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MISSOULA--

A unique concept in education involving Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB), Great Falls, was the focus of attention Saturday during the annual spring meeting of the University of Montana Council of 50.

George L. Mitchell, resident administrator of the "Minuteman Education Program" (MMEP) at Malmstrom, told more than 30 Council members attending the meeting on the Missoula campus that the MMEP classes would begin June 17.

"Courses offered missile control officers at the air base will lead participants to the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree," Mitchell said. Courses will be taught by four UM professors in residence at Malmstrom. They include Dr. Bernard Bowlen, Dr. Robert Hislop, Dr. Ralph Winston and Dr. Dolphus Dawson.

Mitchell's talk Saturday was among several discussions about various developments and activities of the University. The Council of 50 members interpret these programs in their respective communities throughout Montana.

Mitchell said there are 200 Minuteman I and II missiles dispersed in silos over 21,000 square miles of the state. These missiles are controlled by four squadrons of control officers at MAFB.

"The permanency, size and extent of this facility necessarily has a material impact on both the economic and social community of Montana," Mitchell explained.

"Because of the importance of the missile program," Mitchell continued, "it was determined in 1961 that a master's degree program for launch control officers at various missile sites should be initiated. The program was instituted basically to provide education toward advanced degrees for launch control officers."
Mitchell said the Air Force Institute of Technology approached the UM School of Business Administration and negotiated a contract to provide for the offering of an MBA program at Malmstrom.

"The MBA program is uniquely suited to the goals of the mission and of the University," Mitchell said, "in that it provides a more general approach to the area of business than does another master's degree, which may deal only with a specific area of concentration, such as marketing or finance."

Jack Elway, first-assistant football coach at UM, gave a brief talk Saturday concerning spring football practice and athletic recruiting procedures at the University. He reported that recruiting progress was "favorable." Elway also showed a movie of the varsity's spring football game, which was narrated by Jack Swarthout, head football coach.

J.A. Parker, director of the UM Physical Plant, told the Council of 50 members that the firm of Hoiland-Zucconi Architects of Great Falls is in the final stages of producing the plans for the University's new track and football facility. The new facility, which will replace the present Dornblaser Field this fall, is under construction near South Street and Higgins Avenue in Missoula. Total cost will be about $200,000, Parker indicated.

Other UM faculty and staff members participating in Saturday's Council of 50 program included UM President Robert T. Pantzer; Thomas J. Collins, director of public services; Dr. James F. Hall, coordinator of extension and continuing education; Dr. Robert P. Banaugh, director of computer science; Dr. George J. Brabb, professor of business administration; Dr. Fred Shafizadeh, professor of chemistry; Dr. Joseph A. Musselman, associate professor of music; Dr. Misturu J. Nakamura, chairman of the microbiology department; Dr. Robert B. Curry, director/Student Health Service, and Dr. Ralph J. Fessenden, chemistry department chairman.

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