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Building's removal draws adverse reaction

By Gary Jahrig
Kaimin Senior Editor

and Theresa Walla
Kaimin Night Editor

Editor's note: This is the last story in a three-part series on the demolition of the Venture Center after it was declared "structurally unsafe" in June.

Some nostalgic reaction has surfaced over the demolition earlier this month of the University of Montana's Venture Center, even though UM officials met with

little opposition to their plan to tear down the 85-year-old building.

"Last spring nobody gave a shit about it," ASUM President David Bolinger said, "Everyone gets excited after the fact. There's not enough preventive action around."

Bolinger said he himself realized the structure was "economically a disaster" but said he would have liked to preserve it because of its "beautiful architecture."

The only attempt at legal action to prevent the demolition was a last-minute injunction attempt, filed Sept.

7 by Missoula lawyer Howard Toole. The suit was filed in District Court on behalf of Virginia Braun and Cary Holmquist, writers for UM's publications and media relations department; and James McDonald, a Missoula architect.

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The suit was filed under a section of Montana's Antiquities Act that says state agencies must "adopt policies" to preserve the state's "heritage properties." The Venture Center was listed as a heritage property.

District Judge Douglas Harkin, before ruling on the injunction, required the plaintiffs to post a \$50,000 bond. Toole said the plaintiffs were unable to raise the money before demolition

was underway so the injunction attempt was dropped.

Braun and Holmquist declined to say why they tried to get an injunction, and Mc-

See "Building," page 12.

Demolition contract procedures raise conflicts and questions

A fact sheet released by the University of Montana administration about the demolition of the Venture Center does not correspond with the contractor's account of how the contract was awarded.

According to the fact sheet, the sealed bids for the project were opened Sept. 1, but the contract was not signed by G.O. Larson and Sons, of Spokane, until Sept. 7. Demolition began immediately afterward.

However, Larson ran a classified ad in the Missoulian Sept. 4, advertising truckloads of bricks from the Venture Center for sale.

"He must have been confident that he was going to get

it," Mike Easton, UM's vice president for public and student affairs, said.

He was confident, the contractor said, because he was given the contract the day UM officials opened the sealed bids. Larson's bid was the lowest at \$25,000.

Larson went on to say that he was contacted earlier in the summer by John Kreidich, planning consultant for UM's Physical Plant, and asked to submit a bid. Larson said he did not know how Kreidich had gotten his name or why he was being asked to bid.

See "Demolition," page 12.

Reverend calls nuclear war not only absurd but immoral

By Jerry Wright
Kaimin Contributing Editor

Nuclear warfare is not only absurd, but immoral by every traditional religious measure, Rev. George Regas, said last night to a near capacity audience at the Underground Lecture Hall.

An Episcopalian minister and co-founder of the Interfaith Center to Reverse the Arms Race, Regas said that the religious community is calling on people to realize the absurdity of a world built on nuclear weapons for deterrence.

Regas, speaking often like a preacher in the midst of an impassioned sermon, asked repeatedly "to whom does the earth belong?" before explaining his ethical objections to nuclear deterrence.

As a creation of God, he explained, the earth belongs not to the United States, the Soviet Union, nor banks or corporations, but to God. And faithful, conscientious people are obligated to preserve God's creations, he added.

"We are the first generation that must decide to choose between life or death for the planet," Regas told an almost

capacity Underground Lecture Hall audience. "The duty of our age is keeping the planet together and saving the human family."

In addition to being ethically immoral, nuclear deterrence is a cruel hoax for other reasons. It is "militarily useless, morally outrageous and economically disastrous," he said.

The Reagan administration, the Carter administration and the Pentagon have all fueled the arms race and are pointing us toward war, Regas said. For high level people in the current administration to be talking about fighting, surviving and winning a nuclear war is a sign of madness, sin and a dead conscience, he added.

Regas praised Reagan's moderate reaction to the Soviet's downing of a Korean Airliner earlier in the month, and said that though the act was an outrage, communication is needed between the superpowers now more than ever.

He also warned against feeling self righteous against an inherent Soviet evil because of the incident.

Though much of their system is repugnant, the Soviet Union cannot be classified as evil ver-

sus the United States good, he said, adding that the United States, in Vietnam and in Central America, has perpetrated unwarranted death and destruction.



The Rev. George Regas speaks at a press conference in the journalism school.

Blitzkrieg Venture

Blitzkrieg— 1: a violent surprise offensive by massed air forces and mechanized ground forces in close coordination, and with objectives (isolation of bodies of troops, disruption of communications, and capture of material) such that mobility may be exploited to the fullest.

Those appear to be the tactics the University of Montana administration used to snuff the Venture Center.

Kaimin Editorial

Although the Venture Center's destruction seemed inevitable, the administration's Horn of Jericho was muffled and its notes were sour.

The 85-year-old building had been declared an "unsafe and dangerous structure" by Missoula Fire Marshal Les Johnson. State Architect Phil Hauck recommended demolition. Clearly, something had to be done.

Of the three options UM had—repair, renovation, annihilation—the latter **appeared** to be the appropriate fate of the Venture Center; at least to the administration. Repair would have cost the university \$221,864, renovation: \$1.6 million (according to UM estimates).

So why all the fuss when UM relieved the problem by forking out only \$25,000? The fuss is due to evidence suggesting some shady, perhaps illegal, dealing by the trust-holders of higher education (in the past synonymous with truth and integrity).

The building was listed on the state Heritage Properties list, which identifies landmarks significant in U.S. history. The state Antiquities Act says state agencies are required to "adopt adequate policies" to preserve "heritage properties."

What policy did UM adopt? Laying waste to a landmark without seriously considering other options. Hardly adequate, and perhaps illegal.

Two of the other options have been listed. They were too expensive. However, other options should have been considered, including turning the building over to private developers or alumni, which has been done in other areas of the country, according to Marcella Sherfy, program manager for the state Historic Preservation office.

But with lightning like quickness UM assigned a wrecking crew to apply its kiss of death.

The Antiquities Act also states that landmarks on state owned land can not be excavated without written permission from the Historic Preservation office. Not only did the administration neglect this law, it replied to the office's Aug. 25 request to wait on demolition five days after demolition had begun.

UM's vice president for public and student affairs, Mike Easton, said UM wanted to get the job done while weather was still good. Construction workers at the site said that didn't matter.

According to the preservation office the law is seldom applied. Okay, but UM should have acted in good faith. It should have communicated with the preservation office.

The fact that UM opted for demolition, and didn't abide the "full intent of the law," as they say, are not the only less-than-legitimate actions UM took.

According to the administration's fact sheet, the university put out bids for the job and picked the lowest, offered by G.O. Larson and Sons of Spokane, Wash. But Larson says he never offered the bid. He says the university contacted him, told him the other bids were high, and accepted his bid the day it was made. That doesn't seem fair, or honest, to other bidders.

The destruction of the Venture Center and the way the UM administration handled it is no social crisis. The problem—meeting state fire and safety codes—was resolved in the cheapest manner possible. But that Blitzkrieg-like manner also sheds a dim light on this university and tarnishes its integrity. In times when the Legislature is tight-fisted with money, integrity is something we can ill-afford to lose.

—Mark Grove

An Outside View — by Larry Howell

The Great Lies and Small Truth of James Watt

"In the size of the lie is always contained a certain factor of credulity, since the great masses of the people . . . will more easily fall victim to a great lie than to a small one." — Adolph Hitler.

Judging by James Watt's words, our interior secretary seems to have read his Hitler. At least the two of them reached the same conclusion about the success of large-scale lying.

From the beginning of Watt's reign, the secretary has denied—forcefully, repeatedly, and wrongly—that he isn't the holy development-pushing terror his critics have painted him. In fact, Watt labels himself a "true" environmentalist, which differs from the Wilderness Society-type environmentalist whose real purpose, Watt believes, is to strangle America's freedoms.

To get the facts about his Euell Gibbons tendencies to the misled public, Watt for the past two years has been riding long days on his Great Truth Crusade. This campaign has taken him to most of the network interview shows, as well as leading him in front of groups of diverse size and purpose. Watt has spread his "truth" from sea to oil-rigged sea.

But James Watt's variety of truth doesn't so much resemble the type made famous by George Washington as it resembles the type of truth George Orwell wrote of in the anti-totalitarian novel "1984." In "1984" the government's motto is "War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery, Ignorance is Strength." And for Watt, "Development is Conservation." Bill Stall of The Hartford Courant recently documented dozens of outright lies told by Watt in various public forums. One of the more absurd was a March 27, 1983 statement on "Face the Nation." While defending his pro-development policies as not really being pro-development, Watt declared that "we have gone forward with the full support of the Congress. Nothing can be done without an appropriation. And the Congress has supported us on all these issues, as have the governors."

If that lie wasn't so brazen, it would be laughable. In moves of disputed constitutionality—but not of disputed intent—the House of Representatives has tried through the legislative veto to prevent Watt's plans for further oil and gas exploration in wilderness areas and for further sales of coal on western public lands. Plenty of other examples of congressional opposition exist. And in a tense confrontation at last summer's western governor's conference in Kallispell, Governor Toney Anaya of New Mexico flailed Watt in person for the secretary's traveling road show which

has as its only purpose, in Anaya's words, spreading the "big lie." Former Governor Jerry Brown of California even went so far as to sue Watt over off-shore oil drilling in California waters.

Support like that has gotten people lynched.

Other Watt "truths" include:

- Denying he ever imposed a moratorium on purchasing new park lands when he did.

- Denying he supported energy exploration in designated wilderness areas when, again, he did.

- Denying he ever considered selling chunks of the national park system. Guilty.

- Taking credit for advancing preservation of national historic sites when, in fact, one of his first acts in office was to abolish a long standing Interior Department program designed to aid historic preservation.

And the beat goes on.

Yet despite the lies, James Watt has stayed not only in office, but also popular to many, if not most, Americans. On the luncheon circuit he is the Republican Party's greatest fundraiser. That ain't because of his good looks. People believe him. Even such noted practitioners of the big lie as Pravda and Tass must be impressed.

Until last week, anyway.

Last week was when James Watt made a tactical error whose magnitude dwarfs his lies. He told the truth.

With his joking statement that a commission to oversee his coal leasing policies consisted of "a black . . . a woman, two Jews and a cripple," Watt took off momentarily the armor of lies with which he has protected himself. Last week Watt honestly exposed his true feelings. And by doing so he exposed the cold, cramped soul of a bigot, someone who ridicules anyone whose ideas, appearance, or heritage differ substantially from his own.

Watt is now up to his neck in mud of his own slinging. More than a dozen senators from his own party have called for his resignation. I find it ironic that the deepest quagmire in a bog-filled term in office resulted from one of Watt's few lapses into honesty. Watt's reign in office clearly supports Hitler's earlier bit of wisdom. But his recent tasteless comment and the resulting outcry from former backers adds a corollary. When someone's values and beliefs, particularly a public official's, are so venal or reprehensible that they must be cloaked in lies in order not to offend the public, that person had best keep on lying. Lies, after all, are sins whose purpose is to hide more odious sins.

Letters to the editor should be no longer than 300 words.

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by Thiel

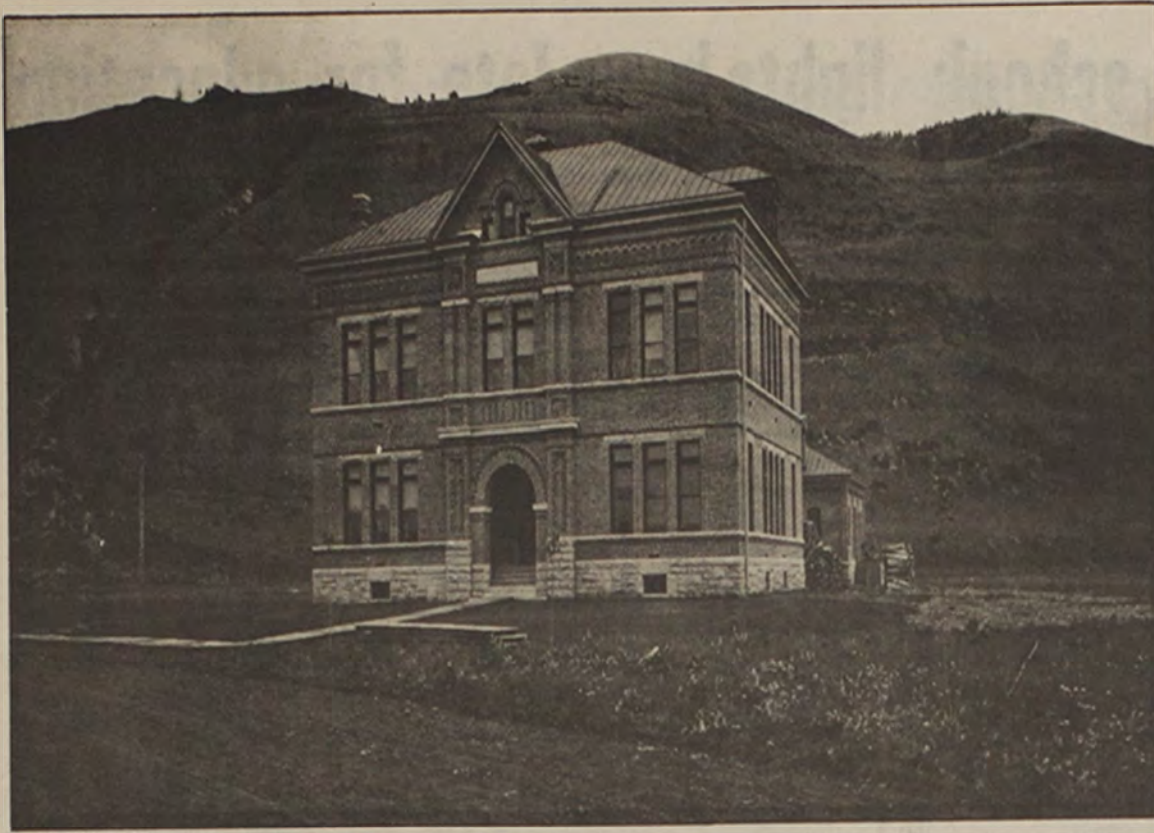
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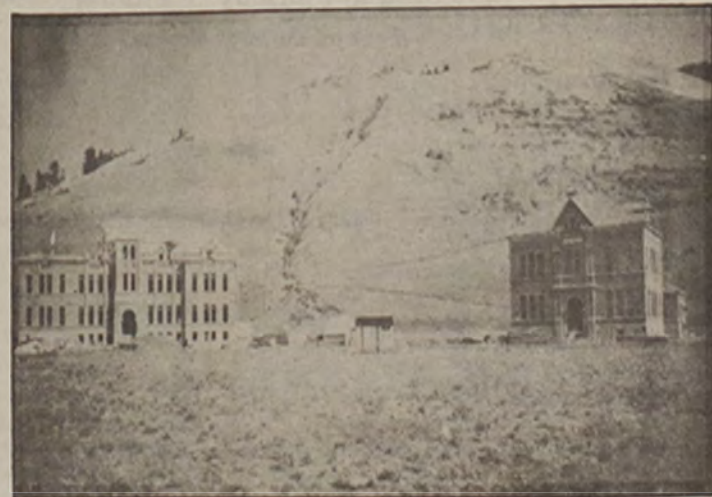
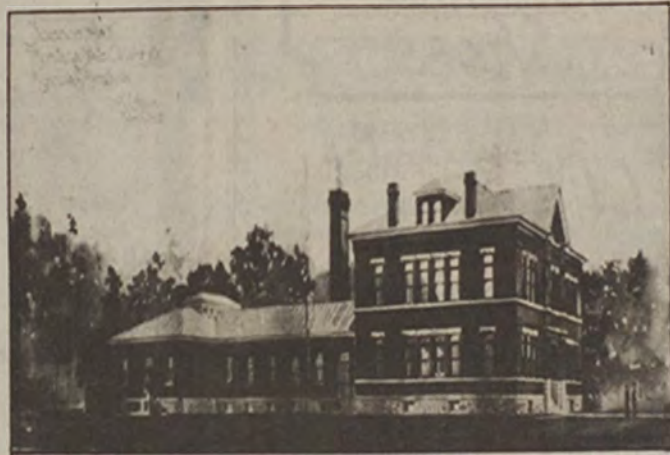
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Clockwise from top: Venture Center, architects drawing of how it would look when it was rebuilt after it was gutted by fire in 1902, Main Hall under construction with Venture Center on the right, final pieces of the Venture Center are loaded into a truck for disposal, demolition of the Venture Center. (Photos courtesy of UM Archives)

Venture Center: 1898-1983



UM night school: lights burn late for education

By Janelle Patterson
Kaimin Night Editor

The University of Montana has increased its evening

course offerings this fall so that people who work full-time during the day can work toward a degree.

Lower-level courses offered after 4 p.m. in liberal arts, busi-

ness, interpersonal communication, fine arts and human services allow students seeking degrees to pre-plan their schedules, said Sue Spencer, director of continuing education and summer programs.

Spencer said previous evening schedules were not organized, and students attending classes solely at night did not know whether the next class in a sequence would be taught the next quarter.

Spencer said although the Center for Continuing Education and Summer Programs is "guaranteeing that the first two years of classes can be done at night," no degree may be ob-

tained by attending classes exclusively at night because most night classes are lower level courses.

Undergraduate credits from classes offered at night may be applied to an associate's or bachelor's degree, Spencer said. She explained that the associate's degree is a "general" degree with broad requirements. It demands 91 credits. The core requirements are available at night.

Students attending classes only at night may register for classes from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday the first three weeks of classes at the registrar's office in the Lodge.

Schedules may be obtained from 125, Main Hall.

Spencer said Monday she expected 120 students to attend night school. That is the number of people which attended the orientation on September 20. She said 700 inquiries had been received about the program by September 13.

Night students pay the same fees as other students.

The night school budget totals about \$36,000, Spencer said. Of this, she said the administration hopes the Excellence Fund will provide \$20,000. UM President Bucklew will request that the fund raise the money from community and alumni contributions.

Spencer said the money would finance operational costs of the program, which are "primarily promotion."

Another \$16,000 was appropriated by Bucklew, Spencer said, out of the money budgeted for the university by the state legislature. This money will provide three part-time instructors, one each in math, interpersonal communication and accounting, Spencer said.

In order that the program's budget be supported, President Bucklew has given the program a go-ahead for the next three years, said Academic Affairs Vice President Donald Habbe.

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Bargaining looks at student committee positions

By Brian Rygg
Kaimin Contributing Editor

Among the items being negotiated for the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the University of Montana faculty and administration is an article, now in effect, that guarantees students 30-percent representation on almost all UM committees.

If student representation is reduced, UM students could have less "say" in dean search committees, the University Planning Committee, the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee and other groups that make decisions about the university's future.

In the Collective Bargaining Agreement procedure, student representation is included on the administration side. John Lawry, University Teachers' Union president, said it is "unfortunate" that this situation puts the students and their teachers on opposite sides.

Carlos Pedraza, ASUM collective bargaining representative, said that on some issues the students would be more logically linked to the UTU, but on others to the administration. In general, he said, students' interests lie more with the administration on monetary issues and more with the faculty on philosophical issues.

Lawry said that, while some faculty members dislike the current level of student representation, he has no objection to it. He suggested that the outlook on student representation would become "rosy" if the students would give more on the issue of faculty use of student athletic facilities.

Faculty members now pay \$30 a year if they want to use the facilities. Lawry said that because teachers have tight budgets, they would like to be able to use the facilities without "great expense."

After their requests to use the facilities free were turned down twice, Lawry said, the teachers offered to pay what they estimated the students themselves are paying, which is about \$5. Being turned down again caused some "pique" among the professors, he said.

Pedraza said that students actually pay about \$7, and that the UTU does not have all the formulas used to determine the figure.

"I don't think the UTU is fully aware of the constraints under which the students have to operate in the negotiations," he said. "It's fallacious to refer to a 'student side' because there are only two sides, and that's the way the negotiations are handled."

He added that if the students had "a full negotiating stance," they would be able to "deal more freely." But he said he doubted that either the teachers or the Montana Board of Regents — the body that officially represents the university administration and, therefore, the students — would prefer to engage in three-party negotiations.

The ASUM Collective Bargaining Committee met with the regents in June to present the students' case for retaining the level of representation, Pedraza said. Jack Noble, deputy commissioner for financial affairs for the Montana University System, had spoken against the 30-percent representation earlier that spring.

Noble, who is also the chief collective bargaining representative for the regents, said

that when the students spoke, they "probably had a sympathetic ear" from the regents.

Pedraza, asked whether he felt this was an accurate representation, said, "Their ears may have reached."

were sympathetic," but added that because it was a closed meeting, he could not discuss any conclusions the regents

Noble said that, in any event, "some sort" of student representation is guaranteed.

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Sports

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a continuation in the series of articles previewing the Big Sky football teams.

By Scott Turner
Kaimin Sports Editor

IDAHO VANDALS

Any discussion of the Idaho Vandals immediately starts with one name: Ken Hobart. The six-foot-two, 210 pound senior was named the Big Sky's Offensive Player of the Year in 1982 after connecting

on 221 of 418 passes for 3,058 yards and 24 TDs. He holds eleven Big Sky records, nine Idaho records, and is closing in on four Big Sky career records. Barring injury, Hobart should end his collegiate career as one of the most prolific passers in Big Sky history. In three seasons, Hobart has passed for 5,682 yards and 47 TDs and has amassed 7,327 total yards.

Idaho took the rest of the league by surprise last year by coming off an 0-7 conference mark in 1981 to finish in a tie

for first place with a 5-2 record. The Vandals went on to defeat Montana 21-7 in the first round of the I-AA playoffs before losing to eventual national-champion Eastern Kentucky in a 38-30 thriller. Second-year head coach Dennis Erickson's team won't be underestimated this year.

Four starters return to the offensive line, and Erickson believes their experience will give Hobart even more time to throw than last year. Inexperience at running back could

cause some problems, as the Vandals attempt to balance their attack to take some pressure off Hobart. Tight-end Kurt Vestman (six-foot-three, 235 pounds), an All-Conference player and honorable mention I-AA All-American in 1982, heads a solid receiving corps. Vestman caught 41 passes for 489 yards, while split end Ron Whittenburg (five-foot-nine, 170 pounds) hauled in 46 for 519 yards. Flanker Brian Allen (six-foot, 185 pounds) grabbed 23 passes, good for 414 yards.

The defensive unit is lacking in experience, so Erickson has done some rearranging to try to shore up some weak spots, especially on the line. Idaho's strength lies in the secondary, which is deep and fairly experienced. The linebacking corps also has good depth. The key here may lie in Idaho's offense keeping possession of the ball to take pressure off the de-

fense. Place kicker Tim McMornigle (six-foot, 171 pounds) hit 38 of 38 PATs in 1982, and led the team in scoring with 68 points.

"Anticipation" is a good word to use in describing Idaho's outlook going into the 1983 season. Coming off the most successful season in the school's history and possessing perhaps the best player in the league, the Vandals have good reason to be optimistic. In pre-season polls, the league's coaches picked Idaho to finish a close second behind Nevada-Reno, and the media chose the Vandals to win the conference. Says Erickson: "I think we've got a chance to compete and win. If you lose one game, you've got a chance to win the title. If you lose two you're dealin' with a tie. I just want to get in the playoffs with Montana again, so we can play in the Kibbie Dome."

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By Melanie Williamson
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

To a student searching for religious fellowship on the University of Montana campus, the opportunities may seem endless.

Many non-and interdenominational groups and area churches offer varied services, classes, programs and get-togethers for students and college-aged people.

The Ark, 538 University Ave., "serves as a center for the ministries of the main line Protestant denominations," said Rev. Tom Lee, who represents the American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church in America.

The Ark has offices for Rev. Gayle Sandholm, representing the United Methodist Church, and Rev. Lynne Fitch, who is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, American Baptist, Christian (Disciples of Christ), Episcopalian, and Presbyterian churches.

Together, the ministers provide discussion of religious questions, opportunity for study, lectures, workshops, and worship services, as well as counseling for students, faculty and staff.

Sunday "Dessert and Dialogue" runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sundays in the Lifeboat, a meeting place next door to the Ark.

Sandholm is the minister at the Wesley House, 1327 Arthur Ave., and leads a meal, program, and worship service there at 5:30 p.m. Sundays and a Wednesday community supper and program beginning at 6 p.m.

Christ the King Church, 1400 Gerald Ave., offers Catholic fellowship through its Catholic Campus Ministry and liturgies Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. and Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Campus minister Mike Frost and Fathers George Burns and Leo Proxell have also scheduled the Search, a weekend of sharing and group interaction, November 4-6 from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon.

Missoula's Jewish community holds services in the United Methodist Church, 300 East Main St., on the first Friday of every month, September to

June, except during months containing a Jewish holiday. Services are then held on that particular holiday, or as listed in the Missoulian's "Around Missoula" column. Shari Schleider, member of the Jewish lay leadership, can be called at 728-6713 for more information.

The Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship meets at 10:30 a.m. Sundays, October through May, at the fellowship house, 102 McLeod, with the Rev. Mary Scriver officiating during the second Sunday of the month. Scriver lives in Helena and travels to Great Falls, Billings, and Missoula to conduct one service per month in each town.

Of the campus organizations offering classes and conversation, the largest is Campus Crusade for Christ, which staff member Victoria Shoemaker termed "more evangelical in

nature" and more involved in teaching students "how they can know Christ personally."

Campus Crusade is an interdenominational group which meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the University Center's Gold Oak Room. During meetings, its 60 to 70 members sing, share thoughts and experiences, perform skits, and "have a lot of fun," member Jeff Norberg says. "For me, it's a time of encouragement," he said.

Though often confused with a student athletic organization, Inter-Varsity is actually made up of about 20-30 students who offer "a less offensive form of evangelism," said member Katie Richards. "We're more interested in letting God's love show in our lives," she said.

Meetings for Inter-Varsity are in the Lifeboat, 532 University Ave., 7 p.m. Fridays, and include singing, praying, sharing

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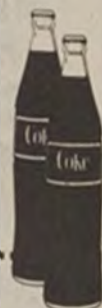
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Schwinden denies poor support of universities

By Patricia Tucker
Kaimin News Editor

Responding to attacks from a University of Montana profes-

sor, Montana's governor maintained that he is a friend to higher education.

Gov. Ted Schwinden said in a recent *Kaimin* interview that

although the governor's authority to effect change in education policy is limited to a "minimal" role by the state's constitution and by statutes, he hopes to provide "activist" leadership to promote public support of education in Montana.

But Charles Bryan, UM mathematics professor, said that

during his tenure, the governor has lent no such support to higher education.

"I guess you could probably say from his track record that he is not a great supporter of higher education," Bryan said. "He has done nothing for us."

Bryan was president of the University Teachers' Union during the last legislative session. While UTU president, Bryan lobbied legislators in Helena to grant UM enough money to avoid 21 faculty and staff cuts at UM that university administration officials say the budget for the current biennium requires.

ing of higher education institutions in Montana up to levels comparable to other states. (The formula determines funding for UM and Montana State University based on funding levels at seven other comparable schools in the Rocky Mountain region.) But Schwinden said he opposed the whopping increase out of concern for higher education.



GOV. TED SCHWINDEN

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Bryan also charged that during the 1981 session, the first year the current legislative funding formula was used, Schwinden "lobbied hard" to prevent the Montana University System from getting its whopping 15 percent increase in funding, despite broad support for the hike among legislators. The increase brought the fund-

"I believed such extraordinary help could lead to a backlash two years later," he continued. "I have not backed off from what I felt." He said the significantly smaller increases during the 1983 session support his view.

Moreover, the Montana University System received \$20 million of a \$70 million surplus in the state budget during the past session indicating his administration's support for higher education, he said.

Schwinden also said that any attempts to alter the funding formula must be initiated by the state legislature before support can be expected from the governor's office.

"The formula mechanism now in place for funding higher education was approved on the basis of strong support from the university system," the governor said. The Montana Board of Regents sought approval of the funding formula as a means to keep Montana funding of higher education abreast of other states.

Schwinden's remarks come on the heels of recent public statements by UM President Neil Bucklew that he supports using the funding formula in an advisory capacity only, rather than as the determining factor for deciding funding levels for Montana's higher education institutions. Bucklew said he will dedicate "a great deal of energy" to change the funding process before the 1985 legislative session to include more

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Schwinden

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judgment and less reliance on figures.

The Legislature now uses formula funding to allocate money to UM and Montana State University on the basis of computing the average of funding levels for higher education among seven other comparable schools in the Rocky Mountain region. Under the formula, junior- and senior-level courses generate more money and faculty positions than lower division courses.

Bucklew has said that the formula virtually requires that universities make education plans on the basis of "the best return on the formula" rather than promoting quality education.

During the 1983 session of the Legislature, UM was given the smallest increase in funding — 4.5 percent for the current year and 1.9 percent for the 1984-85 year — of the higher education institutions in the state because its rate of enrollment growth, although at record levels, was the slowest among the six institutions. The small increases the Legislature granted UM will require cuts in 21 faculty and staff positions by next year, according to Bucklew. During the last session the governor had recommended cuts in UM funding — that legislators did not approve — that would have resulted in eliminating 60 faculty and staff positions, Bucklew estimated.

Schwinden hinted that Bucklew's opposition to formula funding stems from fear that UM's enrollment will slump, as the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Office has projected.

"With a smile on my face, the president obviously anticipates some reductions in enroll-

ment," Schwinden said. But Bucklew said that the LFA's projections are too simplistic, and neither reflect the recent trend of older students returning to campuses nor UM's efforts to be more competitive in attracting prospective students.

The governor also said that:

• The state should use information from national education reports but must determine its own educational needs. He said support is growing among educational leaders to survey the curricula offered by all public schools in the state, at all levels, to determine ways to improve the quality of education the schools provide. Schwinden said his office would support conducting the extensive survey if agreement could be reached on what the

survey should measure and how much money should be spent on it. He also suggested holding a series of statewide educational forums to assess the status of public education in Montana.

• A "confidence crisis" exists among people in Montana concerning how schools spend state money. People who do not have children attending public schools are particularly dubious about such use of state dollars, he said. That group's support for adequately funding education is necessary to significantly improve educational quality in the state, he said. Criteria should be developed to increase the "accountability" of the spending practices of public schools, and they could be patterned after methods used by businesses to

keep down overhead, he added.

• Montana schools should attempt to encourage local businesses to invest in computer equipment in exchange for allowing them nighttime use of it. While such time sharing may not be profitable to IBM or Apple, he said, the "local hardware store" could share the

cost of the equipment, and schools likely would "build a cooperative supporter down Main Street."

• Education leaders must accept that funding for education is only one of many demands on state dollars. Education ranks as "one of the applicants for public funds," Schwinden said.

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Donald was out of town and could not be reached.

Mike Easton, UM's vice president for public and student affairs, said he knew of no opposition to the building's demolition, but he did admit he knew about the unsuccessful injunction attempt.

No opposition arose, Easton said, because the demolition was not formally discussed while school was in session last year. Long-range plans had forecast the removal of the Venture Center, but UM officials had "no reason to believe we'd have to vacate until June," he said.

However, Bolinger disagreed, saying the plan was common knowledge earlier in the spring.

Bolinger said he did not think the demolition was timed to occur while the campus was almost deserted in early September, but a member of the Campus Development Committee said the timing may have been "expedient" for the UM administration.

"I imagine that they thought it was very possible for some sort of opposition to arise," Carlos Pedraza, a student member of the committee, said.

Pedraza said he thought the building should have been torn down, but he expressed concern that UM officials failed to consult the development committee before proceeding with the demolition.

"It (the demolition) was very sudden," he said.

Pedraza said UM officials asked the committee in June to approve relocation plans for faculty and staff members who had been housed in the Venture Center. At the time, Pedraza said, he was left with the impression that the Venture Center would be left standing "indefinitely." That was

the last time he heard from the UM administration, he said.

Easton said the administration was not obligated to contact the development committee because the group has an advisory role.

Another person who criticized the timing of the demolition was Lon Johnson, state architect for Montana's Historic Preservation

Office, who said he did not think UM officials gave enough consideration to the options of repair or to demolish the building.

But Easton said both options were considered before being rejected as too expensive. Easton said UM estimates show repairing the building to meet fire codes would have cost \$221,864, while renovating it could have cost \$1.6 million.

Demolition

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Kreidich was on vacation this week and unavailable for comment. Ted Parker, Physical Plant director, said he couldn't "deny, accept, or refute" Larson's account of the proceedings since Kreidich had handled most of the bidding process, but Parker did try to explain the differing accounts.

Parker said Larson was notified Sept. 1 that he was the low bidder, and that he may have been given the contract that day to avoid sending documents through the mail.

Larson said he was in town that day to inspect the Venture Center.

According to Parker, Kreidich may have contacted Larson because the contractor, as opposed to being a general contractor, is a specialist in building demolition.

Before demolition began, Easton said, UM officials had expected to save parts of the building, but he said the only part that could be salvaged was the stone over the doorway saying "Science Hall."

The bricks had deteriorated so much, Larson said, that he couldn't sell them as he had advertised.

Larson said the bricks were even disintegrating under pressure from a hose used to spray the building during demolition to keep dust down.

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