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Weekend

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YOU may be next!



Nobody ever called General Student Senate Parliamentarian Carl Pease a pie-face—that is, until Thursday night, when Pease found himself plastered with pounds of palatable pie.

On *Maine Day*, plenty of professors may find themselves plastered like Pease as a student group known in underground circles as "Pie-in-the-face, Inc." will be taking contracts (for a fee) on your favorite faculty. All proceeds will benefit Fogler Library.

So beware, for "the pie-man cometh!"

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Medical school question stalled

by Rod Franzius

The proposed University of Maine School of Medicine (LD 773) is presently lost in the legislative shuffle.

Senator Minnette H. Cummings, sponsor of LD 773, said "it is coming along slowly. The hearings have been held. It just hasn't been reported out of committees."

The bill is mired in the Joint Legislative Committee on Education's confusion about LD 1994 (education equalization) bills such as LD 1452 to revise LD 1994 and Governor James B. Longley's recent disclosure of an \$18 million miscalculation of projected school expenditures.

Representative Aruthur Lynch, co-chairman of the education committee, said "we

are up to our necks in school finance now."

The legislative hearing held on March 18 was preceded by a study on a medical school's advisability made by the Comprehensive Health Planning Council. The council submitted its report during the last week of January.

"I think the committee report is going to come out divided," said Lynch, "and I think some committee members haven't decided on how they are going to vote." The sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the Comprehensive Health Planning Council that studied the medical school opposed the proposal with a 7 to 1 vote, with one abstention. The executive

committee supported the school by a one vote margin.

Cummings, nominated for chairman of the Public Utilities Commission by Longley this week, feels the medical school has a better chance if LD 1994 is amended.

Lynch said he thought that school financing schemes, notably LD 1994, won't affect the proposal but the level of state education expenditures from the general fund might.

The purpose of LD 1994, as most people understand it, is to redistribute school funds from wealthy coastal towns to cities with lower property valuations. The money would be collected from municipal governments for a special secondary education fund.

News Briefs

Members of **Alpha Tau Omega** fraternity and **Alpha Chi Omega** sorority at UMO have been recognized for outstanding scholarship achievement during the fall, 1974, semester. The 74 members of ATO posted the best overall academic average among the school's 18 social fraternities to win the **Sigma Chi Scholarship Trophy** for the second straight time. Alpha Chi Omega, with 40 members, topped the other nine sororities in scholastic average and became the first women's group to be recognized for such attainment.

Awards totalling \$4,420 were shared by students in UMO's **School of Forest Resources** and a wildlife resources' professor was honored Sunday, April 20 at the school's annual awards ceremony. Dr. Ray B. Owen Jr. was named the 1975 Distinguished Forest Resources Professor by student vote. Owen has been a member of the UMO school faculty since 1968. The awards ceremony, which is sponsored by Xi Sigma Pi, national honor society, followed a barbecue prepared by the students.

Rep. Richard Davies will be holding **Citizen's Feedback Hours** in the Memorial Union from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Saturday, beginning next Saturday.

Sylvia Smith, Littleton, N.H., a UMO senior has been awarded the **first annual Scholarship of the Maine Speech and Hearing Association**. Smith, who will continue graduate study in speech pathology at the Orono campus next fall, was presented the \$100 award which will be made annually to senior students of speech pathology in the University of Maine system who plan to continue graduate study.

John R. Hanson, labor education specialist in UMO's Bureau of Labor Education, has been elected **vice president** of the University and College Labor Education Association (UCLEA) for a two year term.

Applications for the **UMO/BCC Classified Employee's Scholarship** are now being accepted by the Office of Student Aid at UMO. Any son, daughter or grandchild of a classified employee on the UMO/BCC campus is eligible to apply for this award. For further information contact the Office of Student Aid at UMO.

A large cast, extensive choreographic interpretation and several choral sections will contribute a great deal of physical action to the **Maine Masque Theatre's** final production of the season, "**The Oresteia**," in Hauck Auditorium Tuesday through Saturday, April 29 to May 3, at 8:15 p.m. The Greek tragedy deals with all the archetypes of human fears from guilt and fear to blood and sex. Audiences expecting long speeches and little action in the Aeschylus play will find a great deal more physical action, according to director E.A. Cyrus.

The General Student Senate is considering a plan to relocate their offices from the basement of Lord Hall to the second floor of the Memorial Union.

There are several plans being considered for the move. One would move the office of Dean of Student Activities William Lucy to the first floor of the union. This would put the offices of the student senate on the second floor along with the Fraternity Board, Off-Campus Board and other boards of the student senate.

Neville asks review of library studies

The Graduate Review Board has been requested by President Neville to review an administrative recommendation to dissolve the Masters of Library Science program at UMO.

Neville told the trustees yesterday that "there have been so many questions asked about the program's phasing out," he decided to ask for the review. The Maine Library Association, as well as other library groups in the state, have been sending letters to the trustees and UMO administration asking for their reconsideration since the decision was made to phase out the part-time program.

"I think this is the kind of reaction we are going to have to face every time we announce plans to cut back or phase out programs from now on," Neville told the trustees. He explained the administration had decided to phase out the program as it "is not a very important program and we made a decision a couple of years ago that every program that was not accredited would either get it or be reviewed."

"When we reviewed this program," he explained, "we made a decision that it didn't deserve that high a priority."

Dr. James McCampbell, chairman of the department of library sciences, explained the Masters of Library Science program is unaccredited because it does not have a full-time faculty or full-time students.

The courses are offered only through CED so most of the students are part-time.

When Neville remarked at the trustees meeting that a plan to put future library

students in a regional exchange program (where they would pay in-state tuition) with other New England schools which offer such courses, trustee Stanley Evans noted that most library students are part-time CED students who would not be able to participate in such an exchange even if it was offered.

Neville also noted that all students currently enrolled in Orono's library program will be given a chance to finish before the program is phased out.

McCampbell said 125 students are

accepted into the graduate program each year. This year there are 35 part-time students taking library courses on the Orono and Portland campuses.

McCampbell said he has received "quite a lot of reaction to the phase-out announcement and many think such a program should be offered in this state."

He also questioned the feasibility of setting up an exchange program with New England colleges, noting the costs per student would also prohibit many from participating, even though they would be paying in-state tuition.

Three auto break-ins reported

Thieves claimed over \$300 in property in three separate automobile break-ins on campus this week.

David Shepard of 212 Aroostook reported to police Wednesday that his tape deck and ten 8-track tapes were taken from his car sometime during the previous night. Shepard's car was parked in the lot located to the south of Aroostook Hall.

The tapes and player were valued by police at \$114.

Bryan F. Hilchey, assistant director of police and safety, said Shepard thought he had locked his car, but "no sign of forcible entry" could be found.

In another theft involving tape equipment, Paul Philbrick of 224 Oxford told police that his car, which was parked in the Oxford lot was entered sometime between 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and 11 a.m. Wednesday. Listed as missing from the

vehicle are a \$60 tape deck, 11 tapes worth \$61, and a \$15 tape storage box.

Hilchey entrance to the auto was gained by breaking an opera window on the left rear side.

Philip Collins of 102 Gannett Hall lost over \$150 in property when his car was burglarized between 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and 12:30 p.m. the following day. Two stereo speakers, worth a total of \$35, \$96 in tapes, and a \$25 tachometer were taken in the incident.

Hilchey said Collins told the investigating officer that entrance was probably gained to the locked vehicle through the use of a coat hanger. "He said he has locked his keys in the car before and this was how he got in," the police major stated.

Police have no leads in any of the three cases.

What's on

Entries in the Maine Campus photo contest will be on display in the Coe Lounge of the Memorial Union from April 25 - May

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

IVCF--Bangor Room, Memorial Union, 6:30 p.m.
MEETING--Wilde-Stein Club, Coe Lounge, Memorial Union, 7 p.m.
MUAB MOVIE--"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," 100 Nutting Hall, 7 & 9:30 p.m.
ENTRE-SIX DANCE COMPANY--Sponsored by the Lord Fund and the French Club. Damn Yankee, Memorial Union, 8 p.m.
FACULTY RECITAL--Kathryn Ann Foley, piano; William Sleeper, piano. Lord Hall Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.
RAM'S HORN COFFEEHOUSE--Keith Carreiro, the finest classical guitarist in Maine. 9 & 10:15 p.m. Donations requested.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT--Estabrooke Hall, all day.
ENTRE-SIX DANCE COMPANY--Special workshop open to public, sponsored by the Arthur R. Lord Fund and the French Club. Lengyel Gymnasium, 9-11 a.m.
PEDAL POWER FOR M.S.--Faculty and staff will be sponsored to ride tricycles and other pedal toys at 50 cents a lap to raise money for multiple sclerosis. Front of Folger Library, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
VARSITY TRACK --with Vermont, Alumni Field, 1 p.m.
MUAB MOVIE--"Strangers on a Train," 100 Nutting Hall, 7 & 9:30 p.m.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 27

CONTEMPORARY FILM SERIES--"Aldermaston Pottery." "McBus." Bangor room, Memorial Union, 2 p.m.
OFFICE OF WOMEN'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES--Dr. Joan K. Peters, English, NYCC, will speak on "The History of Women's Poetry." Bangor Room, Memorial Union 8 p.m.
MONDAY, APRIL 28
MEETING--Maine Peace Action Committee, South Lown Room, Memorial Union, 3:45 p.m.
MEETING--Fencing Club, Lengyel Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
DIG IT: WORKING OUT THE BUGS--Gardening. Lown Room, Memorial Union, 7 p.m.
B-1 BOMBER SLIDE SHOW--Sponsored by the Maine Peace Action Committee, Totman Room, Memorial Union, 7 p.m.
OPEN HEARINGS--General Student Senate budget, in small cafeteria of Wells Commons, 7-9 p.m.

Tuition increase dangles

Tuition hike should not be answer to UM budget woes, says Freeman

by Kate Arno

Although the University of Maine Board of Trustees voted Wednesday to reaffirm its stand made in February against increasing tuition, most trustees agreed with Acting Chancellor Stanley Freeman's contention that "it would be premature to make any specific recommendations before it is clear what the legislature is going to do about the budget."

Freeman told the trustees he did not think tuition should be the solution to university budget problems "this year or

any other year." But when Freeman asked if the vote reaffirming the February statement meant the administration should preclude any plans for tuition increases next year, several trustees urged "flexibility" until the actual budget is released.

Dr. Stanley Evans said he favored re-establishing the board's low tuition stance because he strongly opposed increasing the cost of higher education. Others, like Carleton D. Reed, asked the issue to be tabled until actual budget figures are made available.

Noting that tuition currently pays 27 percent of the cost of instruction, Freeman said he was opposed to students supplying the full cost for their education at the university and added that keeping the tuition low is "serving the public interest by lowering the (financial) barriers for all who qualify" for admission.

Several trustees expressed dissatisfaction with the current method of occasional tuition increases of \$25-50 and made recommendations for long-term changes. Plans for a series of seminars to draw up a system-wide "tuition policy" were also announced.

Reed asked the board to consider a policy under which students would attend the university for free their first two years and pay the entire costs of their junior and senior years. Reed said under this plan, the present financial aid system would be dissolved and a loan program set up.

"Students would be acting more as watchdogs on the university because they would be paying for the full cost," reasoned Carleton.

Reed said this plan would give more students a chance to attend the university. Reed was quick to note that the plan was complex but said under the current no-policy situation, "we aren't really solving the problem—we aren't being innovative in reaching out to solve these problems."

Trustee James H. Page also urged the board to take a long-term look at the tuition policy. "It's about time we face the long range issue of what part of the university's cost should be the student's—in time we are going to have to come to the realization we've eroded the quality of our education by keeping tuition so low. Then we'll have to look at the possibility

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Outgoing vice president Mark Hopkins congratulates newly elected vice-president Dave Bridges after taking office at the weekly senate meeting Tuesday night. Outgoing president Jeanne Bailey, right, also handed over the gavel to James McGowan, new president of student government.

Bailey bids farewell

by Dennis Bailey

In her final act as president of the General Student Senate, Jeanne Bailey delivered a 20 minute speech highlighting the accomplishments of her year in office and offering her opinions for the future of the university and student government.

Bailey cited many areas affecting the university's future, such as a student member on the Board of Trustees, collective bargaining, Governor Longley, and sex discrimination. Sen. Bennett Katz's bill to create a 1202 Commission on Higher Education, Bailey said, "is the most important bill that would affect UMO. At present there is no faculty or student representative on the commission and we must insure that they are included in the final bill."

Athletic scholarships received the most criticism from Bailey and Vice President Mark Hopkins who also delivered a year-end speech.

"Student government must keep a close watch on how the scholarship money is handled," said Bailey. "We can't be misled to believe that gifts and bribery only happen at big-name universities."

"I can't see bringing people to this university," said Hopkins, "when there are other people who would like to come but can't because they just aren't strong enough to run the quarter-mile or throw a basketball through a hoop."

Hopkins also criticized the Second Century Fund. "If this year was a year for belt tightening, next year will be a year of raw survival. President Neville says he wants to put up new buildings on campus.

I don't think the money should be used for this purpose. It is time the university improved the qualitative aspects of education instead of the quantitative.

Bailey also called for closer ties with the legislature and suggested the establishment of a permanent student lobby office in Augusta to present student views to the legislature. Hopkins said a professional lobbyist would cost about 14 cents per student.

In closing, Bailey said she hoped the student senate would be more productive and more victorious than it had been during her administration. The chair was then handed over to Jim McGowan and Vice President David Bridges.

The first order of business for the new president was giving preliminary approval to the UMO Society of Women Engineers. A spokesperson for the group said less than one per cent of the nation's engineers are women. The senate gave unanimous approval to the society.

The senate also voted to endorse United Farm Worker Week (May 4-11) and urged the entire university community to observe the boycott against Gallo wines and non-UFW lettuce and grapes. Dale Ruttenburg explained the dispute centered on Gallo Wine's interference in letting farmworkers decide for themselves which union will represent them.

McGowan got his first "taste" of student government work when an unidentified assailant struck the new president with a whipped cream pie. The assailant fled out a side door. McGowan escaped injury.

Dean will not obey by-laws

Dean of the College of Engineering and Science, Dr. Basil R. Myers, declared before nearly 35 faculty members Monday that he refused to obey any of the college's by-laws which he had not personally approved.

Myers, a professor of electrical engineering, explained his reasoning by saying that since he had become dean, he had not approved any by-laws, and, therefore, none existed. This remark fell like a bombshell on much of the audience, who reacted with silence.

Myer's statement came as a result of some haggling over the dropping of Ge 1 and Ge 2 as college graduation requirements. A vote was taken to send the proposal back to the executive committee for its recommendations, after which the college's faculty would vote on the proposal. Some faculty members expressed a desire to see the recommendations of the committee before taking a final vote.

The dean, however, said that if the faculty did not want to make the decision now, then the executive committee would act on its own verdict. At this point one member of the faculty objected, citing a College of Engineering and Sciences by-law which requires a full vote from the faculty on such changes. Myers then responded by saying no by-laws existed in the college, since he had not specifically approved any.

The faculty meeting Monday afternoon

was called to approve four course changes for the next year. These include approving the summer engineering certificate for credit; a course on microwave amplifiers,



Dean Myers

EE 262; changing Ge 14 from two to three credits; and adding a lab to Ce 51.

All these changes were approved by the faculty.

Another meeting will be held, toward the end of May, to smooth out some of the difficulties within the college.

Senate budget hearing planned

A public hearing will be held Monday night at 7 p.m. in the small cafeteria in Wells commons to discuss next year's General Student Senate Budget. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear complaints or suggestions from students or committee members concerning the budget appropriations.

"We just think students should know where their money is being spent," said senate parliamentarian Carl Pease. "We rarely get a large attendance but we give everybody the chance to air their gripes."

The senate's budget for next year will be approximately \$135,000. \$115,000 has been allocated to the various boards and committees of the senate, leaving a surplus of about \$20,000. But Pease explained the hearing's purpose is not to request funds.

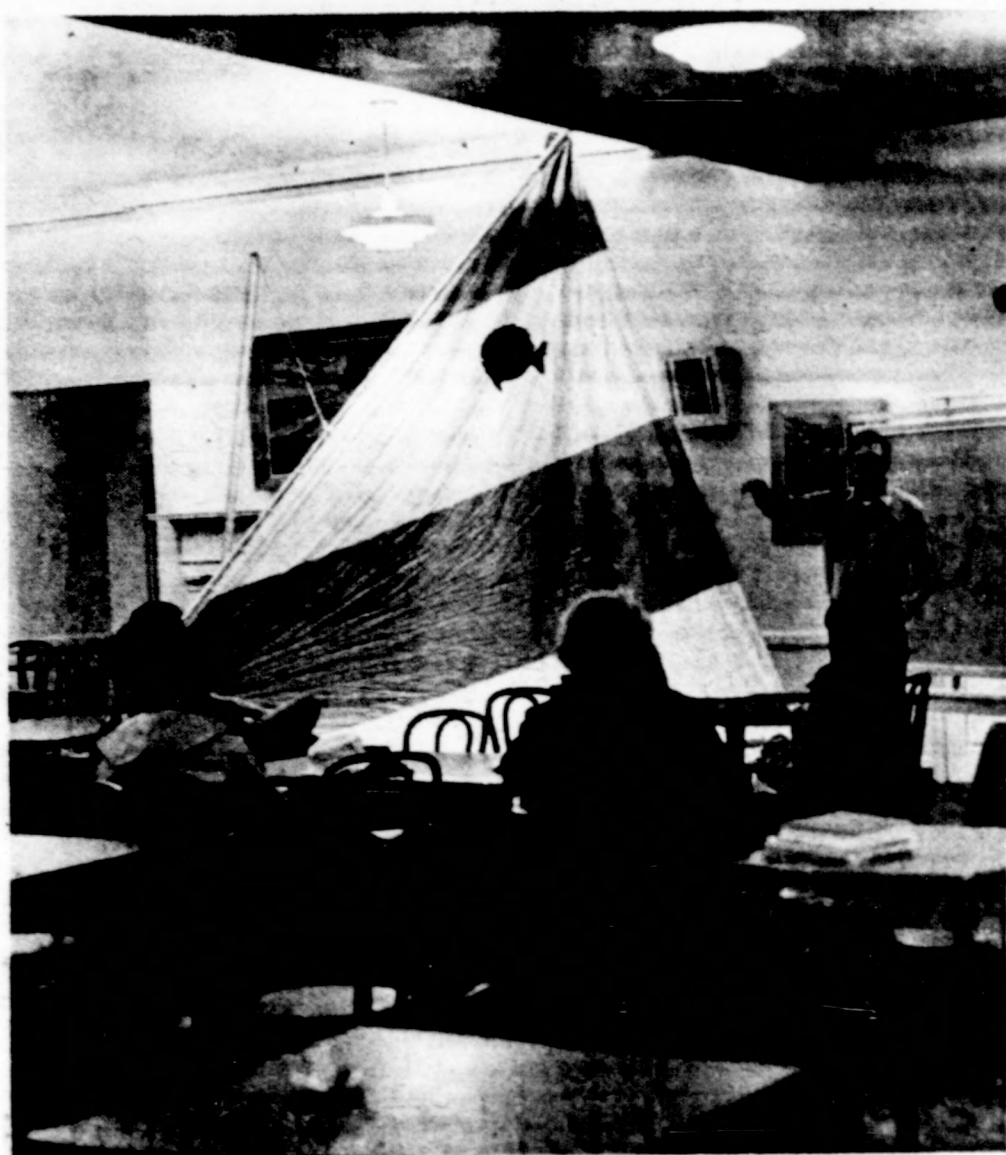
"If some committee member thinks the senate has overlooked some area or if someone thinks the senate has misspent

some of the funds, he should bring it up at the hearing. But requests for money must be brought before the senate body," Pease said.

Pease said most of the boards have requested approximately the same amounts they were allocated last year. The budget will be finalized sometime next week and will not become official until it is ratified by the GSS.

With the \$4 per semester increase in the activity fee, the senate has more funds than at any time in the past. The Memorial Union Activities Board will receive an allocation of \$36,000.

Pease sees no problems with the budget allocations and expects it to pass as is. One possible area of controversy involves a \$1,000 request by the Off-Campus-Board for the establishment of an Old Town-Orono tenants union. If the request is cut out, Pease believes there will be complaints from the OCB.



UMO sailing coach Gil Philbrick lead a mini-workshop on sailing Thursday night in the Union. Discussion included a brief history of sailing and its evolution and an explanation of sailboat designs and terminology.

Greeks kick off weekend

Fraternity and sorority members will usher in Greek Week-end today with a relay marathon race beginning at the capitol building in Augusta at 6:30 a.m. and ending around 7 p.m. with the final runner, Dean William Lucy, lighting the torch in front of the library for the traditional Greek torch ceremony. A party at Lambda Chi featuring "Thunderbird" will follow at 9.

Sean McKenna, public relations chairperson for Greek Week-end, explained, "Greek Week-end is a weekend for Greeks and guests to have a good time. It was a big success last year and we hope it will be a bigger success this year."

A number of events are scheduled for Saturday, with the Greeks battling for points to win trophies. Activities will begin at 10 with a scavenger hunt based at the library steps, followed by a car parade with each fraternity and sorority entering a decorated car.

At 1:30 p.m. there will be a bike race and a tug of war at Lengyel Gym.

A chicken fight is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. with a sorority sister carrying a rolled up newspaper riding on the back of a fraternity brother trying to break eggs balanced on the opponents heads. Also scheduled for 2:30 is a keg throw.

"The keg will be empty," McKenna said.

Saturday's activities will end at 3 p.m. with a chariot race in front of Lengyel Gym.

A public service project will begin Sunday morning with the Greeks participating in a clean-up drive in Orono and on campus. The clean-up drive is sponsored by the American Broadcasting

Company and Budweiser Beer.

"Not only do we serve the community by cleaning up litter but we also have a chance to serve the students if we do well by winning \$1000 for the student activities fund," McKenna explained.

At 2 p.m. Sunday the big event of the week-end occurs with a raft race on the Stillwater river.

Greek week-end rounds off at 4 p.m. with closing ceremonies on the library steps.

Photos displayed

The 47 entries in the third annual Photography UMO contest, sponsored by the Campus will go on display today in the Coe Lounge of the Memorial Union.

A first and second place prize was awarded in the professional category, and a first, second, and third given in the amateur category. The contest's winning photos were published, along with two judge's choices, in last Friday's Campus.

The photos will be on display until May 8. Entrants may pick up their photographs after that date, and the winners may pick up their cash prizes in 106 Lord Hall today.

The winners were: Stephen F. McGuire, first place, professional category; David Theoharides, second place, professional; Jeffrey Curtis, first place, amateur; Roger Wolfhagen, second place, amateur; and Mario Canki, third place, amateur.

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Trustees suggest tuition raise formulas

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of limiting enrollment to improve quality," he said.

Winthrop Libby, former UMO president agreed at his first meeting as a trustee that there "should be a differential between the first two years and the second two as well as graduate school tuition costs.

He noted, though, that many problems such as how to assign students to the freshman or sophomore class when they change programs or return to school will complicate this policy. Carefully detailed guidelines would have to be drawn up he said, but despite the problems he added "there is a certain amount of basic justice to the idea."

Robert R. Masterton, the only trustee who said he would support a tuition increase if asked to, suggested the possibility of scaling tuition charges according to a family's income, and trustee Cynthia Murray-Beliveau also asked the board to begin "considering

what sound like outrageous programs."

Freeman presented a list of pros and cons regarding a potential tuition increase. He asked the trustees to consider: 1) inflation requires students to share in cost increases (over \$1 million for the university) to maintain quality, 2) employees are sacrificing a salary increase under the proposed budget which could be paralleled by student contributions of higher tuition, 3) some students can afford higher cost and others can get financial aid, 4) tuition has increased only once since 1971-72, 5) Maine's tuition is below the New England land grant university average (the highest in-state tuition at the law school is \$165 less than average.)

His list of "cons" included these considerations: 1) students are facing increased transportation, board, and room costs; 2) summer and part-time employment is difficult to obtain, 3) in Maine, students receive about 34 per cent

support from parents compared to 44 per cent nationally, 4) high unemployment in Maine affects families of some students, 5) increases would cause some dropouts, 6) Maine's per capita income is only 76 per cent of New England's, 7) \$2,000,000 of additional student aid available at Orono this year is for loans which will add to student debt already, and 8) students and families as consumers can not pass along price increases.

Freeman said he had considered three tuition alternatives, none of which, he added, "would solve the university's budget problems."

To initiate no tuition increase, said Freeman, would require the absorption of all uncontrollable expenses including student aid matching (\$4,000) plus inflation (over \$1,000,000) in a total budget which is \$500,000 below the current year's.

A \$50 in-state tuition increase and a \$150 out-of-state increase, he explained, would provide \$900,000 in extra funds and would cover student aid matching funds and restore the \$500,000 cut below the current year. But, he noted, the university would still have to absorb over \$2,000,000.

The third alternative Freeman cited was a \$100 across-the-board hike for all students which would net an additional \$1,500,000. This extra money would cover major uncontrollable increases as well as provide student aid matching funds, but it would still be necessary to absorb inflation and fuel increases of \$1.5 million. □

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Yankee Conference material?

"I move we reaffirm our stand made in February against any tuition increase."

"Is there a second to that motion?"

"Second it..."

"Wait a minute--can't we table that motion?"

What if we have to raise tuition? We don't know what the budget will be like yet."

"You have a point...let's amend that...I move we reaffirm our stand taken in February against any tuition increase but that we also remain 'flexible'."

"Flexible! That's good---just in case..."

It takes time--but everyone can learn to run around in circles and look good. The trustees have had a lot of practice at it this year. And, if we may offer them this modest compliment, they are far ahead of the nearest competition in circle-running.

Maine Campus EDITORIAL

Circle-running is an exhausting and demanding sport but the trustees are far from exhausting themselves. In fact, we predict they will take away the Yankee Conference circle-running title this year.

The trustees seemed to be running at their peak efficiency at Wednesday's meet at Bangor Community College. Everybody is always underrating the trustees and we think they deserve credit. And we always knew it! (see editorial Apr. 22, 1975)

At this record-breaking meet, the last one of the school year, the trustees voted to reaffirm a resolution taken in February to avoid tuition

hikes at all costs. This time, though, just as they were about to pass the resolution, they began to ask themselves, "What the hell are we doing that for? If we say we won't raise tuition, then what will happen if we do?"

Brilliant.

They got off to a bad start, but things began looking good in the home stretch as the trustees decided not to decide anything.

There were many ways they could have approached this tough competition of a tuition hike. First, they could have tabled the motion indefinitely. But that would have raised some questions as to disqualification, since in circle-running, the team must complete the full circle in order to place in the finals.

Second, they could have voted the motion down. But where would that old sense of sportsmanship be? That thrill of victory and the agony in the feet?

Third, they could have approved the resolution without the "flexibility" amendment. But then a bit of the rules of circle-running come into play. In order to compete, one must run in a circle, not in a straight line. Just as it looked as if the trustees would disqualify themselves by running in a straight line, Herb Fowle, vice chancellor for financial and business affairs and one of the team's coaches, yelled from the sidelines, "Flexibility--until we know what we are talking about."

That was the comeback. From then on, the team pulled out of its straight-line nosedive and played an exceptional game.

The victory brought the trustees one step closer to the conference title. We've been doing a little scouting on our own, and if you think they're good at circle-running, you should see them at fence-sitting.

They play a mean game.

Tea for Thieu

To the editor:

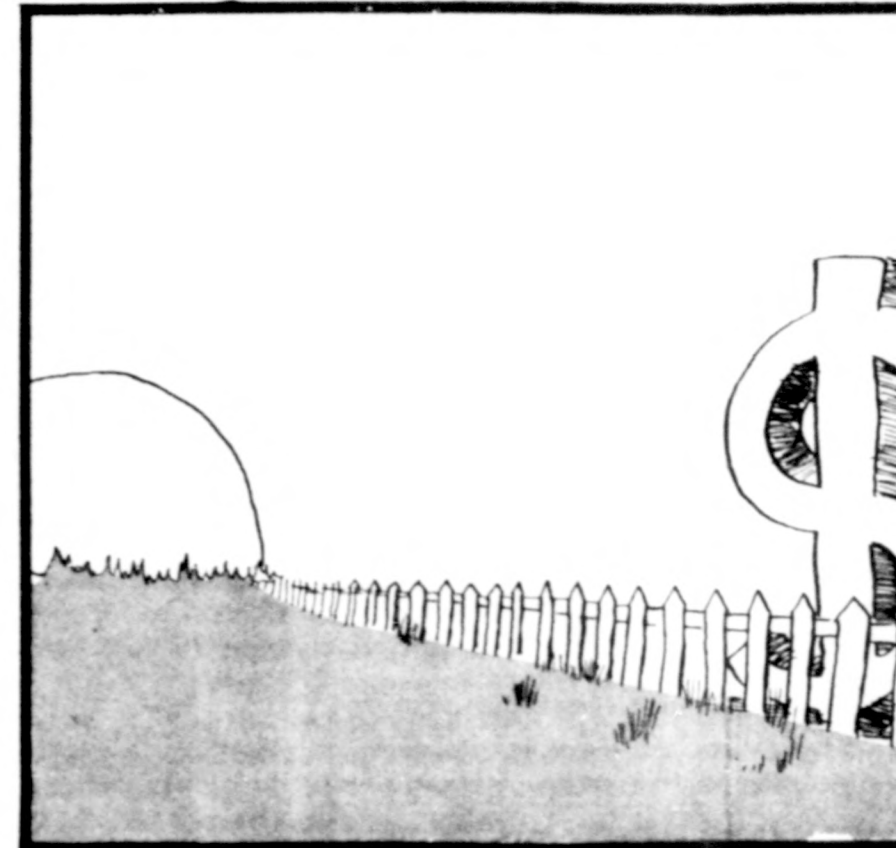
We applaud the decision made by Nguyen Van Thieu to resign as President of South Vietnam. We feel that this decision was in the best interest of the people of Vietnam, and that it will help pave the way to a cessation of hostilities.

We hope that President Tran Van Huong will succeed in

implementing the Paris Peace Agreements and provide for a three party coalition and a release of all political prisoners.

It is our hope that in the months ahead all parties will follow a course of reconciliation, rather than one of retribution. Toward this end, we urge the United States to act in accordance with the Paris Peace Agreements and send humanitarian aid to all the people of Vietnam, not just a government in South Vietnam.

For this reason, we support Senator Kennedy's proposal to channel all future U.S. aid to Vietnam through international



Commentary

Jon Whitney

Hidden culture discovered in library

It is unfortunate for some that spring has not sprung but, rather, boomeranged. During these best of times weatherwise, students are spending extensive periods of time getting papers, projects and other such noble endeavors done before the semester draws to a rapidly-approaching close.

Instead of going to Bar Harbor for the weekend one finds his academic constraints keeping him in his dorm room. A hike in the woods is replaced by a trek through the Periodical Guide and one forsakes a higher person for a higher grade. Because studying is, more or less, an indoor exercise men become irritated because they do not have time to show off their manly physiques as they catch a far-flung frisbee behind the back. And the women--those two-pieced little bitches--are crushed because they are deprived of all the pleasure derived from their sexual teasings as they grease and cook their bodies to an appetizing golden brown under the admiring eye of the sun.

Perhaps the best indication of the multitude who have had to postpone the joys of spring for more pertinent but less aesthetic efforts is the increasing populace found inhabiting the library.

As you walk into the library the first point of interest is the main stairway leading down into the lobby. One should not become too disheartened in what he sees because the worst is first. Here we find the bleary-eyed and trembling,

sucking on cigarettes, emitting an oblivious, dazed expression. Their misfortune is either having read five hours worth of opinionated essays on how the upholstery industry in Saskatchewan affects peoples eating habits in Chad or having written 18 pages of notes from 43 different magazines, all of which were on microfilm. Their only hope, of course, is a good, long vacation.

At the top of the stairs we find the card catalogue. This is an ingenious device, for, not only is it helpful in filling out a good bibliography, but it also tells us what books are in the library and where they are. But, alas, it is getting toward the end of the semester and many people's thirst for booklearnin' has been wetted and thus the need for books is great. So, if you're lucky, you may look for 35 books and end up checking out three.

In the same area as the card catalogue are the photocopying machines. These hard-working, copyright-breaking, compact honchos have revolutionized many notetaking procedures, caused an increase in plagiarism and can give you good copies in a matter of seconds.

The novices on the machine are obvious. At first they look puzzled because they are wondering how long the long length is and how short the short length is. After that decision is haphazardly made, they carefully situate the original, drop in the nickel and timidly press the

magic button. ZAP!! The light comes on, the copy is made and the person walks away exuding a proudness only the conqueror of a machine can feel.

Next in line for the photocopier is the chronic pro. This person has a problem because he does not know when to stop. He'll copy anything related to his research and this photo-phreak's frequency of use has caused him to develop a kinkiness about nickels. To him, the nickel is a coin to be treasured above all others. With a pocketful of nickels this person creates his own orgiastic fantasy by pumping in the coins and watching with delight as the machine spews out the copies.

Neighboring this whole scene is the most active and populated room in the library--the Research Room. This is where the "Game" is played; not the Maine Lottery, but he said--she said, cat-and-mouse and a little Post Office thrown in on the side. In the library it is the equivalent of the Bear's Den. Here one is looked over or overlooked, shunned or approached, and talked about favorably or unfavorably--all as you stand looking for a seat, pretending not to notice.

Because there is little to eat here, verbiage is used as a supplement. Little girls' giggles are joined by big boys' guffaws all set against the buzzy fuzz of gossip conversation. (Hey groovy guys, need a date? Don't hang out in the Hart Hall lounge all afternoon watching soap

operas. Just skip up to the Research Room, pick out an appealing waif and ask her if she'd like to see your funny Wagnall. It doesn't work all the time, but it sure is a crowd pleaser if you speak right up.)

The last of the renowned people in the library are the bowel dwellers, that courageous lot which occupy the cubicles in the stacks. At their access is a desk, chair and both artificial and available light. Here they scratch out their academic existence. They are always easy to spot outside their holes, as they are squinty-eyed and smell of books and old periodicals.

I was once told by one of these literary moles that during the hectic times at the end of the semester he finds it hard to concentrate in his cubicle. The problem, he says, is that he knows there are people both in front of and in back of him and while he can't see them, hearing all the breathing in varying decibels drives him crazy.

I will leave you with one final thought. The library is not a building to be taken lightly. Exercise caution in your affairs, whatever they may be. Just remember that at the end of the semester you will have gained some displaced compassion for those Nazi book-burners, and what guilt you feel therein will be rooted out by an overwhelming rush of relief and apathy. So, get your ass down to the library. That's where it's really happening. See you there.

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agencies, thereby assuring an equitable distribution of funds to projects designed to help rebuild this war-torn country. We ask all Maine citizens to urge their congress people to support this proposal.

Maine Peace Action Committee

No eggs!

To the editor:

In reference to Debbie Fournier's letter (Maine Campus, Weekend, April 18, 1975), the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho certainly sympathize and

agree that, "Eggs and Highway Safety", do not mix and regret that Fournier was subjected to such an incident. We agree that incidents such as these do serve to damage the reputations of fraternities.

We are one of the two fraternities opposite the Newman Center which Fournier insinuate as being responsible for this incident. We absolutely and categorically deny any involvement whatsoever. Alpha Gamma Rho has and never will condone or allow its members to act with such irresponsibility.

We find ourselves angered and upset that our reputation has been damaged by the

unfair insinuations in her letter. We can only hope that the letter does not adversely affect our future rush for new brothers.

The letter states, "incidents like this only serve to damage the reputation of all fraternities," and yet did Fournier's own letter not result in a black mark against all fraternities by a failure to single out the guilty party?

We feel a public apology on her part, to Alpha Gamma Rho, is quite in order.

Blair Burlingame
President, Alpha Gamma Rho

Coed dorms diminish education

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my views concerning the article I read in the **Maine Campus** dated March 11, 1975 Vol. 78 No. 40 entitled "Somerset proposes Co-Ed Wings."

To add credibility, I am enclosing an article from the **Jersey Journal** "Home and Family" section dated August 26, 1974 by **Dear Abby** entitled "Coed Dorms Bad."

Perhaps the article can bring to light the adverse results which not only could come about, but have proven themselves as being inevitable probabilities. This is serious enough to stir the most liberal into action to prevent this from occurring at UMO before it becomes a monumental problem.

I bring these points forward, not just to give opposing views, or a passing interest, but to shed some light on the facts from authoritative sources and personal contact with those who have actually experienced living under this kind of arrangement.

These are proven facts which have been verified by people who are authorities in this field and who's advice should not be taken lightly. Mind you these are not isolated cases, figments of the imagination, nor are they recent developments which have not had a chance to be tested. These are serious issues with permanent ramifications for the students, faculty, university and the state. It would do well if the lesson learned were heeded before it grew significantly every day into irreversible proportions.

The time that is devoted in pursuit of this outrageous idea, overshadows and diminishes the prime purpose for attending the university. So much so that it threatens the education for which the vast majority of students are attending. Needless to say there will be many caught up in this concept for fear of reprisal, for the humor or just for the novelty of being part of a new action, not realizing the lasting and detrimental result that will affect many in an adverse way now and in their future years.

There will be those who will have to live with the fiasco, because some one disguised it as a need and manipulated others to join in these activities which are condoned and encouraged. Why don't they use their time more constructively to undertake some worth-while challenge or demonstrate exceptional interest in a major scholastic function.

A negative recommendation from everyone whether student, director or president, should be paramount to prevent these unhappy consequences. Anything other than rigorous objection would cast doubt on the students purpose for attending higher education and the credibility of the credentials of the directors or the president.

It would be encouraging to initiate a program which would channel everyone's energy toward a genuinely healthier life style. This could be accomplished with leadership that would inspire others to apply zeal to their constructive imagination, skills to their accomplishments, talent to their goals and the strength to hold firm to their integrity so they can face up to their future with great pride.

Edward Basta
Bayonne, New Jersey



No Pies

To the editor:

We feel obligated to protest the proposed throwing of pies as a part of the Maine Day activities. Quite apart from the superficial and undignified aspects of such behavior, pie throwing represents a profigate waste of food. In view of the deepening recession and the accompanying hunger and starvation of millions of people in our world, this strikes us as being at the least, insensitive. It also furnishes those who would criticize the University of Maine on any count with a fresh line of attack, for it seems to bear out their opinions of us that we are indeed a wasteful lot and know not what we do.

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Commentary

On separation of church and state

Watching the sun rise out of the ocean Sunday morning, deep red and distorted while the surf crashed against the rocks at Schoodic Point gave no indication of the events that would soon take place in Bangor. We had planned to attend the service at Bangor Baptist Church and drove there after breakfast. As we arrived at the church there seemed to be a din coming from inside. People do sing in church, so we gave the noise no more thought until we entered.

"HIP HIP HOORAY! HIP HIP HOORAY! LONGLEY! LONGLEY! LONGLEY!" The people were cheering the man at the podium. Apparently the cheering had begun 15 minutes before when the Bangor High School ROTC cadets had marched down the center aisle to present their leader with the flag. The flag was placed with the 50 other flags at the altar. As we found our seats I noticed the church was filled with uniformed police, lawyers, and judges. They were all on their feet and cheering five minutes later.

"Laws alone cannot bring equal rights, safety in the streets and an end to violence and wars," their leader yelled from the high podium, with one fist clenched and thrust

toward for emphasis. "It is a return to the basic disciplines, such as those given to Moses," he added.

The chanting became uncontrollable for another 10 minutes as the leader, grasping the podium between two white-knuckled hands beamed over his following with a knowing paternalistic grin. The din began to lessen as the law advocates gave their champion another chance to speak.

Telling them about the ills of the current system, banging his fist for emphasis he said, "Watergate is not the fault of one man...it is the fault of all of us."

"It is the fault of our affluent society placing too much emphasis on materialistic things," the Lewiston millionaire told his middle-class flock.

The audience was then again on its feet, stamping and clapping approval for the leader who was so aware of their troubles in these inflated and recessed times.

"Throw out the two-party system, throw out the special interest groups," he ranted and banded. "We don't need groups that don't care about you people." Between the clamor their leader kept shouting his points home. The ROTC cadets couldn't help them-

selves any longer and began to exhort the audience for more support. Running back and forth shouting at the hard-working silent majority, they eventually wore themselves down and returned to their pews. The leader was smiling again, basking in the acclaim.

Again he began to speak, leaning onto the podium arm extended and finger thrust out at the group. "I don't want your love," he roared, "I want your respect."

Across the street two cats stopped dead in their tracks as the roar from the church burst out onto the street. A split second later they bolted up a huge gnarled tree painted with a large red X.

There was no way the leader could quiet the throng for a full 15 minutes. The exhortations for unity, fiscal responsibility and "today Bangor, tomorrow the world" went unheard except for the state police corporal seated off to the side of his leader. "What promise, what a man," he thought.

The leader sensed that it was time to leave. As he moved to go, his body guards closed around their leader. Buffeted and pushed and mauled by the throng while they forged a path for the leader, they couldn't keep the adoring hands and

flailing arms off him. The leader's cap, his symbol, fell prey to one lucky adoring at the cost of a broken jaw as one of the overreacting and terrified guards knocked him down and hurried his leader toward the door.

As the group reached the door, the leader turned and thrust his arms into the air and shouted something unheard by the yelling stamping of the now out-of-control mob.

The guards had seen this before and hurried their leader towards the dark green car waiting with the engine running. The leader barely got into the car as the mob chanting "Longley! Longley! Longley!" arrived banging on the car for attention.

As the car roared away screaming and throwing dust and sand on the mob, a grey-haired older man walked out of the church and slowly moved away up the street. His head was lowered and there were tears freely flowing down his face. As he reached the corner he turned and faced the throng, jumping and yelling and laughing as they patted each other on the back.

He didn't stay long, he just shook his head dejectedly, put his hands in his pockets, and walked slowly home.

Dee Jay

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New Campus editor named for fall semester

Deborah Jo Sline, of Gardiner, was elected to the post of *Campus* editor Wednesday night for the coming fall semester.

The 20-year-old journalism junior was selected over four other candidates by the university's Committee on Student Publications after a three-hour interview session with the candidates.

Sline's initial reaction to her appointment was one of surprise since she did not come from the ranks of the newspaper's editorial staff.

Beside this recent honor, Sline was also the recipient of one of two Maine Press Association scholarships. She is a 3.7 honors student, and has been a member of the *Maine Campus* reportorial staff for the last two years.

Sline will work with the current *Campus* editor, Steve Parker, through the remainder of this semester and will assume her new duties next fall.

She is now in the process of selecting a new staff, and commented that editorial positions will probably be filled by members of the present editorial staff, as well as those people who were candidates with her for the job of editor.

Sline said, however, that she has definitely decided on John Ferland to fill the sports editor's job, which will be vacated by Tom Bassols at the end of this semester.

Ferland was the recipient of the other Maine Press Association scholarship.

The *Campus* will also be looking for a new arts critic and cartoonist, Sline added.

Basically, Sline said, she will stay with the same general layout, including the special arts section, critiques and features, as this semester's *Campus*.

Graphics and physical presentation were primary factors in naming the *Campus* the best college newspaper in the northeastern United States.



Debbie Sline

But she would like to see more investigative feature stories, as well as human interest and creative writing. "I would also like to encourage all students in the journalism department to write more," she said.

Because of existing financial problems, Sline said she will stick with the present, two twelve-page issues a week rather than switching to three eight-page issues.

"I like the twelve better than the eight-page paper anyway. It's a more impressive paper," she said.

Sline also hopes to use more commentaries in next fall's newspaper, and more input in this area from students and administrators.

As a general newspaper philosophy, the new editor advocates an adversary relationship between the *Campus* and the administration as well as student government.

"I don't think our reporters should be cynics," Sline explained. "They should be curious and ask a lot of questions."

And as far as the news stories themselves, Sline said she would like to see a more broad-based coverage of both university and non-university stories.

"I would like to see more stories done which reflect the reactions of students to national and state issues," she said, "including features on student opinion and generally student-related stories."

Campus Editor Steve Parker called Sline "extremely competent. Probably the best writer we have in the department of journalism."

At the same committee meeting, Parker made a motion that the *Campus* conduct discussions on whether or not the newspaper should accept funding from the Student Senate.

After making the motion, Parker

stipulated, "We wouldn't accept any funding at all if there were any strings attached."

Speaking against the motion, committee member Jack Walas from PICS declared, "I would hate to see the *Campus* become indebted to the Student Senate in any way, shape or form."

Another dissenter, Journalism Dept. Chairman Alan Miller, cautioned that it could become "a real threat to press freedom."

"I have no faith in a student government which cannot even have their representative present at this meeting," Miller added. Jeanne Bailey, former Student Senate president and committee member, was not in attendance.

Miller went on to say that if it becomes a choice between cutting back on *Campus* expenses or getting student government funding, "I say cut back."

Sline's stance on the issue was also negative. "I believe the *Campus* should stay financially independent, operating totally on its own. Accepting senate or other funds to 'improve' the paper might possibly do the opposite by limiting its freedom."

The motion to discuss the matter further was passed 5-2 with one committee member abstaining.

Only eight of the committee's 14 members were present at Wednesday's meeting.

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Frankenstein movie is boring and plagiaristic

By Bill Gordon

When it comes to the film work of Mel Brooks, it's a sore subject indeed. He has now made four films that purport to be comedies: *The Producers*, *The Twelve Chairs*, *Blazing Saddles*, and now, *Young Frankenstein*. They're comic and amusing only one third of the time; the remainder is crude, juvenile, raunchy, and dull routines that backfire and leave the viewer solemn-faced.

The crudeness of a Mel Brooks film results from his rejection of any form of wit or sophistication in his humor. A Brooks joke is like something you'd hear in a back-woods high school or on the "Tonight Show," when Burt Reynolds is the guest host. Of course it would be pointless to expect the verbal sophistication of a Moliere or Sheridan comedy of manners, but at least Brooks could raise himself to the level of a Neil Simon.

What Brooks does now is either a bunch of cowboys sitting around a campfire and endlessly farting after a baked-bean supper (*Saddles*); a foolishly grotesque transvestite theatre producer camping it up in his nylons (*Producers*); or a monster whose over-sized genitals plunge his ladies into a burst of song (*Frankenstein*).

The only type of person who could even hope to enjoy *Young Frankenstein* would be an avid film buff with a good knowledge of the old horror movies. Shot in faded black and white, the film comes close to exactly recreating James Whale's 1932 *Frankenstein* with Boris Karloff and the sequel with Elsa Lancaster - *The Bride of Frankenstein*. The streaks of white in Madeline Kahn's two-foot mound of hair

in *Young Frankenstein* are right out of *Bride*, the castle (in Transylvania, of course) has all the standard creaking hidden doors and sudden bursts of lightening, plus the mysteriously powerful portrait of the first Frankenstein on his grandson's wall.

In other words, there is not a single frame of film in *Young Frankenstein* that's original in concept or design, which also includes the comic sequences. It would appear that every gag and dirty joke in this film has been done before - some more than once.

The only thing about the film that is likeable is Cloris Leachman's marvelous caricature of Judith Anderson's evil housekeeper in Hitchcock's *Rebecca*. Marty Feldman, as Igor, is great fun too, with those eyes of his that always seem to work independently of each other.

Gene Wilder (Frankenstein) is as erratically messy in his performance as usual, and Madeline Kahn has nothing much to work with (she's Frankenstein's bitchy socialite fiancée) but does have one great line. After being carried off and enjoyably raped by the monster, she exclaims, "You men are all alike! Seven or eight quickies and you're off with the boys."

If one were not aware of what great film comedy is, one might possibly like Mel Brooks' *Young Frankenstein*. However, if you've experienced the brilliant comic invention of a Chaplin, Keaton, Preston

Sturges, or W.C. Fields, in comparison, you realize what a Mel Brooks film really is - plagiaristic boredom. □



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Libby comments on first day as a trustee

"It's very different from being on the sidelines," said newest member of the University of Maine's Board of Trustees, Winthrop Libby, on his first day on the job.

Libby, who came to UMO in 1969 where he was president until 1973, called the trustees "a most sincere group of people trying to wrestle with unanswerable problems."

In an interview with the *Campus* Wednesday, Libby said he thought the problems facing the trustees, including the budget and potential collective bargaining rights for university employees, were formidable, and projected with a smile that "it may be a case of muddling through everything."

Appointed by Governor James B. Longley in March, Libby said he thought Longley's request made in February for the trustee's resignations "to say the least was unwise."

"I think he asked for the resignations primarily because he felt he had made a commitment during his campaign," said the 64-year-old Libby, "but I don't think he really did."

When asked for his feelings on granting collective bargaining rights to university employees, Libby admitted he is "personally opposed" to it but added he is "bound by the trustees' decision made in February to support the right."

According to Libby, collective bargaining "Tends to fragment the university community."

"It will pull the administration and students together but cause confrontations between students and faculty, and faculty and administration," he explained.

Libby also reiterated his earlier stand against appointing a student to the Board of Trustees. Libby reasoned that a student, probably a senior, would be elected to the board and by the end of his first year, he would no longer be a student yet still have six years of the seven year term left to serve.

Libby also said he did not think one student could represent students from all seven campuses.

"When I was president at Orono," he recounted, "I told the students I wouldn't mind if it could always be an Orono

student who represented us—I really wouldn't want a student from some other campus representing us."

"I think we should use students in an advisory capacity and really use them," said Libby. "We already have a 'student representative' on the board in Cynthia Beliveau," he added. "Because she is so young, she has a lot of empathy with the students. We can use people like her who trust students, believe them, and work for them—I don't believe one student can do this."

Libby retired his last position as president at UMO but before that he had been associated with the university in a

number of capacities, including associate professor of agriculture in 1940 and as a full professor, he was head of the Agronomy department in 1943.

He was named the first associate dean in the College of Agriculture in 1950 and became dean of the same college in 1957 now known as the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture. In 1968 he was named acting president and in 1969 he was appointed UMO's eleventh president.

Libby and his wife have been spending the winters in Florida since his retirement but have a summer home in Bremen, Maine. Libby also writes a column year-round for the *Ellsworth American*. □

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