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UM faculty salaries among lowest in Rocky Mountain region

By Brett French
Kaimin Special Sections Editor

The University of Montana is struggling in the competitive national and regional bid for new faculty members because the salaries it offers lag behind those of other peer institutions, UM administrators and union officials said this week.

Burke Townsend, president of the University Teachers' Union, said, "Undoubtedly, we've not only seen people leave for better jobs, but we've also been unable to attract new faculty."

Gerald Gordon, management analyst at UM institutional research, said that there were about 14 resignations and terminations among full time faculty at UM in the 1984-85 school year. The office does not keep statistics on reasons instructors leave.

A recent study conducted by the University of Idaho compared faculty salaries in the Rocky Mountain region. UM was shown to pay the lowest salaries in the categories of professor, associate professor, assistant professor and instructor. The University of Utah, Arizona State University and University of Wyoming topped the list for faculty pay. UM is somewhat more competitive with other Rocky Mountain region universities at the assistant professor and instructor level, but a substantial gap still exists.

The average salary for a UM professor is about 30 percent, or roughly $10,000 lower than the average ASU professor's salary.

The 1985 Legislature passed a 1.5 percent pay increase for the workers at Montana's institutions of higher education in 1985-86 academic year and a 3.5 percent raise for 1986-87, but most agree that the increase wasn't sufficient.

Glenn Williams, vice president of fiscal affairs, agreed saying that the University of Montana's faculty salaries are "certainly inadequate for the times." But Williams is quick to stress that there are a number of reasons that people come to work at a university.

"A certain amount of people want to live here," Williams said. "But to build an entire faculty on that is extremely difficult."

In early September, Carroll Krause, acting state commissioner of higher education, said the state's colleges and universities have lost 10 to 15 percent of their faculties this year, including many of the finest instructors. Most are being drawn away by higher-paying jobs at schools in other states where funding is increasing, he said.

Robert Connole, acting dean of UM's School of Business, said turnover among his faculty is very low. He said only one person — associate professor Patrick Shannon — has left within the last year.

Shannon said in a telephone interview that his salary was "not the motivating reason, but that it was a factor" for his transfer to Boise State University.

However, Shannon said that the recent pay increase "could have been doubled if the union dues were dropped. I don't see the union as helping salaries at all."

He said a more likely reason for faculty turnover in the future will be the lack of secretarial and computer services. "Scenery just isn't worth it up to a point," he said.

"It doesn't surprise me that the salary appropriation was so low," Shannon said. "There are just too many universities in Montana. The tax base can't support them all."

The average professor's salary in the school of business is around $36,000. Connole said. In comparison, the average salary among other comparable accredited business schools in the nation is about $45,000.
Opinion

What to take from here

"If I had children and could manage it, I would have them study only languages and history, but also singing and music together with the whole of mathematics."

Written in a letter from Martin Luther to the councilmen of Germany, this statement tells of the importance of 16th Century scholars placed on a well-rounded, liberal education.

Until recently, the majority of 20th Century scholars also believed in a well-rounded education. A great many students entered universities in pursuit of an education, not simply a degree. A primary objective of education was self-improvement with the idea that society as a whole would benefit from well-educated individuals.

Editorial

Lately, however, the emphasis of universities has been changing. Students are looking to universities not for the knowledge they will gain but for the job they will land upon graduation.

A study of University of Montana enrollment is a good example of this change in society. In Fall Quarter 1968, only six percent of UM students listed their major as business administration while 63 percent were arts and science majors and 2.8 percent were liberal arts majors. In Fall Quarter 1975, eight percent of UM students were business majors, 66 percent were arts and science majors and one percent were liberal arts majors. In Fall Quarter 1984, however, business administration claimed 19 percent of UM students, arts and sciences had dipped to 48 percent and liberal arts had only a miniscule one-half of one percent.

Universities are becoming less and less a place where students learn to think and look around them and challenge what they see, and more and more like vocational centers. The goal of universities—to set students on a path of learning that will continue throughout their lives—is becoming obscured. Thus, education is reduced to simply completing the required courses, taking easy electives and getting out into the "real world."

Obviously, in today's world one cannot survive on education alone. Competition for jobs is often fierce and students should try and prepare themselves for some kind of vocation.

But students must also remember that money isn't everything and a good job is not necessarily one that promises the highest salary. A student who declares a major solely for the job it promises and who seeks to finish school as quickly as possible is only cheating himself—cheating himself out of an education and cheating himself out of a career in something that he might find more enjoyable.

Students should look at what they enjoy and what they are good at and base their course of study how they can apply these to a potential career. The critical question a student should ask herself is not what kind of job am I going to get, but what kind of person am I going to become.

Toward this end a liberal arts education should not be so overlooked. In a rapidly changing world no one knows what field will be in vogue in 5 or 10 years. A student with a well-rounded education will be much better prepared to keep pace with changes.

So, whether you be a senior or a freshman, plan to enroll in a wide variety of courses while at UM. Study a foreign language and philosophy and literature and history, as well as business and mathematics. In the end it will make your college days more enjoyable. At the very least it will give you an education, not simply a degree. And that, after all, is what we all should take from here.

Tim Huneck

“The computer apologizes but seems to think that since it was manmade it made a mistake of this magnitude was inevitable.”

Bill Thomas
Carrying On

 Weird Sociology

Have you sensed that things are just a little off around campus this fall? It's not just me is it?

I can't quite put my finger on it, but it's more than just the usual beginning-of-fall quarter readjustment. It's like suddenly noticing that everyone in the Copper Commons is wearing mismatched green socks or has his shirt buttoned one hole off. It's just, well, weird.

For instance, how about registration this fall? Did it feel all wrong for you too? The Ball Room felt very hot and cramped; everyone was really on edge. It felt kind of scary there for a while, like being between floors in a crowded elevator. Some might attribute this to all the hassles and bad vibes in the financial aid department, but I have other suspicions. It's those sociologists.

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Then again, it could just be the full moon coming on.

Take my neighbors, to paraphrase Henry Youngman, please. There are some mighty peculiar things going on at the fraternities and sororities these days. The guys down the street have a couple of hot tubs on their front yard and the place has arc lights and a pile of mattresses in the yard, and the folks across from them have lined their walkway with pink flamingoes and palm trees. Rush week is always a little strange, and I can tolerate the folks next door putting on black robes and torching the anchor on their lawn, but this year things seem especially bizarre in little Athens. What is going on down there? Maybe that cloud of hormones that has been settling in over campus for the past week or so has reached some sort of critical mass.

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Then, as I was taking my mental hygiene hike up Mount Sentinel the other day some bozo on a mountain bike went screaming by me, bouncing around and half out of control. Here I am doing this zen thing up on the mountain, and this twelve speed version of Evil Kneivel in black shorts and golfing gloves pops up. At least Of Evil wore a helmet. Then on the way down I met another fellow actually peddling up the switchbacks. We're talking low marble count here, folks.

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ACROSS
1 Snake
4 Hardy heroine
8 Poison
12 Pedal digit
13 Country of Asia
14 Preposition
15 Guido's high note
16 Brings into peril
18 Compact
20 Face of clock
21 Latin conjunction
22 Lamprey
23 Verve
27 Sum up
29 Equality
30 Self-respect
31 French article
32 In place of
33 Possesses
34 Exists
35 Brimless cap
37 Small child
38 Unit of Siamese currency
39 Quarrel
40 Cut
41 Spanish article
44 Falls short
47 Public vehicle
50 Couple
52 Comfort
54 Anger
55 Mountains of Europe
56 Let it stand
57 Everybody's uncle

DOWN
1 The sweetsop
2 Piece for one
3 Tolled
4 Bound
5 Sea eagle
6 More mournful
7 Gastropod mollusk
8 Human alarm clocks?
9 Imitate
10 Opp. of So.
11 Abstract being
12 A continent: abbr.
13 Italy: abbr.
17 A continent:
18 Roman 51
25 Mine entrance
26 Bird's home
27 Priest's vestments
28 Profound
29 Vessel
30 Strobe
32 Shackles
33 In what manner?
34 Sun god
35 Male cat
36 Hindu cymbals
37 Tear
38 Excuses
39 Apportions
40 Babylonian deity
41 Peer Gynt's mother
42 Pronoun
43 That man
44 Part of violin
45 Unit of Italian currency
46 Star
47 Public vehicle
48 Sun god
49 Tear
50 Peer Gynt's mother
51 Small amount
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Soviets will attack before winter's end, prophet says

By Kevin Twidwell
Kalmm News Editor

The world won't end but the Soviet Union will launch a surprise nuclear attack on the United States sometime this winter, according to a self-proclaimed prophet from Utah.

Leland Freeborn, 43, from Parowan, Utah, said Wednesday that the attack or its exchange will take place but added, "We will not get through this winter before the Russians attack.

Freeborn, an excommunicated Mormon and practicing polygamist, said he saw the attack in numerous visions and meetings with Jesus Christ, God, Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon religion, and many other biblical characters.

The visions began in 1975 while he was in a three week coma after narrowly surviving an airplane crash in Utah.

While he was in a coma he crossed 'the veil to the other side' and watched as the Soviet representatives at the arms control talks stormed out of the negotiations and later launched a surprise nuclear attack on the United States.

Economist claims he was duped into starting Hellgate fire

By Robert Marshall
Kalmm News Editor

A U.S. Forest Service economist accused of lighting a fire that burned 1,450 acres of the Hellgate Canyon will appear in court today for a hearing to determine if there is evidence to support the charges.

Leland Freeborn, 43, from Parowan, Utah, said Wednesday that he is sure the fire was started by a caller claiming to be a prescribed burn by a caller claiming to be a prescribed burn by a caller claiming to be a prescribed burn.

Freeborn was asked to start a prescribed burn behind the peak of Mount Sentinel.

The fire, which started at the base of Mount Sentinel adjacent to the University of Montana, burned for more than six days, and about 1,000 firefighters were needed to extinguish it. The cost of controlling the blaze was more than $1.5 million.

The fire destroyed a large part of the south slope of Hellgate Canyon and threatened the long distance phone service microwave relay, located behind the peak of Mount Sentinel. If that relay had been destroyed, long distance service to western Montana would have been wiped out temporarily.

A possible connection has surfaced between a July 9 fire that burned 1,450 acres of the Hellgate Canyon and a fire at the University of Montana that burned 1,000 acres of the Hellgate Canyon blaze, which occurred three days later.

Steve Jorgenson of the Department of State Lands said he has found similarities in the descriptions of the voices and the way two separate phone calls were made.

Cook, who has been suspended from his job with the Forest Service, says that he was asked to start a prescribed burn by a caller claiming to be a prescribed burn.

In the Nicklaus hoax, calls were made to various hotels and golf courses claiming that
The University of Montana Foundation voted to divest about $40,000 from two U.S. companies that do business in South Africa at its semi-annual board meeting last August.

The foundation divested $15,000 from Chesebrough-Pond's Inc. and $20,000 to $25,000 from the Fruehauf Corp.

In addition, the foundation adopted a resolution to further divest from any companies that did not support the Sullivan Plan, a plan which requires corporations to practice fair employment and non-segregation in the work place. Neither Chesebrough-Pond's Inc. nor Fruehauf Corp. adhered to the plan.

According to David Little, the public relations officer for the foundation, the board feels that selective divestment would be more beneficial to blacks than total divestment.

"The foundation feels that in the long run complete divestment would do more damage than good," Little said. "They feel it would end up hurting the workers.

Also, the foundation decided to review their investment policies once a year to decide whether to further divest or to reinvest. Little said.

The foundation decided to divest in response to two resolutions, one from the University Teacher's Union (UTU) and the other from the Faculty Senate.

The resolution from the UTU asked the foundation for total divestment. The Faculty Senate called for adherence to the Sullivan Principles and also a refusal by the foundation to have any money involved in government loans or loans to companies with investments with the government.

Pressure to divest was exerted on the foundation not only from the faculty but the student body as well. Last spring student activists campaigned for complete divestiture, while Central Board passed a resolution asking that the foundation took a stand on the apartheid issue, neither feel that the foundation went far enough.

According to Burke Townsend, UTU president, the UTU will take further action against the foundation if further action is not taken.

"I have written a letter to the foundation which said that if further steps weren't taken within a year then the foundation will be taken off our list of charity organizations," Townsend said.

UM Foundation divests $40,000 from firms in South Africa

By Janice Zabel
Senior Editor

The recent resignation of Ben Stout, dean of the School of Forestry, means that a third dean must now be replaced at the University of Montana, with both the school of business and of education searching for deans.

Stout, whose resignation goes into effect November 1, will be the program manager of a national research project in New York City to study the effects of pollutants on forest growth.

He said although he will miss UM, it is time to move on. Stout also mentioned a lot of exciting research going on at UM but wishes more could be done to reward the productivity.

Stout's major complaint was that he could reward good work with merit only. That is not the way great universities are built.

"New technology comes where you have well-paid people," he said. "We need to pay the really productive people but there's no way for an administrator to do that on this campus."

Although he believes that low salaries have a "dampening effect on productivity of the faculty," Stout said that funding for research is available to those who work hard.

Stout's resignation was the third one at UM this past year. Earlier this summer John Pulliam, UM's dean of the School of Education, resigned to accept the position of education dean at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Kathleen Miller, associate professor, will be the acting dean until a replacement is found.

Robert Connelle will continue as acting dean of the School of Forestry in the meantime since a replacement for Paul Blomgren has not been found.

UM education, business and forestry schools seek new deans

By Faith Keshlear
Kaimin Reporter

The search for new deans has been unsuccessful so far because of the low salary offered.

City primary election results

Lovegrove tallied up 907 votes, with Bob O'Connor taking in 702 and Martha Powell receiving 459 votes.

The Missoula electorate also voted down an initiative that would have prohibited the city of Missoula from pursuing its attempt to acquire the city's water system, now owned by the California-based Mountain Water Co. The vote allows the city to begin condemnation proceedings against the company.

In the Ward 1 city council race Democratic incumbent Fred Rice defeated David C. Gilligan, 526-251. In the Nov.5 general election Rice will face the California-based Mountain

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Grizzly cager dies in car accident over summer

By Robert Marshall
Kaimin Associate Editor

University of Montana basketball forward Herb Jones, 20, died Sept. 2 in an automobile accident near Spencer, Idaho, just south of the Montana border on Interstate 15. Jones' vehicle crossed the center line of the two-lane highway and collided head-on with a motor home driven by Joseph N. Allen of Filet, Idaho, according to an Idaho police report.

Jones died before ambulances arrived. Allen was hospitalized in Idaho Falls and his wife was treated for minor injuries and released. Jones' vehicle crossed the center line of the two-lane highway and collided head-on with a motor home driven by Joseph N. Allen of Filet, Idaho, according to an Idaho police report.

Jones was a third-year sophomore at UM where he was majoring in business administration.

By John F. Hector
Kaimin Sports Editor

Renovation of the Grizzly Pool, closed since June 1, is nearing completion and should meet the promised reopening date of January 1, 1986, said Howard Johnson, UM manager of recreation facilities.

The original estimate of $750,000 for the remodeling, made in May 1984, has recently been updated to $875,000, he added. The 25-year-old pool was in desperate need of total renovation, according to Johnson. Repairs include new showers, locker rooms and painting. A pro shop will also be added.

Ray Chapman, director of the University Center said that the pool improvements will give the university a better image among other area schools. "Compared with those at the University of Washing­ton and the University of Idaho, we were starting to look pretty shabby. When the pool is finally completed UM will have a first-class pool. And I think more people will want to use it and revenues will increase as well," he said.

Johnson said rates will go up but the quality of the pool will be vastly improved. Fees will go up to pay for the higher costs of chlorination materials, he said. Rates for all swimming purposes will jump from 75 cents to $1 but sauna prices will stay the same at 50 cents. An undis­closed fee hike will be applied in '86 as well.

Johnson claims that thou­sands in potential revenues were lost this past summer because summer youth camps and the Missoula Aquatic Club were unable to use the facility.

"We're not going to recoup losses due to the lack of private swim club fees resulting from closure," he said.

Johnson added that payment for the whole renovation project will come from the $25 building fee paid quarterly by each student.

Johnson said that Missoula municipal pools attempted to pick up the extra attendance in summer lesson programs but couldn't handle the spillover from the UM pool closure.

"We feel very, very badly," Montgomery said. "It's a tragic thing that makes you take a look at your own mortality."

He said that the team would have to face the fact that Jones was gone, and compensate for the loss.

"Whether he was the first or fifteenth man, he was a person on the team," Montgomery said.

"Krysko (Larry Krystowiak) may be our bread and butter, but Herb's our JAM!" The sign prompted loud applause from the audience.

Jones was a third-year let­termen in basketball at his high school in Spanaway, where he averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds per game during his senior year.

Although he didn't play much and averaged 2.2 points and 2.4 rebounds per game last season, Jones pleased the crowds with his ability to slam dunk the basketball. Jones, known for his leap­ing ability, once said, "I use my natural ability. I play above the rim."

His slam dunks earned him a large following. Prior to a game between UM and Weber State College, played at Del­berg Arena, several fans dis­played a banner stating, "Krysko (Larry Krystowiak) may be our bread and butter, but Herb's our JAM!" The sign prompted loud applause from the audience.

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Intramural head expects another strong program

By Fritz Neighbor
Kaimin Sports Reporter

With the start of the new school year comes another season of intramural sports on the University of Montana campus, and Keith Glaes, director of student activities at the university, said he expects this year's turnout of intramural athletes to remain consistent with last year's.

Glaes said he expects about 70 intramural football teams to compete this quarter, which is about the same number of teams which participated in 1973. Glaes said the only major increases of teams in any sport over the past years has been in softball.

Intramural sports offered this quarter include men's, women's and co-rec touch football along with men's, women's, and co-rec volleyball. Rosters for these sports are due on Oct. 4, by noon.

In addition, students who want to play intramural basketball and indoor soccer during the upcoming Winter Quarter must have their team rosters turned into the campus recreation office, McGill Hall 109, by noon on Nov. 29.

Teams competing in several sports may compete for the all-sports trophy, which is awarded at the end of the academic year.

Glass added that the seven intramural fields used for football this fall and for softball in the spring are "in their best shape in three years."

UM QUARTERBACK Brent Pease hands off the football to halfback Leroy Foster in the Grizzlies' 31-30 win against Cal-State Fullerton. Foster ran the ball seven times for 44 yards.

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Students can learn about ASUM at informational fair

Ann M. Jaworski
Kaimin Reporter

To better acquaint University of Montana students with the student government and campus organizations, ASUM is sponsoring an informational fair Oct. 10. Between 50 and 100 campus groups will set up information booths about their organizations in the University Center at 7 p.m. and the students are invited to wander through the area to learn what ASUM encompasses, ASUM President Bill Mercer said Tuesday.

The fair is needed because most students don’t understand what ASUM is and aren’t aware of the services it provides, he said.

"Since the ASUM $20 activity fee is automatically taken from each student’s $385 tuition payment, many students don’t realize they are responsible for financially supporting ASUM,” he said.

ASUM is responsible for distributing nearly half a million dollars of student money each year to student groups. “We would like to take a pro-active public relations stance this year,” he said. “ASUM has been managed in the past as if it existed in a vacuum. I would like to see it actively reach out to the student.”

PA/R-TV building ready for classes

The new Performing Arts/Radio-TV Building is completely open for plays and other productions last spring, there were no classes held due to continuing construction. However, Fielding said that the Telecommunications Center is now complete and ready for student use. The new building will be officially dedicated during Dedication and Homecoming Week which will be held October 6-13. Included in the week-long event are several lectures, a piano recital and a dedication symposium. All events are free to the public.

The lecturers for Dedication and Homecoming Week include: on Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m., Art Silverman, producer of the National Public Radio news program “All Things Considered”; on Wednesday, October 9 at 2 p.m., David Fitzpatrick, News/National editor for CBS; and also on Wednesday at 8 p.m., Peter Fonda. All lectures will take place in the Montana Theatre.

Dennis Alexander, associate professor of music at UM will give a dedication piano recital at 8 p.m on Tuesday, October 8 in the Montana Theatre. The dedication symposium, titled “The Arts and Telecommunications in Rural America: Roles and Responsibilities,” will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, October 8, also in the Montana Theatre. The symposium will be chaired by Neil Bucklew, president of the University of Montana. Presenters will be Frank S. M. Hodson, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and Van Gordon Sauter, executive vice-president of the CBS Broadcasting Group.

Dedication events will conclude with the convocation and dedication ceremonies on Friday, October 9 at 10:30 a.m.
College students loneliest group

(CPS) College students, particularly entering freshmen, are more lonely than virtually all other social groups, except single parents, alcoholics and some high school students, according to a researcher at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"We have been very surprised to learn that college students are one of the more lonely groups of people we've surveyed over the years," said John Woodward, UNL professor of human development.

Woodward has given his loneliness test to thousands of people, including more than 400 students, over the past 20 years.

Only alcoholics, single parents, rural high school students and female, inner-city high schoolers are lonelier than college students, he said.

"Most of them have been uprooted from their family support systems, their lifelong friends, and are searching to establish a new support system in a strange place among strange people."

He added that college students are in a period when they have to make new decisions about all sorts of things. These include: committing themselves to college, building a philosophy of life, setting rules for moral behavior, along with the basic question of what classes they should take.

Woodward advised that something as simple as a phone call home, joining a club or organization, or going to church can help students establish the new relationships.

Kinsley said that people who are having financial problems could try to get short-term loans from either ASUM or the Financial AIDS Office. Of 2,500 GSLs awarded, nearly 1,000 are late because the number of applicants increased 25 percent making the processing time longer, Kinsley said.

"As a result, 'The processors in Indianapolis were slowed down considerably and we had to hire three more people to process the loans,'" Kinsley said.

Kinsley said she thinks the number of applications and the increased complications are a result of few increases in financial aid to UM in the past four years while costs have increased, she said.

Whatever the reason, students standing in the installment billers line yesterday because their financial aid is late were not pleased with the situation.

"I don't really mind waiting in line but if my aid isn't here in time and I have to pay a fee I don't think it's right that we be charged for something that's not our mistake," said Dave Smith, a junior in English.

Helene Moore, a sophomore in drama, said after waiting in the installment billers line for half an hour, "This is garbage. I think everything would have been a lot faster if there weren't so many people waiting in line to pay in installments."

Brian Schwarz, senior in secondary math education, agreed that better planning would have helped. "Apparently the administration isn't flexible enough to deal with the worst situation," he said.

"Every year the Financial AIDS Office always seems to think that it's going to go smoothly and it never does so I'm not sure what the problem is."
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Draft registration verification rules lessened

(CPS) While the government keeps dogging collegiate draft registration resisters, campus financial aid officers say fall 1985, the time they were to be enlisted formally in the effort to chase resisters, isn't the administrative nightmare they once expected it to be. Two weeks ago, a Los Angeles judge sentenced David Wayte to six months of house arrest. Wayte, a former Yale student, publicly refused to sign military registration forms.

However, college financial aid officers no longer have to help the government punish resisters, according to regulations that went into effect this fall. Under a 1982 law, popularly called the Solomon Amendment, students must register for the draft in order to get financial aid. To enforce the law, the U.S. Department of Education, in 1983, said that, starting in fall 1985, college aid officers would have to verify if students were telling the truth when they claimed to be registered, and then would have to deny aid to those who lied.

University officials forecasted massive administrative bottlenecks, and complained the government was making them do something they weren't equipped to do. Federal officials have "no idea of the administrative problems it will cause," one financial aid official said at the time. "Validating each one of those students will be very difficult."

But this fall, when all the problems were to begin, aid officers said the verification regulation has been watered down, and is no longer much of a concern. Education officials agreed to let aid officers off the hook after they sampled student responses to the draft registration query on aid applications, and determined 90 to 95 percent of students answering the question were telling the truth.

In addition, the forms no longer are required of female students or any other students who don't have to register for the draft. Students now only have to fill them out once while enrolled at a school, rather than once every academic year.

Dennis Martin of the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators said he endorses the revised requirement.

No association members have complained about the work necessitated by the revised regulation, he said. But government efforts to pursue resisters continue.

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Military blood test controversial among civic groups

(CPS) — Sophomores planning to enter advanced ROTC programs are likely to be the first group of college students to face the mandatory AIDS test announced recently by Defense Department officials.

The military's decision to require all recruits, academy and advanced ROTC students to be tested for exposure to the virus that can lead to AIDS — acquired immune deficiency syndrome — is being denounced by gay advocacy organizations as an unnecessary step that establishes a potentially dangerous precedent.

But those critics say whatever the justification for those tests for military recruits, there is even less justification for testing ROTC students. "There's no logic behind that at all," said Jeff Levi of the National Gay Task Force.

"These people are not on active duty. They're just college students.

Some gay rights leaders suspect the military's real motive is to keep homosexuals out of the service.

Currently, they said, the military forces about 200 acknowledged homosexuals out of the military each year. "Given their track record, they have to prove to us they won't use these tests as a way of screening people instead of screening blood," said Tim Sweeney, director of the Lambda Legal and Educational Defense Fund.

Under the program, the 25,000 recruits the military signs up each month, the 30,000 to 50,000 college students who enter junior-level ROTC programs and the 5,000 students who enter the military academies each year will be tested.

Recruits will take the test as of Oct. 1, while college sophomores applying for advanced ROTC programs will be required to take the test when they get their physical examinations, normally during the summer before their junior year.

Applicants who test positive on two tests will be denied admission.

The mandatory testing program — announced Aug. 30 — is the first of its kind in either government or industry. AIDS attacks the body's defenses against viruses. It is frequently fatal.

The disease can spread through sexual contact and blood transfusions, which raises concerns about blood transfusions in battle field situations.

The way to guard against that, gay rights activists say, is to test the blood of military recruits without using the results to screen out applicants.

"If a person is able to do the job, why not let them do it?" said Tim Sweeney, director of Lambda Legal and Educational Defense Fund.

Sweeney notes the test the military plans to use is not a test for AIDS, but a test for exposure to the virus that can lead to the disease. About one-tenth of those who test positive eventually develop AIDS.

The gay rights advocates say immune systems can be checked with tests other than the AIDS test.

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Michigan universities face tuition increase dilemma

(CPS) — For the second straight year officials of Michigan's 15 state colleges and universities faced a dilemma: raise tuition and risk losing state funding, or accept Gov. James Blanchard's offer for a bigger slice of the state budget by freezing their tuition rates.

The schools said they needed both more tuition money and more state money to operate. "We have inadequate resources, even with the generous action of the (state) government," Michigan State President John DiIaglio said.

But MSU and the others initially accepted the offer last week, rolling back planned tuition hikes of about nine percent.

"Some have not completed their moves to rescind the tuition increases," said Tom Scott, Blanchard's deputy press secretary. "But all have indicated they will."

Students elsewhere won't be that lucky this school year. A College Board report released last week found it will cost students nationwide much more to go to college this fall.

Tuition and fees will rise eight percent at private four-year colleges, nine percent at public two-year private schools and nine percent at public two-year colleges, the College Board found.

Tuition alone will increase an average of about seven percent at all schools, said Jack Cox of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO).

"Colleges are playing catch-up from the double-digit inflation periods of the seventies," Cox explained.

Administrators say college costs have to keep rising faster than the current inflation rate to raise faculty salaries and pay for increased operating costs and school reforms.

"All we're good for is to squeeze as much money out of as possible."

Defede led a summer protest of a planned tuition hike by distributing to CSU students applications to cheaper schools, writing legislators and staging rallies and class boycotts.

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Last month Missoula businessman Dennis R. Washington donated $1 million in cash and in-kind services to partially fund the project. Washington is sole owner of the heavy equipment firm, Washington Corporations. The company employs 1,200 workers with 130 in Missoula.

The contribution allowed one of Washington's companies, Washington Construction Co., to become the general contractor for the facility. The stadium will be called the Washington-Grizzly Stadium in recognition of the contribution.

During the summer, a letter signed by eight Missoula City Council members and other community members was sent to University of Montana President Neil Bucklew expressing concerns about the stadium. The letter questioned whether the facility is "well-planned in terms of overall community needs" and expressed doubts about how it would be paid for. The letter also expressed concern about whether the bidding process was circumvented by guaranteeing the construction contract to a firm in exchange for a donation of "in-kind services and materials."

Bucklew responded, saying the state auditor and Legislature were consulted and recommended the system implemented be used.

The letter also questioned whether loans should be guaranteed by UM Foundation assets. "The concern, of course, is that assets given or pledged for academic or research purposes would be pledged (and jeopardized) for this project," the letter stated.

Bucklew responded, saying the foundation was not pledging any restricted or earmarked funds to the stadium and only money specifically donated for the stadium will be used for the project.

The letter also questioned whether industrial development bonds would be used to finance the balance of the money needed to pay for the project.

Bucklew's response was that the no industrial bonds were planned to be used to finance the stadium.