UM professor meets Carter at gathering of American poets

Richard Hugo, renowned poet and University of Montana English professor, returned yesterday from a White House gathering, honoring American poets.

Hugo said he was "pleased" at being chosen, described the gathering as "a celebration of American poetry."

Although he did not get to talk personally with the president and the other poets went through a receiving line, meeting both President Carter and his wife.

The poets and other participants then attended a reception in the East Room of the White House, where they were served wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Hugo said about 400 attended, and that about 100 of these poets read through a receiving line, meeting both President Carter and his wife.

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By ED KEMMICK

Reorganization of the University of Montana admissions office began last month with the start of a nationwide search for a new admissions director and the announcement of the reshuffling of duties for two department administrators.

In a Dec. 7 press release, UM President Richard Bowers said the administration is looking for "a new admissions professional with marketing skills who can formulate an effective long-range plan for improving UM's recruitment and admissions procedures."

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Under the renovation, Marilyn Parker, current admissions director, and Margarete Doolen, counselor and recruiter, would be kept on at the same salaries, but would be assigned new duties.

Parker's salary is $18,415 and Doolen's $16,300.

Parker said yesterday that Bow- ers has not told her what her new duties will be, though she will remain director of admissions until her contract expires June 30.

Doolen, according to the press release, will no longer be involved in recruiting, but will concentrate on orientation and retention, or working with new students and with those who are having trouble and may be considering leaving school.

Employees upset

A number of admissions office employees were upset with the employees of the administration's move, and in a Dec. 7 letter to the Kaimin eight of them expressed support of Parker and Doolen, and dissatisfaction with the administration, which they accused of failing to cooperate with the department.

Parker said she was "very unhappy about the decisions," adding the announcement came as "a complete shock."

Referring to Bowers, Parker said, "I feel that he, perhaps, consulted too few people before making the decision."

Bowers was out of town yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

The administration also hopes the renovation will result in closer communication between admissions and the president's office, in the past, reports from the admissions office were relayed to Main Hall through the Director of the Center for Student Development, Fred Weldon.

Reports to Bowers

As of Dec. 20, the director of admissions reports directly to the president's office. In the past, the title of the new director, at least until Parker's term is up, will be "assistant to the president for admissions."

LEGs ARE BARED as Katie Fontana, Milly Dixon, Teresa Remington and Rachael Simpson wait for the judges' inspection in the Foresters' hairy legs contest. (Staff photo by Gene Mayo.)
One week into this new decade, the most important issue of the 1980s is emerging clear and unambiguous.

Surprisingly, that issue is not energy. It is not inflation.

It is whether the world should forget about the first few years of the decade and move immediately to 1987.

The arguments being presented by proponents of the year change are impressive and convincing.

**letter**

**Hold on**

Editor: The 1970s began on election day, Nov. 8, 1972.

That day, historians will someday probably much agree, marked the end of an era uncontaminable by the artificial boundaries of the calendar makers — the incredible 1960s.

On that cold, rainy day, Richard M. Nixon regained the presidency and embarked on a mission to extend his reign beyond the normal two terms allowed by law.

Anybody who has a complaint about the bordon of the decade after that time wasn't old enough to remember all the metal, flag-draped caskets coming over to Colstrip to lie in front of the D-9 Cats.

And if it protest marches that you miss, well, nobody is stopping you from going over to Colstrip to lie in front of the D-9 Cats.

For those of you who remember, the pallor of war hung so heavy in the late 60s that you began to get the sickening, falling feeling that the war was never going to end, never going to see the end of the terminal run it set 50,000 GIs son in the acid clipping of a stinky, helloccope country kept bleeding by the war merchants in Washing­ton, D.C. and Moscow.

There was good reason for the massive political activism of that era, and when it ended most everybody got on with living the lives they were planning when the boogie man craft came by. Some of us were feeling so far in circles we are still coming down, coming down to LZ Recovery, down to straighten out the tangle of lies within the confusion of our dreams, coming visit us in the night. There is no place to run, to hide, to sort it out and make it right, make it stop hurting. If you're lucky it goes away. If not, you just hold on.

All you can do is hold on.

Adolf Wullekhalde

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**opinion**

**A quick solution for the seven-year itch**

They argue that the new decade, already one full week old, is in a total. They say that the promise the new decade offered has already dimmed to a small flicker, a mockery of what Americans hoped just seven short days ago.

And they say the second day in particular was a huge disappointment, a national disgrace.

The evidence seems to be in their favor, as even a cursory glance at the news for that day indicates that:

- Bert Parks was dumped by of­ficials of the Miss America pageant, after 25 years of crowning "There She Is, Miss America."

- the University of Alabama was crowned national collegiate football champion for the second year in a row, totally ignoring the performance of the University of Montana squad.

- and 13 candidates for various Montana political offices filed their official campaign papers.

It is indeed obvious that the decade is off to the poorest start of any decade in recent memory.

The proponents of the year change argue that we are in a position to do something about that poor start, and again, their arguments are convincing.

They note that Christ was actually born in 7 B.C. and so calling this year the 1980s since the birth of Christ is historically inaccurate — a clear case of the dreaded revisionism.

So, they conclude, it would be an easy and natural change to label this year 1987 and just forget about the first seven years of the decade.

There are several good arguments for immediately changing the year to 1987.

First, of course, instead of having to live through 10 years of the 1980s, we'd only have to suffer through three.

Surely anybody would agree that that would be an improvement.

Second, we would skip right over 1984, surely not destined to be a good year.

And finally, we could all look forward to the start of a new decade — the 1990s — which would only be three years away.

The arguments are indeed convinc­ ing. The change should be made.

Calendars should be sent back to calendar companies for the minor revisions that would be needed.

We have nothing to lose except a seven-year itch.

Mike McNally

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**public forum**

**Trying to see through the differences with information**

Hello, students. I want to introduce the International Student Association. Have you heard of this association? Maybe not. The International Student Association is kind of a mixture of foreigners.

Then what are foreigners? They are the people who have the stranger's mind. So, if you have nowhere to go, nowhere to stay, sometimes feel like you don't understand the culture, or feel like they don't understand you at all, come over and express yourself.

I'm a stranger. Here I am and I am different from you. How? I want to start from here. I want to show you what foreigners can make the roots of identity and difference clear in many cases. Difference has deeper reason, but not all people try to see this reason. They don't need any reason to know people. All they need is classification. Even though they don't know who he really is, some people feel like, "Oh, yeah! I know him. He is an Iranian. And I know what an Iranian is." Lack of information. We always have to see through the classification. In this meaning, to say something bad about foreigners without knowledge is not right. (Newspapers may tell you a lie.)

You never know about foreigners until you get closer. If you still feel bad about something which you don't know, it means not necessarily that it is bad, but could mean you are scared of it.

For example, suppose you go to talk about revolution. Why don't you ask the people who know what it is? I don't think many Americans know how citizens can stand against their government. (But I mean, it may be dangerous to know about it in this militant country if you want to stay safe.) To be free from the fear, though, we need to know what it is.

Let's go back to our main topic; namely, the difference between foreigners and natives.

Foreigners wear clothes differently, they eat differently, and so their lifestyle seems different. But do you call it cultural difference? Think about what culture is. Isn't it something much stronger than any kind of power? Isn't it something that never changes even under pressure? So if some representa­tion could change, it wasn't the main cultural factor. For example, Japanese women were a lot different before the war. They were raised by Buddhistism. The Japanese lady is said to be quiet and dependent, but it is an illusion. They learned how to pretend to be submissive. They wear Western clothes. I don't know how to wear a kimono right and neither do my friends, because we have never learned. So what? Don't be sad to see the end of the fashion, it's just like the miniskirt. It's not the end of the culture itself. It is certainly a part of the culture, but it is not the whole thing. Culture never fades, never changes. It is something that follows you forever. It becomes much stronger under pressure. In this meaning, foreigners may be interesting to natives. To observe the roots of identity, we have to have the real eyes.

I wrote this for strangers in this country. This world is conservative, and it leaves many strangers alone. I have always felt that we are all foreigners to each other. We are all separated, and because of that we can see each other. Like the island on the night ocean, sometimes we recognize the other. We sleep in our innocence.

Koeko Yonanishi

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week in preview

If your organization is planning an event and wants publicity, send a short notice to the Kaimin, 1405 W. Main St., box 1221, Missoula, MT 59801. Notices cannot be accepted by phone.

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Meetings
Missoula Community Action, 5 p.m. via the Federal Building, Missoula
Women'semmunity Action, 4:30 p.m., 5th floor, 528-2250

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Meetings
MGSA Project 504, 3:30 p.m., UC Montana Rooms 300 A, B, C
MGSA Project 504, 4 p.m., UC Montana Rooms 300 A, B, C
MGSA Project 504 Dinner, 6 p.m., UC Montana Rooms 300 A, B, C
MGSA Project 504 Holiday Party, 8 p.m., UC Montana Rooms 300 A, B, C

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Students unable to pay the increasingly high costs of home heating may find $90 to $600 relief available from the federal government if they meet fixed- or low-income standards. The District X Human Resource Council is currently distributing about $654,000 in federal funds to eligible applicants in Missoula.

Ravalli and Mineral counties. The money is part of the $1.6 billion Energy Crisis Assistance Program passed by Congress in December to provide aid to people who otherwise would not be able to pay their winter fuel bills and could be faced with a subsequent shut-off of their utilities.

While elderly and handicapped people will be given a priority in receiving aid, the rest of the money will be allocated on a "first come, first serve" basis, according to Al Lefcourt, the council’s public relations director. However, he also said “the real hard-core poverty cases,” such as people on welfare or inadequate pensions, would probably receive aid before students if the funds could not be allowed under the law.

The amount each household is eligible to receive depends on the household’s total income, the type of home, the number of bedrooms and the type of utility used. For example, Lefcourt said one person with a high income and living in a one-bedroom house heated with natural gas would probably receive the minimum of $90 to apply to his heating bills, while a large household with low total income and occupying a three- or four-bedroom house heated with fuel oil probably would be eligible for the total amount of $600.

The money goes directly to the utility companies, rather than to the applicants, to cover current and past-due bills. Any excess of the monthly allotment is used for credit on future bills, he said. The federal funds are basically a subsidy for the power companies and the council, Lefcourt said, adding that the council acts “kind of like a branch of the power company.”

Better solutions

And while the program does keep people warm in the winter, he emphasized that the government, as well as individuals, must continue to work towards finding better, long-term solutions to the energy problems.

One of the attractions of conser­vation of energy, and the council also provides free furnace inspections for people using fuel oil to make sure the furnace is working as efficiently as possible.

If “energy emergencies” — when you’re totally out of heat and it’s cold out,” by Lefcourt’s definition — arise, the council will also arrange for repairs, fuel delivery or relocation to a warm place on the same day that the problem occurs.

Again, anyone wishing to re­ceive any of the council’s services must meet its income guidelines. Appointments for fuel inspections and other energy emergency help can be arranged through the council’s hot line, 1-800-332-2710, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Applications for assistance with energy bills may be filled out at the office at 411-4th St. or more information obtained by calling 728-3710.

Billings man awaits sex change

A major problem, he said, is that there is no surgeon or psychiatrist in Billings to handle his case, and he is having to travel to Denver for such help. He has found a Billings gynecologist who agrees to help.

The Billings transsexual says he has been aware of his problem since he was a child, but tried to overcome it.

“I could outfit, outrun, out-drink, and outhunt anybody,” he told a reporter. “I was the smartest kid on the block and the meanest kid in school.”

Billings, 9, entered the Marine Corps after the conflict was giving him ulcers, and at 13 he began seeing a psychiatrist.

By age 20, he was in the Navy at 17, however — “hoping to get my head blown off” — that he had confessed to a Naval psychiatrist about his problems. At age 20, he had a nervous breakdown.

He married three times, each time to a woman who knew his problem and felt she could change him, and each marriage ended in divorce.

The idea of a sex-change operation formed about four years ago.

Billings was granted $402 a month in Social Security benefits on grounds that he was “psychiatrically disabled” by the disorder.

It was not until he joined the Navy at 17, however — “hoping to get my head blown off” — that he had confessed to a Naval psychiatrist about his problems. At age 20, he had a nervous breakdown.

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EPA charges Billings meat packer with PCB contamination violations

HELENA (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency has charged the Pierce Packing Co. of Billings with violating the federal Toxic Substances Control Act in connection with last summer's PCB contamination of animal feed, the agency said yesterday.

The administrative action was filed in late December, a news release from the EPA Denver office said. The charges, it said, carry potential civil penalties totaling $125,000 and ranging from $5,000 to $25,000.

Included in the charges are that Pierce improperly disposed of PCB, improperly marked electrical transformers containing the cancer-causing substance; failed to keep records of PCB transformer disposal, and improperly decontaminated railcars that carried contaminated feed additives.

Ken Poggi, president of Pierce, said yesterday the company is still studying the EPA charges. He had no further comment.

Pierce is a hog processing and rendering plant that produces animal feed. The PCB, widely used as a coolant in electrical transformers until it was banned by the EPA after it was found to carry potential civil penalties totaling $125,000 and ranging from $5,000 to $25,000.

In the charges, the EPA said that only producers and feed businesses suffering losses from PCB contamination were declared eligible for special low-interest Small Business Administration loans.

Sen. John Melcher, D-Mont., said that only producers and businesses which lost egg, poultry, pork and feed stocks because of damage by PCB contamination would have minimal impact on tourist-related businesses to apply for loans because of losses incurred last summer due to gas shortages.

Melcher said even more aid is needed to help overcome the million-dollar losses from the PCB incident. A bill introduced by Melcher Oct. 30 would provide federal indemnity payments to PCB victims.

"These loans will help producers and businesses stay in operation, or get back in operation, while indemnities are being considered," Melcher said.

**Strike could close oil refineries**

DENVER (AP) — A union representing 60,000 refinery workers across the nation will go on a strike today unless agreement is reached with the oil companies in their contract dispute, the union's president said yesterday.

Robert Landis, president of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, said the workers plan to walk off the job at 4 p.m. today and intend to shut down refinery operations by 100 domestic oil companies.

It would be the first nationwide strike in the industry since 1969.

Oil companies executives have said they plan to close automated plants running virtually indifferently without the OCAW workers. But Landis says the workers would not be on the payroll if the companies did not need them.

Go to reporters at a news conference today the refinery workers are settling in for a "hard fought" contract battle against the richest and most powerful industry in the world.

He said local bargaining units would approach all of the domestic oil companies whose workers the union represents and offer to help

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Police question suspects in 'Born Free' author's death

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) - Kenyan police questioned three men yesterday in the death — now called murder — of Joy Adamson, conservationist and author of "Born Free," last week near her tented camp in central Kenya.

Ben Gethi, Kenya's commissioner of police, said police decided to treat Adamson's death as a murder after receiving information that indicated she was not killed by a wild animal.

Three men later were taken into custody at an undisclosed location and were being questioned, he said. Details on the men's identities were not disclosed, but it was believed they may be former employees of Adamson. Adamson, 69, was killed Thursday night while walking outside her study camp in the Shaba Game Reserve, located about 175 miles north of Nairobi.

Initial reports from friends and police indicated that she had been killed by a lion. It was disclosed later, however, that there was little blood at the death site and that the battery of her car was missing.

Local news reports quoted an unidentified policeman as saying there were no claw marks on her body and that senior police officers were dispatched to the scene.

"Wounds on the body led police to start investigations immediately because they (the wounds) were not consistent with claw marks," a senior police spokesman in Nairobi said yesterday.

"This has been confirmed by a team of experts. The cause of death was a sharp instrument."

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When most University of Montana students look forward to the holiday season, the Grizzly basketball team had a 6-1 record, including UM’s first road win in over a year when they defeated San Jose State in overtime, 74-72. But since then, the Grizzlies have lost their last five games while winning only once, against Mankato State University, 78-68, on Dec. 19.

Last weekend was no exception as UM lost two road games, 65-53, to Montana State University, was declared ineligible for the remaining games, two for grade problems and one because of an alleged break-in of a campus dormitory, left UNR without scoring.”

“We're not playing with a great deal of confidence,” he explained. “We're getting the shots, but we're not scoring.”

UM Coach Robin Selvig commented, adding that the team’s offensive play was “inconsistent” because of substitutions.

“If I would have let the starting unit in, we would have blown them off the court,” Selvig said. However, Selvig said the cagers “aren’t a great scoring team.”

He added that the Grizzlies need to work on their ball control and fast-break.

The Grizzlies trailed 22-17 at halftime, but eight quick points at the start of the second half enabled the Wolf Pack to build up a lead UM couldn’t overcome.

“UNR, which had lost Thursday to Montana State University, was forced to use a four-corner offense to stop the taller Grizzly team after four members of the Wolf Pack team were declared ineligible earlier in the week. The suspensions, two for grade problems and two because of an alleged break-in of a campus dormitory, left UNR with only eight players.

The Grizzlies were again led by Taylor, who pumped in 14 points while Zanon added 13 points. UNR was led by Robert Martin with 14 points and Gene Ransom with 13 points. Ransom, a 5-foot-9-inch guard, is a transfer from the University of California-Berkeley where he was twice named to the Pac-10 all-league team. Last year, he was selected in the professional draft by the Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association.

UM coach Mike Montgomery said the main problem lately has been that the Grizzlies need to be more patient in shot selections, especially since he thinks UM will be seeing a lot of zone defenses the rest of the year.

“We're not playing with a great deal of confidence,” he explained. “We're getting the shots, but we're not scoring.”

This week, the Grizzlies face Idaho State University Thursday night and nationally ranked Weber State College Saturday. Both home games begin at 8 p.m. with preliminaries at 6:45 p.m.
Grain embargo threatens state

HELENA (AP) — President Carter's partial embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union could cost Montana $137 million, and nothing has been done so far to aid farmers, state agriculture experts said yesterday.

Gordon McOmber, director of the Montana Department of Agriculture, said 20 percent of the 3.7 million tons of wheat that Carter ordered withheld from the Russians is from Montana. At $3.70 per bushel, the embargo represents an $82 million loss for the state, he said.

McOmber also predicted a 50-cent-per-bushel decline in wheat prices — a feeling shared by other industry leaders — and said it would mean a "secondary" loss to the state of $65 million.

But a spokesman for the Montana Wheat Research and Marketing Committee said the Carter administration would still take action, such as raising grain support prices, to reduce the "secondary" effect of lower wheat prices.

Virtually no Montana wheat changed hands yesterday as the industry waited to see what plans the administration would announce to protect farmers and grain traders who would be hurt by the embargo. Friday night Carter prohibited the shipment of some 17 million tons of American grain to the Soviet Union, in retaliation to Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Yesterday, Vice President Walter Mondale announced a $2.25 billion program to buy grain from the affected exporters and put it in the federal grain reserve system. Montana officials said the action would help grain traders, but would have little direct benefit for farmers.

Jim Christenson of the wheat marketing committee said he could find only one grain elevator in Montana willing to offer cash for immediate delivery of wheat yesterday. That firm — he declined to identify it — offered $3.17 per bushel for winter wheat, 50 cents lower than Friday's price. There were no takers.

All futures trading in wheat, on which most cash prices are based, was suspended until tomorrow.

**Director**

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Richard Bowers had sent a letter to the regents in November stating that UM would be prepared to ask the board to reconsider its decision to place the building at MSU at the January regents meeting.

"We decided this was just not the right time to discuss film and TV," Bowers said, when asked if he would discuss UM's opposition to the regents' decision.

If other business the regents voted:

- to postpone a decision on teacher certification at UM until its March meeting. UM administrators have been meeting with staff in the commissioner's office to work out a compromise on the certification proposal. The proposal would eliminate nine fields now approved for teaching majors at UM.
- to approve a combined major in philosophy and economics and a major in dance at UM.
- to approve an increase in money for the renovation of the food service area, the University Center Copper Commons and the Lodge Treasure State Dining Room.

Weather or not

A lot was new. After a long week of digging the pavement I was hired by the National Weather Service as a Meteorological Phenomenon Investigator. It was a damn tough job but right up my alley.

I rented a bachelor-size apartment on a quiet street near the University. The neighbors kept their sidewalks shoveled, kids inside and dogs on a leash. I liked it fine. Dr. Tempest, my new boss, called the night before I was to start work. "You on top, Caruthers?"

"That's right, sir."

"All right, then give me Tuesday's forecast," he said.

"Cold and cloudy with increasing snow through Wednesday. Highs in the upper teens, lows of eight."

"You're my man, Caruthers?"

"I know that, sir."

**Foresters**

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certified "clean-shaven" on Nov. 1 of last year, then the one whose beard grew the longest between then and now won. But it wasn't much of a contest. Only one lonely 1 1/2 inch beard belonging to Jim Carper showed up. Carper, senior in pharmacy, won hands down.

The winners were announced last night at the Foresters' Ball Convocation in the UC Ballroom. Prizes, which included coats and ladies' watches, were donated by local merchants.

There will be a costume contest today at noon in the mall, a ticket drop for the Ball in the Oval at noon Wednesday, a Tall Tales contest at noon Thursday in the mall and the Foresters' Ball Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Men's Gym.

CHUCK SPITZNER'S BEARD measures up to win the foresters' beard contest. (Staff photo by Gene May.)

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