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# Montana Kaimin

ELECTION '86

Wednesday

November 5, 1986

University of Montana

## Voters freeze taxes, but CI-27 gets iced

HELENA (AP)— Montanans appeared Tuesday to prefer freezing rather than abolishing property taxes, as they were approving Initiative 105 but voting against a more drastic measure to eliminate property taxes.

With 67 percent of precincts reporting late Tuesday, I-105, which would freeze the rates on most property taxes at 1986 levels, was winning with 54 percent in favor and 46 percent against.

But Constitutional Initiative 27, the controversial ballot issue that would abolish all property taxes in the state, was losing. With the same amount of precincts counted, 44 percent supported CI-27, while 56 percent opposed it.

Constitutional Initiative 27, born of the ire of four Ravalli County sisters over rising property taxes, gained national attention and fostered of-ten-bitter debate among Montanans.

Supporters said it would protect the interests of beleaguered homeowners, trim excessive government spending and stimulate the economy.

✓ *Legal drinking age of 19 will be removed from Constitution.*

✓ *Voters approved CI-30, which will allow the Legislature to limit liability awards.*

✓ *Voters gamble on state lottery in hopes of providing some tax relief.*

✓ *Future of price controls on milk are still uncertain.*

*For more election results, see page 2.*

Opponents, including Gov. Ted Schwinden, school groups and local governments, termed the initiative a meat-axe approach that would eliminate nearly \$600 million in tax revenues and strike a

devastating blow to public education and local government services.

The measure also specified that a vote of the people would be required before the Legislature could enact a

sales tax or increase the state income tax — a provision that opponents said could effectively prevent the state from finding replacement tax revenues if CI-27 were enacted.

Opponents asked the state

Supreme Court to remove CI-27 from the ballot, saying it was unconstitutional. The court, however, ruled that voters should have the chance to decide the issue before its constitutionality was determined.

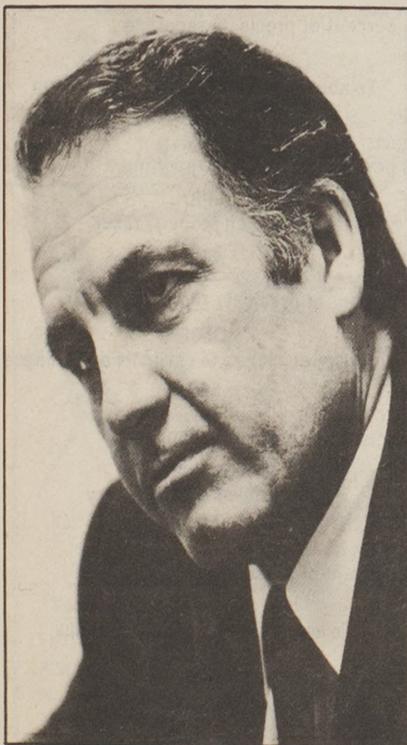
Initiative 105, a measure to freeze certain property taxes, was promoted by supporters as a more moderate approach to tax reform.

Opponents conceded the measure might be a more reasoned approach, but criticized it as a dangerous, piecemeal method of addressing the property-tax issue.

I-105 contained provisions to freeze tax rates on most classes of property July 1, 1987 unless the Legislature acted before then to reduce tax rates and come up with alternative sources of revenue.

Supporters said the tax freeze would improve the state's business climate, while opponents argued that a comprehensive remodeling of Montana's tax system would do far more to brighten the business picture than would a selective freeze.

## Williams batters Allen in Western congressional race



Staff photo by Grant Sasek

WITH NEARLY A DECADE of experience to draw from, Rep. Pat Williams returns to Washington, D.C., to continue his fight for higher education.

By Melody Perkins  
Kaimin Reporter

Incumbent Western District Congressman Pat Williams was re-elected Tuesday, earning 62 percent of the votes with 93 percent of the state precincts reporting.

Williams, a Democrat from Helena, defeated his Republican opponent, Don Allen from Clancy. He will serve his fifth two-year term in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

In an interview last Friday, Williams, said one of his priorities upon re-election would be to ensure "appropriate access to quality education" for all Americans and Montanans.

Williams, 48, is a member of the House Education Committee and the chairman of the House Select Subcommittee on Higher Education. He said he has already helped improve access for non-traditional students — those 25 years or older.

The Higher Education Act, he said, "will make it easier for the non-traditional student to go to school."

The act, which goes into effect in 1987, takes non-traditional students' overall financial situation into consideration, Williams said, making it easier for them to obtain federal financial aid.

For example, he said, before the act was passed a federal Pell Grant given to a single mother who was going to school but not employed could knock her off the welfare rolls.

Under the old legislation, her Pell Grant was considered income, he said, but under the new legislation, the grant won't be counted as income.

Williams said the "greatest threat" to Montana students, despite President Reagan's cutbacks in federal funding, is the Montana Legislature.

"The battle of Washington, D.C., is over and the battle of Helena begins," he said.

In the "critical" 1987 Legislature, legislators must decide whether to invest public money in academic excellence, he said. "If the Legislature decides not to do that, I think they'll be making a mistake they'll rue for two decades."

He said late Governor Donald Nutter and former Governor Tim Babcock "nearly decimated" the Montana University System with their policies. The system has taken two decades to recover, he said.

While Williams said although he has no control over the Legislators, he does wield some power in Congress, where he will begin work on several new bills.

He said he will introduce a wilderness bill of his own because the "consensus" method of producing a wilderness bill for Montana is "useless."

He said disagreement among him, Rep. Ron Marlenee and senators John Melcher and Max Baucus has stalled the Wilderness Bill long enough.

Montanans are insistent that their representatives "get on with this and make a final decision," he said.

The Wilderness Bill will govern how the remaining 5 million acres of federal land in Montana, which currently are not classified, are used.

Also, Williams said that as a member of the House Budget Committee he will continue to look for ways to reduce the federal deficit without making "unfair" cuts that would harm Montanans.

In addition to trying to produce legislation to lower the budget, Williams said he will work on legislation reducing the United State's trade imbalance.

He said Congress must continue to develop legislation the President will accept that "stops short of protectionism."

Williams recently voted for a short-term 15 percent tariff imposed against Canadian timber imports.

# Students apathetic about voting, Payne says

By Tamara Mohawk  
Kaimin Reporter

Student voting participation at the University of Montana and across the nation can be described "in one word: apathetic," according to Tom Payne, UM professor emeritus in political science.

About half of the students living on campus were registered to vote in that precinct in Tuesday's election and only 34 percent of those registered actually voted.

In the precinct comprising mainly married student housing residents, an estimated 65 percent of the residents were registered in the precinct and 40 percent of those registered actually voted.

Payne also said in an interview Tuesday that the lack of student voting is nothing new.

Studies dating back to the 1950s show that "young people are less inclined to vote," he said, adding that he didn't vote until 1946, when he was 26 years old.

In 1982, the last general election during which a president was not

## 34 percent turnout in university district

elected, slightly less than half the registered voters in dorms actually voted.

About 60 percent of the registered voters in the married student housing precinct voted in that election.

Payne predicted early Tuesday that voter turnout during this election probably would be much the same as in 1982 and previous off-year elections.

The tendency for low voter turnout is particularly true for students, he said.

Many students, even if they live on campus, are registered to vote in their hometown districts.

However, many of them probably do not actually vote, he said, partly because students generally don't file absentee ballots in their home districts.

Additionally, people between the ages of 18 and 25 tend to be less interested in voting than are older

people, he said.

Controversial initiatives on this year's ballot, such as the proposal to abolish property taxes in Montana, probably didn't significantly increase student voting, he said.

"Students don't seem to be able to relate those initiative measures to their own immediate interest," he said, "even though the passage would have a direct impact on them."

Passage of the initiative — CI-27 — would have cost UM more than 10 percent of its annual budget, he said, and the money "would obviously have to be made up in increased student fees or cuts in the university's programs."

But Payne said many students probably found the voter information pamphlets describing the initiative "rather tedious and uninteresting," and so were not spurred to vote Tuesday.

He said this year's turnout probably

also would be comparatively low because there is no U.S. Senate seat open in Montana, no gubernatorial race and no presidential election.

"Those are the things people tend to focus on," he said. "I just don't see anything (this year) that's going to excite students."

The following is a list of voter turnout in recent elections in the UM dormitories precinct:

- 1986 primary election, last June 3: 51 percent of dormitory residents were registered to vote in the precinct and 2.5 percent of those registered voted.

- 1984 general election: 86 percent of students living in the dormitories were registered to vote in the precinct, but only 41 percent of those registered voted.

- 1982 general election: 43 percent of dormitory residents were registered in the precinct, and 49 percent of those students actually voted.

- 1980 general election: 88 percent of dormitory residents were registered in the precinct, but only 38 percent of those voted.

# ELECTION '86

### United States Representative

Don Allen	Republican	38%
Pat Williams	Democrat	62%

93 percent of precincts reporting

### Justice of the Supreme Court

John Harrison	61,431
William Sherman	41,418

38 percent of precincts reporting

Based on 28,387 votes compiled from all 75 precincts.

### State Senator, District No. 28

Bill Norman	Democrat	97.3%
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### State Senator, District No. 29

Mark Fisher	Republican	37.6%
Mike Halligan	Democrat	62.3%

### State Representative, District No. 52

Carl Saunders	Republican	54.1%
Barry Stang	Democrat	45.8%

### State Representative, District No. 54

Bob Ream	Democrat	59.2%
Sarajane Savage	Rep	40.6%

### State Representative, District No. 55

Mike Kadas	Democrat	69.1%
Martha Powell	Republican	30.2%

### State Representative, District No. 56

Harry Fritz	Democrat	98%
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### State Representative, District No. 57

Stella Hansen	Democrat	70.9%
Cecil Madsen	Republican	28.9%

### State Representative, District No. 58

B.A. Olson	Republican	35.6%
Carolyn Squires	Democrat	64.1%

### State Representative, District No. 59

Earl Lory	Republican	67.9%
Craig Sweet	Democrat	32.1%

### State Representative, District No. 60

Ralph Eudaily	Republican	67.6%
Marianne Melton	Democrat	32.3%

### State Representative, District No. 61

R. Gould	Republican	77%
John Washburn	Democrat	22.7%

### State Representative, District No. 62

Fred Thomas	Republican	96.9%
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### State Representative, District No. 65

Delores Ball	Republican	40.4%
Janet Moore	Democrat	58.7%

### County Commissioner, District No. 2

Thaddeus Mayer	Rep	33.1%
Janet Stevens	Democrat	66.8%

### County Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

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Hugh Smith	Republican	33.5%

### Sheriff/Coroner

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Lawrence Reichelt	Rep	32.2%

### County Attorney/Public Administrator

Dusty Deschamps	Dem	61.4%
David Rodli	Republican	38.4%

### County Superintendent of schools

Robert Vielleux	Democrat	98.2%
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### County Auditor

Susan Reed	Democrat	98.6%
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### Surveyor

Horace Brown	Democrat	55.3%
Gregory Martinsen	Rep	44.4%

### Justice of the Peace, Dept. No. 1

David Clark	65.4%
Norman Laughlin	34.3%

### Justice of the Peace, Dept. No. 2

Dean Lockridge	41.2%
Michael Morris	58.4%

### County soil supervisor (top three)

Robert Schroeder	33.9%
Sidney Wills	30.8%
Roy Handley	34.6%

### Urban Transportation Board

Beulah Herron	92.8%
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### CA-15

To remove the legal drinking age of 19

For	66%
Against	34%

75 percent of precincts reporting

### CA-16

To abolish Montana salary commission

For	60%
Against	40%

75 percent of precincts reporting

### CI-27

To abolish property taxes

For	44%
Against	56%

67 percent of precincts reporting

### CI-30

Allowing Legislature to set limits on damages

For	55%
Against	45%

67 percent of precincts reporting

### Referendum 100

To establish a state lottery

For	70%
Against	30%

75 percent of precincts reporting

### I-104

To abolish state regulation of milk

For	49%
Against	51%

75 percent of precincts reporting

### I-105

To freeze property taxes at 1986 levels

For	54%
Against	46%

67 percent of precincts reporting

# Student activism alive in the '80s, but lacks '60s energy, Hoffman says

By John Engen  
Kaimin Senior Editor

Hints of student activism still exist in the 1980s, but it's missing some of the key ingredients of the civil rights and anti-war movements of the 1960s, one of the earlier movement's most prominent members said Tuesday.

In a lecture filled with one-liners and occasional cuss words, Abbie Hoffman — '60s yippie, activist, member of the Chicago 7, author and former fugitive — told about 200 people in the University Theater that some of the campus activism he thought was dead for about 10 years had re-emerged.

Activism took a step forward in 1984 when students began protesting South African apartheid and calling for American companies to divest from the racially-segregated nation.

"In the last two years, there has been a distinct change" on campuses, Hoffman said. "There is student activism, though the '60s are never going to come back."

"For a decade they retreated," he said, but in the last two years 125 universities have joined the movement to divest from South Africa, divesting \$4 billion since 1984.

However, Hoffman said, anti-apartheid activism will fade away as more and more American universities and corporations divest.

"Apartheid is going to come down," he said, and it will be time to move on to something else.

"Central America is going to become the next issue, because more Americans will be getting killed and the body bags will start coming home," Hoffman said.

Already, he said, students across the country are protesting U.S. involvement in Nicaragua by picketing CIA recruitment on campuses.

He said 100 students protested CIA recruitment at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, where he recently spoke, and he expects 500-1,000 to protest recruitment next week at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Although there has been a recent resurgence of campus activism, Hoffman is still leery about its strength.

The ingredients of a strong activist movement are moral outrage, an ability to question authority and strong organization, he said, but it also requires visionary leaders who are willing to "risk it all."

"I don't see those people," he said. "They think they'll

drop off the end of the world if they don't have a diploma."

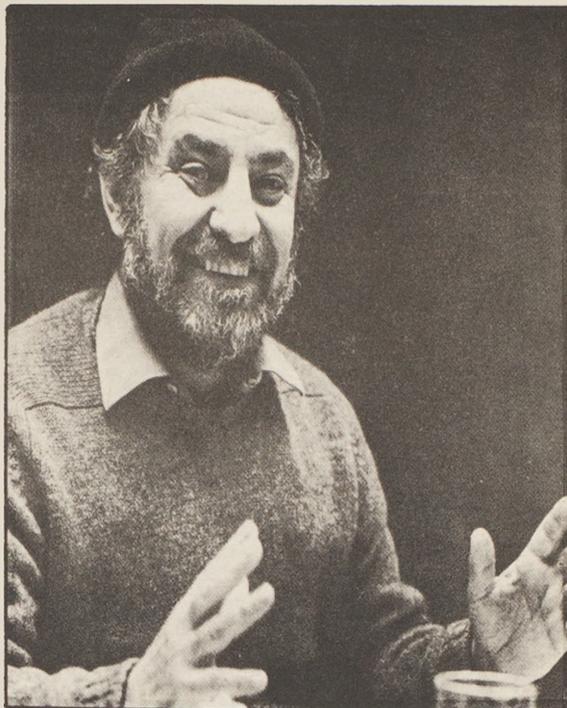
"Will there be another movement?" he said. "I don't know." The leaders of the activist movements are afraid, he said, "the best of 'em are afraid."

He has hope, however.

As middle age looms, Hoffman, who's 50 this month, said the young people have something that he and his fellows have lost: impatience.

"They say 'now,'" he said. "Now, dammit, and I'll make it happen."

Hoffman, whose lecture was sponsored by ASUM Programming, will speak again Wednesday at noon in the social science building about his experiences in Central America and his views on U.S. policy in that region.



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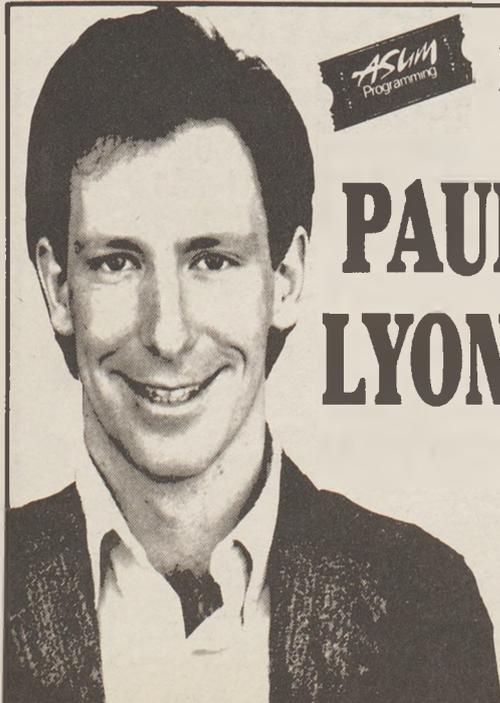
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