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Missoula, Montana



Photo by David Stallings

A SNAKY CHAIN of cans litters the park behind the University Center to remind passersby of a rally in the UC. The rally supported a bill that would place refundable deposits on beverage containers. The bill and yesterday's rally are both creations of MontPIRG.

Bottle bill rally urges UM support

By Marlene Mehlhaff

Kaimin Reporter

About 25 people rallied in the University Center Wednesday to promote a bill that would add a refundable deposit to the price of carbonated beverages sold in Montana.

The Montana Public Interest Research Group, a University of Montana consumer advocacy group, created the bill to reduce the amount of litter in Montana, the MontPIRG director said at the rally.

The bill would add a 5 cent refundable deposit to bottles and cans, and MontPIRG believes the refund option will keep consumers from littering.

MontPIRG Director Brad Martin said the bill would not only reduce litter but also create from 800 to 1,200 new jobs in Montana's recycling industry.

An additional \$12 million would also be added to Montana's economy, he said, referring to potential income that is thrown away in the form of bottles and cans.

Martin said similar policies have been effective in nine states and Canada, reducing litter in those areas by as much as 50 percent.

MontPIRG is sponsoring a petition drive to get 20,000 signatures so it can place an initiative on Montana's 1988 election ballot.

Montana voters defeated a similar bill in 1980.

Martin said in an interview after the rally that the 1980 bill wasn't approved because the beverage industry misled the public, telling them the bill wouldn't work.

See 'Bottles,' page 8.

Koch announces plan to lead anti-racism march

By Jim Mann

Kaimin Reporter

University of Montana President James Koch announced at last night's Central Board meeting that he will lead a march against racism next week, and CB voted to co-sponsor the march.

Koch said the march's purpose is to give "a public show — a demonstration" on how UM stands against racism.

"I intend to walk right at the head of that march" along with other administration and faculty members, he said.

The "President's March" against racism is in response to racist literature that has appeared on campus since last spring.

Koch reiterated his position last night that he won't "revoke the First Amendment at the University of Montana."

Brian Dorsett, ASUM Black Student Union president, has said the administration's stance on racist literature is "lackadaisical" because some literature distributed on campus "actively promotes violence."

Koch said if any literature "should somehow lead to any verbal or physical harassment" on campus "we are prepared to take action."

Barbara Hollmann, dean of students, said at the meeting that the march would take place Tuesday at 3 p.m.

She said she plans to begin the march at Main Hall, proceed across the footbridge to Broadway and return to UM across the Van

Buren Street bridge. The march will end at the Grizzly statue on the oval.

Rallies will be held at the beginning and end of the march.

In other business at the meeting, CB members Jennifer Isern and Chris Johnson proposed that the board consider opposing a Lodge Food Service policy change that requires students who have a UM meal plan to accompany their guests.

Prior to this week, students with meal plans could give away or sell meal passes without accompanying their guests.

They said they oppose the decision because it was made without consulting students and alternatives to eliminating the option "were not considered."

Sue Vining, food service director, recently said she reverted to the policy's original method — accompanying guests — because students have forged signatures and altered the paper passes to get free meals.

Isern said she and Vining will speak about the issue at a forum in the Craig Hall lounge Sunday at 8 p.m.

Also at the meeting, Chris Johnson withdrew his amendment to the proposed ASUM constitution that would disallow CB members from directing ASUM agencies, such as the Student Action Center.

Johnson said he withdrew the amendment because the board defeated two similar versions at last week's meeting.

Ethiopian escapes torment, finds happiness in Missoula

By Joseph Edwin

for the Kaimin

Tsige Haile has never been happier than he is now. He has found a home in Missoula, where he says people consider him a "human being."

Haile, a University of Montana graduate student in public administration, is an Ethiopian refugee who was granted political asylum in the United States last year.

Haile, 27, said that in his homeland he was subjected to social injustice and economic deprivation. But since he came to Missoula last year he has discovered the joy of the liberty to speak out without being punished for it.

Today Haile is not afraid of "someone watching me all the time." In Ethiopia the military junta kept track of his every move, he said.

When Haile was 17, his father, Tewelde, an Eastern Orthodox priest accused of supporting Eritrean rebels, was taken away and shot by the Ethiopian junta.

Haile said his father was only trying to protect the church from communists who were trying to close it down.

Rebels in Eritrea, a former Italian colony that was incorporated into Ethiopia in 1962, have fought for autonomy for the past 25 years. The conflict is the longest continuously running civil war in the world.

Soon after his father's death, his mother was arrested and accused of helping the Eritrean rebels fight the Ethiopian junta.

After his father's death and his mother's detention, Haile, his two brothers and his sister were taken to a police station in the capital city, Addis Ababa, for interrogation, where they were beaten. Haile's younger brother, Keden, "lost his mind" because of the ordeal, Haile said.

Haile said that after the beatings, he was knifed by a soldier and put in prison without a trial.

After two months in prison, Haile was released on the condition that he not question his parents' fate, he had no right to claim his parents' property and he had to become a communist.

Haile said he was beaten a second time when he asked the junta to allow his mother to defend herself against the accusations that had been brought against her.

A year later, when he was refused permission to continue his education, he made plans to flee the country.

In December 1974 Haile left Ethiopia for Athens, but he was not allowed to leave the ship because his passport had expired.

See 'Ethiopian,' page 8.

OPINION

UM must decline pizza store's lottery offer

Something weird is going on here. A pizza chain store in Missoula runs a promotion urging clients to "shoot for two," urging them to "present a losing Montana Lottery ticket, and get two cans of Coke, free."

The pizza store advertises the promotion widely, and people begin wondering just what the store plans to do with the losing lottery tickets, which of course can be stuffed into blue envelopes and mailed off to the BIG SPIN grab bag in Helena. Hmmm ...

When confronted with the question, the owner of the Missoula advertising agency in charge of the advertisements says the tickets are supposed to go to the University of Montana.

Yeah, that's it, the store is going to give the tickets to UM to mail in to the BIG SPIN to win a chance at spinning the wheel.

And any money UM wins can ... yeah, it can go into a scholarship fund. And, they'll call it ... the "Domino's Pizza Scholarship Fund!"

The advertisements didn't say anything about a

scholarship. The advertising agent says, however, that a scholarship fund was the original intent. Hmmm ...

If it was, the philanthropic pizza people forgot to tell the university president.

And it's no wonder James Koch was surprised when he discovered that Main Hall can be expecting a bundle of losing lottery tickets to show up on the front steps soon.

But Koch says he's not sure whether the university wants to send off the tickets to the BIG SPIN. He also wishes the Domino's people would have at least told him of the plan before publicizing and going ahead with the promotion. Imagine that.

The pizza advertisers say they don't see any ethical problems in raising the scholarship money through the lottery because the lottery was set up partly to benefit education in Montana.

Bill Zader, the UM Foundation director, says the lottery ticket deal "sounds like a good proposition," although he hadn't heard of it until Tuesday — two weeks after the newspaper advertisements first

appeared.

But Zader says the UM Foundation — UM's private fund-raising organization — doesn't have anyone "to put five tickets at a time into envelopes and go into the gambling business."

Zader's latter statement is the key here. We hope no one in his office or in Main Hall has the time or, more importantly, the desire to go into the gambling business.

Maybe the pizza people thought they were doing a good thing. If they were trying to help the university, well, they should have said so in their advertisements and they should have told someone at UM.

But even if they had, the outcome would be the same — UM cannot take them up on their offer. Entering the lottery is not the way to go.

The idea of a state university pinning even a small segment of its future on a wheel of fortune is ludicrous.

Kevin McRae

Where is the logic?

I see over the summer that the great minds in the United States Supreme Court did it again. They killed the opportunity for children to hear the alternative viewpoint of how we got here. I was saddened, for two reasons.

I was saddened because creationism is a viable alternative viewpoint, and perhaps one with less in the way of controversy than evolution. The odds of evolution occurring have been likened to a monkey chained to a typewriter typing the entire Encyclopedia Britannica. Evolution is predicated on many unproven assumptions; creation is predicated on only one, the existence of God. It occurs to me that science should embrace creation simply on the basis of parsimony. But, NEITHER of these viewpoints can be proven by the scientific method, a fact which seems to get overlooked by teachers around here.

Evolution assumes several things. It assumes that, for some reason, the Second Law of Thermodynamics can be set aside in this instance. This law states that all things in nature tend toward a state of entropy. This means that higher life forms would tend to beget lower life forms, not the other way around. There is probably some evidence for this statement if one looks at the members of heavy metal rock bands.

Evolution assumes a great age for the Earth based on the doctrine of uniformitarianism, which says that nature, as we see it, has pretty much gone on like this for all of time. I think this was proven to be error by Voyager 1. If you look at the pictures of other planets, and especially of their moons, you can see that the lives of these bodies have obviously been one catastrophe after another. Mimas, one of the moons of Saturn, was hit so hard by something that it is cracked clear through. And Callisto, one of the moons of Jupiter, is so cratered it looks as though it has been the recipient of a giant shotgun blast.

In reality, the age of the Earth beyond about 7000 B.C. is difficult to establish. Carbon-14 dating is accurate to about this time frame only, and carbon-14 dating as a method assumes that the influence of extraterrestrial radiation has been about a



By
Robert Foss

the same through all of time. Based on the catastrophic evidence, both this and uniformitarianism are highly questionable assumptions.

Even the dates of the rocks are arrived at by dubious means. If you ask someone the age of the rocks, he says that the fossils in them dictate that they are from a certain era. If you ask him how he knows the fossils come from that era, he says it is because they are in rocks from that era. Circular reasoning. Tch, tch! There are also other problems which I do not have space for here.

I was also saddened by the Supreme Court's decision because it suddenly appears that it is the duty of government to limit the freedom of exchange of ideas. The greatest benefit of the University of Montana for me has been the exchange of ideas. I am excited at the opportunity to share views on most any subject with anyone who will listen and offer me some back.

What happens when government limits the exchange of ideas? Ask your history or science professor what happened in Russia when a certain unproven line in evolution research was adopted as official state policy. If he doesn't know, look me up and I'll tell you. It can be summed up in one word: waste. In the issue of creation vs. evolution, we have two viewpoints which require roughly the same amounts of faith and have about the same amount of investigation invested in them. Logic dictates that they should both be viewed as viable until one can be disproven using a method acceptable to all concerned. Where, then, was the logic behind the Supreme Court decision?

Robert Foss is a senior in psychology.

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed



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Hospital, humanities hope to create ethics institute

By Marlene Mehlhaff
Kaimin Reporter

St. Patrick Hospital and the University of Montana likely will approve a contract this week to create a humanities medical institute, the graduate school dean said Tuesday.

Dean Ray Murray said the institute would address issues such as medical ethics.

Dick Walton, a UM associate philosophy professor who also helped develop the institute idea, said the institute would also promote discussion about such things as physicians' social roles and the economics of health care.

He said the institute would focus on three areas:

- Researching topics, such as the sociology and history of medicine.
- Conducting workshops and extended courses — some on medical topics and some similar to UM's introduction courses in humanities and ethics.
- Public education activities, such as guest lectures that would be open to the public.

Walton said initial institute courses would be primarily for UM professors, who study such areas as philosophy and history, and medical professionals.

He said he eventually hopes the institute will offer a master's degree program in counseling

hospital patients and their families.

According to Walton, hospital patients would benefit the most from the institute because it should promote better patient care.

He said UM also will benefit because the institute expands UM's research and community service.

The institute's headquarters would be in the hospital with workshops and courses offered at the hospital and UM, Walton said.

The hospital has volunteered to pay for the first year's bills, he said.

Walton said the institute would request money from interested foundations to maintain its activities after the first year.

He said the idea for the institute started about two years ago when he and five other UM professors and six physicians from St. Patrick Hospital met to discuss their mutual interests.

They read works from both fields and discussed such questions as when to remove a brain-dead person from a life-support system, he said.

Walton said the group decided last February to expand the group discussions.

He said he hopes to start the institution in January.

NEWS BRIEFS

Snowstorm nips D.C. Veteran's Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Wednesday as a driving snowstorm delivered a wintery punch on Veteran's Day in the nation's capital.

"On this day, our nation pauses to honor all her veterans, past and present," Weinberger said during a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

"We remember both those who helped us prevail in war, and those who have defended our values in peace," he said. "We honor both living and dead, and those whose fate is still not resolved — our

missing in action, countrymen whom we swear never to forget."

At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, special tribute was paid to 24 men whose names have just been added to the more than 58,000 war dead listed on the memorial's V-shaped granite walls. Some were originally omitted through oversight, and some died within the last five years as a result of war wounds.

Prompt decision pleases senators

HELENA (AP) — Montana's two U.S. senators said Wednesday they were pleased with President Reagan's announcement he will nominate Judge Anthony M. Kennedy to the Supreme Court, saying it was

time for the process to move forward.

Democratic Sen. Max Baucus said he that while he still needs to examine Kennedy's record closely, the jurist appears to be a moderate with no ax to grind.

And Sen. John Melcher, also a Democrat, said the process of filling the court vacancy has dragged on too long. He said he was pleased Reagan moved promptly.

Reagan announced Wednesday he intends to nominate Kennedy to the Supreme Court seat vacated by the retirement of Justice Lewis F. Powell.

Kennedy, now a judge on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, is Reagan's third choice for the job.

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Gary Hart's presidential campaign adviser and a New York Times political columnist will speak tonight at the University of Montana.

Bill Shore, Hart's campaign adviser, will speak about 1980s campaign politics at 8 p.m. in the Underground Lecture Hall. ASUM Programming is sponsoring Shore's lecture.

Tom Wicker, an influential political columnist, will speak about presidential politics in the University Theater at 8 p.m.

Wicker is the first of six scheduled speakers in UM's President's Lecture Series.

There is no admission fee for either event.

Wicker will also speak today during a 2:45 p.m. press conference in Main Hall Room 205. Friday he will answer questions at 11 a.m. in the journalism library.

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Wrong Bertha?

EDITOR: I am really glad that someone owned up to stealing our beloved moose Bertha! I am sure she is doing fine, although upset that she had to miss initiation. That is one of Bertha's favorite fall activities — meeting the new Forestry Club members and telling stories about the good old times over a few beers. Nevertheless, her absence was missed.

But is the moose you have in your possession OUR mascot that has watched over forestry students since before 1914? The real Bertha would not be in the Yukon Territory looking for relatives, especially since they are living up the Bitterroot. The real Bertha would also never demand anything as absurd as Rheiland Beer for her abductors, unless of course, she has not been treated kindly. But the real Bertha LOVES the Foresters' Ball and wouldn't miss it for the world!

The question still remains — do you, "Mr. McKenzie," really have OUR moose?? A picture says a thousand words! We await your response.

Kevin Wolfe
Chief Push

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Math problem

EDITOR: Math can't be a language problem. "Students at UM dislike math and find an excuse for their shortcomings in math."

On the other hand, "about 40 percent of the graduate

students who teach the 100-level math classes are foreigners."

Hence, "language can be a math problem. And we need English-speaking graduate students."

This was the conclusion by Carol Roberts on November 10. And so, she urged the importance of math and language on university and math department.

How about this reasoning? "Students at UM dislike math."

By the way, "math can't be a language problem."

Hence, "about 40 percent of the graduate students who teach the 100-level math classes are foreigners."

It does make sense, isn't it? I'm not denying the fact that language is an important factor in teaching math. The mathematical concepts and skills are delivered by language in class. But, that's not all. I dare to say that mathematics can be taught in class without a word. Language is nothing but a means to express one's thinking. Moreover, foreign graduate students are not non-English speaking persons. At least in Missoula, they are English-speaking persons, even if they can't express themselves in English well.

I think it is not reasonable to criticize the university and math department including foreign TAs that they are not providing quality teaching, under the assumption of fallible cause-effect relation.

Were you told that there are any significant differences in student's achievements between foreign-TA-classes and American-TA-classes?

Do the students have difficulties in math class and hate math just because they are taught by foreign TAs?

In my opinion, students' shortcomings in math are basically caused not by the fact that they are not used to dealing with foreigners and have difficulties in a language barrier but by the fact that they are not used to studying mathematics in itself, because they did not spend sufficient times studying mathematics in high school days

Park, Young Hoon
graduate, mathematics

Offended

EDITOR: After reading the letter titled "Silly Girls" that appeared in the Kaimin on Oct. 23, we were very offended. Just because we don't watch sports with them doesn't mean we are ignorant. How do they know if we aren't watching it in our room? Maybe we don't want to watch the sports down in the TV room because of the company. Some of us do have better things to do, like homework, volleyball or football games or laundry.

Just because we aren't watching the news doesn't mean we can't read the newspaper or listen to the radio.

For your information, there are guys who watch "Days" and "Moonlighting." Sports and the news aren't the only aspects of life. What would you do without the television?

How can we have an intelligent conversation with you about sports if we are always told to shut up and to wait for a commercial? Where would you guys be if there were no sports on TV?

We would be quiet during the game if you would. You tell us to shut up so you guys can discuss the game. Why does it matter who is talking?

We are willing to have an intelligent conversation when

we have someone intelligent, not chauvinistic, to talk to about sports.

We aren't saying all guys behave this way toward women. This is just for those of you who think we are "Silly Girls."

Lori Meuchel
freshman, psychology

Karen Robertson
freshman, general

NOTE: Fifteen other names listed on a separate sheet accompanied the above letter, but aren't included because of space consideration.

A missed point

EDITOR: Robert Foss ("Beginning of the end?" column, Nov. 5) did something valuable in pointing to the commentary in Nature magazine ("Where science has gone wrong," Oct. 15). But I'm afraid he misses its point, which is that correct epistemology is indispensable to science. Epistemology, "a branch of philosophy that investigates the origin, nature, methods and limits of human knowledge" (Random House dictionary), is indispensable to ALL branches of knowledge, including the religion, morality and ethics which Foss addresses with concern. Too bad he didn't see and say that; it would have unified his essay. If our society is indeed declining, a reasonable hypothesis to explain it is that we've lost some of epistemological roots. Such a thesis, applied to the humanities, has made a recent best-seller of Allan Bloom's "The Closing of the American Mind," even though many people differ with critical points of it. Bloom's book has received praise from Secretary of Education Edward Bennett, too (although perhaps for the wrong reasons).

Science's epistemology is expressed with admirable clarity by Langdon Gilkey, professor of theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, in a 1985 book, "Creationism on Trial: Evolution and God at Little Rock".

• Material reality is orderly and intelligible.

• Thinking and logic are relevant to understanding.

• Identical or similar material things remain steady over time and space, yet have particular aspects of change.

• Humans can communicate and share understanding and modify it with new evidences of truth.

• Truth is important, an ultimate concern; science mist try to reflect nature not biases of time, place or person.

• Science's authority lies in its logical coherence and experimental adequacy, its consistency with other established theories, its fruitfulness for further questions and its simplicity or elegance. In short, its consensibility.

• It is the theories, not the facts of science, that make it science; science is more a method that a body of knowledge.

• The limits of science must be recognized: it cannot address matters of ultimate causes, origins or concerns; such are the province of other ways of knowing including philosophy, ethics, religion, the humanities and the arts. Scientism, the belief that science is the only true understanding, is wrong.

Walter Koostra
professor, microbiology

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SPORTS

Harriers head to Utah

Both UM cross country teams will travel to Utah for the NCAA District VII championships, but the two teams have different objectives, their coaches said Wednesday.

Men's coach Bill Leach said his team hopes to place highly in the meet, which combines the Big Sky Conference championships with the District VII championships, and he feels his seven member squad is in good shape to finish well.

"We've got four guys that are running well," Leach said adding that Frank Horn, Ken McChesney, Mike Lynes and Joe Beatty could all place high in the meet.

While the men's team will be trying to capture individual and team honors, the women are going to compete solely as individuals, since the Lady Griz are only taking four athletes to the meet and they need seven to have a team.

"We just want to go for experience," women's coach Dick Koontz said. "It's a different atmosphere. It's an NCAA qualifying meet and it's very intense."

Koontz said he is taking junior Vonda Harmon, sophomores Michele Buresh and Michelle Barrier and freshman Jeanine Crabtree to the meet.

He said running on the Salt Lake City course will be good for the four since the championships are held there each year and all four athletes will probably run there again.

Leach said for his team Frank Horn, who was injured most of this season, should do particularly well in the 10,000 meter race.

Horn is "fresher" than the other runners who will be at the meet because he hasn't



Staff photo by Todd Goodrich

ON THEIR WAY to the NCAA Division VII Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah, are, from left to right, Michele Buresh, Vonda Harmon and Jeanine Crabtree.

been running all fall, Leach said. Horn placed first in the Big Sky Conference last year and seventh in the national cross-country championships. He was third in the Big Sky Conference two years ago.

"From my perspective he's better than he's ever been," Leach said.

The meet, which also will feature teams from the men's Western Athletic Conference and the women's High Country Athletic Conference, will be at the Rose Park golf course in Salt Lake City. It is the qualifying meet for the

NCAA championships.

The top two teams and the top three runners will be invited to compete in the cross-country championships held in Charlottesville, Va., on Nov. 23.

While the men will be hoping to knock off league leading Weber State College and pre season favorite Northern Arizona University, Koontz said he isn't taking too many high expectations to the meet.

"You just don't know," he said, "every day is a different day and every race is a different race."

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NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox became the first American League pitcher in more than a decade to win consecutive Cy Young awards, claiming the 1987 trophy on Wednesday despite a spring training holdout and a 4-6 start.

Clemens, 20-9 with 256 strikeouts in 281 2-3 innings this year, received 21 of 28 first-place votes and 124 points in balloting by a panel of Baseball Writers Association of America members. Jimmy Key of Toronto, 17-8 with a league-leading earned-run average of 2.76, had four first-place votes and 64 points to finish a distant second.

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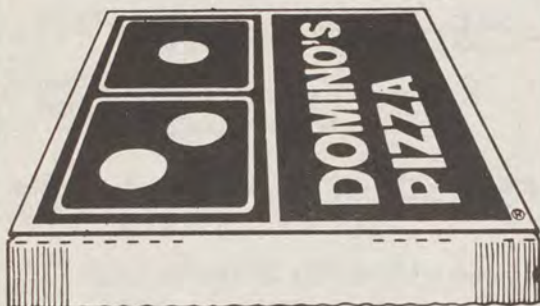
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Teachers' letters attack semester-system pitfalls

By Tamara Mohawk
Kaimin Reporter

Changing to a semester system would hinder University of Montana programs and weaken UM's liberal-arts emphasis, more than 20 teachers stated recently in letters to the Faculty Senate.

Senate Chairwoman Doris Simonis said Wednesday that letters poured into her office after she asked faculty members late last month to determine how the change would affect their programs.

The Board of Regents decided last December that all university system schools run on academic quarters would change to a semester calendar by 1991.

Simonis said she hopes faculty members will share their opinions about the issue during a faculty meeting today at 3 p.m. in Room 11 of the Liberal Arts Building.

She said the meeting will help faculty leaders determine how faculty members view the semester change. This information will help those leaders explain the faculty's position during the December regents meeting.

Teachers mentioned in several letters that the quarter system offers exposure to more subjects than the semester system does.

History Professor Duane Hampton said the quarter system gives students the opportunity "to widen horizons and develop interests beyond a particular field or major. That is one of the primary strengths of a quarter system and a liberal arts university."

A semester system, according to several of the teachers, would also limit the number of electives students could take outside their major.

John Madden, honors program director, said, "The education of all students would be impoverished."

A few faculty members, however, said their classes would be improved under the semester system's longer calendar.

Albert Borgmann, a philosophy professor,

said he strongly supports the change to semesters and prefers the "more measured and thorough character" of longer classes. "Depth is more important than variety."

Charles Miller, a botany professor, said the department's classes could be taught on either system, and introductory courses would benefit under the semester calendar.

He also said, "At present I don't see enough problems with the quarter system or enough benefits under the semester system to justify the effort of switching to a semester calendar."

Some faculty members, such as Thomas Power, economics department chairman, said they think the change will hamper faculty research efforts.

Power said off-campus agencies that pay faculty members for quarter-long research projects would be discouraged if they had to finance semester-long projects.

Directors and teachers of campus interdisciplinary programs — those that draw on faculty members from various departments to teach their programs — strongly object to the semester change.

They said increased faculty work loads and a reduction in the number of special-topic classes offered would make teachers less inclined to "donate" time to interdisciplinary programs.

Twelve program directors co-signed a letter to the regents urging them to reverse their decision.

Other faculty members said the semester switch would impede programs, such as those in the social work department, that place students in short-courses and workshops. They say those programs would be difficult to expand.

Some fear that study-abroad programs, such as one in which students study in France for a quarter, would be destroyed.

Students, they said, couldn't afford to leave school for half, rather than one-third of the school year. Families in France also would be unwilling to host students for that long.

Students familiar with semesters disagree

By Suzanne Radenkovic
for the Kaimin

University of Montana students who have attended schools with semester systems said Wednesday they disagree with a Board of Regents' plan to change UM to a semester calendar.

Students opposing the changeover said the quarter system offers students a better education because they can take more classes.

They also said students attending three-month classes under the quarter system can learn more because they don't have time to get bored, as might be the case in the five-month semester-run classes.

Carol Roberts, a UM junior studying journalism who recently transferred from the semester-run University of Colorado, said semester-system classes don't necessarily cover more information than quarter-system classes.

Often, she said, the same amount of material is covered, but over a longer time frame.

"It's a lot easier to stay motivated in a quarter system," she said.

Another student who transferred from a semester-system school, Zac Kellerman,

junior in biology, said, "Classes in a semester system drag out, allowing students more time to slack off."

"In a quarter system the classes don't get stale."

In a recent letter to the regents, ASUM President Scott Snelson urged the board to reconsider changing to a semester system.

The Regents have set 1991 as the goal for completion of the changeover.

In the letter, Snelson said the changeover will reduce "subject flexibility and diversity the students enjoy under the quarter system."

But students who support the changeover said a semester system provides a better education.

They said topics can be thoroughly covered in the longer semester-run courses, which gives students more time to retain the information.

"Some subject areas are complicated and just can't be covered in one quarter," Dana Field, an environmental studies graduate student, said.

Rob Plakke, a junior studying English, said, "The quarter system is detrimental to learning — it doesn't give students time to digest what they have learned."

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Ethiopian

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Unable to renew his passport, he went on to Beirut, where he met other Ethiopian refugees who were studying at the American University of Beirut. He said he bought a forged passport for \$150 from the refugees.

A year later Haile was accepted as a business management student at the university.

In Beirut he met another Ethiopian refugee, Almaze, who later became his wife. They now have a 15-month-old son named Daniel.

Haile spent the next few years studying for his degree and working part-time as an accounts clerk for the Middle East Council of Churches.

Dan Simmons, a Missoula pastor, was visiting Beirut at the time and he sponsored

Haile and helped him migrate to the United States.

Haile said a recent news report about Eritrean rebels hijacking trucks and destroying food sent for famine victims was "merely an Ethiopian propaganda."

He said Ethiopia's problem is political and therefore must be solved "politically and not militaristically."

Haile said that a superpower like the United States can influence the Ethiopians to negotiate with the Eritreans.

"The Russians can also help by not supplying arms to the Ethiopians," he said.

The current famine in Ethiopia is due primarily to the civil war, but droughts also contribute, Haile said.

Effie Koehn, UM's foreign student affairs coordinator, agreed with Haile that because of the war, people do not stay in one area long enough to cultivate the land.

Koehn, a native of Ethiopia, said the war has caused in-

stability and insecurity in people who are then forced to flee the country in search of a better life.

Haile said he still keeps in touch with his family in Ethiopia through letters and phone calls.

Haile's mother, who was placed under house arrest for 10 years, was finally released in 1982.

Fond memories of Ethiopia include warm sunshine and spicy food, he said, but when-

ever he meets an Ethiopian who arrived recently from his homeland his memory becomes clouded with images of death and suffering.

"I try very hard not to remember the painful details but it's hard to forget," he said.

Haile said that if he had one wish, it would be to see his family again. He cannot return to his homeland now, he said, because if he did, he would be shot dead.

Bottles

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The beverage companies have \$12 million worth of reasons to be against the bill, he said.

"It's time to stop subsidizing the bottle industry," he said.

Martin said people now know the bill will work because they've seen positive results in other states and in Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.

"It's proven cheaper to rent the containers rather than buy them," he said.

Martin said he wants to put a referendum on the UM winter election ballot to determine if students support the bill.

He said he hopes the bill receives a "strong statement of support" from UM students.

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