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ASUM officials hope to have bugs worked out in tomorrow's vote

By Eric Troyer
Kaimin Reporter

ASUM elections have a history of problems, but the ASUM Elections Committee is trying to use a number of safeguards during tomorrow's general election to avoid repeating the past.

In these years, the ASUM Elections Committee has failed to void 18 ballots because they believed handwriting on the ballots to be the same. And the general election fared no better when Kelly Byrne was elected to Central Board even though she had informed election officials that she had decided not to run.

In 1983 a petition was circulated calling for a new general election. It was signed by Andy Stroble and Matt Meyer—the runner-up presidential-vice presidential team—ASUM faculty adviser John Wicks, four successful CB candidates, several unsuccessful CB candidates and other University of Montana students.

Among the allegations listed on the petition were:
- Some poll workers advised students on who to vote for.
- UM fraternities and sororities handed out written voting recommendations at tables located next to the polling stations.
- Lame-duck ASUM President Marquette McRae-Zook helped with ballot-counting even though she had endorsed David Bolinger, who won the election by nine votes.

CB was presented with the petition but voted not to hold another election. That action prompted Wicks to resign as faculty adviser. And this year's primary was nearly thrown out because of a...

Follows two years of snafus

Elections Committee reverses decision to invalidate primary; Central Board upholds results

By Eric Troyer
Kaimin Reporter

Central Board, in a special Friday afternoon meeting, validated the ASUM primary which the Elections Committee had invalidated on Thursday. The action came a short time after the committee rescinded its original decision and also voted to validate the primary.

Phoebe Patterson and Kevin Young will be the only two presidential candidates listed on the ballots for the ASUM general elections this Wednesday. Patterson had the most votes in the primary and Young, second-place finisher, edged Carlos Pedraza out of the general election by two votes.

The primary had been invalidated because of a problem in handling Young's vote. Young used a driver's license with a validation stamp, rather than a student ID, to vote.

The vote was originally questioned by committee members Dave Sheldon, who resigned at Friday's committee meeting. Sheldon abstained from the meeting early. He could not be reached for comment later.

The committee decided to rescind its original decision because:
- A driver's license with the validation sticker is considered a valid student ID.
- ASUM Vice President Paula Jellison voted in the decision, even though she is not allowed to vote.
- A proxy vote delivered by Jellison for committee member Libby Miller was incorrectly used.
- Committee members Chuck Hodge and Paul T. Clark were not informed of the special meeting of the committee on Thursday.

Many CB members agreed with committee members' assessment of the primary.

"The actual running of the election went rather well," Jellison said. The problem arose when the Elections Committee made a "hasty decision" by invalidating the primary, he said.

However, CB member Sam Goodrich said, "The Associated Students of the University of Montana cannot conduct an election without a valid primary," and cited the past two problem-ridden ASUM elections.

This should be termed a circus," CB Member Ted Dahl said, the only member to vote against the validation. Dahl said that the decision had already been made and CB should have gone ahead with the invalidation.

Faculty members have until March 2 to comply with security clause

By Eric Williams
Kaimin Reporter

University of Montana faculty members who have not complied with the University Teachers' Union's security clause have until March 2 to pay their union dues or donate to a designated charity, or face a possible civil suit from the UTU.

A letter from the union dated Feb. 24 said any UM faculty employee "who fails to pay the authorized obligation shall be subject to...civil action by the UTU for damages against the employee."

Walter Briggs, UM computer science professor, said he does not intend to pay the money.

"Why would I comply?" Briggs asked. "It's not a legitimate demand."

Last quarter Briggs filed an unfair labor practice suit with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry Board of Personnel Appeals against the UTU. The suit, which charged the UTU failed to "represent the interests of all employees in the bargaining without discrimination," was dismissed Feb. 9 by Robert L. Jensen, administrator of the Board of Appeals.

Briggs said his lawyer is appealing the dismissal.

The conflict stems from the security clause of the collective bargaining agreement between the UTU and UM. The security clause states that all UM faculty members must pay union dues and become a member, pay the dues and not be a member, or donate the equivalent amount of money to one of seven charitable organizations chosen by the UTU.

Earlier, Briggs had said he was employed by UM and not by the union, and therefore would not let the UTU "extort" his money.

Before a civil suit is brought against any faculty members, John Lawry, president of the UTU and a philosophy professor, said a conference between a UTU representative, a UM administration official and the non-complying faculty member will be held to explain his or her obligations as a UM faculty employee.

If the faculty member still refuses to comply, the UTU will file a civil suit.

Briggs said if his appeal is rejected, he will file a civil suit against the Board of Appeals for "failure to properly discharge their duties," and a civil suit against the UTU.

Briggs said if his appeal is accepted, Jensen "may form an investigation" of the UTU's labor practices, which is what "he should have done originally."

Lawry said the letter was sent to about 30 non-complying faculty members. He said some of them simply sent their donations directly to the union-authorized beneficiaries, but the money must be sent to the UTU, which will forward it to the beneficiary.

He said this procedure is used so the union can keep track of who is complying.

Those who have not sent the money directly to the charities can simply reroute their donations through the union to gain compliance, Lawry said.

Those who have not attempted to comply by paying in one form or another, Lawry said, See 'UTU,' page 8.
Opinions

Letters

Fragile egos defend their inadequacies

Editor: The Opinion column and Outside View columns printed in the Montana Kaimin on Feb. 23 and 24 bear the signatures of our tasteless, self-righteous and blatantly self-righteous Kaimin staff members who defend and cover their mistakes, their inability to present the campus news in an appropriate journalistic manner, and who seek only to propagate their own interests.

Mark Grove’s assertion that Central Board members wish to punish the Kaimin (in an open and honest forum) is itself an hysterical response without validity. Central Board members do not wish to censor or control the Kaimin. Nor do we wish to negotiate the rights of students. Nor do we wish to avenge ourselves for abusive tirades written about us by the Kaimin’s obviously amateurish staff.

Recently, a letter to the editor was published twenty (20) days after it was submitted concerning the “anti-Kaimin” by the newspaper’s staff. I thought it of as pro good press — something the Kaimin should publish more often. The letter was not published until the editor had “time” to compose a two (2) sentence response to a page or less, which ASUM group had larger budgets. Only after I personally requested the editor to expedite publishing the letter did the Kaimin do so. Twenty days, by anyone’s standards, is too long. On the other hand, it took less than 24 hours for the Kaimin to respond, in depth, to a legitimate and timely complaint by student representatives. (Four pages of self-defense and name calling.) Consistency of character is not the Kaimin’s forte, or other group who did not receive their budget request would receive equal coverage.

The final CB vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the Kaimin 91.16 percent of it’s request. Three members opposed this motion. I don’t believe in those numbers indicate elected student representatives are the arrogant, repulsive, and rapacious wolves Mr. Grove believes them to be. Rather, the four pages (and that’s only to date) of self-defense and irrational animosity towards student government leaders appears to be the collective response of a group of paranoid mislead amateurs.

Where were the stories about the three ASUM Presidential debates? Not one Kaimin representative attended a debate this year. Where are the articles about the committee decisions affecting the future of this university? Perhaps, our unanswered question reflects the true concern of Kaimin editors and opinion writers. They are truly possessed with themselves, not the university.

I suspect the Kaimin’s response to my observations will be harsh and ineffective. After all, fragile egos must defend their inadequacies. It may be that while the Kaimin has a large staff to criticize, I am but one concerned student. Many students should decide to agree with me, I’m certain the Kaimin would also lose their letters, or take an inapropiate length of time to prepare a “response.”

Quite frankly, I disagree with Mr. Grove’s jaded assessment of student leadership. I do, however, agree that students should VOTE on WEDNESDAY. My God, what have I said? Do I have something in common with our spectacular, Clairol-colored barely Managing Editor?

David S. Bolinger
Senior, Political Science/Pre-law
ASUM President

Hold CB accountable

Editor: To any apathetic, uninformed student unlucky enough to walk into the Montana Rooms last Wednesday night, this would have seemed more like a party. Food, and drink were flowing freely. The atmosphere was one of chaos. It would have been hard to tell that there was serious business going on. The business of budgeting a half a million dollars. During the meeting there was a motion to order pizza.

Some of the people at the head tables kept wandering in, and out, taking breaks. They would walk in every now and then just in time to yell yea or nay.

The student hung around to listen, and watch. She noticed that some of the people at the tables in front of her were very hard at work. To others, it seemed like a big joke. As she listened, she thought there were two words constantly being used. The words? Accountability, and responsibility. The funny thing is, the people at the head tables were very worried about student organizations being accountable, and responsible to a group called ASUM. The apathetic student wondered, “Who are the people at the head tables responsible to?” Perhaps ASUM should not be so concerned about informing apathetic students about the existence of ASUM. As far as this apathetic student can tell, many students like myself know everything they want to know about ASUM. What they wonder is how do the students of this university hold ASUM accountable for their actions once the elections are over? How do we students hold ASUM and Central Board accountable for their actions while serving their terms? The key to student apathy? Maybe.

Linda Lang
Senior, Management

Clarification

In the last Kaimin editorial, Friday, Feb. 24, we stated that a "bunch" of student representatives wanted to cut the Kaimin's funding by nearly half during budgeting last Wednesday night. That wasn't true.

In the end, only a few CB members wanted to slash the Kaimin: the motion failed 17-3. The Kaimin apologizes for this generalization.
Letters

Help spend the dough

Editor: This year, ASUM allocated over half a million dollars. Wouldn’t you like to help spend it? Then remember to vote tomorrow.

Keith “The Griz” Baer
Junior, Business Management
Off-Campus Central Board Candidate

P.S. Students must present a validated UM I.D. before voting.

Stadium: finance by extortion

Editor: Why is it that an extra half-million dollars appears from student building fees every two years? Could it be that students are being overcharged? The latest move by the administration to get its hands on student funds raises many questions. In the small amount of propaganda and near non-existent debate over the stadium, I have never heard that the clause in the original enabling resolution regarding the use of student building fees was dropped in committee at the legislature last year, at the insistence of the ASUM lobbyist. Yes, folks, student representatives said “No!” to building fees for a stadium, and now the administration is trying to reverse that action through “Mayor” Bolinger, the Committee for the Stadium, and a student vote in a total vacuum of information. And unlike the referendum on the use of building fees for the Fine Arts building, this one will be binding, as the results will be taken to the legislature next year, that is, if they support the administration’s plans of “finance by extortion.” I certainly don’t want to pay $55 for a 50-yard line seat I have to share with 3.5 other students. I liked the Venture Center. Vote “No!” on the Stadium Resolution.

James (Andy) Stroble
Senior, Philosophy

Don’t let Dave flush it!

Editor: In light of the upcoming referendum on President Bolinger’s suggested use of half-a-million student bucks to help finance a new football stadium, it would be wise for students to consider how the building fund could best be used to meet student needs. Rather than a standing monument to David Bolinger’s leadership, or an embellishment to his resume, we might put this money toward funding something as mundane as student housing or a high-rise parking facility. The new stadium, which will be built regardless of whether or not the building fund is raided, will aggravate an already intolerable parking problem.

State law prohibits using student building fees for inter-collegiate sports facilities. This is exactly what the referendum is all about. Bolinger wants evidence of “student support” to help him lobby the legislature to change the law. This would evidently be a big job, since Bolinger felt the need to ask CB for $5,000 to get the job done. CB didn’t give him the money and we don’t think the students should give him the “support.”

If the legislature changes the law, it should be changed so that the benefits will reach more students. After all, how many students can sit on the fifty-yard line? Wouldn’t more students benefit if the legislature allowed us to use this money to help our underfunded library, hire more faculty and staff, or fund other academic needs?

If the legislature won’t change the law, we could even use the money to help cope with UM’s long term growth in enrollment. What a novel idea — use the money for its intended purpose!

UM’s motto, Lux et Veritas, translates to “Light and Truth,” not “Go Team, Go.” Get the point, President Davey? We urge everyone who came to UM for an education to vote against this proposed pallage of student coffers. It’s your money. Don’t let Bolinger flush it!

Students Advocating Scholarships for Scholars
Bruce Schwartz

No endorsement from frat council

Editor: We want it to be known that the Interfraternity Council at the University of Montana as an organization is not endorsing any political candidates in the ASUM elections. It is our belief that the members of Interfraternity Council have the right to choose and vote for the candidates of their choice.

Interfraternity Council’s policy with the University of Montana and ASUM is cooperation. It is our goal to do everything within our power to make these elections flow smoothly and to avoid any complications that might arise in the electoral process.

May the elections go well and may the best candidates win.

Ford L. Stuart III
ICF president
Freshman, Journalism

Dan P. Barbee
ICF vice-president
Sophomore, Music

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Reserve Deputies: It's more than just a job, it's an adventure

By Rebecca Self
Kaimin Reporter

On a warm, sunny day in July, a Missoula County reserve deputy spotted an escaped convict from a Missouri prison casually strolling down Reserve Street.

The reserve deputy and his partner jumped out of their car to arrest the man, but the 240-pound giant was not to be arrested that easily.

A fight broke out and about 25 cars stopped to watch, but nobody helped. After some time the man was finally handcuffed and a highway patrolman showed up to help put him into the car.

Events like this one do not occur very often, Don McConnell, the reserve deputy said.

"My friends used to give me some hassles, (about being a reserve) but I have been doing it for so long now that most of them do not mind anymore," Rich said. "But there are some people who will not talk to me just because I am a deputy."

Reserve deputies come from all walks of life — attorneys, private-business owners, mill workers and University of Montana students — according to Lt. Gregg Hintz, the reserve deputy coordinator for the sheriff's department.

"People don't see the reserve's side of the story," Nick Rich, another reserve deputy, added. Rich, 28, is also a UM student who has been a reserve deputy for about three years.

Any man or female, 18 years or older, can apply for a reserve deputy position as long as he or she meets these minimum requirements: be a U.S. citizen, have no criminal record, and possess a valid Montana driver's license.

Reserve deputies work as security at UM concerts held in the Harry Adams Field House to protect people from bringing alcohol into the concerts, according to McConnell.

The reserve deputies are unpopular because they are not allowed to overlook violations, he said.

"People don't see the job for what it is, the higher the pay. The amount of pay depends on the job — the more dangerous the job, the higher the pay," Hintz said.

Reserve deputies must complete 88 hours of basic training, including 30 hours of firearms training and the program must be completed in two years. Reserve deputies are required to carry a gun, not just because it's part of their uniform, but for their own safety as well as the safety of others, McConnell said.

"Since we are wearing a uniform we are naturally going to be the ones someone would shoot at if they did shoot, so we had better have something to defend ourselves with," he said.

All reserve deputies must pay for their own uniforms, including their guns — about $500. The sheriff's department supplies the necessary items such as ammunition and handheld radios.

According to Hintz, the reserve deputies are good at their job and he hasn't had any problems with them.

"Sure, you get those kind of people who want to be badge-heavy sometimes, but those people are reprimanded and released," he said.

A person interested in law enforcement, the reserves is a good place to start, Rich said. Both active duty and former reserve deputies receive extra points when applying for a regular position.

Library plans for its entry into the age of computers

By Kevin Brooke
Kaimin Reporter

In the next few years, University of Montana may show their UM identification card when checking out material at the Mansfield Library, and a bar code similar to a supermarket checkout will do all the work. No cards to fill out.

A pen would scan the book and ID card, which will record the title and borrower's name in a computer.

A task force for automating services at the library will decide on the kind of system to request from the Commissioner's Office of Higher Education in Helena. The date of the request has not been set. Library Dean Ruth Patrick says.

Automation might eliminate the need to look through the library catalog files on the main floor, to see if a book or periodical has been checked out or not.

The system could be completed at UM in the next three to five years.

When the commissioner's office receives the request from the local task force, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Regents. The cost of the system will be about $500,000, which will be requested from the Legislature, Patrick said.

Once the system is installed, Patrick said there will be about 22 computer terminals for library users and another 10 to 15 for the staff. The computers will phase out the current card catalog files on the main floor of the library, Patrick said.
Sports Talk

Give those gals their due!

by Brian Mellstedt

The University of Montana Lady Grizzlies have an opportunity to put the Mountain West Athletic Conference on the map, according to UM Coach Robin Selvig.

The two wins the Lady Griz earned last weekend, Portland State 53-38 and Boise State 53-37, gave UM its second straight MWAC conference title and raised its overall record to 21-3.

"We are definitely one of the top five teams (in the nation) in the West," Selvig said.

With a perfect 12-0 conference record and two games to go, Selvig is afforded the luxury of thinking towards the MWAC Tournament which will be held here.

Even more than that, he has looked at what might happen in the NCAA tournament. "If we win our last two games we could feasibly lose one of the tournament games here and still get an at large berth to the NCAA's," he said.

The facts would back him up. First of all money. The Lady Griz averaged 1150 fans at home, which is among the top 20 in the nation.

"The NCAA really looks at that because they have to make money," he explained. This means the NCAA could justify selecting two MWAC teams (remember, should the Lady Griz lose a tournament game the winner of the tourney would get the automatic NCAA berth) by having UM host a game that would make money.

In addition, the women's tournament has only 32 teams, compared to the men's tourney which has 64, and the Lady Griz were ranked 32nd three weeks ago in USA Today. No top 40 rankings have been published since then.

Of course UM's record has a lot to say about an at large berth. They are one of just a few teams to win over 20 games.

"I'm not looking past our tournament," Selvig said about the MWAC tourney coming up. UM will play either Montana State or Weber State depending on who wins the game between them this week.

He really isn't looking past that tourney, either. He said over and over how strong Eastern Washington University is and he throws in the University of Idaho too.

This is just to say that anything can happen and Selvig is a good enough coach to know that.

"The conference deserves more attention because it is a good conference. We have a chance to get it some recognition."

The recognition the Lady Grizzlies have been getting from the Missoulian has been nominal at best. Selvig won't say that but I will.

Larry Krystkowiak of the UM Grizzlies and Lady Griz Anita Novak were selected as league players of the week for their respective conferences, last week.

Krystkowiak was deservingly splashed on the sports front page while Novak was undeservingly tucked away in the sports roundup junk.

It seems to me the Missoulian could have given each their deserving space on the front page of the sports section.

The Griz were beaten in a tough game by Weber State Saturday night while the Lady Griz were busy winning the conference. Once again, the Griz were splashed on the sports front page, as should be, but the Lady Griz were tucked away at the bottom of the third page of the sports section.

Why not put both teams on the sports front?
Hole where Venture Center was is to get only dirt, grass for now

By Kevin Brooke
Kalmin Reporter

No new building or extensive landscaping is planned for the site where the Venture Center once stood, according to Ted Parker, director of the UM Physical Plant.

The 85-year-old building was demolished last September. University crews have been filling in with dirt the hole left after demolition, which should be completed this spring. Grass will be planted on the site by next fall.

However, Parker said it will take a couple of years for the dirt to settle before any major sidewalk construction can get underway.

Parker says that one of the major projects necessary at the site is the rerouting of an underground steam pipeline, which connected the Venture Center to the Math Building.

If funding can be provided by the Montana Legislature, Parker said landscaping of the area could be completed by the summer of 1987. The abandoned site would be landscaped similar to the open area between the Botany Greenhouse and the Jeanette Rankin Hall.

The design calls for replicating the water system, shrubbery, sidewalks and lights, at the area, which is south of Main Hall.

Glen Williams, fiscal affairs vice president, said depending on the size and cost, the project would either be completed by university workers or a private contractor. Final decision to determine costs will be completed later this summer, he added.

The cost of the levelling is being paid out of the University Maintenance Budget.

Another long-term plan also being considered, Parker added, is the elimination of the parking lot between the Forestry and Journalism Buildings, to be replaced with trees and shrubs. Parker said that this plan would make the university a "pedestrian campus," with vehicles being parked only on the outer fringes of the campus.

MontPIRG allows Huneck to apply

The MontPIRG Board of Directors have approved an application from Tim Huneck to run for a seat on the Board of Directors.

Huneck, a junior in journalism, becomes the twelfth person to apply for one of ten positions that students will vote on in tomorrow’s election.

A MontPIRG volunteer for the past two quarters, Huneck said he is interested in consumer projects, the Citizen’s Utility Board, air quality and the bottle bill.

SCHOOL OF FORESTRY MAJORS

Last May over $17,000 in scholarships were awarded to Forestry majors.

Deadline for most applications is April 1. For a list of awards come to For 110.
Elections

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problem with a single vote. But the Elections Committee has instituted a number of safeguards to prevent any similar problems, said Shannon Finney, committee chairwoman:

- Computers will be used at each polling station to record who voted by social security number. If a person tries to vote twice, the computer will show that the person has voted and at which polling station.
- Each voter will sign a list when they vote. The list will provide a backup system for the computers.
- A workshop on election rules and running the computers has been held for poll workers, including an explanation of a valid student ID.
- A faculty adviser will be present when the ballots are being counted.
- An Elections Committee member will be at each polling place or in the ASUM offices throughout the day to handle any problems that may arise. Included on the ballot will be a referendum to spend $500,000 worth of building fees toward a new UM stadium. If accepted the money will be spent over three years in increments of $200,000 and a final allotment of $100,000.

For a referendum to be accepted at least 25 percent of the students must vote and two-thirds of those voting must ratify the referendum, according to the present ASUM constitution.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the general election. Polling stations will be located in the Liberal Arts Building, the Lodge and the University Center.

UTU

Continued from page 1. "have lost the right" to donate to the charities and must pay union dues.

Briggs said he was recently hired to teach next year at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. "They don't have a union there," Briggs said.

He said he thinks other professors will "definitely" leave UM because of the UTU.

The quality of education at UM could drop because of the controversy, Briggs said, but it is a matter of whether the "pro-union replacements are better than the anti-union departees."

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