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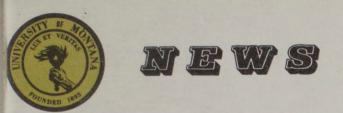
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ANDERSON CITES OPPOSITION TO SALES TAX

MISSOULA---

State Atty. Gen. Forrest H. Anderson told a group of University of Montana law students Wednesday that he is definitely opposed to establishment of a general sales tax in Montana.

Anderson, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, said he "would give consideration" to increasing income tax rates in the state if additional funds are needed for operation of state government.

Anderson suggested use of the gubernatorial veto if the state legislature attempts to establish new, unneeded agencies.

The attorney general said he feels the state legislature "will allow more constitutional amendments per biennium than in the past," in order to upgrade governmental operations.

When asked about lack of enforcement of Montana's anti-gambling laws, Anderson said his "seven or eight assistants" compose too small a force to enforce such laws.

He said his office "must rely on county attorneys and police departments" to help enforce state laws.

Anderson said he would favor expansion of the Montana Highway Patrol, "if funds can be found," to help reduce the number of highway fatalities occurring in Montana.

In an obvious note of optimism, Anderson said," As I see it, I am going to be the Democratic nominee for governor."