Quality not quantity, Bucklew says

By James Conwell
Kaimin Reporter

The University of Montana needs to substitute quality for quantity in its programs since it is on a tight budget, UM President Neil Bucklew said Wednesday.

"Rather than continuing to water the soup, we may have to make less soup," Bucklew said.

Bucklew made this statement in reference to what he said is the university's need to concentrate more on providing a few exceptional programs, rather than a large number of programs that may not be adequately funded.

Bucklew said it has been both a "blessing and a curse" for UM to provide so many programs in so many areas.

"Our program scope compares with universities two and three times larger than us," he said. "At some point we're going to have to make programs that look more like the funds available."

Because of Gov. Ted Schwinden's ordered 2 percent cut in the state's general fund, Bucklew has called on UM vice presidents and deans to develop contingency plans for curtailment of programs in the event of additional cuts in the future.

Since state officials have speculated that an even larger cut is possible in the next fiscal year to keep the state from incurring a deficit, Bucklew said he has asked the vice presidents and deans to make their contingency plans for a 10 percent reduction.

"It's not that I believe these things are good to do," Bucklew said, "it's that I believe they are necessary to do."

The governor's 2 percent cut cost UM nearly $500,000 this fiscal year and a 10 percent reduction would mean a $2.27 million loss for the university.

UM poisons pigeons

By Brian Justice
Kaimin Reporter

The University of Montana is killing pigeons by installing poisonous perches on the top of UM buildings, according to Edward Sharp, the owner of the Wilma building.

Sharp, who raises pigeons, said he learned from a physical plant employee, who wished to remain anonymous, that UM has been killing the pigeons because they defecate on campus buildings.

"It's true that the birds defecate," Sharp said, but "killing them is inhumane and they could find another way to kill them" without using this method.

Ken Read, UM Student Health Service sanitarian, said UM has been trapping and killing pigeons since at least 1968. He said campus buildings have also been altered to deter the birds from building nests on window sills.

He said UM began using poisonous perches last December because trapping the pigeons was inefficient and the problems with the birds continued to increase.

The birds die from perching on hose strips containing a poisonous chemical, which the birds absorb through their feet, he said.

Read declined to say where the strips are located.

He said that killing the pigeons is completely legal according to state pest control laws.

Read was advised in a letter by Daniel Sullivan, vertebrate pest specialist of the Montana Department of Agriculture that "Rid-A-Bird" chemical is "safe to humans and the environment within the standards set by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)."

The letter also says nonlethal methods of pest bird control exist but are often ineffective.

"Control is often temporary with the birds returning when they become habituated to the nonlethal method or they are simply pushed to another site where the problem is perpetuated. Where long term bird control is desired, lethal control methods are the recommended approach," Sullivan said.

After learning of UM's use of "Rid-A-Bird," Sharp said he sent letters to the UM Physical Plant, UM President Neil Bucklew, the Missoulian, the Montana Kaimin, the Missoulia City-County Health Department, the Missoula County Humane Society, the Missoula Fish and Game Department and the Montana State Fish and Game Department in Helena.

Sharp said in his letter that birds other than pest birds could be killed by using "Rid-A-Bird."

"For your information, all birds, to mention falcons, owls, robins, etc. are protected by Federal and State Laws which prohibit the use of poisonous chemicals for such extinction," he said.

Read said, "Sharp is inaccurate," adding that no birds other than pigeons have been killed by the chemicals.

The bird droppings cover a 15-foot wide strip running from the 11th to the second floor of the west side of Jesse Hall. The droppings are from two to four inches deep on most of the window sills.

However, no Jesse Hall residents have filed complaints.

Pigeons also roost on Rankin Hall.

Droppings are scattered on the window sills and wall by the entrance of the building.

Thomas Roy, social work professor whose office is in Rankin Hall, said the pigeons droppings are hazardous because they create a slick surface on the steps entering the building. He added that he received complaints from students and other people from the community who were worried about slipping and falling.

Carter to address moral issues in May 19 speech

By Christopher Ransick
Kaimin Reporter

Former President Jimmy Carter will speak May 19 at the Ethics and Public Affairs conference presented by the Mansfield Center, director Paul Lauren said Wednesday.

The conference will focus on "the search for a moral vision in foreign policy making," Lauren said. Carter was selected, he said, because he "was and remains such an outspoken spokesman for the role that values should play in the conduct of foreign affairs."

Although Carter will be in Missoula for only one day, he will hold an open press conference, attend a class at the university and speak at 8 p.m. in the Harry Adams Field House, Lauren said. Carter's lecture and the conference will be free and open to the public.

Carter's fee for his appearance is still being negotiated, Lauren said. But Daniel Smith, President Neil Bucklew's executive assistant, told the Kaimin in October that Carter will be paid about $5,000.

Lauren said the conference scheduled for May 19-20 will include other speakers, but he would not specify who have been scheduled.

Lauren said the Mansfield Center will offer this spring a one credit course relating to the topic of the conference. Lauren, UM history professor, will teach Ethics and Public Affairs on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Opinion

Shuttle service should be reinstated

The parking problem at the University of Montana have been bad in recent years but they will soon be getting worse.

Editorial

Earlier this month, the Missoula City Council voted to allow the designation of resident-only parking areas in the city. With the green light from the council, the University Home Owners Association has begun the first steps to designate a two-block radius around the campus as such an area.

If approved, the students who now park on the side streets around the campus will be ticketed $10 per violation. The restricted parking area will simply push the parking problem, block by block, further from the university as more such areas are established.

One effort to alleviate part of the problem was recently put on hold. The UM administration proposed to the Board of Regents at its recent meeting a plan that would create 200 new parking spaces on campus. The regents delayed voting on the plan until the city council decided on the resident-only parking plan.

At first, the proposal sounds good but the estimated cost of the three-phase plan exceeded $800,000 — $4,000 per space.

On behalf of Central Board, ASUM President Bill Mercer opposed the plan because of the cost. His effective lobbying at the meeting played a major role in the regents’ decision.

Any solution to the parking problem is going to be expensive, but $4,000 per space is ridiculous, especially when UM already has a 200-space lot at its disposal.

With a few changes, the shuttle that ferried students from Dornblaser to UM Fall Quarter can be reinstated, alleviating some of the parking problems.

The shuttle service was canceled because only 17 people bought the $9 parking permits. On-campus parking decals cost $24 a year.

The administration gave up on the shuttle service after several attempts to persuade the service to fail to draw more participants.

The shuttle should expand its route by picking up students in the married student housing area and points along Higgins Avenue between South Avenue and Sixth Street S. Rather than picking up students only at Dornblaser.

The main reason the shuttle failed is because the inconveniences it caused students were not worth the $15 difference in the price of the two decals.

Shuttle decal holders couldn’t go to their cars between classes and some had to wait for the shuttle to pick them up.

The shuttle ran every half hour during the day and every 15 minutes during the peak morning and evening hours.

To entice students to endure the inconveniences, the price difference between the two decals must be more substantial than the cost of a large pizza. The two ingredients of pizza are bread and sauce.

The fact is that the administration may have to substantially raise the price of on-campus parking to force the service to fail to buy the shuttle service decals. Because of the inconveniences, students must be forced to use the service or the service must be attractive enough to entice more participants.

Because of the university’s failure to effectively deal with the problem, the community has taken the issue into its own hands. However, the university should take the city council’s hint and reinstate an improved shuttle service instead of abandoning its efforts and saying, "Well, we tried."

Kevin Twidell

Smoke area

EDITOR: Recent polls have shown that between 70 per cent and 80 per cent of the U.S. popu-
lation is non-smokers. Why, then, does the no-smoking section of the Copper Commons comprise only about one-fifth of the total dining area? With all the exis-
tence there is now against smoking, it amazes me that this institu-
tion of higher learning is doing so little to discourage it.

Albert Gulman

Sophomore, Social Studies

Vote

EDITOR: In regard to the up-
coming presidential election, I am grateful that people like Shawn Glen and Jeff Shoper are offering the students of the Uni-
versity of Montana a new direc-
tion in student government.

Both offer a new and exciting approach to ASUM and the Central Board that will allow for greater student participation in their government. By presenting an open door policy and stress-
ing the return of power to the students, we as UM students can gain access to the decision mak-
ing process that controls our destiny.

Remember to get out and make your vote count by voting on Wednesday, Feb. 26 in the University Center.

Cheryl L. Smith

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Williams Rouses the Rabbble

If welfare is a narcotic (as Franklin Roosevelt believed) then Congressman Pat Wiliams is a big-time pusher. Nearly a month goes by that Williams doesn’t come around the university trying to get some college student “hooked” on federal handouts.

Williams, a Democrat, (what else) was in Missoula last Thursday doing his best to reassure the rabbles against the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law by telling all the young’uns that Gramm-Rudman would seriously cut the amount of available stu-
dent aid. “Hey kid, better ask faw or else the man (Reagan) is gonna make sure you get no primo blow (financial aid).”

Williams has a number of good reasons for making weekly forays to the University of Montana in order to warn students of impending doom, not the least of which is an addition to demagoguery. A phrase of Tip “Pass the Doritos, please” O’Neill, the lucky Pat Williams was taken under Tip’s ample wing upon his arrival in Con-
gress in 1979. Since that time, Pat Wil-
liams’ philosophy of government has mir-
rored the compassionate Tip’s, to wit: Tax and spend, tax and spend, ad infinitum.

Pat Williams is one of those arrogant types who believes he knows how to spend your money better than you do.

Another reason Williams is compelled to grace the university with his presence every other week is his love of power. Williams worships huge federal budgets because he sits on the House Budget Committee and the bigger the federal budget the more power Pat Williams wields. Consequently, Williams wants to stir up the faithful back home to oppose Gramm-Rudman in the hope that the law will be rescinded and he will have all his power back.

The bigger reason Williams is pushing financial aid is obvious. He wants to stay in office. Like any good pusher, Williams knows that if he gets enough students “hooked” on federal money then they will continue to look to him for a “fix.” In other words, more people dependent on student loans translates into more people who will vote for Pat Williams and his vi-
sion of an America where the government pays for everything and all the citizens have to do is sit up, beg and occasionally mark an “X” by Pat Williams name on a ballot.

Remember how much attention Williams received when he appointed himself Sir Galahad and went out to slay the evil Grace Commission report? The report rec-
ommended 2,478 ways to cut the federal deficit. The authors of the report saw no good reason to pay Medicare benefits to 8,500 dead people, but apparently Rep. Williams worried that he might lose the dearly-departed vote and proceeded to ap-
pear on the Today show and other early morning television binges to denounce Peter Grace and the Commission’s report. Wil-
liams was a success, but unfortunately the deficit continued to swell.

Williams cites military spending as the “big reason” for the deficit. Unfortu-
nately this just doesn’t wash. Williams’ so-called entitlement programs eat up most of the budget and he knows it. Williams is anti-defense (despite protestations to the contrary) because a healthy defense budget doesn’t guarantee votes for Pat Williams the way massive social spending does.

Bradley Burt is a senior in history.

Williams says there is “an awful lot of short run politics taking place in the United States.” For once Williams is cor-
rect and if he wants to see a perfect exam-
ple of short run politics he should look in the mirror. Pat Williams has never looked beyond the next election when casting a vote. He would rather mortgage our fu-
ture or dangerously weaken national secu-
rity than cut one penny of government larg-
esse.

Shortly before the 1984 elections I heard Williams talking to a few students in the hallway of the Journalism Building. Wil-
liams was bemoaning the fact that a ma-
jority of students supported Reagan even though financial aid was being “cut” under his administration. The implication of course being, “I do and I do and I do for you kids and this is how you repay me.” Sorry Congressman, but some of us believe the Republic that our Founding Fathers ploge, their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to create stands for more than just grabbing for federal dollars.

Bradley Burt is a senior in history.
Heinous crime

EDITOR: This is an open letter to the person or persons who vandalized my bicycle late Saturday night (February 1) or early Sunday morning (February 2). To be angry for what you did is not enough. To be enraged is not enough. To seek revenge is not enough. To react, respond and to forgive, that is enough.

What you did is by no means condonable. Yet you did not go beyond the capacity for human understanding and forgiveness. This is my task — this is my path to follow. It is my way to forgive what you did to my bike and to try to rebuild it, if possible; and restore it to its original state before this most heinous crime was done.

You have put a great financial burden on me. And as crazy o hokey as it may sound, I feel as though you have mutilated and nearly crushed a dear friend of mine. In the end, this terrible experience will have caused me to grow as an individual. And in the great words of philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, speaking for myself and the spirit of my bicycle, “What does not kill me, makes me stronger.”

Gregory Hamm
Sophomore, Elementary Education

Budget?

EDITOR: Having considered the potential effects of across-the-board budget slashing at this University, I've concluded that we must mold our various departments and faculties to fit the apparent conception currently residing in Helena of what an institution of higher learning should be. Because the library is just one of the many facilities here, like the game room at the University Center, or the parking lots, it too should conform to fit the new budget. The following suggestions address the library specifically, but could serve as templates for change in other facilities or even departments to fit the spirit of our “new” University.

Suggestion 1. Eliminate all but 5 percent of the most popular books and periodicals and store them in a traveling bookmobile. The bookmobile would visit only dorms, and only on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. This would both encourage students to move on campus and also ensure better sleeping habits for otherwise late-night students. To offset campus students' thoughts, Soon, you won't be able to park near anyway.

Suggestion 2. Introduce unlim- ited grace periods for overdue books, much like what professors enjoy today. However, inquiring students would be given both the name and dorm room key of the current book borrower. This would foster greater stu- dents more isofice and exchange of ideas, as well as improve dorm life considerably. And think of the savings in book rebinding!

Suggestion 3. Microfiche all books and journals. Then house all films in a one-room log cabin where the present faculty now stands, nearly adding a rustic touch to our campus. Matriculating students would, of course, be required to purchase a personal set of magnifying eyeglasses for such personal.

Suggestion 4. Eliminate the lib- rary altogether. Assign the Kain- min as the only required reading

for all classes. I glean so much knowledge from Bradley Burt's weekly column that I feel no need to learn anything else until his next installment anyway. The legislature obviously knows what's best for Montana, so, if we here at the university could just tighten our belts and adopt more of a "team-player" attitude, outcomes against low facu- lty salaries and other unimpor- tant items would quickly die down to a contested murrum. "Improving" the library is the best place to start, and any one of the four suggestions above would send the right kind of message directly to Helena.

Peter F. Folger
Graduate Student, Geology

Fanfare

EDITORS: So we need to have the facts involved in the innova- tion of new 200 tactics. Here are a few beauties I've thought up over the night:

1) Spray the opposing coach's chair with Fim Grip. That way the Grizzlies might make more trips up and down the court than the out-of-town coach.

2) Let Ray (the superfan under the north basket) throw the ball in bounds. With six guys bring- ing the ball down court, the Griz might successfully beat the press. And if that doesn't work, sign up Marty Mornhawm to throw the ball a whopping 50 feet downtown in one wide open man.

And finally a song that one and all can sing (sung to the Simon and Garfunkel tune "Feeling Groovy")

Slow down you move too fast

We gotta make our homestand last

We always win our games at home.

But when we travel things get spooky.

Nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, really spooky.

The Grizzly tactics get past one

Monty's tempo's an awful slow one

"I don't care if the break is free cause if you run it you'll sit by me"

by Berke Breathed

Correction

In the banner of yesterday's paper the Kaimin erroneously reported the incorrect date and day. Yesterday was not Friday the 14th, Valentine's Day, but actually was Wed-nesday the 19th. The Kaimin regrets the error but wishes that yesterday was Friday and that today was the beginning of a three day weekend.
State's wolf population rising, professor says

By John Engen

Kalam Report

Bob Ream, University of Montana forestry professor, howled Wednesday night.

But Ream's howl wasn't the same as that of a basketball fan or a teen-aged boy howling after a teen-aged girl. Instead, it was an expert imitation of the howl of the gray wolf, the animal Ream has been studying for years and the subject of his lecture sponsored by the Wilderness Institute.

The wolves, Ream said, are recovering in the state after having been "pretty well gone" since the 1930s. This winter, he said, there are about 20 wolves in the state, and "the potential for recovery in this area is great."

Ream began studying wolves in Montana in 1973, but there were few of the animals that "it was like looking for a needle in a haystack," he said. He began his search for wolves by asking various agencies to report any sightings of wolves, their tracks or howling to him.

Between 1972 and 1979 Ream said he collected about 400 reports of wolf sightings and received funding for his work in 1979. He hired two people and began the search for wolves along the Rocky Mountain front.

In April of that year, the researchers captured an 80-pound female wolf along the Canadian border along the front. They attached a radio collar to the wolf and began tracking it.

The researchers learned that the wolf crossed back and forth across the Canadian border in and out of Glacier National Park. The radio collar stopped working after 18 months, but Ream learned that the female had no mate, and therefore couldn't be expected to reproduce.

In February 1981, however, a pair of wolf tracks were found in Glacier Park, and in July, "all of the sudden there were four wolf pups," Ream said.

And last summer, he said, six more wolf pups were born in the state. These six pups and six other wolves belong to what Ream calls "the magic pack," which was named because it seemed to disappear every now and then while the researchers were tracking it.

This pack is the only known wolf pack in the state, and the researchers have concentrated their studies on it.

The researchers "backtrack" the animals so as not to influence their behavior, Ream said, and they have learned that the pack needs to kill a deer every three or four days to sustain itself.

In researching the wolves hunting, Ream said he had "the most exciting moment of my research career."

He and two other researchers last winter discovered a deer carcass killed by wolves, and in an effort to find where the wolves had gone, Ream began howling.

He got no response.

Then all three researchers began howling the low, mournful cry of the wolves.

"Pretty soon we had the magic pack joining in howling," Ream said. "It brought tears to my eyes."

At the rate the wolves have been reproducing and roaming, Ream said, "I think in a matter of one or two decades there will be wolves in the Bob Marshall Wilderness."

Pigeons

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He said he contacted the physical plant to clean the entrance, adding it needs cleaning every several days.

Ream said the pigeons could be controlled without killing them.

He added that other methods such as blocking the roosting area with chicken wire could be used.

Steve Laugrun, resident halls maintenance supervisor, said Jesse Hall needs to be cleaned about once every four to six weeks. He added that cleaning costs about $60.

Read said the hose strips and one pint of liquid chemical come in kit form costing about $150.

It includes ten strips about three feet long and will last six months, he said.

About 25 pigeons have been killed since the perchers have been installed.

Read accused Sharp of causing UM's and Missoula's pigeon problems. He said Sharp does not confine the hundreds of pigeons he raises, adding that the Son department store and The Savoy restaurant have also complained.

"If he's gonna raise 'em he should take care of 'em," Read said. "He doesn't confine 'em and they go all over."

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Gymnastic title chances hurt by injuries

By Ken Pekoc
KSDK Sports Reporter

University of Montana gymnast Lori Aubin and Kila Opsahl carefully stretched themselves for lunch yesterday. Students in the UM Food Service saw them lower one set of crutches to the floor, and then another.

Last Saturday in Spokane, the entire UM gymnastic team saw the pair lower themselves to the floor — both victims of season-ending knee injuries.

"Both injuries were preventable," UM head coach Terry Hamilton said yesterday. "Before the meet began, I mentioned the mats were a little soft. We talked about being careful on landings."

First Aubin in her vault and then Opsahl in her uneven parallel bars routine misused their landings and tore ligaments in their right knees.

"It's a kind of deja vu for us," Opsahl said during her lunch.

Two years ago, the duo injured their left knees within two weeks of each other.

Saturday, the injuries to their right knees came just 15 minutes apart.

A third similarity, both will undergo surgery Friday by the same doctor.

For Aubin, a senior, the injury ends her collegiate gymnastics days.

Opsahl, a standout gymnast at Highgate High School who is suffering from her third knee injury in as many years, has begun to wonder if she was meant to be a college gymnast.

The loss of Aubin and Opsahl is crucial to the Grizzlies' chance at repeating as Mountain West Athletic Conference Champions.

Not only does the team lose two of its finest athletes, but the number of team members is also reduced to just five.

Since a team's score is determined by its top five individual scorers, the remaining gymnasts find themselves in the spotlight:

"We're kind of wearing down," head coach Terry Hamilton said yesterday. "Basically, this makes it hard for us to win the conference championship. But it's not out of reach."

Winning the MWAC tourney, which will be held in Missoula March 22, now depends on the efforts of Navidie Ueoka, Nora Sullivan, Cindy Stephens, Laurie Larsson and Mark Woelfl.

The five will have plenty of time to prepare for the conference title, with the first of their remaining meets taking place this Sunday at 2 p.m. in Adams Field House against Montana State.

The Bobcats, Grizzlies and Boise State Broncos should all vie for the MWAC's top spot, according to Hamilton.

For Stephens, thinking of the team's dejected status "sure makes me want to win" the MWAC. "We wanted to win in the first place, but it's not expected of us now."

Larson added, "I think we can still do it. We have confidence in ourselves — we have to do it."

Fear of injury is now fixed into the minds of the remaining girls. "To see one teammate go down is bad," Ueoka said. "But two is something else. It makes you see how important concentration is."

A "little break in concentration" is the probable cause of most gymnastics-related injuries, Hamilton said. He explained that in wrestling or basketball, a break in concentration usually means a loss of some points. "In gymnastics you end up with a major injury," he said.

From the Cheap Seats

To be awarded by default — One Big Sky basketball championship.

Such is the opinion of many Montana fans this week as to them the Grizzlies are doing their best not to win the Big Sky title outright.

Or, so it seems to the oft frustrated Grizzly followers.

It's just not happening. The Grizzlies continue the distressing habit of performing poorly in away games and missed a golden opportunity to secure at least a tie for, and probably sole possession of, first place in the final league standings.

In a road swing that should have at least been a split, Montana lost to Idaho State, 66-59, and Weber State, 95-80.

One of the supposed hallmarks of teams with championship intentions is the ability to win basketball games on any court — home, hostile or neutral.

And yet the combined road record of the eight Big Sky schools is 8-34. Montana has the best mark of all member schools at 2-4.

That's hardly impressive.

So, does all this mean the Grizzlies have peaked and are in terminal downhill? Should fans brace themselves for another year as the bridesmaid and not the bride?

Steady folks, don't mame the lifeboats yet. They're still in first place with time yet to claim the crown.

So why, if a team still has a good title shot, are fans frustrated?

One reason is the coaches have created their own monster.

In the fifteen years of Big Sky history prior to Mike Montgomery's span as Grizzly coach, UM finished in the top three of the conference just four times. Two for league crowns though.

In the seven seasons that Moesty has been coach, the Griz have been in the top three six times, four of those were for second place.

Second is nice, but after a while fans expect all that and more. They want the big one, the title.

The other reason is the players themselves.

Mooney and his staff have done a good job in recruiting talented individuals despite Missoula's lack of plankom compared to other college towns. But the consistency of individual performance in the supporting cast has often been less than optimal.

While the performance of Larry Kryskiwak has been steady game-in and game-out, no other player's performance can be predicted.

Without krysko, the Griz are a mediocre team at best. And one player can't carry a team for every game.

But don't give up the ship for sunk yet folks, the tithe's there for the taking.

And the Griz are still the best sports show around.

Tickets on sale for:

Bobcat—Grizzly game

Student tickets for the March 1 Grizzly-Bobcat basketball game in Bozeman are on sale at the ticket office in the Harry Adams Field House.

The tickets are five dollars each, with a limit of one per valid University of Montana student ID. Montana's ticket supply is limited to just 250.

Big Sky Tourney

Tickets are now on sale for the Big Sky Conference—Coot's Wrestling Tournament at the UM Ticket Office. The tournament will be held Saturday, March 1, in Adams Field House.

Tickets are five dollars for adults and two dollars for students.
CB votes against changing employee pay policy

By Tamara Mohawk
Kaiser Reporter

Central Board last night considered but decided against changing the ASUM employee pay policy. The changes proposed by the Budget and Finance Committee would have allowed ASUM groups to change salaries for their members as long as they followed pay guidelines for various job descriptions set by CB. Also, the pay grade now only available for the ASUM president would be open to the top employees of ASUM groups now paid at the next highest level. Salaries in the top two pay grades would also have been raised by $20.

ASUM Business Manager Greg Gullickson said the committee recommended the changes after the Montana Kaimin said the pay plan, which went into effect last November, resulted in unequal pay for several people doing the same job. Kaimin employees who were hired this quarter are being paid less than co-workers in the same job who were hired before the pay plan went into effect. The Kaimin said it would file a complaint with the University of Montana Financial Aids Office if changes were not made enabling it to pay its employees equal pay for equal work.

CB member Mike Craig said the Kaimin "may have a good case in a court of law." But CB member Pete Sullivan and others questioned changing the fiscal policy a few months after it was approved. Before voting whether to change the fiscal policy, CB proposed two amendments of its own to the proposal, saying that the Board should still have to approve any "upgrading" of salaried positions, and rejecting the pay increases for the top two grades.

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Fewer R.A. jobs may be available

By Jan Buckner
Kaiser Contributing Reporter

The University of Montana began interviewing for next year's resident assistants, but there may be fewer positions if fewer students choose to live on campus, said Ron Brunell, director of residence halls.

The number of students living on campus declined 9 percent this year, Brunell said, because the number of out-of-state students enrolling at UN increased and the number of students living in Missoula County increased. Missoula County students often live at home.

Brunell said this year 30 women and 35 men are employed as resident assistants and on an average year 200 to 350 people apply for jobs. After he determines which staff members CB voted 12 to 7 in favor of changing the fiscal policy, but after some debate, ASUM President Bill Murdoch ruled that the amendment required a two-thirds majority.

CB member Gene Solomon was the first to suggest that a two-thirds rather than a majority vote was necessary. He said after the meeting that "it's just logical" based on past CB decisions.

But after the meeting, Gullickson and ASUM Vice President Amy Johnson both said they weren't sure whether a two-thirds majority approval was necessary for the changes to be made.

Nothing in the fiscal policy, Resident assistants are in charge of individual halls and wings in the dormitories. They not only handle the discipline but they also offer guidance and advice to the students. "We want our R.A.'s to form a relationship with them," Brunell said. He said many types of people apply to be resident assistants.

"We take applications from anyone on campus," Brunell said. The minimum requirements are a 2.00 grade point average, some previous college experience and the ability to keep the job for the school year.

When interviewing applicants, Brunell, his supervisory staff and his current resident assistants look for people with maturity, responsibility, experience and good communication skills, he said.

Residents assistant receive free room and board from the University. Brunell said. This year room and board cost $2,268.

At the beginning of Spring Quarter, a second interview with each applicant will be held. By late April, the supervisory staff and Brunell will have selected about 30 men and 50 women finalists, who will be interviewed one more time.

Brunell will know by May 15 how many of his current staff will return next year and will begin hiring. He said all the vacant positions will be filled by the middle of August.

However, he added, there is no way to know at this time how many jobs will be open next year.

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In a memorandum to the UM community, Bucklew states that in making the contingency plans, each administrator should consider each program’s “centrality to the mission of the University of Montana, and other factors including quality, cost, level of student need and interest, duplication within the system, and effective service to the institution and the state.”

Bucklew further advised the administrators in a memorandum addressed to them that “every program or function within the institution ought to be subject to close scrutiny; no area should be considered sacrosanct.”

Bucklew instructed the deans to have each unit’s plans reviewed by Donald Habbe, vice president of academic affairs, by March 7 and asked that Glen Williams, vice president for fiscal affairs, and Michael Eason, vice president for university relations, have their plans completed by the same date.

Bucklew said he will meet with each vice president during the week of March 10 to discuss the plans before he prepares the final draft of the contingency plan.

Development of the contingency plan will not necessarily mean it will be implemented, Bucklew said.

“On the contrary,” he said in the memorandum, “it ought to serve as a guide to a range of options to direct the course of the university’s destiny.”

Bucklew said two things that would prevent the contingency plan from going into effect would be if it is determined to be financially unnecessary or if the plan is not supported by the campus community.

New clock system cost unknown

By Kevin McRae

Kaimin Report

A new campus-wide clock system is being installed at a cost that the Physical Plant operations supervisor and the University of Montana fiscal affairs vice president say is unknown.

Floyd Castonguay, Physical Plant maintenance supervisor, said work began shortly before Christmas on a clock-hell system that will allow campus clocks to be governed by one main clock located in the Physical Plant.

Physical Plant operations supervisor and the University of Montana fiscal affairs vice president say it is not necessary.

He said the new system should be completed in two weeks.

Castonguay said he does not know how much the system will cost. He said that Alan Messick, vice president of fiscal affairs, said in early February that he did not know how much the work on the clocks will cost. He said he didn’t know a new system was being installed, adding that he thought there was “just some repair work being done.”

Williams could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Castonguay yesterday repeated that he does not know the cost of the clock system, stressing again that Messick is responsible for the “dollar figures.”

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