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Russell Means, leader of last year's occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D., will deliver a lecture at the University of Maine at Orono at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 16, in 137 Bennett Hall. The program, open to the public, is sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Series, the Arthur Lord Fund and United Low Income, assisted by the Ad Hoc Committee to Support Wounded Knee and Wabanaki AIM (American Indian Movement).

Means, a top figure in AIM and a member of the Oglala Sioux tribe, led the Indian militants who took over the village of Wounded Knee early last year. The Indians ended the occupation in May after prolonged negotiations with U.S. government officials.

Means and several other Indian activists are now on trial in Federal District Court in Minnesota on charges arising from the Wounded Knee incident. He was recently defeated in an election for Governor of the Oglala Sioux reservation in a nationally observed contest.

Jeff Hollingsworth, DLS Chairman, explained the Saturday date by saying that when the proposal was originally approved by the DLS in January, a February 28 lecture date was suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee to Support Wounded Knee, a UMO student group. However, the DLS was informed earlier this month that Means would be available to come to Maine Mar. 16 rather than on the date originally approved.