UM law student named to Board of Regents

By Kevin Twidwell
Kaimin Staff Reporter

A University of Montana law student was appointed by Gov. Ted Schwinden Tuesday to fill the soon-to-be-vacated student seat on the Montana Board of Regents.

David Paoli, a second-year law student and a 1983 UM political science graduate from Great Falls, said he is "pleasantly surprised" that the governor chose him to fill the seat, which will be vacated Jan. 31 by present student regent Darla Keck.

Keck, a first-year law student at UM from Havre, said she decided not to seek a fourth term as student regent because she wanted to devote more time to her studies.

Three applicants from each of the six units of the Montana University System were solicited by the governor for the seat, but only UM and Montana State University submitted the requested number. Western Montana College and Eastern Montana College each submitted one application and one independent applied for the seat.

Interviews were held Jan. 25 and Paoli, who worked on Gov. Schwinden's re-election campaign last summer, was chosen to fill the vacancy. Paoli said most of the other applicants were affiliated with the governor.

In a telephone interview yesterday Gov. Schwinden said Paoli was chosen because "he is a 'hard worker' and will make a 'first-class regent.'"

"We had some excellent candidates but Mr. Paoli stood out on top of the heap," he said.

Paoli, who was a noseguard for the UM Grizzlies from 1976-1981, said he has requested materials from the Board of Regents to prepare for his first regent meeting, which will be Feb. 7 and 8. Also in preparation for his first meeting, he will go to Helena Friday to meet with Irving Dayton, Commissioner of Higher Education, to review administrative matters, he said.

"I am very excited and am looking forward to the new job," he said.

ASUM President Phoebe Patterson said nine students from UM applied for the position but she could only send three applications to the governor.

"I think Dave is a really good choice and will be a competent regent," she said.

Proposed Senate bill would allow investment earnings to remain at UM

By Jeff McDowell
Kaimin Legislative Reporter

HELENA—ASUM would continue to receive about $8,100 annually in interest earnings under a bill now before the Montana Senate.

Senate Bill 147 would allow for interest earned on certain University System and student accounts in the state short-term investment pool to be returned to the system and to student groups rather than to the state general fund.

Jack Noble, deputy commissioner of higher education for management and fiscal affairs, said the bill would bring the interest earnings for student governments into conformity with the state accounting practices. Student money is now invested in an agency fund account, Noble said, and the interest earned is paid back to the student governments.

However, he said the legislative auditor has recommended that this practice be discontinued and that the student funds be accounted for separately, which would cause any interest earned to go to the state general fund under present law.

Noble also said the bill would allow the University System to earn interest on computer service fees at the various campuses.

That interest could then be used to purchase computer equipment, he said, rather than take money out of the campus operating budgets.

The bill applies especially to the University of Montana. Noble said, because it needs to replace its aging DEC System 20 computer.

Noble said the University System now has no incentive to put the computer fees into the investment program because the interest earned goes to the general fund rather than back to the University System.

According to the fiscal note accompanying the bill, it would reduce revenue to the general fund by about $350,000 for the biennium.

However, Noble said he calculated the reduced revenue.

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Dorm 'bugs' aid RAs' in monitor duties

By Dan Black
Kaimin Contributing Reporter

The use of electronic listening devices in the hallways of three University of Montana dormitories has never been questioned, Residence Halls Director Ron Brunell said Wednesday.

Brunell said the devices monitor the hallways of Aber Knowles and Jesse Halls so resident assistants or night desk attendants can listen to any problems such as wild parties "getting out of control." Each dormitory floor has a loudspeaker that can transmit announcements as well as pick up sounds which are monitored at the main office of the dormitory, he said.

Brunell said that the monitors have been in the hallways since the buildings were built in the mid-1960s and he has never heard of a student complaint about the system.

Brunell said that the residence halls staff doesn't generally inform students about the monitors.

"I just assume most students know about it," he said.

See 'Bugs,' page 8.

Staff photo by Michael Moore.
Opinion

Excellent decision

On Monday, the Montana House of Representatives approved an amended version of House Bill 111, which would include the University System under the state veteran and handicap-preference hiring law.

The bill was amended on the House floor during the second reading to exclude work-study and student employment programs and will now go to the Senate for consideration.

The move to amend the bill was an excellent decision on the part of legislators.

Editorial

Although the law would only be used as a tie-breaker between two equally qualified applicants for a job, student employment and work-study programs are not the places to enforce it. It would be unfair to deny a student a job simply because his or her opponent happens to be a veteran or is handicapped. Many veterans and handicapped persons have training programs available to them that are not available to non-veteran, non-handicapped students. It would be unfair to give these groups an additional advantage of preferred hiring.

Certainly veterans and the handicapped should not be discriminated against, but neither should they be given unfair advantages. Singing out any group for preference is a dangerous precedent, since the system is open to abuse. Qualified applicants can be denied a job because they are not part of the “preferred group.”

A university is a place to learn and to gain experience—opportunities which should be open to all students. The state should concentrate on creating and expanding more programs that would provide training for all students, including, but not limited to, veterans and the handicapped.

Another sound step

Congratulations to the ASUM Legal Services Office. Because it hired students, rather than a professional secretary to do its office work, it was able to save ASUM $5,000. During the last year, it is a rare student group that gives ASUM money, rather than taking it and asking for more.

ASUM can now use these funds to provide more funds for other ASUM groups. It should consider giving some of the funds to ASUM Day Care, a group which has also worked hard to cut its budget during the past year.

Operating under a $16,000 deficit, the day care program has reduced its staff and has done everything possible to reduce its expenses without reducing its quality. With more money, day care could provide care for some of the approximately 50 children on its waiting list and could take steps toward setting up a combined faculty-staff/student child care facility.

Recognition

There are several individuals and groups around UM who deserve special recognition for their work. Among these are several who help students achieve their ultimate goal of graduation. They are:

- Jean Spoon and Sue Finstich-Smith, statisticians in the UM Registrar’s Office. These two employees are in charge of checking and processing at least 1,700 to 1,800 graduation applications each year, a long and tedious process without which no student could graduate.

- Donald Spencer, associate dean of the UM graduate school. Spencer and other members of his staff are in charge of reading and approving the theses and dissertations of UM’s graduate students, also a long and tedious process without which few graduate students could graduate.

Pam Newbern

Carrying On

By Bill Thomas

The University’s New Clothes

McDonald’s bags make a great surface for tag football.

That brings up a third objection—who will pay to maintain two stadiums? Will we tear down more buildings or replace more maintenance workers with work-study students to save maintenance costs? Or, will we ask students and taxpayers to pick up the tab?

Finally, there is the issue of where we are headed. Perhaps much of the recently-surfaced opposition to the football stadium is really an indication of some deeper discontent in the university community. To some it appears that every increasing amounts of energy are being devoted to matters outside the traditional Liberal Arts mission of the university. Is the heart of UM and the needs of students suffer from neglect?

For instance, why is it that there was little institutional support to keep Scholars Press at UM? Why was the Italian language program allowed to die? Why is it that most academic departments must scrump even on paper clips while the football crowd jets off to the Orient? Why is it that the faculty must pay most of the costs out of pocket to attend an educational conference to read a paper while hoardes of coaches fly around the country to find a promising nose tackle?

It’s a matter of priorities. We are told we need a new football stadium because Dornblaser is the shabbiest in the Big Sky Conference. Its appearance is deplorable. But what about the more substantive educational problems here such as large classes and inadequate library holdings? The new general education requirements are a significant step in the right direction, but how about more book money and more teachers?

In choosing to focus on appearances rather than substance, we’ve become like the Emperor with new clothes. We may, with our boosterism and new stadium, think we’ve never looked better. But, like the child in the storybook, I point and say “we’ve got no clothes on!”
Stereotyped punks

EDITOR: In reply to “Tough Punks” by Kateri Klaesens, I found her story to be very true on the dictation of facts in management class.

To briefly re-state the incident that occurred in those two disrupted days in management class. Two students refused to give their names to the professor so he could check the role for registration purposes. These two for some reason carried on to verbally assault and threaten the professor. The above is basically what Kateri’s letter talked about.

Refering back to one statement in Kateri’s letter she stated: “Now, I heard some call them “jocks” but I know that’s not true, since I know that an athlete needs a higher mentality than these two seemed to possess.” Unless Kateri was being sarcastic saying that these two have a lower mentality than athlet- eletes, I must label her as being stereotypical against certain groups which to me seems ridiculous. Why can’t people judge a person on who they are. Then if you can’t appreciate them don’t associate with them.

Kateri’s statement in a sense was as unthought-out as those two people who labeled those two as being “jocks.” People are individuals. Kateri show me two snow flakes that are alike — I would be interested.

Peter H. Keller
Freshman, General
Good morale and hard work helps Lady Griz track team

By Stan Zozotarski
K Бо Contributing Reporter

The University of Montana's Lady Griz team appears solid following the Mountain States Invitational Track meet in Pocatello, Idaho earlier this month.

The thinclad had good showings in the sprints, the jumps, and the middle distances, according to Head Coach Dick Koontz and his assistant Jim Wharton.

Vivienne Spence broke UM indoor track records at the 55 and the 400-meter distances. Paula Chiesa won the 500-meter in 1:18.88, 2.5 seconds off the school record—Koontz said, and he is hopeful that she will break the record this year.

Backing Chiesa up in the sprints is Paula Good, who was a finalist in the 55-meter dash and ran the first leg of the 1600-meter relay. "Paula gave us the lead in the relay which the team never relinquished," Koontz said.

Koontz added that the team's middle distance runners appear to be making progress. Junior Kelli Corey ran the 800 meters in Pocatello, and Junior Sue Schleuch ran the 1500 and a leg in the 1600-meter relay. "Although the times were not real fast, they were respectable for this time of the year," Koontz said.

In the hurdles, Koontz said, the Lady Griz show promise. Three of UM's four hurdlers had never run a college race. These performances were paced by senior Sheri Martinez, a second-place finisher in her qualifying heat. Koontz said, "She made the finals and ran well until she fell down."

Jennifer Harlan also made the finals in the hurdles at Pocatello. "Jennifer ran excellent races for a freshman," Koontz said. "We feel she is going to be a great athlete."

A new school record was set in the triple jump, an event that was introduced to the Mountain West Conference last spring. Freshman Sherry Angstman leaped 35-4 3⁄4 in the triple jump, less than two feet shy of the MWAC record. "She has had very little training with us," Wharton said. "Her record effort was based on her own ability."

The Lady Griz lack depth in the distance events, according to the coaches, primarily due to injuries. "Five of the people from the conference champion cross-country team are not competing right now," Koontz explained. "We need to get them healed so they can build a training base. We want to alleviate any pressures that could occur in the outdoor season because of a lack of training."

Mentally and emotionally, the team appears to be in good shape at this point, according to Wharton. "There is real team spirit this year," he said. "They have all made the commitment to training, and they're eager."

The coaches are working to keep this morale strong. They said they hope that the added spirit will lead to top efforts in the spring. "We're making a conscious effort to keep the athletes from peaking early," Wharton said. "We're maintaining their strengths, while working on skills."

The coaches began increasing the tempo of the team's workouts after the Pocatello meet. "We want to increase the intensity of the workouts this week, and then increase it little by little," Koontz said.

All is not hard work though, as the coaches give the athletes occasional days off after periods of hard training. The coaches feel that the rest days help prevent overtraining.

Koontz and Wharton both agree it's too early to predict how the Lady Griz will finish in the conference this spring. The prospects, however, look promising to Koontz. "We feel we're much stronger than last year," he said. "I feel we have the potential to score in every area of the conference meet, except the high-jump where we need some improvement."

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Fall injuries

A UM Security vehicle, a fire truck and an ambulance responded yesterday when a University of Montana student slipped and fell on an icy campus sidewalk.

Grace Rieker, a UM freshman and handicapped student, was taken to St. Patrick Hospital for observation after she fell on the sidewalk between the University Center and Rankin Hall just before her 11 a.m. class.

Rieker fell on her back and hit her head, and suffered spine and neck injuries and a concussion. She was released from the hospital at about 2 p.m.

"The sidewalks have been bad all year," Rieker said, adding that she hopes they will be sanded.

As a result of her injuries, Rieker said she will spend a week in bed recovering.

Correction

A story in yesterday's Kaimin incorrectly stated that Tom Payne, University of Montana political science department chairman, was a member of the Manhattan Project—the project that was responsible for the development of the atomic bomb during World War II. Payne did not have anything to do with the project.

The story also said that Payne said there are more than 67 international factions in the world today. It should have said that there are more than 167 international factions in the world today.
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He said that there are no specific rules for those who use the listening system, but he trusts the common sense of the residence assistants and night desk attendants not to abuse the system and invade privacy.

He said that the system is "rarely if ever abused," and "isn't a real threat to students' privacy."

Tony Kendall, a third-year law student at the University of Montana, disagrees.

Kendall says that the system is intrusive and might be in conflict with the Montana State Constitution which states that every person has the right to privacy.

Bruce Barrett, ASUM Legal Services attorney, said that the hallway monitors are probably legal because the hallways are not "private domain," and don't belong by contract only to the students living in the dormitory. "Many public places have cameras and the like," he said.

Brunell, however, said that the hallways are not really public and not completely private. He said that in a recent court decision involving Avon salesmen and university officials, salesmen weren't allowed in dormitory hallways because they are not public areas.

"They aren't completely private either," Brunell added.

Barrett said that while there are some unanswered questions about the legality of the monitors, a sign stating their purpose would rule out any legal questions of unethical eavesdropping.

The potential for abuse is there, Brunell said. But, he added, "the system isn't used that way."

Six residence assistants that were contacted also said that the system is not used to eavesdrop. It is used about once a week mostly to check noise levels and page janitors, they said.

Senate

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to the general fund at just over $200,000.

Tom Cross of the Governor's Budget Office said part of the difference in the calculations is because the larger figure calculated by the University System includes about $40,000 interest that would go to the state vocational-technical centers.

Cross also said the budget office calculated the average balance of the University System account in the investment program at about $1.5 million, while Noble stated the average balance was about $1.3 million.

Cross also said that the budget office estimated that 10 percent of the University System's designated fund would be withheld from the investment program to provide a ready supply of cash for immediate needs.

He said that Noble estimated withholding 20 percent of the University System's funds from the investment program, which would reduce the amount of interest the system earns and also accounts for part of the difference in the effect on the state general fund.

THE RESIDENCE HALLS OFFICE IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING RESIDENT ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 1985-1986 ACADEMIC YEAR

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