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Schwinden to announce cutbacks in general budget

By James Conwell
Kaimin Staff Reporter

The Montana Kaimin has learned that Gov. Ted Schwinden will announce Wednesday significant cutbacks in the state general fund budget, a move that will affect the budgets of nearly every unit of government, including the University of Montana.

John LaFaver, director of the Montana Department of Revenue, said during a telephone interview from Helena Tuesday evening that the state is experiencing a shortfall in revenue collected from state personal income taxes.

"My understanding is that he (Gov. Schwinden) will reduce it (the general fund budget) by 2 percent," LaFaver said, adding that he has not seen the formal executive order, so 2 percent is an informal estimate.

Gov. Schwinden, reached at home Tuesday evening, refused to release information on the reduction until he makes the announcement at a news conference scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday. The governor is empowered by law to reduce appropriations by as much as 15 percent in the event of revenue shortfalls.

About $22.3 million of UM's fiscal 1986 budget is generated by the state general fund. The remainder of UM's budget comes primarily from its share of a statewide six-mill levy approved by voters for the operation of the university system and from tuition and fees paid by students.

If the governor reduces the general fund budget by 2 percent, UM would lose nearly half-a-million dollars from its fiscal 1986 budget.

The maximum 15 percent reduction would cost UM $3.3 million.

UM President Neil Buczkewicz, reached at his home Tuesday evening, said he would not speculate on the impact the governor's action would have on UM since he does not know the extent of the reduction of the general fund budget.

LaFaver said data from the last two months for personal income tax, the largest single source of revenue for the general fund, has lagged behind the estimates of state officials.

Revenue from interest income is also down, LaFaver said, because interest rates are currently lower than was expected.

LaFaver said he could not give specific figures for revenue generated from those two sources since he did not have that information when reached at his home.

Student hurt in fall at UC

By Kevin Tisdail
Kaimin Staff Reporter

A University of Montana student was taken to a Missoula hospital Tuesday night after falling from an interior wall of the University Center.

Michael O'Brien, a freshman in business administration, fell about 10 feet when he lost his footing while practicing rock-climbing techniques on the north wall inside the west entrance of the center.

O'Brien was taken by ambulance to St. Patrick Hospital about 10:50 p.m. where he was treated for injuries to his feet and leg. A hospital spokesman refused to reveal the extent of O'Brien's injuries.

According to Mike Wise, junior in zoology who saw O'Brien fall, and Randy Delray, senior in zoology and recreation management who was climbing at the time of the accident, many students practice their rock-climbing techniques and build endurance by climbing the interior walls of the center.

The UC management allows climbers to practice on the walls as long as they follow a list of posted rules.

Climbers are allowed to practice on the walls only during off hours and are required to leave when the center closes at 10 p.m.

See "Fall" page 8.

UM Studies director takes position in D.C.

By Mike Dawson
Kaimin Staff Reporter

Henrietta Whiteman, former Native American Studies director at the University of Montana, spent her first day on the job Tuesday as Director of Indian Education at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, in Washington D.C.

Whiteman, the first Indian woman to hold the director's position, will also hold the position of deputy to the Assistant Secretary of Interior. She will be on detail from UM for two years.

The deputy assistant position will enable Whiteman to make policy decisions on Indian education and give her a direct line to the assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior.

The job "gives me practical experience in having an impact on the lives of 250,000 Indian students," Whiteman said in a telephone interview from her Washington office Tuesday.

Although Whiteman has some plans for the program, she said she doesn't have any specific policy changes in mind.

The Department of Interior public relations office will not publicly announce Whiteman's position of deputy assistant secretary until it becomes official in a few weeks, Interior spokesman Carl Shaw said Tuesday.

Whiteman said she is looking forward to the challenge of the two-year tour at the BIA. She has the opportunity of making some changes in a program that has not worked well in the past, she said.

"BIA has my respect. I have been a long time critic of the BIA...but if there was a move to abolish it, I would be first in line to save it," she said.

Whiteman contributes to the job her broad experience of working with Indian students and experience in affecting students lives, she said.

After the two-year leave, Whiteman plans to return to UM with a "wealth of knowledge about the government's role in Indian education" that she can use in the classroom, she said. Whiteman will resume her duties as director of the UM Native American Studies program at that time.

Whiteman's superior is still Howard Reinhardt, Dean of Arts and Sciences at UM and she will remain on UM payroll although the money will come from the federal government.
Opinion

Increased funding needed to maintain an adequate library

So, you've been assigned research papers in all of your classes and have decided to get an early start? Well, the earlier the better because you may discover, as many who have tried to conduct research at the University of Montana, that the odds are not good you will find sufficient research materials in the Mansfield Library to adequately cover your topics.

Editorial

The number of books and periodicals the library can afford is dwindling drastically. But the administration does not demonstrate much concern about the library's deterioration. UM students have successfully demonstrated their power to influence campus decisions by opposing Auxiliary Services Director George Mitchell's cost-cutting measures. Student pressure was instrumental in Mitchell's reversal of policies that would have reduced the educational experience at UM.

Now it's time to let the administration know that a deteriorating library is also conducive to quality education.

Last year, the Mansfield Library had to cancel subscriptions to 428 journals because funding for the periodicals was short $36,000. Several library officials had to perform a financial juggling act to maintain the remaining subscriptions. But despite the library's losses, the administration demonstrated its priorities by pumping $2.3 million into UM's athletic department this year and appropriating the library only $1.6 million.

Patrick, dean of library services, said that the current inflation rate and the library's budget crunch could mean the loss of an additional 260 journals per year.

One solution to the problem was proposed by ASUM's executive officers last quarter. The proposal recommended assessing students an additional $10 per quarter to raise money for books and facility improvements.

But the Central Board committee currently reviewing the proposal said the fee would most likely be $2 per quarter for the 1986-87 academic year.

According to ASUM's figures, the additional $2 per quarter fee would raise $50,000 for the library. But Patrick said it will cost $32,000 next year just to cover inflation costs of current subscriptions.

ASUM executive officers got the idea for the fee from an article published in the University of Utah newspaper. According to the article, the Utah University System approved a similar funding program, which was proposed by the University of Utah's student body president.

However, there's an important difference between UM's and the University of Utah's proposals. The student fee was assessed in Utah on condition that the Utah Legislature doubled the students' funding and earmarked the money for libraries.

Nothing in ASUM's proposal calls for matching funds from the Montana Legislature. Unless there is a mutual commitment from the Legislature and the administration to improve library funding, the only affordable additions to the library's collection will be comic books.

Faith Conroy

Montana should celebrate King's Birthday

Although his birthday will be officially observed next Monday, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born this day in 1929.

It is right that, beginning this year, Americans honor Dr. King with a national holiday. It is a day to reflect on the challenge of making his dream of peace a reality.

Congress passed legislation last year, in spite of intense lobbying and parliamentary shenanigans by right wing conservatives, declaring the third Monday in January a federal holiday in Dr. King's honor. It's time for the state of Montana to do the same.

If one disapproves—as all honorable persons must—the spurious character assassination advanced by the Jesse Helms gang, opposition to the King holiday bill in Congress centered around economic issues. Money issues can also be expected to frame the debate in Montana.

Montana currently observes 10 legal holidays per year, not counting Sundays or biennial state general election days. Montana lawmakers can add Dr. King's Birthday as an 11th or replace an existing holiday with the new holiday.

Reliable estimates of the total cost to Montana taxpayers of a new holiday were unavailable, but holiday overtime costs alone were estimated at $39,000 per day by the state budget director last year. On the other hand, as a wholistic economist was once heard to mutter; one man's outputs are another man's inputs. Montana retailers, resort owners, and other purveyors of leisure-time goods and services could be expected to realize some benefit from an additional holiday.

A less costly alternative, a way to avoid additional costs altogether, would be to revoke a holiday to make room for Dr. King's Birthday. There are two likely candidates for revocation:

First, Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays could be combined into one—"President's Day" to be observed on the third Monday in February. Senate Bill 176, introduced in the 1985 Legislature, would have accomplished just that, had it received a more favorable reception in the House. Perhaps legislation similar to SB 176 would be greeted more warmly in the State Administration Committee if it was seen as a way to make room for Dr. King's Birthday rather than as a budget-cutting holiday cancellation.

A second candidate for the axe is Columbus Day. House Bill 218, also introduced in the 1985 Legislature, would have abolished Columbus Day to establish an unnamed holiday falling on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

A proposal supplanting Columbus Day with Dr. King's Birthday might well turn out to be a test of strength between the hunter's and the skier's lobby. Unless, of course, one takes into account just how incredibly fitting it is to replace a holiday for the ersatz hero Columbus with a day in honor of Dr. King.

It seems that the Admiral of the Ocean Sea had a couple of little characters flaxing of his own, things like the systematic genocide of the Arawak Indians and dabbling in the slave trade.

You probably didn't realize that two of those little boats you colored in the second grade, the Nina and the Pinta, were used as slave ships for the journey back to Spain. And, oh, the timbers from the Santa Maria were used by Columbus to construct a little fort he named Navidad (Christmas) that functioned, in effect, as a pogrom operations center for the conquistadors.

Dr. King also conquered a new world. But instead of a legacy of death and oppression, he left us hope. He advanced the cause of freedom, justice and equality for his people and, indeed, all Americans.

Dr. Martin Luther King's faith and courage stand as an enduring monument to the human spirit. His life was a testimonial to our potential. It's time for Montana to join in honoring this great man with a legal holiday.

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Man surrenders peacefully ending five-hour siege

By Dan Black
Kaimin Staff Reporter

Eric Troyer
Kaimin Managing Editor

A Missoula man surrendered peacefully to police yesterday, ending a five-hour standoff with 44 lawmen, including the nine-member SWAT team.

After a negotiating team was unable to persuade Larry Hudson to come out of his apartment at 705 Ronald Ave., the police switched his electricity off and on. Directly after that he began speaking with the negotiators by phone. Within ten minutes, at about 7:20 p.m., Hudson left his apartment and ran down an alley where lawmen stopped him and led him to a police car. He was then taken to the County Courthouse and then

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By Mike Olinger
Kaiser Sports Editor

The Champion Holiday Classic, the annual basketball tournament sponsored by Champion International at UM, will be held again next year despite the decreasing presence of the company in northwest Montana, according to Company spokesman Bob Kelly.

Kelly said that the sale and closure of some Champion operations in the area "won't affect the Classic in the immediate future. The Classic is a two-year commitment, renewable annually," he added.

Kelly added that the three teams have signed contracts for next year's tourney are Ryder College from New Jersey, Houston Baptist and Kent State from Ohio. UM will round out the field of four in the event scheduled for Dec. 12-13.

Total paid attendance at this year's tourney was 10,541, according to Gary Hughes, UM manager of athletic facilities and revenue. He said that the final figures on profit or loss will not be known for some time, but that preliminary figures indicate a loss of approximately $5,500.

Champion sponsors the tourney and donates any profits to UM's general scholarship fund. The money can be used for UM programs or student scholarships but not for any athletic purposes, according to Kelly.

Champion also absorbs any losses up to $25,000, according to Hughes. He said that the tourney has never generated any profits in its six-year history and that a $2,000 loss has been the best performance to date.

Kelly said that the expenses are greater for the Classic than for regular games because of the attempt to make the tourney a good experience for the teams and participants.

"We can't compete with the Alaska Shootout, the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii or the Far West Classic," said Kelly, "but we try to be the best of the rest."

He said that the Classic can not compete with those tourneys because of the location of the Rainbow Classic and the larger revenues guaranteed at the Far West tourney.

The attraction of the Alaska Shootout is caused by a NCAA ruling, according to Kelly, that allows teams to play in that tourney without the results being reflected in their records.

Champion provides money guarantees that range from $5,000 to $15,000 for the visiting teams, according to Kelly.

In all, 168 teams are competing in intramural sports at UM this quarter.

Campus Recreation, organizers of the intramural programs, will be holding seven different tournaments during the quarter.

According to Adrienne Corti, campus recreation program coordinator, basketball, which began Jan. 7, tops the popularity list with 131 teams.

Men's five-on-five competition has 42 teams and six leagues, while the men's under six-foot program has 40 teams.

Men's four-on-four hall court, women's five-on-five and co-rec round out the list of basketball offered.

Co-rec volleyball and indoor soccer are also being offered.

Although rosters were due last quarter, Corti said it is still possible for individuals and teams to be added. She said teams may be added if another team were to drop out or forfeit its games. Individuals can be added to a "pick-up" list and will be notified if a position opens.

League competition will run through the first week of March, with all playoffs taking place immediately following.

The following is a list of tournaments scheduled for this quarter:

• Mixed doubles raquetball.

Rosters due noon, Jan. 23

• Men's-women's badminton.

Rosters due noon, Jan. 16

• Wrestling (by weight groups).

Rosters due noon, Jan. 31

• Table tennis.

Rosters due noon, Feb. 6

• Free throw contest.

Rosters due 2 p.m., Feb. 11

• Contest to follow.

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• Contest at 4 p.m.

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UM's 23rd Rhodes Scholar claims he’s not an exceptional student

By James Connell

If Andrew Jackson Vliet III had to cite one reason why he was selected as one of this year's 32 Rhodes Scholars, he would say it was because of his "duck he and cowboy boots."

"Other than that," he said, "I haven’t a clue.

Vliet, a 21-year-old native of Hawaii and University of Montana senior in wildlife biology, is speaking of the cowboy boots and his image of himself on the carpet world, where he wore to the interview in Seattle.

Vliet was selected from a group of more than 1,000 applicants Dec. 14 as UM's 23rd Rhodes Scholar.

"The duck he kind of warms them up to you... the cowboy boots show a little personality," he said.

Who can blame Vliet for his laughable answer?

After countless interviews with the media since he received the prestigious award, Vliet has fielded hundreds of questions, many of them over and over again.

"I guess I did well on the interview because that seems to be what decides it," Vliet said. "Knowing that I wasn’t real great on paper, that seems to confirm that.

"Being in a scientific discipline teaches you to think rationally and in a linear fashion.

"Yet, Vliet said he is still puzzled by why he was picked to be a Rhodes Scholar. "I don’t consider myself exceptional," he said.

"My grades here, while they’re decent (3.6), are by no means exceptional. A lot of people have better grades than I do. A lot of people in the wildlife school have better grades than I do. Maybe that’s why I don’t see why they selected me. I really haven’t a clue."

However, interviews are arguably the main obstacles in being selected for a Rhodes Scholarship. That seems to be where Vliet shines.

Vliet said that although there are other criteria involved in the selection of Rhodes Scholars, such as a high grade point average, a 1,000-word essay, five to eight letters of reference and involvement in some civic activity and in athletics, the district interview is really the deciding factor.

"They ask you hard questions that you just don’t give you and no answers to and expect to get away with it.

Although Andrew Jackson Vliet III was selected from a field of more than 1,000 applicants as UM's 23rd Rhodes Scholar, he still doesn’t consider himself exceptional.

Because students may apply for the scholarship from either their state of residency or the state where they have gone to school for at least two years, Vliet competed at the state interviews with Montana natives currently attending Notre Dame, Harvard, Georgetown, Stanford and the University of San Diego. Montana State University also sent one student to the competition.

Of the nine students at the state interview, only Vliet and Michael McFaul, a Stanford University student from Bozeman who also won a Rhodes Scholarship, were selected to attend the Northwestern District interviews in Seattle.

The district interviews drew two students from each of Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. Alaska is also in the Northwestern District. Vliet said, but did not send any students to competition in Seattle this year because none passed the state interviews.

Vliet is a native of Molokai, Hawaii, and attended school in Honolulu before being accepted by UM to study wildlife biology.

"I got accepted by a lot of other wildlife biology schools, but selected UM because of its reputation," he said.

In Hawaii, Vliet said he was not different than his academic contemporaries and even finished in the middle of his high school class.

But he had a skill that set him apart from his classmates.

"I used to shoot competitively with international smallbore rifles. In 1983 I went to the final tryouts for the 1983 Pan-Am Games. "I was invited to the 1984 Olympic tryouts, but I didn’t go because I didn’t have any money and I didn’t have time to train."

Vliet said he does not compete anymore because he cannot afford it and he doesn’t have the time.

"Maybe at Oxford I’ll be able to start shooting again, but then again I don’t know if I’ll really have the time there."

With the Rhodes Scholarship, Vliet will receive two years of study at Oxford University in England and will be eligible for a third year.

Vliet said he will receive a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology from UM's Forestry School this spring and will begin working next fall at Oxford toward a master's degree in animal ecology. Vliet plans to apply to Oxford's doctoral program in animal ecology.

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The University of Montana exit writing exam has been postponed for one year because of "logistical problems" that have surfaced as administrators prepare the exam. But students who haven't completed 96 or more credits at the beginning of next fall will still have to pass the exam before graduation.

Howard Reinhardt, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, told the Faculty Senate last month that problems such as modifying student computer files and developing appearance-appeals procedures have made it difficult to go ahead as planned.

The senate decided by a vote of 24-2 to postpone enforcing the exam requirement at Reinhardt's assurance that there would be no more delays. "I'm interested in doing it right the first time," Reinhardt said recently.

Responsibility of the exam was assigned to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences by Academic Vice President Donald Habbe. Reinhardt said he didn't know why his office was chosen. "It's not a requirement of any department or college," he said. "It's a Universally required. I just said yes sir!"

A permanent director for the exam will be hired by July 1, according to Reinhardt, speeding up the process of developing the test.

Reinhardt said graders for the exam must be trained, and prototype exams should be tested and the appropriate students need to be notified before the exam can be given.

The first exam was originally planned to be held this quarter, but now will be offered next winter. Students will be allowed to take the exam once per quarter, until passing it. A student can take the exam only after taking a writing course and completing 96 or more credits.

UM student to study hunger in Latin America

By Tamara Mohawk
Karen Staff Reporter

A University of Montana student will soon study hunger in Nicaragua and Honduras during a 12-day trip she recently won in a national competition.

Pat Ortmeyer, a senior in liberal arts and a MonIPRD volunteer, won the trip for her help in organizing the Fast Quarter course, "Ranchers, Farmers, Peasants and Herdmen: Montana's Place in the Global Food Network."

Chris Kaufmann, a graduate student in environmental studies, organized the course with Ortmeyer, but did not enter the contest.

Oxfam America, an international agency that provides self-help development projects and disaster relief to developing countries, and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger sponsored the contest.

Ortmeyer will leave for Honduras Jan. 20 after a one-day training and orientation session in Miami.

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Wise, who practices at the UC four times a week, said the accident was a "freak" because he has seen others fall from that height and not get hurt.

He and DeLay added that this was the first rock-climbing accident at the center they had seen or heard about.

Wise and DeLay said they were worried the accident might cause the administration to stop allowing climbers to practice on the walls.

By Vicki Minnick

Kaimin Reporter

During the Christmas break, the Kaimin office was remodeled with $25,000 from the UM Student Building Fees Committee.

Brian Mellstead, Kaimin business manager, said the remodeling is the first step in a series of "badly needed" improvements, adding that future refinements include the lease of a variety of equipment from the Missoulian.

The equipment, including a mainframe computer, video display terminals and a printer, will be leased from the Missoulian, he said. It is equipment they no longer need because of the newspaper's recent move to a new building, he said.

The Kaimin articles are currently written at its office in the journalism school and then electronically sent to the Missoulian where they are set in type.

When the Kaimin incorporated the leased equipment, Mellstead said, the paper will then be completed at the Kaimin office. But the Missoulian will still print it.

"It will make it a lot more convenient and save money," he said. The Kaimin now uses the UM Print Shop for setting advertising type, but when the new equipment is used to set the type, $50 to $75 a day could be saved, Mellstead said.

The initial costs will be about $2,300, Mellstead said. The lease agreement with the Missoulian will be about $10,000 for the first three years, he said, but the cost should go down in the fourth year because of depreciation. The lease will include a maintenance contract with the Missoulian.

Mellstead said a comment to ASUM Business Manager Greg Gulickson, started the action. Gulickson, who is a member of the UM Student Building Fees Committee, suggested that Mellstead make a request to the committee to refurbish the Kaimin office.