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### WILKINS' CAR DRAWS A "DBLTAKE"

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MISSOULA--

Scott Wilkins, a University of Montana sophomore, took fall quarter off to build a Bradley GT sports car.

"I learned more building this car than I would in a quarter of college," Wilkins said.

He doesn't always build cars in his spare time--but when the Bradley GT Corp. went out of business and the cars became collectors' items, Wilkins couldn't pass up an opportunity to buy a \$3,000 kit.

With only a year of automechanics in high school as training, Wilkins began building the car.

Wilkins says he could not have built the car without the guidance of Alan Walter, one of his high school teachers. The car took about three months to build. It actually runs, he said, and has 150 miles on it.

The white Bradley GT has doors that open upward rather than outward, and its sporty appearance draws stares when Wilkins drives it down the street. That's why the license reads "DBLTAKE."

Wilkins, the son of Dr. James H. and Ruth Wilkins of Helena, is majoring in business and computer science, but plans to attend the Missoula Vo-tech after he's earned a degree.

"I like computer science, " he said, "but I don't enjoy it near as much as working on cars."

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Wilkins said he has a knack for fixing things and would like to service computers for a living. However, a degree is important to him, even if he won't use it directly, because, he said, a person can't be overeducated.

Meanwhile, Wilkins operates a painting contracting business during the summer to finance his college education and his annual car insurance of \$800.00.

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