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Local particulate control seen as solver of problem

By Jim Marks
Kaimin Reporter

Only a few Missoula area residents noticed the Clean Air Week forum last night, in which several speakers said air pollution is worse than it was in the 1960s and 1970s.

Richard Steffel, a University of Montana graduate in environmental studies who is involved in working on air pollution issues, said, "We are in a worse pollution situation, as regards particulates, than we were in the bad old days."

According to some of the other speakers, the solution lies in giving local governments more flexibility in setting policy concerning air pollution.

The forum, which was held in the Red Lion Inn, was attended by about 50 people. The forum was part of the Clean Air Week activities, through which the City/County Health Department is trying to inform people about air pollution and to rally support for individual action.

The speakers were: Ken Alke, head of the air pollution division of the Environmental Protection Agency, Hal Robbins, chief of Montana Air Quality Bureau, John Duffield, UM assistant professor of economics, Ann Curry, chief of Montana Air Quality Bureau, and Dub Curry, director of the Health Service at the University of Montana.

Jogging during a Stage I alert can increase inhalation of particulates "probably twenty-fold," he said, adding that it may be related to other pollutants.

No data exist proving a correlation between jogging in pollution and health, said Curry, because people have not been jogging long enough to conduct research. When the data is in, Curry said, he thinks the findings will indicate a correlation because other air pollutants, such as cigarette smoke and coal dust, are linked to pulmonary disease.

There is no reason to believe smoke and automobile fumes would be less of a problem, he said.

There may be no concrete data, Curry said, because air pollution studies don't have as much funding or interest as diseases like cancer. However, more people are sick or hospitalized in Missoula during times of high pollution levels.

The benefit of exercise in cardiovascular fitness is undeniable, but the risk of outdoor exercise during pollution can counteract it, Curry said. It would be better, during times of high pollution to skip a day if you can't exercise indoors or away from the valley, he added.

The UM football team has some outdoor physical education classes and has not been able to move practice indoors during Stage I alert conditions because there is not local facility large enough to accommodate them, according to Mike Van Deleet, strength and conditioning coach for the football team.

Everyone is affected by bad air. The Missoula air pollution study group has been started by the KN Johnson of Missoula and others for the state legislature is limited, but significant.

Basically, it determined that "kids here are sicker than other kids" tested in

Funding method to be decided by MontPIRG

By Bill Miller
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

To refund or not to refund, that is the question facing the Montana Public Interest Research Group — a student-run, non-profit corporation that helps students pursue consumer and environmental issues.

MontPIRG is trying to decide whether it wants a refundable or a waivable fee system to finance its operation. Either system MontPIRG chooses would require approval by the Board of Regents in its regular meeting Dec. 11.

The refundable fee system, preferred by MontPIRG, would charge each student $2 at registration. Upon request of the student this money would be refunded.

The other option is a waivable fee system. In this case the students could refuse giving MontPIRG the $2 at registration by checking a box on their registration form. However, even if they didn't waive this fee at registration, the students could still request a refund and will receive it.

"We prefer to negotiate for the mandatory system, but we see the waivable system as an acceptable option," said Bob Anderson, junior in zoology and a member of the MontPIRG steering committee.

Anderson said MontPIRG wants a refundable fee system for two reasons. First, it was the system endorsed by 3,700 University of Montana students last spring when they signed a petition supporting MontPIRG.

For this reason, Anderson said, the preferred by MontPIRG, would charge each student $2 at registration. Upon request of the student this money would be refunded.

Today's weather

We'll see periods of rain decreasing to scattered showers today, with occasional rain tonight. High today 43, low tonight 28.

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opinions

Not a creature, nor UM, was stirring

Twas the eve before the special session and all through the University of Montana, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

Not UM President Neil Bucklew, not ASUM President Steve Spaulding, not the ASUM Legislative Committee.

No one at UM is prepared for the special legislative session, scheduled to begin Monday. Bucklew, Spaulding and members of the Legislative Committee Jeanne-Marie Souvigney all complacently state that since the Legislature will be dealing with block grant questions, the university system budget is safe from prying hands.

Wrong. They don’t know that.

It is conceivable that the state House and Senate will vote, by a majority, to open up the session. And if Schwidenk decides to toss the whole appropriations bill on the floor, the university system budget, which received a whopping 53 percent increase, will be subject to the same scrutiny given other state programs.

Even if the Legislature is not opened up, who's to say that students won't be affected when there are numerous and obvious examples to the contrary. Consider:

• limiting eligibility for Medicaid and welfare.
• restricting eligibility for food stamps.
• reducing the amount of the state student loan budget.

A majority of students at UM do not come from middle class families and live safe, warm and well-fed in a dormitory. Many use, through the University of Montana, not a creature was stirring. 'Twas the eve before the special session and all through the university's, benefit.

All of UM's officers have, at one time or another, refused to involve itself in legislation that will affect, in a number of ways, that entire community? How are we to remain open to the elementary appeal is evidenced to the same scrutiny given other state programs.

Where does our meaning dwell, in what way does life call to us, and what sort of plague is this that encapsulate our existence, that hunt us in the silent terror of the night.

We must live up to this truth, or what is our happiness and growth. Our powers, our minds, our bodies, until we deceive will eat at our hearts, the malignancy of falsehood and bombs fall this year or next. The days of the past have made by the "new right."

And after all, they are in prison authorities that they have solemnity, peering deeper within ourselves to see a university delegation actively participating in budget proposals, proposals which will deeply affect its backs on the community.

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New restaurant and bar to open at Milwaukee depot

By Ace Ramel
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

The Clark Fork Station, a new restaurant being built in the old Milwaukee Road depot is scheduled to open Dec. 7, according to Terry Sweeney, a manager of the restaurant.

The restaurant will have an atmosphere reflecting Missoula's past, Sweeney said. Pictures and other features of the restaurant, which was built in 1908, will depict important people and events of Missoula's history, he said.

He said the restaurant will feature menu items such as steak and seafood and also will have live entertainment. It will be a "classy place," Sweeney said.

Rich Harrington, the other manager, said the restaurant will be in the main waiting room of the old depot, while the baggage room will be made into a bar. Harrington said a passageway connecting the two areas is being built.

The owners of the restaurant are Jack Nelson, Bruce Peterson and Chris Crawford, Harrington said.

Harrington said the opening of the restaurant was postponed for more than two-and-a-half months by "legal delays." He said a protest was filed in July over their liquor license because the building is close to a church.

Although the protest was withdrawn after about two weeks, Harrington said there was a "need to get new financing" after the withdrawal.
New Escorts Unlimited offers dusk-to-2 a.m. service

By Doug Decker
Kansan Consulting Reporter

Perhaps you've felt the fear of not knowing who is following you. Perhaps you've put off going across campus at night because of fear. Perhaps you're suffering for a sense of security while traveling on campus at night. If so, there are people who feel the situation doesn't affect you, because they don't "go out in the evening and walk alone." But there are many who must walk alone at night because they have no other means of transportation. A majority of those are female students, Weigel said.

Two documented assaults were in early October when two women were jumped from behind in separate incidents. The first happened about 11:45 p.m. Oct. 7 in the 300 block of Eddy Avenue. The other occurred Oct. 8 at about 11:30 p.m. in the 200 block of Daly Avenue.

The woman who was attacked on Eddy Avenue went to the Women's Resource Center shortly afterward to inquire about improving the lighting in the area, according to Roseneuf. While better lighting won't eliminate the problem of rape and sexual assaults in the area, it will cut down on them, Roseneuf said.

Anna Lisa Saulwick, a rape counselor at Women's Place, doesn't agree completely. "It's a fallacy that men only rape in the dark," she said. "They rape whenever they can. It's probably hard to tell whether better lighting would help." Saulwick suggests that other alternatives might be more effective. Neighborhood groups could establish a "safe house" every two blocks, where women could go if they're afraid or suspect they might be in trouble, she said. If a woman is attacked and knows there is a safe house nearby, she would think. "yes, I could run that far," Saulwick said. "It would give her more incentive to run if she knows she are "to block a go to get to safety." Neighborhood patrols, either by bicycle, foot or car, could help. Winter is a scary time, she said, adding that women must often walk or from class in the dark. Men know the patterns and the times the women walk home, and to have a car of citizen volunteers cruising during those times could help, she said.

Saulwick isn't the only one advocating alternatives. A group of male residents of Craig Hall has begun to organize an escort service for women who must walk at night around campus or nearby areas. (See related story on this page.)

"It's a good idea," Saulwick said, "but women should have their own escort service. Women can protect themselves." She is all for educating women on rape. In fact, Women's Place will be conducting classes for that purpose in all residence halls before the end of the quarter. Self-help will be emphasized, Saulwick said, and both men and women are welcome to attend. She said she also would facilitate neighborhood meetings upon request.

There is some disagreement on whether the UM campus is dangerous because of the lighting. Ken Willett, chief of Campus Security, said last week that the campus is as well-lit as any other section of the community. Weigel said sexual assaults don't occur on campus often. "Contrary to popular belief, the campus is not a high crime area," he said. But, Saulwick and Roseneuf say it can happen on campus and women and should take precautions. The most recent rape occurred last year in a dark stairwell in Jesse Hall, when a young woman was sexually assaulted.

Officer Willett said Campus Security has regular foot patrols of the campus at night and which is possible. He added that cops periodically drive around campus, checking in with the fraternities, sororities and UM President Neil Bucklew's house.

The police department always has one car on patrol in the university area. Weigel said. It would help to have more patrols in the area, he said, but the city doesn't have the manpower to do it. Saulwick said she is opposed to the idea of having "safe lanes" — areas that have better lighting than others — on campus because, "at the same time you're telling women it's safe to walk here, you're also telling where the women are going to be." Saulwick said people who want to use the library at the same time each night may live in the same general area and should walk home together. "A rapist is most unlikely to rape four women who are walking alone,

Weigel and Roseleaf urge women not to walk alone, but to walk with a friend or in a group, either on the way to and from classes in the dark. Women should have "safe lanes" — areas that have better lighting than others — on campus because, "at the same time you're telling when on campus, women should start their own escort service. Women can protect themselves."

New Escorts Unlimited will operate free of charge on campus and will charge a $25-fee for runs off campus. You must be a student and have a card to run. Saulwick said the service should be in operation by Friday, Nov. 12.

Monday rape occurred downtown

The Missoula police are investigating a rape that occurred Monday at about 10 p.m. in a downtown alley east of Higgins Avenue off Broadway. The victim, a 20-year-old female, was attacked near her place of employment as she approached her car to leave, according to police.

The assailant forced her to the ground, police said, then raped her. The victim received no other injuries.

The assailant is described as about 6 feet tall, 180 pounds and in his 20s, as having brown medium length hair. He was wearing a white jacket, police said, adding that he escaped on foot.

According to Detective Pete Lawrenson, investigating the rape, "This type of description is similar to the description of the attacker in the other recent sexual assault in the north Missoula campus in the 300 block of Eddy Avenue. We are investigating the possibility that the same man is involved in both cases."
The Montana Grizzlies beat the Weber State Wildcats Saturday in one of their last home games of the season. Kickoff time is 1:30 at Dornblaser Stadium. 

The "may be" part comes about because of the crowded playoff picture at the Big Sky Conference. Montana, Idaho State and Boise State are tied for the lead with 5-1 records. Big Sky Conference officials announced last week that, in the event of a tie at the end of the season, co-champions would be crowned. A tie-breaking procedure would then be applied to determine who goes to the playoffs. The Big Sky is keeping the formula secret until the end of the season.

This means the Grizzlies could conceivably host a playoff game. But first they must beat Weber State who, with a 3-2 conference record, still has a chance to be the number one team in the conference. Montana, with a 4-1 conference record, completely stymied the Reno attack last week.

Fall sports update...

- The men's cross country team travels to Pocatello, Idaho Saturday for Saturday's NCAA District 7 Championships. Coach Larry Heidebrecht lists Texas-El Paso, Idaho State, Nevada-Reno, BYU, New Mexico, Northern Arizona, Air Force and UM as the favorites in the 16-team meet. The top three teams will qualify for the NCAA Championships to be held Nov. 23 in Wichita, Kansas.

- The women's volleyball team closes out the season on the road this weekend. The most important contest is tonight against conference foe Portland State. "Portland State is the team we really need to beat because they're in our conference," Coach Dick Scott said. "We have to beat them to have a shot at the conference title." UM is 4-1 in conference play and 8-8 overall. The Wildcats are lead by Bobby Connors who has 464 yards on 57 carries (an 8.1-yard average) and five TDs. Quarterback Milt Myers has connected on 164 of 310 passes for 1,791 yards and 14 TDs.

- The men's and women's cross country teams travel to the NCAA District 7 Championships, Nov. 21 in Pocatello. The Grizzlies earned the trip by winning the Region 9 championship last Saturday.

- The women's swimming team closes out the season on the road this weekend. The women's swimming team will compete at the AIAW National Championships Nov. 21 in Pocatello. Seventeen different Wildcats will attend the meet and earned the Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week award for the second time in 1981.

- The women's swimming team has the week off after opening the season with a fourth place finish in the Idaho Relays. The 200-meter relay team of Tracy McLean, Beth Hankel, Kim Shaw and Edie Van Buskirk set a new meet record with a time of 1:45.42 that was only .42 seconds away from the national qualifying time.

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---Leaf removal prompts closing of some streets---
The Missoula street department will conduct a leaf removal blitz today in the University of Montana area from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During that period, parking is prohibited on Eddy, Connell, Daly, University, McLeod, Keith and Beckwith avenues between Arthur and Hilda avenues. Also, parking will be prohibited on Helen Avenue between Eddy and Beckwith avenues. Residents can, however, park on Arthur Avenue between Eddy and Beckwith avenues during the leaf removal. For more information, call 721-4700, ext. 248.

---NOW to solicit support for ERA---
Members of the National Organization for Women will be conducting a "message brigades" across campus between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today and Monday to support their efforts to pass the Equal Rights Amendment nationwide. Caroline Hartse, sophomore in anthropology and a worker for Missoula's message brigade, said workers dressed in NOW's green and white colors will be asking for $2 donations. Contributors' names then will be put on a computer mailing list. Hartse explained that these people then will each receive five pre-written letters, called "action alert messages," addressed to legislators in states that have not yet ratified ERA. People will sign the letters and have a chance to add their own feelings to each letter before sending it to the target legislator.

---Hartse explained. "How many people take the time to write their legislators? "We do this so people don't have to say, 'Who do we write to?' "

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The student caucus of the UC Bookstore Board is accepting suggestions for future activities. (What suggestions should we have?) The COOP (California Office of Planning and Construction) will help fund the New York U. C. Bookstore. 21-7

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Montana, Curry said.

A synopsis of the study said high particulate pollution levels lessen the breathing ability of normal school children, and adults with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, including emphysema, bronchitis and asthma. High levels of some air pollutants could possibly decrease the growth of lung tissue in children, it said, or destroy lung tissue at any age. "These changes," it said, "would be chronic and partially irreversible."

Fine respirable particulates are more apt to reach the lung than coarse ones, which are trapped by cilia in the nose during normal breathing, according to the synopsis. It also said the effect of air pollution on the lungs may be cumulative and a "function of both dose and time."

Clean air can be brought about by education and constant conditioning, Jim Ball, director of Leisure Services, said. It is an individual effort, he said.

In an interview last week, Ball said it is "our responsibility to make people aware" of the pollution problem and possible dangers of exercising when there are high particulate counts. Leisure Services will begin posting signs on campus indicating the daily particulate level by Monday, Ball said.

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Mary Dusausio, state legislator, D-Missoula, David Feffer, Missoula City-County Health Officer, and Steffel.

The reason that air pollution has got worse and that local government must be given more policy-making power, the speakers said, is that air pollution has switched from being caused mostly by industry to being caused by individuals. During the winter, residential woodsmoke contributes over 50 percent of the total suspended particulates in the air.

Most residential woodsmoke particulates are smaller than those particles from industrial waste, Steffel said. Because the particles are smaller, he said, the danger to human health is increased because smaller particles can be breathed in more easily than larger particles. Once inhaled, smaller particles stay lodged in the lungs, he said.

They (local governments) are probably the only group that can do it," Alkema said. "It's because we don't know how to deal with it."

Funding...

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steering committee is obligated to strive for that fee system.

"The other reason, Anderson said, is that the refundable system will create less paperwork when it comes to giving money back to students."

But according to Anderson, the steering committee had been considering the waiveable fee system since last spring and does not want to appear inflexible on this matter. "We want to set this (MontPIRG) up in the most equitable way we can," Anderson said.

MontPIRG is trying to gain more support before the Dec. 11 regents meeting, Tanya Holonko, a senior in biology and a member of the steering committee, said. About 50 people have attended organizational meetings this fall. She added that these group, committees have been set up with the intent of reaching more faculty members and students.

MontPIRG has the endorsements of Central Board, the Faculty Senate and has gained strong support from the Staff Senate.

Holonko said that the steering committee is meeting regularly with UM President Neil Bucklew and is hopeful of gaining his support.

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The special session: what will it solve?

By Greg Gadberry
Kootenai Legislative Reporter

HELENA—The kid in the wheelchair clearly didn’t want to be here. He fidgeted, stared off into space, he tugged at his mother’s sleeve.

Every now and then, one of the legislators who sat at the long table across from the little boy would wink or smile at him. The kid would sit up straight for a minute and smile back. Then, he’d grow restless and start to fidget again.

Regardless of whether he knew it, the kid was here on a mission. He was here, sitting before one of three special subcommittees of the Montana Legislature, because his parents were afraid. Just like the parents of the other handicapped kids sitting in the conference room.

The parents came to beg for money. They feared that programs for handicapped children were being sliced away by the massive budget tax of the federal government. These parents had come, and brought their kids, to show Montana legislators that budget cuts meant more to them than numbers on a ledger.

They wanted the legislators to know just how scared they were.

It seemed a strange scene for a budget hearing. But scenes like this have happened for almost two weeks, as members of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Claims committees met to work out how the state would handle almost $70 million in budget cuts over the next two years.

It probably seemed stranger still to many legislators, who, when they had envisioned a special session early this spring, probably hadn’t planned on spending a tattered budget. And they probably hadn’t planned on watching parents beg for money for their handicapped or hungry kids.

The Legislature last met in special session in 1975. They met for single day in order to change state tax laws and to give the Montana University System enough money to operate.

When the state Legislature and the governor first started talking about a special session this year, they probably expected it to be as short as the previous one.

Because when this winter’s Legislature considered a special session, they weren’t talking about the cuts ... they were talking grants. More precisely, block grants.

Early this year state officials began to talk about a new federal program, which would offer states new ways in which to spend federal money. These block grants would free the states to use federal money in ways they had not seen before.

But during the last session, budget cutting was just starting at the federal level. No one knew then what these block grants would come. Legislators feared these grants might be offered to the state while the Legislature was out of session.

Under the state’s major appropriations bill, the Legislature entered a clause: the governor could not allocate block grant money to the state government without the Legislature meeting to talk it over.

And that’s what happened. During the summer, it became apparent that the block grants were on the way. Gov. Ted Schwinden called for a session starting Nov. 16.

Schwinden said the session should be tightly controlled, however, so that while adding these grants to the state’s coffers no one could mess with the state’s budgeted funds. So early on, legislators and the public figured block grants were the major reason for sending legislators back to Helena this fall.

But during the summer, the state of Montana learned what Reagansomics were all about. They discovered that along with the grants, the state would receive close to $70 million in federal cuts as well. From then the issues have grown.

Starting Monday the Montana Legislature will have to deal with more than simple block grants. It will be faced with a massive federal budget cut. At the same time, the Republican-controlled Legislature will have to deal with a $25 million plan created by a Democratic governor to deal with budget cuts created by a Republican president.

So what will happen Monday? No one will say for sure. Chances are Schwinden’s plan for salvaging the state budget will face a major overhaul by the Republican majority. Some Capital watchers think that the Republicans may offer a brand-new plan for dealing with both the cuts and the block grants. Others claim that the Republican majority may decide simply to accept federal block grants, close the session and go home.

So where does this leave the parents of the handicapped kids? Apparently it leaves them in an economic limbo, which the state Legislature may or may not solve.

Governor’s budget draws GOP fire

By Greg Gadberry
Kootenai Legislative Reporter

HELENA — With the state having to face about $70 million in federal budget cuts over the next two years, a lot of state agencies are preparing to bite the financial bullet. But some won’t have to bite as hard.

The pay hikes announced last week by Gov. Ted Schwinden, the state would use about $25 million to help several agencies face the federal financial crunch.

Along with that budget plan, the governor also proposed an increase in the state’s gasoline tax and diesel fuel tax to help the financially assaulted highway department.

As expected, both of these proposals have come under consider­able fire from Republican leaders, who will probably lead the fight against them.

The $25 million plan would require tapping a number of financial sources.

The funds would come from a $13 million appropriation from the general fund and from a $81 million accrual account already established by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

This accrual is made up of money that was set aside by SRS to pay bills between fiscal years. For example, if an agency con­tracted a service during one fiscal year but expected to pay for the service later on, this could be set aside in an accrual account. SRS, through budget tightening, has managed to pay its bills without touching its accrual account. Now, SRS wants permission to use the money for something else.

Under the Schwinden plan, this $25 million would be spread among a small number of agencies.

SRS will get the biggest chunk — about $13.9 million — to help make up an expected $23.8 million cutback in federal funds. See related story p. 11.)

About $16 million will be spent in the following manner. About $17 million would be used to make up cuts in services such as Medicaid. About $9 million would be given to county welfare programs to help them serve the estimated 1,700 families per month that will be dropped from state welfare rolls because of federal cutbacks. The Office of Public Instruction would receive about $2.6 million of the $25 million appropriation. That money would help the office make up a $5.7 million in federal cuts in programs such as the school lunch, vocational training and handicapped students’ programs.

The remaining money from the $25 million appropriation would be split between the Crime Control Board, the state Department of Agriculture, the state Depart­ment of Health and Environmen­tal Sciences, the state Depart­ment of Justice and the Legislature.

Already, Republican legislators in pre-session subcommit­tees have blasted several of the governor’s budget proposals. GOP legislators are recommend­ing that the $5 million SRS contingency fund and the $9 million county welfare program be axed.

Schwinden’s other major funding proposal — the so-called nickel-per-gallon gasoline tax — is also drawing fire from state legislators.

Under this proposal, the state would raise the tax on a gallon of gasoline by five cents. The tax on a gallon of diesel fuel would rise by six cents per gallon.

Schwinden claims the tax would raise about $40 million. This money would go to the Department of Highways, which faces at least $35 million in federal budget cuts over the next two years.
Block grants—latitude or financial headache?

By Greg Gadberry

HELENA—When legislators sit down to start dickering Monday morning, one of the major things they will talk about is the new way the Reagan government plans to giftwrap its money. In other words, they will talk about the eight federal block grants that Montana state agencies want to receive.

One of the main reasons Gov. Ted Schwinden and the special legislative session is to discuss these grants and to allow the state agencies to juggle their budgets so they can receive them.

What's a block grant? Basically, it is a sum of money offered to state and local governments that can be used to fund government programs. These grants come with few rules or regulations attached.

While block grants are nothing new, most federal dollars come in the form of categorical grants—cat grants for short—which are awarded for specific programs and with very specific rules attached.

Block grants, however, allow states more latitude in the way they spend federal money.

A block grant could be awarded, for example, for "community services." Such a grant could fund anything from health centers to welfare programs. It would be up to the states to decide what programs deserve the money.

Sounds simple, right? Well, maybe.

Financial headaches Accepting federal block grants can lead to financial headaches. First, states that want block grants must apply for them, usually a month before the beginning of each quarter of a fiscal year. If a state does not apply for a grant until late in a year, it only receives money for the upcoming quarters.

While the federal government claims that block grants give states less funding hassles, these grants may also bring in less funds as well.

For example, one major block grant—which provides money for social services—offers the state about $7.4 million less than the state expected to receive from social service cat grants.

Montana expects to receive eight federal block grants this year. They are:

1. The Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. This grant was initiated in 1977 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The money can be used for park and street construction and rehabilitation of substandard housing. The block grant is made up of funds formerly given to the state through cat grants.

2. In fiscal year 1982, this grant will provide about $4.7 million and in federal year 1983, $8.3 million.

3. The Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. A combination of old cat grant programs, this new block grant would be administered by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences. Programs that can be funded under this grant include a crippled children's health program and a diagnosis fund for mothers and small children. The department expects to receive about $1.4 million in both fiscal year 1982 and 1983.

4. The Primary Care Block Grant. This is a new grant, which the state will receive beginning in fiscal year 1983. The funds would help community health centers. The grant will provide about $60,000 in fiscal year 1983.

5. The Preventive Health Services Block Grant. Another new block grant created by pulling together cat grants, this money will be administered by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. The money will fund programs for health education, hypertension control, fluoridation, education for diabetics and training of emergency medical technicians. This grant should provide about $1.4 million in both fiscal year 1982 and 1983.

6. The Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant. This is one of the most wide-ranging of the eight block grants, giving funds for programs such as community alcoholism treatment and mental health centers. The grant will provide about $1 million in fiscal year 1982 and about $2.1 million in fiscal year 1983.

7. The Low Income Energy Assistance Block Grant. Run by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, this grant will pay heating bills for many needy Montana households. The grant will provide anywhere from $0.13 million to $3.17 million for both fiscal years 1982 and 1983. Twenty percent of this grant can be transferred to fund other social services.

8. Community Services Block Grant. This would be used to fund a number of poverty programs including many of those implemented by local Human Resource Development Councils. The grant will provide about $1.4 million for both fiscal years 1982 and 1983.

On top of that, the state would have to make up a $5 million loss for fiscal year 1982. This loss comes because of the difference in the federal and state fiscal years.

The two fiscal years are a quarter different, that is, the federal government will have given out one quarter's worth of money before the state is ready to receive it. Thus, the state will have to make up that money in 1982.

The Social Services Block Grant will cost the state about $7.4 million. Schwinden is asking the Legislature for $5.1 million to help make up this loss. (See related story page 00).

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Agencies facing budget ax must dance the estimate song

By Greg Gadberry
Kaiser Legislative Reporter

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Azzara claims proof for two college degrees

By C. L. Gilbert

Rep. Jim Azzara, D-Missoula, claims he now has proof that will clear up some of the questions raised last spring about his academic credentials and he will take that proof to the special legislative session in Helena Monday.

The questions were raised after The Great Falls Tribune was unable to confirm that Azzara had received any of the college degrees he claimed he had earned.

The degrees were listed in a booklet titled Lawmaker's of Montana. The booklet, which gives biographical information about all state legislators, stated Azzara received bachelor's degrees in philosophy and political science from Rutgers University in New Jersey in 1970, as well as a master's degree in philosophy from Rutgers in 1972 and a diploma from the Juilliard School of Music in New York in 1973.

Silence to protect co-workers

Azzara said he completed the school work under a fictitious name because he was involved in various anti-war activities in the early 1970s and so could not use his real name if the revelation of his name he used and the details surrounding the anti-war activities, he said there may be legal problems for him and for people he worked with then.

Azzara admitted the anti-war activities included destruction of federal property and "juggling of records." He described them as "an effort to do what I saw as terrorist behavior on the part of the U.S. government."

In an interview this week, Azzara said he now has proof that he did complete all the course work for the two bachelor's degrees at Rutgers. Though, he would not permit anyone from the press to see it, he said he would take the proof to Helena and would show it to any of his fellow legislators who wanted proof.

The proof, he said, consists of notarized transcripts from Rutgers and affidavits from faculty members stating that he did complete the work.

Azzara said, however, that he does not have proof that he completed the course work for the master's degree or the diploma from Juilliard. "They (Rutgers and Juilliard) are very pissed at me," he said. "I'm going to have to reveal information to them they didn't know."

In May Azzara withdrew claims to all his college work though he still maintains he did complete all of it.

Economic hardship

Withdrawing the academic claims has caused him some economic hardship, he said. Azzara makes his living as a piano teacher, and he said that since he no longer advertises as a Juilliard graduate, business has fallen off.

The controversy over Azzara's degrees arose after the legislative session this spring and so was not a factor during the lawmaking process then. With a special legislative session starting Monday, Azzara said he is not sure whether the problem will be an issue. He said he has the support of his constituency in Missoula, and said he received many letters of support when the problem surfaced in May.

Legislative support evident

He also said he has the support of many other legislators at the Capitol. "I've been advised by several leaders of the House to go there and go about my business," he said. "If my credibility is at stake I'll hear about it."

House Majority Leader Harrison Fagg, R-Rolling, said he would not be the issue up at the session. "He (Azzara) is sincere, articulate and bright. He does a fine job as a legislator," he said. "I don't think mistakes in the past should be carried over in the future. Everyone has a ghost in his closet."

Speaker of the House Robert Marks, R-Clancy, was more cautious. "His credibility could become an issue," he said. "It's certainly not going to help his image. I would think a person would try to clear up a problem like that if possible. These kind of things come home to roost."

Marks said he would not ask Azzara to leave the Legislature because of the problem. "I believe in our system better than that," he said.

Minority leader Dan Kennis, D-Missoula, would not comment on the situation other than to say he didn't feel the issue would be a liability to Democrats in the House.

Azzara is troubled by the controversy. "It's been very traumatic," he said. "I've been shaken personally. I've made errors. I was a complete asshole to list credentials after 1971. I regret having done that. I'm culpable of a technicality, but I haven't made up a body of work."

Azzara said he has to decide how much of the problem he can clear up and that "will depend on my political ambitions."
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Expecting little U-action ...

By Doug O'Harra
Kaimin News Editor

If the Montana Legislature begins discussing the approximately $225 million university system budget, and subsequently the University of Montana budget, UM President Neil Bucklew said he'll "be over there quickly.

But Bucklew, who attended last Monday's hearing on university system finances held before a joint legislative subcommittee, said he doesn't think that will happen.

"I don't believe that the idea of redacting the budget is seriously being considered by anyone," Bucklew said yesterday. No adjustments or changes in the U-system budget were asked for at the hearing, Bucklew said, because the cuts the special session was called to discuss do not directly affect the U-system.

Bucklew, who said he has met about 30 legislators since becoming president of UM last summer, plans to attend the session Monday. While there, Bucklew said he also will address the Helena Kiwanis Club.

"My role (at the Legislature Monday) will be strictly as an interested observer," Bucklew said.

But while the cuts being addressed this session may not affect the U-system directly, Bucklew said, proposed cuts in various federal program eventually will affect UM by reducing the amount of federal money available for research, sponsored programs and student financial aid.

But, because UM competes with other universities and agencies for federal grants supporting research and other programs, Bucklew said the reduction in funds available only means the competition will be tougher, and UM will not necessarily receive less federal money.

"You can't predict how it will turn out," he said.

On the other hand, Bucklew said it is clear that less federal money will be available for student financial aid. That means the 1983 Montana Legislature is going to have to "reasses" its commitment to "financial aid support for students and their families.

ASUM legislative group intends to keep ears open

By Karen McGrath
Kaimin Reporter

The ASUM Legislative Committee has decided not to hire a student lobbyist for the Montana legislature's special session because university funding is not under attack, committee chairman Jeanne-Marie Souvigney said yesterday.

However, Souvigney added, the committee is in contact with Jack Noble, deputy commissioner for financial affairs for the Montana University System, and Dan Kemmis, a Democratic representative from Missoula, in case anything concerning the university does come before the Legislature.

Committee member Ruth Spaulding attended a meeting last Monday in Helena in which Irving Dayton, acting commissioner of higher education, along with a group of college and university presidents, briefed a joint legislative subcommittee on university system finances.

UM's enrollment decreases

Through the University of Montana's enrollment decreased slightly for the 1981-82 year, Montana State University's enrollment had an unexpected increase of 442 students, and the session could be opened up to deal with any funding problems.

	

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City legislators cautious about session

While three of Missoula’s legislators seem to think that the special legislative session, to begin Monday, won’t be opened up to more than block grants, Representative Ann Mary Norman said yesterday that, in reality, it appears that the governor has already opened up the entire appropriations bill to discussion. In an interview yesterday, the Missoula Democrat said that the discussions by legislators will be broader than just the block grants and will include anything in the appropriations bill.

But, she added, to deal with any other topics, such as the proposed gasoline and diesel tax, requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature in order to be brought onto the floor for discussion, and she said that that process is “very difficult.”

Democratic Sen. Bill Norman, said yesterday that the Legislature will be considering only the block grants and perhaps some codes in the Montana statutes relating to the eligibility of applicants for social programs. He added that, once the Legislature is in session, the “scope of the call,” those areas which the governor proposes for discussion, cannot be narrowed, only broadened.

Norman said that Gov. Ted Schwinden is considering “two or three things” other than block grants, among them the governor’s proposed five-cent-per-gallon tax on gasoline and the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit.

Not enough time

Mike Halligan, Missoula’s freshman Democratic senator, believes that the session should not be opened to other topics because there isn’t enough time now for citizens, lobbyists and the legislators to adequately prepare for discussion in areas other than block grants. The deliberations must be “methodic and pragmatic” in order to be the most beneficial.

Republican Bud Gould said he doesn’t think the session should be opened up because “it might be hard to control” if other issues are introduced.

Both Halligan and Gould agree that the budget cuts proposed by Schwinden are fair, especially in their attempts to reduce state bureaucracy.

However, “I don’t know a legislator who will go home and feel good about (the budget cuts),” Norman said.

Precursor of annual sessions?

When asked if this special session is laying the groundwork for annual legislative sessions, neither Norman, Halligan nor Dussault thinks that it will directly lead to annual sessions, but, as Dussault said, it could “be setting up a structure that would be used if we go to annual sessions.” However, both Norman and Halligan said that, if the special session functions responsibly and frugally, the public would be more apt to approve the proposed constitutional amendment for annual sessions, to be voted on during the 1982 general elections.

Gould, on the other hand, said that annual sessions to deal with budgeting probably are inevitable. However, he said he had “mixed feelings” about that because of the added expense to the taxpayer. Budgeting, he said, is “astronomical” amount of man hours to complete, he said. New budget procedures involving block grants now will require annual budgeting, he said, which will double the amount of time and money — spent by the state.
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