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Students dress up to lay computer cables

By Rebecca Self
Kaimin Reporter

Several resident assistants seen in white space-like suits yesterday were laying cable for the computers that will soon be found in every dormitory.

The suits are a precaution against the possible exposure to asbestos, Ken Willett, University of Montana Safety and Security Manager, said yesterday.

The suits and the paper masks act as filters to protect the wearer from asbestos fibers, he said.

Although Willett recommended that the students wear half-face respirator masks, he said the paper masks most of them wore were sufficient for the amount of asbestos present in the underground tunnels where they worked most of the day.

Asbestos, which is known to cause cancer and lung disease, was found in various buildings across campus this summer. However, Willett said tests done in November showed low exposure levels in that area, so the students laying the cable were not in any danger.

Residence Hall Maintenance Supervisor Steve Laughrun asked the students if they would like to help lay the cable instead of physical plant employees since the project is especially for the dormitories. The students received minimum wage for the work.

The RA’s said they felt safe even though many of their suits were torn. Also, they said they would not have been sent into the tunnels if it were dangerous.

Willett said the tunnels had been checked for asbestos by Bill Hooper, an industrial hygienist for the state Occupational Health Bureau, before the students began their work.

The asbestos level was also being monitored while the RA’s were working in the tunnels by Paul Marsh, a software specialist in the Computer Center. However, the filters used in monitoring must be sent to Helena for analysis and then sent back to Missoula. This process takes anywhere from two to three weeks, Willett said.
Opinions

Free Delivery

How many times have you caught yourself plea— bargaining with the gods of academia. “Just give me till the three—day weekend so I can finish this assignment”? What business— sperson doesn’t desire a brief vacation enough to close up shop for a day or two? Who can refuse the chance to simply take it easy, read a book, relax a nap? Holiday days. You’d be crazy not to like them. Let’s face it, that’s what they’re for, right? Ah, holidays.

Few things, indeed, are finer than a break, well—deserved or not; fortunately, we’re granted plenty of time off. Flip through the calendar and you’ll run across several holidays instituted, no doubt, solely for our pleasure, hardly for our refinement. They’re regarded by most of us as grand—scale “intermissions” during which we do little more than what’s perfectly appropriate for any theatre intermission: we catch our breath, snack, get a drink, smoke perhaps, visit, and perform other similarly inconsequential enterprises before mindlessly returning to the show.

Rarely, do we, in the interim, either stop to reflect upon what’s already taken place or lock it away: consider what might happen next. In short, holidays are no different from chatty coffee—breaks, void of substance. However, unlike those meaningless trips down the hall to the Mr. Coffee, the effects of not only misunderstanding but misjudging the holidays present a far greater problem to us, I think, than merely too much caffeine.

For, each of our earth—founded resolutions we made in the not too distant past. Give us the time off, and we’ll surely provide the merriment—the original intent be damned.

By not fully realizing the true nature behind each of our holidays, we tend to slight its importance. Eventually, the holiday is mis—shapen by commercial and selfish interests. Holidays will be forever celebrated, but it will take a great effort for them to be finally acknowledged for what they stand for. In other words, you’d be out of your mind not to de—light in them, yet, importantly, you’d be in your right mind to appreciate them.

A case of sour grapes, this column is not; I got everything I wanted from Santa and probably more than I needed. Moreover, it was somewhat amusing looking for gifts despite the annual throng of eleventh-hour shoppers. I would venture to say that a good number of people feel similarly. New Year’s too was a pleasure for all, I’m sure. What troubles me, then, are precisely these frivolous sentiments.

To wit: two days before Christmas, a teenager driving home from work slid into a snowbank just down the block. It was near midnight and he called upon us to help push his car back light in the street. It didn’t take us too long to right the car, but before he drove off he reached for his wallet, a sign of his gratitude— a sign of our times. That annoyed me. It wasn’t his fault, to be sure; rather, it is ours.

Happy Holidays

Letter

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ASUM Vice President

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Kaimin Editorial

Prepare to act in '84

With the recent slew of media attention for “Orwellian” ideas, most people probably know that 1984 isn’t just the number assigned to this new year; it’s also the title of the famous novel about a future with universal tyranny and totalitarian power.

But the world isn’t quite the way George Orwell de— picted it when he wrote that book in 1948 and there is lit— tle significance with the title. Orwell selected it by simply writing it.

Still, during the recent discussions, many so called experts have said that although we haven’t yet reached Orwell’s 1984, we may soon. They refer to these characteristics in Orwell’s novel which are evident today:

—The world seems to be in a constant state of war.
—Totalitarian nations, such as the Soviet Union, habitually suppress or change information that could contra— dict the direction of their government.
—Surveillance of individuals through sophisticated television—like machines is feasible through the expan— sion of modern technology; we already have electric eyes and wire tapping techniques.

—The Kaimin news hotline (243—4301) is there for your news tips and you’re encouraged to express your opinion with the appropriately marked basket on the editor’s desk in Journalism 206.

We can only guess the outcome of 1984; so in the meantime we should patiently observe the upcoming events, try to make the right decisions and then get through life as best and as happily as we can. So work hard and have a great year!

—Bill Miller

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Legislature revamps veteran's preference law

By Tim Huneck
Kaimin Associate Editor

While University of Montana students were finishing final exams and getting ready to head home for Christmas break, the Montana Legislature was changing Montana's hiring preference law for veterans and handicapped persons.

After six days of committee meetings, testimony and sometimes heated debate, the state's lawmakers returned the preference law to a tie-breaking status.

The controversy and confusion that made the special session necessary arose after the legislature changed Montana's hiring preference laws.

Approximately 90 percent of all government personnel hired after June 16 were veterans and handicapped persons. Even in the Missoula mayoral race a candidate claimed preference and threatened to take legal action if he was not appointed.

And so the call came from Gov. Ted Schwinden for the special session and legislators responded with a new law. Besides limiting preference to use as a tie-breaker, the new law:

- Limits disabled veterans eligibility to only those with at least a 30 percent disability.
- Limits the amount of time a veteran could use the preference to 10 years after discharge or five years after passage of the law, whichever is later.
- Grants a preference to both physically and mentally handicapped persons.
- Gives equal preference to handicapped persons and disabled veterans. Previously, disabled veterans had first priority.
- Gives preference to spouses of those killed in action, missing in action, or listed as a prisoner of war and to spouses of disabled veterans.
- Exempts all educational agencies, including the university system, from preference laws.
- Grants a preference on initial hiring only.

The Legislature also suggested that the new law should be eliminated by pending lawsuits, although it will be up to the courts to decide that issue.

Although the bill was passed in only six days, it was marked with much debate and until a compromise that left some lawmakers unhappy.

House members did not want to exempt the university system and some Senate members were reluctant to give a preference to the mentally ill. On Friday, Dec. 16, the House voted 66-33 against the bill and then 50-49 not to reconsider it. But on Saturday, after a joint conference committee could not reach agreement, the Senate voted to accept it 67-31. The Senate approved the bill both days, 36-14 on Friday and 35-15 on Saturday. Schwinden signed the bill on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

However, not everyone was pleased with the new law. "The veterans of Montana took a hell of a beating," said Charlie Brown, discharged as a prisoner of war and to the House of veterans groups lobbying to give a case is won, the veteran is entitled to court and attorney fees and the position must be reversed. According to Brown, that is not adequate compensation and he said few people will use it.

Brown thinks the timing of the session, just before Christmas, made for a hasty decision by lawmakers eager to get home for the holidays. He said it should have been left up to the courts and the attorney general to decide the issue.

However, Brown said the issue is not dead. He said the bill will be challenged in the courts and in the 1985 Legislature. "I think you will see a lot of veteran's groups lobbying to defeat those who led the fight to water down the law."

New parking area designated east of River Bowl

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS the University of Montana has acquired sixty (60) additional parking spaces east of the River Bowl Playing Field; and,
WHEREAS the Traffic Appeals and Review Committee and the Safety and Security Division have found that the best method to ensure availability of parking is to declare said area as designated parking Lot M and to enforce the provisions of our campus Vehicle Regulations;
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
1. That the area be designated as Lot M.
2. That the parking of motor vehicles be in accordance with the published vehicle Regulations for the University of Montana.
3. That the Safety and Security Division and the Director of University Facilities shall cause notice of this order to be published in the Montana Kaimin or Missoulian once a week for three weeks, post notice on bulletin boards throughout the campus and issue warning tickets to those parking in that area indicating that after January 14, 1984, all unauthorized motor vehicles will be cited. If found to be in violation of the campus Vehicle Regulations, Neil S. Buckle, Campus President, University of Montana
World News

THE WORLD

Exclaiming "God bless America," Navy Lt. Robert Goodman returned from Syrian captivity to share a hero's welcome with Jesse Jackson on Wednesday, as President Reagan welcomed them at the triumphant conclusion of a mission he had shunned a week earlier.

Goodman, a bombadier-navigator shot down by Syrian gunners in Lebanon on Dec. 4, was embraced by his family as he stepped upon U.S. soil, then thanked Jackson and others who won his freedom "a little bit earlier than I had envisioned."

Reagan, who last week suggested his Democratic rival's mission could be "counter-productive," welcomed both men to the White House.

"Today is a homecoming celebration and all of us are delighted to see Lt. Goodman free, safe and reunited with his family," he said.

Reagan met with Jackson in the Oval Office for about 20 minutes over the presidential contender's successful in Damascus and meetings with Syrian leader Hafez Assad.

"Rev. Jackson's mission was a personal mission of mercy and he has earned our gratitude and our admiration," Reagan said later. "President Assad used this opportunity to seize an initiative, and we want to express our thanks to him," Jackson said.

"History has taught us that great peace initiatives of recent years," Bush said. "And I am grateful to President Assad who won his freedom "a little bit earlier than I had envisioned."

"Whether it was Eisenhower going to Korea or Nixon to China or Carter to Camp David, great moves in foreign policy are initiated by presidents and leaders."

Reagan accepted the resignation "with regret;" and credited Thayer with playing a key role in modernizing U.S. military forces.

A Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. John Woodhouse, confirmed a week ago that the Justice Department was investigating whether Thayer passed inside stock information while he was a director of several companies.

As recently as Tuesday, the chief Tehran spokesman, Michael Burch, said he had no information "which would lead me to believe that Mr. Thayer was able to utilize any security transaction by me as deputy of this department."

The investigation has nothing to do with my position or activities at the Department of Defense," he said. "The business activities of the LTV Corp., of which I served as chairman before assuming my duties in Washington are not under investigation ... the investigation does not involve any security transaction by me."

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THE NATION

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Thayer resigned Wednesday after telling President Reagan that the Securities and Exchange Commission plans to file a civil complaint alleging that the Pentagon official improperly divulged insider stock information.

Thayer said the allegation was "entirely without merit."

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Animals bring comfort to nursing home patients

By Kay Johnston
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

Eighth-nine-year-old Nora Hansen hadn't been talking or eating much. The staff at Missoula's Wayside Convalescent Care Facility had been worried about her.

Then one day, she began talking. In fact, she smiled, she laughed—and even spoke a few words of her native Norwegian.

"Kattunge!" she said. "Katte-pust!"

"What—what did you say, Nora?" an astounded Debbie Reinhardt, activities director for the nursing home, asked.

"It's a kitty—it's a kitty!" Nora answered, laughing delightedly. "I like kittens."

As Nora talked, she ran her fingers gently through a small calico kitten's fur. The kitten snuggled deep into the folds of Nora's lap, purred loudly and pressed heavy against.

Nora's animated response is not new to Missoula County Humane Society workers, but it never fails to give them a sense of fulfillment. Mary Johnson, a Humane Society employee, volunteers her free time several times a month to take three or four animals to area nursing homes. Johnson says she believes the service gives the elderly residents something to look forward to.

"The days can be really dull for these old folks," Johnson said. "I like to see them smile when I hand them an animal—it's really special to make them happy, even if it's for a short time."

Johnson usually brings some of the younger animals to visit the nursing homes because she noticed that the elderly seem more comfortable holding and touching smaller dogs or cats.

When Johnson arrives at a facility, she first talks with the staff, finding out which elderly person might benefit from meeting with a canine or feline visitor. She then approaches these individuals and asks them if they would like to hold a puppy or kitten.

Very few refuse. At Wayside, residents able to do so gathered in their recreation room. It was obvious that those who weren't holding and petting one of the two pups and two kittens Johnson brought that day weren't bored. All eyes in the room seemed riveted on the lucky folks who had animals in their possession.

"The visit not only gets the patients excited," Reinhardt says. "It's really special to make them happy, even if it's for a short time."

For Billie Morgan, a 90-year-old resident of Wayside, it was a time to reminisce.

"I like to see them smile when I hand them an animal," she said. "The staff feels 'up,' too, because it's so nice for us to see our patients involved in an activity they so clearly enjoy."

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Becky Finkbeiner, activities director at Hillside Manor, agrees.

Hillside Manor has a parasite and some of the younger patients enjoy watching, she said, but the animal visits provide something more special.

"It's something about being able to stroke and pet those animals that brings the residents back out of themselves," Finkbeiner said. "Some people just can't relate very well with other people, but they do relate well with animals.

Debi Stone, Community Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility's activities director, echoed Finkbeiner's comments.

"Pets perk up even the most unresponsive resident," Stone said. "When they can't find anyone or anything else to express their feelings to—all that love comes out when they hold an animal."

For Billie Morgan, a 90-year-old resident of Wayside, it was a time to reminisce.

Morgan told several anecdotes of pets she'd owned at her former home in Portland, Ore., as she gently stroked an active puppy of mixed parentage.

"I sure miss those days," she said.

Plenty of research supporting the value of the experience offered by Missoula's Humane Society has been done. Leo Bustad, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University, points out that pets may be the only source of warmth, affection, love and devotion for elderly still living in their own homes.

In some cases, pets give people a good reason to live," he writes. "They ameliorate loneliness and fill the need for companionship.

Bustad also notes several studies which indicate that pets contribute to longevity in people. People who have lower blood pressure while stroking pets, tend to initiate more conversation with other people about their pets and increase their level of physical activity when they care for their animals—all positive benefits for older individuals.

Communities that have integrated animals into psychiatric and other elderly care facilities have long noted many of these benefits, Bustad writes.

Barbara Dahlgren, long-time volunteer and board member of Missoula's Humane Society, recalls that the society started the service in October 1979, and says it helps the animals as well as the elderly.

Of the 5,000 animals brought to the society every year, about one-half are killed, Dahlgren says. And many of those that live tend to become depressed, she adds.

"Every animal is upset when it comes here," Dahlgren says. "People just don't understand what it's like to be taken away from a warm home with people you know, then get plunked in a jail with a bunch of distressed, noisy strangers.

"Anyone would get depressed under those circumstances."

Many animals new to the shelter withdraw, quit eating, stop responding to their human caretakers and may even die—if nothing is done. Taking the animals out of their shelter cages and giving them human doses of human companionship sometimes helps the depressed ones. Shelter personnel may send quiet, withdrawn animals to the nursing homes for some attention, but more often they try to help the situation themselves. Animals to the elderly in nursing homes—and animals without—need two things: Love and attention.

Mary Johnson, society worker and volunteer who has most of the responsibility for the animal visitation service, could use some help to carry out those goals.

Volunteers wanting to help Johnson provide this service can do so by calling her at 549-3934 or visiting her at the Humane Society shelter, 1105 Clark Fork Drive.
The University of Montana basketball teams resume court action today after layoffs of seven days for the Griz and 16 days for the Lady Griz.

Coach Mike Montgomery took his 10-1 team to Cheney, Washington, yesterday for the 2-10 Eastern Washington Eagles.

Meanwhile, Lady Griz coach, Robin Selvig, is getting his team ready for the 4th annual Lady Griz Insurance Classic. The tournament, which was won by Montana last year with a 64-41 shellacking of Cal State-Fullerton, is sponsored by the Independent Insurance Agents of Missoula.

The Lady Griz have won 25 in a row at home and will open the tourney today at 6:30 p.m., at Dahlberg Arena, against the University of Calgary, Montana is 7-3 thus far in the season while Calgary is 4-10.

Two nights later to beat Loyola—losing to the Anteaters of UC Irvine 91-83, and coming back next week to take on Saint Joseph State (4-6) and Colorado State (2-6) and is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. The consolation game will be at 6:30 tomorrow evening and the championship game will follow.

Calgary will start a much smaller team against the Lady Griz but, admittedly, Selvig isn’t sure about what to expect.

"Calgary is the unknown quantity in the tournament," he said, adding, "They obviously have a good team based on their past performances as well as this season’s record. It will be interesting to see how they match up against American teams."

Montgomery, on the other hand, has a good idea of what to expect from Eastern Washington. The Eagles have been plagued by injuries. They recently lost starter Lincoln Burton, a 6-7 forward, who suffered a broken index finger in a 91-69 loss to Idaho. Burton will be sidelined for at least three weeks. And, last year’s leading scorer, Matt Piper, is redshirting this season because of a back injury.

In addition, the two teams met Dec. 14, in Missoula, and the Griz handed the Eagles a 97-63 loss, as Doug Selvig and Larry McBride had 18 points apiece.

The Griz will return home Saturday to host Central Washington. This is the last non-league game for the Griz, will tipoff at 7:30 p.m., in Dahlberg Arena.

The Wildcats are currently 6-3 on the season and were ranked 19th last week in the NAIA poll.

The Grizzlies, however, did some ranking of their own last week. Montana was nationally ranked in field goal percentage defense (40.9 percent), free throw differential (plus 8.3 a game) and scoring defense (59.6).

Both Griz games can be heard on KYLT Radio and the Grizzly Basketball Network. The Lady Griz tournament games can be heard on KYSS-FM (95) Radio.

Men cagers drop one, win one during road trip

By Jerry Wright

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While Missoula was in the deep freeze the week before Christmas, the Grizzly Men’s Basketball team went to hazy, but warm, Southern California where it split two games; first winning 97-63 loss, as Doug Selvig and Larry McBride scored 18, Larry Kristowiak 14, and Rob Hurley 12.

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The Grizzlies lead 39-34 at the half behind some flawless outside shooting and strong offensive and defensive rebounding; much to the delight of the Montana alumni and vacationing students who, though outnumbered by Anteater fans, made more noise from their cheap balcony seats. One UM graduate was watching his first Griz game since 1957.

UM came out strong at the start of the second half, building its lead to 51-42 before the Anteaters shooting got hot and its game-long full court press seemed to take its toll on the Grizzlies.

With 15:00 left in the game, the Grizzly shooting turned as icy as the weather back home. UM’s rebounding also disappeared, and for almost two minutes they didn’t score a point. Irvine pulled ahead for good at 64-63 with 8:17 to go.

Montana was not yet out of the game, but some unlimted fouls and some awful passes let a chance to catch-up slip away, and the Anteaters went on to win.

Marc Glass lead the scoring for the Grizzlies with 23 points, Doug Selvig added 18, Larry Kristowiak 14, and Rob Hurley 12.

The Grizzlies faired better when they traveled 50 freeway miles north to Loyola. At Loyola, Kristowiak put on a show for a large group of cheering California relatives who came out to watch him play, scoring 24 points and pulling down 15 rebounds.

The game was tied at the half 38-38, but the Grizzlies’ outside shooting had yet to come alive.

The second half see-sawed until UM began to take control behind Selvig and Hurley’s shooting and Kristowiak’s muscling control of the middle. The Grizzlies pulled away for good in the final six minutes, making 76 percent of their shots from the field and 16 of 18 free throws.

Hurley finished the game with 19 points, as did Selvig. Larry McBride scored 15. Glass scored 9 and Leroy Washington added 6.
Schwinden says he will seek second term as governor

Gov. Ted Schwinden, citing a record which he said has built new trust in government among Montana voters, announced Wednesday he will seek a second term.

Schwinden said he would retain Lt. Gov. George Turman as his running mate. The two candidates made their re-election announcements at a Helena news conference and then paid a total of more than $800 in filing fees with the secretary of state.

"We are running because we believe our record demonstrates that the pledges of 1979 have been kept — that our administration has provided a leadership base of concern, a leadership filled with enthusiasm, a leadership with a total commitment to the future of this state," Schwinden said.

The candidates adopted "Montana Tomorrow" as their campaign theme. Schwinden said his No. 1 goal for Montana during the second half of the 1980s will be job creation.

He said he gave no thought to any other office and has no eyes on any other office for the future.

The governor said state Labor Commissioner David Hunter will resign his cabinet post later this year to repeat his 1980 performance as campaign manager. Until then, former Schwinden aide Monica Conrad will oversee a campaign office in the basement of the Helena home of Schwinden's son Dore.

In response to a reporter's question, Schwinden said he enjoys having an image as an unbeatable candidate but does expect Republican opposition and will campaign as hard as he did in 1980.

He said that despite the absence of any known Republican candidate at this time he is confident the two-party system will continue to work well in Montana, including in the gubernatorial race.

As he has done during the first three years of his initial term, Schwinden emphasized economic development as the theme of his future endeavors.

"In 'Montana Tomorrow,' jobs will continue to be our No. 1 priority," he said.

The people of this state will not — and this administration will not — passively accept the loss of 4,000 permanent jobs. We will work to strengthen the relationship between the public and private sectors.

He said creating jobs is primarily the task of private business, but the state "can and should provide impetus, enthusiasm and incentives for economic growth."

Schwinden said his "Build Montana" economic development program has taken the steps needed to promote public awareness and interest in economic development.

He said that under his administration state government "runs more smoothly — and does it with 958 fewer full-time positions than in 1981."

He said his Council on Management's recommendations for streamlining the bureaucracy saved taxpayers from a 12.5 percent or $20 million tax increase.

"Montana's books are in order," he added. "We have maintained fiscal integrity during a national economic crisis, keeping a small surplus while most states, unfortunately, fought staggering deficits."

He also took credit for a major new highway construction program.

Schwinden said that in the future Montana will have to continue defending its natural resources against "an eastern establishment hungry for fuel and food, at any cost."

He said he will testify before a legislative subcommittee on Jan. 19 in favor of keeping Montana's coal severance tax at its present level of 30 percent of market value.

He praised Turman for working a "small miracle" by getting local governments to work together toward common goals. Turman said one of his present aims is to complete a review of community needs for facilities to provide basic local services.

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