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Neil Bucklew bids adieu to UM

By James Connell
Kaimin Reporter

Soon after Neil Bucklew arrived at the University of Montana, Kaimin interviewers asked the new president, among other things, whether he voted for Ronald Reagan and smoked marijuana.

As the new leader of a traditionally liberal institution, Bucklew gave somewhat conservative answers to these questions.

On the election of Reagan, Bucklew offered little information, saying, "I went into $4500 and closed the curtain and got to have my secret ballot and I am going to keep it that way."

And had he ever tried marijuana? "No," he replied. "Innocent."

In his final Kaimin interview before he leaves UM to assume the presidency of West Virginia University, Bucklew spoke of his accomplishments and failures at UM and offered advice to the committee searching for his replacement and to his successor.

The "involvement and support" he was able to give to the general education reform at UM was one of the more notable achievements Bucklew said he accomplished while president.

"I don't think there's been a curricular set of issues that have been more important in the life of the university, probably for decades," Bucklew said.

"There are few universities of our size and type — major public universities — that have as well thought out general education programs.

"I'll just say that it was evident when I came to the campus that there was not a discipline to the undergraduate requirements, that that was frustrating to the faculty, that students acknowledged it, that there was an interest in trying to understand a major reform."

"There was some concern about doing that because an effort some years previous to that had failed and I was really challenged to try to give some leadership to that and I think I did."

He added: "I don't want to leave an impression that I somehow did (it all) but I really do believe that I influenced it and was supportive of it. The faculty and students were key players."

"It took a lot of people," he said, "and I'm pleased that I was one of them."

See 'Bucklew,' page 8.

Mercer feels his accomplishments were overlooked

By Tamara Mohawk
Kaimin Reporter

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out the strong man stumbles, or where the door of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose foot is stained by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst (if he fails, at least fails while doing greatly.) — THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

ASUM President Bill Mercer, who leaves office next week, uses Theodore Roosevelt's quote about people in the political arena as an analogy for his administration this past year at the University of Montana.

In an interview yesterday, Mercer reviewed his term as UM student body president, saying there have been several accomplishments that have been overlooked, and overshadowed by criticism.

See 'Mercer,' page 9.

Library budget cuts blamed on rising periodical costs

By Adina Lindgren
Kaimin Reporter

Inflating periodical costs have forced two University of Montana schools to cut their 1986-87 library budgets more than $41,000.

Ruth Patrick, Mansfield Library dean, said that because Montana's "legislature does not fund the universities for inflation," library funds for the College of Arts and Sciences have to be cut $29,229 and $2,120 for the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.

She said inflation forces the library to cut periodical purchases every year and added that this year's inflation rate is 8.6 percent.

Howard Rheinhardt, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the college will cut technical journals but not news magazines or newspapers. He said those cuts will affect graduate students more than undergraduates, who depend more on books.

Rheinhardt said he is unsure which journals will be cut, but added that any department "that loses a journal, loses immediate access" to updated information. He said students will have to rely more on interlibrary loans.

Pharmacy School Dean Phil Catalfo was not available to comment on how the cuts will affect his school.

The College of Arts and Sciences comprises 15 departments. The School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences comprises eight departments.

Department deans will decide by April 18 which journals will be cut.

Because journal prices vary, Patrick said she could not estimate how many journals will be cut.

Faculty Senate suggests 86-87 parking decal increase

By Kevin McRae
Kaimin Reporter

On-campus parking decals at the University of Montana could cost $75 next year if a Faculty Senate recommendation is adopted.

Pete Sullivan, a Central Board and Campus Development Committee member, said Thursday that the Faculty Senate suggested at a recent meeting a $51 increase in next year's parking fees.

Olen Williams, vice president of fiscal affairs, said UM parking lots were surveyed and found to be 90 percent to 95 percent full during a normal school day.

Revenue from increased decal prices could be used to support gravel lots and clear more property for parking, he said.

Williams said he doesn't know if the senate will settle on a $75-dollar price tag as the final recommendation for the cost of parking decals.

He said that when the senate makes its final recommendation, his office will work with the senate to make any necessary revisions and present the plan to the public relations office.

No members of the faculty senate's executive board could be reached for comment Thursday.

Williams said the final decision will not be made without campus wide discussion.

"We would have to have several hearings on campus," he said, "and we would have to have input from students to see how they feel about an increase."

He said the plan to increase the price of on-campus parking decals is not an effort to force students to use the shuttle service from the Dornblaser Field parking lot. "That's a misconception," Williams said.

He said he hopes students will see the need for a price increase and understand how parking space can be expanded.
Opinion

Bouquets and bouquets: Happy news abounds

With the final Kaimin of the quarter usually comes the awarding of bouquets and brickbats to reward the good deeds and acknowledge the bonerhead moments of the past three months. Recently, however, an ad hoc committee of Central Board proposed giving Publications Board the power to tell the Kaimin what to print.

Editorial

Apparently, ASUM President Bill Mercer and the three members of the ad hoc committee, who supported a powerful Pub Board are upset because the Kaimin doesn’t print enough happy news.

We at the Kaimin agree. We don’t like bad news anymore than Bill does and frankly, we are sick and tired of printing it. Therefore, this editorial will only award bouquets.

*A bouquet to Bill for graduating.*

*To Shaun Egan and the Student Action Center for working to change SAC’s image as a radical left-wing organization and to involve students in both campus and national issues. It’s too bad Mercer and CB don’t see that SAC is providing a useful service for students.*

*To George Mitchell for listening to student opinion and for not stirring up trouble this quarter by proposing to contract out the UM Food Service, close dorms, or stop students from giving their meal passes to whomever they wish.*

*To the Montana Board of Regents for appointing Carlton Krause to be commissioner of higher education. During his stint as acting commissioner, Krause has proved to be an able administrator. Krause is personable and down-to-earth, and he doesn’t beat around the bush when something needs to get done.*

*To Bill for calling the ASUM Constitution archaic and for saving CB and UM students time by just changing it for us whenever he felt it needed changing.*

*To CB member Ann McCutrick for being one of the few CB members to make sense at the budget meeting. Ann repeatedly urged her fellow CB members to budget with all ASUM groups in mind and not to try to assess the merits of individual groups without relating them to ASUM as a whole.*

*To ASUM Vice President Amy Johnson for keeping CB meetings lively with such wit as, “You guys. ‘I just want to try to say that…” “That’s the stupidest thing I ever heard.”*  

*To Bill Mercer, CB member Mike Craig, ASUM Day Care Coordinator Marcia Mayes and the UM administration for reducing ASUM Day Care rent 50 percent.*

*To UM Foundation Executive Director William Zader for helping to improve UM’s image by refusing to talk to the press, even when he is the only person available to answer questions about complicated stadium financing.*

The attitude Zader and his public relations man David Little have is: Why tell the press when it’ll just get the story wrong anyway? Hardly a way to run a public relations campaign, eh Bill?

*To outgoing Business Manager Greg Gullickson for doing a good job for us.*

*To Ken Read, UM sanitarian, for attempting to rid the campus of those evil, dirty pigeons. Everyone knows there are good birds, ones that don’t poop on buildings, and bad birds, ones that do. Thanks to Ken for helping rid our campus of the bad ones.*

*To the FAIR party for taking a stance on an issue and giving students a reason to vote. By the party’s clear mandate, it is apparent students are tired of political rhetoric. Let’s hope FAIR members honor their promises.*

*To Amy for coming back from a student government conference in Houston with a good tan.*

*To the Lady Grizzlies for winning the Mountain West Athletic Conference regular season title, the CBAC tournament and their first round NCAA game.*

*To the Men Grizzlies for tying for the Big Sky Conference championship, for placing second in the Big Sky Tournament and for putting up a good showing in the National Invitational Tournament.*

*To the UM wrestling team for placing second in the Big Sky Conference and to wrestlers Stew Waddell, Rob Bazant and Jeff Castro for earning a trip to the NCAA championships.*

Tim Henek

Stress and the College Student

You all know finals are next week. It’s been a busy quarter for a lot of us. Budgeting and elections took up quite a bit of time during the past few weeks, but now it’s time to get back to the books and prepare ourselves for exams next week.

Finals week can be a period of high stress for students. Your body will tell you if you are experiencing any of the symptoms of stress. John Stenger of the Center for Student Development said that stress isn’t just in your head, but is often physiological and shows itself in headaches, upset stomachs or other intestinal disorders.

People in stressful situations often suffer from lack of sleep or their eating patterns change. Stress has been linked to illness and therefore needs to be addressed.

Stenger describes test anxiety problems as a series of negative self-talks. For example, "I don’t know what I’m doing here. I’m too dumb to do this. I don’t know the answer to number three. I probably don’t know the answers to the rest of the problems. I’ll fail this test. I’ll have to drop out of college. I’ll be a dishwasher the rest of my life." A little extreme, but you get the picture.

Ways to alleviate stress during finals week include: preparation, planning alternative activities and predicting what is going to happen. Be honest about preparing for your exams. You know they are coming up, so don’t procrastinate or pretend you already know everything. If you are behind in your studies, don’t sit around and moan about it. Worrying at this point won’t help.

You obviously can’t avoid your finals, but you can reschedule one if you have more than two scheduled on one day. And, if something goes wrong, try not to be too bummed out. Your life is not over if you blow a final.

Some college students set their expectations too high and it’s a hard fall if they do not reach their goals. Be realistic when setting goals. If you’ve never scored higher than an 80 on an accounting exam, don’t tell yourself you’re going to get a 100 on the final.

If you can avoid situations that are normally stressful try to do so during finals week. You should have an easier time of it.

When Stenger was discussing cramming for exams, he said it would be better to learn a few things well than a lot of things not so well. Cramming, while not a recommended study habit, works better in situations where you need to know a lot of short facts and few skills. Learning skills and techniques takes time.

Exercise has always been recommended to help relieve stress. If you do not want to join the athletics team, a brisk walk each day will be enough. Twenty minutes a day of some form of active exercise will make you think and feel better.

Positive self statements, organizing your commitments and planning will help you get through finals. Remember, there is life after finals. Set a reward for yourself to take after your finals are over. Whether it’s a trip to Fort Lauderdale or a two-hour candlelit bubble bath, do something for yourself. You deserve it. See you next quarter.

Janie Sullivan is a junior in journalism.

Disappointed

EDITOR: Holding a position in the public eye is a large responsibility and can be hard to live up to. But I was disappointed in the Kaimin’s front page article on March 11 on Shanon Morshinweg. I do not know Shanon as I’m sure many students don’t. I felt it was low to print pictures and write-ups of Shanon’s personal life. There are few of us who at one time or another haven’t made bad judgments. Shanon faced the consequences, he has been arrested, fined and will have to deal with his own personal convictions. I see it unfair to pin a label on a person because they are a “football player.” Maybe so, but he is a human and doesn’t need to be judged by his fellow students. Those who don’t know him for who he is don’t need to see him as Shanon Morshinweg the “shoplifter.”

I’d ask that in the future you’d be more sensitive when printing an individual’s mishaps, especially pictures. At this point I don’t remember his name or crime but Shanon’s picture sure stands out. If that was the intent it worked.

Kathy Filies
Junior, social work.

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Brothers

EDITOR: I read with interest and sadness the opinion of Tony Miller, (Freshman, C.S./Busi-
ness) on the March 5th Opinion page. Tony's letter was entitled Peaceacks: his view would place
Granolas, veterans of Woodstock,
meat, members of entanglement of
truth and Radical Rednecks in a
common category, a category of
apparent unrealistic expectations.
Tony holds that "They want us
to bleed because they can't work
care money for school." (The
"they" being Granolas, etc., and
"us" being people like Tony.)
Tony states that "No pride in
their problem.

Very well, Tony, let me speak
briefly of bleeding and killing, as
you also use the word "kill," "Weapons of Death," "sack,"
and, in some context not clear to

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Lady Griz to take on USC in Sunday game at 2 p.m.

By Mike Olinger
Karen Sports Editor

Ask Lady Griz head coach Robin Selvig what aspects the USC Trojans, Montana's second round opponent in the NCAA tourney, are weak in and he'll say, "Oh, nothing."

Ask him what type of game his team will have to play against USC, ranked third in the nation by the Associated Press, and he'll say, "We just need to play our best game of the year at both ends of the court, and then we can give them a battle."

But ask him in a more serious vein and he'll add, "They're obviously better, but it's not like we haven't played good teams."

This is the third year out of the last four in which the Lady Griz have been in the NCAA tournament and the second time they have reached the second round.

Two years ago the Lady Griz beat Oregon State in the first round and advanced to the final sixteen where they lost to USC, 76-51.

The Trojans had the McGee sisters at that time, Pam and Paula, as well as 6-foot-3 sophomore sensation Cheryl Miller.

The McGee's have graduated, but Miller is now a senior sensation, averaging over 26 points and 12.5 rebounds a game.

While watching game tapes of the Trojans yesterday, Lady Griz assistant coach Annette Whitaker observed that Miller's ability to defend opponents hasn't changed. "The last time we played them she just owned them," Whitaker said.

While USC does play good defense, the team is better known for its offense.

The Trojans average over 89 points a game and have scored more than 100 points on five occasions this season.

The Lady Grizzlies have the top ranked defense in the nation for scoring, giving up just 52.9 points a game, and allow opponents to hit on just 37 percent of their shots, third in the nation.

And Selvig has a defensive strategy which he hopes will hold down the Trojans somewhat. "They'll be better as a fast-paced game," he said, "so we'll have to keep out of their running game."

Selvig added his team will probably play a tighter inside defense to cut down on Miller's inside shots and force the guards to shoot from the perimeter, an aspect he feels might be suspect.

The Trojans also rebound well because of the quickness and jumping ability of their front line. The team averages more than 44 rebounds a game while the Lady Grizzlies average 40.4.

University of Nevada-Reno Athletic Director, Dick Trachok, told the Kamian Thursday that Chris Ault, head football coach of the Wolf Pack, will be recommended to succeed him as athletic director.

Ault will handle both the coaching and athletic director duties.

Trachok said the recommendation will be made today by the selection committee when it meets with the Nevada Board of Regents in Carson City.

University of Montana athletic director Harley Lewis was one of four finalists for the position, but he withdrew his application earlier this week, saying after he reviewed the situation, he wanted to stay at UM.

Trachok will retire July 1.
Coach’s pipe takes a tumble

By Ken Pekoc
Seattle Times Staff Writer

Terry Hamilton will soon be able to sit in his office, talk about gymnastics and not fidget with his pipe or shake his tobacco pouch.

But for now Hamilton has one week and one day left until his nerves can return to normal.

Not until his Lady Griz gymnasts compete in the Mountain West Athletic Conference Championships will Hamilton be able to relax.

The MWAC meet will be held in Missoula Saturday, March 22 at 7 p.m.

"The suspense is building," Hamilton said Thursday.

Donovan hired by Canadian team

Former University of Montana head football coach Larry Donovan has accepted a coaching position with the British Colum- bia Lions of the Canadian Football League.

Donovan told the Kaimin Thursday that he will be an assistant defensive coach with the Lions, who won the Grey Cup, the CFL’s championship, last season.

"It’s an experience to get into professional football," he said, "and to go with an outstanding organization like the Lions. We will miss Missoula though and we will be back."

WASHINGTON

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Out of Order: and cables snap

By Ross Best

Out of Order: Nighttime atop an impersonal German city. A walk-manicured punk, an upper-middle-aged embezzler (swag in hand), and a bomb blondeshell and her brusque businesses associate convene in an express elevator between floors. The elevator is out of order. The elevator is a metaphor.

The woman—there's no other way to describe her—is phasing out her business association. He doesn't get it. The punk does. Sparks. Survival of the fittest. The bulging satchel watches. Eggs nip. Cables snap. And the tension is so thick you could try an egg on it.

The elevator has obviously seen The Poseidon Adventure and Das Boot. It toys with the emotions very disarmingly. More importantly, though, it is populated, not just manned. The passengers are relevant, and the camera has a way with words. And there's sex, right between the lines. Renee Soutendijk (the woman) was erotic last year in The Fourth Man. She still is.

Grade: A Minus.

Jabberwocky: The truth can be slept under the rug no longer. Some people don't like Monty Python. They see no humor in historically accurate indelicacy. They want their medieval times sugar-coated. They don't get the joke. They resist the rude. They. They. They. That's all they ever talk about. Don't they realize there is no story? They are they, and if this fingerprinting doesn't stop soon the whole class is going to have to stay after school and clean erasers. Grade: B Plus.

The Fatal Glass of Beer: A short, toxic blast from W.C. Fields. (It's not a fit night out for man nor beast!) Ma and Pa (Fields) reside in the Yukon. (It's not a fit night out for man nor beast!!) Their son relocates to the Big City, meets a glass of beer, and embarks on an infamous life of crime. (Crime doesn't pay!) (It's not a fit night out for man nor beast!!!(And once a b-hoy has been to the ci-hoy you can't get him back to the co-hunsty.) It's time to milk the elk. (It's not a fit night out for man nor beast!!!) Grade: A. Far From The Maddening Crowd: The maddening crowd is no dummy. Grade: B.

Arts Preview

• Brian Sankey and Will Tilson perform ten different roles each in "Greater Tuna," a Stage Directions play about the underside of life in Tuna, Texas. The play will run March 26-29 and April 2, 3 and 5 in the Front Street Theater, 221 E. Front. Tickets are $5 for the 8 p.m. show.

• The University of Montana play "The Escapades of Don Juan" will run tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Open Space theater of the Performing Arts and Radio-TV Center. Tickets are $5.

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THE WOMAN (Renee Soutendijk) has a date with an elevator.

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by Christopher Ransick

Karen Reporter

Two movies, an art show and a film long vigil of the Federal Building in downtown Missoula are several of a full slate of events scheduled for National Central America Week—March 16-24.

"In The Name of the People," a film nominated for an academy award about the guerrillas of El Salvador and "Harvest of Peace," a film about a North American work brigade in Nicaragua, will be shown Saturdays and Sundays, March 15 and 16, starting at 3 p.m. in the Crystal Theatre, 515 Higgins Ave.

An prayer service for Central America will take place Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m. in front of the Federal Building at the corner of Broadway and Patee streets.

A daily vigil will also be held in front of the Federal Building Monday through Friday from noon to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Organized by Missoula religious and political groups, the vigil is intended to show opposition to U.S. support of the Central American government and other U.S. military activity in Central America.

Starting Monday the Downtown Bakery will feature a weekend-long display of photographs and poster ads from Nicaragua and El Salvador. Thursday has been deemed National Work-A-Day for Medical Aid to El Salvador.

Interested people can donate their days' wages to help counter the effect of military aid sent to that country by the U.S. government.

For more information about these and other activities during National Central America week, sponsored by Montanas for Peace in Central America, call 726-1476 or 549-7438.
Bucklew

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Bucklew said another thing he considers an accomplishment is the "systematic planning work" his administration has done.

"We've worked hard," he said, "to try to think consciously and rationally about our future and to be willing to make some priorities and to act on those priorities."

Bucklew also listed some specific improvements that have taken place during his years at UM.

"The Mansfield Center was an idea when I came — it's now a reality," he said. "And I'm pleased that that reality has occurred."

"The Performing Arts/Radio Television Building was an idea and a challenge when I came and it's now an operating part of the campus."

"The new telecommunications center has been developed since I came and it was an important cog in that development and I am pleased it's occurred. I think it's going to be very beneficial." "Our private fund raising at the institution has been enhanced substantially. Since I came, our foundation has undertaken a $10.6 million fund-raising effort, a three-year goal and has exceeded that goal during that three-year time frame."

Bucklew said there are a lot of things he would have liked to have done differently while at UM, but added that one has to view the time as a "learning process."

"I wish we could have explained and discussed more thoroughly some of the decisions we've made in the life of the institution," Bucklew said.

"I don't think we've made bad decisions. Oh, I'm sure you sometimes make decisions that couldn't have been made better, but I don't think we've made major decisions that were bad decisions."

"I think often we had not developed the understanding that was necessary for the decision to be put in perspective."

"You can call that communication if you want... I think that's one thing I would try to do different if I was to do this job over, knowing everything I do now."

Two major crises have been leveled against Bucklew during his time as UM president.

The first is Bucklew's push for the planning and development of the Washington-Grizzly football stadium at a time when many feel any financial contributions for the university should go toward academic interests.

The second criticism is that Bucklew is not in touch with the academic needs at UM and is not accessible to the faculty. Bucklew said he tends to disagree with these criticisms.

"I think the stadium decision was a well-thought-out decision," Bucklew said.

"The representatives of the university community and the broader Missoula community, I think it was needed. I think it's being built in the best place, not the only place, but the best place."

"And I think it's being built the way it ought to be built — with private funds."

"There is no basic way that I think the stadium decision was a faulty decision. I wish we had more understanding of the decision."

Bucklew said there was a large amount of public involvement in the stadium decision. He added that the matter was discussed 14 times at the Faculty Senate.

"That's a lesson that discussing something at the Faculty Senate doesn't assure you that the Faculty Senators are going to be able to share that effectively with all of their colleagues in the kind of campus awareness you would like," he said.

"My own opinion is that if we were using general fund dollars to build it, that would be a very fair criticism. Or if we were using private funds that were likely to be available for other purposes, that would be a fair criticism."

By and large, Bucklew said, the funds used to build the stadium "are funds that would not have been available to us except for a stadium project."

Bucklew said he feels the criticism that he is not accessible to the faculty is unfounded.

"I think I've made a real effort to know faculty — be aware of faculty concerns. One of the things I did when I came here was to visit every academic department, all 50 of them, on this campus and sat with them and talked to them as individual units and departments."

Bucklew added he "made real major efforts to understand, in personal terms, faculty needs and perspectives and have their view of it."

Bucklew said he has tried to sort out responsibilities in the various areas.

"I hope that the next president is a good campus manager, someone who takes a serious interest in the campus issues and can be the captain of the ship." Bucklew added that he hopes his successor is a "very good spokesperson for the university and is respected and liked in the state and whose opinion is sought and listened to."

His advice to his successor, Bucklew said, would be to "have a feel for the priorities, needs and problems on campus if you are going to be a good spokesperson outside."

Bucklew leaving behind financially troubled campus, state

By James Conwell

Kaimin Reporter

When University of Montana President Neil Bucklew leaves Montana for West Virginia next month, he will leave behind a state and an institution suffering from serious financial problems.

In a recent interview, Bucklew shared his perceptions about the state's wasting economy and the effect it will have on the future of higher education in Montana.

"If the state is willing to invest in higher education and see the importance of that investment," Bucklew said, "and if the state is willing to make some decisions that are state decisions, not university decisions, in order to have more income to attend to the universities' needs, then I think the scene in Montana can be a good scene, an improved scene, a healthy scene."

But, he added, "...if the state, for whatever reasons, chooses to or is unable to make that investment, then I think higher education in the state is in for some tough times, as is almost every other part of state government."

Bucklew said higher education institutions in the state provide "applied research that can lead to economic enhancement, new industry and refreshing opportunities for established industries."

"We are the R and D, the research and development arm of the state," he said, "and it is not a good time to be ignoring that area. We do it at our own peril."

Bucklew said he did not want to blame anyone for the economic crisis faced by the state, but added that an evaluation of the economic structure of the state would be needed to solve the problems.

"I am not trying to beat up on our political leaders in this state or the Legislature or the regents," Bucklew said. "...they did not create this situation. We have an economy in trouble."

"Things are tight. And I understand that impulse that says when times are tight, you have to sort of scale down and be willing to do some reductions."

"I accept that. And I accept the importance of doing that. I think it's a fair thing to ask."

"But you can only go so far and then you've got to say enough of that's enough."

To avoid poor economic conditions in the future, Bucklew said, Montanans must position themselves "to be competitive with other states for new industries and for enhancement of existing industries."

"We've got to have an educational system that's doing the right kind of applied research and doing the right kind of partnership economic development projects with the private industry, the university and the state government."

"We've got to be in that game. If we're not in that game we are going to hurt as a state and when we hurt as a state we hurt as a public university and so does the rest of the public system."

Because times are financially tight for the state, Bucklew said the state needs "to be ambitious, a little adventurous, willing to take some risks to make some changes."

Bucklew said he would not speculate on how the Board of Regents will deal with the money crunch facing the Montana University System, but added he thinks the regents "will be willing to look at anything" for possible areas where money may be used more effectively.

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Mercer

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criticism of his handling of other issues.

"I think we have been under a barrage of attacks from a number of different critics," he said, "but few of them have ever tried to do the tasks that we have accomplished.

"We have been depicted as a group of fairly self-serving and uncaring administrators. There has been talk of not following rules of the game.

He said the CB he governed may have "come up short sometimes" during his term. As an example he pointed out the board's "lowness of coming up with a new ASUM Constitution, a project on the planning board since 1983.

The board decided at its last meeting of Mercer's administration Wednesday night to let the next administration han
die the issue.

But Mercer said he challenges his critics to "put our record up against the record of past administrations."

Mercer listed several of his administrat
ion's accomplishments as follows:

• Mercer has been working with student body presidents from the other Montana universities and colleges to see if the stu
der agreement fee — which the UM ad

ministration charges ASUM, and stu
nets of activity — in fact, he said the $30.00 per year fee that UM charges ASUM for accounting services is unnecessary and should be eliminated or at least reduced.

He said the other schools in the system either do not charge the fee or charge only a very small fee.

He said the issue was discussed at a re
cent meeting between Montana university
presidents and probably will go before the Montana Board of Regents in April.

• Mercer has continued the work he started last fall on changing the way stu

dent building fees money is spent by the UM administration. He said the money is supposed to be used only for revenue

- generating projects, and that the universi

ity is wrong in using the money on proj

ets for academic buildings.

He said that an ASUM and CB committee has been discussing the issue with local

legislators and a decision about the ap

propriate use of the money should proba

bly be made by the Legislature during its next session.

• Mercer worked with other student body pres idents in convincing the regents to adopt a policy under which they must in

form student government administrators whenever changes in student fees are pro

posed.

• Mercer also worked to change the school calendar for this year, making a longer Christmas break and making the quarters more equal in length. He said his and other students' efforts during the collective bargaining session last spring were instrumental in bringing about the change.

Mercer said that despite criticism dur

ing his campaign, he has fulfilled the promises he made during his campaign for office last year.

He said then that he would focus on student affairs and university labeling during the final weeks of last spring's state legislative session in Helena, which coincided with the first few weeks of his term.

He said he would then turn his atten

on to improving relations between ASUM and the UM administration and

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SAC Director Egan said in past inter
views that Mercer planned to eliminate SAC by recommending funding for a new group, the Center for Public Policy, and then designing the group so that it would phase out the role of SAC.

The executive recommendation advo

cated funding for a new group which Mercer said would be the merger of SAC and another student group, the Student Legislative Action. Although CB did fund the Student Legislative Action, it did not fund the new "merged" group, and did not fund SAC.

Mercer said yesterday, "Once elected I made it very clear that I was un

applied with the way SAC had func

tioned." He said he appointed Egan be
cause he thought he "would be most li

kely to make the needed reforms.

"I think to an extent, a minimal ex

tent, he has done that," but Mercer said "I failed to refine SAC to its original structure."

He said SAC is supposed to be an in
formation center for local and campus is

sues, and is not supposed to take politi

cal stands on any issues.

Egan has said that the group does not take political stands on any issue and said the group is "student defined," and so some issues other than campus and local topics are covered.

Leaders of several student groups claimed that politics were too much a part of the budget process.

After budgeting was completed last month, several student groups and an entire student party campaigned in the ASUM elections on the basis that they would redo the budget in what they said would be a more equitable fashion.

Mercer said future ASUM administra

ions will face the same criticism his has.

"It will be interesting to see future ad

ministrations deal with the same re

straints as we did," he said.

He noted that ASUM is "almost half of a million dollar a year operation," but that budget will continue to shrink be

cause of declining student enrollment.

That is why ASUM President-elect Paul Tosi and future administrations will have to deal with, he said, "it's not an easy job," he said.

Mercer, who will graduate after this quarter, said he isn't sure what his imme

diate plans are. He has applied for sev

eral short-term congressional internships to keep him busy until he enters graduate school next fall. He has applied to eight midwestern and eastern graduate and law schools, he said.

And after that?

"There are a lot of things that interest me," he said, adding that he doesn't know just what he will end up doing. He mentioned public service and perhaps something in higher education.

Mercer, 22, has been involved in stu

dent government since high school.

He was chairman of the ASUM Legis

lative Committee for almost two years, a legislative issue was during the the 1985 Legislative and served on CB for two quarters. He is also a recipient of a Truman Scholarship, given to students interested in public service.
UM grad honored for fisheries work

By Claudia Stephens

A graduate of the University of Montana recently received one of the Department of the Interior's highest awards for his long career and achievements as a researcher and administrator in the field of fishery resource management.

H. William Newman received the Meritorious Service Award and an accompanying citation signed by former Secretary of the Interior William Clark for his research and resource management.

Newman's research includes methods of improving the health and number of the salmon population in the Columbia River by improving their diet and physiology.

Newman researched effectiveness of existing fish ladders, a series of pools arranged like steps to which fish can pass over a dam to go upstream. Newman developed ways to create shorter, smaller and more cost efficient ladders.

Newman said that without these improvements, many salmon would not survive the trip up the fish ladder because they could get easily trapped along the way.

Newman is assistant director for research at the National Fisheries Center at Lewiston, W. Va., and directs research activities at the center and its other research and development facilities in six other states.

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Newman graduated from UM in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and has devoted much of his career to the protection and management of the Pacific salmon of the Northwest.

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Ceremony to be held in honor of Rankin

By Dan Black
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One of the oldest buildings on campus, Rankin Hall, will be honored along with the memory of Jeanette Rankin in a dedication ceremony on the steps of that building at 12:15 p.m. today.

The building, built in 1908, first housed a library, then the law school and later the Psychology Department before it was named Rankin Hall in 1983.

Rankin, a 1902 University of Montana graduate, became the first woman to serve in the U.S. Congress.

She was known as an ardent peace activist and supported women's and civil rights. Rankin voted against entering World War I and was the only member of Congress who voted against U.S. entry into World War II.

UM President Neil Buc­kwell will speak at the dedication along with Carol Williams, Rep. Pat Williams' wife and an officer of Peace Links, a peace organization comprising congressmen's wives.

Vivian Brooke, an organizer for the dedication, said recently that there wasn't a dedication ceremony when the building's name was changed three years ago. People working in the building decided to sponsor a ceremony in conjunction with the hugging of a 20 by 40 inch photograph of Rankin in the building.

Brooke is a secretary for the Environmental Studies Program, located in Rankin Hall. She is also the president of the Missou­la League of Women Voters.

The photograph is an enlarg­ement of a portrait donated by Brooke's mother-in-law and longtime friend of Rankin. Rankin died in 1973 at 92.

Vivian Brooke said Rankin has been recognized more recently as an important Montanan in U.S. history. Last May a statue of Rankin was placed in Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Rankin was instrumental in achieving the right to vote for women in Montana and was active in anti-war movements. She led a march called the Jeanette Rankin Brigade at age 86 against the Vietnam War in 1967.

In 1983 Buckwell decided against a recommendation by the Campus Development Commit­tee to call the building Heritage Hall. Brooke said the committee thought Rankin's beliefs were too controversial to name the building after her.

A luncheon will follow the dedication at the Mt. Sentinel Room in the University Center.

At the luncheon, short presenta­tions will be made by Margery Brown, acting dean of the UM Law School; Susan Leaphart, an author on women's suffrage; Con­nie Skousen, who was in­volved in the dedication of Rankin's statue at the Capitol; Sheila Stanis, director of University Alumni Association.

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EDITOR: The Big Sky Conference wants to get respect, huh? Well, I think somebody should tell the commissioner that he's not doing a very adequate job raising the Big Sky in the nation's eyes. The conference basketball is concerned.

All we have to do is look at the latest conference tournament in Reno. First I have to ask the most basic of questions. Why? Why do we need a tournament? To determine the champion of the Big Sky? I don't think so. But if it is, then why do we have a conference regular season? I guess I just don't understand why, after eight weeks of playing each other, it takes three days to figure out who's the best. What then is the use of the first eight weeks?

Yes, the ACC, the Big East and all those famous conferences have a post season tournament. But the Big Sky doesn't come close to the ACC. Half the teams in the ACC are going to the NCAA's regardless of who wins the ACC title. We, on the other hand, get to send only one team, the champ. Why not send the best team in the conference to represent us to the nation? The way things are now set up, we send the team that has a good weekend at the right time.

But there is money to be made in a tournament. And the Big Sky needs the money. So then OK. Let's have the tournament. But only the top four teams should get to go. That way there's something to shoot for during the regular season. And that leaves no chance for one of the bottom teams to go to the NCAA's. That's how it should be. The NCAA's is a reward for a great season. A great season, not a great weekend.

On top of all that, does our tournament use the same format as the NCAA's? No. We have to be different. So now we send a team that lives and dies by the three-point shot to the national tournament where there is no three-point shot. They'll die.

But last weekend the Bobcats deserved to win the tournament. It really hurts to say that, but they won fair and square. They were the best last weekend, but they don't come close to being the best throughout the season. So now the Cats are in the NCAA's. There is only one Division One team in the nation, men and women, that is playing in a post season tournament, NCAA's and NIT, with a losing record. The representative of the Big Sky Conference.

What team is seeded last in the Western Regionals? The representative of the Big Sky Conference. And who does this team get to play in the first round?

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UM student to teach at French high school

By Velvet Phillips
Kena Magruder
A University of Montana student will teach at a French high school next fall, says Minn, head of the French department, said Wednesday.

Pat Day, a senior from Helena, was selected from among four applicants by the faculty of Liberal Arts 205 Tuesday night. He said the VCR was stolen between 9:00 and 9:15 p.m.

The group was in the room until 9:00, but when a custodian entered the room at 9:15, the VCR was gone, Chandler said. "It's a frustrating experience," Chandler said. These are busy times" and IMS has worked hard "fishing in the equipment pool" to obtain enough equipment for faculty and students, he said.

"Somebody in a short period of time stole a VCR and we have no means of replacing it," he said.

Chandler said the thief had "popped off" the machine could be detached from a metal rack. IMS has about nine VCRs available to students, Chandler said, and since they are in high demand, one less will make it more difficult for students and faculty to use them.

"I think it's kind of crummy," he said. "It hurts students." Chandler said he hopes that the thief will be "shamed" and return the VCR.

"The police would like to nail him," he said, but "we just want it back."