribute to our programming," said Greg Drebin, ZDTV's senior vice-president of programming and production.

A college cinema category allows for film schools to compete for a non-linear

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- Father Thomas McSweeney, director of the Christopher



Greek honorary society

MSU student receives national scholarship



Photo by Jay Thane

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member Derek Marlin is all smiles after receiving a national scholarship award from the Omega Greek Honorary Society.

Denice Woller
Exponent Writer

The third MSU student in history has recently won an Order of Omega Greek Honorary Society scholarship.

Derek Marlin, president of the MSU Order of Omega Greek Senior Honorary Society, was nominated for the honor by his fellow society members. Marlin then applied for the national scholarship by filling out an application, sending his transcripts and a detailed letter about what he has done through Order of Omega, in college and what he

plans to do in the future. Marlin learned last month that he had been selected to receive one of 50 \$100 dollar scholarships awarded nationwide.

"I was real surprised when I found out," Marlin said. Here the houses are small, unlike Florida and other places where they have 150 people or more in their houses."

Marlin is a member of the fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha, a.k.a. "the Pikes." Currently there are 55 to 60 active members in the fraternity. On Jan. 26 Marlin also turned alumni of Pi Kappa Alpha, meaning

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Cat fans: Stand up and Cheer'

in Costello
Exponent Sports Editor

What an experience. Well, kind of. The Montana State Bobcat men's basketball team is a very good team at home. The players and coaching staff keep the games exciting, writing teams and crowds always raise their level of play and fansmanship when they come into the Brick Breidenfeldhouse and the cheerleaders and dance team members, skimpy outfits and, provide spirited entertainment and cheers between action on the floor.

So what is missing from this experience that leaves me going to Montana State men's basketball games with a taste in my mouth?

We've got a good team, good opponents and good cheer and dance squads. Game night is a fun and entertaining experience, and yet something still remains left out.

Crowd noise. Every team and every coach talks about the decided advantage to playing at home, in front of your own fans, but when fans play the fair-weather game—only cheering when the team is playing well and frankly not cheering that loud—that advantage means nothing.

And, so it goes Bobcat fans, that advantage is almost non-existent within the friendly confines of the fieldhouse.

You are quiet, boring and you make a first half of a basketball game look like a group of math majors meeting in the library to study for a final. The time has come, finally it has well passed, for Bobcat fans to make some noise.

You have been challenged.

And coincidentally, this challenge comes to you on the opening of the biggest home- and weekend of the 'Cat season, which includes a Saturday night match-up with the University of Montana Grizzlies. So you really have no excuse to not rise to the

MSU cagers face big weekend

Bobcats host CSS Hornets, Grizzlies in action-packed weekend

Scott Barbur
Exponent Sports Writer

Well, Montana State basketball fans, weekends just don't get any bigger than this.

The Bobcats (11-9/3-4) will play two home games in less than 24 hours, first facing defense-oriented Cal State-Sacramento (8-9/2-4) on Friday night and then turning around to seek revenge against intrastate rival Montana (9-9/4-3) in the Montana Power 'Cat-Griz classic on Saturday.

The two-game stand is one of the most important the Bobcats will face this season, as it could be a determining factor for post-season play.

It will be a battle of opposites on Friday night as CS-Sacramento brings in the Big Sky's best defense to play Montana State's conference leading offense. The Hornets have held opponents to a conference low 65.4 points per game, but also sport the worst offense, scoring only 61.4 points per game on 38.9 percent shooting. The Bobcats lead the conference in scoring (81.6 ppg), field goal percentage (48.3) and three-point field goal percentage (41.2).

"[CS-Sacramento is] a team that will give you a lot of different looks on defense," said Montana State head coach Mick Durham. "We need to be ready for anything. They are much improved from the team we played last year."

The Bobcats, who are 8-1 at home this season, have the upper hand on the Hornets, who are 0-26 all-time in Big Sky road games and are coming in on a three-game losing streak.

But Durham is not taking Friday's game lightly.

"On the eve of Bobcat-Griz I'm afraid we might look past that game," he said. "We have to make sure we come out and play."

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Junior John Lazosky goes up for a rebound against Portland State last weekend while PSU's Hasan Artharee and an unidentified Viking crash the boards.

Bobcats fall to Cal State Sacramento

MSU women drop to 1-7 in BSC

Exponent Staff

Sephora Scoubes recorded a game-high 22 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to pace Cal State Sacramento to a 71-60 win over Montana State University on Wednesday night.

"We ran into a team that played very well," said MSU head coach Frank McCarthy. "We battled pretty good, but nothing would fall."

Also recording double figures for Cal State Sacramento were Kerri Dunn with 21 points and Nicole Hardaway, who tallied ten points and 11 rebounds.

Montana State, who falls to 5-14 and 1-7 in the Big Sky, was led in the loss by Kelly Martin, who notched a double-

double with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Also in double figures for the Bobcats was sophomore Jennifer Curl, who chipped in 13 points, including a three-of-five effort from three-point range. MSU's leading scorer, Amy Meckling, was held to a season-low five points, converting only 2-of-16 attempts.

"We didn't shoot well, at all," McCarthy said. "We couldn't get anything going inside and we couldn't hit from the perimeter. I thought we played hard, but it wasn't our night."

The Bobcats shot well from the field in the first half, connecting on 41 percent from the floor. MSU held their largest lead of the game at 19-14 at the

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Exponent file photo by Jay Thane

Bobcat Kelly Martin draws contact while going up for a shot against Northern Arizona earlier this season. Martin and the rest of the 'Cats travel to Montana on Sunday.

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MSU adds size, speed with recruits

Exponent Staff

Mike Kramer knows the statistics, the heights and weights, knows all the physical attributes and kudos that his first recruiting class will bring to Montana State next August. But what he likes most about his first recruiting class as Montana State's head coach, are the things that can't be measured.

"The number one asset I looked for in these kids was, 'Do

they have the personality traits we need?' 'Do they enjoy life?' 'Are they leaders in the classroom, on the field, in the weight room?' Those are the things I want to build on. And to a man, every kid's high school coach says that they are among the best people on their team."

The emphasis in Kramer's first recruiting class was on skill position players and speed.

"This class features good speed, good athleticism, competitiveness, the ability to

threaten the end zone on every play," he said. "The linemen we signed are guys with good strength, good athleticism, good explosiveness."

Kramer expects a few of the players to challenge for playing time next fall. "Because of the skill level of this class, there are some players that may have to play next fall. My preference is certainly to have the majority redshirt. All of the junior college kids that we

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Fall: Montana State cold again on the road

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11:13 mark of the first stanza on a three-point field goal by April Andrist. But, with the Bobcats leading 35-32 with 2:45 remaining in the half, the Hornets reeled off an 8-0 run to take a 40-35 advantage into intermission.

CSS opened the second half with a 10-1 run to take their largest lead of the game at 50-36 at the 16:49 mark on a layup by Scoubes. Montana State closed the gap to 57-52 on a Martin jumper

with 7:23 remaining, but would get no closer.

For the game, the Bobcats shot 32 percent from the field, including an icy 25 percent in the second half. MSU also entered the game as the Big Sky's top free-throw shooting team at 73 percent, but converted only 10-of-18 against the Hornets.

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Fans: Improvement can be made on enhancing home-court advantage

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occasion.

All alumni, faculty, staff, students, grecks can take major leaps and bounds in your effort put forth to rooting on the Bobcats. Turn the home court advantage into a loud, fever pitch experience that frustrates opponents into mistakes and bad play. Yes, it can be done.

The Bobcat coaching staff assures that they appreciate the crowds that have been showing up and have been cheering (albeit inaudible at times) at games. That's part of their job. But things can, and should, get better and louder.

From the time the Bobcat band strikes up *Stand up and Cheer*, fans should be up to their feet welcoming the Bobcats to the floor up until the final buzzer sounds, there should be a constant rumble from the crowd. And baskets for the 'Cats, time-outs called by the opponents, big defensive stops and opponent free-throw attempts should elicit standing up and shouting your heads off kind of noise.

If you wish to write this off and stand by the "winning leads to more and louder fans" philosophy, keep in mind the Stanford University men's basketball team. An annual middle-of-the-road team just as recently as the early 1990s has evolved into one of the elite hoops powerhouses in the country. Why?

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No this doesn't mean that crazy, loud fans breed winning? Not necessarily, but it most certainly doesn't hurt.

If you think you already do your part—making enough noise for one person—get louder. Encourage those around to get louder. Start a wave. Stand up and cheer. Or if you think this challenge has been laid at your feet unfairly and you feel you have been wrongly accused of being quiet and boring, don't write a letter, don't complain to your friends. Show up and be loud, really loud, at the games this weekend.

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Exponent Outdoors: A ski trip to Idaho

Sayre Smith
Exponent Outdoors Columnist

Since we all have been blessed with such a tremendous shortage of snow lately, I was forced to seek out a new mountain to ski the weekend before last. On Saturday morning, very early I might add, I found myself crawling out of bed to make the drive up to Grand Targhee with a couple of good friends.

With just a bit of hassle, we made it out of the house and were soon on the road with just one more stop at the grocery store for some rich maple bars and a few

lunch items. I was lucky enough to sleep for most of the drive, so we were up at the mountain before I knew it.

As soon as everybody had strapped in and purchased their lift tickets, we found ourselves on our way up to face nearly eight inches of fresh powder.

Rough, I know. The fog was thick near the base of the mountain, but, catching a ride on the lift, we soon rose up out of the clouds and were able to look back over our shoulders to see mountains off in the distance as they rose up out of the clouds that sat like a smoky sea at their base.

The snow was absolutely

amazing, and we all soon found out how forgiving it really could be when balance was no longer an issue. The deep snow made crossing over from a groomed section of slope to a powdery one quite interesting—throwing your body forward at the transition.

I can't really complain all that much though.

As the weather got better, so did the skiing, but I was beginning to feel the burning of fatigue in my legs. Although it did improve a little, the weather did not clear up as much as I would have liked, but the skiing was not affected. So the rest of the day proved to be just as good as the morning had been.

The final run of the day came and went, and once again we found ourselves back on the road, with only one scheduled stop left to make—the hot springs. Damn, did that feel good.

I probably could have stayed in the water all night long if the smell of rotten eggs from the sulfur had not finally driven us out. We were all feeling like we had just been to a five star spa complete with mud bath and full body massage.

I was done for. The day's activities were well worth the early rising, and I am sure I will find myself repeating the process one day soon, if I am that fortunate.

Weekend: Two-game set pivotal in Big Sky Conference title race for 'Cats

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Then the Griz comes to town. The Bobcats, still bitter from a 82-68 defeat they suffered in Missoula early in the season, look to split the series with Montana and overtake them in the conference race.

"Montana played very well against us in Missoula," said Durham. "They are solid on both ends of the court. We really have a

tough time matching up with Matt Williams, but so does everyone else in the league."

Williams has been the leader of the resurgent Grizzlies this season. The senior forward leads the Big Sky in rebounding (9.5 rpg), is second in scoring (19.7 ppg) and eighth in field goal percentage (54.3).

Recruits: Kramer adds 19 players to Cat football team

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signed have redshirt seasons available, as well. And, there are guys in the developmental category that will learn and grow in this program."

In the two-plus months since Kramer's hiring, he said he has worked equally hard on recruiting internally and externally. "This has been a solid program, it has only one losing season in the last four, so it's not like we're starting from scratch. My top priority was to make sure the young men in this program understand that our timeline for success is short, and they've responded with clarity and enthusiasm."

Additions to MSU Football

- Farhaad Azimi, QB 6-2, 205.
- C.J. Adkins, DB 5-8, 185.
- Jermaine Allen, RB 5-9, 205.
- Marcel Dunn, WR 5-8, 190.
- Cameron King, RB 5-8, 187.
- Roger Cooper, DL 6-3, 215.
- Dusty Daws, TE 6-5, 200.
- Chad Gluhm, LB 6-0, 203.
- James Hartsfield, DB 5-9, 165.
- Kane Ioane, DB 5-11, 180.
- Jon Knokey, QB 6-1, 190.
- William Kofe, DL 6-2, 270.
- Brian McNeal, DB 5-10, 170.
- Bobby Perry, QB 6-0, 170.
- Mataio Toilolo, OL 6-2, 285.
- Mike Schmidt, DL 6-3, 230.
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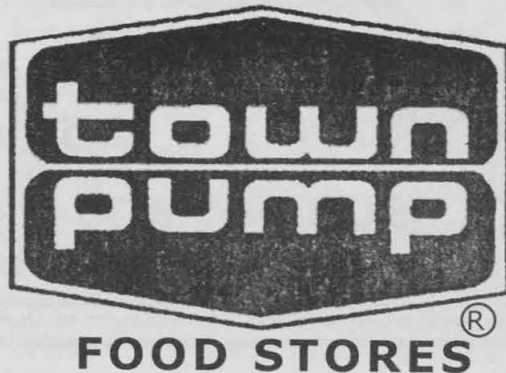
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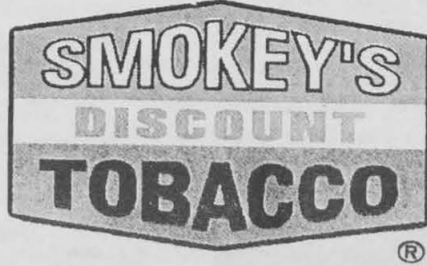
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Answers from Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

"Feline Frenzy"

ACROSS

- 1 Japanese WWII leader
- 5 Congregational leader
- 10 Part-time employee
- 14 One way to run
- 15 Love affair
- 16 Writer James
- 17 Cheerleaders' words
- 18 *More than is fair*
- 20 Ms. Landers
- 21 ___ we forget
- 22 Fall drink
- 23 Loud sound
- 25 "Quickly" in the E.R.
- 27 Go sour
- 29 Avenue of the ___
- 33 Caribbean Island
- 34 Cost
- 35 Unanswered serve
- 36 Music jobs
- 37 Belief
- 38 Amaze
- 39 Drs.' org.
- 40 Allergy symptom
- 41 Examinations
- 42 Crowded fish
- 44 Host a roast
- 45 Got by
- 46 Host a meeting
- 48 Elicit
- 51 War god
- 52 Museum contents
- 55 *A sheep in wolf's clothing?*
- 58 Part of BO
- 59 De-wrinkle
- 60 Extremely angry
- 61 And
- 62 Penny
- 63 Comforts
- 64 Part of R&R

DOWN

- 1 Scarlett's home
- 2 Mid-east Gulf
- 3 "Jack and Diane" singer
- 4 Approves
- 5 Rattling breaths

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- 6 Some Pennsylvania Dutch
- 7 Start the computer
- 8 Hair style
- 9 April payee
- 10 South Pacific island
- 11 Mild oath
- 12 Only
- 13 Equal
- 19 Cause fear in
- 21 Tra ___
- 24 Teases
- 25 Former "NYPD Blue" actor
- 26 Word following Texas or Georgia
- 27 Heroic tales
- 28 ___ Donna
- 29 April sign
- 30 *Vonnegut classic*
- 31 Not blunt
- 32 Sight, for one
- 34 Tarred
- 37 Dandy's partner

- 38 Big rig
- 40 Mountain climber
- 41 Oolong and green
- 43 Proper
- 46 Greek Island
- 47 Toast beginning
- 48 It's a long story
- 49 Challenge
- 50 Fairy tale word
- 51 Turkish leaders
- 53 One of the "Friends"
- 54 Certain gait
- 56 Match
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I THINK I'LL START A DIARY BECAUSE SPARKY VANDER STARTED ONE ABOUT 2 MONTHS AGO AND IT'S REALLY FUN TO READ AND ALL THAT. BESIDES, I HAD A DIARY WHICH I DID IN THE 5TH GRADE AND IT WAS LOTS A FUN TO READ. MY REASON FOR THAT DIARY WAS BECAUSE WHEN I'M GROWN UP AND FAMOUS AND A BILLIONAIRE I'D PUBLISH IT AND MAKE LOTS A MONEY, BUT THEN I COULDN'T HAVE PUT HALF AS MUCH JUNK IN AS I WOULD'VE OTHERWISE. SO THAT'S HOW COME THIS ONE. JUST FOR LAUGHS, MAYBE I'LL DO IT TILL I RUN OUT OF PAPER, MORE LIKELY JUST A FEW WEEKS OR I'LL LOSE IT. SO THIS IS IT.

SUNDAY JAN 19 1969

Some diary. I didn't have anything to do, nothing on TV, didn't want to call Don or Sparky so that's why I'm writing this. The crummy life of a pathetic teenager in action.

All I did was lie on the floor listening to the Beatles.

JAN. 20 MONDAY 1969

Boy! Yesterday was horrible. I wish I hadn't even gone outside. After I wrote in my diary I took a shower and went up to Danny's house with my Morton Subotic electronic musical box "The Wild Bull." Amy and Molly were there listening to his Fugs album and making fun of us, so after awhile Don and I went down to Sgt. Peppers for milkshakes, and then we heard about this dirt slide over on Montgomery Street. When we got there we saw a little house.

that slid down the hill, so we climbed down and went in it. The floor was all slanty and we looked around and suddenly this guy comes along with a gun and literally says "Hands up!" and says he owns the house and we're trespassers and he could blow our heads off. He took our names and addresses and phone numbers like we were criminals, so of course we gave him fake names and everything. He said he would get us if anything was wrecked.

Or gone. We didn't wreck anything or steal anything. When you're a teenager you're presumed guilty which is so unfair, even if you turn out to be guilty. Anyway I didn't do much in school. Test in biology, horrible, test in French, OK, test in P.E. tomorrow on parallel bars. We got out early because of a teacher's meeting. Gehr said John and Yoko's "Two Virgins" was weird and I wouldn't like it.

JAN. 21 TUESDAY 1969

I've gotta get my "We're Only in It for the Money" album back from Griff, only why bother, my stereo's broken again. I stayed up really late last night so I was really tired this morning. And the house was so damn cold because Dad the polar bear turns off the heat at night. Which makes so much sense when you live in rainy freezy Oregon in January and you can see your breath when you wake up. At school nothing happened except I did a real neat report on Russian Prisons for Social Studies. I wish I could go to an experimental school to work on films. I saw Lincoln play Cleveland tonight--we lost by 20 points. Then I went home and saw Fahrenheit 451 on TV and some weird cartoon on channel 10. Gehr is gonna trade "Two Virgins" for "Virgin Fugs" for awhile. After all, we're two virgins.

JANUARY 22 1969 WEDNESDAY

I started this stupid thing so I could write cool stuff in it but let's face it nothing cool ever happens in my life. Gehr and I decided we shouldn't trade albums for awhile since both our stereos are broken. After school I walked down Salmon Street to the Longhair Music Faucet, but all I could afford was a copy of the Willamette Bridge underground newspaper. That's how exciting my life is. I've got so much to do that I don't want to do so much that I want to that I can't do or won't do. Like smoke pot. Nope, not for me. But I'd like to. I'm curious about it. Not to mention sex.

THURSDAY JAN. 23 1969

Well today we had an oral test in French, and I really get nervous when I have to say a French paragraph, so I stood up there shaking. I think I got a B. [EXPLETIVES DELETED] Those are the only two dirty words I've used in this diary so far! Except maybe damn. Well here goes: [EXPLETIVES DELETED.] Ho ho ho quite nasty for a 14 yr. old eh? And I can't go see Barbarella unless I'm with a parent. They don't want me to be corrupted. SNIFFE I think it's too late. Goodnight!

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Greek: Third recipient of Omega award

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this is his fourth year in the fraternity.

Membership in the Greek Honor Society of the Order of Omega is only offered to seniors, therefore this will be Derek's only year of involvement in the society. His future plans are to obtain his master's degree in sports administration. Marlin has applied to schools in Georgia, Florida and North Carolina Chapel Hill.

"I hope to one day work for a pro team or be a sports agent," Marlin said about his career plans.

The experiences in a fraternity or sorority "may open doors." Marlin said, addressing the sometime negative stereotype given to

Greek memberships

Order of Omega has been a part of MSU since June 1980. The society does at least one service project in the community per year. They mainly try to promote Greek scholarship and leadership on campus. This year there are 22 senior members who were capped (selected) in the spring. To be eligible they must be in the top 3 percent of Greek membership, including GPA, leadership, and character in their fraternities and sororities.

Bev Townsend, the MSU Greek advisor added, "The Order of Omega Senior Honorary Society is a very positive influence on the entire Greek community."

Beholder: Fairytale full of oddities

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a good sign for a suspenseful thriller.

In defense of the film, mention of the flashy cinematography must be made. Trippy little snowglobes from every corner of the world served as gateways from setting to setting. A snowglobe from Chicago would melt into the city and then on to the next one on the agenda as "The Eye" pursued Elis. Each stint was coupled with slow techno

beats, which fit together well. The surreal imagery and music were fun, but perhaps would find a better home at MTV.

In conclusion, the film left me with a bad taste in my mouth. "Eye" had an incumbent sass to it, but was instilled with little more sensibility than that found in a pile of bat guano. Strange enough comparison. Strange enough movie. You catch on fast.

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Contest: Prizes awarded for creative student films

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digital editing system worth more than \$8,500. Other winners will receive prizes, including digital video cameras.

"Last year's event was a tremendous success, and we're all excited to see what people come up with this time," Drebin said.

As with all events associated with ZDTV, interactivity is a key component of the "film festival." It will feature live chats with "filmmakers," online tutorials showing viewers how to use technology creatively, television programming about hardware and software for your computer, and participation in the live awards show as part of the "virtual studio audience" chat room.

You can submit your work online at www.zdtv.com/camfes anytime until the March 3 deadline.

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