Bucklew gains WVU post, may leave UM in March

By James Conwell
Kaimin Staff Reporter

University of Montana President Neil Bucklew may leave his job at UM as early as March 15 to assume the presidency of West Virginia University.

The WVU job was formally offered to Bucklew yesterday, and he immediately announced his acceptance of the $85,000-a-year post. Although Bucklew is under contract with the Montana University System until June 30, the Montana Board of Regents would probably release him from his contract and appoint an acting president for UM, Bucklew said yesterday in a telephone interview from WVU.

Carrol Krause, acting commissioner of higher education for Montana, said if Bucklew is asked to go to WVU right away, the Board of Regents could release him from his contract.

"I expect that they would if he asked for it," Krause said.

"I would be very surprised if he asked for it," said West Virginia's legislative counsel, who was not present at the time of the announcement.

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Mitchell looking to replace university-operated Food Service

By Nick Ehl
Kaimin Staff Writer

Auxiliary Services Director George Mitchell is shopping for a company to take over the campus-run Food Service at the University of Montana. Food Service Director John Piquette said Tuesday.

Mitchell denied that he is planning to replace the current UM-operated Food Service with one of the nine companies he invited to a UM campus, but rather that their representatives were in town for a "compensatory look-see."

"We're just looking for suggestions," Mitchell said.

Piquette said one of the firms Mitchell is most interested in is Saga Corp, whose sales director said in a recent letter to Mitchell that Saga is "very excited about the possible opportunity of working for you and operating your food service," and that "it would be an honor to add the University of Montana to our list of valued and satisfied clients."

Both Piquette and Director of Housing Tom Hayes said they believe Mitchell wants to replace the university-operated Food Service so he can make up the money Auxiliary Services has lost due to the declining number of students living in residence halls.

"It's a simple formula," Piquette said. "The first perception when you work with any corporation like this is to make a profit."

And Piquette added the only ways to make more money than the Food Service currently does, about $40,000 last year, would be to raise prices, reduce the quality of the food, or a combination of the two.

Last year at the Saga-operated food service at Eastern Montana College in Billings, students paid $1,800 a year for a meal plan while the cost at UM was $300.

"They don't look for the students like we do," Piquette said. "That's very nonproductive."

Hayes said the Food Service has generated "millions of dollars in the last 15 or so years and I can see no reason for now contracting with a private company. I simply do not believe any contracted service could come in here and provide the quality we do at the price we do." And if a food management company did take over, Piquette said it could mean the loss of more than 300 on-campus jobs to both student and full-time workers.

When Saga looked over at St. Mary's College in Winona, Minn., last year, for example, half of the staff lost their jobs while the other half remained at a $1.50 cut in pay and did the work of the former full crew.

Faculty cuts will not affect current employees, says Habbe

By Tamara Mohawk
Kaimin Staff Reporter

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Joe COX of Snook Brothers Drywall uses a "bazooka" to fill in joints of the walls in the new Mansionfield Center offices located on the fourth floor of the library. In addition to three offices reception room and a classroom are being built.
Opinion

Bucklew's departure is good for him and could be good for UM

It is too early to tell whether University of Montana President Neil Bucklew's decision to leave UM for the presidency of West Virginia University is an improvement for UM. That will depend on who is chosen as his replacement. As UM president for the past four and one-half years, Bucklew could have done a worse job. He has been a marked improvement over his predecessor, Richard Bowers. The move is certainly an improvement for Bucklew. WVU, located in Bucklew's hometown, has an enrollment of approximately 20,000. The job carries with it an $85,000 salary, a car, a house and the use of the university airplanes.

Bucklew's prowess during his reign at UM has been his communication skills. He is personable, articulate and a smooth talker, a politician to the core. This skill helped him immensely in selling UM to the Legislature, the Board of Regents and people throughout the state.

In turn, Bucklew was able to improve UM's image across the state, an image that had been extremely negative throughout the 1960s and 70s. Bucklew has helped bring respect to UM.

Bucklew has also been excellent at raising money for the university, a skill that will be hard to replace. But, while Bucklew has been very good at representing UM across the state, he has not always been in touch with what is happening on campus. He has distanced himself from the faculty. There is little communication between Bucklew and the average faculty member. Faculty morale these days is not high.

Bucklew seems even less cognizant of the needs and attitudes of the average student. Bucklew has never taught at this university. He is far removed from the classroom. There is no feeling among students that they can deal with or relate to this administration.

As an editorial in the Kaimin on Sept. 29, 1981, the first day of classes during Bucklew's reign, said that, "Bucklew conveys a seemingly deep felt attitude for higher education. His optimism is welcome and needed."

While Bucklew certainly has been optimistic, his attitude toward higher education has been less than adequate. Rather than education, Bucklew's priorities have been plunging, politics and building buildings.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in his push for a new football stadium at UM. Bucklew has been accused of spending more time during the last legislative session lobbying for money to build the stadium than lobbying for money for academic purposes. While this is probably not completely true, too much of this time was spent working for the stadium, a stadium that only he and the athletic department seem happy with. A new stadium might be needed but it should never have been pursued with the fervor Bucklew put into it. Academica, after all, is the reason everyone, including Bucklew, is here.

On the whole, Bucklew has been a very able administrator. Montana is not an easy place to be an university president. It is a state with universities and money to fund one adequately, a state that has been termed the "graveyard of presidents." He will be missed.

But, Bucklew was at his best during the first three years of his tenure. Lately his effectiveness has been waning. Perhaps this is because no president can be expected to be effective beyond three to five years. Perhaps it is because Bucklew has had his sights set somewhere else, or because of personal problems.

Whatever the reason, it is time Bucklew moved on, a good move for him and for the university, providing UM is able to find a good replacement, someone with Bucklew's political savvy, but also someone who can carry on a better rapport with faculty and students.

Tim Hunacek

Support Montana's Agricultural Preference Act

The basic conflict of our times is not between the political left and right, but between materialism and morality. Do we take the money and run, leaving future generations to pick through the rubble, or choose instead more abiding values to guide our affairs?

Montanans will soon have the opportunity to answer this question outside the realm of rhetoric if the Agricultural Preference Act is successfully brought to the ballot this year. The Agricultural Preference Act (APA) will accomplish two goals. First, APA would prohibit investment of state funds in firms that do business with the Republic of South Africa or that are engaged in the production of nuclear weapons. Secondly, APA would require 25 percent of Permanent Coal Tax Trust Fund revenues received after June 30, 1987, to be invested in Montana agriculture, with special consideration for our hard-pressed family farms.

The idea of prohibiting investment of our public funds in South Africa or nuclear weaponry surfaced in the 1985 Montana Legislature. Senate Bill 295, introduced by Bozeman Senator Dorothy Eick, would have required divestment of Montana's public funds from banks or businesses operating in South Africa. House Bill 645, introduced by Missoula Representative Mike Kadys, would have also prohibited investments in firms producing nuclear warheads, weapons systems, or components.

Both bills were killed. The stated reason for the failure of this legislation was fear of a reduction in the rate of return on state investments in stocks of a great deal of hard evidence to the contrary—which, in turn, would conflict with the Montana Board of Investment's legal responsibility to obtain the highest possible yield for Montana's money.

But some analysts point to a more fundamental issue, the old "camel through the eye of a needle" problem. Even with all the recent right-wing Bible thumping and school prayer positions, the fact remains that we have consistently placed our money values and our moral values in separate little boxes, with a thick wall in between.

We must make it easy to forget just exactly what took precedence.

Bill Thomas

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Crossing guard

EDITOR: As a crossing guard for School District One, my job and responsibility is to see school children across South Avenue to and from school safely. I take my job very seriously. After nearly being hit by cars several times (once very recently while getting off duty), I feel it's about time I made myself heard. When the crossing guard steps off the curb, drivers are supposed to stop to allow the crossing guard to step to the center of the street to permit the children to walk across the street.

I usually allow three-quarters to one-half block to allow a little leeway for drivers to stop. Some, however, fail to take the hint. When the sign is held aloft, drivers are supposed to come to a complete stop. Don't slowly creep through! The sign in the crossing guard's hand says stop.

This is not to say that the majority of you out there don't heed the sign, most of you do and it's really appreciated. There are a lot of people in this town who get behind the wheel and start thinking about what they're planning on doing and don't concentrate on the job at hand; driving safely and sensibly.

Which brings up another point parents, please tell your children to walk near bicycles across busy streets. According to the law, "anyone operating a bicycle (i.e., riding) is considered to be operating a vehicle, which is required to obey all the rules as do operators of motor vehicles." However, a bicyclist walking a bicycle is considered a pedestrian, therefore, drivers must stop to permit those bicyclists to cross the street. I have told many of the children to "walk your bike!" but some have continued to ride across. I'm tired of incessantly telling them to walk their bikes. Parents please give assistance here. Good values and sense are learned at home.

To me, crossing comes the safety of the children, but I have to protect myself also. Therefore, I need your help. When you see a crossing guard step off the curb up ahead please heed the sign and stop.

I feel gratified when someone tells me if I'm doing a good job or not. I feel nobody cares that I'm standing out there making life and limb to protect your children from danger while making my own life to provide this service. I love my job, it's very disheartening when the atmosphere around me gives the impression nobody cares.

The crossing guards in Missoula, though few, I'm sure will greatly appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

Tom J. Sebring
120 Bickford St.

Warning

EDITOR: Nobody wants to hear a warning from a prophet. When I tell people the Russians are going to attack the United States this winter, people think I'm crazy. This fall I have traveled 5,717 miles in the seven western states trying to warn people to prepare.

I told my story to 72 newspapers in seven states to warn millions of people. To date, only a few have done a story. Now why would a man leave home for five weeks, sleep in his car and at his own expense travel thousands of miles to try and tell people what God has told him? Answer: Because God has always sent a warning ahead by his prophet. I have a dozen children, so I didn't need the extra expenses of traveling.

See the Russian symbol of the "hammer & sickle" and the Bible scriptures in Jeremiah 23: 20 and 29 where the Lord will "execute" in the latter days. Also Jeremiah 50: 22-23 about the "hammer" of great destruction and desolation. The "sickle" to reap the earth is spoken of in Joel 3: 13-17 and Revelation 14: 14-20 and Revelation 19: 10-16. The attack will come in the evening soon and about one half of the U.S. will be destroyed in one day. Then your readers will live alive will know God spoke to a prophet from the tops of the mountains in Persia, Utah, just like Isaiah said God will soon preach his own sermon because nobody will listen to me!

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Opinion

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

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New grid coach Read digs for recruits

By Ken Pekoc
Kalamazoo Gazette

Recruiting seems to be the word on the tip of Don Read's tongue these days.

Since he was named head football coach at UM three weeks ago, Read has been scrambling for top high school players from Oregon, Washington, California, and Montana.

Don Read

"My immediate priority is recruiting," Read said Tuesday. "We're behind in the recruiting war."

February 15 is the deadline for signing high school recruits to national letters of intent, which doesn't leave Read much time to build a football program at Montana.

"What we do in the next five weeks will determine how well we do over the next two or three seasons," he said of the importance of recruiting and the future of Montana football.

Another vital part in soliciting the program will be hiring assistant coaches.

"I'm hoping we can finalize our staff within a week," Read said.

Lady Griz go for WAR

By Mike Olinger
Kalamazoo Gazette

The University of Montana Lady Grizzly basketball team and the UM Athletic Department are teaming up in an attempt to set an attendance record for a women's college basketball game west of the Rocky Mountains.

When Montana opens its Mountain West Athletic Conference season at 7:30 Friday night in Dahlberg Arena, a crowd of better than 5,160 spectators would break the existing record held by the University of Southern California.

The Lady Griz will face rival Eastern Washington University.

Tub nearly set for swimmers

By Mike Olinger
Kalamazoo Gazette

The renovation of UM's Grizzly Pool, which began in June, 1985, is nearly completed and the pool is set to reopen Jan. 13th according to Howard Johnson, UM Manager of Recreation Facilities.

"The water's in the tub," he said, "and we inspected the system today so all that is left is to complete some minor tasks."

The project had a total estimated cost of $873,000 but Johnson said that no final amount would be known until all work is completed.

According to pool manager Brian Fruit, the refurbishment includes an anti-wave gutter system, a new floor and lockers in the locker rooms and a new circulation system for both the pool water and the air in the building.

He said that the showers were also remodelled and the building and pool are now accessible to the handicapped.

Fruit said that the renovation resulted in the need for higher fees. All daily fees were increased 25 cents and adults now will pay $1.50, children $1.25 and all UM students, faculty and staff will pay $1. Senior citizens will also pay $1. Both ten and fifty punch cards will be available for $12 and $40, respectively.

Fitness lap swimming, University swim classes and local swim teams practices will fill the pool's regular hours, according to Fruit, but the pool is available to private parties on a rental basis.

Lap swimming hours are Monday through Friday from 7 to 9 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 2 p.m.

Griz, Lady Griz ready for league play

With successful non-conference seasons behind them, the UM men's and women's basketball teams open conference action this week.

Grizzly Head Coach Mike Montgomery will take his 10-4 team to Reno, Nev., Thursday for an 8:30 p.m. (MST) tipoff with the University of Nevada-Reno Wolf Pack Coach Sonny Allen's team, Big Sky Conference Champions last season.

The Grizzlies have won their last five games including a 13 point victory over the Pac-10's University of Washington.

Friday evening the Lady Grizzlies will attempt to set an attendance record when they square off against conference foe Eastern Washington University in Dahlberg Arena at 7:30.

The game will mark the Mountain West Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

The Lady Griz have an 11-2 record while EWU is at 6-7. Eastern however, has been without the strong rebounding and scoring of center Brenda Souther until last week.

Lady Griz Head Coach Robin Selvig said that Eastern, third place finisher in MWAC action last year, is always a tough opponent for UM and return all but two players from last season.

Portland State University will come to Missoula Saturday evening for a 7:30 tipoff to round out the weekend's action.

Last weekend the Lady Griz won the championship in the San Francisco Sourdough Classic.
Consolidation of services increases benefits to students

By Christopher Ransick
Kans. [Staff Reporter]

Prospective University of Montana students and those seeking financial aid will find their inquiries and applications more speedily processed because of the recent consolidation of admissions, financial aid and orientation services.

The Board of Regents approved the merger of the departments in December, and Director of Admissions and Financial Aid Mike Akin said he is enthusiastic about the change.

Akin said Tuesday that the merger and reorganization of the office will make it easier to provide students with information about departmental programs and financial aid more quickly because of increased communication and integrated services within the office, he said.

Increased support from the Computer Center will speed processing of applications, Akin said, and will help personnel identify students who may have applied for financial aid without completing their admission applications to UM.

Two new counseling positions have been added to the office Diane Norem is the newly appointed data systems counselor and a scholarship counselor will be appointed by Feb. 1 interviews for the position will be held next week.

Akin said the counselors will increase interaction between the office and students, departmental personnel and families "It's an area that needs attention and we're giving it that," he said.

Other new appointments include associate directors to head each of the three departments within the office. Bill Johnston will direct admissions. Dorothy Kinley will direct financial aid and Frank Matule will direct orientation.

Matule will also manage UM Days and the Student Advocate Program, which Akin described as important parts of the orientation process.

Students who have an interest in UM, or who have already been accepted, often visit the campus during UM Days for orientation, and student advocates assist in this and other programs on campus.

Akin said the office deals with 15,000 prospective students each year, along with others seeking financial aid information.

He stressed that better response time to inquiries and applications, combined with enhanced counseling services, will improve assistance to students.

"It's a highly developed marketing program," Akin said, and consolidating what once were separate offices will help streamline the program and increase contact with students.

"We're very pleased with the reorganization," he said.

Hurwitz, Paoli reappointed to state Board of Regents

By Velvet Phillips
Kans. [Staff Reporter]

Gov. Ted Schwendien recently reappointed Burt Hurwitz of White Sulphur Springs and University of Montana law student Dave Paoli to the state Board of Regents.

Hurwitz will serve a two-year term rather than the regular seven-year term. Carrol Krause, acting commissioner of higher education, said Tuesday. He said Hurwitz will serve only two years because of his age. Hurwitz is 74 years old.

Hurwitz was appointed to the board in 1982 to fill the unexpired term of Ted James of Great Falls.

The Board of Regents, which consists of seven members, governs the six campuses of the Montana University system. Six members are appointed to seven-year terms and a student is appointed to serve a one-year term.

Paoli's term will and when he graduates from law school in June. Paoli said he was reappointed for the short term because of the Regents' search for a commissioner of higher education.

Paoli said he felt it was better to have an incumbent board member stay on and finish selecting a commissioner. He said the university system and the students would "be better served by someone who is familiar with the selection process."

Hurwitz named 23rd UM Rhodes scholar

Andrew J. Vliet III, a University of Montana senior in wildlife biology, was selected as one of 32 Rhodes Scholars in a nationwide competition held last month.

Vliet and Michael McFaul, a Bozeman native and student at Stanford University, were among four scholarship recipients from a seven-state region.

The Rhodes Scholars are selected each year and are eligible for two or three years of study at Oxford University in England.

Vliet, a native of Hawaii, is the 23rd Rhodes Scholar from UM.

Police academy would utilize UM facilities

By Adina Lindgren
Kans. [Staff Reporter]

A bid to relocate the Law Enforcement Academy to Missoula will include using the University of Montana to provide academic training, food and housing for trainees.

The academy is a state facility for training police, sheriffs, deputies and other law enforcement personnel. It is used year around for 10-week basic training courses and advanced and refresher courses.

Several Montana communities, including Billings, Bozeman, Dillon and Butte are placing bids on the $6.9 million academy, which is being moved from its present location in Bozeman because of inadequate facilities.

Geoff Badenock, chairman of the Missoula Redevelopment Agency, is heading up a committee which is working on the proposal.

Badenock said the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, the Missoula Economic Development Corp., and the MRA are comparing the resources in Missoula to the other potential sites.

Badenock said the university offers courses which would be helpful to the academy. Although no courses have been specified yet, Badenock said courses in pharmacy, law, sociology and clinical psychology would be likely.

Two empty downtown buildings are being considered to be used as classroom space for the 50 to 100 cadets who will attend the academy.

Badenock said the Central School Building would be ideal because of its location. The old Missoulian building is also being considered.

The only major construction that would be necessary would be to build an indoor shooting range, Badenock said.

Badenock said that although it is difficult to calculate the academy's economic impact on the area, it would be positive because it would bring in 30 to 65 new people and their families, at times, to Missoula.

He said the academy would also create eight to 12 new jobs in administrative, instructional or clerical where it is eventually located.

The proposal will be submitted to the State Legislative Interim Committee by Feb. 24. A date has not been set for the committee's final decision.

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Campus Drive reopened

Campus Drive, which has been closed all this school year to make room for the new football stadium, opened recently but may be closed again this spring.

Bob McClaire, general superintendent of Washington Construction, said the delay was caused by snow and cold, which prevented work on storm drains.

He said the road probably won't be paved until next fall because of more construction on the Washington-Grizzly Stad-

ium.

Bucklew

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Bucklew has a bachelor's degree in history and literature, a master's degree in political science and a doctorate in industrial relations.

Bucklew was selected from among 110 applicants as the 20th president in the history of WVU, which has an enrollment of about 20,000 and is located in Morgantown, W.Va., Bucklew's hometown.

Bucklew's salary at WVU will be $85,000 plus university-provided car and house and access to WVU's airplane.

Bucklew's current salary at UM is $70,000 plus benefits.

The issues facing WVU are similar to those faced by UM, Bucklew said, and his duties as president there will be much like those he performed at UM.

Bucklew said his general goal at WVU will be to promote "involvement of the university in the economic development of the state," adding that "West Virginia's economy is very similar to Montana's with agriculture and mining as the chief industries.

Neither UM administration or staff members will be going to WVU, Bucklew said.

Still no action on Day Care's rent

By Kevin McRae

Kaimin Contributing Reporter

An effort that began last fall to reverse the University of Montana's policy of requiring for the ASUM Day Care Center to pay rent has shown no results.

After learning that other universities financially support day care centers, ASUM President Bill Mercer told the Kaimin last October that he was working with the UM administration to solve the day care's financial problems. The center pays $7,600 each year to rent space in McGill Hall.

He said he would present a budget history to Michael Easton, vice-president for university relations, by the end of October. The document was then to be reviewed by Glen Williams, vice-president for fiscal affairs.

Williams said Monday that he has not yet been presented with any documentation.

"I've never seen the budget; so I can't react," he said. "We're (office of fiscal affairs) still waiting for the proposal."

Mercer said Monday that he met with Easton before the holiday break, but he still has more documents to present.

Easton said he and Mercer met twice during fall quarter and the budget history was presented at one of those meetings. The decision to postpone further action until after the Christmas break was made at that time, he said.

Marcia Mayes, ASUM Day Care coordinator, said she does not know what caused the delay.

"I don't have any idea," she said. "I know he (Mercer) was working on it, but I don't know about that (the delay)."

Despite the delay, she said the matter is "going positively."

The child care office has drafted a letter giving reasons why the day care center should not have to pay rent, she said, and it will be presented to Mercer by the end of this week.

Faculty

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Under current projections, next year 13 of the faculty vacancies will not be filled, he said.

Habbo said vacancies go into a general "pool of openings," from which the cuts are made.

Therefore, if numerous positions are vacated in a department, it does not mean those specific positions will be cut.

Each position cut, he said, is made after considering several factors. These include enrollment trends for the department or unit, duplication of classes and whether the position is critical to the department.

"You try to make the cuts in the least damaging way possible," he said.

"We don't welcome these cuts, but they are best made through natural attrition," he said.

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