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CB approves student fee increase

By DON LEWIS
Montana Kaimin Reporter

In a 20-2 vote, Central Board approved last night a resolution supporting the 8 percent student activity fee increase.

The increase, which has been discussed at previous CB meetings but not formally voted on, must be approved by the state Board of Regents. CB delayed budgeting Monday night, in part because it wants to wait until the regents consider the increase on May 19.

ASUM President David Curtis has said the delay will let CB avoid budgeting the $320,000 it already has now and then budgeting the $69,000 the increase would bring during Fall Quarter.

Curtis said the regents look at CB to see what students at the University of Montana feel and think about issues, and that he has said that the increase will get regent approval if the board supports it.

Previous boards have not considered an increase, he added, because members "were afraid of catching flak," although they knew it was needed.

Curtis also stated petitions supporting the increase are now being circulated around campus, and that ASUM groups are "enthusiastic" about it. The petitions must be ready to present to the regents by Friday, and Curtis said no specific number of signatures is needed but that he would like to get at least 2,000.

"There is no way to get more credits currently pay $45 per year in activity fees. The proposed increase would raise it to $54 per year.

CB voted to lower the increase from $5 to $3 last Monday in an emergency meeting, but did not vote on whether the board would endorse it.

CB also resolved last night to urge all UM students and especially those interviewed were selected.

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Faculty, others review Bowers' six years

By LYNN PENICK
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Is University of Montana President Richard Bowers a strong leader? A weak leader? A good recruiter? A promoter of cooperation on campus? The answers to those questions are as varied as the questions themselves.

A survey done by the Montana Kaimin found that UM students see Bowers six years of administration at UM in an entirely different way than alumni do. Students and faculty gave Bowers poor ratings, alumni and staff members gave him good ratings, while legislators gave him mixed ratings.

Because Ted James, Board of Regents chairman, decided to close the regents' weekend meeting at which Bowers will be reviewed, the Kaimin decided to conduct its own review.

Commissioner of Higher Education John Richard­son obtained information for the review of Bowers last week. He interviewed 40 selected UM staff, faculty, students and alumni, as well as legislators and Missoula community leaders.

Richardson will present his report to the regents, who will decide whether or not to renew Bowers' contract.

Although Richardson would not tell the Kaimin whom he interviewed or what questions he asked, he did say what the questions were about and how those interviewed were selected.

From this, the Kaimin tried to duplicate his review as closely as possible. The Kaimin also interviewed on its own.

Sen. Bill Norman, D-Missoula and one of the legislators interviewed by Richardson, said he would give the Kaimin a nine on a scale of 10 for closely following a Richardson interview.

Students

The major complaint voiced by students was that Bowers is unable to communicate with students or to get along with all the elements of the university—particularly students and faculty.

"Bowers' strengths are that he is liked by the Legislature and alumni, most students said.

However, several students said Bowers has no strength, except for easiness and the ability to be out of town at appropriate times.

Students said Bowers is most successful in maintaining good relations with the Legislature and the Missoula community. Bowers was given the poorest ratings in the area of long-term planning for the university.

In addition, all but one student said Bowers' best decision while president was to apply for the presidency of the University of Maine at Orono.

"The university is ready for some new blood," Cary Cery, senior in philosophy, said. "Bowers has made too many enemies. We need someone who has more creative solutions to the university's problems and who doesn't conduct everything in an air of secrecy."

Amelia Helvey, coordinator of the Women's Resource Center, said Bowers "works with binders and paper."

"Bowers' proposal plan to cut the humanities faculty was not as much as students were."

"Bowers' decision to cut that department shows that he does not understand what a liberal arts college is," she said.

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Faculty

Faculty members were also critical of Bowers, but not as much as students were.

"A concern most often expressed by faculty was that Bowers is not aware of what is happening on campus and lets conditions worsen until a crisis level is reached."

Like students, faculty rated Bowers highest in the area of relations with legislators and alumni and the ability to raise outside contributions for the university.

On the other hand, Bowers has demonstrated the least capability in academic administration and in promoting communication among students, faculty, departments and administration, faculty said.

Bowers was strongly criticized for handling of faculty cuts.

Most faculty interviewed said Bowers should have begun planning for faculty cuts long before he did. "Bowers just began planning for cuts a couple months ago," George Woodbury, a chemistry professor and former president of the Faculty Senate, said. "Rather than use attrition last year when it could have helped, he waited until the last minute and now will have to cut departments."

Jack Mudd, dean of the law school, said Bowers has made decisions that were "bound to offend the faculty." However, he said these decisions were not Bowers' fault, but were forced by "mandates by the Legislature."

Mudd added that in areas where Bowers has "been given a free hand," such as fund raising, he has done extremely well.

Legislators

Legislators said they think Bowers has performed well as well as could be expected under the conditions imposed on him by the Legislature and the regents, but did not fail to involve the campus community in his decisions.

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Spring enrollment up

The number of full-time equivalent students at the University of Montana has increased by 313 over last Spring Quarter and the total number of students has increased by 968, according to the Registrar's Office.

UM's total of FTE students this Spring Quarter is 7,151 and the number of students currently attending has increased by 25 percent. The total of FTE students is figured by dividing all the graduate credits by 13 and adding all undergraduate credits by 15 then adding those figures together.

UM Registrar Phil Bain said: "I'm pleased to see the headcount and FTE enrollment both move more in line with historic norms. Hopefully, it will have a positive effect on the budgets the next time the Legislature meets."

The Board of Regents considers 12 to be the average number of credits for a graduate student and 15 as the average number for undergraduates.

FTE student totals are used to determine the university's share of legislative funding. One faculty position is funded by every 19 FTE students.

The number of FTE students and the total enrollment are both down from Winter Quarter, but that is not unusual, Bain said. Spring Quarter traditionally has the lowest enrollment, he said.

UM's rise in student enrollment of nearly 5 percent is keeping pace with that of Montana State University in Bozeman, according to figures recently released by MSU.

MSU reports an increase of 444 students over Spring Quarter 1979 for a total of 8,806 students.

Chronological account of CB budgeting process

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Re-election obsession prodded rescue mission

Back in January, President Carter told members of Congress that a military rescue mission aimed at freeing the hostages in Tehran would most certainly fail.

A few days ago, Carter apparently changed his mind.

The results of this turnaround were the death of eight U.S. servicemen, the resignation of the State Cyrus Vance (one of the last soft-liners in the administration) and the inflation of all manner of resignation calculations with not only Iran but our traditional allies.

Everyone, asks, What changed his mind? Many ignore the obvious answer: the drive for re-election.

This accusation implicates Carter as a heartless figure, but examine the facts.

• On March 25, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), New York, and Connecticut Democratic presidential primaries. Both victories were termed "surprises" in face of public opinion polls that before had indicated Carter would win the primaries.

In Washington, the Carter administration announced it had decided on stiffer economic sanctions against Iran and was considering a naval blockade.

It should have become clear then that Carter had decided his campaign strategy of "minding the house" was not working.

• On April 22, Kennedy won another primary, in Pennsylvania. Although it was not as decisive a victory as he expected, in the end, the American public started to agree. A New York Times poll said Kennedy's rallying at Carter as a "weak leader" was one of the points that saved his victory.

Two days later comes the ill-fated rescue mission, which had been on Carter's mind for about a week.

• On April 28, Carter emerged from his "self-imposed isolation" in Washington, D.C., and Camp David to fly to Texas and visit men injured in the abortive rescue mission. His Texas trip was billed as "nonpolitical" despite the fact that Texas is holding its presidential primaries on Saturday.

The president also announced yesterday that he will soon begin "limited" campaign travel.

Carter apparently takes the American people for fools and worse yet, he's getting away with it.

The predominant post-rescue-mission response from the American press was one of favor; the Washington Post called the mission a "reasonable thing to do," and the Dallas Times Herald said Americans should unite "in appreciation for this bold attempt to free the hostages."

What the press failed to point out is that Carter's actions clearly imply that he feels the majority of the American voting public is too stupid to understand anything more complicated than an angry, strident, you-can't-push-us-around stance toward Iran.

This shallow attitude by Carter impels him to make statements such as the following:

Iranian officials are "violating all principles of humanity and decency" by exhibiting the bodies of the eight servicemen who died in the rescue attempt.


Letters

Onerous policies

Editor: Most of us can have only a small part in national decisions; as small as a vote or a letter to a congressman. But, our complaints have a large part in the decisions made at the University of Montana. It's not necessary to be impressed in unworkable and demoralizing schemes.

For example: while department budgets have been cut to the bone, departments have to pay for any new desks, filing cabinets, bookcases, etc. ordered from the Physical Plant, and at the price it sets.

While there is a warehouse filled with furniture, departments go without needed equipment for new faculty members and students. One might wonder what is the purpose of the Physical Plant, if not to supply equipment needed by teachers and students? The Physical Plant, by running a monopolistic business, does not meet the need for which it was established, but it deprives university departments of the free market where, if they must buy their own equipment, they could at least buy at competitive prices, or even save.

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Western culture's

Carter and the American media continues to ignore the plain fact that Iranians are of a different culture than Westerners. Their values, their temperaments, their perceptions, all are drastically different than ours.

Until we recognize this cultural chasm, until our government and media allow us to recognize and deal with it, the hostage situation will deteriorate further.

Yet every four years, we go through the same old dreary process of misinformation and media ignorance, as a worried president with re-election on the brain, and instigates damaging short-run solutions to complicated problems.

Such "solutions" haven't worked before, and they won't work now. Only one U.S. secretary of state before Vance has ever resigned because of conscientious objection to administration policy. William Jennings Bryan resigned in opposition to then-President Woodrow Wilson's belligerent stance toward Germany.

Bryan went, the hard-line stance stayed — from which came the seeds of antagonism that evolved into World War II.

Viewing this and Carter's militaristic decision, Americans can no longer count on discretion on their government's part.

A responsibility lies with the voters, to reject this affront to their intelligence, this vendetta. They are fool enough to swallow the facade offered by the White House.

Whether the answer is a new president or a new one-term-only system is not at stake here. Carter and those who support his short-sighted, demoralizing schemes must be thrust out of office by those whom they seek to deceive — the voters.

Mike Dennison
After working 16 years as an administrative secretary and managing her own gift shop for a while, Trish Homan decided to try college. She was 36, a mother, a motor-route paper carrier and scared.

Homan, now a junior majoring in interpersonal communications, never thought about going to college after graduating from high school—until 18 years later.

Since her mother was a widow, Homan assumed a college education would be prohibitively expensive. Besides, she had two brothers, and if anyone in the family were fortunate enough to attend college it would be one of them, she said, adding that those years, said an informal, unorganized group of returning students gathered by Fitch at the beginning of Fall Quarter helped him adjust to college life.

Returning students need help and support when they first arrive at school, Harlan said. After the quarter progresses the need for the group diminishes, he continued, because the students are able to manage once they know of the services available to them at the university.

Encouragement and friendship from other returning students are the two basic requirements for the returning students’ group, according to Doolen, who said Homan, because they can relate well with another. It is difficult trying to explain to a younger student what it is like to try to find time to study while dealing with a family at the same time, she said.

What returning students need is a mentor and a good party, Fred Knight, a 30-year-old Vietnam veteran, said. Information gets around at a good party, he added.

He also suggested having someone around on campus who knows where everything is or is capable of finding out information that returning students need.

Fitch, who has been taking the responsibility for handling the needs of the returning students, said she hopes to receive ASUM funding to hire a work-study student to help organize a group and be available to answer students’ questions.

Right now the returning students’ group is in its embryonic stage, according to Doolen, who said former returning students are needed to help organize it to meet the needs of future returning students.

Since the number of returning students is rising, Fitch said UM has a responsibility to meet the demands of these students.

Students won’t return unless UM is receptive to their needs, she said.

She suggests reshaping UM Days and recruiting efforts so older people will be encouraged to attend UM.

One of the problems many older students face is what to do with their children while attending school.

Chase, a mother of two children, said the way classes are scheduled causes problems for her because she is forced to stay on campus from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., which means paying a baby sitter for the whole period. And, she added, it is hard to find baby sitters during that time of day.

If classes could be scheduled consecutively instead of several hour gaps between classes, then the returning student could either go to school in the morning or in the afternoon, she said.

One of the goals of a formal group would be to seek adequate day-care programs for children of parents attending UM, Doolen said.

Homan said when she first started school she had a hard time explaining to her daughter that it was all right for mothers to go to school.

“allowed her to play hooky from school and took her to where I was going to school to show her what it is I was doing,” Homan said. That helped her be proud that her mother was going to school, she said.

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It is true returning students have more experience behind them that could make some classes easier, but they are there to learn from the professor just like any other student, Homan said.
**Academic plans to be announced**

The reports would be five-year goal statements containing plans for program modification, staff changes and admission and graduation requirements. From these reports, the proposed committee would draft a campus-wide goal statement. The committee would also make recommendations regarding individual programs, the university's comprehensive budget requests and would conduct intensive evaluations of each program that submitted a report. The reviews would be conducted at least every five years.

Assumptions upon which the committee based its recommendations include:
- UM's personnel, operations and capital equipment budgets will be provided by the Legislature by a formula based on student enrollment.
- Montana will become one of the nation's most critical sources of energy, water and wilderness recreation.
- Out-of-state student enrollments will not increase.
- The public image of the university will improve.
- The Montana University System role and scope statement and the involvement of individual programs, the university's budget process and the involvement of faculty and students, especially those newly arriving on campus, would be conducted at least every five years.

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"Under the circumstances," Rep. Carroll South, D-Miles City and chairman of the appropriation joint committee on education, said, "he has done as well as anyone could. It's just a situation of being at the wrong university at the wrong time."

All the legislators agreed that Bowers has shown both strong leadership and poor judgment during his administration.

Norman said Bowers has shown strong leadership in his efforts to instill a recruiting program at UM, but showed poor judgment recently when he added a staff member, new director Richard Hill, to the Admissions Office at the same time he was proposing faculty cuts.

"The university needs more professors, not more administration," Norman said.

Alumni
Alumni tend to see Bowers as a fair-minded, hard-working administrator who is improving with age. Alumni gave Bowers high ratings in all areas, especially recruiting and fund raising.

The only weakness Bowers has displayed during his term of office was inexperience as an administrator when he first came to UM, they said.

Bowers' lack of experience caused him to proceed with caution and to be reluctant to make decisions, alumni said. However, they added that he has overcome his inexperience and now directly faces problems and makes decisions promptly.

Most alumni interviewed said Bowers has all of the qualities necessary to do an outstanding job as president of any university.

Bowers has "done a real good job of putting the house in order to comply with the Legislature's mandate," Tom Davis, a 1929 UM graduate and chairman of the Excellence Fund, said.

Fee increase

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By ASUM group members to register to vote.

Most CB members supported the fee increase. The resolution was pending for tonight's CB meeting.

Second lobbying session is on the agenda for tonight's CB meeting. The second lobbying session will be held within a week, he added. Discussion of the recommendation to CB, Curtis said, "is probably make a decision on the increase.

May 20. CB will begin debating the budget, Curtis said, adding that it will take a break for Easter Day on the 21st and resume on the 22nd. The final budget should be agreed on by the 22nd, he said.

He added that Bowers "has an awareness of the need to enlist the cooperation of townspeople in behalf of the university. He has begun programs to get this cooperation, and they will help the university."

Staff

Staff members also rated Bowers highly in almost every category. Most staff members interviewed said Bowers' only weakness is the lack of an information system that would explain what his decisions are and why he made them.

Bowers is a good decision maker and makes careful and strong decisions, staff members said. The problems arise when he does not take the time to explain his decisions to faculty and students.

Bowers' decision-making ability as an administrator is his ability to work with alumni and his outreach programs, which involve fund raising and recruiting, staff members said.

Although staff members rated Bowers highly in all areas, they said his is most capable in the areas of long-term planning for the university and in external relations with the Legislature and the Missoula community.

Allan Vannini, executive director of the UM Foundation and the Office of Development, said Bowers "is outstanding in public relations."

Deanna Sheriff, executive director of the Alumni Association, said there has been "a marked change in support" for the university since Bowers has been there.

"We have a much broader base of support than ever before," she said. "He has done much to improve UM's image."

Bowers' main problem is the unrealistic campus community has of him, Sheriff said. "On this campus we say—'Get everything we want from the Legislature'—then we criticize him when he doesn't."

Chroniclers . . .

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• April 21 and 22, CB holds informal lobbying sessions in the Montana Rooms of the University Center.

Lang said the sessions were a chance for groups receiving money to talk to CB members on a "one-to-one" basis.

• April 23, at a CB meeting, Curtis suggests a student activity fee increase of $5 per quarter. The board takes no action on the suggestion. Currently, all students with seven or more credits pay $15 per quarter in student activity fees.

• April 23, after the CB meeting the executive committee presents its budget recommendations.

• April 23, public hearings, a chance for groups to tell CB what they do and why they need money. Hearings continue on April 24.

• April 28, during ASUM's time for a public hearing, Curtis calls an emergency CB meeting to discuss delaying budgeting. The board approves the delay, and also approves a recommendation by Curtis to lower the proposed student activity fee increase to $3.

• April 29, although CB voted to delay budgeting, public hearings are to continue as scheduled, Curtis said.

• April 30, CB was originally planning to begin debate on the budget tonight and continue until it reached agreement. But since the board decided to delay budgeting, no debate will take place.

• May 5, Curtis said he plans on having a student activity fee increase proposal ready for the Board of Regents, which must approve the increase before it can be implemented. Curtis said he also plans on having petitions supporting the increase ready.

• May 6, the executive committee plans on presenting a revised executive budget recommendation to CB, Curtis said. The recommendations will be published and another lobbying session will be held within a week, he added. Discussion of the second lobbying session is on the agenda for tonight's CB meeting.

• May 19, the regents will hold a meeting in Helena and will