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Registration for draft requested by Carter

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Jimmy Carter announced last night that he wants to begin registration of youths, but expressed hope that it will not be necessary to reinstitute the draft.

In a nationally broadcast State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, Carter said he will send registration and budget proposals to Congress next month "so that we can begin registration and then meet future mobilization needs rapidly if they arise."

If approved by Congress, registration of those 18 and over would probably not begin for several months and possibly not until 1981.

Declaring that "the state of our union depends on the state of the world," Carter said the seizure of American hostages in Iran and Soviet intervention in Afghanistan confront the United States with a broad challenge.

Any attempt by any outside force to gain control of the Persian Gulf region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the United States," Carter said. "It will be repelled by use of any means necessary, including military force."

Although Carter said he is certain the current all-volunteer armed forces can handle the nation's defense needs, he said he will send Congress to approve the revitalization of the Selective Service System at an estimated cost of $16 million to $47 million.

In the past, White House officials have said Carter has authority to require registration without congressional action. But he does not have authority to institute a draft unilaterally.

Although Carter did not mention registering women for the draft, less than a year ago he said that if registration became necessary, "It would probably be inequitable to register both 'men and women."

All branches of the U.S. military fell short of recruitment goals during the past year for the first time since the draft ended in 1973. But Pentagon officials say the Defense Department sent no recommendation for the renewal of registration.

Other topics discussed by Carter in his speech included:

• oil imports: To increase energy conservation, Carter set a 1980 oil import ceiling of 8.2 million barrels a day enforced by import fees "if necessary." The United States imported 8.1 million barrels last year.

• standby gas rationing: "If we have a serious shortage, I will not hesitate to impose mandatory gasoline rationing."

• hostages in Iran: "If the American hostages are harmed, a severe price will be paid. We will never rest until every one of the victims is released."

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By MARK ELLSWORTH and ED KEMMICK

A set of recommendations that would redistribute space in the University Center, moving the Women's Resource Center from its present location, was approved 16-2 by Central Board last night.

The recommendations, set forth during an earlier meeting of the Student Union Board, involve re-shuffling a number of organizations to make better use of UC space.

Judy Smith, a Women's Resource Center staff member, asked CB to postpone consideration of the recommendations for one week to give the WRC time to appeal and to give board members time to familiarize themselves with the proposal.

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opinion

WMC program a triumph of packaging

You've all seen it. Every so often, a long-established product — say a detergent — will burst back into the marketplace with a huge fanfare announcing the product is "new and improved."

We all know, of course, that the changes are extremely minor, but damned if the new packaging doesn't increase sales.

It seems that Western Montana College has learned some lessons from the "new and improved" scam. The Board of Regents recently adopted a degree program in "human resources management" for WMC.

The program proposal WMC officials submitted to the regents, the program is to "prepare graduates for employment, at the mid-management level, in a wide range of professional settings that require both technical science and management skills."

Graduates of the program would be qualified for jobs managing state institutions, drug and alcohol abuse programs, nursing homes, state government agencies, and so on. WMC wants the program because it feels it must diversify its curriculum to attract more students to the school. As WMC President Bob Thomas told the regents, "We have stuck to our mission as solely a teacher-training school while the other universities and colleges have added teaching programs. Now it's time for Western to expand its curriculum." Which is true, especially since the regents have committed themselves to keeping WMC open. The school certainly deserves a chance to expand.

And the "human resources management" proposal is a good proposal — there's certain to be a demand for qualified people who can, uh, manage human resources well.

In fact, the only problem with the program is that it's almost totally duplicated at other schools in the Montana University System. A quick glance through the University Catalogs is enough to confirm that. A student in UM's School of Business Administration can elect to concentrate in management, and can even take a few classes that focus specifically on — you guessed it — "human resource management."

And the other half of the WMC program — the behavioral science half — can also be found at UM. It's clear that if the WMC program is developed, it will result in duplication within the university system — and the regents are on record as opposing duplication.

Even if the regents thought the program was unique enough to deserve a special niche in Montana schools, why didn't they give the program to Eastern Montana College's newly-approved business school?

It seems as if the regents were dazzled by packaging, by what amounts to recycling old, established programs under a bright new flag marked "human resources management."

WMC's program would never have been approved if it had been billed as a "mini-business school." Instead, the entire thing was attractively packaged, not unlike the way old detergents are repackaged, and the regents fell for it.

Western's program is not the kind of program the机构 catalog pull itself out of the doldrums. It is rather merely a triumph of packaging.

Mike Mcnally

letters

WRC space very important

Editor: This letter is to show the importance of the Women's Resource Center for both students and community. Since they opened in 1974, I, as a resident of Missoula, then Lolo and now Hamilton, have had the opportunity to take part in the many worthwhile activities presented there.

Their location is important, because of the public nature of the University Center and its easy access. They are an important resource locally and statewide, with their excellent library, workshops, speakers, job-counseling, skill-sharing clinics and conferences.

The WRC's space is very important.

Susan McDougal
Hamilton, Mont.

Keep stereo at Tempo

Editor: This morning, while standing in yet another line in the Associated Students' Store, I could not help but observe the plethora of consumer goods now being offered by the student store. One can find in the store woven waste-baskets, junk boxes, and collanders. A relatively large display of lower-quality high-fidelity components decorates one corner of the student store, and a display of "Everything you ever wanted to know about Legal supplies, T-shirts, and University of Montana basketballs" sits nearby.

The appearance of the place where we buy our books would not change drastically, with the WRC's "new and improved" scam. And the project overhead designed to intentionally keep store profits low? Or are they slow-moving products, which force text book prices up, in order for the store to break even? I would prefer to have the bookstore sell traditional items such as text books, art supplies, T-shirts, and University of Montana bumper stickers at student-oriented prices, and to leave stereo, records, and woven baskets to Tempo and its competitors. Speaking of Tempo, maybe the student store should consider moving its textbook monopoly across the Clark Fork. The appearance of the place where we buy our books would not change drastically, and we could even pick up a gallon of house paint, a pound of weed killer, and a few yards of sewing fabric when we stop for text books. With the student store empty, there would then be ample space for Legal Services, the Women's Resource Center, SAC, Campus Recreation, and most other groups which wish to be located in the University Center.

We can have our cake and eat it too! (But we may have to walk a little further if we run out of notebook paper.)

Dirk Williams
senior, political science/economics

A very sad goodbye

Editor: Students meet so many professors during their college career, and it is refreshing to know that some of those professors will have a definite effect on the student's life. This university has many excellent professors, but unfortunately the Business Department is lacking one of its best. Mrs. Donna Boykin is the adviser for the field of special education, and there are not enough words to describe this unique lady.

It is senseless to try to define the quality education that she conveys to her classes, and that she represents. Mrs. Boykin's classes are not easy, but the amount of knowledge gained from one of her classes is well worth the effort. I strongly recommend that students take the opportunity to enroll in Mrs. Boykin's classes. There will be no regrets for a total learning experience.

The student lives she has touched are greatly affected by her leaving. The students are sad and confused. Fortunately, those students who know and care for Mrs. Boykin will always have the memory of a qualified teacher — one who is reliable, who gives her total self to the job, and one who always has time for caring.

I cannot speak for all of the students and faculty, but I'm sure I speak for a great deal of them when I say that Mrs. Boykin will be truly missed. The only things left to say to Mrs. Boykin are "thank-you for enriching our lives," and a very sad "goodbye."

Sharon Boogal
senior, English, special education

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Missoula's ability to survive nuclear attack questioned

By GREG LAKES

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Mountana Kaimin Reporter

The condition of Missoula's fallout shelters is "deplorable," and Missoula County's plan to deal with a nuclear attack "won't work because nobody knows about it," Sherry Petersen, president of Shelter and Fallout Education for Missoula (SAFE), said recently.

SAFE is a recently formed citizen group that hopes to renovate the shelters and educate people about what to do in the event of a nuclear attack.

Petersen said many of Missoula's present shelters "won't sustain life" if a nuclear attack occurs. She said many of the shelters have structural deficiencies that would allow a dangerous amount of radiation to leak in.

In addition, most of the shelters lack adequate ventilation and sanitation facilities and few have sufficient supplies of food and water, she said.

Under these conditions, "It is up to individual citizens to protect themselves," she said.

Richard Leavell, disaster and emergency services coordinator for Missoula City, said upgrading the shelters is more a matter of comfort than survival.

"Checking into a fallout shelter would not be like checking into Howard Johnson's, but to say they won't sustain life is not a valid statement," he said.

The difference in Petersen and Leavell's opinions is partly because of differing ideas on how long people would have to stay in the shelters after a nuclear attack.

Leavell said in a "worst-case" situation for Missoula, people would have to remain underground for about seven days. He said the decay rate of the radioactive material released in a nuclear explosion is short enough to allow people to venture out for brief intervals after two or three days. However, many variables, such as wind patterns, the size and type of nuclear bomb detonated and location of the bomb explosion, could change that estimate.

"You can't plan for seven days," Petersen said. "Nobody has any idea what it's going to be like out there." She said shelters should be equipped to permit a stay of two weeks to two months.

Leavell said he supports SAFE and would like to see the shelters stocked, but added that the proposed renovations would cost "thousands and thousands of dollars," while funding for civil defense projects has declined since international tensions eased in the 1960s.

"The United States has been sitting with its head in the sand since the 1963 Cuban missile crisis," he said.

Petersen agreed. "There hasn't been any shelter program since the Berlin and Cuban crises in the 60s," she said. "There are no federal, state or local funds available.

SAFE hopes to raise about $100,000 to finance the shelter improvements, Petersen said. The group has filed for recognition as a charitable non-profit organization with the Internal Revenue Service, which will make contributions to the organization tax deductible.

Whether Missoula County's plan to deal with a nuclear attack would be effective is another source of debate.

Petersen said the plan is "a very detailed" description of the responsibilities of various agencies in the event of a nuclear attack. The plan coordinates the activities of city and county government, private utilities, police and fire departments, the City-County Board of Health and the Red Cross. But the plan would not work because "nobody knows of its existence," she said.

Again, Leavell disagreed. "All the people that would be involved know about the plan," he said.

"In separate telephone interviews yesterday, Mayor Bill Cregg said he did not know such a plan exists. Councilman Bill Boggs, Ward 3, said he has not seen the plan nor has it been distributed to the Missoula City Council. Col. Howard Welch, disaster chairman for the Missoula Red Cross, said he has not seen the plan. Joe Adegarrie, supervisor for the environmental division of the county Health Department, said he also had not seen a nuclear attack plan although he said he is aware of a general emergency plan.

Sabe Pfau, Missoula chief of police, said he is familiar with the plan and added that the Missoula police would be "ready to go" in the event of a nuclear attack.

Missoula Fire Chief Jack Reed said he is "very familiar" with the plan.

Montana Power Co. officials said they could not comment on the plan, and none of the county commissioners could be reached for comment.

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Orange Street Bridge warning to be posted for bicycle safety

By HUGH CONKLIN
Montana Kaimin Contributing Reporter

A sign warning motorists and bicyclists of dangerous conditions on the Orange Street Bridge apparently will be posted — but not by the Montana State Highway Department.

The Missoula City Council sent a letter to the highway department last fall requesting that a sign be posted. However, the highway department, in a Dec. 28 letter to City Traffic Engineer Earl Reed, said the department had reservations about the sign but would forward the letter to its legal department for an opinion.

The highway department is responsible for posting the sign because Orange Street is one of many roads in the city under the jurisdiction of the state.

In response to the highway department’s delay, Alderman Bill Boggs, Ward 3, and Cass Chinske, Ward 1, have said they intend to put up the sign themselves. The sign, Boggs said, will read, “Caution, posted. However, the highway department for an opinion.

But Chinske said the department’s refusal to post the sign is “unreasonable” and helps “promote a hazardous condition.”

Chinske also said that during a meeting between the city and the highway department four or five months ago, the department had agreed to post a sign.

“Say we are going ahead and putting up the sign,” he said.

Duba countered that while the subject was discussed, the department neither approved or rejected the plan.

And if the sign is posted, Duba said he does not know what the state will do because unauthorized signs are not allowed on state highways.

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I have no country to fight for; my own particular societal niche. I have no country to fight for, and Freddy's Feed & Read. Nevertheless, what if everything were evident and known, would any of us be the better for it? What of mystery? Is there a place for it in our society, for our personal lives? What if everything were evident? What of mystery? Is it to know tomorrow's weather?

I am a citizen of the world.