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Schwinden's budget cutbacks may cause UM personnel reduction

By James Conwell
Kaimin Staff Reporter

University of Montana President Neil Bucklew said Wednesday that UM will have to make personnel cuts to cover Gov. Ted Schwinden's 2-percent cutback in the state's general fund.

"I've never felt that there is any option but to get necessary funds from personnel," Bucklew said in a telephone interview. "But that doesn't necessarily mean you have to fire someone.

Bucklew said most of the personnel cuts would come as a result of vacated positions not being filled, but added "I'm not confident that we can do it all through attrition." When asked if that meant some UM personnel could be hired, Bucklew answered, "That's right.

Bucklew's statement came after Schwinden ordered a 2-percent cutback in the state's general fund Tuesday. Schwinden's action will require UM to cut nearly half-a-million dollars from its fiscal 1986 budget because UM receives about $22.3 million of its budget from the general fund.

A program will be initiated next week to balance UM's budget in an effort to find the money, Bucklew said in a prepared statement at a press conference in Main Hall Wednesday afternoon.

The program will include a "position freeze" and a "review of all non-personnel areas of our budget," Bucklew said.

"I am directing that no employment offers be made," Bucklew said, adding that a close scrutiny of non-personnel areas of the budget, such as equipment, travel allowances and library funds will be made in an attempt to find the money in the budget.

"We will make the cuts in places that have the least consequence for programs we are responsible for," Bucklew said.

However, Bucklew estimated that about 85 percent of the general fund is tied up in personnel costs. Therefore, some of the cuts will almost certainly have to come from personnel.

The 2-percent cutback will seem "more like a 4 or 5 percent cut" because it comes about half way through the fiscal year, Bucklew said.

"The problem is complicated by previous budget strains" at UM, Bucklew said, such as "enrollment declines experienced this past fall" and the recently initiated faculty salary increases, which were made "beyond those funded in the pay bill."

The cutback will cost the Montana University System as a whole $1,780,701, of which, about $456,000 will come from UM.

Carrol Krause, acting commissioner of higher education, said in a telephone interview that the Board of Regents is asking the six campus presidents in the Montana University System to present their plans for reducing their budgets at the regents' meeting Jan. 30.

"The campuses will have to have flexibility to meet that (2 percent) figure," Krause said.

"We will have to look at every nook and cranny in the budget" to find where cuts can be made, Krause said, adding that campuses will have to "eliminate those things that are not essential" in maintaining quality services at the institutions.

John LaFaver, director of the Montana Department of Revenue, told the Kaimin Tuesday that the governor's cutback in the general fund was caused because the state did not gain the revenue it was expected to when the Legislature made the fiscal 1986 budget.

Revenue from personal income tax, the largest single source of revenue for the general fund, has lagged behind initial estimates for the past two months, LaFaver said. He added that revenue from interest income is also down because interest rates are down.

Schwinden is authorized by law to order spending cuts of up to 15 percent in the event that revenue does not meet budget expectations.

The Associated Press quoted Schwinden at a Helena news conference Wednesday as saying: "We are not looking at significant improvements in the financial numbers in (fiscal) 1987. If we have to cut deeper to meet continued shortfalls, we'll do it."

CB to consider anti-Mitchell resolution

By Tamara Mohawk
Kaimin Staff Reporter

Central Board members, prompted by a student petition calling for the replacement of Auxiliary Services Director George Mitchell, said last night they would consider drafting a similar resolution.

But several Central Board members urged that before a formal resolution be introduced, Mitchell should be allowed to come before the board to tell his side of the story.

Also last night, CB voted to pay the salaries of the yearbook editor and business manager for the rest of this academic year, despite that no yearbook will be produced, and appointed a new chairman of the Student Legislative Action.

Debate over drafting a resolution concerning Mitchell began after an unsigned copy of the petition against Mitchell, which has already been signed by more than $1,000 students was presented to the board. CB member Mike Craig first said that CB should consider the issue in resolution form.

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**Opinion**

**UM administration should determine why shuttle service failed**

The University of Montana administration's first strong effort to alleviate parking problems on campus failed and the university owes it to the students to find out why.

The UM administration recently discontinued the shuttle from a 200-space parking lot at Dornblaser Field to seven campus locations because only 17 people participated in the program.

Administration officials say they are baffled why so few students used the shuttle service.

At the beginning of the academic year, UM and Mountain Line started the program to alleviate congestion in the parking lots on campus.

A 15-passenger van driven by students took the decal-holders from Dornblaser to campus every half hour throughout the day and evening. Every morning between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., and from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Shuttle-riders who missed their bus could catch a free ride on the Mountain Line to Dornblaser.

Even the $9-a-year decal price could not attract enough participants. Compared to the $24 it costs to park on campus, the shuttle service was a bargain. It would have been a better bargain when you consider that UM officials have said the price of on-campus parking will continue to rise.

Providing the shuttle service cost the university $4,300 Fall quarter and because the decals each cost $9 and 17 people participated in the program, the university lost about $244 per rider.

If the service had continued for the entire school year, the program would have cost the university $12,800 — or $753 per decal holder.

The administration tried a variety of ways to attract participants, yet the service was ignored.

Advertisements for the shuttle service appeared in the Montana Kaimin, the Missoulian and in Mountain Line television commercials. In addition to news articles about the service, a clip-out ad that entitled the bearer to a free ride on the shuttle appeared in the Kaimin.

The service was well-advertised, advertised, and ignored students to several points around the campus but best of all, it was cheap.

Despite its attributes, the program flopped.

The administration's next step is to find out why.

It could be that a total of all the students who bought the on-campus decals and send a questionnaire to each to find out why they did not use the service.

The resources exist on campus to conduct such a survey.

Because the university's parking problem is unlikely to disappear and the service was an excellent idea, the university should not just let the program die.

Kevin Twidwell

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**Historically Significant?**

Not long ago I ran across some type of inter-campus memo which for all intents and purposes was quite dull. One item, however, caught my eye. Under the section announcing new additions to the Mansfield Library Archives I found the Dan Kemmis Legislative Papers listed.

This struck me as quite odd because I was always under the impression that archives were supposed to contain material from people of at least minor historical significance.

In an age when most high school seniors can't name their own senators or congressmen, I wonder how many people on campus know who Dan Kemmis is. Not surprisingly, when I questioned several of my contemporaries their responses went something like: "Didn't he play bass for Black Sabbath?" or "Isn't he president of Sigma Nu?" Mr. Kemmis' accomplishments are not quite as exciting as those cited above, but for the sake of history I will list them.

Kemmis is a former state representative from the university district in Missoula. This isn't overly impressive, considering that one doesn't have to be much smarter than a box of rocks to win election from this district as a liberal Democrat. Kemmis was chosen speaker of the house in the 1983 Legislature.

Later, Kemmis applied to be mayor of Missoula following then-mayor Bill Clegg's suicide in 1983. Although dominated by liberal Democrats, (a la Fred "Peace is Groovy" Rice and Lois "I should have won" Hertig) the Missoula City Council rejected Kemmis for the job.

In 1984, after being soundly trounced by Jean Turnage in the race for Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court, Kemmis blamed his defeat on women who voted for Jean Turnage under the mistaken belief that Mr. Turnage was a woman. Apparently, Kemmis was distraught that he didn't carry the ill-informed and ignorant vote.

It should be clear at this point that Dan Kemmis is not what one would call a great thinker, politician, jurist or stateman. So why are his legislative papers in the archives? And why does one need Lord Kemmis' permission to study something given to the university for the use of faculty and students? Perhaps Kemmis feels compelled to restrict access to his papers for fear of somebody discovering what a minor figure he really is.

Apparently, one does not need to be of any historical significance to have a collection in the archives, so I have a few suggestions that would make excellent additions to the Mansfield Archives. Granted, these may not be as exciting as the Kemmis Legislative Papers, but I bet they'd be every bit as inspiring.

- The Larry Donovan Collection includes playbooks, transcripts of Larry's comments on "Sportsweek with the Grizzlies" and the actual cap he wore on his last day as the Grizzlies coach.
- The Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Papers: includes his secret plans for abdication from UM's highest office, tapes of conversations concerning the cover-up of a state-misdeeds, his faculty 'enemies list' and the tie he wore during his interview at West Virginia University.
- The Bill Mercer Collection: This collection is divided into two parts. Part one is to be read by liberals, part two by conservatives. This insures that the reader sees what he wants to see and maintains a deep and abiding love for Mercer. Also included in the collection is Mercer's epic speech on "The Virtue of Pasta Spines" and his personal waffel iron.
- Somebody once said that in the future everybody would be famous for 30 seconds. The fact that the Mansfield Library Archives contains the Dan Kemmis Legislative Papers is an indication that the day isn't far away.

Bradley Burt is a senior in history.

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**Letters**

**Fruit juice always**

**EDITOR:** I have attended three schools that had contracted their food services out to companies before I came to the University of Montana. After my eating experiences there, I urge students to support any measures to keep our food service the way it is.

The best of the other food services I have eaten in were run by the Saga Corp. and was at Montana Tech Saga there, offered two types of services. The first was a cash bar, similar to the Copper Comsmons, in which you bought only what you ate. The other was a food service for on-campus residents and was similar to the res-hall food service.

The cash bar was cheaper because you could limit your purchasing, but the cost of the other was similar to the res-hall food service cost. The difference in the two is chiefly in food quality and food choice. We had two entrees, a vegetable, a couple choices of dessert and a salad bar. We did not have a taco bar, a vegetarian bar, a hamburger grill, or ice cream every night.

This is the only school that I've seen offer fruit juice at every meal. While at MSU, I asked if it could be offered and I was told it would be too expensive.

The quality of food here impressed me. No, it's not Mom's, but Mom doesn't have to feed this many. So students hold on to what we have because the alternatives could be a lot worse.

Sheryl Sutherland
Senior, Journalism

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Cod to you, George

EDITOR: Cod! Man has fi-
nally devised the perfect
tasteless food. I thought as
stood in the shortest line at
the food service: the only
coding Cod was only about
people long. Why are all these
people winning about the
upscale dining room being
closed? If they ate Cod there wouldn't
be these block-long lines
for hamburgers, taco salads, bur-
rritos, sandwiches, casseroles
and soups. We could have six
ing lines serving Cod! I'm with you
George if use the first name
in total respects. Lets get
Saga in here. Who needs
be in the top ten when it only
showed a $40,000 annual
profit. Lets get on the ball
here. Lets improve this Uni-
versity system by charging an
extra $600 a year for "ar-
ocious food" that you wouldn't
feed to your dog? That
should attract hordes of new
students into the dorms! Busi-
ness students take note. In
our midst we have a manage-
ment superstar. In a matter of
a few years this man, George,
have taken millions of dollars
in surplus in the auxiliary
fund and has churned out a
whopping deficit in doing so
he's achieved increasing a
two person staff into a five
accountant dream team. It
seems almost magic, doesn't
it? Mitchell, I'm certainly not
going to sign that petition.
You have my full support,
salute you and think you'd
look great in Bucklew's chair.
I do continue but I must go to
my "Students for Khalday
meeting.
Scott Snelson
Junior, Wildlife Biology

Mistaken facts?

EDITOR: The facts quoted
regarding the Creative Writing
program's enrollment were
mistaken and misleading.
The figures I gave Mr. Black
were labelled Poetry Ap-
plications, not Creative Writing
Program Enrollments.
So the statement that "the
(Creative Writing) program
had 30 students in 1984, up
from 25 in 1983" should have
read that there were 30 appli-
cants to the poetry compo-
nent of the program in 1984
— and in 1985, too, incidently
—, up from the 25 appli-
cations in 1983, when I arrived
for a one-year contract (sub-
sequently, I was re-hired, ten-
ure-track, in 1984). Since
my particular star is
hitched to the health of the
Poetry Applications, the more
the better), that almost 20
percent increase is quite signifi-
cant. particularly since at the
time my job is in ques-
tion, in part, because the Fac-
ulty Evaluation Committee has
managed to describe that rise
as evidence that the Poetry
component of the program is
"still going downhill."
It is, however, true that Hugo
was indeed program director in
1978 when the Poetry Appli-
cants hit an all-time high of
69. It is also true that the
next year the number of ap-
plicants (not enrollments)
dropped to 24. The average
number of Poetry Applicants
from 1973-1983 was 31, while
I've been here with Patricia
Goedcke, also a poet, we've
pulled out of a 5-year slump
and restored the Poetry com-
ponent to a healthy 30 appli-
cants per year, 1984-1985.
Thanks for giving me the
chance to correct those fig-
ures and any false impres-
sions they may have made.
William Pitt Root
Associate Professor, English

I'm the one to blame

Editor: An open letter to W.
Michael Easton, George
Mitchell, Neil Bucklew, and
the Board of Regents.
It has come to my attention that
John Piquette is being
called on to the carpet for
having instigated the petition
that is asking for the replace-
ment of George Mitchell as
Director of Auxiliary Services.
My name is Greg Thomp-
kins. I wrote the petition. I
do not work at food services, nor
was I contacted by anyone from
food services prior to
writing it. I am the one to
"blame" for its conception
and distribution, not John Pi-
quette. If you really want
someone to blame for its irri-
tating presence then read the
petition! The reason for its ex-
sistence is clearly stated.

The petition was distributed
Friday morning, January 10.
By five o'clock that day we
had obtained over 500 signa-
tures. As I write this letter on
Monday morning we have
over 1000 signatures. It would
seem that a great number of
people agree with the spirit
of the petition. Rather than look-
 ing for a scapegoat without,
perhaps you could find a
more appropriate focus for
your concern, such as George
Mitchell?
Greg Thompkins
Junior, Social Work

Plucked at a whim

EDITOR. Mr. Bucklew:
This letter is in regard to
the recent developments con-
cerning our food service. It is
my opinion that Director
George Mitchell does not
realize the consequences of
his decision to allow these
other companies the option to
bid on this contract. I do not
believe that these other com-
panies, from my prior knowl-
edge with them, can properly
serve the needs of the stu-
dents.
The college I formerly at-
tended in Colorado was ser-
viced by Saga Corp, which I
felt was entirely inadequate.
The corporation provided
food that was both tasteless
and insufficiently nutritious.
Their system allows only lim-
ited "seconds" on entrees, one
selection for each meal, loss
of meals when missed,
and the inability to give meals
to others or host friends. For
these very reasons I appreci-
ate that this food service is
not so limited.
Mr. Mitchell, through his
lack of concern for the stu-
dent body which supports this
institution, is alienating the
residents and perpetuating the
decline in enrollment on cam-
pus. His decisions have only
succeeded in infuriating the
students, bewildering alumni
and supporters, and creating
an overall feeling of animosity
and distrust of your admin-
istration. I highly doubt that
this type of image is condu-
cive to the continuation and
existence of this institution.
I request that you discontinue
these concerns with your sub-
ordinate, Mr. Mitchell, and ex-
press your views and plan of
action publicly in order to
clarify the importance of this
problem.
I also encourage you not to
let this matter pass without
strict and proper attention lest
it demonstrate an inadequacy
within your administration.
I will not stand by and let
something beneficial and en-
joyed by myself and other
students be plucked away at
the whim of an administrator
who refuses to respect our
rights. If this is the attitude of
all of our representatives then
perhaps a more complete
changing of the guards is in
order.
Brandon Lever
Junior, Physical Therapy

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CB member Paul Tuss, who presented the petition to the board, said he was asked to do so by UM student Greg Thomas, who originated the petition.

The petition criticizes Mitch-ell for "the attempted closing of North Corbin Hall; the at-tempted changing of the Food Service Meal Plan, and the proposed plan to contract the Food Service to an independ-ent corporation."

But ASUM Vice President Amy Johnson said Mitchell should be given the chance to speak to CB and justify the actions which have been criticized by students.

When telephoned by the Kaimin after the meeting last night, Mitchell declined to comment, and hung-up on the reporter before he was told about the possible resolution. At least seven other CB agreed with Johnson including John Neuman, who said, "I think the man should have a chance to straighten things out."

CB member Jull Pinter said Mitchell "has listened to the student voice" in past deci-sions, and has changed his mind on policies after he heard students' opinions.

ASUM President Bill Mercer said he would ask Mitchell to speak next week.

"I don't know if we can real-ly serve as judge and jury until we really know what's happening," Mercer said.

In other business, CB de-cided to financially back orga-nization and planning this spring of a yearbook for the next academic year.

Yearbook editor Stephanie Kind had told CB last week that work toward a yearbook for next year must begin now, and asked that CB pay her and the business manager's salaries this spring.

CB was considering with-drawing the $3,200 for sala ries that they allocated last fall, when Kind had still planned to produce a year-book this year.

In December, she an-nounced that there was not enough time to produce this yearbook this school year.

CB's decision came after lengthy debate whether enough UM students would buy a yearbook, and whether CB was therefore prepared to allocate funds for next year to actually produce the year-book.

CB member Ann McKlitter said that because ASUM will have less funds to allocate during budgeting this year, and because the library and other areas face funding problems, CB would question its "priorities."

But several CB members and students still stated they would support a yearbook in this year and during 1986-87 budgeting next month.

Also last night, CB ap-pointed Glen Campbell, a graduate in business, to be chairman of the Student Leg-islative Action, the CB com-mittee that organizes student legislative lobbying efforts.

Group wants to catch drivers wearing safety belts

By Brian Justice

If you are driving in Missou-la and get pulled over, you may get a prize instead of a ticket.

Get Caught Missoula (GCM), a program sponsored by the Missoula City-County Health Department and the Montana Highway Traffic Safety Divi-sion to encourage safety belt use, will give you a prize for wearing your safety belt.

Robin Valle, the program's coordinator, said the prizes are donated by local busi-nesses and vary from ham-burgers and cola to gift cer-tificates. He added that as drivers pass certain check-points, they are pulled over and given prizes if they are wearing safety belts.

He said about $18,000 in prizes has been donated to the program from local busi-nesses during the past year.

The program began in Febru-ary 1985. Valle said and has been "a tremendous suc-cess."

Safety belt use by Missouli-ans has increased from 8 percent to 30 percent since the program's inception, Valle said.

About 7,500 people regular-ly wear safety belts while driv-ing in Missoula and about 15,000 regularly wear them in Missoula County.

Valle said the program was funded with a $25,000 grant by the Montana Highway Traf-fic Safety Division in an effort to cut down traffic-related deaths.

Motor vehicle accident rates are the leading cause of death in the United States for people between the ages of one and 38. Valle said Statistics indi-cate that 50,000 people die and another 2 million are in-jured in motor vehicle acci-dents each year.

He said that most of the fa-talities result from motorists not wearing safety belts, adding that this is the cause of 84 percent of Montana's traf-fic-related deaths.

"Some people may say it's a waste of taxpayers money. (to sponsor safety belt pro-grams)," Valle said, "but the programs can deter death by getting people to use seat belts."

Valle said that Billings also has a safety belt awareness program and that Great Falls is a prospective place for starting another.

Valle said that Montana Power Co. has had a safety belt program for three years and GCM has encour-aged utility companies and county agencies to institute similar programs.

Montana Power Co.'s pro-program requires that all compa-nie vehicle drivers wear safety belts or face the possibility termination, Valle said.

Many companies around Missoula, such as Mountain Bell, the U.S. Forest Service, all Missoula County agencies and the U.S. Army Reserve all require employees to wear safety belts or face the possibility termination, Valle said.

Companies requiring em-employees to wear safety belts save a tremendous amount of money on insurance policies and enhance the safety of their employees, Valle said.

He said that only the University of Montana and Cham-pion International have not yet responded to program's pro-posals.

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Mudd writing about changes made at UM's Law School

By James Conwell
Kalispell Daily Inter-Mountain

The University of Montana Law School has tried to initiate new teaching methods in its legal education program over the last six years.

Now John O. Mudd, UM law school dean, is at the Columbia University School of Law writing about the changes at UM and researching questions about where legal education is going in the United States.

Mudd received a fellowship from Columbia to spend the 1985-86 academic year researching and writing on the integration of the teaching of legal theory and practice in law schools.

In a telephone interview from his temporary home in Wyckoff, N.J., Mudd said he has written one article and is currently working on three others.

The completed article, Mudd said, is titled "Beyond Rationalism Theory of Performance-Referenced Legal Education.

"The thrust of the article," Mudd said, "is about developing a way of thinking about legal education rather than just imparting knowledge.

The old way of teaching law was to pound knowledge into students' heads. Today, that is not sufficient. You still need that base of knowledge, but we are trying to get a more well-rounded view of legal education.

"With the paper, I am trying to get a more complete view of what should be happening in legal education."

Mudd said the UM law school has been going through changes the last six years using different methods of legal education mentioned in his paper to try to develop our program to make our students better lawyers upon graduation.

By spending this year at Columbia, Mudd said he hopes to "reflect on the work we've been doing over the last six years, look at the implications of what we are doing for legal education in general and look at what direction law education might take.

"The work I'm doing is directly tied to our effort at the UM School of Law."

The stay at Columbia, Mudd said, has also been useful as a means to "test ideas in a different environment."

Mudd said he does not feel at liberty to discuss the amount of the fellowship he received from Columbia since Columbia is a private institution.

Mudd, his wife and three sons left for Columbia, located in New York, in July and will return to Montana in June.

Margery Brown is acting dean of the law school while Mudd is on leave.

Professor says discussion of cultural values will lead Americans to wilderness preservation

By John Engen
Kalispell Daily Inter-Mountain

Friends of the wilderness must begin discussing what is important to the culture if the wilderness is to survive, a University of Montana philosopher professor said Wednesday.

In his speech titled "Will the Wilderness Endure?" Albert Borgmann told about 60 people in the Liberal Arts building that American society has become too interested in consumption and reduced the value of the wilderness and its redeeming qualities.

"Only through a discussion of what is really valuable to the culture can the process of losing the wilderness from blights such as acid rain begin," he said.

Borgmann cited the Black Forest of Europe as an example of what may happen to wilderness in the United States if acid rain and other pollutants are not controlled.

The Black Forest was once a vigorous, regenerating forest supported by wildlife and humans, Borgmann said. He added that the people who lived in and around the forest revered it and valued it as a source of "peace and regeneration."

However, he said, the Black Forest will be dead within 10 years because of acid rain created by sulfur pollution from industry and nitrogen pollution from cars.

In 1984 more than 70 percent of the trees in the Black Forest were dying from acid rain poisoning, he said, and the first traces of acid rain were discovered in the upper Rocky Mountains last year.

Though the inhabitants of the Black Forest revered the forest, Borgmann said "reverence was not enough to save it."

Supporters of the wilderness must go beyond reverence to beginning a discussion of "what is worth having" and translating that discussion into political action.

"Friends of the wild must become critics of culture and join with the theorists of critique and reform," Borgmann said. "We have to articulate a new politics — a politics of culture."

"If we can recover a sense of rootedness and place, the wilderness will endure," he said.

Borgmann's lecture was the first in a series of nine wilderness lectures sponsored by the Wilderness Institute.

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For 68 years the Foresters have had a Ball

Story by James Conwell

Photos courtesy
of the forestry department

For tree surroundings, kisses for Cokes and women with hairy legs. Bluegrass bands, flannel shirts and woodsmen throwing keys. Listen and take heed of the moose, Bertha's, call—yes, these are the things of the Foresters' Ball.

Mere poetry (and I emphasize mere) cannot begin to do justice to a tradition of some 68 years at the University of Montana. The "event," which began in 1917, still retains many of its characteristics from years gone by. But each ball manages to develop a unique personality.

Homer Anderson, the "Chief Push" or organizer of the 13th Foresters' Ball in 1928 and retired UM director of admissions, described how that ball was different.

"Our Foresters' Ball was known because it was the first time we required side arms to be checked at the door. Nobody was allowed to wear side arms with their costumes.

"The reason for this is that, if I remember correctly, the year before maintenance men complained of too many holes in the ceiling of the Men's Gym, so no more side arms. Instead of shooting blanks, I'm afraid they had other things."
In the past, cancan dancers have taken to the stage and entertained ballgoers when the bands would “take five.”

Forester’s Ball Events

Forester’s Ball week officially begins Monday with tickets going on sale in the University Center for $12 per couple.

Ball festivities begin Monday with Boondockers’ Day. The woodsmen’s team competition starts at noon in the area between the forestry school and the Mansfield Library. Individual and group prizes will be awarded. A ticket drop will also be held at noon on the Oval.

Convocation will begin at 8 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Winners of the beard and hairy legs contests will be announced and the Forester’s Ball queen will be crowned.

Queen contestants are Jennifer Good, sophomore in interpersonal communications; Brooke Johnston, sophomore in recreational management; Heidi MacDonald, sophomore in finance; Nicole Nelson, sophomore in business management; and Chantel Wold, junior in HPE, athletic training.

Other events are as follows:

• Tuesday at 8 p.m., construction begins to decorate the Old Mens’ Gym. Anyone wanting to help is invited.

• Wednesday and Thursday, work in the Mens’ Gym continues.

• Friday and Saturday, the 69th Annual Forester’s Ball begins at 8 p.m. featuring the Montana Band. The theme for this year’s Ball is "Mills, Mines and Mischief: Made in Montana."

Tickets will cost $14 per couple at the door. Forestry students will be selling hats, T-shirts and photographs at the Ball.

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**Sports**

**Unbeaten wrestlers attempt to lengthen streak today**

By Ken Pekoc

The toughest challenge to the UM wrestling team and its 5-0 dual match record will take place this afternoon in Adams Field House when the Idaho State Bengals square off with the Grizzlies at 3:30.

Following a short break, the Grizzlies will return to action at 7:30 against Eastern Washington, a team they defeated 34-16 last weekend.

The Bengals were picked to finish second to Boise State in the preseason coaches poll while UM was picked fifth.

That inspires us a little bit, Montana Head Coach Scott Bliss said of the poll Monday. He added that the selections were made in October before the coaches really knew which teams would be the strongest “I doubt they’d pick it that way now.”

Bliss cited two weight classes in the ISU match which should be outstanding bouts.

In the 158-pound class, UM’s Rob Banart will tangle with defending Big Sky Conference Champion Dan Pugmire.

Pugmire won the Outstanding Wrestler award at the 1985 Big Sky Championships.

ISU heavyweight Jim Nielsen, currently ranked fourth in the nation and the defending Big Sky champion, will go up against Montana’s John Owens, a freshman who was a prep All-American.

When Montana beat EWU last Saturday, they lost just two matches and forfeited one “It’ll be a more competitive match” Bliss said of the second meeting tonight.

“They will have a few changes” Bliss said, adding that the team score could be closer this time around.

**Montana ski team glides into another season as an outsider**

By Ken Pekoc

Another obscure season began for the UM Nordic and Alpine ski teams last weekend when they competed in Anthony Lakes, Ore.

Obscure in the sense of campus acclaim, the team will function for its fifth consecutive year without being recognized by the UM Athletic Department.

According to Nordic coach and team member John Whittingham, the team suffers from an identity problem.

“A lot of our efforts rely on our ability to communicate with the student body,” he said.

This season, 18 Nordic cross country and over 30 Alpine (slalom) members comprise the two teams.

Once a dominant NCAA member, the UM team was dropped from the Athletic Department in 1976 to make room for the addition of women's volleyball.

That same year the Alpine team won the NCAA championship.

“They dominated for several years, then kaput,” Whittingham said of the former ski teams.

“We're trying to climb back up the ladder now.”

Currently, the team competes in the more popular but less talent-laden National Collegiate Ski Association, according to Whittingham.

“The NCSA has 30,000 students’ skiing,” Whittingham said.

“That's many fold greater than the NCAA.”

Curiously enough, the team must meet NCAA academic requirements dealing with student eligibility.

According to Whittingham, the club has been supported solely through ASUM funding and team money-raising projects.

“I don't think it's realistic for us to get into the Athletic Department,” Whittingham said.

Rather than work on recognition by the Athletic Department, Whittingham said the club has been working on its credibility with ASUM.

“Every year our funding has doubled,” Whittingham said.

“They've recognized our needs.”

Currently the club is awarded $1,400 per team, up from $700 last year.

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Hockey's 12 year absence in Missoula ends this weekend

By Mike Olinger

The first organized hockey games in Missoula since 1974 will take place this weekend when the UM Flying Mules Hockey Club face off against the Gonzaga University Bulldogs. Play begins at noon on Saturday and Sunday at Playfair Park behind Sentinel High School and will be the first home games ever for the 10-year-old Mules. The team is 4-0-2 on the season and is facing one of its toughest opponents, according to team captain Mark Wayne. "They are probably our best competition," he said. They like to hit and they are good skaters. A lot of their players are from Canada and play well. The two teams have met three times already this season, with UM winning once and the other two ending tied.

There are 25 players on the roster, according to Wayne, but only 18 skaters and 2 goalies will participate in this weekend's games. He added that all but one of the Mules members is from outside of Montana.

Hockey is surging in the area mainly due to a group of local fans who formed the Missoula Ice Recreation last spring, according to Wayne. The City Parks Department granted use of an area at Playfair Park, and through volunteer labor, advertising sales and donations, the rink has been established, he said. Champion International donated wood for the boards around the rink and the team has sold advertising spots on the boards to local businesses, he added. The Ice Recreation Department purchased a compressor for making artificial ice and hopes to have that system in operation next year.

Wayne said that approximately $80,000 is needed for underground piping before the system can be put into operation.

He said artificial ice is almost a necessity in Missoula because of the frequent warm spells.

Future plans for the site include a roof over the rink, replacing the mesh fencing on top of the boards with Plexiglas and the construction of a warming house.

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Phoenix starts scholarship effort for non-traditionals

By Kevin McRae

Phoenix, an ASUM group, has taken the effort to make scholarship money more accessible to non-traditional and returning students.

Phoenix is an organization of students older than 25, students who have children or students who did not begin their college education until at least two years of their high school graduation.

The number of UM students faced with the prospect of raising a family while holding a job and attending school is growing, Phoenix Coordinator Steve Devitt said Monday.

Devitt said the problems encountered by non-traditional students are almost never academic related but usually deal with managing a household while going to school on tight budget.

Student population at UM has decreased since last fall, he said. But the population of non-traditional students has actually increased.

"The University of Montana has 2,800 students who are economically in a different ball game," he said, adding that $90,000 of scholarship money at UM is "aimed at kids coming right out of high school."

"That's fine," he said, but he noted that 40 percent of the college students in the United States are considered non-traditional. He said that these students pay a large portion of the fees at UM and should be entitled to more scholarship opportunities.

The Phoenix Financial Aid Committee met with the Scholarship Committee on Jan. 9 to discuss the scholarship situation at UM.

At that meeting Red Stock, Chairman of the Phoenix Committee, recommended establishing an "Information consolidation" system that would include a book containing in-depth information on scholarship opportunities.

The book will help traditional students as well as non-traditional, he said, and is to be put out by the financial aid office.

Margaret Miller, a Phoenix volunteer, said the plan to create the scholarship book is "very positive."

"A lot of scholarships haven't been used because people don't know they're there and they don't apply for them," Miller said.

Stock also recommended establishing a point system that would equate life experience with scores on tests such as the SAT.

He said some colleges give credit for job experience on scholarship applications and the methods used by those schools should be considered for possible practice at UM.

"We're (Phoenix) not looking for an advantage," he said. "We're looking for a situation where we can be equal."

Stoick said he was happy with the meeting between Phoenix and the Scholarship Committee because the problems of the non-traditional students have been recognized.

"I think we had a real positive meeting with the committee," he said, "and I hope to see some changes in the future."

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Saga
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Amid questions about how Saga operation would differ from the current food service,
Thompkins told the Saga representatives that students were frustrated by the actions of Mitchell.
"It's really too bad you guys are coming under fire because you're allied with someone
who has been very counterproductive," Thompkins said.

Guilam "Bach" Oumar, a committee member, said, "He (Mitchell) doesn't have a dialog
with the students."

Another member, Kathy Young said, "George has not been aware of us. He needs to
hear our outcry."

Committee member Bill Huber said ASUM President Bill Mercer was also responsible
for the lack of communication.

In a telephone interview after the meeting Huber said ASUM has not come out and
publicly taken a position on this. "We certainly need for him (Mercer) to do this over an
issue that has brought the students of this campus together.

Huber and food service customer Neal Thomas became angry over the issue of where
profits would go if Saga operated the food service.

Thomas does legal research in the UM law library for Christopherson Law Offices.

Huber asked the Saga representatives three times how much of the profits would go to Saga.

Ron Tjaden, regional sales director for Saga, said profits would still go into the auxiliary
services fund. However, he refused to specify how much of the profit would go to Saga.

"We can't talk about numbers," he said. Thomas insisted the profit would go to Saga.

"You don't want to talk about the budget or John Pi-
quette," Huber said angrily. "What do you want to talk
about? I can't get a God damned thing out of you."

Duffy said she thought Saga could offer service of the same quality as the current
food service.

"That's one heck of an average," Duffy said. "I'll be frank with you, I don't think
I've ever come onto a campus and had these kind of rat-
ings."

After the meeting, Duffy said, "It's our obligation to pass on to university officials
what we've heard today." She wouldn't comment on what

Even if we never come back to UM, I think somebody

approximately the frustrations of the students," she said.

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