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Montana Kaimin

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Wednesday/November 25, 1987

Missoula, Montana

Students elsewhere appear indifferent to semester change

By Tamara Mohawk
Kaimin Reporter

Although organized student opposition to the semester change has been growing at the University of Montana, student leaders at other campuses say they've heard little reaction to the issue.

Nevertheless, student leaders said Tuesday they'll send delegates to the Board of Regents meeting in Helena next month to present students' concerns to the board.

Eastern Montana College, Montana State University and Northern Montana College student representatives said students' opinions on the regents-mandated change may persuade the board to reconsider its order.

"I don't see the faculty making any change," Bryan Harding, an EMC student senator, said. "But when students get together, boy, that's another story. If anyone will be able to do it, the students will."

Kendall McRae, EMC student body president, agrees. "The only way to convince the regents is through a united student stand," he said.

But McRae doubts that many EMC students will react to the change until it's underway. "Right now, I think a good percentage of this student body won't stand up and scream and yell until it affects them," he said.

McRae said he has written about some aspects of the change in EMC's student newspaper and will send a few students to the December regents meeting.

Several faculty members from UM, NMC and MSU have spoken against the change and plan to share their concerns with the regents during the Board's Dec. 10-11 meeting.

ASUM, UM's student government, decided last week to protest the semester change and to urge the re-

gents to reconsider their plans.

The regents decided last December to change UM, EMC, NMC and MSU to a semester calendar by 1991. Montana Tech and Western Montana College already use a semester system.

Mike Mathison, ASUM vice president, wants to organize an intercampus student coalition to back faculty efforts to persuade the regents to reconsider their order.

Mathison said, however, that it's not crucial that all students agree that the semester system is bad and should never be used. More importantly, students should urge the regents to postpone their plan and thoroughly consider the change's implications, he said.

"I don't think a lot of students realize that now is the time to let the regents know how they feel about the change," Mathison said.

Katie Malee, MSU student body president, agreed that students "will play a major role" in getting the regents to reconsider their order.

But at MSU, she said, most students are unaware of the impending change and how it will affect them.

Malee hopes to make students more aware of the change and to gauge students' opinions on the issue by holding forums and conducting a telephone survey during the next two weeks.

She said student representatives will then draft a resolution on the issue and present information they collect to the regents.

"I think students tend to favor the quarter system," she said, "but I think that is because of the status quo. People resist change."

Jim Fewer, NMC student body

See 'Semesters,' page 8.



Staff photo by Chese Sullivan

GABRIELLE WINER, senior at Bozeman High, casts her vote at Tuesday's session of the model U.N. Gabrielle was Jordan's representative.

Native American studies director wins award

By Lou Joon Yee
for the Kaimin

There's a full-blooded Cheyenne woman on the University of Montana campus who, imbued with the spirit of a leader and role model, is a paragon of the successful and heritage-minded Native American.

Henrietta Whiteman, director of the UM Native American Studies Program, is the National American Indi-



WHITEMAN

an Woman of the Year.

Whiteman, the third person to win the award since the American Indian Heritage Foundation created it in 1985, received it during the National American Indian Eagle Awards ceremony last Friday in Washington, D.C.

"I enjoy it (the award) for today," Whiteman said, smiling widely during a news conference Tuesday. "Tomorrow I hope to utilize it to motivate other Indian women."

Whiteman was the unanimous choice of the regents and directors of the foundation. The major criteria

for Indian Eagle Awards are proven leadership and role model achievements.

As a role model, she would like to inspire young Indian women to set high goals, she said.

For all of last year and the first half of this year, Whiteman worked in the nation's capital administering Indian education policy and programs in the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

She said people east of the Mississippi have an outdated view of Native Americans. They are "frozen into

a time warp," she said, and have a hard time seeing Native Americans as contemporary human beings.

Whiteman has served as director or coordinator of Native American studies programs at Harvard University, the University of Sciences and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha, and at the University of California, Berkeley.

"Native American studies is but a microcosm of the American Indian experience," she said. According to

See 'Whiteman,' page 8.

OPINION

Have a knapweed Thanksgiving

Thursday is Thanksgiving, and though a good number of fowl farmers may be miffed, we would like to make a modest proposal regarding our readers' Thanksgiving Day menu. If you can afford to go to the grocery store or the butcher shop and buy a turkey, don't. Take five or 10 bucks you save and pass it along to your favorite charity. Then go find yourself a big field of knapweed, pull it up roots and all, throw it in a tightly sealed bag, take it home, say a prayer and eat it.

We Americans have a deservedly bad reputation around the world for being gluttons, and for all the noble and just reasons for celebrating a holiday of thanks, the fact remains that those of us who can afford it spend most of Thanksgiving making pigs of ourselves. We should do something to repair that battered reputation. Eating knapweed is a way

to do it, and we'd be helping just about every farmer — save the unfortunate turkey farmer — at the same time.

Knapweed is an ugly sort of plant. It spreads fast and chokes crops. Poisons could kill it, but most of the flora and fauna we need would go with it. The government spends money on knapweed control, but money doesn't kill the weed either.

The best solution to date to the knapweed problem seems to lie in the appetites of sheep, who can clear a field of knapweed fast and clean. But sheep — contrary to a popular joke about Montana men — are relatively scarce when compared to that nasty knapweed.

Humans are a might scarce in this state, too, but the ones here do have healthy appetites — healthy enough, we think, that, when without a turkey on Thanksgiving Day, they could put away most of the

knapweed in the state.

Charities, most farmers and folks looking to put a little more fiber in their diets would all benefit from a Thanksgiving knapweed feast. The world would hear of the folks in Montana who were human enough to give up a rather homely bird to help others. A bit of decency would be added to our reputation for wastefulness and gluttony.

All of this is ridiculous of course, but most of you didn't want to read another sentimental list of those things for which we should be thankful, nor did you want to read a tale of the homeless and hungry out there. But the fact is that some of us have plenty for which to be grateful, and we ought to always think about those who are hungry and homeless. And then we ought to do something to help.

John Engen

Thanks for the memories

The leaves are gone and we've gotten our first few tastes of snow. That means ski season is right around the corner. Yeah!

This will be the first Thanksgiving since I've been in Montana that I haven't been snowbound in Missoula. But then I won't even be in Missoula. I will be taking advantage of the Campus Recreation department's ski trip to Grand Targhee. Oh, how I love to ski.

In fact that was the deciding factor when I chose to come to Montana for school — the excellent skiing here I've been able to enjoy. But that wasn't the only reason I traveled 3,000 miles to go to college. I wanted to see how the other side of the Mississippi lived.

Why live in a country and not see it? Why live in a state and not appreciate it? In fact, that is one of the saddest things I think I've learned in my travels; no one takes the time to explore their own back yard. I am probably as guilty of this as anyone since I've yet to truly explore Acadia National Park in Maine, yet I rail Montanans for not having seen eagles in Glacier.

I still remember the looks of incredulation when I announced my decision to attend UM: we have skiing here; your friends are here; culture and entertainment is here.

Those things will still be here when I get back, I said. I can make new friends, adopt a new culture and besides, I hear the skiing is better out there. Out there was the reference. Where "out there" was Montana? My friends are still incredulous now because I didn't immediately transfer east after the first year, after I'd "scratched that itch."

So I came, skied and explored. And fell in love. I love Montana. I love the weather, the skiing, the attitude, the towns. But then there are a lot of things Montanans do that I've never really come to grips with.

For instance, gravy on hashbrowns; bicycling in winter; "to go" cups or rolling dice for the jukebox. Yet these things all interest me and now I've tried them. There



By
Kathy Young

are a great many things I've been able to do and try during my four fast years in the West that I'll always be glad I did.

To have stayed in the East would have allowed me to see only half of what America is. And as holidays like Thanksgiving approach I realize I've only got a few months left to keep on experiencing what can only be found in these mountains, in this cultural oasis.

I realize how many pictures I've never taken, how many bike rides I didn't take the time for, how many people I never really got to know, how many friends I don't keep in touch with, here or there.

Now seems like a good time to thank some of the friends I've got for the special memories they've been a part of.

Shelly in Sand Coulee, Sue, Lisa and the freshman floor, Glenn and the rose, Andrew's naps, Gilby's baldness and Spanish prowess, Ev and Jen and Lesa for laughter, Steven for writing, the Hellgate dining room, Tricia for G & T, Cam and Lisa at Mully's, my new and old RA staffs for support, 3rd Craig West and of course Chuck.

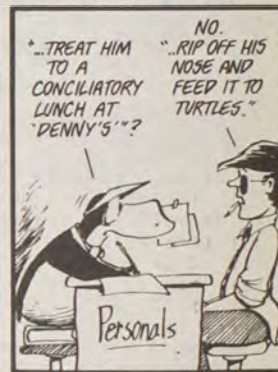
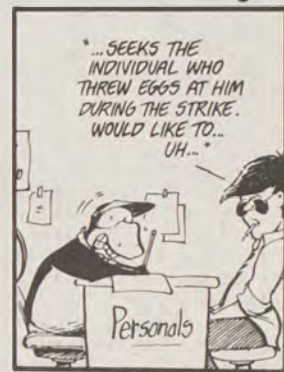
But when it comes right down to it, I've got to thank my family for allowing me the freedom to go 3,000 miles away while still supporting me. They have seen a lot of changes in the past four years, as I have. We've all grown up, apart, but hopefully stronger. And tomorrow as you enjoy the feeling of being with the ones you love, and I'm swooshing down the slopes of the ski hill, I hope your families and mine are happy, warm and well.

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BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed



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Job program expanding

By Rebecca Manna

Kaimin Reporter

The University of Montana Cooperative Education office is expanding an internship placement program geared toward non-traditional and minority students with the help of a \$61,000 federal grant.

The program, which began in 1980, allows students to use skills learned at UM in a professional job for academic credit.

Barbara Olson, Cooperative Education Program director, used the grant money received this fall to hire two full-time staff members to expand the internships service.

Evalyn Kragh, a recently hired program career counselor, said the expanded program will concentrate on non-traditional and minority students because of the increasing number of those students on campus.

She also said the program will target the two groups because they have used the program less often than other students have.

"We've found out that a lot of students on this campus are non-traditionals with a family who need to stay here in Missoula because financially they can't relocate to, say, Seattle for the summer," Kragh said.

"We are trying to make pre-professional work in their fields a definite possibility for them too."

Kragh said she and Ken Stocks, the new

program job developer, have found several Missoula employers who are interested in participating in the program.

She said the program also will coordinate "team placements" of two or more students in isolated Montana communities and Indian reservations.

Student interns can work on a variety of projects with social service agencies, conservation groups, city governments and community land-use and planning committees, she said.

Internships for academic credit are arranged with faculty advisers, and students usually receive a stipend or salary for the work.

"We're not providing slave labor for local employers," Kragh said.

Increasingly, employers nationwide expect college graduates to have work experience "whether they have a 3.7 grade point average or not," she said.

Kragh said she will promote the program during dormitory presentations and faculty meetings throughout the school year.

While the program duplicates resume-writing training offered by UM Career Services, Kragh said she encourages juniors and seniors to come to her for assistance in preparing resumes geared at landing internships.

Roads should be in good shape

By Rebecca Manna

Kaimin Reporter

Students traveling during the Thanksgiving holiday should expect some "winter driving conditions" because of light snow that was predicted for mountain passes throughout western Montana Tuesday night, a Missoula meteorologist said.

Ray Stuyvesant, a National Weather Service meteorologist, said Tuesday afternoon that one to three inches of snow was expected to accumulate on the mountain passes and that rain or snow is expected in the valleys throughout Wednesday.

"Unfortunately the worst weather of the (holiday) will be on Wednesday, the day most people will be taking off," he said. "But road crews should have everything cleaned up by the afternoon."

Stuyvesant said scattered snow showers are expected on Friday and Saturday but

conditions should improve by Sunday for trips back to Missoula.

Martha Vogt, district office supervisor for the Montana Highway Department in Missoula, said drivers should "be prepared for anything since Montana weather conditions are always changing."

She said drivers should expect snow-packed and icy mountain passes, but chains aren't required for cars unless they are towing trailer.

Vogt warned drivers to be aware of "black ice" while driving at night or in early morning.

Vogt suggested drivers phone the highway department's road report before traveling for information about changing road conditions.

The toll free number for state road conditions is 1-800-332-6171. Road reports are updated at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, she said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Budget binge over — Williams

BOZEMAN (AP) — A bipartisan deficit reduction plan approved last week takes \$5 billion from the Pentagon and ends a wasteful and ineffective defense spending binge by the Reagan administration, Rep. Pat Williams said Monday.

Williams, D-Mont., said during a lecture series at Montana State University that military spending has increased 121 percent during Reagan's seven years in office but taxpayers are getting less for their money.

For example, Williams said, taxpayers have 48 percent more helicopters but paid 150 percent more for them; they paid 75 percent more for 12 percent fewer planes; and 48 percent more for 23 percent more ships.

U.S. military encounters since World War II have been disasters, including the Bay of Pigs, Vietnam, 238 Marines killed in Beirut and the invasion of Grenada,

and Williams said spending excesses are partly to blame.

With the new spending cuts, he said, "the days of the Reagan-Weinberger-Pentagon spending excesses are over."

"The binge is over, but be prepared," he said. "The hangover will be with us for a long time to come."

Discharged man may be wanted

HELENA (AP) — A man hospitalized after a fatal traffic accident in a stolen truck was discharged and left Montana, in part because none of the five law enforcement agencies looking at the case told the hospital he might be a wanted man, authorities say.

The agencies said it was a case of crossed signals — and fears by the various counties that they'd get stuck with his hospital bill if they claimed him.

The man, who told authorities his name is Fausto Rivas, 21, of Lathrop, Calif.,

was discharged from St. Peter's Hospital Nov. 10 and has since left the state, officials said.

US/USSR agree on arms pact

GENEVA (AP) — The United States and the Soviet Union agreed Tuesday to the first superpower treaty to eliminate an entire category of nuclear weapons, and they will sign the pact at a summit meeting in Washington on Dec. 9.

The deal was sealed with a handshake by Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze at the U.S. mission.

"All that remains is treaty language which others will be able to do," Shultz said. "We are very pleased that we have this agreement."

The treaty to scrap shorter-and medium-range missiles is the centerpiece for the talks President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev are scheduled to hold in Washington on Dec. 8-10.

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Biased view

EDITOR: Kathy Young's column about the meal policy is so screwed up I scarcely know which of this propagandist's lies to tackle first. She glibly tells us victims to "wake up to the fact that there is no free lunch," but doesn't seem to understand this phrase herself. It means someone has to pay for whatever is produced. Ms. Young, however, doesn't seem to notice that someone already has.

Students who buy meal passes have a property right in those meals and have a right to use them, sell them, give them away, or flush them

down the john. Young seems to think that Auxiliary Services has some right to recapture the windfall that John Piquette had the guts and integrity to turn back to those who had originally paid the freight. She evidently would have us bend over and enjoy the extra "protection" we are now so kindly offered. Thanks, but no thanks.

Also, I could do without Auxiliary Service's "blessings." Notwithstanding the good intentions of the administration, I prefer to spend my own money rather than have it spent for me on dormitories I won't live in and a swimming pool I won't use. As Young points out, upkeep of the

food service and dorms (on campus) is a legitimate use of the money of those who use the facilities. I just wish more money were spent on such things instead of some administrator's pet projects.

As for the new policy, only an RA working in the food service would defend it. If the policy were intended to save the students money, it would be directed only at counterfeits. But it actually inconveniences many honest students and may end up costing many of us a lot of money. A cynic might conclude it was designed to do so.

Bruce Schwartz
graduate, economics

Koch praised

EDITOR: I want to express my appreciation to President Koch for intiating and participating in Tuesday's march against racism.

I have been at the University of Montana since 1970, and I do not recall in all of that time a central administrator sponsoring such an event. Perhaps I am forgetting an administrator who did something similar during those seventeen years, and if so I

apologize, but certainly such actions are rare.

Also, President Koch must be complimented for his courage in doing this now. It is more difficult than in the 60s' Days of Rage when demonstrations were as common as the daily news, and many gave at least lip service to human and civil rights.

Today, largely due to the economic stress, it is popular to be cynical about such matters, and just to look out for oneself. Minorities have been shoved back into the corridors of society, and racists have become emboldened enough by the situation to flaunt their creed in public, and even hurl a bomb or two.

This is the atmosphere in which President Koch formed and led his march this week, and he is to be applauded for it.

James G. Todd
professor, art and humanities

Not scapegoats

EDITOR: I am responding to Carol Roberts' column regarding the problems students have with TAs in the math department.

Carol implies that if a student is doing poorly in a

math class that a foreign TA is teaching, it is the TA's fault. This may be true in a very small minority of such classes, but I feel that it is a very unfair criticism overall.

Teachers should not be scapegoats for the problems many people have in math. There are many reasons that students have problems in math in the college classroom. Some are not ready for collegiate study in any subject, much less math, when they graduate from high school. A lot of personal time and effort must be put into studying for any class especially math.

If a student does not have the discipline to devote time to learning and practicing a topic in math, he/she will probably not excel in the topic. If a student does not understand something that a teacher or textbook says, it is the student's responsibility to ask questions — if not in class, during office hours.

Most people who complain about instructors in general and foreign TAs in particular usually don't even try to discuss their problems regarding the class with the instructor. They just complain to any available listener.

Another point that Carol addresses is that perhaps the math requirements should be dropped. After all the science teachers will teach it to them in their classes. WRONG! If science instructors had to take the time to teach the basics of math they would not have the time to teach their own subject. That is not a valid solution.

In closing, I would like to say do not blame the instructor for every problem in a class. That is just a cop-out.

Julie Warrenfeltz
teaching assistant
graduate, mathematics

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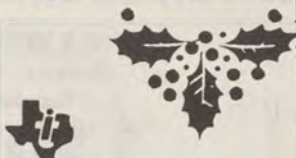
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SPORTS

Lady Griz test first foe

By Dave Reese

Kaimin Sports Reporter

You might say the Lady Griz basketball team is 4-0 going into Saturday's game against Eastern Montana College.

But then their only opponents have been themselves.

After four preseason scrimmages, the Lady Griz will open their season against the Lady Yellowjackets, last year's Continental Divide Conference winner. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Field House.

The Lady Griz played their final scrimmage Tuesday night in Dahlberg Arena.

Earlier this year they held one other scrimmage at home and one each in Fairfield, Mont., and in Stevensville.

And coach Robin Selvig said Tuesday he welcomes the challenge of a new opponent in order to point out any of UM's weaknesses.

"Our progress has sort of leveled off in practice without having played anyone else.

"Hopefully there won't be any surprises" against Eastern, he added.

Montana physically outmatches Eastern, but the Lady Yellowjackets have solid defense and ball control skills, Selvig said.

"Our size will be the biggest problem for them," he added.

"But they're a team that's hard to blow out ... they don't make mistakes that beat themselves.

"I don't think there is one particular area they'll beat us in."

Both teams return most of last year's players. However, UM will be without junior forward Jean McNulty.

McNulty, suffering from a shoulder injury, has been redshirted for the rest of this year.

"She gave us great dimension off the bench ... we'll have to look to others" to fill her spot, Selvig said of McNulty. "We're a deep team."

Also being redshirted this season will be sophomore transfer Vicki Austin and freshman Marietta Bahnmler.

While the Lady Griz have yet to play a team besides their own, EMC has already been in two games, splitting a pair in the Northern Montana College Invitational in Havre.

UM has lost to Eastern only once, and that was in Selvig's first year here. Now, nine years later, Selvig said Eastern has a "very respectable" basketball team.



Staff Photo By Todd Goodrich

DAWN SILLIKER shoots over opposing members of the Copper team in last night's Lady Griz scrimmage.

Griz test Stout in opener

By Dave Kirkpatrick

Kaimin Sports Editor

The 1987 Grizzly basketball team begins its regular season Friday night against Wisconsin-Stout, an opponent who head coach Stew Morrill says could give the Grizzlies fits, despite hailing from a small college division.

"It's not a gimme" for the Grizzlies, he said, adding that Wisconsin-Stout has come close to beating the Grizzlies the last two times the teams have met.

They play "fundamentally solid" defense and offense, Morrill said in an interview Tuesday. The game will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Field House.

Morrill said the NAIA team uses a slow down offense, working the ball around the key with passes to get a high percentage shot.

"They just come in and not take anything but a good shot," he said, adding that Wisconsin-Stout brings a 1-0 record into the game after defeating Luther College earlier this year. Wisconsin-Stout finished last year with an 18-8 record.

The Grizzlies also pack a 1-

0 record into the game after defeating the Illwarra Hawks of Australia 83-68 in an exhibition game earlier this month. In that game Wayne Tinkle led the Grizzlies with 20 points and K.C. McGowen added 18.

But since the Illwarra game the Grizzlies have only played intrasquad scrimmages around the state.

And Morrill said while those scrimmages help the team prepare for the season, they can only tell a coach so much about his players. If, for instance, the team hits 60 percent of its shots the coach doesn't know if the players are playing good offense or playing poor defense, Morrill added.

"It's hard to evaluate where you're at," he said. "We really need to play someone else — not ourselves."

Morrill said he is undecided about who the starters will be in Friday's game, but he is leaning towards the same starting five from the Grizzlies exhibition game. Juniors Wayne Tinkle, K.C. McGowen, Kevin Hood, Tony Reed and Nate DuChesne all started in that game, but four other Grizzlies saw action and are pushing for starting roles, Morrill added.

Among those four is freshman Roger Fasting, who Morrill said could start if a minor knee problem for Tony Reed keeps him out of action.



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Continental crash

Former professor's condition improves

By Jim Mann
Kaimin Reporter

Kenneth Watson, the former University of Montana chemistry professor who was injured in the recent Continental Airlines jetliner crash in Denver, regained consciousness last Friday and has improved since then.

Gladis Weller, Watson's secretary at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, said Tuesday that Watson might be transferred Wednesday from the intensive care unit to neuro-trauma therapy at the Denver hospital where he is being treated.

Watson received a severe blow to the

face and head, three broken ribs, collapsed lungs and a gash in his left leg when the jetliner crashed during takeoff at Stapleton International Airport on Nov. 15. Twenty-eight of the 82 passengers aboard the jetliner died from the crash.

Weller said Watson underwent tests that showed he apparently did not suffer any brain damage. He's eating and able to speak, she said.

While at UM from 1975 to 1983, Watson specialized in the research of cancer-causing viruses. For the past two years he has been the vice president for academic affairs at Northwest Nazarene College.

Former student's condition critical

A former University of Montana student who was injured in the recent crash of a Continental Airlines jetliner remains in critical condition in a Denver hospital.

Anne Nasrallah, 22, formerly Anne Smoke, sustained severe head, heart and lung injuries and a broken pelvic bone and femur.

A spokeswoman for the University Hospital in Denver said Tuesday that Nasrallah is unconscious but "responsive."

Her sons, Anthony Joseph, 2, and Peter, 6 months, died after the jetliner crashed

during takeoff at Stapleton International Airport on Nov. 15.

Nasrallah attended UM on a music scholarship in 1982-83, then transferred to Northwestern University in Chicago, where she graduated in microbiology this year.

She and her sons had been traveling from their home in Jacksonville, Fla., to visit her parents in Boise, Idaho. Nasrallah's 25-year-old husband, Tony, who graduated from UM with a business degree, was not on the flight.

Cuban inmates keep control of two prisons

ATLANTA (AP) — Troops armed with automatic weapons and gas masks brought dozens of prisoners out of the Atlanta penitentiary where rioting Cuban inmates remained in control Tuesday.

Meanwhile, a SWAT team faced down a group of Cubans at a besieged prison in Louisiana.

The prisoners, who rebelled following the announcement of a deportation agreement between the United States and Cuba, continued to hold more than 100 hostages — 75 in Atlanta and 28 in Louisiana. One ailing guard was released in Atlanta, where one inmate died during Monday's riot.

It was not clear whether the inmates brought out of Atlanta's 85-year-old penitentiary were Cubans or other prisoners, or whether they had surrendered or had been subdued by the troops. About 75 prisoners were taken away in buses.

In Louisiana, a SWAT team dispersed about 30 inmates who had been taunting guards at an entrance building, the only part of the Oakdale Federal Detention Center not controlled by inmates.

High-pressure fire hoses were used to blast down a makeshift, 80-foot-long barrier near the entrance to the Oakdale facility, where inmates had painted slogans such as "liberty or die" and "freedom or blood" around the compound.

Negotiations at both facilities continued intermittently, said J. Michael Quinlan, director of the Bureau of Prisons in Washington. However, discord among inmates impeded the talks, and a scheduled meeting between a U.S. senator and an inmate leader in Louisiana fell through.

Official news briefings at both prisons were infrequent.

Tomas Garcia-Fuste, a Spanish speaking radio reporter from WQBA in Miami who joined in negotiations with Louisiana prisoners at the request of FBI agents, said prisoners were reluctant to accept an offer by Attorney General Edwin Meese III of a case-by-case review.

"They are afraid. There are too many opinions inside," Garcia-Fuste said.

"The negotiating team since 7:15 last night has been deal-

ing with at least 12 leaders or groups of leaders," Atlanta Warden Joseph Petrovsky said.

"As long as the hostages are not being injured, and as long as we're making headway, we're going to negotiate this thing out," Petrovsky said at a midday news conference, several hours before the troops went in. Petrovsky said 315 inmates had surrendered since the takeover began Monday morning and had been placed in secure areas of the prison.

"Our No. 1 priority is the welfare of those being held against their will," Quinlan said.

Petrovsky said 75 hostages remained in Atlanta but Quinlan gave the number as 76.

Inmates at Oakdale, who took over the facility on Saturday, brought two of their 28 hostages to a gate Tuesday to show that they were being well-treated.

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