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Workers at University of Montana are considering striking next week along with state employees from all over Montana, because the Montana House of Representatives has failed to fund a previously negotiated contract between unions and the state.

On Friday, local members of the Montana Public Employees Association voted "overwhelmingly" to strike if the Legislature doesn't fund the negotiated contract, according to Guy Rittel, president of UMs custodians' local of the MPEA.

Since then, next Tuesday has been set for the strike.

The vote came after a House committee last week proposed an amended version of the negotiated contract. The committee's version shifted the bulk of the pay raises from the lower-paid employees to the higher-paid ones.

Since then, the House scrapped both the negotiated contract and the amended version, and simply designated that Gov. Ted Schwinden somehow use a $48 million about $54 million.

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According to Tim Rice, spokesman for the MPEA, 450 of 750 UM staff employees are members of MPEA. Of the remaining 250 staff members about one-half belong to any one of 10 smaller unions. Pro-strike sentiment is running "very, very strong" among the other unions, Rice said.

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John Lawry, chairman of the UM philosophy department and spokesman for the UM Worker's Coalition, said the coalition met on Friday. He said several unions other than the MPEA had not yet had bargaining sessions with the regents. But the unions are holding strike votes, he added, and two unions already received permission from the state university to strike if members don't get a "reasonable increase in pay."

The University Worker's Coalition is a group that acts as a coordinator of all the UM unions.

Last week, the University Teachers' Union voted to honor a MPEA vote "gone halfway" toward getting the negotiated contract funded. But, he added, the $48 million package approved by the House is still "$84 or $85 million too short."

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Donald Habbe, a UM academic vice president, argued that the program's enrollment and curriculum was such that it deserved separate degree status.

Regent Jack Peterson, Butte, who supported the group, said that giving it degree status might lead to a "proliferation of unique, innovative, duplicative degree titles" at the six units of the university system.

The two degree proposals were postponed at the suggestion of Richardson. He suggested deferring decision on a doctoral program in computer science at either university for two years. As long as MontPIRG retains the support of 50 percent of the student body, the corporation will survive, Montgomery said.

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Montgomery's salary was one of the most discussed issues with students, Montgomery said. "We don't want students to go through any red tape," he added.

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Montgomery said student petitioners will make announcements during larger classes and at night classes this week, in addition to setting up tables outside the Food Service, in an attempt to contact students who have not had the opportunity to sign the petition.
Bargaining process root of MPEA woes

Students may enjoy an unexpected vacation next week. No, it won't be Mt. St. Helens erupting this time, but something just as explosive: a proposed strike by the Montana Public Employees Association which would render the state and the university system virtually inactive if other unions choose to honor picket lines.

The actions of Montana Republicans practically will force the MPEA to strike next week. They have thrown a $48 million proposed pay package for state employees to Gov. Ted Schwinden to plug percentage increases—but less than an agreed on 12 percent—into. The $48 million package is about $6 million short of fulfilling a contract the MPEA bargained with the state last December.

MPEA members are justifiably incensed. They have seen their take home pay shrink substantially over the past five years because their raises have not kept pace with inflation.

House Majority Leader Harrison Fagg, R-Butte, said that Montanans shouldn't subsidize a raise for state employees when they too are suffering the effects of inflation.

Rep. Robert Siversten, R-Hayre and chairman of the employee-pay committee, said last week that he felt it was unfair to be boxed in by an administrative agreement when "we don't have a thing to say about it." However, legislators did have something to say about making Montanans pay more when they voted themselves a raise in their expense account from $45 to $85 a day in January.

One solution to providing the full $54 million it would take to give state employees the salary package they negotiated would be to take the additional $6 million out of the state budget surplus.

But the issue should not end here. The real problem is about making Montanans pay more when they voted "we don't have a thing to say about it." One solution to providing the full $54 million it would take to give state employees the salary package they negotiated would be to take the additional $6 million out of the state budget surplus.

However, that solution is no longer feasible as Republicans, in their big push to get their $107 million in tax cuts through this session, have budgeted the surplus.

The issue of pay increases to state employees will not end, especially not with this hot potato approach, as no surplus.

Shrine Circus

Open letter to the faculty and students to use the Harry Adams Field House parking lot: In capital letters—THANK YOU.

The Shrine Circus is over for this year. We know that in a number of instances, it was an inconvenience for you to give up your parking spaces on campus 1 and 2 so circus patrons could use your spaces.

But bosses, who are all those rustic looking people getting off the airplane? And, Shortshoo, those are the elected representatives of Montana's 1890 Legislature.

"Boss, how are we to grant so many fantasies?"

"Will, Shortshoo, unbelievable as it might be, each legislator has exactly the same fantasy. You see, their fantasy is to become responsible, open-minded, reasonable, elected officials, who realize they were elected not divinely ordained. They should be trusted by people to formulate cohesive, rational laws instead of engaging in passionate debates over chamber smoking rules. By the way, Shortshoo, try not to smoke while the Montanans are here. We've removed all fines from the campus.

Don't you want to be attacked by a tax?

"My dear guests, I am Mr. Montana. Welcome to Fantasy World."—Richard Gilbert, grad student, environmental studies

Golden pollen

Editor: Thursday's editorial about the dandelion menace is reminiscent of last quarter's battle in the Kaimin over the rights of defeating dogs. Given the choice, U-M dog doilies or dandelions. I'll vote for golden pollen on my buttons everywhere.

Donnell Hunter graduate, creative writing

NOT ENOUGH? WE'RE POURING ARMS-MEN AND MONEY INTO EL SALVADOR? WHAT ELSE COULD THEY POSSIBLY NEED TO RESIST COMMUNISM?

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DOONESBURY by Garry Trudeau

Randy disputes Programming article

Editor: I was disappointed by an article that appeared in your April 1 issue (April Fool's) on 'Programming'. The article, written by Greg Gadberry, pained a picture of disagreement between Eric Johnson and me. Indeed, Gadberry portrayed me as being almost contemptuous of the survey. This is far from the truth.

public forum—

There are some pertinent facts that Gadberry didn't include in the article that give the story a quite different angle. Eric John­son, Marquette Zook and I met on several occasions towards the end of last quarter, discussed the survey and mutually designed it. The project, has had Victor Gotesman's and my blessings from the beginning—a couple of the questions were Victor's idea.

Programmers have been interested in doing a survey since last summer, and Victor and I have discussed it on many occasions. We had not conducted a survey for several reasons—among which are lack of people to evaluate the completed forms and indecisiveness on how comprehensive a survey we wanted to conduct. We have also been very busy with our day-to-day affairs as well as our productions so the survey took a back burner. So when Eric and Marquette ap­proached me about the survey I saw it as a good opportunity. We could have some good input on the design of the survey without the responsibilities of dis­tributing, collecting and tabulating the forms. Victor and I have been looking forward to seeing the results of this survey.

I think that ARUM Program­ming have a good gut-level feel­ing for what students want to see out of what is available for us to present. That is what I meant when I told Gadberry we didn't expect any surprises. It is not to say because we expect no sur­prises that we think the survey is a waste of time, which is what Gadberry implied in his article.

When I read the article my first response was anger. I meant to talk to Eric and explain that the article did not accurately repre­sent my feelings about the sur­vey. I didn't get around to doing that until after Eric had written his letter. I regret that now. I also regret that Eric preferred to communicate with me via the Kaimin rather than pick up his telephone or walking the thirty- or-so feet that separate our desks.

Rick Ryan
director, ASUM Programming

Pest control

Editor: Jim Bruggers in his editorial on dandelions did not use accurate information in his reference to the Pest Control Committee. This committee is not charged with approving all chemical applications. Universi­ty policy states: "No application of pesticides should be made on university grounds without prior written approval from the Director of the Plant Physical Department or from the plant pathologist and entomologist members of the committee." This procedure has been follow­ed, in that pre-application reports have been forwarded to the two members, providing them the opportunity to express their views prior to an application.

Kenneth Read
University sanitarian
Faculty evaluations not done, results may not be published

By SUSAN TOFT
Montana Kaimin Reporter

Winter Quarter faculty evaluations are still being tabulated, and the completion date is undetermined, said Max Weiss, paralegal assistant at ASUM Legal Services and member of the Faculty Evaluations Committee.

Weiss added that the chances of publishing the results of the evaluations this quarter are slim, but that "we're not entirely ruling it out."

The publication, entitled "The Book," is a compilation of the faculty evaluation forms filled out by students. It contains both the instructors' percentage rating in areas such as course subject matter and teaching effectiveness, and subjective comments from students. "The Book" was last published in 1974.

The reason for the underdetermined completion date, Weiss said, is that the same form used for evaluation tabulation is also used to compute registration information. As soon as the registration information is completed, faculty evaluations can be finished.

According to Laura Hudson, assistant registrar, registration information should be computed by next Friday.

Weiss said the major consideration in not publishing "The Book" this quarter is the lack of conformity in the evaluation process. He said "very, very few instructors followed instructions on the envelopes." Some evaluation forms were returned unsigned, unsealed, with the information on the front of the evaluation envelopes not filled out or with forms attached to envelopes with paper clips, he said.

"Evaluation forms were returned in every fashion of disregard for the content," Weiss said.

After the evaluation forms are tabulated, the information will be forwarded to department chairmen or the deans of the professional schools. Each department's evaluations committee will summarize the subjective remarks made by students on the evaluation forms. The summarized remarks, along with the original evaluation forms, will be delivered to the chairman or dean. The original evaluation forms will eventually be returned to the individual faculty members.

Students could probably obtain the evaluation results received by the chairmen and deans, Weiss said, but only that information contained in the forms filled out by students.

Thirty-eight thousand evaluation forms, from 2,000 classes, were distributed Winter Quarter.

Coors controversy resolved

College Press Service

Recent nationwide surveys suggest Coors is students' fifth most popular domestic brew.

Coors was recently acquired by a group called Joseph Coors, Inc., which is rapidly expanding the company's hiring practices.

"The question here is not whether one likes or dislikes Coors beer," said Jenny Chung, a member of the Faculty Evaluations Committee. "Rather the concept onto our campus is an injustice in itself."

The Coalition Against Coors, on the other hand, initiated the boycott in 1968 to protest the academic and employment practices of Joseph Coors, who at the time was a member of the Faculty Evaluations Committee. The coalition was led by a group called Students for Responsive Government, which insisted that students should individually decide which beers they drink.

The Coalition Against Coors, on the other hand, initiated the boycott in 1968 to protest the academic and employment practices of Joseph Coors, who with his brother William runs the Adolph Coors Brewing Co.

Currently Coors sells its beer in every state west of the Mississippi except Oregon, as well as parts of Tennessee and Louisiana. Mississippi, will become Coors' twentieth state this fall. It recently purchased land in Virginia, where it is considering building a new brewery.

Domenech claims the proper Coors picture was never painted.

The firm now plans to aggressively pursue on-campus exposure to "establish credibility." Although Coors never wanted to "publicize its goodwill," he says, it will now try to counter negative publicity it has gotten from unions and from Joseph Coors' backtracking of the far-right Heritage Foundation.

As part of its campus marketing program, Coors has finally copied its competitors and begun a campus representative program. It has also begun college efforts like its Intramural Festivals this spring, and the Coors Debate Series.

Forestry school may get new research building

By TIM ROGERS
Montana Kaimin Reporter

If the University of Montana School of Forestry can raise $440,000 of the total $660,000 needed for the building before the Legislature will consider approving the building project, Stout said.

The school must raise two-thirds of the total $660,000 needed for the building before the Legislature will consider approving the building project, Stout said.

Stout said the general plan for the building calls for a "functionally perfect, energy-efficient building, that will be compatible with the rest of the landscape and easy to maintain." A cost estimate and tentative plans have been prepared by the Department of Administration in Helena, he said.

The probable two-story building would cover about 17,700 square feet, would have offices for at least three scientists from the forestry school's faculty, and a residence for a resident manager, Stout said.

Stout said he hopes research done at the site will be funded by the Legislature.
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Texas may raise legal age

Texas legislators are debating this month whether to raise the state's legal age for drinking liquor from 18 to 21. Since 1973, fourteen states have stiffened their liquor laws by raising the legal age to 21. But if the experience of college students in the other 14 states holds, Texas campus administrators might hope the legal age stays where it is.

Indeed, college administrators around the country complain that raising the legal age has caused more problems for them, ranging from increased dorm violence and vandalism to the loss of control over student drinking, which inevitably continues. In the meantime, officials say there's been no appreciable decrease in drinking on campuses in states where the age has been raised.

"There is no evidence that raising the drinking age affects consumption," says Gerardo Gonzales, director of the University of Florida's Alcohol Information Center and president of RACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Con­sciousness Concerning the Health of University Students.)

Incoming college students are driven by school drinking habits, he says. "If they (under-age drinkers) get over the hump, it, then they'll get it in." "The drinking just went underground," agrees David Craft, director of mental health services at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Raising the age, he says, "just removed one set of controls, the nation's 21-year-old limit is no longer a barrier. Students who want to will find a way." Other administrators also morn the removal of controls that may the lower drinking age laws posed. For instance, students used to be more likely to attend college-sponsored and con­trolled pubs and parties where they would be caddied and even refused service, if circumstane warranted it.

At the University of Massachusetts, Dean William Field says the school even offered bartending classes to teach students how to tell if a party — or drinker — was spinning out of control.

Additionally, school-sponsored events also served non-alcoholic drinks and foods that tempered drunkenness. University of Texas-at Austin's Tor Chang says students tend to drink less at the pub because live entertainment diverts their attention from drinking. At the Montauk Bar, where the students will go: to pick up girls, he says.

Ken Burnham, UMass residential life official, says he knows where the students will go: "they'll go off campus." And they will go to bars that sell only alcohol.

Burnham told the campus newspaper that "a tour of the dumplers on a Monday morning is clearly indicative of the drinking in the dorms on the weekend." He adds, "there have been more and more incidents of discipline (problems) related to alcohol."

Off campus, Amherst Police Chief Donald Maia reports a drastic increase in the number of disturbances and arrests for possession of alcoholic beverages in a seven-month period after Massachusetts' law change in 1979. During that time, 85 were arrested, compared to 17 in the preceding year.

The situation seems far different from the results en­visioned by legislators in the 20 states that have either raised the age limit or considered raising it in the last eight years.

State legislators in Maryland, Kansas, Minnesota and Michigan, for example, say they aimed at stopping high school students from getting liquor from age 18 to 21-year-olds.

But associated problems like car accidents continue to rise and high school drinking rates are up, says Florida's Gonzales, and Gil Milgram, director of education for Rutgers' Center for Alcohol Studies. Milgram estimates 70 percent of college students are "regular drinkers." They go "to college with the expectation that they'll continue." They'll continue them irrespective of legal implications," she says.

In response to the statistics, North Dakota legislator Marie Tierney admitted her state's 21-year-old limit has been "ineffective." But Beveren All Rice of Michigan's Council of Alcohol Problems, like other advocates, remains confident that the higher age laws are worthwhile. He cites health statistics as proof that alcohol "complicates the matura­tion process both physically and mentally," and says the age hike had resulted in "less peer approval (of drinking) and less frequent incidences" in the 18- to 20-year-old range.

Michigan voters agreed by a 57- to 43-percent ratio to raise the age in 1976. Governor Lawton Chiles later said the support last fall when they voted 62-38 percent to keep the age at 21. Dick Foley, who works in the state's alcohol and welfare unit, says the study finds "that the age limit is nowhere near as drastic as many of the states that have either raised the age limit or considered raising it in the last eight years.

Senators and researchers, from the results of the age increases, maintain that the real solutions are found in educating teenagers and adults alike about drinking problems.

"If people really want to aim at the laws at alcohol abusers, they should make the age 44 instead of 24," says the annual report. Administra­tors and researchers, from the results of the age increases, maintain that the real solutions are found in educating teenagers and adults alike about drinking problems.

"You just can't say 'don't do it' and expect them not to without telling them why it is bad for them," Gonzales says.

State surcharge tax may be abolished

The Montana House voted 93-1 yesterday to repeal the 10 percent state income tax surcharge, that tax upon a tax which goes on the last of your return. The surcharge is calculated on an individual's state income tax to his final tax bill. The repeal would be effective beginning this tax year, so tax returns to be filled out next year. At this time would not include the surtax added to the 1981 bill, approved by the Senate, still requires Gov. Ted Schwinden's signature, which is expected.

Ex-hostages honored for bravery

The American diplomatic formerly held hostage in Iran were cided yesterday for exceptional bravery. Secretary of State Alexander Haig named the State Department's Award for valor to Ronald S. Laingen, the ranking U.S. diplomat in Iran during the 44-day hostage crisis. Laingen received the award on behalf of himself and 59 other hostages. The award given for "outstanding heroism in dangerous circumstances which require exceptional personal bravery and perseverance." It was the first repetition of the ex-hostage since they were received by the White House in January.

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UM track teams surprise coaches

Neither women's Track Coach Dick Koontz nor men's Track Coach Larry Heidebrecht expected to do very well last weekend. But both of them did.

At the University of Montana Twilight Track meet last Friday, the UM women captured first place by outdistancing runner-up Montana State University 139-131. The men's team finished second, with 73 points, behind Spokane Community College's first-place 90 points.

Montana State took third in the men's competition with 68 points.

UM's Gretchen Goebel and Toni Raunig started the afternoon in good fashion for Montana with victories in the 10,000 meter-run.

Raunig cruised past his competition, finishing more than a minute ahead of second-place Steve Bishop of MSU, with a time of 30:35.19. Goebel also finished over a minute ahead of her closest competitor, Katie Fontana of UM, racing to a time of 39:36.66.

Other first-place finishers for the men were: Shawn Wilks, 1:54 in the 800-meters; Dave Gordon, 3:51.81 in the 1,500 and 14:45.8 in the 5,000; Jan Harland, 22-6 1/2 in the long jump; Erik Hollenberg, 6-9 in the high jump and Dave Susan, 14-6 in the pole vault.

First-place finishers for the women were: Lori Chaki, 25.62 in the 200-meters and 12.14 in the 100 — a new meet record; the UM team of Chaki, Judith Wilder, Shelley Morton and Marie Koontz, 49.14 in the 400-meter relay and Wilder, 57.70 in the 400.

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Shuttle performs well in test

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) After the turbulence of its development and its once-delayed launch, space shuttle Columbia settled down to a routine orbit that was a little short of boring—unless you were a test pilot.

Given the troubled history of the shuttle project, astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen were well-trained to handle problems with most of Columbia's thousands of systems when they were launched Sunday. The maiden flight of the rocketship has done a near-flawless job in its first two days. "The spacecraft is performing just beautifully," Young reported. "A champ," Crippen said.

The astronauts were ahead of schedule in their tasks; at one point yesterday, Young suggested, "Chris [Kraft is their boss at the Johnson Space Center in Houston] ought to be out of his depth." Kraft is their boss at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"Some chance," shot back the voice from Shuttle Control. When the astronauts were hooked up via radio with Vice President George Bush at the White House, Bush asked, "How's Irv's heart doing?" a joking reference to the fact that Crippen's heart pressure shot up at launch.

"He's calmed down to about nothing. I think," Young said of Crippen. "No wonder, the few problems that have popped up have been minor flaws with oxygen pressures, a data recorder and a chilly cabin."

At lift-off there were concerns about the two systems responsible for most of the two-year delay in getting Columbia to the launch pad: the English Fire suppression system and the 30,922 silice tiles intended to protect the ship from the blazing heat of re-entry.

The engines worked perfectly. The tiles, not so perfectly, but apparently acceptably.

Young and Crippen went about their work like the jet test pilots they were before they got into the astronaut business.

The spacecraft, floating effortlessly in their weightless world, repeatedly exercised flight controls, fired jet steering engines, calibrated navigation aids, purged their fuel cells of water, opened and closed the cargo doors, evaluated computers and backed everything aboard the ship.

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The Visual Arts Club, in cooperation with the University of Montana School of Art and the UM Gallery of Visual Arts, is sponsoring a juried student art exhibition to open Tuesday, April 28. The exhibition will continue through May 8 at the Gallery of Visual Arts.

All students enrolled at UM are eligible to enter. The competition is open to all media, and will be divided into undergraduate and graduate divisions.

Cash awards will be given in addition to campus art awards. Full-time art majors also are eligible for campus awards for the Thomas Wickes Art Award, a $300 prize.

There is no limitation to the number of works submitted by each artist. Entry fees are $1 per entry, and go into the awards fund.

Entries may be submitted next Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gallery of Visual Arts at the Social Sciences Building.

For further information and entry blanks, contact Kate Stanser, gallery clerk, at 245-8131.
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Bob Sykes, University of Washington student majoring in business administration
Coal leases to foreign interests vetoed yesterday by Schwinden

By HYN M ALEXANDER
Montana Kaimin Reporter

A bill that would have allowed foreign companies to acquire state coal leases and to purchase coal mined from state lands has been sent back to the Legislature by the State Board of Education, the

Gov. Ted Schwinden with an amended veto. The
governor rejected a provision
in the bill that would allow foreign companies and nations to acquire state coal leases. The Legislature needs a three-fourths majority in each house to send the amended bill back to the governor for his approval.

Senate Bill 367 would have nullified the moratorium placed on the export of Montana coal to foreign nations. It was sponsored by Sen. Thomas Keating, D-Billings.

The amendatory veto was issued by Schwinden just minutes before an evening deadline yesterday, after which the bill would have become law had he not acted on it.

In issuing the amendatory veto, Schwinden released a statement saying the bill "signals a clear change in public policy by the state of Montana."

"I remain concerned," he said, "about the wisdom of committing finite U.S. energy resources to long-term export contracts until America's energy needs are determined and met."

Schwinden said that the bill, in its present form, would allow mineral leasing rights that far exceed federal policy.

"It is one thing to allow the export of Montana coal," he said. "It is another matter to permit, even to encourage, foreign interests to directly acquire Montana coal through lease agreements."

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Montgomery had done and was necessary in light of a number of salary offers Montgomery had received from other colleges.

"If we don't recruit him, we'll lose him," Bowers said. "And I'd hate to lose Mike Montgomery."

The regents also:

• approved budget amendments at the six colleges and universities, allowing them to spend money appropriated by the 1981 Legislature for utility costs and costs associated with unplanned for enrollment in­creases.

• approved the transfer of interest from mineral rights on various state lands to the foundations at the universities.

• heard a report from the Student Advisory Council op­posing the use of office stationery by the commissioner's intern, Cathie Nelson, to write a letter to a legislative committee.

• heard a presentation from Howard Reinhardt, outgoing president of the University Teachers' Union. Reinhardt reminded the regents of the high priority of faculty salaries in budget decisions and said the regents, the legislature and the unions still had more to learn about collective bargaining.

The severity of the meeting promoted Regent Chairman Ted James to question whether it was "worth the taxpayers' money and our time" to meet seven times during the regular session. The Rich­ardson responded that he and the presidents try to bring to the regents issues that they feel are of "substantial interest."

Cultural board dubbed 'sucker'

HELENA (AP) — "Either the sucker ought to work or we ought to get rid of it."

That was Gov. Ted Schwinden's earthy assessment yesterday of one of the state's most obscure and minor boards on high-level board which is supposed to make recommendations on cultural and educational endeavors.

Presiding at his first meeting of the State Board of Education, the farmer-governor with a penchant for culture indicated he was of a mind to get rid of it.

The State Board of Education is a combination of the Board of Regents of Higher Education and the public school system's Board of Public Education. It is also responsible for the state's arts, historical and library programs.

Thirteen bids received for LA windows plan

By DIANA PELLEGRINI
Montana Kaimin Reporter

The state has received 13 con­struction bids to cover two-thirds of the Liberal Arts Building's existing windows, Philip Hauck, administrator of the Montana division of architecture and engineering, said in a telephone interview yesterday.

The energy conservation plan, that was proposed by the Department of Economics, is aimed at insulating the building's windows and making the heating system more energy-efficient by replacing current light fixtures with fluorescent lights.

Hauck said the bids have been sent to the DOE office in Denver for approval, which is expected at the end of the week. The bids will be awarded at the Board of Exam­iners' meeting early next week, he added.

Faculty and staff members who have offices in the LA Building have opposed the plan to cover the windows since it was first proposed last July.

Tom Power, chairman of the Department of Economics, said yesterday that the faculty and staff have "found their windows and are just waiting to see what happens at the Board of Ex­aminers' meeting."

Construction is expected to begin in June, Hauck said, ad­ding that it should be completed by early fall.

Hauck said the cost for cover­ing the windows will be slightly more than the $400,000 mark which had been proposed. He said the state has done a nation-wide study on energy costs and determined that the proposed cost "appeared to be more attractive than it ever had been."

Slettten Construction Co., Great Falls, was the low general construction bidder, 4-G Plumbing and Heating, Inc., Missoula, was the low bidder on mechanical work and The Electrical Shop was the low bidder for electrical work, Hauck said.

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Weather or Not
Caterina's hair was straight, black and silky.

Tamaras was tawny, tangled and thick like a lion's mane.

She hung her hair back over the edge of the bathtub, lolling in the steamy heat, skin stretched taut on a slender throat, hair hanging heavy and wet.

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