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Inflation, lagging fund drive might postpone construction

by Kate Arno

The Second Century Fund campaign to raise money for a multi-purpose sports arena and performing arts center is running far behind its scheduled November deadline. According to Parker G. Cushman, director of the Physical Plant, parts of the planned construction for the sports arena may have to be postponed due to inflation.

Cushman would not be specific, commenting "The original plans are established, and we hope to stay with those plans." He added no one could say exactly what would be included in the construction at the time the \$3.5 million goal is reached, but added, "If we have to postpone some elements of construction, we will make provisions to include them at a later date."

However, the *Campus* has learned from a reliable source that it now anticipated the convertible floor allowing non-ice events will not be included when the sports arena is built. The convertible floor has been one of the arena's major selling points.

Charles Kimpel, director of the campaign since November, 1973, said about \$900,000 has been raised so far, but he described the campaign, currently in the alumni phase, as "doing very well."

Kimpel stressed the campaign is proceeding on the assumption that the buildings will be constructed according to original plans now being shown to prospective contributors, or not built at all.

He later added, though, that goals in three campaign phases add up to more than the sought after \$3.5 million. Although he noted not all goals are expected to be met, he said any extra money could be used to meet inflationary costs.

Having spent \$30,000 of the campaign's \$50,000 budget to date, Kimpel said the campaign's deadline has been extended to February. Although no re-negotiating has yet taken place with Kimpel's company, American City/Bureau Beaver Associates, with which the university has a year-long contract for Kimpel's services, President

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Howard Neville said the campaign will continue until the \$3.5 million figure is reached.

The year contract for Kimpel's services which expires next month, cost \$106,350. That money, according to Vice President for Finance and Administration John M. Blake, came from contributions made by private individuals.

Kimpel explained that in the first phase of the campaign, carried out last spring and known as the official family phase, more than \$550,000 was raised. During this campaign phase, workers approached UMO faculty, administration, classified employes, and students with hopes to raise at least \$500,000.

But the second phase of the campaign, the greater Bangor phase, encountered some problems in its kick off last spring and has only realized \$300,000 of its \$1 million goal. The slowdown came in the Bangor phase, said Kimpel, when volunteer workers approached the city's residents this summer and encountered a barrage of criticisms surrounding the holding of the Gay Symposium at the university.

Even today, Kimpel noted, volunteers are still encountering public resentment toward the university because of the symposium held here last spring.

Summer vacations also interfered with the Bangor phase, which was supposed to have been organized last spring and completed by mid-summer. When it finally got into full swing shortly after Labor day, the campaign phase ran into "competi-

tion" with the United Fund drive waged in October.

"But we are through the top two layers of resistance," Kimpel said of the problems the United Fund campaign and Gay Symposium made for the campaign, adding, "Things are beginning to pick up."

Although the campaign's final phase is now under way, Kimpel said not a penny has yet been raised. Known as the alumni phase, this part of the campaign involves making contact with all of UMO's 43,000 alumni through a chain of volunteers established nationwide. He added the alumni phase is "just beginning and fast gaining momentum."

What he calls "the most exciting phase of the campaign," began last June with the enlistment of Donald P. Corbett (class of '34) of Hartford, Conn., as national chairman for the drive.

Corbett has divided the country into 10 districts and has recruited voluntary state chair persons in 25 states. Of the 3,000 hoped-for volunteers 142 have been organized nationally, and a core of 84 volunteers have been organized in Maine so far. These volunteers make up the "leadership" layer of organized Volunteers. Below them, Kimpel explains, will be area chairpeople, and if the population and area to be covered is large enough, regiment leaders, team captains, team leaders, and teams of volunteers.

The first state campaigns were kicked off in Washington and Delaware last week, but Kimpel said no dollar reports have yet been submitted.

A goal of \$1.5 million has been set for nation-wide contributions.