Parking bill draws praise

By Jeff McDowell
Kaimin Legislative Reporter
HELENA—A bill to remove the $10-per-quarter limit on parking fees at Montana University System campuses received near-unanimous committee approval Tuesday at the Montana Legislature.

House Bill 98, sponsored by Rep. Cal Winslow, R-Billings, drew combined support from campus administrations and student governments during a hearing before the House State Administration Committee.

ASUM Lobbyist Monty Koch spoke in favor of the bill on the condition that it be amended to provide for student participation in determining parking fees. That amendment was included in the bill as it received a "do pass" recommendation on a 17-1 vote by the committee.

Koch, noting that the University of Montana sells about 5,400 parking decals for about $3,000 spaces, said the bill is a solution to the campus parking problem, but added that the amended version is "more palatable" to student governments.

A spokesman for the Montana State University student government also said that "students are in a better position to assess the need for additional parking" because they constitute the majority of the campus community.

The bill drew the strongest support from UM and Eastern Montana College administration representatives. Parking fees at EMC are already at the $10-per-quarter limit and are $6 per quarter at UM. Parking fees at MSU are only $8 per year.

EMC President Bruce Carpenter and UM Fiscal Vice President Glen Williams described their respective campuses as "landlocked" because of the physical limits on campus expansion in Missoula and Billings.

Williams also described the parking problem as a "chicken and egg" dilemma.

"Students complain about paying the fees when there aren't enough spaces available," he said, "but without the fees, we can't do anything to provide more spaces."

Carpenter and Williams both indicated that multi-level parking structures may be necessary to ease the parking problems at the two campuses, but some committee members questioned whether parking fees would cover the estimated $4,500-per-space cost of such structures.

However, Winslow said that the city of Billings may help pay for a parking structure to serve the EMC campus because of its proximity to the Deaconness and St. Vincent hospitals medical corridor and downtown business area. Williams said UM is working with a Missoula citizen's group to solve its parking problems.

Winslow also said he would like to see the campus parking systems run on a "user fee basis."

"Otherwise, everybody pays," he said, adding that a university system request to build a $10 million parking garage probably would not receive much legislative support.

Rep. Harry Fritz, D-Missoula, a committee member, speaking in support of the bill, told the rest of the committee that the state "has never given UM a dime for parking."

Fritz, a UM history professor, also joked that because there is no reserved parking for faculty and staff, the situation is so grim that "you can't even find an illegal parking spot."

By Jean M. Lints
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

The new meal plan system that went into effect Fall Quarter is an improvement over the previous plan, but it hasn't been problem-free, according to John Piquette, Food Service Director. This new system allows people to receive sack meals ordered in advance and charged against the meal plan holder's total meals purchased for the quarter.

The system also allows a meal-plan owner to "host" a meal by filling out a guest pass and inviting someone to the dining room. The meal is charged against the balance of the hosting person.

Since this is a "use it or lose it" system, unused meals cannot be carried over to the next quarter. So, to get the most for the money, the object is for each person to use up all the meals in his account by the end of the quarter.

That's where the problems started.

According to Piquette, during the last three weeks of Fall Quarter, people realized they had a lot of meals remaining in their account. Students started getting host passes to hand out all over Missoula. The result was "400 to 500 town people popping in for dinner," said Piquette.

"There were some days that it created an excessive demand on our service," said the director. "I have no way of protecting against that and yet I'm concerned about it because if you have an extra 400 town people come to dinner and crowd into our facilities, which were already near maximum utilization, it hurts the students for whom the services were primarily designed."

When it came time to close the dining room at the end of a meal, Piquette said food service personnel had trouble getting rid of the transients — some of whom carried bed rolls, perhaps with the intention of spending the night in the cafeteria.

"We had to chase away a couple of guys in the hallway who were panhandling," Piquette said. The sack meals were popular throughout the quarter. Each day 40 to 80 were prepared. During the last three weeks of Fall Quarter, the requests for sack meals escalated to about 800 per day in the students' attempts to use up the meals in their account.

Many students who ordered the sack meals for some unknown reason — never returned the Food Service office to pick them up.

"It was a drop and run situation," said Piquette. "We sat here at 6:30 at night for nearly two weeks with 200 to 300 sack meals."

In the midst of all the confusion with hundreds of sack meals cluttering the Food Service office, it was discovered that there were hard boiled eggs included in the lunches hadn't been boiled at all.

Piquette laughed as he spoke about it being absolutely delightfully humorous because you can picture some poor guy sitting in the back seat of his car cracking an egg on his head and ending up with an egg shampoo.

"It's so silly and goes with the right time," he said. "We needed a very humorous break."

Piquette's advice to students is that they start managing their meal plan account from the very first day in order to avoid having excess meals at the end of the quarter. Any time a student enters the dining room, he or she can ask what their balance is or go to the office to find out.

Even with the problems seen last quarter, Piquette says the new meal plan is "right on and contemporary." He says he is working on some problems, but created some very nice positive results, too, he said.

The hosted meals gave the Food Service exposure to many people in town who would not ordinarily eat there. There are a hell of a lot of people in Missoula that have eaten for the first time in the University Residence Hall Food Service," said Piquette, and I think for the most part they all walked away saying it was a wonderful meal, so it achieved its goal."
Parking lot blues

The parking problem at the University of Montana may soon move from the parking lots into the courtrooms.

Melody Brown, a senior in political science/pre-law, is appealing more than $300 in parking fines to the UM Traffic Board. If the board refuses to waive Brown’s fines, she says she will take the university to court.

Brown claims that buying a parking decal is like signing a contract. Since UM has issued about 5,400 parking decals, but only provides parking space for about 2,600 cars, Brown claims the university has “breached its contract.”

Editorial

Brown certainly has a point. Parking at UM seems to be getting steadily worse. If the situation continues, students may someday be lucky to find parking spots as close as Higgins Avenue. But the solution does not lie with suing the university.

Everyone—students, faculty, staff and administrators—all buy the same decal. The decal is not a contract and does not guarantee anyone a place to park on campus. Instead, a decal gives the purchaser the right to park here. Nobody is any better off than anyone else.

Brown said she has not owned a decal for about one-and-a-half years. Prior to that, she did buy decals, but said she was still unable to find a place to park. Instead, she has decided to park where she can. Unfortunately, for her, the places she finds are often illegal, and she has received nine tickets this quarter alone.

Brown said the answer to the parking problem is to either use tuition and other fees to pay for the construction of parking structures, or else only sell as many decals as there are parking spots available. After that number has been reached, she said, the university should not “be allowed to ticket those people” who do not have decals.

UM President Neil Bucklew said last night that it would cost too much to build a parking structure at UM.

Instead, Bucklew said one answer to the problem is for more people to bike, walk or ride the bus to campus. He said that parking illegally is not an answer and added that he does not have a reserved spot, but must find a parking space wherever he can.

Nobody is satisfied with the parking situation. Some students, like Brown, consider themselves victims.

Riding the bus or carpooling may be the best answer to the situation, but for students with odd schedules or who have to be somewhere in a hurry, sometimes a car is the most practical answer.

Tearing up the laws around campus for new parking lots, or parking more and more on streets near campus until area residents complain, are not the best answers.

The solution lies somewhere between Brown’s and Bucklew’s answers. Parking illegally is out—cars can block fire lanes and create a potentially fatal situation. But walking to school in freezing weather, or trying to bike on ice doesn’t work too well either.

House Bill 98, being considered in the Legislature, would eliminate the current $10 per quarter limit on parking fees in the University System. An amendment included in the bill, sponsored by Rep. Cal Winslow, R-Billings, provides for student participation in determining parking fees. Fees would go up, but the increased revenue could be used for more parking, or perhaps, if students wanted to get involved, they could find an alternative solution missed by those in power.

If the bill passes, it might mean that Brown and Bucklew wouldn’t have to meet in the courtroom to find a solution to the problem in the parking lot.

Pam Newbern

Carrying On

By Bill Thomas

Happy Birthday M. L. K.

Yesterday, Jan. 15, was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday. He would have been 56 years old. But in our ignorance and hate we cut him down on April 4, 1968. It’s painful to think of all this nation and the world has lost.

But the time for mourning all the wonderful things that will never be, all those things we lost when he died, is long past. It is his life we honor on this day.

His public life began in 1955 when, at the age of 26, he was selected to lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The boycott had come in response to the injustice of racial segregation. The event that sparked the boycott was the arrest of Mrs. Rosa Parks for refusing to move out of her seat to accommodate a white.

The result of the boycott was a Supreme Court decision eliminating racial segregation on Alabama buses and the formation of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to which Dr. King was elected president.

He was to lead many more non-violent actions to secure the full rights of black citizens. Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, a year also marked by the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act.

But he didn’t want to be remembered for his honors and awards. In a 1968 sermon at Ebeneezer Baptist Church he said he wanted to be remembered because he “tried to give his life serving others, tried to feed the hungry, tried to clothe the naked, and tried to love and serve humanity. Remember me,” he said, “as a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness.”

These then are the things that stand out in his life.

He never gave up his vision of a decent world. His early opposition to the Viet Nam war cost him many friends, funds, and the support of the federal justice system. It highlighted his enemies.

He never gave up his commitment to non-violence and active peace. In his 1967 “A Christmas Sermon On Peace” he explained his commitment—“one day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means.”

There were many who viewed that commitment as a mark of weakness, who thought that a violent world requires violent means for change. But he never lost his faith in our capacity for goodness and his courage to turn that faith into action.

It seems strange now, in an age of smug-faced morality when national leaders can speak without shame of cutting resources for the needy while increasing those for mass destruction, a time when even the word ‘conscience’ strikes the ear oddly, to recall his times. But in recalling his times and his life, maybe we can see through the chaos of our own times.

Starting next year, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday will become a national holiday. So at least once a year we can recall his faith and his courage to measure against our own. And perhaps we’ll also recall his life and find hope. For by his example we know that even in the worst of times the spirit of peace can shine and grow within us.

Happy Birthday Martin Luther King.

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Words of wisdom

EDITOR: To Ms. Brown: Oh how pitiful it is to hear you can’t afford $10 for a parking decal. But you are able to pay for your car, insurance and gas. Ten dollars seems small compared to your $300 dollar parking violations.

You also seem upset that parking is difficult, but you don’t want to pay ten dollars? Try walking or riding a bike, or worst yet, try parking a few blocks from school and walking. What do you want; a high rise parking lot in the oval paid for by all students, regardless if they own a car?

Seems to me that Ms. Brown (Political-Prelaw major) should be concerned about other issues besides finding a convenient parking space. Seems to me the Kai min could find more interesting lead articles than one about someone who can’t park a couple blocks from school and afford a walk before class.

Chuck Hodge
Graduate, Non-Degree
and avid bike rider

Funds available

EDITOR: In response to the Jan. 15 article on the parking situation, the following questions were not answered. One, where does the money from the sale of parking tickets go to; two, what percentage does the UM get; three, what happens to the money from the parking tickets.

If 5,400 people pay $18.00 for a parking decal each year, $97,200 is generated. This does not include parking tickets and additional vehicle and motorcycle decals. If 5 percent of the money went to construction, $4,800 would be available for new parking lots. This would pay for two parking lots each year if Mr. Williams figures are correct. House Bill 98 does not need to raise more money, the available money just needs to be spent in the right place.

Editor, you need to make sure your reporters give the complete picture, not just part of it.

Pat Wood
Pre-Nursing
‘Dumb jock’ image inaccurate

(CPS)—The “dumb jock” image just isn’t accurate. Freshmen athletes at schools with major sports programs do as well academically as freshmen who don’t participate in athletics, a new study claims.

The study of over 4,000 freshmen at 57 different colleges nationwide shows students achieved a GPA of 2.5 regardless of whether they took part in their schools’ athletic programs, reports Douglas Conner, executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which sponsored the study.

“Each athlete was matched with a non-athlete who had comparable academic preparation for entering college,” Conner says, allowing the researchers to better compare the effects of athletic involvement on freshman academic performance.

Many college presidents and other experts argue students should not be allowed to participate in sports their first year of college because it drives down their grades. Among other things, the experts charge, students have enough trouble adapting to college life without the added time requirements and pressures of sports.

Despite the new study, there’s still evidence that sports do hurt classwork.

Eighty percent of Arizona State’s football players, for instance, have received grade deficiency notices this term, according to an article in the State Press, the campus paper.

At the same time, University of Arizona athletes’ grades have risen slightly this semester, officials there report, mainly due to a new emphasis on athletes’ academic performance.

In response to such controversy, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) plans to make freshmen athletes meet tougher grade requirements beginning in 1986.

The requirements, known as Proposal 48, will require freshmen to have a minimum 2.0 high school GPA and at least a 700 score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) before they can play sports. But many college sports officials oppose Proposal 48, saying it will do little to improve freshmen athletes’ grades.

Moreover, many black leaders argue it will unfairly affect black and other minority students, who tend to score lower on standardized tests because of cultural biases inadvertently built in to the tests.

A new University of Michigan study does conclude SAT scores “are virtually unrelated to an athlete’s college grade point averages, especially when a strong academic support program is involved.”

Of the 43 UM freshmen who would have been disqualified under Rule 48, 31 were black, the researchers note. Only four of the 43 actually failed to graduate.

The new AACRAO study supports such arguments, Conner says, by shattering the conventional wisdom that freshman athletes don’t do as well academically as non-athletes.

In fact, Conner points out the study found student athletes consistently showed more persistence and better academic standing at the end of their freshman year than non-athletes.

At the same time, based on their SAT scores and high school grades, athletes actually scored better grades than they were supposed to during their freshman year, while non-athletes scored exactly the grades they were projected to achieve.

One of the reasons for the unexpectedly high scores of the athletes may have been “the academic support services such as counseling and tutoring provided for the athletes,” Conner speculates.

CB meeting

Interviews for the four vacant Central Board seats were held last night by ASUM President Phoebe Patterson, but Patterson was unsure if she would have her selections for tonight’s meeting because she was unable to contact some of the 17 students who applied for the positions.

At tonight’s meeting, which will be held in the University Center Montana Rooms at 7 p.m., the board will decide if MontPIRG will be allowed to conduct its elections with the ASUM elections in February. For the last two years, ASUM and MontPIRG have held joint elections.

Also at the meeting, ASUM election by-laws will be reviewed and the vacant graduate student seat on the University Planning Council will be filled.

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Wrestlers to tackle NMC, Idaho State this week

The University of Montana wrestling team takes on Northern Montana College and Idaho State this week with momentum on its side after topping a pair of teams the Grizzlies had never beaten before.

UM beat Washington State 27-21 and raised its Big Sky Conference record to 2-0 by outscoring Boise State 28-20 in Missoula last week.

The 6-4 Grizzlies travel to Valier to take on Northern, a squad UM beat 29-16 earlier this season. Thursday night UM will play host to defending Big Sky Champion Idaho State in Adams Field House at 7:30.

Fourth-year Grizzly Coach Scott Bliss said "we need to build up a good lead in the lower weight classes, because Idaho State is especially strong in the upper weights." He added that the Bengals, who will be in their first dual meet of the season, were "the best team in the conference before Christmas, but they haven't had any meets since the break. We could have a little bit of an edge because we've been back in competition for two weeks. Also, last weekend's wins should give us momentum."

UM is led by 126-pounder Brian Waddell with a 12-3-1 record, 5-0 against Big Sky foes, and Jeff Castro, who is 9-4 and 2-0 in the league at 134 pounds. Castro was named co-conference wrestler of the week after beating defending Big Sky champion Stan Armstrong of Boise 3-2 and Washington State's Ted Parker 12-2. Castro is the first UM grappler to win the award in Bliss's four years as coach.

Waddell's brother, Steve, is 8-5 for UM going into tonight's meet at Valier and 158-pounder Jim Giulio is 4-1-1. Vince Hughes at 177 pounds and Steve Reach at 142 are UM's other wrestlers with winning records with 4-0 and 7-6 marks respectively.

Bliss said key matchups for the Grizzlies against Idaho State will be at 116 pounds where Steve Waddell takes on Julio Torres, 134 where Castro goes up against Jim Duffy and at 158 where Giulio is pitted against Jon Cook.

In Brief

Swimming

The University of Montana swimming and diving team won 10 of 16 events enroute to a 84-55 win over Idaho last Saturday afternoon at the Grizzly Pool. UM got double wins from Kristi Tonkin, sophomore Karin Schanzle and freshmen Michele Bazzano and Karen Dobias. Tonkin won the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes with times of 1:04.94 and 2:15.61. Schanzle won the 500-freestyle in 5:23.10 and the 400-individual medley in 4:57.25. Bazzano took first place in the 1000-freestyle with a time of 10:51.21 and a 200-yard butterfly with 2:14.77. Dobias wins came in the 100 and 200 yard breaststrokes with times of 1:06.61 and 2:31.38.

The squad will have its next match this Saturday against Washington State University in Pullman, Wa.
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NSE offers change of scenery
By Colette Cornelius
Kaimin Reporter
University of Montana students who are looking for a change of scenery, yet not wanting to leave permanently, may be interested in the National Student Exchange (NSE) program.
NSE is a program that allows a student from one university to attend another for a period of one academic quarter to a year.
"One of the best things about NSE is that a student can attend the host campus and pay in-state fees at that campus or continue to pay the fees at their home campus," said Bill Johnston, national student exchange coordinator for the UM admissions office.
Johnston said that in most cases the exchange program does not disrupt the student's academic program at UM.
Foreign students at UM, who are interested in applying, are asked to inquire about the program and each case will be heard individually, according to Jed Liston, NSE assistant.
Foreign students usually do not have problems getting into the exchange program, but some universities are hesitant about accepting them because there is a "lot of red tape," Liston said.
Johnston said the requirements for application to the program are:
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Survey says college teacher shortage possible in the next decade

(CPS)—Poor pay and shrinking enrollment are driving Ph.D.s away from college teaching careers and into more lucrative fields, a current study shows, and the trend could mean there'll be fewer talented professors in classes in the next decade.

In a survey of 58 colleges, Howard R. Bowen and Jack Schuster, education professors at California's Claremont Graduate School, found the deteriorating academic climate is persuading top professors and graduate students to abandon higher education careers. The result, they say, may be a shortage of good college teachers.

"The nagging worries and decreased job security facing professors today are persuading the brightest Ph.D. recipients to seek employment in other fields," Bowen told participants at the recent joint convention of the American Council on Education and the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges in Denver.

While current faculties are "the best equipped for the job we've ever had," Bowen notes, "the flight of current people in higher education and of young people choosing careers will mean more education openings than can be filled."

"There will be as many as 500,000 college teaching positions open in the next 25 years, Bowen says. "And the numbers could be even greater in the next 15 years if conditions in higher education continue to deteriorate."

"The academic community must begin now to compete," he adds. "Recruitment of new faculty is the most important task of higher education."

To entice top quality Ph.D.s into higher education, colleges need to offer competitive salaries, incentives and working conditions, Bowen said in a recent telephone interview.

But slipping enrollment could wreck those offers. "Faculty salaries are controlled by political and economic factors," he says. "Private schools depend on enrollment. So do public schools, but they need their legislatures to offset losses."

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Coalition to challenge UTU

By Kevin Twidwell
KLN Staff Reporter

A group of University of Montana professors is trying to end the University Teacher's Union's exclusive right to represent the faculty in collective bargaining with the Montana Board of Regents but UTU President Peter Koehn cautioned the group "to fully weigh the consequences" of such an action while the UTU is "fighting for funding" at the Legislature.

Walter Hill, a UM professor and member of the Coalition of University Professors (CUP), the group that is seeking the decertification of the UTU, said Tuesday that the UTU has represented the faculty for six years and "it is time to hold an election to see if the faculty thinks the UTU has been effective."

According to Linda Skaar, a labor mediator for the Board of Personnel Appeals in Helena, the CUP must submit to the board by Jan. 31 a petition calling for decertification of the UTU and proof that 30 percent of the faculty represented by the UTU wants the decertification. The board will then hold a UM faculty election to determine if the majority of the faculty wants the decertification. Although there is no specific time period in which an election must be held, Skaar said, it would be "fairly soon" after the petition is received by the board.

One reason Hill said he is opposed to UTU representation is that the union "has no real way to deal with those who control the purse strings."

Koehn disagreed saying he UTU is currently working with the Legislature for improved funding and is bargaining with the Board of Regents over salaries and working conditions.

He also said the UTU has a legislative representative in Helena and is working with the Montana Federation of Teachers, which is affiliated with the UTU and has lobbyists working at the Legislature.

Koehn said the CUP has a legal right to seek new representation but asked who would represent the UM faculty and "who will do what we are doing" in the Legislature? CUP member Professor Keith Osterheld, who said he is philosophically against unions, suggested an elected faculty committee to replace the UTU.

Osterheld said he is confident the group will receive the 30 percent needed for the election but said the election will be decided by the one third of the faculty that neither strongly opposes nor supports the union.

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