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Associated Students of the University of Montana
Faculty salary issue stamped "critical!"

By CATHY KRADOLFER
Montana Legislative Reporter

HELENA — At Eastern Montana College, it is decided whether they can earn more money teaching in the high schools.

At the University of Montana, the "bright, intelligent and energetic" are becoming educated in the profession of teaching in the high schools. They can earn more money teaching in the high schools.

"We must think about what is important to us." Watson said, but a government that has no direction is a threat to the country and how will it affect the world.

"We expect that people think is now. We must think about what is going to happen in this country and how will it affect the world." Watson said.

"We don't have as many new buildings built as we would like," Watson said. "We have to do things on that block that I am not able to do?"

University system officials opposed the restriction on development. "Faculty salary issue stamped "critical!""

By BOOMER SLOTHOWER
Montana Legislative Reporter

Missoula, UM officials differ on zoning bill

HELENA — Representatives of the university system and residents of the area, which is zoned for single-family dwellings, have complained about these uses. The university has argued that, as a state agency, it is not required under current law to comply with local zoning ordinances.

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Opinion

Look beyond Duke's KKK connection

With one week to go until his lecture here, David Duke is still the subject of protest letters and meetings, yet little good will come of either measure if more concrete ways of pointing out the irrationality of his attitudes are not used at the speech itself. Duke most probably will have eloquent, seemingly sensible responses to the planned picket of his speech and distribution of any "educational" information about his former days as a Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. His most convincing argument against any KKK reference is that he is no longer associated with the organization — will negate many of the arguments that may be made against him next week.

So rather than focusing on his former days as an outright racist, opponents could have developed an eloquent spiel on his subject and smooth answers to his past arguments and examples, putting what he has to say to the test. The Black Student Union officially protested Duke's appearance by trying last month to have Central Board overrule the decision to bring him here. But no other official PSU action is planned.

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While not going to the lecture is one method of protest, it does little to counter the offensive beliefs held by Duke — beliefs that 116 people had, by yesterday afternoon, paid to hear. With his $1,400 lecture fee, he is paid well to speak, and by now knows how to speak well on his specialty.

Yet few of the means devised so far for protesting his appearance at the University of Montana address his new approach. Instead, people have been focusing on his KKK connection — passing out stories about Duke as a Grand Wizard, dragging out pictures of Duke in a Nazi uniform, focusing on the blatant racist statements attributed to him in news magazines or else no means of protest are being taken at all.

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CB candidates to campaign long-distance

By MIKE DENNISON

Running for ASUM Central Board has never been too difficult — but try doing it from Helena.

Three women — Luci Brieger, Sjelvik, and Jeanne Marie Souvigney, 25 — are doing just that.

The three women who have internships this quarter in Helena and are graduates in environmental studies, acknowledged that their Missoula absence may hinder any campaigning efforts.

However, they are also part of the 20-member University Party, which they said will do most of their campaigning for them.

For Brieger, Sjelvik, and Souvigney will not be pictured on the party’s group-shot campaign poster.

The three women ran at the suggestion of ASUM President David Curtis, who also helped gather for each the 80 student signatures required to become a CB candidate.

“I had met them, and they seemed very interested in (CB) in a non-selfish sort of way,” he said Monday.

Noting that graduate students seldom serve on CB, Curtis said “I thought they might lend some maturity to the board.”

Curtis said during his term he had been frustrated with CB members who did not get involved with ASUM duties, and acted “basically as chairwarmers” at CB meetings.

Sjelvik, who with Brieger interned at the Environmental Information Center doing legislative research, said she was concerned about the apparent lack of communication and coordination among this year’s board members.

She cited as an example the impeachment proceedings begun Fall Quarter against ASUM Vice President Linda Lang. About 15 members gave Lang a letter, asking that she resign or be impeached and blamed her for doing an inadequate job of staffing ASUM committees, thus causing ASUM’s faculty evaluation process to stall and miss its Nov. 15 deadline. The impeachment was indefinitely “tabled” Dec. 10.

Sjelvik hopes she can improve communication among ASUM officers and board members, so such problems would not occur.

“My age could be a factor,” she said. “I could offer some real-life background.”

Before coming to Missoula about a year ago, she worked in Wisconsin as a houseparent for delinquent teen-agers.

“I’m not doing this (running) because I get my kicks out of being a CB member,” she said.

As an intern for the Northern Plains Resource Council, Souvigney researches bills and helps put out the NPRC’s legislative newsletter. Souvigney said that CB helps determine important items, such as student-group funding and ASUM legislative policy, and its actions should be better publicized.

The candidates will attend a party meeting in Missoula on Monday, but none was sure if they could make the CB candidates’ forum in the University Center Mall on Feb. 19.

Souvigney hoped they could submit written statements for the forum.

When asked about campaigning in Missoula, Brieger said: “There’s really not much I can do. I guess (getting elected) is really a shot in the dark, but what do I have to lose?”

— Charles A. Lindbergh

CB to hear requests for summer budgets

Testimony by student groups requesting summer budgets, and possibly a request to cancel the CB meeting the night of the David Duke lecture will be heard tonight in the University Center.

The board will hear six student groups, and should determine their budgets at next Wednesday’s meeting.

However, that meeting is the same evening that Duke, ex-Grand Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and president of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, will lecture in the University Center Ballroom at 8 p.m.

The CB meeting is scheduled for 7 that night.

ASUM President David Curtis said he heard some grumblings by CB members about the conflicting events, but did not know if any member would be moved to cancel the Feb. 18 meeting.

“I’m certainly not going to bring it up,” he said.

The ASUM executive committee, which comprises Curtis, ASUM Business Manager Steve Spaulding and Vice President Linda Lang, will have its budget recommendations for the groups ready at 3 p.m. today.

The six groups and their times:

• Wilderness Institute, 7
• Dance Ensemble, 7:15
• Women’s Resource Center, 7:30
• ASUM Programming, 7:45
• Montana Kaimin, 8
• Leisure Services, 8:15

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The University of Montana needs more black students to increase everyone's awareness of life outside of the university community, Ulysses Doss, director of the African-American Studies program, said recently. It is very difficult to call a university a university if it does not encourage dialogue with people of different ideas and backgrounds," Doss said.

Responding to this need, the Center for Student Development will soon hire someone to work with UM black students as a counselor and recruiter.

John Stenger, assistant director of CSO, said the position will be filled in about three months. The position will include academic and personal counseling and recruitment of blacks, Native Americans and white students, he said.

“We are looking at it as an opportunity to get someone else on the (CSD) staff as well as getting someone to work with the students specifically,” Stenger said.

The position has not been advertised yet; it will be by next week, according to a regional basis, he said. CSO is seeking someone who knows the problems blacks and other minorities face in Montana, he added.

Stenger said UM did have a similar position before, but that it was cut in a budget crunch about three years ago.

Doss said most of the problems blacks encounter are not much different from the problems any UM freshman might face. However, he said, “We do not have enough programs and means to reduce the initial shocks” blacks meet at UM.

These shocks, he said, "are made up of the simple things like what to wear, where to go and what to do. They need some friends to invite them into the community.”

Stenger said the CSD counselor will help welcome blacks to UM. "It adds a personal dimension that is otherwise lacking," he said. "The position will help blacks adjust and keep them sticking around.”

According to the Registrar's Office, black enrollment at UM has been decreasing. In 1969 there were 60 blacks enrolled. The enrollment dropped to 37 in 1978 and is now at 42.

Doss said he thinks the black enrollment will either hold steady or go up with the help of the CSD position.

"When any university is as far away from the mainstream as the University of Montana is, our recruiting efforts become far more difficult,” he said. "It is important to do a lot of recruiting so as not to be locked off from the rest of the world.”

Yellowstone trip this weekend tops ORC agenda

By DOUG O'HARRA
Montana Kalmin Contributing Reporter

A ski trip to Yellowstone National Park for the upcoming thre e-day weekend highlights the Outdoor Resource Center's schedule this month.

The trip will cost $250 person, and is not yet filled. Another trip to Mosquito Peak in the Rattlesnake Wilderness is also planned for this weekend, but may be canceled because of avalanche danger.

Sign-up for the trip is in Room 109 of the Women's Center, where information can be obtained in the ORC on the first floor of the University Center.

On Tuesday, the ORC will sponsor a multi-media presentation by Gary Grims titled "South of "Dayenu." "Dayenu" is the Hebrew name for Mt. McKinley. The show, scheduled for 8 p.m. in the UC Ballroom, will cost $3.50 for students and $5 for non-students. It is an outdoor expedition, "used sale" is scheduled for Feb. 19 beginning at noon. ORC staff member Jim Wood said anyone who wants to put unused equipment up for sale should bring it to the ORC between 2:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Feb. 20 and Wood said the ORC has sewing machines, slide projectors and screens, maps and an extensive file of "outdoor-equipment" catalogs for people to use.

Other events scheduled for Thursday, Lincoln's Birthday, are:
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Where there is fear, there is no religion.
—Mohandas Ghandi

Our tragedy today is a general and universal fear of the future sustained by now that we can eat it. The basest of all things is to be afraid.
—William Faulkner
Today is last day for Kaimin editor applicants

The deadline for applications for the job of Montana Kaimin editor is today at 5 p.m., and according to Mariann Sutton, chairwoman of ASUM Publication Board, no one had applied for the job as of yesterday afternoon.

The present editor, Sue O'Connell, finishes her term at the end of Winter Quarter. Sutton said O'Connell, who has applied for the job as of yesterday afternoon, had not received any or only a few, Sutton said the board may extend the deadline.

The board is also seeking constructive criticism about the Kaimin from students, Sutton said, but has not received any. O'Connell said the absence of applicants was "typical." She said that most would probably not apply until the last minute, and that she did not expect to apply until the last day before the deadline last year. She said one reason for the absence of applicants is that the application requires a lot of writing. A resume, a sample editorial, a two-to-three-page outline of suggestions for the Kaimin and copies of published work are requested in the application.

Scott Davidson, Kaimin business manager, said that four or five application forms have been picked up.

Applications are available at the Kaimin Business Office in Room 206 of the Journalism Building.

The time has come when Montanans must fight for their freedom

H&R 15, the so-called "pro-life amendment" will probably be voted on in Montana's Senate this Thursday, February 12. This bill would prohibit abortions. Interested in doing something about your freedom of choice?

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UM to expand computer science program

By JOHN McGRATH
Montana Kaimin Reporter

The Board of Regents Friday approved a proposal that would allow master's degrees in computer science to be offered next year at both University of Montana and Montana State University, but shelved a recommendation that MSU develop a doctoral program in that department, calling it "premature."

Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education Irving Dayton submitted a proposal at Friday's meeting in Helena that would increase the computer science offerings throughout the Montana University System. His recommendation included offering four new programs: a doctoral program and a master's program at MSU, a master's program at UM (all in computer science), and a bachelor's degree in computers to be offered by Montana Tech in Butte.

The latter three were approved, but the doctoral program ran into stiff opposition. It was decided to postpone the development of such a program until the master's programs could be evaluated and other doctoral programs at other universities could be studied. "Our feeling was that it was entirely premature," said Raymond Murray, dean of the Department of Sponsored Program Administration at UM, a member of the UM team which opposed the program. "You don't jump into a Ph.D. program," he said. "It's not that we object to having a Ph.D. program, it's just that it's premature...it's expensive, and it needs study." According to Commissioner of Higher Education John Richardson, Dayton's plan provided that MSU be authorized to proceed as the one school in the university system to develop a doctoral program.

After serious discussion, though, the regents and the representatives of the schools involved agreed to postpone the decision concerning creation of a doctoral program. Richardson said they decided that the two master's programs and the bachelor's programs are to be implemented in the fall, and that in two years the situation will be reviewed. At that time, there will be three options available: the board could decide that no Ph.D. program would be offered; they could award doctoral programs either or both UM and MSU, or they could create a joint program between the two schools.

Donald Pierre, chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at MSU, said that he could understand UM's point of view. "UM felt that they'd like the opportunity to develop a doctoral program over there," he said yesterday. "Commissioner Dayton's recommendation would have essentially excluded them from developing such a program."

"If it was up to me," Pierre said, "I'd like to see both (MSU and UM) develop Ph.D. programs, perhaps with slightly different flavors."

Murray said that plans for expanding the degree offerings in computer science came after the moratorium on new programs was lifted in November 1979. At that time UM began to plan a master's in computer science which was to have been "the first new graduate degree at UM in quite awhile." He shortly afterwards, MSU came out with a plan to offer both degrees.

"What we proposed was entirely consistent with role and scope," Murray said. "A Ph.D. program was not mentioned in role and scope."

"Role and scope is the plan developed by the regents to control and channel long-term development throughout the university system."

"There's no question that we need to offer quality new programs in the computer field," Murray said. "The key word is quality. We're not ready yet."

Dayton was in Washington, D.C., and could not be reached. 

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Adams has idea for Anaconda woes

By MARK GROVE
Montana Kaimin Reporter

One hundred fifty years ago the area that is now Anaconda was a beautiful, wild, open land. Then, until recently, its claim to fame was the smelter and its smoke stack. Now that the smelter has closed, Anaconda is looking for an economic boost, a way to make a living after the smelter is gone. Barry Adams, an environmental consultant to the Student Action Center, has a plan for those people, a plan which would provide Anacondans with jobs, make the area's beauty and give it a new claim to fame: one of the first active self-reliant communities in the nation.

Adams calls his proposal an "earth recycling plan" which would call on people to "recover the earth" and make it productive. The plan may call on Anacondans to take "austere, possibly Spartan, steps for a number of years," he said. "In the minds of many, perhaps, the suffering emanating from Anaconda is the fact of no jobs for the people, the site of the smelter's location based on the concept that Anaconda establishes itself as an active self-relying community, relying on solar, wind, methane and other forms of alternative energy. "As a solar technological experiment this project could be funded in a number of ways and garner aid from concerned citizenry worldwide."

The first step in land recovery starts with separating the arsenic around Anaconda. The arsenic could be sold to that Anaconda establish itself as an energy-independent community which would cost as much as $100 per ton. For ticket information call (406) 443-0287.

Odetta to play in Helena

A special St. Valentine's Day treat is in store for folk music lovers. Odetta, world renowned folk singer, will be performing next Saturday evening, at 8 at the Helena Junior High Auditorium, Helena.

Odetta's powerful renditions of Negro Spirituals, blues and ballads have made her one of the most important American musical figures of today. Along with her resonant voice, Odetta's personal warmth and intimate rapport with her audience, be it American, Russian or Japanese, is her trademark.

Odetta was associated with Harry Belafonte and Pete Seeger early in her career, and has been cited by Bob Dylan and Janis Joplin as a major musical influence. Among many honorary awards, she received the Duke Ellington Fellowship award from Yale University for her important contributions to American music.

When not touring, recording or appearing in films, plays or on television, Odetta plays in prisons, at small grace roots benefit functions and teaches voice. Odetta is doing an imposing figure on stage, with her flamboyant caf- tan, head scarf, gold forehead paint, charm, and incense burning at the end of her guitar. Of her music she says, "through performing I continue to develop my own self, and the more I find myself, the less I have to deny other people themselves." For ticket information call (406) 443-0287.

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### College president called plagiarist

College Press Service

DENVER — The controversial president of a college struggling to stay open has been accused of plagiarizing part of the inaugural address she delivered when she took office at the school two years ago.

A 189-word section of President Sherry Manning's October, 1978 speech to the students and faculty is supposed to solve the big problems still remaining is faculty salaries,” Rep. Esther Bengtson, D-Shepherd, said at one point during the university's presentation.

The new funding formula, developed as part of an interim legislative committee after an 18-month study, compared faculty salaries at the six units of the university system with similar institutions in other western states. Using the average of those figures, the Legislature's fiscal analyst adjusted faculty salaries at the Montana schools.

At UM, the increase in faculty compensation — including salaries, the health plan and the retirement system — is about $4,000 over the next two years. While UM has few objections to the faculty salary recommendation, other than that it wants the 12 percent increase recommended by the Board of Regents rather than the 9 percent recommended by the fiscal analyst, the four colleges, EMC, WMC, Northern Montana College and Montana Tech, have some substantial objections. When the fiscal analyst compared the four colleges to similar Western colleges, their salaries were found to be either above or the same. The colleges are arguing that they are being treated on an unequal basis in relation to the universities and want the subcommittees to reconsider.

Bowers said the reason the faculty salaries were discussed, despite UM's satisfaction with the new formula, was “to keep uppermost in the committee's mind the critical nature of our faculty's position.”

The UM payroll dropped $1.6 million from 1970 to 1979 while enrollment remained the same, said Edward Reinhardt, president of the University Teachers' Union, said. “We were serving the same number of students with fewer staff members and at lower salaries,” he said. Reinhardt called for an investment by the state in the university system, saying the ultimate beneficiary would be students. “Exciting learning comes only from an informed and enthusiastic faculty,” he said. “The enlightened, educated and free young men and women are the greatest gift the state can give itself.”

### Weather or Not

The Swine Patrol, herding Chris toward their amphibious attack vehicle, stopped short. A lovely, short-haired, blue-eyed technician waited for them, between them and the “Pigsticker I.” As she licked her lips slowly, she called out, “Hi, Chris. I’m Iron Tongue.”


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To be continued.
Law professors paid most at UM

By JOHN McGRATH
Montana Kaimin Reporter

Salaries at the law school and in the sciences top the faculty pay scale at the University of Montana, according to documents from the Institutional Research Office in Main Hall. Law school salaries ranked first among the 36 schools and departments, while only one of the eight sciences ranked lower than eleventh.

The average faculty salary at UM, which includes professors, associate professors, assistant professors, and instructors, was $20,293 during the 1979-80 academic year, according to the results of the Higher Education General Institute Survey conducted for the Federal Office of Education.

The survey, which also included sixteen other “peer” institutions in the Rocky Mountain states, found that UM faculty salaries ranked 13th in that group, while MSU ranked 15th.

The faculty salary structure is “very much associated with the market situation,” according to Richard Silsberg, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Many teachers in both the sciences and professions have a potential job in private industry, and for UM to compete, salaries have to be higher than in fields such as the humanities.

“In order for us to compete, to get good people and to keep good people, the salaries have to be squared up,” Silsberg said.

“In some fields, such as the humanities, there have historically been more Ph.D.’s looking for teaching jobs. ‘Again, it’s the market situation,” Silsberg said.

John Mudd, dean of the law school, whose faculty averaged $27,632 in salary last year, concurred. “It’s a market-pressure situation,” he said. He noted that most law professors are hired from private firms. “We look for people in private practice, people with experience, not those who are coming right out of school with a Ph.D.,” Mudd said.

Therefore, the law school has to compete with other law schools and with private industry, and “if you want to get anyone who’s competent, the salaries have to be higher” (than for teachers in other disciplines), Mudd said. He added that law faculty salaries were still significantly lower than those offered in private practice.

At the other end of the scale, the departments of home economics, physical therapy, and radio-television rank as the bottom three, respectively.

In the department of home economics, where salaries average $17,909, Sara Steensland said that she was unaware that salaries were lower than in other departments. “I wish I knew” (why home economics salaries were lower), she said.

But Steensland also said that she had assumed that her department’s faculty salaries had kept pace with increases in other departments since 1974. In that year, she said, the university system had raised the salaries of women faculty to correct for previous pay differentials. For the home economics department, the faculty of which was then and is now entirely women, this had the effect of raising its salary structure to a level comparable to other departments. Steensland added that all of the home economics faculty were tenured, and said, “If we’re being discriminated against, it’s been behind my back.”

James Olomon, the director of the Institutional Research Office, cautioned against jumping to conclusions. He said that some departments had unusual situations and gave the department of religious studies, which ranks second with an average faculty salary of $25,271, as an example. Two professors, he said, out of a faculty of nine, “skewer the whole system” because they’re “hot shots,” and the university is willing to pay them more. “If there’s someone really prestigious they want, they’ll come up with the money,” he added.

Olomon also noted that in the two departments which offered the lowest salaries, physical therapy and radio-television, comparisons were “meaningless” because each had only two faculty members.

Olomon added that “a geologist with a bachelor’s can get in private industry what we’re paying a teacher with a doctorate.”

He stressed that the outside market was a major reason for pay differences in the various departments.

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Career dream to become reality for UM's first black wildlife graduate

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A black city boy happily living and working in the wilds of Montana is not exactly a typical story, but for John Brooks it is a dream come true.

In March, Brooks will become the first black graduate from the wildlife biology program at the University of Montana, a goal he has had since high school. "It feels like a bit of a pioneer," he said. "This is very thrilling and self-rewarding." Brooks, 23, was born in Oakland, Calif., and raised in Los Angeles. He said he moved to Missoula in 1972 because "it was beautiful here."

People with an urban background in the field of wildlife biology are not that unusual, according to Brooks. "In the city with so many people and houses and the incredible rat-race, it's possible for a city person to see where the world could end up," he said. "Surrounded by so many artificial things, I could see what was possible."

Dr. Leslie Pengelly, coordinator of the wildlife biology program, agreed. "Some of the greatest advances in the field have come from people with urban origins," he said.

What is unusual is that Brooks will be the first black graduate from wildlife biology here and according to Pengelly, there are no other blacks enrolled in the program now. Pengelly also noted that generally very few minorities were involved in wildlife biology or forestry.

This is a national phenomenon, according to Pengelly, who said that at the University of Michigan, where he taught before coming to Montana, there also were very few blacks in wildlife biology. Brooks said that he doesn't think that he has "opened up another field for blacks" but that his example may "show that any field is open to blacks and minorities."

Brooks said that because most blacks are from the city, a black in wildlife biology has to learn to deal with ticks, snakes, animals and mosquitoes for the first time. Even total darkness at night is something new, Brooks said. Brooks knew that he would be involved with wildlife since he was very young. "I used to watch all those animal shows on TV," he said. One day, in the Los Angeles zoo, Brooks saw a cheetah in a cage being haunted and spat upon.

"Right then I knew I wanted to speak for animals," he said. "Animals are so manipulated. I want to do something for them, to be their lawyer."

Brooks said that a knowledge of animals is important to him and that it should be important to people in the city who have little or no exposure to animals. "We better ourselves when we learn about animals," he said. "In a technological world, animals are a link with our past. Losing them would be like losing an arm. Once they're gone, they're gone for good."

Upon graduation Brooks has a job waiting for him at the National Bison Range in M'stowe, just north of Montana. He worked there previously in the summer of 1975. He has also worked at the National Wildlife Refuge at Medicine Lake in eastern Montana and at the National Elk Refuge in Jackson, Wyo.

Jobs in wildlife biology are "not that plentiful" for people with undergraduate degrees, according to Brooks, so he is gladly accepting the job. Pengelly said that only about 20 percent of the undergraduates in wildlife biology get placed nationally.

But Brooks does not think that there is any reverse discrimination in his hiring. "I like to think that I got the job because I'm a good wildlife biologist, not because I'm black," he said.

Pengelly agreed. "He's a good worker and has good recommendations from past jobs. Nobody feels badly because he has gotten a job."

In spite of having a good job so quickly after graduation, Brooks is hoping to be transferred soon. During his first year in Montana, Brooks went to Glacier Park to watch the bald eagle migration.

"The wind was blowing about 15 mph and it was about 30 degrees," he said. "I was dressed in these city clothes, hell I didn't know." Consequently, Brooks' hands and feet were badly frostbitten. Since then, he said it has been very difficult for him to work in cold weather.

Brooks' long-term goal is to work in the area of predator preservation.

Brooks is especially interested in wolves, which he said is his favorite animals. A movie recently shown on campus, "Death of a Legend," contained a scene of a wolf being shot. "I felt like I was being shot myself," Brooks said.

Though he is a soft-spoken person, Brooks does have strong and definite feelings about wildlife. As a future government employee, he does think that he will have to make some compromises.

"If it was up to me, I'd be completely pro-wildlife," he said. "But it isn't so I have to make some concessions. With Watt as my boss (new Secretary of the Interior, James Watt) I can't be too outspoken."

Pengelly said that UM would not benefit strictly from the fact that it had a black graduate in wildlife biology. "UM will gain only in that John will reflect well on the university, but that is true of any good employee. What is important is his skill, not his color."

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The second floor of the pharmacy building is connected to the new science building by a skywalk. The new building has no official title yet, but the Campus Development Committee will name it this spring.

The office space vacated by the two departments has not been assigned to anyone by the administration’s space committee. Because of the mild winter, the building was finished ahead of schedule, Parker said. While the building could be ready for classes prior to July 1, the necessary utility and maintenance funds have to be budgeted first. As a result it will remain empty until July, said Richard Solberg, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Philip Catalaforno, dean of the pharmacy school, said that the building will be an “enormous improvement” over the current one.

Laurence Berger, professor and acting chairman of the Department of Psychology, said the new building will be one of the best on campus.

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