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Opinions

For responsible passengers

Sen. Judy Jacobson has an idea whose time has come. Yesterday the Butte Democrat introduced to the Montana Senate a bill that would create "group responsibility" for drunken driving. If Senate Bill 188 were passed, it would allow the Division of Motor Vehicles to hold passengers responsible for drunken drivers, suspending passengers' driver's licenses for 30 days if it concludes the passengers "knew or should have known" that the driver was drunk.

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Care must be taken, of course, not to punish passengers not realizing that their driver is drunk, but that would hardly be a common case. Passengers must be made to bear responsibility for permitting drunks to drive. When all in a vehicle are faced with the possibility of losing their licenses by allowing a drunk to drive, the senator says, they may be more apt to make sure one person remains sober to be the "designated driver."

That might not cut down much on the number of drunks on the road, but if it cuts down on the number in (supposed) control of automobiles — and it should — then it could save countless lives.

The bill also deserves praise because, while it has the potential of greatly reducing the number of deaths caused by teen-age drunken driving, it would not, as proposed laws raising the drinking or driving ages would, penalize being young. One of the causes of the high rate of deaths caused by teen-age drunken driving is the practice of a group of teen-agers — all drunk — piling into the car for a road trip. The threat of all in the vehicle losing their licenses may, as Jacobson has said, be most useful with teen-agers, for whom the driving privilege is often "their most valuable possession."

The threat would still be there for those past their teen-age years, however, and few adults would care to be unable to drive to work, to college, to stores or simply around.

For the sake of those who will be killed if it, Jacobson's SB 188 should be passed.

Brian L. Ryp

Letters

What war?

Editor: As a classmate of Mr. Yagoub's, I was naturally interested in his letter that appeared in Thursday's Kaimin. It sparked questions in my mind such as, where is Iran? Why is there a war there? Coming from a background where death is something that only happens to laboratory rats and people who play around with theives, I had a hard time even imagining this war that Mr. Yagoub was so serious about.

Last night, I had to use this brain-storm. We need to know more about this war, right? Since we have the wherewithal to find out more about it, let's use it. Let's send Montana to Abandon to research this problem.

Spread the word! Gergen, I'm up to my ears with these news leaks.

Dear Sir:

I support the idea that the editor should publish the names of the students who sign petitions to promote an issue. The transparency it adds to the process would increase the credibility of the petitions and the organizations that submit them.

The letter writer suggests that the process of collecting signatures for a petition be streamlined, perhaps by allowing the collection of signatures online or through mobile apps. However, this approach could pose challenges, such as ensuring the authenticity of signatures and maintaining user privacy.

Another perspective is to consider the role of student organizations in advocating for change. What are the specific goals of the petitioning group? Are there alternative strategies to achieve the same objectives without the need for signatures? Engaging faculty, staff, and alumni in a dialogue about the issue could provide a more effective and inclusive approach.

Despite these complexities, the letter writer makes a strong case for the importance of transparency and accountability in the petitioning process. It is valuable for students and the broader university community to be informed about the issues and the individuals involved in the advocacy efforts.

Signed,

[Student's Name]
Weekly special

By Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON — Many Americans are understandably outraged that the House of Representatives voted itself a pay raise in last year's lame-duck session. Editorial writers around the country have criticized the House members for giving themselves a hefty boost in salary while more than 12 million Americans are out of work. There were a few courageous congressmen who voted against putting more money in their own pockets while the country is in the midst of the worst hard times since the Great Depression. One of them was Dale Kildee, a Democrat from Flint, Mich., who serves on Ways and Means Committee. The panel that handles all tax legislation. A congressman who serves on Ways and Means has clout.

Our sources say Kildee was all set to get the Ways and Means assignment. It was in the bag. Then he defied the leadership and voted against the pay raise. The Democratic leaders were angry at Kildee because he could have voted for the salary hike without risk. He was from a “safe” district and was certain to be re-elected. So the leaders were counting on him to vote for the controversial pay raise. But Kildee voted his conscience, and the leaders turned down his request for the Ways and Means assignment.

The retribution from his colleagues was swift. As a fourth-term congressman, Kildee had served on the Small Business and Labor and Education Committees, and he thought he was entitled to move up to a more influential position. He asked for a seat on the House Ways and Means Committee — the panel that handles all tax legislation. A congressman who serves on Ways and Means has clout.

We previously reported that as many as 100,000 Soviet prisoners are being used as slave labor to build the trans-Siberian natural gas pipeline. Now we’ve learned that many of the prisoners are women. Sources say that 89 special camps have been built to house them. The women work with asbestos and wire wool and make clothing for the construction workers.

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— By Jack Anderson

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THE WORLD
• Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko made a new pitch to West Germany’s growing anti-nuclear movement yesterday in Bonn with an offer to dismantle some of the Soviet medium-range missiles aimed at Western Europe if the Western allies cancel plans to deploy new U.S. rockets. It was the second innovation in Soviet arms proposals advanced by the veteran Soviet foreign minister in a four-day visit to West Germany. Gromyko said his government is prepared to negotiate an agreement for a mutual reduction of tactical missiles with a range of less than 600 miles. It was the first such public offer by a Soviet spokesman.

OPEN DOORS SEMINARS COMMENCE TODAY
By Ann Joyce
Open Doors, a series of information-gathering and fundraising events for Mountain Dog, begins today with three seminars, according to Dustin Farrum, handicapped coordinator at the University of Montana.

Mountain Dog, a recently formed group sponsored by the UM Outdoor Resource Center, UM Handicapped Student Union and UM Wilderness Institute, offers outdoor recreation to the handicapped.

Open Doors was organized to get the group off the ground and consists of lectures, seminars, demonstrations, entertainment and a benefit art auction.

All art items will be donated by the University Center Montana Rooms.

The schedule for Open Doors is:
1—2 p.m.: “Types of Disabilities and Special Problems,” a talk by Dr. Susan Bertrand in the University Center Montana Rooms.
2—3 p.m.: “Attendant Care in Recreational Activities,” a talk by Alan Picord, in the UC Montana Rooms.
3—5 p.m.: “Legal Issues and Community Responsibility in Handicapped Programming,” a discussion of federal law 504, which calls for building accessibility and equal opportunity for handicapped people, in the UC Montana Rooms.
8 p.m.: Tom Whittaker, handicapped ice climber and kayaker, will discuss C.W. Hog — Cooperative Wilderness Handicapped Outdoor Group at Idaho State University — in the UC Lounge.

MONTANA
• Gov. Ted Schwinden said yesterday in Helena he opposes a state personnel study commission’s recommendation that district courts be empowered to prohibit public employee strikes which endanger public health, safety or welfare. Schwinden conceded the recommendation would help protect the public from disruption of government services. The proposal says that a strike injunction would automatically initiate mandatory arbitration, a process the results of which would be binding on the governing body responsible for appropriations.

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Peace Corps on the lookout for student participants

By Gary Jahrig
Kaitlin Heers
An increasing demand for forester aid in third world nations has made forestry majors at the University of Montana a top priority on the Peace Corps recruiting list for 1983.

Dan Miller, UM Peace Corps representative, said that the need for qualified foresters in third world nations has been sharply over the past few years. The Peace Corps received approximately 400 requests last year for people with backgrounds in forestry. Forestry is just one of several skill areas in which the Peace Corps are looking for volunteers, Miller said. Third world countries are also interested in people with backgrounds in agriculture, teaching, health nutrition and most trades.

The Peace Corps has set up a table in the University Center this week in an attempt to promote the organization. "Create a better awareness of Peace Corps programs on campus," Miller said. Recruitment films and interview prospective applicants. There are currently about 5,000 Peace Corps volunteers and trainees working in more than 60 nations throughout Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

Nancy Haselow, Denver Peace Corps representative, said Peace Corps volunteers benefit from their experience. "Most volunteers gain more from their experience than they ever give," she said. Haselow, who taught biology and chemistry in Zaire for two and one-half years, said the most difficult aspect of Peace Corps volunteer work is the language barrier. However, all volunteers receive language and cultural training, usually in the country where they will be serving, before they are actually required to work in a foreign environment. Miller said UM currently ranks 16th out of all of the post-secondary schools in the nation in terms of Peace Corps recruits serving in foreign countries. "UM has always been a good place for the Peace Corps as many students seem to be interested in the affairs of third world nations," he said.

Tom Wells, a UM graduate student working toward a teaching degree in earth science, spent 27 months with the Peace Corps in South Korea working on a tuberculosis control program. "We traveled around the county searching for victims of TB and attempted to administer medication to them whenever possible," Wells said. "I found the experience very rewarding as I saw many children respond to our treatment." While in training, the volunteer receives a monthly allowance for rent, food, travel and all medical needs.

The three fundamental goals of the Peace Corps as stated by the organization are to help meet the needs of developing countries for trained manpower, to promote among American people a better understanding of the affairs of third world nations, and to promote among American people a better understanding of the third world people.

Skiers to pay parking lot fee

By Ann Joyce
Kami Reppen
Cross country skiers planning to ski at the Lolo Pass Winter Sports Area and park in the parking lots provided will have to purchase a $5 sticker or risk a $50 ticket, Dick Farrar, Powell district ranger, said yesterday.

The money from sticker sales will be used to plow parking lots and groom trails, Farrar said. A problem arose about four or five years ago when cross country skiers began using the parking lots maintained with snowmobile license fees, leaving the snowmobilers no place to park, he said.

According to Idaho law, cross country skiers will now pay the equivalent of a snowmobile license with Park N' Ski stickers, so that the burden of paying for services used by both groups is equal, Farrar said. Montana has no similar law, but has agreed to comply and cooperate with the Idaho law, he said.

The Idaho Park and Recreation Department will get $1 of the fee for administration costs, while the remaining $4 will be used for maintenance of the parking areas, he said.

Park N' Ski stickers are available in Missoula at Bob Ward and Sons, 2300 Brooks Hill Country Pack & Ski Shop, Southgate Mall, and The Trail Head, 501 S. Higgins.

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ASUM is explained as elections draw closer

By Jerry Wright
Kaimin Reporter

What are ASUM and Central Board? Do any students really care who sits on any board other than the Associated Students of the University of Montana? Montana Kaimin • Wed, Jan 19, 1983

Possibly a silly question, but according to John Doby, vice president of the Associated Students of the University of Montana, this was the type of reaction he and ASUM president Marquette McRae-Zook received last year while gathering student signatures for their petition to run for office.

ASUM is composed of all University of Montana students taking more than six credits a quarter. Students become members through an $18 activity fee that they pay at registration each quarter. Central Board is the university's student government and, among other things, it allocates more than $400,000 a year to various student clubs and organizations. The money comes from the activity fees, and for that reason alone, students should be involved and interested in what is going on with Central Board and ASUM, Doby said.

Central Board is made up of 20 student representatives and ASUM has three officers: president, vice president and a business manager. All positions are filled through elections Winter Quarter, and duties begin the following Spring Quarter.

Central Board members are required to serve on two committees and attend CB meetings every Wednesday at 7 p.m. They receive no pay, although the possibility of membership receiving credit is being looked into, Doby said. The CB meetings are open to all students.

ASUM officers are paid by the month. The president receives $325, the vice president $300 and the business manager $305. Each officer puts in 30 to 50 hours a week, according to Doby.

The ASUM president is responsible for committee appointments and chairs Central Board, the Student Action Center, ASUM Day Care and ASUM Programming, among others. McRae-Zook's appointments to committees, positions, student-faculty committees and directorships (such as programming or SAC) must be ratified by CB.

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The vice president's main job is finding people to fill committee seats and to see that the committees are running fairly smoothly, Doby said. It's important that the president and vice president provide a balance of personalities and viewpoints on the Board. He is also a member of the Budget and Finance Committee and can vote on Central Board.

To run for a CB position in the next election, petitions with the signatures of 80 students are due by Jan. 31. To run for officer positions, 160 signatures are required.

The campaign will begin Feb. 7. CB candidates are allowed to spend up to $75 on their campaigns, and candidates for officer positions are allowed to spend $150. The primary election will be held on Feb. 23, and the general election will take place March 2. When elections take place this year, computers will be used for the first time. Full-time students will give their student IDs to the person at the computer at one of three locations: the Liberal Arts Building, the Lodge or the University Center. The student's name will be typed into the computer, and if it is checked against a master list of eligible voters, the name will then be erased from that list so the person cannot vote at another computer.

The UM computer center will be staffed by volunteers. Anyone interested in helping can contact Diane Elliott at 728-5781 or Brenda Perry at the ASUM office, 243-2451.

Current opportunities at the Residence Halls Office are accepting applications for STUDENT STAFF SUPERVISORY POSITIONS during the 1983-84 academic year. Applicants must be GRADUATE STUDENTS, preferably with Residence Halls experience, or UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS who have had previous experience working in a Residence Hall.

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