MontPIRG works to drum up support

By Bill Miller
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

The Montana Public Interest Research Group, after a summer of regrouping and a weekend of planning, is gearing up for a full campaign for the University of Montana community’s support.

And MontPIRG has until Dec. 11 to do it. That’s when the Montana State Board of Regents is tentatively scheduled to vote on the organization’s proposed refundable fee system.

This past weekend, MontPIRG hosted a regional PIRG conference of western states. People representing public interest research groups from Oregon, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Texas, Colorado and British Columbia joined MontPIRG in the University Center to share ideas about PIRG organization and leadership skills.

A PIRG is a private, non-profit corporation which helps college students pursue consumer and environmental issues that interest them. PIRGs are staffed by one full-time individual who often has a strong knowledge of law and a group of student interns who conduct research on the issues.

Although MontPIRG is established, it does not yet have a staff because it has no funds. PIRGs are funded with student fees.

“MontPIRG steering committee, which organized the conference last weekend. She said a major goal of the committee is to increase the number of students who will take the extra step from joining MontPIRG to becoming active in it.”

The committee also hopes that consumer advocate Ralph Nader will endorse MontPIRG during the lecture he will deliver at UM this past weekend.

PIRGs are funded with student money from either a refundable or


Missoulians protest anti-choice amendment

By Deb Thiele
Kaimin Reporter

and

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With chants of “We want choice, have our vote,” a group of about 700 people carried picket signs, banners and balloons from the University of Montana Oval to Ceras Park Saturday in protest of federal anti-abortion legislation.

The rally was interspersed with music, humor and featured speakers.

One speaker, University Congregational Church minister Peter Haynes, said, “The Human Life Amendment (HLA), sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., would make all abortions illegal except those that would prevent the mother’s death.

Evans contended that standing up against the Moral Majority or other special interest groups does not necessarily spell disaster for a business.

“As a businessman, I’ve put myself in a position to be attacked by Moral Majority and found that there was no Moral Majority,” he said. “It is just a minority.”

Dr. Douglas Webber, medical director of Blue Mountain Women’s Clinic, spoke from a medical perspective.

“In medical school in the 1960s and 1970s abortion was illegal in most states,” he said. “I worked in a hospital and there were very few times when we would not get women in the emergency room that were having complications from self-induced abortions.”

He described the HLA as a “death trap for the poor.” He said: “If abortion is made illegal, it won’t go away, it will go underground. We will all share in the blame.”

The final speaker was Rep. Ann Mary Dussault, D-Missoula. She told the crowd, “Do not ignore what we are up against. The new right is well organized and extremely effective. These people are very good at applying bizarre kinds of pressure on politicians.”

She also spoke about those who favor abortion legislation when it provides for exceptions in the

Rapists need help too, says psychiatrist

By Michelle Barrett
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

Rape, child molesting and other sexual offenses can be prevented, according to an international expert on sexual dysfunction and deviation who spoke yesterday noon at the University of Montana Pharmacology building underguidance lecture hall.

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Today’s weather

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**Opinions**

**Goals should remain consistent**

The Reagan administration has heartily endorsed a criminal-code reform bill, thus taking an entirely opposite stand on purported goals this presidency has endorsed.

The bill, which is now in the Senate Judiciary Committee, would greatly expand the power of federal law enforcement in matters of some local crimes. As the law stands now, federal authorities can assert a claim of jurisdiction only if an offense were clearly a federal matter—such as theft from the mail—or if the offense occurred in interstate commerce.

Under the proposed new code, a federal offense is defined with the particular circumstances laid out which indicate when federal jurisdiction is appropriate. The proposed code reform also establishes for the first time a federal jurisdiction for burglary, grand arson and some other federal crimes. Such circumstances for federal jurisdiction are spelled out in the bill. But regardless of the circumstances in which a federal offense occurs, the crimes have never come under the federal law enforcement agencies before.

Receivably, the federal government could assert jurisdiction over crimes that are unquestionably local matters.

The code does include a provision which would encourage federal officials to use restraint in exercising "concurrent jurisdiction." But since Judiciary Committee hearings on the proposed code reforms, a state attorney general—such provision has never worked well in the past and the result has been "unwarranted" federal prosecutions.

The Reagan administration, in endorsing the reforms, is taking a two-faced stance in regard to other administration policies.

One colorful phrase of the Reagan campaign and administration has been to "return more power and responsibility back to the states." This attitude has pervaded Reagan's "Reagan Revolution" in everything from budget cuts to wilderness management.

But what the criminal code reforms propose is to take power away from the states and put it instead in the hands of the federal government. That power is especially dangerous when it is in the realm of the federal law enforcement agency—the FBI. History holds valuable lessons on what excesses the FBI is apt to indulge in when given too much rein.

If Reagan's policies are to earn any respect from the citizens of this country, he is going to have to contain some consistency of objective, regardless of what that objective may be.

Susan Toft

**Letters**

**Support Title IX**

Editor: This week is National Title IX awareness week. Title IX is the equal rights law for education. It is a federal law that was signed by the president in 1972. Title IX is not just an anti-discrimination law for athletes, it covers all aspects of education.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 says "No person ... shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

Within certain exceptions, the law bars sex discrimination in any education program, including research, occupational training or other educational programs (preschool to postgraduate) operated by an organization or agency which receives or benefits from federal financial assistance.

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) within the Department of Education is responsible for the enforcement of Title IX. Strongest enforcement would be in withholding of federal funds from the non-complying school.

Title IX is experiencing strong opposition now that the federal budget cutting process is nearing completion.

Reagan does not support the Equal Rights Amendment because he feels there are many equal rights laws on the books, yet his administration supports the move to delete Title IX.

Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) has introduced S.1361, the purpose of which is to amend Title IX so the intent of the law will be weakened. It will:

1)窄rminate the definition of financial assistance to exclude financial student aid, thus eliminating major source of federal assistance, to virtually all colleges and universities.

2) redefine all statutory beneficiaries from "persons" to "students only," thereby curtailing coverage of teachers, administrators, and other staff who are victims of sex discrimination.

We require that the particular program of activity in which discrimination is alleged, directly receive the federal funds. This practically eliminates the enforcement power of Title IX.

Other bills attempt to repeal and/or weaken Title IX. Pressure is being applied to Congress from conservative platforms, and many college and university administrations, that would prefer Title IX to be localized instead of federal, and definitions of female and male athletic programs to be costly.

Some university members don't realize the impact Title IX has had on them. Much nationwide awareness has been created within the past nine years, in all levels, and respect, kind of education. If repealed, or weakened, by lack of federal funds, or stopped because of conservative state control, the gains in equality for both women and men will be slowed or lost in many areas.

Since Title IX is being pressured during the post-budget cutting phase, it is crucial that we act now—students, faculty, staff, and administration must write and hold our ground. Write a letter to President Reagan, Senator Specter, Senator Bentsen, and Representative Pat Williams supporting Title IX, mentioning that you are voting in the upcoming elections.

You can voice your opposition to the bill by speaking to the people in your area. If you feel your time is going to contain some consistency of objective, regardless of what that objective may be.

Susan Ferrera

**Health Service appreciated**

Editor: The following is a letter of appreciation for the campus Health Service. This past weekend (Oct. 10) I developed a problem requiring the advice and attention of a medical professional. My first thought was to seek help from the Health Service. I was overwhelmed with the warmth, kindness and personal concern accorded me by every staff member during that time period. Their sincere interest made an unpleasant experience bearable. My thanks to all of the nurses and to Dr. Roni and congratulations to the university on such a splendid group of people.

Peggy Lea

**Barking dogs don't bite**

Editor: Revoj to Jack Abramoff for his stirring letter soliciting support for the oppressed people of Poland. His view is welcome specifically because he is a young man living in very jealous surroundings in which pacifism is the code regardless of external circumstances.

I wonder, though, just how many hypocritical kids here at the university and elsewhere will sign a petition affirming their "complete support for the people of Poland in their struggle to retain their inalienable rights" while simultaneously voicing adamant protestation to the draft. The "Real World" has no use for verbal admonishments but uniform, grand, exact actual display of military might. If one pledges his "complete support," he is obligated to do just that.

Barking dogs don't bite as Soviet armor crushes puny words.

David Nicholson

**Let us support freedom**

Editor: I challenge Jack Abramoff, the chairman of the college Republican National Committee, and others who think like him, to consider the full consequences of their support for the Polish union, Solidarity.

What does Solidarity advocate? Here is an excerpt from a statement agreed upon upon on August 13, 1981 by the central body of Solidarity, the National Co-operative Committee (KPR):

"Neither the managerial mechanisms administering the development of the state institutions charged with satisfying people's day-to-day needs are democratic, not their work effectively. A democratic restructuring of those institutions is indispensable for them to resume proper function...

...therefore our union is already under-taking measures toward self-management reform ... autonomous self-management can only be based on a thoroughgoing, radical economic reform that unequivocally repudiates the top-down system of distribution by executive order..."
Loss upsets forestry school

By Deb Thiele
Kaimin Reporter

Members of the University of Montana School of Forestry mourn the absence of Bertha and are concerned that her loss is not just a prank, but grand theft.

Bertha, a stuffed female moosehead with antlers, was taken last June from Forestry 206 where she hangs throughout the year. She is the forestry school's mascot.

According to Sandy Mack, Forestry Club president, Bertha has a history of being moose-napped, but she has never before been gone this long.

During the week of the 1945 Forester's Ball, law students, traditional rivals of the foresters, kidnapped Bertha as a prank. She was returned and "recaptured" a week later on the day of the ball. A tradition was set.

Ever since then, Bertha has been nabbed every year or so before the ball and held for ransom — beer and tickets to the ball. The ransom is paid and she is always returned in time to preside over the festivities.

What concerns the foresters, Mack said, is that Bertha was taken seven months before the ball, which is in January, and nothing has ever been heard from the kidnappers. She said they are afraid that it may not be a prank, but an actual theft.

"There's no challenge, no sport, no purpose in taking Bertha seven months before the Foresters' Ball," Mack said. "That's not tradition — it's grand theft."

According to Mack, Bertha was moose-napped, but she has never before been gone this long.

Or as forestry senior Tami Milligan said, "I think it's ridiculous. The moosehead is gone more than it's here. The tradition has gotten out of hand."

According to Mack, Bertha was appraised at $750 last year, but she means more to the forestry department than money. She has sentimental value.

"I'm pissed off. Bertha means a lot to me and everyone here — the school, the students, the professors," Wayne Brainerd, Chief Pa$h of the Foresters' Ball, said.

And as for the moose-napper, Mack, speaking for the School of Forestry, says, "If you do not contact us by Nov. 6, no ransom will be paid and the authorities will take action."
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on Oct. 27, Nader suggested the forming of public interest research groups in 1971 and now supports them strongly.
Mont PIRG has been inactive since 1976, when it folded because it had no money. Last spring, Montgomery and other interested
students formed the steering committee, which started a campaign to get Mont PIRG on its feet.

The committee's first accomplishments were gaining the support of ASUM president Steve Spaulding, that of the UM faculty and Central Board, which voted in favor of reinstating Mont PIRG.

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in describing their feelings, Abel said, the clinic needs an objective means of evaluating sexual arousal. His clinic uses a device called a "penile transducer" which measures the amount of arousal by calculating the percentage of erection a man gets when exposed to violence and other types of stimuli. "With this device, we can make evaluations without having to rely on a rapist's word," he said.

After these evaluations are made, rapists go through a five-part treatment. The first step is a series of exercises which reduce deviant arousal. Then, Abel teaches them assertiveness so they can learn to deal with their aggression, and skills in empathy. He then gives them a "crash course" on sexual knowledge and dysfunction.

The final step of the treatment is called cognitive restructuring according to Phil Bearstein, a UM professor in clinical psychology, "Cognitive restructuring is a way in which people learn to get rid of dysfunctional thoughts and substitute in their place more adaptive thinking strategies."

Rapists...

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Abel runs a sexual behavior clinic in New York City where he treats both the victim and the attacker on an out-patient basis. He said he goes to great lengths to protect the confidentiality of his patients.
Since rapists may be unreliable

Missoulians...

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of rape and incest: "The Right to Life has no intention of allowing those kinds of exceptions to occur and if you think so, you are fooling yourself." Dussault ended the rally by saying, "We need to organize and fight like hell to stop a radical minority that would impose its views upon the Test of us."

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Later in the evening, a potluck dinner and benefit dance was held at Union Hall. As of Saturday night, nearly $1,300 was raised, according to Barbara Riley, organizer of the rally.

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