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Associated Students of the University of Montana
Convocation speakers...

‘Nukes must be banned if mankind is to survive’

By Jim Marks
Kaimin Reporter

As nuclear weapons become bigger and better, humanity’s prospects for survival are getting dimmer and dimmer, Ed Firmage said yesterday at the Convocation on the Threat of Nuclear War.

To save mankind from obliteration, Firmage said, nuclear weapons must be banned. Firmage is a University of Utah law professor who was involved in the movement to keep the newly developed MX missile out of Utah and Nevada. (See related story this page.)

"The problem of God can we justify a weapon system that can kill 200 million people in 15 seconds?" he asked. "They (nuclear weapons) threaten humanity itself. They simply must be banned." Dr. Elizabeth Gunderson, a Helena pediatrician and member of the Montana Physicians for Social Responsibility, also spoke against nuclear weapons at the afternoon convocation. About 400 people attended the convocation, which was held in the University Theater and introduced by University of Montana President Neil Bucklew.

More than 140 other universities joined in the nationwide event held yesterday. Gunderson said the effects of nuclear weapons and nuclear by-products can be extremely dangerous.

"I’ve been frightened, I’ve been saddened and I’ve been angered," Gunderson said, because of the devastating effects nuclear weapons could have had on human life. Even the side effects of the development of nuclear weapons could be devastating, she said. For example, plutonium — the ingredient necessary for building a nuclear weapon, named after the Greek god of hell — could remain radioactive for as long as 500,000 years. "Simply manufacturing nuclear weapons involves leakage into the environment," she said. "Generals don’t have to deal with these side effects . . . I do."

The most frightening aspect of nuclear war, Gunderson said, is that its actual effects are not known by even the most knowledgeable of scientists.

Forum speakers:
The struggle for disarmament is difficult but necessary

By Jim Marks
Kaimin Reporter

In a well-attended and lengthy noon forum in the University Center Mall yesterday, 19 speakers discussed the pro and con aspects of nuclear disarmament. More than 300 people observed the forum from all three levels of the mall. The forum ended only minutes before the 2 p.m. keynote addresses of the Convocation on the Threat of Nuclear War.

All of the speakers—except LT. Col. Lewis Higginbotham, chairman of the University of Montana military science department, and Bruce McCullough, junior in math—advocated nuclear disarmament.

Higginbotham and McCullough said nuclear disarmament for the United States would be dangerous because of Soviet superiority in conventional weaponry and because the Soviets now control the world. Higginbotham said no viable alternative to nuclear weapons exists, but that he did not like nuclear weapons more than anyone else.

"We’d be a whole lot better off to maintain conventional weapons for defense of our freedom," he said.

Building up conventional weaponry takes time, and that time makes it impossible to disarm nuclear weapons now, he said. McCullough said, "In the absence of nuclear weapons, there is no doubt that the Soviets would beat us hands down. Nuclear weapons are the only things that stand between the United States and the Soviet Union."

The rest of the speakers at the forum disagreed. The speakers in favor of disarmament spoke of the dangers of nuclear weapons and nuclear power, the history of the nuclear age and the need to work toward peace. Students, faculty, alumni and Missoula-area residents spoke against nuclear arms and militarism.

Fast for World Harvest to be held Nov. 19

By Karen McGrath
Kaimin Reporter

ASU'M's Central Board adjourned after a 60-minute meeting last night, so that CB members could attend the University Convocation on the Threat of Nuclear War.

CB member John Smith asked for the adjournment, saying that CB, which ended the convocation, should stand behind its enforcement.

CB did have time to endorse a Fast for World Harvest, to be held Nov. 19.

A ministry group from Newman Center plans to fast during all or part of Nov. 19 and send the money to the Poverello Center, which clothes and feeds low-income persons in Missoula, and to Orfarm America, a non-profit international organization that funds self-help development programs in Asia, Africa and South America.

The only other business conducted, Dede Montgomery, a representative from the Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG) appeared before CB. Montgomery told CB that MontPIRG was going to ask for an endorsement from the board, but that the endorsement MontPIRG received last spring from CB would suffice.

Excellence Fund drive has raised $40,000

By Sam Richards
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

The University of Montana Foundation has raised a total of $40,000 of the $60,000 it hopes to collect in its 1981 local Excellence Fund drive.

UM Foundation Associate Director William Zader said Tuesday that progress toward reaching the final goal is coming along "just about right." The fund drive started Oct. 26 and will end Dec. 1.

Excellence Fund money is used to support UM programs that receive no money from the state legislature.

This year's fund will help finance the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, scholarships, admissions, alumni programs and faculty development.

UM President Neil Bucklew, in association with members of his staff and with various department heads, told the foundation how much each program needed. Bucklew will ultimately decide how much money each department gets.

Excellence Fund money is raised by volunteers, who solicit money from UM alumni, parents and friends. Gayle Walton, UM Foundation assistant director, said there are more than 150 volunteers from the community this year, and that they will make between three and 10 solicitations each. Walton said there are more than 750 calls and visits to be made during the fund drive.

The goal for the fund was determined after the UM administration decided how much money was needed. The Excellence Fund brought in $78,000 locally last year, but Zader said the goal was reduced this year because of the poor local economy.

The foundation plans a national Excellence Fund campaign, starting in January. It hopes to raise $100,000 across the United States. Planning for that drive is just getting underway.

This is the third year the foundation has worked on the Excellence Fund.

The UM Foundation is a private, non-profit corporation, separate from the university, set up to support UM programs. It contributes more than $1.6 million to the university annually, and is now raising $1 million to help finance the fine arts and radio-TV building proposed for the UM campus. If the necessary $7.5 million can be raised, construction on the building could begin as early as spring 1982.
opinions

Freedom of expression denied

No one intends to pick up where Pablo Picasso left off. The issue: the refusal of Residence Halls Director Ron Brunell to allow dormitory residents to paint their rooms.

Sophomore Lisa White, who lives in Aber Hall, and freshman Sally Nankivel, who lives in Jesse Hall, have written letters to the Montana Kaimin, asserting that their freedom of expression is being limited. Because they pay to live in their room, they argue, they should also have a choice to paint or otherwise decorate that same room.

They have a valid point.

In an article that appeared in the Kaimin last week, Brunell gave several arguments supporting the residence hall policy.

Brunell contends that students would do a poor job of painting their room might be of a tasteless or unconventional color and that letting students paint rooms might violate contracts with union members who paint the dormitories.

He too makes valid points, however, there is room for compromise in this situation.

Weatherford Hall, a coed dormitory built in 1921 at Oregon State University in Corvallis, operates under a policy of "territoriality." This philosophy, while one of those preconceived, preponderant, euphemisms, advocates letting people — students in this case — "create" their own living environments conducive to their ideas.

Students at Weatherford are allowed to paint, carpet, panel and build bedding lofts in their rooms. Weatherford students handle this responsibility quite well, according to Roger Fritchete, assistant director of housing at OSU. The university provides six paint colors from which students can choose. And, because of the personal and monetary investment a student has in his room, the return rate to this dormitory is high.

OSU permits students this freedom for several reasons. The interior of the building is "not in the best condition," Fritchete said, therefore improvements, within limits, are welcome. Also, the building is old, and to renovate it would cost more than the university wants to pay.

It should be pointed out, however, that Weatherford is the only dormitory of 13 in which students can paint their rooms. But the concept is one that can be applied at the University of Montana.

Both Elrod and Brantly halls were built around 1924. But while not dilapidated, both are declining and don't offer all conveniences that the more recent Aber or Knowles halls do.

Why not allow students to paint their rooms if they live in Branly or Elrod? A student committee could be set up to enforce the specific and perhaps other guidelines for decoration of the rooms. Furthermore, this concept could be used as a promotion for the renovation of the campus in its bulletins and catalogs.

The problems are not insurmountable.

Mr. Brunell?

—Stephanie Hanson

letters

Consider all points of view

Editor: Regarding the Nov. 4 editorial by C.L. Gilbert. Before you print your opinions on the convictions on the threat of nuclear arms maybe you should have considered all points of view.

First of all, you take the stand that because nuclear arms have never been used, the threat of nuclear arms exceeding the nuclear arms race by Poly of all the students of this campus who have expressed their concerns about the policy of not allowing students to paint their dorm rooms. Agreeing that a challenge to the system be made, I was prompted to write this letter.

Giving students no choice about the color of their dorm rooms results in the rooms having an impersonal and institutionalized look. Since we are paying for the privilege of occupying these rooms, we should be allowed to decorate them as we please.

This policy change would cause the administration few hassles while at the same time greatly improve dorm life for students.

Sally Nankivel
freshman, general studies

DOONEYSBURG

by Garry Trudeau

FREE PRESSES

by Judge Stephen Hanson

The man has just gotten started; I think we should be allowed to decorate my room, as well.

Brian Faulders
senior, biology/zoology

A hostile attack on Bucklew

Editor: I really must express my discontent with the editorial that appeared on the Wednesday, November 4th issue of the Kaimin. The editorial, from the outset, displayed a decided hostile tone in its attack on UM President Neil Bucklew. The headline, "Wake the Buck," and an interesting exhibition of an editorial style, seemingly seems to set the tone for an editorial which advocates such an important event as the incorporation of the university's publications.

I have not expressed any opinion toward the threat of nuclear arms, but will only hope that equal time will be given to other sides of this issue and even other issue.

Brian Faulders
senior, biology/zoology

To Carlos!

Editor: What Carlos said!

Genise Ghee
junior, French

Jeanna Stroble
junior, English/French

Curt Winter,
junior, interpersonnel communications

Overabundance of infantilism

Editor: If mankind should succumb to the ultimate irrationality of nuclear war, it will undoubtedly be due in large measure to an overabundance of the sort of self-indulgent intellectual infantilism as displayed by C.L. Gilbert. The editorial in question, "The man has just gotten started," is an ironic title for the Kaimin editorial. If the threat of nuclear destruction could be averted through cancellation of

my 1200 class yesterday, it seemed, a whole, a fair price to pay. I would even go so far as to supply a list of similarly important facts that are obvious. Since succeeding weeks, and dismiss my noon class every Wednesday until the world is once again safe for Introduction to the Humanities. Of course, I am troubled by the nagging thought that the goal of the humanities course, like that of all true education—an appreciation of the meeting and dignity of human achievement—may represent mankind's greatest hope for a solution to these problems. Moreover, I might be a little hurt if my students aren't willing to sacrifice Friday afternoon for my class for the solution of world problems, but, never mind, they are adults and must set their priorities as they see fit. Some of them cut class often enough anyway, and I do not even have the satisfaction of knowing that they are not avorting nuclear annihilation.

So, by all means, boycott my Wednesday class if you must. Or, if you choose, come and help me in my attempts to try to understand and to cultivate whatever it is in the human species, if anything, that renders its destruction neither desirable nor inevitable.

—Carlos Pedroza

sophomore, honors program

—Montana Kaimin

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letters

Buckley’s decision was right

Editor: Re: “Note the Buck”
This “opinion,” if one would call it such hastily self-serving rhetoric, such must be one of the better examples of irresponsible journalism the Kaimin has yet to publish.

In the “article,” Gilbert said, “He is ignoring the will of the students...” by his denial of the request to cancel classes yesterday. If we so presumptuously think we can attend the nuclear convocation, and protest, Fahrenhundt, then in another part cannot reach the sources of war between nations. Sexism, racism, and economic exploitation of labor, against nationalistic capacities for war, are dedicated together by finding the whole truth of species love. Now is the time to find this greater love that affirms each struggle of these several species-mobilized groups; each a peacemaker of present violence and division, every one equally about the species business. The Great Day’s work of freedom is done. We know that we are free and stand on top of that. Now the Great Day’s struggle for species peace has begun, summoning us to our answering species love.

Bryan Black
assistant professor, philosophy

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**World News**

**THE WORLD**
- Lach Wallens, leader of Poland's independent labor union Solidarity, said yesterday that violence is a possibility if the government takes action against strikers.
- His remarks are considered significant departures from the conciliatory language he has used in the past week, as representatives of Solidarity and the government have prepared for negotiations tomorrow on the country's social and economic ills.
- **Egyptian** and **U.S. negotiators discussed a new initiative for a future Middle East peace talks.**
- Egypt and Israel are trying to agree on the jurisdiction and structure of an autonomous council to govern the Gaza and West Bank of the Jordan River, which Israel captured from Egypt and Jordan in the 1967 Mideast War.

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Workshop to help single parents cope

By Laurie Williams
Karen Contributing Reporter

Child raising is indisputably a demanding job and is even more strenuous for the increasing number of single parents. The Women's Resource Center at the University of Montana is sponsoring a new single-parenting workshop beginning next week, according to Fran Knudsen, a Women's Resource Center coordinator.

The free, three-session workshop will be held Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 at the City/County Library meeting room from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The discussions will be led by Janet Allison, a clinical psychologist, and Sharon Brogan and Diane Haddon, both therapists from the Mental Health Center in Missoula.

Knudsen estimates there are more than 1,000 children in Montana from single-parent families, and that those parents are looking for techniques to deal with the special problems and issues associated with single-parenting.

One discussion will deal with the single parent in relation to the parent's work, to the child's school, to public assistance agencies and to the parent's expectations of family life.

The second session will examine stress from ex-spouses, loneliness, time and money problems, and pressure from outside relationships.

The final session will deal with relationships between family members.

Knudsen says child care will be provided during the sessions, but parents must register at the Women's Resource Center or call 243-4150.

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The Crime Report

Campus Security reports that four thefts have occurred at the University of Montana over the past two days.

- A purse was reported stolen from Health Science 303 at 3 p.m. Tuesday. It was later recovered, but without the money it contained.
- A pack was reported missing from the shelves inside the Associated Student's Store at about 4 p.m. Tuesday. The pack contained books, glasses and a calculator.
- A purse was reported stolen from Psychology 308 at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.
- A wallet and a calculator were reported missing from the Pharmacy Building at 11:45 a.m. yesterday. The calculator is valued at $80 and the wallet contained $5.

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Committed member brings vitality to Central Board

By Karen McGrath

Marquette McRae-Zook says something and people laugh. Most of the time, however, people listen. Most people involved in CB say that McRae-Zook, 24, is one of the most active members of the board. McRae-Zook, a sophomore in interpersonal communications, said that reviews the old minutes provides a lot of insight into what’s happened in the past.

McRae-Zook said she feels not only a responsibility to fulfill her committee and duty obligations as a CB member, but also a need to be politically active on CB. "I feel students want us to be politically active at UM. I want to do more," she said. "I just enjoy it," she said. "The more involved I get, the more I can afford to be a feminist," she said.

McRae-Zook's husband, Gary Zook, said housework is shared by Marquette and himself. "We need a lot more. Marquette Zooka round on CBS," he said. "I admire her because she's not afraid to say what she thinks. She's the type of person who will tell you to go hell if thinks you should, which is good."

"I guess I've just committed myself to being the difference between a CB member and a committed CB member," she said. "I'm more involved. I get the more energy I have."

Johnson, who as vice president is in charge of all ASUM committees, said that McRae-Zook has done a lot in the committee department. "She hasn't shied away from any project though, including facial evaluations, which was meaningful, and she pulled it off," said Johnson.

Johnson added that McRae-Zook is now in charge of the Constitutional Review Board, which reviews the ASUM bylaws and constitution and brings them up-to-date.

"It may be boring and tedious," said McRae-Zook. "But it's got to be done. But I've found that going through the old minutes provides a lot of insight into what's happened in the past."

McRae-Zook said she feels not only a responsibility to fulfill her committee and duty obligations as a CB member, but also a need to be politically active on CB. "I feel students want us to be politically active at UM. I want to do more," she said. "I just can't comprehend apathy. It takes so little to get involved in things important to you."

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Nukes ...  
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Firmage said that total annihilation is not an unlikely possibility. "In this decade, that is not extravagant talk," he said. "We have enough nuclear weapons to destroy every man, woman and child several times over."

"What does defense mean if all the people will be destroyed?"

He said the most recent proposal addition to the United States' nuclear arsenal, the MX missile, has escalated the arms race and the danger to human survival like no other weapon ever has.

The MX's incredible accuracy makes it possible for the military to aim the weapon at enemy weapon sites, Firmage said. In the past, nuclear weapons were aimed at cities. In order to be most effective, the MX must be fired first, Firmage said, thus making it a first-strike weapon.

The MX does not make the United States more secure, Firmage said, adding that the first-strike capabilities could force the Soviets into a "use 'em or lose 'em" situation in which they would have to fire their weapons before they were rendered useless by an MX first strike.

If the Soviets wait until the MX is fully operational, they may never match the United States' military superiority, he said.

The so-called "window of vulnerability" — the term coined by the Reagan administration for a disparity between Soviet and American weaponry — was used to increase support for nuclear weapons, he said.

"Those 'windows of vulnerability' are between somebody's ears," Firmage said. "I think Mr. Reagan does believe a lot of this and that is more frightening than if he was kidding."

Forum ...  
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The speakers often mentioned that the United States, as the leader of the free world and the only nation ever to kill people with a nuclear weapon, should take the initiative in banning nuclear weapons. Because of its leading role, they said, the United States should lead in peace.

John Smith, senior in philosophy/economics and Central Board member, said, "I think we should start thinking about the word (peace), the concept in our own minds."

He quoted Albert Einstein in "If we think peace, we will have peace." Individuals must start the movement, he said.

Many of the speakers spoke of the dangers of the increasing war-like attitude of the U.S. government.

"They're cranking up the war machines," Barry Adams, junior in sociology said. "You're going to eat those weapons for breakfast someday."

During the forum, which included a skit by drama professor Randy Bolton, 15 others spoke. Following are some of their remarks:

"I don't think the Russians are into being vaporized any more than we are."

"Nuclear war would be an unmitigated disaster."

"Until we get rid of nuclear power, we will not have peace."

"Why is it that we're not at the negotiating table with the Russians?"

Firmage ...  
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The turning point for the success against the MX missile came when environmental groups that usually opposed each other started cooperating to keep the MX out of Utah, Firmage said.

He said it was the grassroots that in two years changed a 3-1 margin in favor of basing the MX in Utah to a 4-1 margin against.

For Montana to be successful against the placement of MX missiles here, Firmage said, Montanans must find out what decisions are about to be made concerning the MX missile and organize letter-writing campaigns to influence the decision of lawmakers.