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TIM SMITH, former ASUM Programming director, gets his dollar's worth by letting David Bolinger, ASUM president, guess the flavor of the pie during Aber Day activities. (Photo by Doug Decker.)



New general requirements program to start next fall

By Kathie Horejsi
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

The University of Montana Faculty Senate voted yesterday to approve "in principle" a new general education program to begin in the fall of 1984.

The program, developed by the senate's General Education Committee, includes both competency and "breadth" requirements.

The program has been

criticized both for having too much required science and not enough humanities, and for having a humanities emphasis that is too strong, said James Flightner, associate professor of foreign languages and literature. Flightner is also head of the committee.

The proposal states that the purpose of the "breadth" requirements is to expose all students at UM to primary ap-

proaches to knowledge and thus provide students with as many ways of viewing the world as possible.

The program has six divisions of required general courses in place of the three that are now in effect. The divisions are: expressive arts, literary and artistic studies, historical and cultural studies, social sciences, ethical and human

See "Program," page 12.

New Programming director plans 'a little more diversity'

By Jerry Wright
Kaimin Staff Reporter

Since the 1981-82 school year, when he drove bands like Loverboy and Quarterflash around Missoula for ASUM Programming, newly-appointed Programming Director Bill Reker, 24, says he has been interested in concert production.

And as last year's pop concerts coordinator, Reker, a junior in business management, got a taste of what production is like.

But the director position, he said recently, will give him an even broader view of the field

and good practical experience in it.

"It seemed exciting and a real smart career move," he said of his desire to be director. "My intention (after graduation) is to get into concert production."

However, the other areas of Programming, such as films, coffeehouses and performing arts, are not going to take a back seat because of his interest in concerts, Reker said.

His primary function as director, he added, is making sure that each Programming area stays within its budget. He will also help with technical problems, making sure that no details are forgotten in the planning stages of different events, he said.

With his new wave (or is it early 60s?) hair cut, Reker sits behind his new directors desk in the ASUM Programming office with a name plate identifying him as "The Less Than Honorable William Reker." Friendly and with an ever-present sense of humor, Reker has taken the increased work load since being pop concerts

coordinator as part of the new responsibility he has assumed.

"I'm in this office at least six hours a day," he said.

Reker inherits a \$10-12,000 deficit in Programming's budget. Last year's director, Tim Smith, took over with an even larger deficit, and Reker said that he hopes to continue the trend Smith began toward erasing the deficit.

Other than providing a "little more diversity," Reker said that he plans no major changes in Programming policy from Smith's directorship.

Programming is still at the whim of what concert promoters want to bring to Missoula, Reker said, since ASUM can't afford the "astronomical" financial risks associated with promoting a concert in the Field House. There may be some changes made in the sound system and seating arrangements for ASUM films in the University Center Ballroom, he said, adding that though films didn't make any money last year, they didn't lose nearly as much as they have in the past.

Sheriff's agencies worked with deficits

By Patricia Tucker
Kaimin Reporter

The outgoing director of the University of Montana Alumni Association said last night that her agency has closed out the past several years with budget deficits.

"The association's budget was in the red long before I came on board; the deficits have increased with me," said Deanna Sheriff, executive director of the Alumni Association and director of University Relations for the last five years.

Sheriff resigned Wednesday from both positions, effective June 30. (From all accounts, the University Relations' budget is solvent.)

"I definitely do quality work and quality work costs money," Sheriff added. "I've been in a deficit continuously, that's the absolute truth."

Sheriff refused to estimate the size of past deficits or the association's current deficit. However, she said, the association's expenditures have

brought healthy returns to the university. She said that alumni donations have greatly increased since she has been executive director. She implied that UM President Neil Bucklew has been less tolerant of deficit spending than his predecessor, Richard Bowers, under whom Sheriff began directing the association.

Along with her desire to return to school — she plans to get a doctorate in education from UM — insufficient funding for the association, which necessitated the deficit spending, was responsible for her resignation, she said.

"There were never resources in people or money to do all the things I was responsible for," she said.

But Ward Shanahan, a Helena attorney and president-elect of the Alumni Association board, said that despite the problems of a low budget, deficit spending should be avoided.

See "Sheriff," page 12.



Bill Reker

Reker names new coordinators

ASUM Programming Director Bill Reker has announced his choices for the Programming coordinator positions for next year. The recommendations must be approved by Central Board Wednesday night. Reker's recommendations are:

- Lectures — Jet Bibler
- Advertising — Tim Bogart
- Films — Ky Boyd
- Pop concerts — Mark Trenka
- Coffeehouses — Melissa Smith
- Performing Arts — Carlos Pedraza

Rygg-marole Brian L. Rygg

Testing: one, two, three, four, five

Graduation time in Florida began yesterday, but about 1,300 high-school seniors there will be denied diplomas because they failed the state's functional literacy test.

Attorney Steve Hanlon has sought to prevent the withholding of the diplomas, charging that the test is culturally and racially biased. Wednesday a federal appeals court upheld a ruling that the test was not biased.

Students receiving only certificates of completion instead of diplomas, Hanlon said in his appeal, will not get jobs, be accepted into the military or be allowed into college.

Yes, not having a diploma (like lacking a driver's license) can be a handicap, but diplomas should not be granted unearned. This year's seniors had up to five opportunities to pass the functional literacy test, from when they were in 10th grade until the most recent test in March. Of about 86,000 high school seniors in Florida this year, only 4,383 had to take the test this March; of those, 1,665 failed it. (About 300 of the students who failed the last test were already ineligible for diplomas because they had not met other requirements.) That means that all but about 2 percent of the Florida seniors managed to pass the test at one time or another.

The test comprises 120 questions regarding 24 basic skills in reading and writing and in math. Some sample questions follow:

•1) John Williams wishes to find information about seafood restaurants while he is visiting the coast. Which of the following would give him a listing of local restaurants?

A) U.S. road atlas B) telephone directory yellow pages C) dictionary D) encyclopedia.

•2) Sam works in the school bookstore. He must count the money in the register when he closes the store. One day he counted 23 pennies, seven nickels, nine quarters and six dollar bills. How much money did he have?

A) \$2.89 B) \$7.83 C) \$8.83 D) \$9.08.

•3) Phil's dinner cost him \$4.80. He wants to leave the waitress a 15 percent tip. How much should he leave?

A) 29 cents B) 32 cents C) 72 cents D) \$4.95.

•4) Harry charged \$120 on his credit card last month. The rate of interest is 3 percent per month. How much interest will Harry have to pay after one month?

A) \$3 B) \$3.60 C) \$116.40 D) \$123.60.

•5) For a party George wants to make 16 hamburger patties of five ounces each. How many pounds of hamburger are needed?

A) three pounds B) five pounds C) 16 pounds D) 50 pounds.

The Florida Legislature mandated the test in 1976, and it was first given in 1977. In 1978, Hanlon filed suit against it on behalf of 11 black Hillsborough County high school students who had failed the test. U.S. District Judge George Carr ruled in favor of the test in 1979, but stipulated that diplomas could not be withheld until this school year, to allow students the opportunity to go through 12 years of integrated school.

May 4, after conducting further hearings, Carr upheld the use of the test, calling it an integral part of Florida's efforts to improve its public education. His ruling was upheld two days ago in a 2-1 decision by a federal court of appeals.

Blacks constitute 21 to 22 percent of the Florida high school population. They also

constitute about 62 percent of the students denied diplomas. (In other words, 1,040 of the 1,665 students who failed the test were black.)

Now, that does result in a failure rate of about 6 percent for black seniors, as opposed to about 2 percent for seniors overall. But that does not "prove" that the test is biased any more than it "proves" that blacks are mentally inferior. (Hmmm. I know that that last supposition is ridiculous, and I suspect that most of you do, but I have this sinking feeling that there are still some dummies out there who don't. Probably the same assholes who think that women and girls ask for rape. Oh well, I can't save the world with a weekly column.)

If, as it seems to, the test measures whether a student has received the basic education needed for functioning in the world, then the failures indicate problems in the educational process. These could be the fault of the students, the teachers and the educational system, or the society that contains them all — probably some of each.

Blacks have traditionally received the short end of the stick educationally, and still do economically. And it has been shown that students from poorer educational and economic backgrounds often tend to do less well in school; reasons could include lack of motivation, malnutrition and scheduling conflicts between work and study. A look at the backgrounds of the students who failed would probably show that many — black and white — came from poor families.

Another difficulty in blacks' scholastic ability could have its roots in black pride. Rachel Jones, a 21-year-old black sophomore at Southern Illinois University, pointed out in a column in "Newsweek" last December that getting good grades and speaking "proper" English are often considered "white" behavior. Jones said she found that "for many blacks, standard English is not only unfamiliar, it is socially unacceptable." (Blacks are not, of course, the only Americans who sometimes equate intelligence and education with lack of strength, attractiveness or "cool." What do you want, good grammar or good taste? Actually, I'd prefer both.)

Ralph Turlington, Florida commissioner of education, said that the possibility of denied diplomas "will help motivate thousands of students to read better and learn to use math in everyday situations." Perhaps, but each diploma denied should also be considered a failure of the school to provide the student with the required basic skills. Florida's apparent dedication to improving its educational system is admirable; as the failure of 1,665 seniors attests, it is also sorely needed. Huey Johnson was one of the 11 students who challenged the test's validity in 1978, and he took the test three times before passing it. He said recently that Judge Carr should have "asked the state to implement more remedial programs rather than to begin denying diplomas."

Uneducated students should not be handed diplomas.

Students should not be allowed to go through high school uneducated.

(Postscript: I adamantly refuse to give you the answers to the sample questions in this column. Come on, they're easy. If you really think you need help, I'll give you a hint: whether by accident or design, none of the answers are A or D.)

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



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Letter

Fiscal affairs

Editor: As for completely open MontPIRG fiscal affairs, once more they have counted on student apathy, as they didn't even have a spare copy of their budget to hand out Wednesday morning. Knowing that few, if any, students would bother to make the trip to 729 Keith, MontPIRG could make the claim that their use of student money is public and still

not publish the budget.

So far this year, they have taken in \$30,811.25. Out of this the largest expense is salary with the executive director, Charles Pearson, skimming off about \$1,000 a month plus health insurance. I would like to know just when if ever, they plan to publish their budget in the Kaimin, and just how much U of M student money they plan to use to impose MontPIRG on MSU in Bozeman.

Rich McFadden
Senior, forestry

Aber Day 1983



Photo by Jerry Lane

UM President Neil Bucklew (left) plants a cotoneaster bush. Master Sgt. Ted Godwin, UM military science instructor, (right) looks exhausted as he finishes the two-mile run. The Jazz Workshop, led by Lance Boyd, (below) played in front of Main Hall until its performance was cut short by a rain storm.



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Three day later kegger to go after clearing last hurdle

By Rick Parker
Kaimin Reporter

All systems are go for tomorrow's concert and kegger, billed as the Aber Kegger (three days later).

Promoter Rod Harsell's company, Fun Productions, was reinstated as a licensed organization last Friday by the Montana Secretary of State's office and was issued a state beer permit through the Department

of Revenue on the same day.

That action was the last major hurdle to staging the event, which will be held seven miles west of Missoula at the Wye, the site of last weekend's Spring Spectacular.

Harsell is offering only 999 tickets for Saturday's event to avoid additional Missoula County regulations. Ticket buyers will hear music provided by Montana, the Bop-a-Dips and

Dan Hart, and up to 150 kegs of beer will be served.

Tickets to the event cost \$12 and must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the gate. Ticket outlets are located in the UC, Budget Tapes and Records, Grizzly Grocery, the Memory Bank and Worden's Market.

Harsell said that about 300

tickets had been sold as of yesterday afternoon.

Transportation to and from the event will be provided by buses. The buses will depart from the University Fieldhouse parking lot every half-hour between noon and 1:30 p.m. and return at 5:45 p.m. Bus tickets will cost \$1 round trip.

The kegger site will open at noon, and the Missoula Jaycees will park cars for a \$1 donation. The event is scheduled to last until 6 p.m.

Yesterday, the local office of the National Weather Service said that tomorrow would be a "quite warm, mostly dry" day with a high temperature in the 70s.

Women to stage nuclear protest Sunday

By Melanie Williamson
Kaimin Reporter

About 50 women will attempt to stop a Burlington Northern train Sunday to protest nuclear proliferation and the transportation of nuclear weapons through Montana, according to Cheryl Wishneski, a member of Montana Women Initiating Nuclear Disarmament (WIND).

WIND will set up a "peace camp" from about 1 p.m. tomorrow just off the O'Brien Creek Road west of Missoula, and will link arms on the BN railroad tracks sometime after 11 a.m. this Sunday, she said.

The protest is aimed at BN, Wishneski said, because of its agreement to ship nuclear arms, but the train they try to stop will not be carrying nuclear weapons.

The group was organized three months ago by about 15 people who have been active in

both the peace and women's movement, Wishneski said. The protest is meant as an "act of women's mass civil disobedience" to join the causes of feminism and anti-nuclear activism, she added.

Tomorrow afternoon's activities will include a training session explaining the event, role-playing exercises of conflict situations and discussions on fear of confrontation, Wishneski said.

Ada Sanchez, a reporter for The Progressive magazine, will speak at a celebration tomorrow night that will also include singing and dancing, Wishneski said.

WIND members and volunteers who plan to stop the train should expect to be arrested for trespassing on BN land, she said.

Capt. Doug Chase of the Missoula Police Department said

that eight or 10 police officers and BN security people will be present at Sunday afternoon's protest, but that "everything possible will be done to avert an arrest situation." He said that warnings to leave the scene would be issued before any arrests are made.

At least 15 men will act as a support group for the protesting women, caring for children and cooking for the group, Wishneski said.

Volunteers are welcome either to help stop the train, carry signs asking the train to slow down at five-, 10- and 20-mile intervals from the camp along the tracks, keep track of those arrested and donate money for bail, she said.

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Public Safety Committee to look into vagrancy problem

By Richard Roesgen
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

Several Missoula residents have complained recently of harassment and intimidation by vagrants and of "vicious fights" occurring among vagrants, according to Missoula Alderwoman Lois Herbig.

Herbig said that Missoula's "vagrant problem" will be discussed at a Public Safety Committee meeting this Monday.

A vagrant is defined by law

as a person without a visible means of support and is generally defined as a wanderer or nomad.

There is no vagrancy law in Missoula, and Missoula Police Captain Red Hamilton said that most vagrants the police arrest are picked up for disorderly conduct. Hamilton said that a very rough estimate of the number of vagrants in Missoula at one time might be around 60 to 70.

"They're not the old-fashioned hobo types; for the most part, they're a threatening bunch," Herbig said.

She said that she's had numerous complaints from Missoula residents concerning vagrants, particularly from residents of Missoula's Clark Fork Manor, a Front Street apartment building housing elderly tenants.

According to Vi Seibert, the building's administrator, vagrants have been entering the building, using the bathrooms and washing machines and sleeping on the building's patio during the night.

"You can see them jumping over the wall and running off in the mornings," Seibert said.

Seibert said that although she knows of no incidents in which vagrants have confronted tenants directly, the tenants feel intimidated by the vagrants' threatening appearance.

Hamilton said the police department has had a few complaints from residents of the Clark Fork Manor and from people who own businesses along Front Street, and that vehicle and foot patrols have been stepped up in the area.

Herbig said that residents

have complained about groups of drunken vagrants camping along the Clark Fork River, between the Van Buren Street Bridge and East Missoula, threatening hikers and passers-by. It is illegal to camp along the river, as riverfront property is designated a park area.

Herbig said that she received a report of a blood-stained sleeping bag found in the remains of one camp, presumably left there by a vagrant involved in a fight.

Of vagrant fights, Hamilton said, "I'm sure fights do occur, but we haven't had reports of any lately."

Herbig said she's also had complaints from residents who live close to Greenough Park, located just north of the Van Buren Street underpass, about vagrants camping there and creating disturbances.

Herbig said that at the committee meeting Monday, at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall, several residents and apartment owners will be on hand to discuss the problem, as well as representatives of the police department and the Burlington Northern Railroad.

Burlington Northern representatives will be there to

discuss ways to keep vagrants out of the railyards and off the trains, she said, and that could reduce the number of vagrants entering Missoula.

The meeting will be open to the public.

Herbig said that any action the Missoula City Council might take as a result of committee recommendations would not be directed at all vagrants, and that many of them are "good people."

"We can still help the people who need the help. Missoula has always been known for its humanitarian stance...and the last thing I want to see is for the pendulum to swing too far the other way, to where we're not helping people at all."

But she said she believes that the majority of vagrants "really are threatening to people."

And in conflicts with the law, Herbig said, the vagrants "are no dummies, they know the rules, and they're gonna press it...we know we're being used by these bums."

When asked if she and others who have complained to her might try to somehow make Missoula more unwelcoming for vagrants, she replied, "yes, I think that's what the idea is."

... but are vagrants really a problem?

By Richard Roesgen
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

The decision to hold a City Council committee meeting on Missoula's vagrancy problem was not met with enthusiasm by George Greenwald, who

works nights at Missoula's Poverello Center, a mission on Ryman Street.

"That's typical, it happens all the time in every city," he said.

"They're (vagrants) already basically unwelcome, driven from one town to the next like cornered animals. That makes them more desperate, and that can drive them to become more threatening."

Greenwald checks in the vagrants who come to the cen-

ter every evening just before 8 p.m. This is when the door opens and the vagrants can come in out of the rain, get a meal, a shower, have their clothes washed, play cards or just go to sleep until 8 a.m. the next morning, when they have to leave.

The vagrants can sleep in the Poverello three nights every 30 days, and in the 14 months Greenwald and his wife have

See "Vagrants," page 9.

Reproductive Freedom A CHALLENGE FOR CHOICE

a presentation by Janet Benshoof, Director of the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project

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Boxcars provide traveling homes for America's 'bo's'

By Karol Bossler

Kaimin Contributing Reporter

Open boxcars rolled past, their insides littered with "500-mile paper" — cardboard ripped from the boxcar walls to supply the freighthoppers' bed sheets and mattresses.

Three men watched as they sat waiting near the tracks for a Seattle-bound freight train.

The rain was cold and snow rode the flatbeds of a train coming in from the south. But the men's jackets were left unbuttoned. Warmth, one of them explained, comes in a brown paper bag.

He called himself Crazy Curly and said that he has been "tramping" for 19 years.

"I wouldn't have a settled place if you gave it to me," he said, "unless you gave me \$10,000 a month and then I'd give it to the tramps."

He and his companions didn't know when their freight would leave. Freight trains are scheduled by tonnage now, meaning that they pull out when enough tonnage has been loaded to make the trip profitable.

"If you don't got patience, you better go somewhere else," Curly said.

Beside the men were three small packs; a cast-iron frying pan hung from one of them. They said they have ridden from Alaska to Texas and all over in between.

"It's nice if you ain't got nothing to do but drink wine," one of the men said.

But the ride isn't always free. Federal law considers freighthopping trespassing, a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail, a \$1,000 fine or both.

Montana law sets the maximum penalties at six months in jail, a \$500 fine or both. The yards of Burlington Northern in Missoula are patrolled around

the clock by railroad police — "yard bulls" in freighthopper jargon — whom the company hires to protect against theft and vandalism.

Doug Heald, special agents officer for BN, said an average of 50 trespassers are caught each week, but that few are arrested. Trespassers are told to leave company property, Heald said, and while most do, a few spend the next 10 days in the county jail.

Freighthoppers generally avoid causing trouble, according to Joe Malingo, a switchman who has worked for BN for 14 years.

"They just want to catch the next train out of town," he said.

Eugene, a part-time freighthopper, said that most people he meets riding freights don't seem threatening. Hitchhiking is probably more dangerous for the rider, he said.

But Ron, a University of Montana student, said, "Most people I've met are pretty desperate ... I wouldn't trust them."

Sometimes wanted criminals are found riding the rails.

Malingo said that most of the freighthoppers he sees are the "bo's," middle-aged men who have made the boxcar their home. At night, their shadows and campfires can be seen along the edge of the yards year round, he said.

"Missoula is known throughout the railroad system as being real hospitable to their needs," Malingo said, referring to Missoula's Poverello Center and other charity organizations where free food and clothing are distributed.

Missoula is also the first food-stamp stop east of Spokane, Wash., and Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

When handouts aren't to be had, supermarket dumpsters are scrounged, the river is fished and scrap aluminum

and wire are collected and sold.

Malingo said he usually sees about five freighthoppers per shift in winter, increasing to about 15 as the weather warms and more young people take to riding the rails for adventure and travel.

"I've ridden thousands and thousands of miles of rails ... I never get tired of it," Eugene said. He sometimes alternates freighthopping with bicycling or hitchhiking. Hopping freights, Eugene said, gives him "a really free feeling ... It's like having a free picture window on America." After 17 years of excursions, he has seen much of the West. He said that he and his wife travel together now, and even the dog comes along.

Ron, the UM student, said that it's the best way to see the country, despite the dangers.

He remembers the Cascade tunnels' eight long miles of diesel exhaust. His last trip ended with emergency surgery after a jump from a freight going about 25 mph ruptured his spleen. He said he half-walked, half-crawled the three miles back to town.

Malingo said that the only serious freighthopping accident he has seen involved a man whose leg was hanging out the boxcar door when the train braked suddenly, slamming the door on his leg and "mangling it up pretty bad."

But, he added, many yard accidents probably go unnoticed, such as when the boxcars are "humped," a practice whereby cars are disconnected on top of a small man-made hill and

roll free until they slam into other cars.

Another hazard to freighthoppers is the violent rocking of freight cars to test their suspension systems.

Ron said that he always sleeps with his body parallel to the ends of the boxcar to at least protect his head if he is thrown around inside.

A general formula for avoiding injury was offered by Eugene. He said, "As long as you're cautious and sober, you

won't generally be seriously injured."

In 1976, accidents killed 458 railroad trespassers and injured 768, according to Federal Railroad statistics.

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"If you never rode a freight, you wouldn't understand," Curly said. "I love it ... I love hearing them clickity-clacks."

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Missoula's Poverello Center shelters a diversified crowd

By Richard Roesgen
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

The young guy from Chicago in the blue-checked cotton shirt, with the fishing pole stuck in his bedroll, stood in the alley behind Missoula's Poverello Center in the rain.

He was waiting to go inside, along with a man in his 70s, a middle-aged man and his wife,

a man in his 30s and a woman with a girl no more than 10 years old.

"This is the first time I've been in Missoula," said the Chicago guy. "It's really pretty here."

It started raining harder and the man inside opened a side door and let them in a little early, before 8 p.m., when the

door is officially supposed to open.

They all went in and sat on wooden benches in a waiting room. They're waiting to go into the dining room, where it's a little warmer, but they can't go in there before 8 p.m.

"What's that?...oh, no, I haven't had to sleep outside," said the man in his 70s. He folded his weathered hands in his lap and smiled politely. "I just got in on the freight train two days ago, and I've been staying here."

The Chicago guy took off his baseball cap and combed his short wet black hair.

"I'm looking for work here," he said.

The little girl got up and went into the bathroom.

"So are we," said the middle-aged couple, who said they were from Montana. "We've got some things lined up with some businesses, but we just need a place to stay till things get squared away."

The Chicago guy tucked his comb back into his pocket.

"There isn't any work in Chicago. You think Missoula's got problems with vagrants — in Chicago they're lined up on the sidewalks. I've seen people kill each other over a bedroll."

The little girl came out of the bathroom and sat down again next to her mother.

"Vagrants don't threaten anybody," said the middle-aged man with the wife and the cowboy hat. "It's the townspeople who cause all the trouble. Some guy almost ran over me and my wife when we were trying to cross the street."

"I stuck my steel-toed boot up like I was gonna kick his door in. Then he pulled over and got out and I told him I'd kick his door in just like I'd kick his skull in if he ever did that again."

The middle-aged man

laughed. "I saw him in a bar later on. He was shakin' real bad, he had to hold his drink with both hands."

No one said anything for a while. A tall, husky bearded man with hiking boots came in from the rain and sat down next to the Chicago guy's back-pack.

"Sure, they can be threatening," said the Chicago guy, "but most of them feel threatened themselves."

See "Poverello," page 9.

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Vagrants

Continued from page 6. worked there, he estimates that more than 2,500 vagrants have spent the night.

Greenwald says that during that time, only one has ever committed a violent act.

"Their level of violence is no more or no less than that of South Hills residents or the northside people or anybody else.

"Some of them come in and act macho and grumble and make hostile phrases, and a lot of them appear threatening. But when they start talking from the heart, that changes."

Greenwald was once a vagrant himself, from the east, and he said that he knows how hard it is "to find a place to sleep in the city where the cops won't find you.

"No, vagrants don't like to get thrown in jail so they'll have a warm place to sleep at night. They're human beings, and

being in jail is just a stuffing away of their dignity and self-worth."

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where all the dirt is swept under," Greenwald said.

"It's just a phobia people have, because they've never been in those shoes before or been close to anyone who has.

"I think that's the biggest

problem, they grate on people's nerves. 'Damn they're a pain in the ass, those people who ask for dimes.'

"People think if you make the town inhospitable to them then they'll go away, and they will,

but that only compounds the problem.

"My philosophy is to invite them here, make them welcome, and then they won't be so threatening," Greenwald said.

Weekend—

TODAY

Lectures
"Gandhi and Beyond: Non Violent Action," David Dellinger, Chicago 7 Trial defendant, 7:30 p.m., Science Complex 131. Sponsored by the University of Montana Student Action Center and ASUM.
Workshop

"How to Write Resumes, Cover Letters and Interview for a Job," 10 a.m. to noon, Center for Student Development Conference Room, first floor Lodge.

"Orientation to the Career Services Office and Establishing a Credential File," 1-2 p.m., CSD Conference Room.

Miscellaneous

Potluck picnic for UM international students, host families and friends, 4 p.m., Greenough Park (sheltered area). Community residents interested in becoming host families are invited to attend.

Wildlife Club meeting, 4 p.m., Forestry 301. Mount St. Helens will be discussed.

SUNDAY

No events scheduled

MONDAY

Lecture

"Reproductive Freedom: The Challenge for Choice," Janet Benshoof, director of the Reproductive Freedom Project of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, speaker, 7:30 p.m., Underground Lecture Hall.

Poverello—

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"There are good vagrants and there are bad ones, but mostly they're just like anybody else, looking for work or a place to stay."

The man in his 30s asked the Chicago guy if he could spare a piece of an onion the guy was about to take a bite of, and the reporter said thanks for talkin' and started out the door back into the rain.

"You doin' a survey or somethin'?" asked the man in his 30s.

"No," said the reporter, "just writin' a story."

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Big Sky track title to be contested this weekend

By Dan Carter
Kaimin Sports Editor

The University of Montana men's track team will be in Tempe, Ariz., today and tomorrow to compete in the 20th Annual Big Sky Conference Track and Field Championships. The meet will be hosted by Northern Arizona University.

Grizzly coach Bill Leach took decathletes Jake Lind, Jan Harland and Dave Susanj down to Tempe earlier in the week for Wednesday and Thursday's decathlon competition. Montana will have 12 athletes com-

peting in the meet, but will miss two defending Big Sky champions who will not compete this year because of injuries.

Defending 100- and 200-meter champion Marcus Mial and last year's javelin champion Scott Kleinschmidt both will be unable to defend their titles because of injuries suffered this year.

The Grizzlies tied NAU for third in last year's Big Sky Championships, while Idaho State placed second and Nevada-Reno won it.

Idaho State should again be in the thick of the title hunt this year, as it and the other two

Idaho schools, the University of Idaho and Boise State University, are looming as pre-meet favorites.

All three schools have winning traditions in track and field and this year have established themselves as being strong contenders. Idaho last won the Big Sky outdoor title in 1981. Idaho State, who won last fall's cross-country championships, has won 12 of the last 19 outdoor championships, and Boise State won this year's indoor track title.

Heading into the meet, eight athletes in five events have already qualified for the upcoming

NCAA Track and Field Championships, held May 31-June 5 at the University of Houston. One of those athletes is UM's Jack Ramsey, who has qualified for the nationals in the 1,500-meters with a time of 3:43.1, which is the Big Sky's fastest time this year.

Other outstanding athletes at the meet will include Dave Smith, Mike Kinney and Neil Crichlow of Idaho, Derrick May of Nevada-Reno and Jake Jacoby of Boise State.

Smith leads the conference in the 200-meters with a best

time of 20.98, and Kinney has a conference best time of 50.80 in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles. Idaho also has the conference's best triple-jumper in Crichlow, who has a best leap of 52-8 and the conference's leading 400-meter relay team (40.13).

May leads the Big Sky Conference in the 5,000- and 10,000-meters with best times of 14:02.0 and 28:50.4 respectively, and Jacoby is leading the conference in the high jump with a best of 7-2½.

UM ruggers play final home game this weekend

The University of Montana rugby team will play its final home game of the season tomorrow as it takes on the Butte C.R.A.B.S. (Combined Rugby Anaconda and Butte Sides). The game will also mark the final home appearance for four seniors.

The game, scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at Playfair Park, behind Sentinel High School, will be the last home game to be played by seniors Bob Schultz, Barry Lueck, Dan Songer and Bob Toepper.

Tomorrow's game also will mark the last game of the regular season. The Montana State tournament will be next Saturday and Sunday in Kalispell. UM beat Kalispell last weekend

in Kalispell, 18-6.


The UM side has posted a record of 14-5 this year and according to Schultz and Lueck, the team's chances of winning the state tournament are "excellent." They added that UM has the favored side (rugby's term for a team) going into the two-day tourney.

Lueck said, however, that UM could get some tough competition from the Missoula All-Maggot rugby club and the Bozeman ruggers.

Both Lueck and Schultz gave their appreciation to the university for past rugby support.

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Random shots

Dan Carter

Well, it happened. Mark Eibner got caught dancing with the snow man and now he's going to have to pay the fiddler.

If you haven't heard, Eibner, a former star linebacker for Montana State in Bozeman, was sentenced Monday to six months in prison and a total of five and one-half years probation for selling cocaine.

Gee, that's too bad. Too bad, that is, that he didn't get five and one-half years in prison and about 15 years on probation.

The sentence was handed down in U.S. District court after the former academic all-region football player and co-captain for the Bobcats pleaded guilty the same day to one count of possession with intent to distribute 4.7 grams of cocaine. According to some reliable sources, 4.7 grams is worth about \$500.

The whole situation started this past February when Eibner's home was searched as part of a drug investigation. He was indicted by a federal grand jury in March.

During the hearing, Eibner told the court that he was introduced to the drug last summer and occasionally sold some to his roommate. He said he began selling drugs seriously on his own in December or January.

Being a Bozeman native, I

took an interest in the story, but being a sports fan and a sports writer, it held a special attraction for me. There were a few things I started to wonder about.

Over the past two months I've talked to a number of my friends who attend MSU who acted without surprise when I told them I had heard about their drug scandal. Most of them had the attitude of "so what else is new?" Most of them implied that the situation wasn't really new, but old hat and also implied that the Eibner case wasn't an isolated incident, but just the tip of the iceberg.

He said he started using the drug last summer. I wondered if that means he was strung out at games and practices. I wondered if that means his teammates were using the drug, too.

I saw Eibner play football when he first came to MSU. He was a gifted athlete with some exceptional talent. Obviously, he didn't value his talents as much as some other people did, like the students, alumni and coaching staff of MSU.

I doubt very much that dealing in cocaine has been a part of MSU's football tradition.

Eibner has put a big blemish on the face of Montana football. It will be tough for coaches at MSU to recruit the top-notch student athletes that they had been able to recruit before, even if they don't want to admit it.

He took all the trust and respect that many people had in him, laughed at it and flushed it down the toilet, all for the sake of a few minutes' fun.

What's worse, Eibner wasn't content on ruining his own life, he set out to sell the stuff to others so that they could ruin their lives too. (And no, I've never used coke, but yes, I've seen what it does to people and have talked to others about what it does. Most of the stories aren't happy ones.)

Last June, Sports Illustrated

Football and Cocaine

could buy coke easily on the practice field. He concluded that the use of cocaine in the NFL could ultimately ruin it, and that something needed to be done.

I agree. Obviously cocaine use isn't exclusive to the NFL. It has its use in colleges too.

But what is bothersome is that nothing is being done about it. Colleges are treating the situation almost as if it doesn't exist. It's like they figure that if they keep things quiet or don't do anything about it, the use of cocaine by athletes will take care of itself and everything will be okay.

Wrong.

published an article written by Don Reese, formerly of the Miami Dolphins, New Orleans Saints and the San Diego Chargers, on how he built up a \$30,000 cocaine bill while playing pro ball and what his use of the drug did to him.

Reese managed to wake up and see what was happening after he was arrested for attempting to sell cocaine — after his abilities started to fade and his wife left him.

According to Reese, players were taking the drug before games and at halftime and



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Program

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values and natural sciences. Competency requirements in writing, mathematics and foreign or symbolic languages will be emphasized.

English 110, basic composition, will be required, as will the completion of at least three courses with a substantial amount of writing, designated with a W in the class schedule. At least three of the credits must be in upper-division

courses.

In mathematics, students will be required to complete college-level courses beyond Math 102.

One year of a foreign language or a three-quarter sequence of symbolic language (computers, linguistics, logic or mathematics) will also be required.

While the writing skills, math and language courses reflect a national trend, the required

ethics courses have been added as a result of a discussion two months ago, when members of the committee decided that there was a "societal need for the university to try to come to grips with ethics and moral values" because they aren't being taught in high school, said Flightner.

Forestry Professor Richard Shannon praised the proposal,

saying, "This is the first time in my memory here, since 1956, that one could identify an educational philosophy with respect to a diversification process."

"This comes too close to heaven to be attained by practical people operating in an imperfect world," he said, in reference to the six breadth divisions, which he said are too

specific.

The General Education Committee will continue to work on the specifics of the program over the summer. The courses to be included in the "Breadth Perspectives" will be identified and evaluated next fall. They will be discussed and evaluated by the Faculty Senate several more times next year before finally being added to the 1984 catalog.

Sheriff

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"I don't think it's a good practice," he said.

In tight fiscal situations, such as that which UM President Neil Bucklew faces, finding ways to make up deficit spending becomes difficult, he said.

"He's in a pinch. He needs to have every dollar he can get his hands on. He needs to be in control of the budget," Shana-

han said of Bucklew. Bucklew has estimated that as many as 25 faculty and staff positions may be eliminated during the next two years because of inadequate funding from the Montana Legislature.

Bucklew confirmed the deficit for last year, but said that the final budget figures for this year will not be complete until the end of June. He would not

comment on whether deficit spending was a cause of Sheriff's resignation.

"She made her own choice," he said.

Sheriff said that her frustration with the inadequate budget sapped some of her enthusiasm for her job and caused her to overwork her staff.

"It's like for 25 cents I'll let you whitewash my fence."

Diversity

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couple of groupies that entertained the members of one band, and pieces of women's underwear left behind after the Little River Band had finished

its show.

This was in sharp contrast to working with the Little River Band, which was a crew of crazy Australians with funny accents running around cracking jokes and having a good time, Reker said.

He said the UM stage crew that works the concerts has received praise from many of the bands that come through Missoula.

"The Little River Band and the Charlie Daniels Band gave you the impression they were real people and not prima donnas," he said.

Dellinger to speak

"Ghandi and Beyond: Non Violent Action," a lecture by David Dellinger, will be held tonight at 7:30 in Science Complex 131.

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Students cope with hidden and visible handicaps

Awareness of hidden handicaps aids disabled and others

By Mark Grove

Kaimin News Editor

Earlier this Spring Quarter Tina was waiting to use the elevator in the university library. She needed to get to the fifth floor to deliver a set of keys to a friend. That day the library's main elevators weren't working.

Tina, not her real name, walked to the library administrative office to see if the elevator would soon be fixed. The people didn't know and asked her why she didn't walk up the stairs.

It was obvious she could walk.

Recently Lisa Rice boarded a bus and asked the driver where the bus went.

"What's the matter?" the driver asked. "Can't you read the sign?"

It was obvious Lisa could see.

Earlier this year Dan Burke was handed a teacher evalua-

tion form and was asked to fill it out. He pulled out a magnifying glass, started to read the form, and was asked by the girl next to him, who had been in the class with him all quarter, if he was blind.

He said "yes."

Burke, Rice, Tina and many other University of Montana students have hidden handicaps — handicaps that are not visible to most people. Tina actually could not walk up the library stairs and both Burke and Rice are legally blind. But these weren't apparent to the people who confronted them. And it wouldn't be apparent if you walked past them on the oval.

There are about 50 to 60 students at UM with hidden handicaps, estimates Rita Flannigan, coordinator of the Disabled Students Services. Those handicaps include seizure disorders, diabetes, arthritis, learning disabilities, vision and

hearing loss, chronic pain, emotional problems, kidney problems, and muscular sclerosis.

Students with hidden handicaps face problems that neither normal students nor students with more apparent handicaps face: because they do have handicaps and those are hidden.

A student whose disability is marked by a white cane or a wheel chair need not explain to a professor that he has a handicap. It is apparent. The diabetic or arthritic student who may occasionally need help has to explain to a professor or student that he is having a problem. Sometimes that's hard.

"Someone with a handicap that is obvious, or visual, doesn't have to explain himself," says Rita, who has a degeneration of the knee joints. They don't have to go through the awkward and embarrassing

situation of explaining what their problem is."

Says Burke, a senior in English:

"It's kind of tough to tell professors. It's hard to say 'I can't do this' because you feel as if you should be able to do these things. You feel helpless and weak."

Most professors are understanding, he says. But "some are real jerks."

He says that there are times when he has tried to explain his disability but doesn't express himself well. This makes him more insecure, he says, and that insecurity is extenuated when a "jerk" professor doesn't understand.

Burke has retinitis pigmentosa — progressive degeneration of the retina pigments — a genetic disease he was born with. He can't read normal sized print. He can't read street signs, can't recognize people more than five to ten feet away,

can't see a street curb and is night blind.

To compensate for his disability he reads with a magnifying glass or listens to his reading assignments on tapes from New York he's sent for. He has to plan what classes he's going to take a half quarter ahead of time so he can find out from professors what tapes he'll need to send for. He often has to have classmates read mimeographed sheets handed out by professors.

"Mimeographed sheets are the worst things in the world to read," he says. "Sometimes I can't even read with the magnifier."

Burke also spends a lot of time studying, not because he particularly studies more material, but because it takes more time to listen to tapes or read his Spanish assignments through a magnifier.

Burke says some professors don't believe him when he tells

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Some UM programs and facilities remain inaccessible to handicapped

By Joanne De Pue

Kaimin News Editor

The key to solving the problems of handicap accessibility on the University of Montana campus is "intelligent use" of existing space, according to Rita Flannigan, handicap adviser for the Center for Student Development.

"Expensive and extensive remodeling is not what needs to be done," Flannigan said Tuesday, "rather, creative alternatives (such as intelligent use of space) must be found."

Flannigan said services that students don't use often, such as the Payroll Office, should be moved to the areas inaccessible to handicapped students,

while those used more often should be in accessible locations.

Three services "crucial" to handicapped students are in inaccessible areas, Flannigan said. Those services are the math and reading labs in the basement of Main Hall; the Career Development Library in the Center for Student Development, and Special Services, on the third floor of the Venture Center.

The problem with moving those services and others to accessible areas is partly, Flannigan said, that some staff members are unwilling to move from ground floor offices to more inconvenient locations.

Flannigan said that the UM Space Committee, a subcommittee of the Campus Development Committee that determines how space should be used, should be willing to make all services accessible to handicapped students, even if it means moving some faculty and staff offices to more remote locations.

According to Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, the handicapped cannot be denied access to any federally-assisted program receiving Health, Education and Welfare funds. Recipients of such funds must meet the following requirements for handicap accessibility:

- All new facilities must be made barrier-free.

- Programs or activities in existing facilities must be made accessible to the handicapped either by adapting the program within 60 days, by reassigning classes or home visits or by making structural changes within three years.

- Colleges and universities must modify academic requirements, where necessary, to ensure full educational opportunity for handicapped individuals.

- Educational institutions and social service programs must provide auxiliary aids such as readers for the blind and interpreters for the deaf.

- According to Gary Henricks, a member of the Campus Development Committee, several UM programs have been or are being made accessible to handicapped students during this academic year. For instance, the computer science department is being moved from Main Hall, which is mostly inaccessible to students confined to wheelchairs, to the fourth floor of the Social Sciences Building, which is equipped with an elevator.

An elevator was completed this year in the Journalism Building to provide access to all areas of the building.

A line item was added to the 1983-84 legislative budget for an extra \$20,000 for the Business Building.

ness Building.

The funds will be used, Henricks said, to make all restrooms in the building accessible to the handicapped. In addition, the business school's adding machines and typewriters will be moved from the third floor of the building to the first floor, where they will be more accessible.

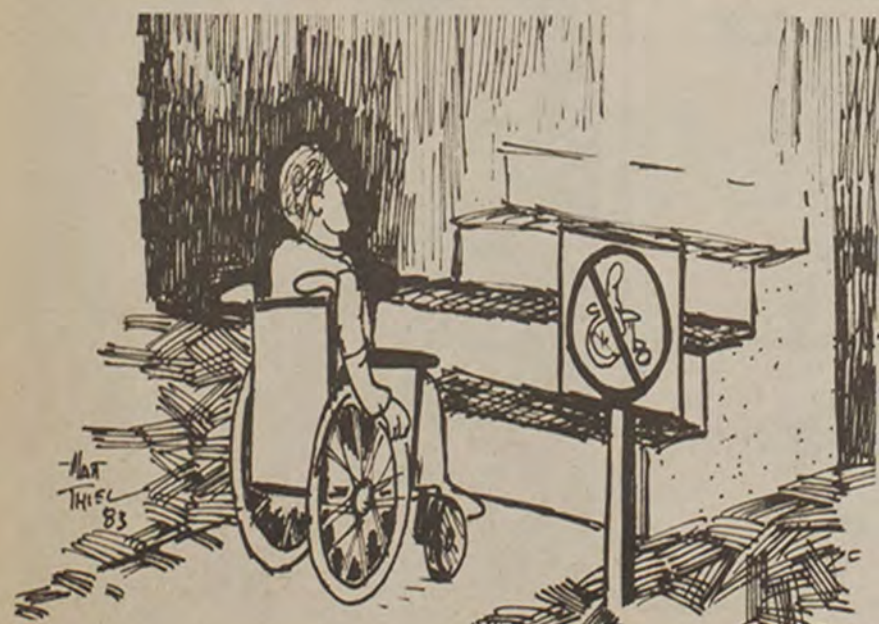
However, Flannigan said, "unless the making of something accessible is also beneficial, we hardly ever see it happen." The elevator in the Journalism Building, for instance, was also installed for moving freight to different floors of the building, she said.

Henricks, former president of the UM Handicapped Student Union, is confined to a wheelchair. He was appointed to the Campus Development Committee this year by former ASUM President Marquette McRae-Zook, through the efforts of John Doty, former vice president.

Henricks said that HSU thought handicapped students should be represented on the committee that determines how UM's space is used.

HSU also is trying to make sure that UM meets the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act, Henricks said. UM was supposed to have made all programs, though not necessarily all buildings, accessible

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"I guess they don't see me bumping into things enough."

He said it is important for the handicapped student to make the professor more aware of how he can help. "It's difficult when (the handicap) isn't apparent."

If a student with a hidden handicap does not want to explain their disability to students or professors, they must compensate for it in some way.

Many of these students are living with handicaps they don't want to explain to others, she says. "If you explain to a professor you can't read as fast as other students it can cause embarrassment."

One student who doesn't want people to know of her handicap says she enjoys "being incognito." Tracy, not her real name, has dyslexia — a "minimal brain disfunction." She has impaired depth perception, notes on written music jump off their lines, her atten-

tion span at times is short, she has trouble arranging and discerning what she writes or reads.

Although she's told only one professor about her disability, she says she'd now be better off if she would make professors aware that she has a problem. However she doesn't intend to.

"I guess it's a pride thing. I figure if I persevere I don't need to make excuses. It's nice to go without a label or being categorized, whether it's as handicapped or as an intellectual or as a granola."

How a student with a hidden handicap is labeled — by others and by himself — is important, according to Flannigan. Because they are not visually affected, she says, the hidden handicapped face more

choices on how to view themselves.

"The person with a hidden handicap can spend his entire life denying his handicap," she says. Because society subscribes to the "myth of perfection," she says, there is pressure on the hidden handicapped not to acknowledge their own disability.

Says Burke:

"A person with a newly damaged spinal cord doesn't want to be disabled, but soon he has to deal with it. It's easier for the hidden handicapped person to ignore his problem because he doesn't always have to look at it. But life is a lot easier when you don't pretend anymore."

If a person with a hidden handicap doesn't accept his handicap, Flannigan says, it can make his life harder. And

his life will be just as hard if society doesn't accept him despite his disability.

These people need understanding, not sympathy, she says. And people who try to help too much can actually put restrictions on people already restricted.

Rita says she's seen people trying to help a newly blinded student who is learning how to use his cane. If he allowed them to help too much his learning would be retarded.

She said, "When people offer help they are recognizing the disability, not the person. That's why people with the hidden handicapped don't tell others of their problems."

All of the handicapped students interviewed said they wanted others to see them as people who have a disability, not as a disability in the form of a person.

People who knew Burke but didn't know of his disability seemed "to think they needed to reevaluate me, to reconsider," he said.

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Blind student follows UM's 'shoreline'

As Erik Osterberg walks across the University of Montana campus, he sweeps his cane back and forth across the sidewalk in front of him, seeking out the "shoreline" he follows from place to place.

The shoreline is the boundary between the sidewalk and the grass that is felt, not seen, by Osterberg, who went blind in 1981 as the result of Diabetic Retinosis.

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This spring he came to UM from Havre to study business, so that he will be able to work in an office where the typewriters, switchboards and dictaphones need little or no modification for use by the blind, he said Saturday.

Before going blind, he had held many jobs, from construction worker to dishwasher. However, "manual labor when you're blind is nigh on to impossible," the pay is low and there is no chance for advancement, he said.

He did not go to high school, although he was on the honor roll in the first through eighth grades. Instead, he chose to work at a variety of jobs, primarily in the restaurant business.

"I wanted to be a restaurant manager and run my own place, but with a complete loss of sight I can't," said Osterberg, who got his General Edu-

cation Diploma so that he could attend UM.

Osterberg came to UM three weeks before the start of Spring Quarter, so that he could become familiar with the campus buildings before classes began. Being familiar with the LA Building, for example, means that Osterberg knows there are 45 stairs to the third floor.

From the west end of the LA Building where the wheelchair ramp is, there are three steps in front. Inside, he goes up 10 steps, turns right; goes up 9 steps, up seven more, turns right; goes up 13 steps and then he is on the third floor, where his class is.

Sometimes walking across the oval he is "worried about getting buzzed with a frisbee."

"Most people don't think of their sight and hearing as protective," said Osterberg. "If you're standing on the sidewalk and you see a basketball coming at you, you know enough to get out of the way."

Sometimes when he is walking, he comes upon something unexpected, such as a hole in the sidewalk when pipes are being repaired.

"Nobody builds brakes like I've got," he said. "I've worn out parts of my shoes on occasion coming to a quick halt."

Something else Osterberg may not recognize is a person's voice. He said that a lot of the guys sound the same, and so do a lot of the girls.

Sometimes "they (sighted people) think we're being anti-social when we, the blind, don't

flag them down and say, 'Hey, how's it going,' when we don't even see them," he said.

"As far as socializing, if people want to meet me it's not hard to do. They can find me, because I sure as hell can't find them," he said with a smile.

Osterberg is a positive person who has adapted his lifestyle to accommodate his handicap.

"I lost my sight, I didn't have any choice in the matter," he said, but, "I still have my memory of it."

"I think if I got my sight back it wouldn't be that much of a change because I still have memories of what colors are and the shape of a face...in my memory I carry thoughts of the subtle color changes in the spectrum," he said. "If I did get my sight back (something he does not expect) I'd appreciate it a lot more than I did before."



"IN CONSIDERATION of the ladies, (above) I'm still looking for one sweet flower," said Eric who misses the bikini season. (Left) "My major is bigger than planned, but the initiative is still there," Eric said about before and after the loss of his sight.

Access

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by 1980, but applied for a three-year extension when it was unable to comply with all the requirements by then.

The Math and Psychology buildings and the Venture Center, for instance, are inaccessible to students in wheelchairs.

The Law, Chemistry-Pharmacy, Pharmacy-Psychology, Social Sciences and Journalism buildings and the Underground Lecture Hall are classified as accessible buildings.

The Business Administration, Fine Arts, Liberal Arts, Science Complex, Women's Center, Botany and Forestry buildings are partially accessible.

Aber and Jesse halls each have three rooms and a restroom equipped for handicapped students.

The Health Service is accessible only through the emergency entrance and the Field House only on the first floor. The Lodge is accessible only on the basement and first floors.

All floors of the University Center and the Mansfield Library are accessible and the swimming pool and the Art Annex are accessible with a wheelchair lift.

Though the three-year extension is now almost up, Henricks said that some programs remain inaccessible to the handicapped.

The UM administration, however, is fairly sympathetic to the problems facing handicapped students, he added.

"Now that (UM President Neil) Bucklew and (Vice President of Student Affairs Michael) Easton have been working with us," Henricks said, referring to the addition of the line item for the Business Building and the decisions made by the development committee, "they've become more aware of the shortcomings and what's needed to make the campus accessible."

"We're more than willing to work with the administration on this," he added.

Henricks said that if programs remain inaccessible,

HSU "will have no choice but to take it to the courts."

CSD, in the meantime, is working to solve the problems of inaccessible programs by keeping those problems "in the public eye," Flannigan said, and by arranging programs and classes so that they are accessible to all students.

Flannigan said that she spends 30 percent of her time as handicapped student adviser "rearranging meetings, services and programs so they are accessible."

Those efforts, however, are not always free from difficulties, she said.

"If there's one thing in the world a handicapped student doesn't need, it's to be singled out any more than they already are," she said, "but the frustration the faculty feels (when forced to move a class to an accessible location) is directed toward the handicapped student."

And, Flannigan said, even if a building is usable by handicapped students, it may be accessible "only to the minimum of the law."

For instance, she said, though the Underground Lecture Hall has an elevator, only the back row of the room has enough space for students in wheelchairs.

"Only the periphery is accessible to them," she said.

That's unnecessary, Flannigan said. "There are great mechanisms and designs available to make everything accessible."

"Think about what it means to a person in a wheelchair," she said, "to be in the back row of everything."

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