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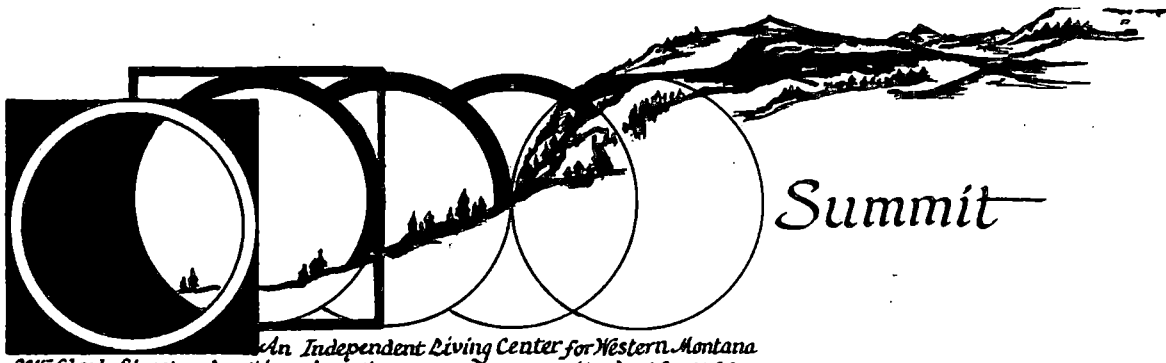
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Summit

An Independent Living Center for Western Montana
3115 Clark Street ♦ Missoula, Montana 59801 ♦ (406) 728-1630

10-2-85

Dear Lex,

Here's a schedule of events while
you're in Montana, stock upon vitamins!

Monday 10-21-85 Helena

A van will take you & your PCA to the
motel. At 7-9 P.M., there will be a Consumer
Forum at the motel. Dawn Dewolf will be there.

Tuesday 10-22-85 Helena, Boulder, Mpl & Kalispell

A van will take you to Boulder River
School in the A.M. Budd Gould & Bob
Donaldson will probably both go with
you.

I'll pick you up at 11:00^{AM} so &
we'll drive to Missoula for a Consumer
forum from 2-4 P.M.

We'll leave to drive to Kalispell after
the Forum. Later we'll meet with
MAR Board people to discuss your
Keynote, legislative & I.L. panel
times.



MONTANA ASSOCIATION FOR REHABILITATION

A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HANDICAPPED PEOPLE

October 10, 1985

Mr. Lex Freiden
National Council on the Handicapped
800 Independence Ave. S.W.
Suite 814
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Lex,

It sounds to me, after talking to Jude Munson, that you are going to have a very busy schedule while you're in Montana. There is a tremendous amount of interest in your ideas and experience, from consumers and professionals and I really appreciate your willingness to reach as many as possible while you're here.

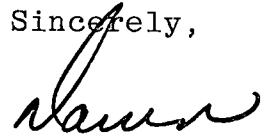
As you know, the Legislative Panel is scheduled for Thursday, October 24th from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Ambush Room at the Outlaw Inn. I have enclosed for you the priority issues that we are asking the panel to focus and spend the majority of discussion upon. Ann Mary Dussault, a presenter for the Legislative Sectional will be moderating the panel. Ann Mary, is a former state representative and is currently an elected County Commissioner in Missoula County. We will begin by asking each panel member to spend between 3 and 5 minutes making an opening statement on one or more of the issues outlined. The remainder of the time will be reserved for questions and answers from Ann Mary, as well as the audience. Please plan on meeting at 2:45 on Thursday afternoon in the Ambush Room, to discuss any last minute details, or answer any questions you may have.

Reservations have been made for you and your attendant at the Outlaw Inn, as well as the Colonial Inn in Helena for Monday, October 21st. I will meet you at the airport when you arrive on Monday afternoon, and we can discuss any last minute details at that time.

LEX FREIDEN
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OCTOBER 10, 1985

Lex, please give me a call at 406-442-8632 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dawn", written in dark ink.

DAWN DEWOLF
Conference Planning Committee
MAR

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Enclosure

Special Populations

The term, Special Populations, was adopted by the 1985 Legislative Session, to identify a new disability group that may be more appropriately called "the new survivors." Because of improved emergency room and other medical technology, this population is growing rapidly and, on a state and national level, rapidly gaining political support. The 1985 Legislative Session passed HB 798 which attempts to define, identify service delivery options for this diverse group and places responsibility within State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

The trend is, the identification and development of a new population of severely disabled and their families needing services in the areas of medical rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation, independent living and respite support. Many of these people do not fit traditional categories and are not eligible for existing services. They join a number of individuals who for one reason or another are too severe for traditional vocational rehabilitation services and are needing access to independent living services.

Transitions

The term, Transitions, can be defined as an effort to expand service options in both the areas of time limited and ongoing life long services for the severely disabled. The goal of Transitions is to place a severely disabled individual in the least restrictive community setting available, inclusive of gainful employment.

The trend is the design, by the Federal Government, of service delivery models for states to implement, but no funding for direct service to clients. In addition, the trend in Montana, is the development of Supported Work models, funded by the Developmental Disabilities Division at this time. Supported Work can be defined as placement of a severely disabled individual into gainful employment and providing as much training and other support services needed to maintain that client on a job. This support can be provided on an ongoing basis forever if necessary. Transition services will develop concurrently with traditional service delivery models like Sheltered Workshops and Work Activity Programs.

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The Turning Point: Rehabilitation between now and the Year 2000

The trends mentioned will require the development of new and expansion of existing services to meet an unknown number of severely disabled individuals. They also may require reorganization of existing services to provide the most effective and efficient coordination of already limited financial resources. Professionals are needing to broaden attitudes and philosophies to explore new service options for the future.

Rehabilitation has entered a period where the demands being made on the current system threaten to strain the human and financial resources beyond what the systems are designed to produce. The good news is that the value of rehabilitation services is recognized and acknowledged by people, who a few years ago, weren't aware the services were available. The expectation of what Vocational Rehabilitation programs can produce has risen steadily, giving rise to the Independent Living Movement, Transistions, and new medical and community based head injury cognitive retraining programs. Disabled consumers are implementing even more sophisticated advocacy systems to draw resources toward these new program options. The bad news is that in a period of unprecedented creativity, the financial resources available for rehabilitation programs had leveled or declined. The choice for the rehabilitation community of providers and consumers will be to either weld a new coalition directed towards a broader more efficient range of services, or this same community will factionalize and start inwards in a competition for dwindling resources.

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Points to Ponder

The following questions are points to think about when preparing for the panel. We felt they might be the kinds of questions that the audience would be thinking about as well as the kind of topics to stimulate discussion.

1. Are you or your organization actively involved in any of these trends, and if so how are you planning to implement new or expand existing programs to meet these demands?
2. What role do you see yourself or your agency playing in lobbying for or possibly funding any of these trends?
3. What advice would you give Special Interest groups to lobby for funding?
4. What role do consumers play in lobbying for funds?
5. Are there attitudinal or philosophical barriers that need to be broken to provide the most efficient and effective service delivery system to meet the needs of severely disabled in the future?
6. How can services be reorganized to encompass all of these trends?
7. What political issues need to be addressed for the adaptation of these trends from the traditional service models?
8. Are there funding alternatives at the State or Federal level for these trends?

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Wednesday October 23, 1985 - Kalispell

- 9-12 Noon I. L. Advisory Council
- 2-4 P.M. Keynote
- 4-6 P.M. 2 I. L. Centers Meeting?
- 7-9 P.M. Consumer Forum

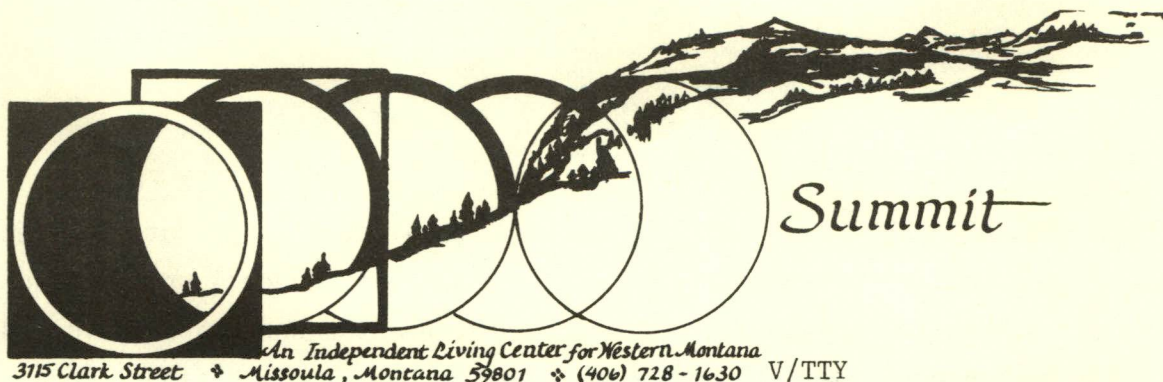
Thursday October 24, 1985 - Kalispell

- 9-12 Noon Workshop sectionals, or sight-seeing or sleep if you need it!
- 1-2:45 P.M. I. L. panel
- 3- P.M. Legislative panel

The Consumer Forums are advertised for disabled folks to address local & state issues or concerns, & for you share if anything is happening in those areas nationally. You might want to share your position title & role if one of us forgets!

If this seems over whelming let's talk about it! We are looking forward to having you in Montana!

Sincerely,
Gude Monson



SALUTATIONS FROM SUMMIT!

September 1985

Newsletter

INDEPENDENT LIVING IS COMING TO YOUR AREA . . .

SUMMIT Independent Living Center is proud to announce the expansion of Peer Counseling and Training Services to Ravalli, Flathead, and Lake Counties through the funding of our Part-A grant application by the Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)--SRS-VR Division. Individuals with disabilities living in these counties are encouraged to contact Joyce Kalmes at SUMMIT--728-1630 to register for Peer Counseling Training. People with severe disabilities can also contact SUMMIT or their local Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Counselor for peer counseling services. One important thing to note is that you do not have to be a current SRS-VR client to qualify for services.

RELAY SERVICES FOR THE DEAF

SUMMIT has ordered a super telecommunication device for the deaf to begin our Relay Services for the deaf on October 21, 1985. This service will provide access for the deaf community in Missoula and the surrounding area to doctors, schools, and other community services.

SUMMIT recently began services for people who are deaf. We look forward to our networking with the deaf community.

WELCOME TO ANDY!

SUMMIT is excited to introduce our new director, Andy Winnegar, to you! He is originally from New Mexico and moved to Missoula in August.

Andy was involved in the development of the first Independent Living Center for New Mexico, and was director of New Vistas Independent Living Center for three years.*

Welcome to Andy and his wife, Judy!

* See story on Page 4.

MAR CONFERENCE

The Montana Association for Rehabilitation (MAR) and SUMMIT are sponsoring Lex Frieden's visit to Montana. He will be the keynote speaker at the MAR Conference to be held in Kalispell on Wednesday, October 23rd, and Thursday, October 24th. He will also give information on legislative issues and independent living.

If you are interested in attending the Conference, please contact:

Patricia Kercher, M.S.
P.O. Box #3101
Great Falls, MT 59403
(406) 727-7145

CONSUMER FORUMS WITH LEX FRIEDEN

SUMMIT would like to invite disabled persons to three consumer forums with Lex Frieden. Lex would like to discuss issues that disabled people deal with locally and statewide so that he can share what is being done nationally. Please put the enclosed flyer on the bulletin board of your choice. Please pass the following information on to all consumers - the Consumer Forums will be:

- Monday, October 21st, in Helena from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Lewis Room at the Colonial Inn.
- Tuesday, October 22nd in Missoula from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at SUMMIT.
- Wednesday, October 23rd, in Kalispell from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Outlaw Inn.

The Consumer forums are free and sponsored by MAR, Montana Independent Living Project, and SUMMIT Independent Living Center.

WHO IS LEX FRIEDEN?

Lex Frieden is Executive Director of the National Council on the Handicapped, an independent Federal agency located in Washington D.C. The National Council is a fifteen member body appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The Council is charged by law with reviewing all law policies and programs affecting people with disabilities and making recommendations to the President and the Congress.

Prior to assuming his present position, Mr. Frieden was Director of the Independent Living Research Utilization Project at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research and assistant professor of rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas.

Mr. Frieden, a quadriplegic due to spinal cord injury, has been involved in the organization of several groups of disabled individuals including the American Coalition of Barrier Free Living.

A graduate of Tulsa University, Lex has been honored as a Distinguished Alumnus. He also holds a Master's degree in social psychology from the University of Houston. He has done additional graduate work in rehabilitation psychology at the University of Houston with support from an SRS doctoral fellowship, and has been awarded a World Rehabilitation Fund Fellowship to study programs for disabled people in Europe.

LEX FRIEDEN'S PERSPECTIVE OF THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENT LIVING MOVEMENT

Q. How did you become involved in the independent living movement?

A. "I became involved in independent living soon after I broke my neck in 1967. About a year later, I remember a friend at the University of Tulsa asking me if I thought it was fair that I couldn't use the sidewalk that my parents' tax dollars had paid for. That got me thinking.

"We then started a small group of disabled students at the University of Tulsa in 1969 and worked on community access issues. Then in 1972 when I moved to Houston I realized that people there were involved in the same issues we'd been working on in Tulsa, and they were also working on the same things in Boston and Berkeley."

Q. How do you think the independent living movement got started?

A. "I suspect that the consumer activists, civil rights activists, and feminist activists all affected disabled people and they recognized an opportunity for themselves."

Q. How does the independent living movement compare with other civil rights movements?

A. "We're similar to other civil rights groups because we represent a struggle by people who in one sense of the word or another have been disenfranchised. We're different from those other minorities from the standpoint that people with disabilities don't have the same cultural homogeneity. That makes it much more difficult to organize and communicate to get things accomplished."

Q. What do you think the independent living movement can accomplish?

A. "I see independent living leading to the inclusion of disabled people in community life. We need to gain a better self-image to do this. As that happens, society will more readily accept us. We are different from traditional institutional and medical model. We take a non-medical, consumer directed approach."

Q. Do you see any problems with the independent living movement today?

A. "There are a couple of big concerns for me. The lack of emerging leadership is one. There is a preoccupation with survival to the end that some ILPs (Independent Living Programs) are becoming like the institutions for which they were to provide an alternative.

"I'm also concerned about the fact that some ILPs and people seem to have a preconceived notion of what the optimal lifestyle for people with disabilities should be, and impose it on people who work with them. Just because the model is different doesn't mean that it's better. People should have the option to choose. That element of choice is the most important part of independent living. Most people, if given the choice, would probably choose independent options but I don't want to see that being imposed on people."

This article was taken from the Access Ability Newsletter from the Vermont Center for Independent Living, Volume III, Number 3; May, 1985.

ANDY'S PERSPECTIVE OF INDEPENDENT LIVING MOVEMENT

Andy Winnegar is the new Director of SUMMIT Independent Living Center. He was formerly Director of New Vistas Independent Living Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Q. How did you become involved in the Independent Living Movement?

A. "It started at Goodwill Industries in Austin, Texas working with a workers' rights committee. Basically, at Goodwill the non-disabled staff were separated from the disabled workers, and the disabled workers were in pretty much of a sweat shop, behind the facility, working at sorting rags and labeling clothes. But in Austin, the working conditions were bad because there was poor ventilation in the back, and the temperatures in Austin got up to about a hundred degrees in the summer with about ninety-percent humidity. So there was a strong need for the workers to organize. At that time-- that was in 1975--there was very little disability activity going on in the Austin area, and so it really opened my eyes as far as the need for disabled people to get together, and form coalitions, and start advocating for basic rights."

Q. What do you think the Independent Living Movement can accomplish, whether it be local, statewide, or national?

A. "I would be looking for the Independent Living Movement to eventually be the umbrella for all of the disabled. I think the main thing that the Independent Living Movement will accomplish in the

short-term is convincing the public that people with disabilities can manage, can provide leadership, and understand their own interests better than anyone else."

Q. A lot of people are interested in the new evaluation standards for Independent Living. Can you discuss what it will mean to SUMMIT?

A. "There are two important changes that will have significant impact on SUMMIT. Number one is the requirement that at least 51% of the Board of Directors be qualified people with disabilities. There has been excellent support from Missoula Community Medical Center and Rehabilitation Center and I'd like to continue that relationship by sharing some joint Board members. The second change would be to expand services to a range of disability groups. Of course to address more people, I'll be looking to expand our funding base. The evaluation standards are extremely important for the continuation of Independent Living Centers because they provide Congress with criteria to judge the effectiveness of the program."

Q. What are your impressions of SUMMIT Independent Living Center?

A. "SUMMIT has an excellent community reputation. I've been here for one month, and I've heard probably from at least 30 separate agency representatives and consumers, who have just praised the advocacy work that has gone on at SUMMIT. Of course, a lot of that praise deserves to go to Wendy, Jude, Lyn, Joyce, Linda, and Barbara, and all

ANDY CONTINUED,

other peer counselors and Board members who have been working with SUMMIT all of these years. Some improvements of our bathrooms and accessibility to our facility for the deaf and for the mentally retarded is needed, but basically, I think SUMMIT is in great shape for expansion, for change, and for continuation of the programs that work. SUMMIT is very fortunate to be in such a supportive community."

INTERVIEWER: Jude Monson, September 12, 1985.

REHABILITATION ACT

Congressman Pat Williams (D), Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, and Steve Bartlett (R), Committee Minority Member, heard testimony regarding the reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in Bozeman on August 23, 1985. This historical event included testimony on rural service delivery, regional training, independent living, and counseling availability. The U.S. House and Senate will begin hearings on reauthorization in mid-October. Please let your representatives know your feelings on this important legislation. Both Congressman Williams and Bartlett have been outspoken in their support of Independent Living, work incentives and rehabilitation.

THANKS FOR THE HELPING HANDTHANKS TO CUMMINGS LAW FIRM

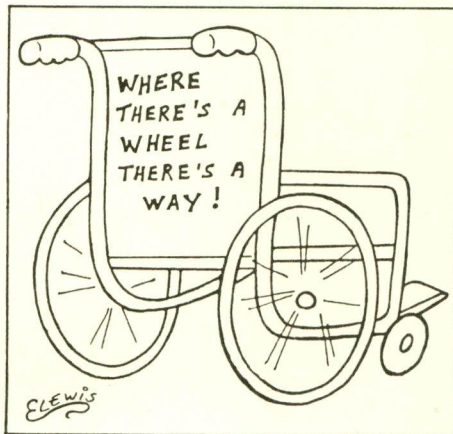
On behalf of handicapped persons in the community, we at SUMMIT would like to thank Missoula lawyer, Edward A. Cummings, for his support of the disabled. Mr. Cummings sponsors the public announcements seen on local TV that remind the general public not to park in stalls reserved for handicapped use. Such support is greatly appreciated.

EFFORTS OF FOREST SERVICE APPRECIATED

SUMMIT would like to thank officials of the Lolo National Forest for their efforts to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for the disabled. Modifications have been made (and more are proposed) to provide handicapped access to camping, fishing, picnic, watersports, and hiking sites in several ranger districts in the Lolo Forest.

During the summer, Mike Mayer and Marian Gutzwiler of SUMMIT worked in conjunction with the Forest Service to inspect and evaluate recreation sites where modifications for handicapped access have been made. Special thanks are due to Forest Service personnel Jerry Covault, Ron Yates, Dave Stack, Bruce Johnson, Mike Guthneck, Mary Billetdeaux, Bob Hoverson, Roger Lindgren, and Jim Blackburn for their cooperation in this project.

A slide presentation illustrating the accessibility of these sites will be available to all at SUMMIT after October 1st, 1985.



SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

The budget for the Specialized Transportation System (STS) for the period of October 1, 1985, to September 30, 1986, has been finalized. The budget will allow for the continuation of all current services if passenger fare revenue can be increased. If fare revenue cannot be increased, it may be necessary to raise the 50¢ fare or reduce services in order to balance the budget.

A total of \$101,000 will be spent on providing specialized transportation during the coming budget year. Only \$8,900 in fare revenue or less than 9% of the budget is necessary to maintain services. The total cost of each passenger trip is \$4.55 while the fare is only 50¢. If you are not currently paying the 50¢ fare and can possibly do so, your assistance will help insure that no fare increase or service cutbacks are necessary.

We appreciate your support of the Missoula Specialized Transportation service.

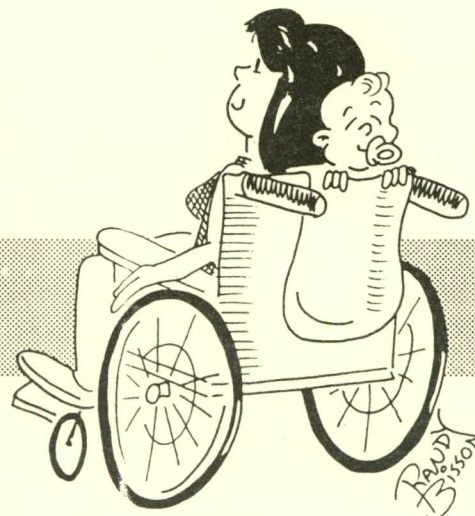
AD HOC HANDICAPPED COMMITTEE

The Missoula City Council has an Ad Hoc Handicapped Committee to address disability-related issues pertaining to the City. If you would like to bring an issue before this Committee, contact Committee chairperson, Jan Wagner, at Missoula City Hall--721-4700.

A major project of the Committee this fall will be a Needs Assessment survey of people with disabilities in cooperation with SUMMIT and the University of Kansas.

NEW MISSOULA ACCESS BOOKLET UNDERWAY

In the recent CBO process, the City granted SUMMIT \$2,000 of the \$4,150 requested to update the City of Missoula ACCESS Booklet. The balance of the funding is being sought by a finance committee. There are two other ongoing committees related to the project: One for booklet design, and another to determine how to do the accessibility survey. If you would like to serve on any of the committees, contact Joyce at SUMMIT. The revised booklet should be completed by the end of next year.



CONSUMER

FOR

CONSUMER FORUM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1985
HELENA, MT
AT THE COLONIAL INN, IN THE LEWIS ROOM
FROM 7:00-9:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1985
MISSOULA, MT
AT SUMMIT, 3115 CLARK
FROM 2:00-4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1985
KALISPELL, MT
AT THE OUTLAW INN
FROM 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Lex would like to discuss issues that disabled people deal with locally and statewide, so that he can share what is being done nationally!

DISABLED

WITH NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKER LEX FRIEDEN

RAVALLI COUNTY

RAVALLI OUTREACH

Stan McEnire is the Outreach coordinator for SUMMIT who works in the Hamilton area. He has made contact with individuals in various organizations and agencies to work on improving accessibility and obtaining some form of specialized transportation for the disabled in the area.

Stan reported that he met with the manager of the Post Office in Hamilton, who informed him that they will begin to remodel the Post Office this fall to make it accessible to the disabled. This effort to improve accessibility is both needed and appreciated.

If you are disabled and need additional information or services to become more independent, or know of someone else who does, please call Stan at 363-3748.

P.C.A. UPDATE

SUMMIT will be conducting telephone interviews with P.C.A.'s who attended the April/May training session. We would like to hear how you are doing and update our reference pool. We look forward to talking with you this fall.

ADVOCATES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

The advocates held their fall picnic on Friday, September 13, 1985 at Blodgett Canyon. There are six advocates for these 28 disabled citizens in Hamilton. Anyone interested in being an advocate in the future should contact Stan McEntire at 363-3748.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS EXERCISE PROGRAM

David Levison, a UM student, has volunteered to help the MS group in Hamilton develop an exercise program as part of their support group. The exercise program will begin this fall and continue through the year on a weekly basis. It is designed for individuals with MS who are interested in regaining or maintaining strength to allow improved or continued mobility.

David and individuals who will be participating will meet with Jean Roberts, coordinator of the Hamilton MS group, and Leonard Sokoloski, head of the Physical Therapy Department at Marcus Daly Hospital. Leonard will supervise David and help him develop a program that fits the needs of all individual participants. SUMMIT organized and sponsors this exercise program.

BE THERE!

The Association for Retarded Citizens and Ravalli County Advocacy plan to meet on September 26, 1985 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ravalli County Services in Hamilton to discuss the future of both organizations. They plan to consolidate the two Boards of Directors into one governing board. They feel they can accomplish more and have more power if they unite. We will keep you updated on their decision.

INTEGRATED RECREATION

Recreation is an important part of every person's life. People with disabilities, like Americans of all ages, have become active participants in sports activities and physical recreation. We like our fellow citizens, are sweating, tanning, and keeping fit. Physical fitness is for everyone.

Research conducted at the School of Natural Resources, University of Michigan, confirms that disabled persons prefer to take part in activities along with non-disabled people. Adaptive equipment that can be used by both groups of people serves to integrate both groups into the same recreation programs.

Too often when people plan for sports and recreation for disabled people they think of the Special Olympics, wheelchair games or other segregated activities. While separate activities may be appropriate in competitive sports, designers and recreation planners need to remember that persons with disabilities want to recreate with their peers, families, and friends. Designing equipment and facilities for joint-use will benefit everyone.

DISABLED ARTISTS' NETWORK

Artists with disabilities sometimes find that the difficulties nondisabled artists experience are compounded for them. There are always problems with financial support and selling one's work. They're under-represented in galleries. Then there are the problems of getting to the galleries, and getting dealers to represent them. Often they come up against the belief that disabled people can't be "real" artists.

The Disabled Artists' Network was set up so disabled artists in the visual and sculptural arts would have a way to meet each other, exchange ideas and solve some of these problems.

The Network is also a way for artists to exchange information about shows, galleries, competitions and other news pertinent to working artists.

For more information on the Network, write to: Disabled Artists Network, P.O. Box 20781, New York, N.Y. 10025. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for a reply---or a blank cassette if you need information on cassette.

WE WELCOME THE CARTOONS OF OUR CREATIVE FRIENDS IN KALISPELL.



WESTERN MONTANA OUTDOOR RECREATIONMORE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LOLO FOREST

Upper Cedar Creek Road 4253 offers excellent opportunities for the disabled to hike, see wildlife, and take photos. The road is suitable for wheelchair use, and winds through six miles of shaded timber. It is closed to motor vehicles. An accessible, portable toilet is located 100 yards inside the entrance gate. There are no camping or picnic facilities.

The gate is locked, but it is easy for a wheelchair user to duck underneath. The Forest Service pays \$100 a month rent on the toilet and will remove it for the winter on September 30th. The folks at the Ninemile Ranger Station would appreciate your comments and ideas on the road since it is an experimental offering. The number is 626-5201.

To get to Upper Cedar Creek Road, travel 23 miles west of Missoula on I-90. Take the Ninemile exit and follow Highway 10 northwest for 2 miles; turn right on West Ninemile Road and travel 3.4 miles; turn left on Remmick Creek Road 5511 and travel 6.4 miles to Upper Cedar Creek Road 4253. Turn right on 4253 and park at the gate.

Also available in the Ninemile area is a scenic loop for those who want to see wildlife from their car. A map and directions are available at SUMMIT.

ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY WORKSHOPS

Are you interested in learning about plants and animals in their natural habitat? The National Bison Range is offering monthly environmental study workshops for handicapped persons. The sessions feature a different topic each month, and combine educational lectures and/or films with hands-on study in the field (weather permitting). Attendants are provided for each participant to assist with mobility as needed.

The last workshop until spring will be held October 19th; the topic is "Attracting Winter Birds". All workshops are free and are held at the Bison Range. If you wish to attend, please contact Joyce Kalmes at SUMMIT (728-1630) or Marcy Bishop at the Bison Range (644-2211).

MOUNTAIN D.O.G. IS:

- ** A Missoula-based non-profit organization that provides recreational opportunities for disabled individuals.
- ** An organization that has been operating since 1983.
- ** A cooperative program between able-bodied and disabled individuals.
- ** Funded primarily by private donations.
- ** Located at the Campus Recreation Dept., University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.
- ** For information call Mountain D.O.G. Director, Larry Watson, at 243-2802 (Office) or 543-7545 (Home).

SECTION 190 OPTIONS:
EXPIRE, TERMINATE OR EXTEND

Let it expire, terminate it or extend it --- these are the options as the fate of Section 190 of the Internal Revenue Code once again hangs in the balance, with its December 31, 1985, expiration date quickly approaching. As you know, this deduction allows businesses to receive annually up to a \$35,000 deduction for offsetting the cost of removing architectural barriers and making their places of business accessible to the elderly and handicapped.

Legislative activity to extend this important provision of the current tax law is complicated this year as Congress deliberates President Reagan's proposal for a Comprehensive Tax Reform Plan. One provision of the plan that may seem insignificant to others, but is most important to the disabled community is Section 190, which is slated for termination if the tax reform package passes Congress. Specifically, the present law, which expires December 31, 1985, would not be part of the new tax law. This tax deduction is the only Federal policy in existence that serves as a financial incentive for private enterprise to renovate and provide access to all people.

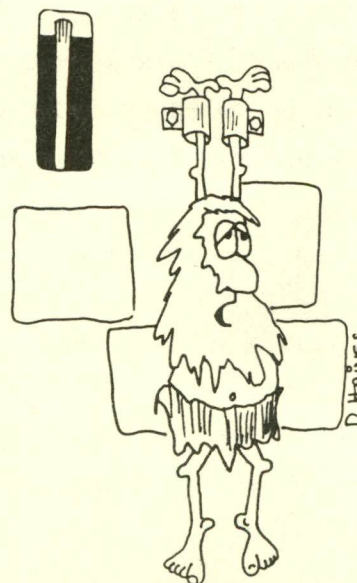
Representative Bill Boner (TN) has introduced H.R. 1458. The bill would extend the current \$35,000 tax deduction for six years and require the secretary of the treasury to report to Congress the monetary amount and the number of taxpayers using

the deduction. Senator Bob Doyle (KS) has introduced a similar measure, S. 887, in the Senate, with one difference: it extends the expiration date for three years.

Representative Boner and Senator Dole have jointly and repeatedly stated that "a joint Federal-private partnership is necessary to achieve the goal of improved accessibility. We believe continuing the deduction for removing architectural barriers provides such a partnership."

It is of utmost importance to write in opposition of the provision contained in the President's tax proposal to terminate Section 190 and to state your support for the extension of Section 190 of the Internal Revenue Code and/or passage of H.R. 1458/S.887. Please write to your congressman and/or the committee chairmen of the Senate Committee on Small Business.

Adapted from an article in Paraplegia News, August 1985, by Frank R. DeGeorge, Associate Legislative Director.



"This is not what I had in mind when I said I wanted out of my wheelchair".

B U L L E T I N B O A R D

MONTANA HEAD INJURY SUPPORT GROUP

The members of the Head Injury Support Group in Helena invite you to participate in the organization of a state chapter, which will coordinate the efforts of local Head Injury Support Groups. The organizational meeting will be held Saturday, September 28th, at Jorgenson's Restaurant, 1720 11th Avenue, Helena, Montana, at 11:00 a.m.

The initial goal is to develop a non-profit organization headed by a Board of Directors. This board will be composed of family members, friends, professionals and community leaders from throughout Montana. This structure, along with 15 paying memberships will allow Montana to affiliate with the National Head Injury Foundation. If you have questions, please call evenings only: 933-5925 or 443-3729.

"BUILDING TOWARDS TOMORROW - TODAY"

The 2nd Annual Coalition of Disabilities Conference, sponsored by Prairie Freedom Center for Disabled Independence, will be held November 8th and 9th, 1985. If you have any questions, call (605) 339-6558, or write to: Prairie Freedom Center, 800 West Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

PEER COUNSELING

SUMMIT sponsors an ongoing peer counseling group for the disabled. If you would like to talk to someone with a disability, or be trained to counsel peers, please contact Joyce Kalmes at 728-1630.

SELF ADVOCACY CONFERENCE PLANNED

United Together is proud to notify all readers of their forthcoming national convention, October 10-13, 1985, in Washington, D.C..

Their first conference was held in Washington, D.C., October 22-25, 1981, where they had many workshops and seminars on things that affect every handicapped person. (By Patricia Harmon, Region V Representative. Taken from the U.T. Quarterly, February 1985 Newsletter)

OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT

Employers looking for individuals with good telephone skills, ability to handle business mailings, and development of mailing lists. Previous bookkeeping and computer skills and/or equivalent education preferred, but not required.

The possibility to grow with a new corporation! Part salary/part commission. Training provided. If interested in reading the job description, please call Jude Monson at SUMMIT, 728-1630 or John Collins, SRS, 721-4910. Applicants will need to submit a resume.

ATTENTION--RAVALLI, LAKE & FLATHEAD COUNTIES

SUMMIT Volunteers are needed -- if you are someone who wants to donate you time to assist disabled people in your community, please contact Jude at SUMMIT 728-1630.

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VOLUNTEERS

Our special thanks to the following
people who gave of their talents this
summer:

Dona Felstet	Phil Hess
Vicki Zusi	Jim Welsh
Ray Cournogoer	Debbie Guerdette
Kathryn Ely	

THANKS TO KATHY FLYNN

Kathy Flynn gave SUMMIT her resignation
at our August Board Meeting. She has been
on the SUMMIT Board since its inception 3
years ago. We appreciate her sharing of
ideas to improve the quality of life for
the disabled people in Missoula and wish
her the best in her new career goals.



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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE R. BUDD GOULD

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AUGUST 21, 1985

SUB COMMITTEE ON SELECT EDUCATION
THE HONORABLE PAT WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

FOR THE RECORD, I AM R. BUDD GOULD, A FIVE TERM MEMBER OF THE MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, REPRESENTING DISTRICT 61, MISSOULA COUNTY. I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE VISUAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS. I HAVE ALSO BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNORS COMMITTEE ON THE HANDICAPPED SINCE ITS REORGANIZATION APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS AGO, AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE HANDICAPPED WHICH I WAS APPOINTED TO IN 1983. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I WILL NOT GO INTO THE MANY OTHER THINGS THAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SUCH AS THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON THE HANDICAPPED.

I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO BEGIN BY TRYING TO DRAW A PARALLEL BETWEEN REHABILITATION AND SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS. I WILL MAKE THAT EXAMPLE WITH LIBRARIES. LIBRARIES IN VIRTUALLY EVERY TOWN IN AMERICA ARE SUFFERING AT THE PRESENT TIME BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF FUNDING. IF YOU OR THE AVERAGE TAX PAYER TAKES THE SAME STREET EVERYDAY TO WORK AND CONSISTENTLY HITS THE SAME POT HOLE, YOU WILL AFTER A FEW DAYS CALL YOUR LOCAL ROAD DEPARTMENT AND COMPLAIN ABOUT THE POT HOLE. LIBRARIES ON THE OTHER HAND ARE USED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS BUT USED BY RELATIVELY A SMALL NUMBER OF ADULT TAX PAYERS; AND WHEN LIBRARY HOURS ARE REDUCED OR WHEN COLLECTIONS ARE NOT UPDATED AS QUICKLY AS THEY SHOULD BE, FEW OF THESE ADULT TAX PAYERS COMPLAIN TO THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE SERVICE. WHAT THIS MEANS IS WHEN IT COMES TIME FOR THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS APPROPRIATIONS, THE ROAD DEPARTMENT DOES VERY WELL AND THE LIBRARIES DO VERY POORLY. WHEN IT COMES TO REHABILITATION IT IS MUCH THE SAME THING. THERE ARE A FEW CONSTITUANTS GROUPS WHICH ARE USUALLY NOT UNITED TOGETHER AND YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THE GREAT CLAMOR THAT YOU WOULD FOR SOMETHING THAT EVERY TAX PAYER USES ALMOST EVERYDAY.

WHEN YOU ARE HAVING THESE HEARINGS, ESPECIALLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., YOU WILL HEAR MANY HORROR STORIES ABOUT HOW POORLY THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS ARE OPERATING AND HOW GREAT NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ARE NOT BEING SERVED OR ARE BEING UNSERVED. I THINK, HOWEVER, THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE WHOLE SPECTUM OF REHABILITATION THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES YOU WILL FIND THAT THERE IS CERTAINLY ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT, BUT BY IN LARGE, THAT MOST OF THE PROGRAMS ARE OPERATING QUITE WELL.

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I BELIEVE THAT ONE AREA THAT REALLY NEEDS TO BE CHANGED IS THE FEDERAL REGIONAL OFFICES. SINCE THE ADVENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE CHANGE FROM HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THERE HAS BEEN A LARGE DE-EMPHASIS ON FEDERAL REGIONAL OFFICES; AND I THINK THAT THESE REGIONAL OFFICES CAN GO A LONG WAY TOWARD MAKING A STANDARDIZED PROGRAM OF REHABILITATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THAT WILL HEAD US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO WHERE WE WILL HAVE MORE OR LESS THE SAME TYPE OF REHABILITATION PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATES AND TERRITORIES. THE EFFORT THAT HAS BEEN MADE TO HAVE EVERYTHING COME FROM ONE CENTRALIZED OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IS SIMPLY AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK. IF THERE WERE STRONG REGIONAL OFFICES WITH REALISTIC TRAVEL BUDGETS, THE OFFICES COULD THEN GO BACK TO DOING THE JOB THAT THEY WERE INTENDED TO DO. SINCE 1983 THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TALK ABOUT COMBINING SOME OF THESE REGIONAL OFFICES WHICH I THINK WOULD BE A VERY DRASTIC MISTAKE. IN SERVICE TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR THE VARIOUS STATES IN A REGION ARE THE TYPE OF THINGS THAT WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD MAKING A STRONGER REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN EACH AND EVERY STATE.

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE ONE-TEN GRANT PROGRAM BE MAINTAINED AT THE LEVEL THAT IT IS WITH A 20% STATE MATCH. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY RUMORS ABOUT CHANGING THE MATCH TO 60-40 OR 50-50. I THINK THAT IF THIS IS DONE, WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THE PARALLEL THAT I DREW WITH LIBRARIES AND ROADS. I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE A TOTAL DISASTER TO CHANGE THE MATCH OR TO GO TO A BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. VIRTUALLY EVERY STATE IS IN A DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION AND I BELIEVE THAT IF THE MATCH WERE CHANGED IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR REHABILITATION IN THE UNITED STATES. I BELIEVE THAT IF WE WERE TO HAVE A BLOCK GRANT THERE WOULD BE MONEY SYPHONED FROM THE GRANT TO GO TO ADMINISTRATION OF ALL STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS WOULD SUFFER GREATLY.

MY MAJOR FIELD OF ENDEAVOR AND INTEREST IS THE FINISHED PRODUCT. WHAT ARE WE GETTING AND WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WE HAVE SPENT. THE LOWEST ESTIMATE I HAVE HEARD IS 55 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR BEING SPENT ON DISABLED AMERICANS. OF THIS \$55 BILLION MINIMUM, WE ARE SPENDING APPROXIMATELY THREE BILLION DOLLARS ON REHABILITATION. WE DEFINITELY COULD IMPROVE ON THE MONEY WE SPEND IF WE SPENT MORE OF IT IN THE AREA OF REHABILITATION RATHER THAN IN JUST MAINTENANCE OF THE DISABLED OR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE. I FEEL THAT WE MUST MAKE THE DISABLED PERSON INTO THE DISABLED WORKER AND THAT MANY THINGS CAN BE DONE. NOT THE LEAST OF THESE IS A DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM WHERE DATA CAN BE COMPILED PERTAINING TO THE USE OF ATTENDANT SERVICES FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM IN ORDER TO BECOME SKILLED WORKERS. IN MANY INSTANCES THIS WOULD TEND TO TAKE PEOPLE SUCH AS BRAIN STEM INJURED PEOPLE AND MAKE THEM INTO ATTENDANTS FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS.

I WILL CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT WE NEED TO PUT A MUCH GREATER EMPHASIS ON EMPLOYMENT. THE REASON I SAY THIS SO STRONGLY AND BELIEVE IN THIS SO DEEPLY IS BECAUSE WE NOT ONLY HAVE THE DISABLED WORKER WHO MAY HAVE BEEN INJURED IN SOME ACCIDENT, BUT DUE TO PUBLIC LAW 94-142 WE NOW HAVE AT THE VERY MINIMUM 16,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR THAT WILL BE COMING INTO THE JOB MARKET.

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IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE IF YOU LOOK AT STATISTICS, THAT IF THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT PUT INTO SOME TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM WITHIN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AFTER GRADUATION YOU WILL LOSE THEM PERMANENTLY. WHEN YOU HAVE LOST THIS PERSON FROM BECOMING A SELF-SUFFICIENT INDIVIDUAL, YOU HAVE LOST A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TAX DOLLARS THAT HAVE GONE INTO EDUCATING THIS PERSON AND TRYING TO MAKE THEM A PRODUCTIVE INDEPENDENT INDIVIDUAL.

THE CREATIVITY OF THIS COMMITTEE AND ITS EXCELLENT STAFF WILL BE SEVERELY TESTED IN ITS EFFORTS TO COME UP WITH A GOOD REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR OUR COUNTRY THAT IS INTERMINGLED WITH OTHER PROGRAMS, SUCH AS TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT AND PROJECTS WITH INDUSTRY--SO THAT THE TOTAL PROGRAM OF REHABILITATION CAN COME TO FRUITION, AND WE WILL HAVE SPENT OUR TAX DOLLARS WISELY. THANK YOU.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

R. Budd Gould / po

R. BUDD GOULD
REPRESENTATIVE

RBG/PO

Regard - Consumer Team

1- Oct 21 in Helena

7^{pm} to 9^{pm}

1- Wed. Oct 23 Kalispell

7^{pm} to 9⁰⁰

Will bring Missoula people up there.

Jude Monson

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

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TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

P.O. BOX 4210

STATE OF MONTANA

HELENA, MONTANA 59604

June 21, 1985

Mr. Lex Frieden
National Council on the Handicapped
800 Independence Ave. S.W. Suite 814
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Mr. Frieden:

At the request of Budd Gould, I am enclosing a State Map of Montana.

I have drawn in yellow marker pen - Routes from Helena to Boulder,
then from Helena to Kalispell - thru the Swan Valley which is a
beautiful drive - lakes, mountains and trees.

Kalispell is only 45 miles from Glacier Park.

If you have any questions, feel free to write or call.

Sincerely,

W. R. Donaldson

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*Will be glad to meet you.
Let me know if you have any questions*

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MONTANA ASSOCIATION FOR REHABILITATION

A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HANDICAPPED PEOPLE

March 26, 1985

Mr. Lex Frieden
National Council on the Handicapped
800 Independence Ave. S.W.
Suite 814
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Lex,

The Montana Association for Rehabilitation would like to invite you to participate in our Annual Conference in Kalispell at the Outlaw Inn, October 23 - 24th, 1985. This year's theme, "The Turning Point: Rehabilitation in the 1980's" promises to draw approximately 125 individuals representing a broad spectrum of professionals in the field of Rehabilitation. If you are able to attend, we would schedule you as the keynote speaker at the opening session on Wednesday, October 23rd, and as a Panel Participant on Thursday, October 24th. Other individuals we are attempting to confirm for the Panel discussion, include, Representative Pat Williams, Dave Mills, and Bud Gould. The theme of the panel would be legislative issues and concerns at the state and national level affecting Rehabilitation programs in the next four years.

In addition, we would like to schedule you as the speaker for a Sectionial addressing Independent Living concerns in Montana on Thursday, October 24th.

The sectionial format will provide an opportunity for informal discussion, questions, concerns and your perspective at the National level with individuals involved in Independent Living in Montana.

As per our telephone conversation, we appreciate the Councils willingness to allow you to participate in our Conference. We are able to cover transportation and expenses you will incur to attend. In order to finalize our agenda, please confirm your attendance by April 19th.

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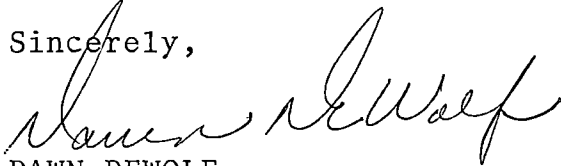
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We are very excited about your involvement in our Conference and I hope to be hearing from you in the near future. Please give me a call at 406-442-8632 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dawn DeWolf".

DAWN DEWOLF
MAR Conference Planning Committee
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