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Task force on adult learners suggest change

by Ruth DeCoster

Rosemary Caffarella, chairwoman of the Task Force of the Adult Learner, feels the University of Maine at Orono needs some changes.

"The university is set up for 18 to 22-year-olds, but there has been a change in the population of students of students over the years," Caffarella said. "We're taking a look at the whole issue of more adults coming back to school and less people from 18 to 22-years-old."

The task force was set up last semester in order to investigate the status of the modern adult student on campus.

The 12 member committee, consisting of faculty, administration and students, is hoping to ready a report by the end of this semester which will be presented to the vice-president of academic and student affairs.



Dr. Rosemary Caffarella, director of the Task Force on the Adult Learner. [photo by Gina Ferazzi]

Suggestions will be made by the committee, and Caffarella said, "We're looking at the next academic year to implement them."

"A lot of information," she said, "has been found at community colleges and in cities. But UMO is different, it's rural."

The situation for an adult coming back to school is difficult, Caffarella said. "They don't have guidance counselors to help them out. Are there english or math skills that they need?"

Caffarella said that Bangor Community College has a developmental program, but it may already be overextended.

Questions to be looked into by the committee include methods of registration for adult students, financial aid, preadmission counseling and advising, and developmental studies.

Student life, which now places much

emphasis on dorms, will be looked at to see how much it can offer for older, non-traditional students.

"We also want to go a step further, and look at means of teaching adult students," she said, "ways of working out schedules without disrupting the needs of regular day students."

The committee includes two UMO students; Elaine Gershman, associate dean of arts and sciences; Charles Macroy, dean of Bangor Community College; William Munsey, director of admissions; and Ed Hackett, director of continuing education.

Also on the committee are Walter McIntire, professor; Pat Barrin, assistant to the vice-president of academic affairs; Hillary Poisson, of financial aid; Katie Hillas, assistant dean of student affairs; and Professor John Lyman.

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Air Force ROTC to hit Orono campus next fall

by Steve Betts

The U.S. Air Force's desire to install an ROTC program in every state was the major factor behind the University of Maine at Orono's decision to allow a department on campus.

Frederick Hutchinson, acting vice president for academic affairs, said Air Force representatives approached the university last year about the location of a program in the Orono system.

"There is one such program in each state," Hutchinson said. "The nearest one is in New Hampshire at the University of New Hampshire."

Hutchinson said the program is expected to start next fall, but that the university and the Air Force has not yet signed a contract. The vice-president said there are no difficulties in the negotiations, but that the logistics of details is the only factor delaying the signing of the contract.

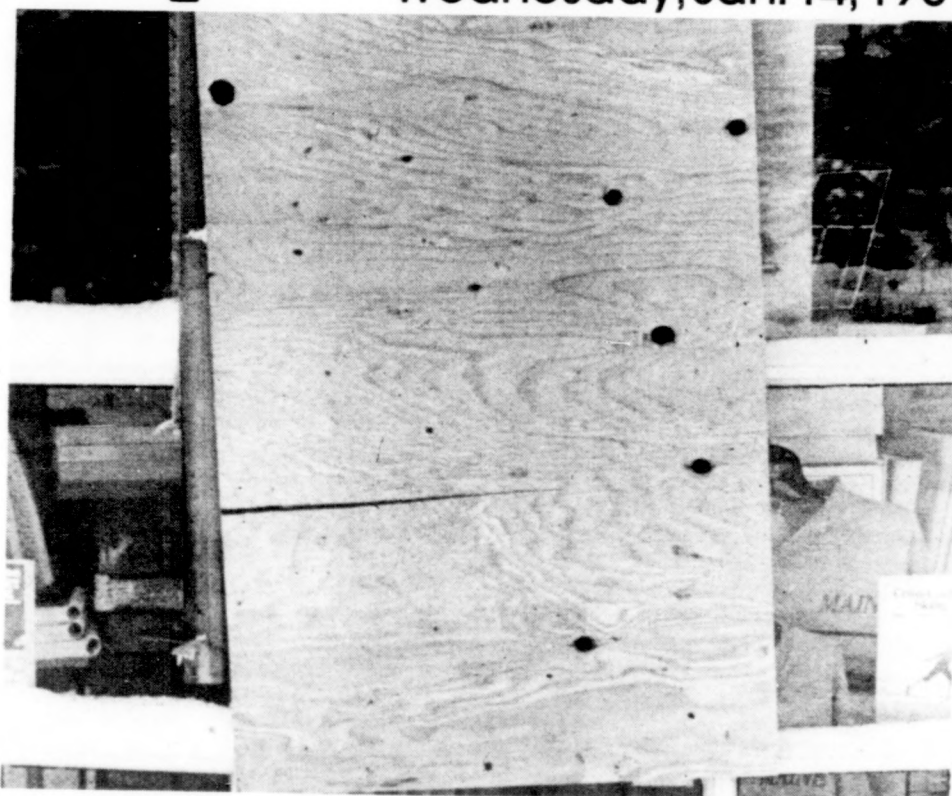
"We hope to have the officers (who will be teaching the ROTC classes) in here by March," Hutchinson said. "It would familiarize them with the system and have them ready for next fall."

The cost of the program will be borne by the Air Force, but the university will still charge regular tuition rates. According to Hutchinson, the regular rates will pay for the cost of the heat for the facilities the Air Force uses.

"The Air Force will use some things jointly with the Army ROTC on campus," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson said the Air Force expects 30 students to enter the ROTC courses. The vice-president noted that most students enrolling in the program are engineering majors.

"The ROTC program will fall under the Department of Engineering and Sciences," he said. "The curriculum of most of the Air Force courses is engineering oriented."



Plywood replaces windows where persons broke into the University Bookstore Monday night. University police say the break-in occurred at this window at the rear of Memorial Union at about 11:15 p.m. Monday. "A couple of items" were reported missing, according to police. UMOPD is investigating the incident. [photo by Gina Ferazzi]

Student, faculty support varies on ROTC

by Mark Munro

The Air Force has landed at the University of Maine at Orono, and differing opinions about the establishment of a local air force ROTC program are already being aired.

The University of Maine Board of Trustees approved a plan to install an air force program at the Orono campus at their Dec. 15 meeting.

Francis Brown, a trustee and former chairman of that body, supported the proposal, saying that it would provide students with a greater opportunity at the university.

Brown pointed to the current Army ROTC program on campus as a successful precedent for the new program.

"But we're certainly not trying to militarize the university," Brown said.

Associate Professor Phil Locke of the mathematics department was not as sympathetic towards the proposal.

He feels the university and the military should separate, but he is more concerned with the apparent student apathy.

"Student observers were all passionate about the calendar non-issue, but they left immediately afterward and didn't even stay for the ROTC issue," Locke said, referring to the Nov. 24 meeting of the Council of Colleges. "I just have the feeling people don't care about war and peace like they did in the 60's."

Lt. Col. John Russell, commander of the UMO Army ROTC program, sees no major impact on his program, although "there may be some initial impact in reducing our numbers, but in the long run it will balance out."

Student reactions seem to support the new program. Alan Cameron, a senior wildlife major, sees the program as a good option for students interested, and also as a method of providing the military with skilled people.

"If there's enough people on campus who support it, that's their business," said Janet Engle, a junior resources major. "Personally, I disagree, but if enough people support it, it's justified."

The program will begin with a projected enrollment of 50 to 60 freshmen and sophomores next September, with total enrollment expected to reach 100 to 130 in four years. According to proposals, the university will provide \$11,500 initial funding for uniforms as well as an annual commitment of \$9,500 for support of the program.

The university is also required to provide secretarial and janitorial services as well as classroom and office space.

The air force will provide two commissioned and two non-commissioned officers to provide the training. The university will confer the rank of professor to the senior officer and associate or assistant professor on all other officers.

To abolish 1975 law

Union security clause faces legislative fire

by Glen Chase

A bill to eliminate the union security clause from the University of Maine collective bargaining law can expect a stiff fight before the state's 110th Legislature.

Sen. Howard Trotzky (R-Bangor), introduced the bill L.D., which he labled an attempt to preserve academic freedom at the university.

"I have the personal philosophy that in the public sector, paying a union should not be a condition of employment," said Trotzky. He said this condition is almost true at the university now.

However, the issue over academic freedom for professors is non-existent, according to Milton Wright, the district representative for the Maine Teachers' association. He said professors at the university's Orono campus have told him that the contract has strengthened academic freedom by making it enforceable instead of just a section in the professors' handbook.

Wright said the MTA and the Associated Faculties of the University of Maine (AFUM) will testify strongly against the bill on Wednesday, Jan. 21, in Room 107 of the state office building when the Senate Education committee, chaired by Trotzky, sponsors a public hearing on the bill.

"Professors who oppose the clause have an obligation to testify," said Trotzky. "If they show up in good numbers, then the

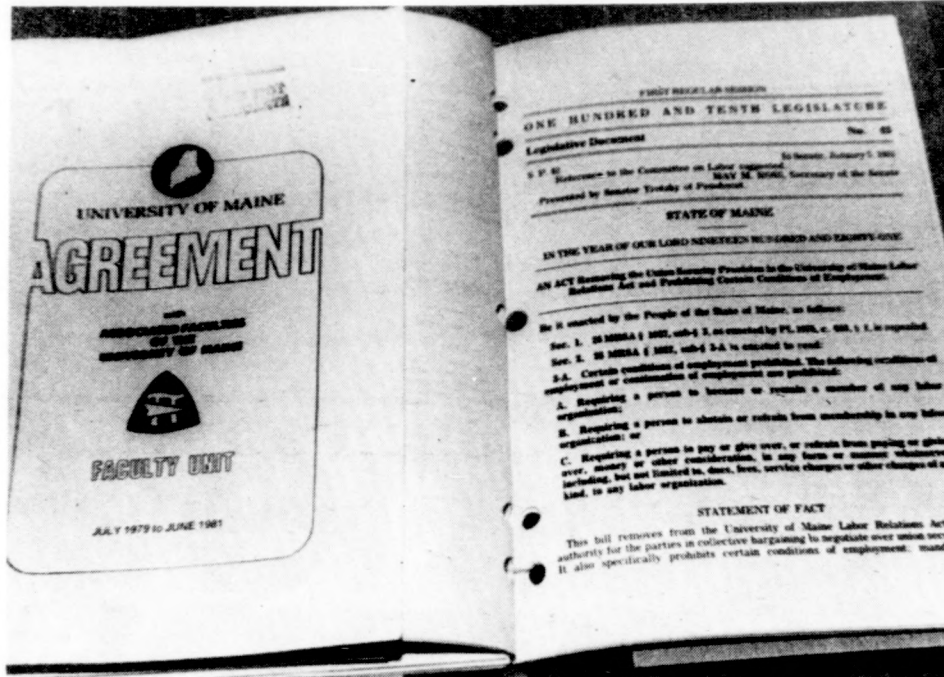
committee will probably approve the bill." However, Dennis McConnell, a representative of the Association of Independent Professionals, the group of professors originally fighting the fee, said Trotzky had not been in contact with his group, but that he had written a letter to Trotzky offering

to provide testimony at the hearing.

Trotzky, who feels the bill had a good chance of passing, said he introduced it because he thinks that no one who voted for the original law in 1975 really understood the union security clause as written.

"Ninety-five percent of the legislators would not have understood it at the time," said Trotzky. "They all do now because of the controversy surrounding it." Trotzky said the legislature has consistently taken an anti-agency clause position. He said the democrats at the time kept referring to the union security clause as a "fair share clause for the university".

Wright wanted to make clear that even if the bill is passed into law, which he believes there is little chance of happening, the bill will have no effect on the present court battle between AFUM an approximately 70 University of Maine professors who have refused to pay dues, a representation fee or into an educational fund as part of the present University of Maine-AFUM contract.



The document on the right, LD 43, is attempting to take the union security clause out of the University of Maine faculty union contract, on the left. [photo by Gina Ferazzi]

Anti-draft group formed to provide counseling

by Sean Broderick

A new anti-draft organization, the Greater Bangor Area Draft Counseling Group (GBADCG), is providing information to area residents who must register for the selective service.

According to group member Jon Smith, the GBADCG has a core group of 15 "draft counselors" who were trained last semester.

"Ultimately, our goals are stopping the draft before it begins and also to help people get deferments and to help conscientious objectors," Smith said.

"This semester, we hope to get into the university dorms and the high schools in the area, that's where the people are who need our counseling," Smith said.

He said that some high schools had been contacted but there had been "no feedback so far."

Smith said that many people did not understand the changes the selective service system had undergone since the Vietnam era. "The government has been really closemouthed about how the draft works," Smith said. "It used to be that you had a period of time to file for deferments before you were inducted, now you have to file after they take you in. Also, you can be drafted right out of college."

Smith explained that under the new regulations, underclassmen were allowed to complete the end of the current

semester, and seniors are allowed to finish out the year.

Smith explained the necessity for programs like the GBADCG. "As one looks around the world one can see that we are moving closer to war, and closer to calls for armed intervention. The draft psychologically prepares people for war, even though it only saves the government seven days," he said.

Smith said that no rallies or demonstrations were planned by the GBADCG which is closely in contact with the Central Committee of Conscientious Objection, the nation's oldest anti-draft organization, but that demonstrations could happen in the future.

When questioned in on-the-street interviews, some students voiced support for the draft, others expressed a negative view. UMO student Jerome Suminsby, age 19, said that a draft was "very logical. I think it's ridiculous to pour all that money into high technology defense if we have no ground troops to back it up."

Bruce Jordan, another UMO student felt differently. "In a democracy, the support for a country should be voluntary. If a democracy can't stand on the willingness of its citizens to support it, it will fall." Jordan said that he felt no obligation to go "take over some land for stupid reasons."

"I think what we have is worth defending, and I have an obligation to defend it," Jordan said. "If I thought it was needed and it was my responsibility I would go, voluntarily."

LOWDOWN

Representatives from the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages will be at the State Liquor Store in Brewer, Jan. 14, 10:30-4 p.m. Applicants for state id's must bring three documents indicating birth date. \$2 fee. Will take several weeks to mail card home.

Stephen King will read selections from his new work from 3-5 p.m. today at the North Bangor Lounge of the Memorial Union.

IDB Movie: "The Sunshine Boys", to be shown at 7 and 9 p.m. tonight at 130 Little Hall.

Wildlife Noontime Seminar: Dr. Anthony Gaston, Canadian Wildlife Service, will speak on "Coloniality in the Thick-Billed Murre," today at noon at 204 Nutting Hall.



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Local dentists offer students discount rates

by Brenda Bickford

Students who have dental work done by dentists in the Orono-Old Town area may not have such a big bite taken out of their pocketbooks because of the Student Health Advisory Committee's recent agreement with local dentists concerning a discount for UMO students.

The discount, which went into effect Monday, is available to all students and is not reliant on the Student Health fee, according to Jane Sullivan, chairman of the Student Health Advisory Committee.

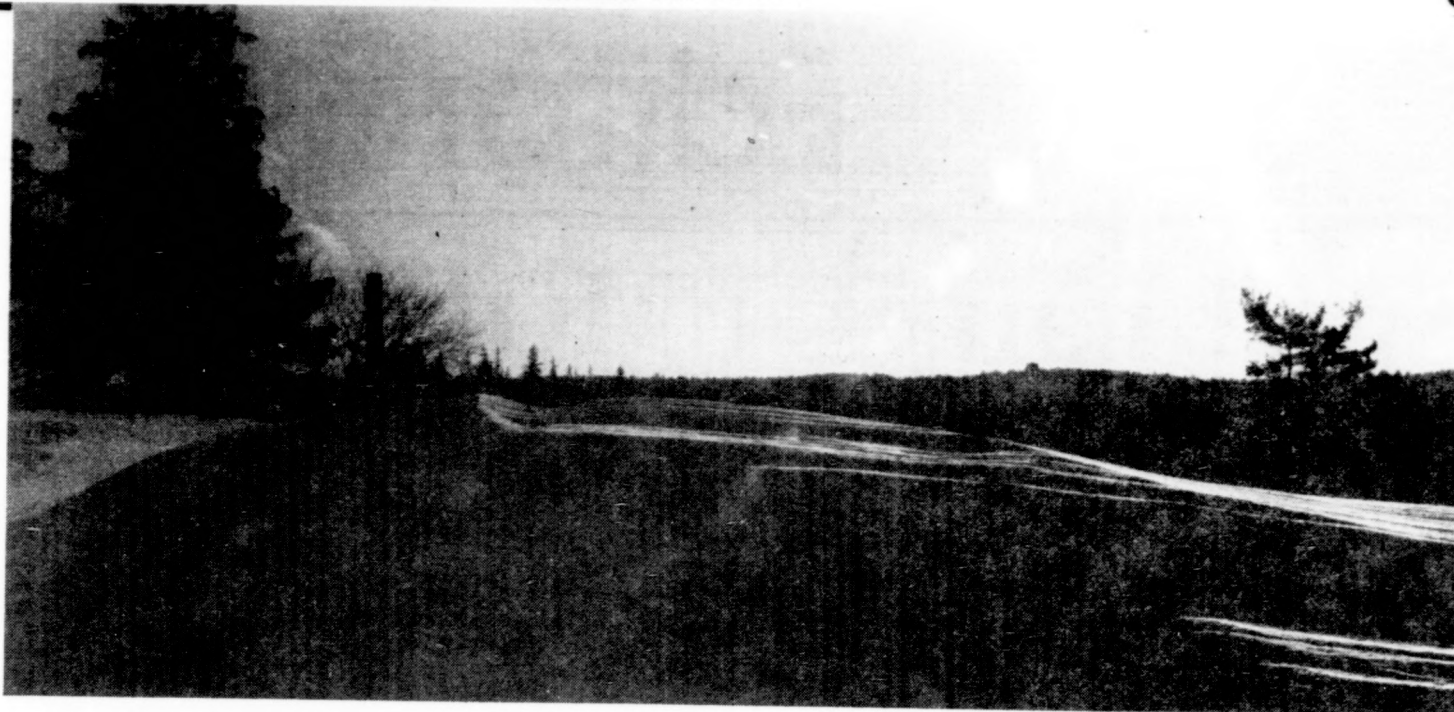
"The committee feels that the discount will stimulate dental health awareness. It will work if students take advantage of it," Sullivan said.

"The discount is left up to each dentist, since their fees vary," she said, "students will have to shop around. There will be a discount for all services provided by the participating dentists," she added.

Students received a notice with their semester bills stating that the discount would be available beginning this semester. Students can get a coupon for the discount at the Cutler Health Center's bookkeeper's office (room 171), which will entitle them to the discount.

According to Cutler Health Center authorities, six area dentists have become associated with the new dental discount program. They are Drs. Mark Boyd, Gary Farren, Mark Lausier and Henry Woodbrey, all of Orono, and Drs. Jean Guerin and David Talley of Old Town.

"We've been trying to start a dental clinic for two years, but because of various reasons, we couldn't get it to work. We had originally wanted to have the clinic at the health center, but it was too difficult," Sullivan said.



Just imagine. Six months from now, you'll be able to get a suntan from this location atop Hancock Hall.

[photo by Kavous Zahedi]

Search to begin soon for new vice president

by Andrew Meade

The Search Committee for Vice President for Academic Affairs was named recently by Paul Silverman.

The committee is composed of the Standing Appointments Committee and additional members chosen by the president.

Acting Associate to the President and newly appointed chairperson of the committee, James Horan, said he did not know how the search would be organized yet.

"The committee has to meet with the president first," he explained. meeting should occur sometime next week.

Horan said the search might cover the nation, or it may be restricted. "The president will determine whether the search will be internal or not," he stated.

The vacancy will be published in local newspapers and the weekly calendar. If the search were national, The Chronicle of Higher Education and a nationally read newspaper would be included, according to Horan.

"Anyone who wishes to apply can," said Horan, including Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, Fred Hutchinson. Hutchinson is not in town and his plans are not known.

The committee numbers 15 faculty members, administrators and students.

King to appear in Union today

Million-selling author and former UMO graduate Stephen King will present a reading in the North Bangor Lounge of the Memorial Union Wednesday afternoon.

King, whose latest novel *Firestarter* is currently one of the ten bestselling books in the country, will speak at 3:00 pm as part of a program sponsored by the English Department and FOCUS.

King will read selections from an upcoming work for two hours until 5 pm. He is the first in a series of 8 persons who will make presentations through this program.

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Editorials

Spellman vs. UMOPD

Student Government President Dave Spellman is going after the establishment.

In Tuesday's *Campus*, it was reported that Spellman has asked Student Legal Services to investigate the UMO police department. Just why the investigation is being implemented is unclear.

"We're trying to see what the role is of the police in this educational environment," Spellman said in Tuesday's article.

It is rather obvious what the purpose of the UMOPD is - to enforce university rules and regulations.

Which brings us back to question number one -- why does Spellman so ardently want to dig through UMOPD's files?

Lt. William Prosser, assistant director for police services, doesn't know why. In fact he's rather confused. Saying, "We have nothing to hide," Prosser and his personnel are allowing SLS people to check all arrest reports. The only cases SLS can't see are those still under investigation, or of a sensitive nature such as suicide and sexual offenses.

Perhaps Spellman thinks too many cases are being sent to court and not to diversion programs.

Four-hundred-two cases were handled by the

UMOPD from July to December 1980. Of these, 176 could be considered for diversion. The rest were traffic violations which automatically have to go to court. About 50 percent of the 176 cases were sent to diversion.

The police must have made wise decisions when they sent certain cases to court -- the conviction rate in these cases has been high.

Protecting student interests is part of Dave Spellman's job. However, this time he seems to be off the track.

If more and more cases are being sent to court with convictions, then something's wrong.

But it makes more sense to look at the students doing the violating rather than trying to dig up dirt on the UMOPD.

Students don't commit crimes for no reason. Maybe more students are being caught for a myriad of offenses because more students are committing more offenses. What's the common denominator? Does alcohol play a part? Could better programming programs for students help lessen the crime rate?

A study of this sort could be more useful than an investigation of the police department.

Now that's really in the students' interests.

Paul Fillmore

Add-droppings

While most students went home for the Christmas holiday, the administrators of UMO stayed behind. There were things to do and people to talk to for most of these bureaucrats during the whole break, just as there is always something for them to do during summer. While most faculty members are paid on the basis of a nine-month working year (although these payments are spread out over a 12 month period), administrators are on the job 12 months a year. So Christmas break for these people was not a vacation.

Shortly before Christmas, in the *Bangor Daily News* there was an article over the Harrison Richardson (zoo) controversy of last semester. But according to the article, our maverick trustee was not the only person in the UMaine system who was upset about the quality of dormitory and student life. Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas Aceto was quoted in the article as saying that the university had "given away the house" to students during the sixties and seventies. He went on to say that now the administration was just starting to get things back.

Myself and probably many other students on their campus would like to know what the administration also plans to institute in its attempt to get the house back. The days of having students sign in and out of dormitories and mandatory ROTC for all male students are long gone.

For some reason, these remarks were never made to members of the student press; they were reserved for newspapers on the scale of the BDN. While Mr. Aceto has said to various students he was concerned about the quality of student life, he never said that he and the university were in the process of trying to get the "house" back.

I would hope that the problem of overcrowding in classrooms and dorms would be as high on the administration's list of priorities as paying police extra money to patrol the dormitory halls.

It would seem that the Ronald Reagan-Moral Majority wave has already firmly entrenched itself on these hallowed grounds, well before the inauguration.

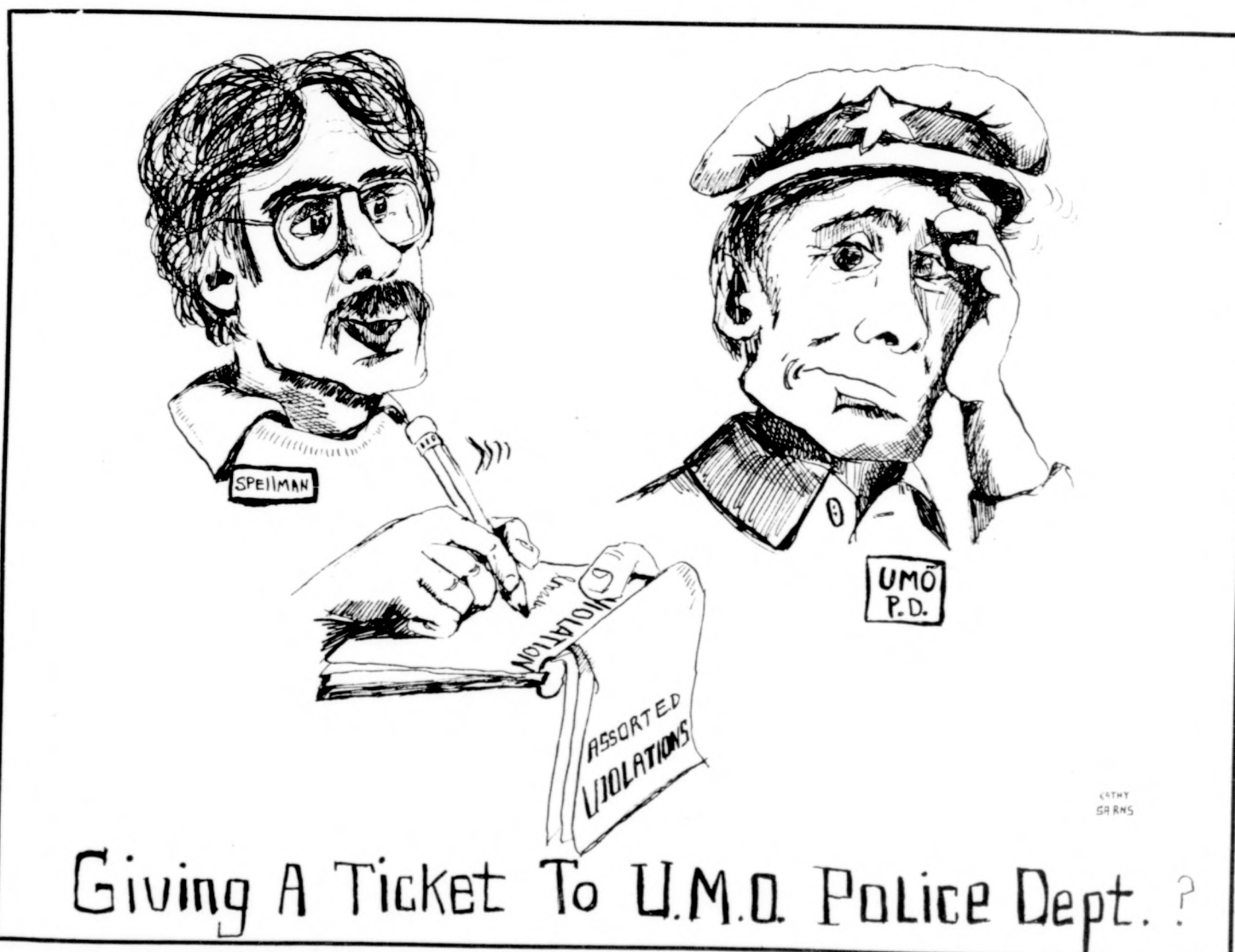
What is most ominous about this swing to the right is that students seem to be going along with it. Unfortunately, activism seems to be dead as far as the average student is concerned. Ten years ago students were demanding changes, and eventually the university succumbed to the pressure. Today, it is the students who are succumbing. Protests are a thing of the past, and, as if to personify the current swing, another ROTC program will be opening on campus. This would have been met with virulent opposition ten years ago, but now, nobody seems to care.

Imagine what the professors, who were themselves active during the time of change, think about the new student body who seem either uncaring or totally ignorant of what is going on around them.

Those professors who walked down the mall with students, all in search of change, now hand out syllabuses to a class full of students with glazed eyes.

It would seem that a combination of administrative decisions and student apathy will slowly bring the house back to the university.

I wonder if they will give us a key.



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Names will be withheld only under special circumstances. "Anonymous" and open letters, although welcome, will not be published.

The *Maine Campus* reserves the right to edit letters for libel, clarity, taste and to fit available space.

Peer Sexuality Program Counseling For Credit

To the Editor:

The Peer Sexuality Program is accepting applications for training this semester in our two credit course on workshop and counseling skills. Volunteers for non-credit are also welcome. Areas most open for development are male applicants for male issues workshops, and all applicants interested in workshops on the BCC campus.

Last semester the Peer Sexuality Program offered over thirty workshops and presentations in the

dorms and through our coordination of the Sexuality Symposium. Issues covered included Birth Control, Relationships, Male/Female Sex Roles and Stereotypes, health issues, Sexuality and Alcohol, and more. We are developing an expanded list of offerings this semester in which we hope to include Acquaintance Rape issues, Homosexuality, Dealing with Loneliness, and more workshops on male issues. We also serve as a referral source in sexual issues for students at UMO and BCC.

Our staff are students trained to help others examine sexuality issues, offer support in exploring questions, and share information. Our function is to work towards dispelling myths and fears about human sexuality, help individuals identify and develop personal values about sexuality, encourage individual awareness of options, choices and alternative lifestyles, and provide information and support for individuals to acquire skills necessary for developing effective and satisfying interpersonal relationships.

Look for our information table during registration week, April 13-17, where pamphlets will be available and counselors on hand to offer more information concerning the Peer Sexuality Program for fall of '81.

Remember, credit is available through this program by contacting Rosemary Swett at 123 Hancock Hall, 581-2147, and adding Edx 198, section 38 during this add-drop week for those interested in the program for this semester. Those interested in the Peer Sexuality Program for next semester should visit our information table in the Memorial Union during registration week, April 13-17.

Sincerely,
Marie Guay
Peer Counselor, PSP

commentary
bill olver

Reagan's environment

During a helicopter ride from Los Angeles to San Diego, Ronald Reagan flew over several state beaches and noticed that some were very crowded while others, a quarter-mile away, were virtually empty.

Later, Mr. Reagan reflected on this observation by remarking, "Obviously, many beach-goers prefer to be crowded together. Buying more beaches that people won't go to because they prefer to be crowded together on one beach is a ridiculous waste of our natural resources and our taxes."

Not far from these same beaches, the future president owns a 600-acre ranch to which he often retreats to seek solitude. Many city-dwellers who do not share this luxury may find comfort in a deserted beach that lacks the familiar reminders of an often frenzied urban lifestyle.

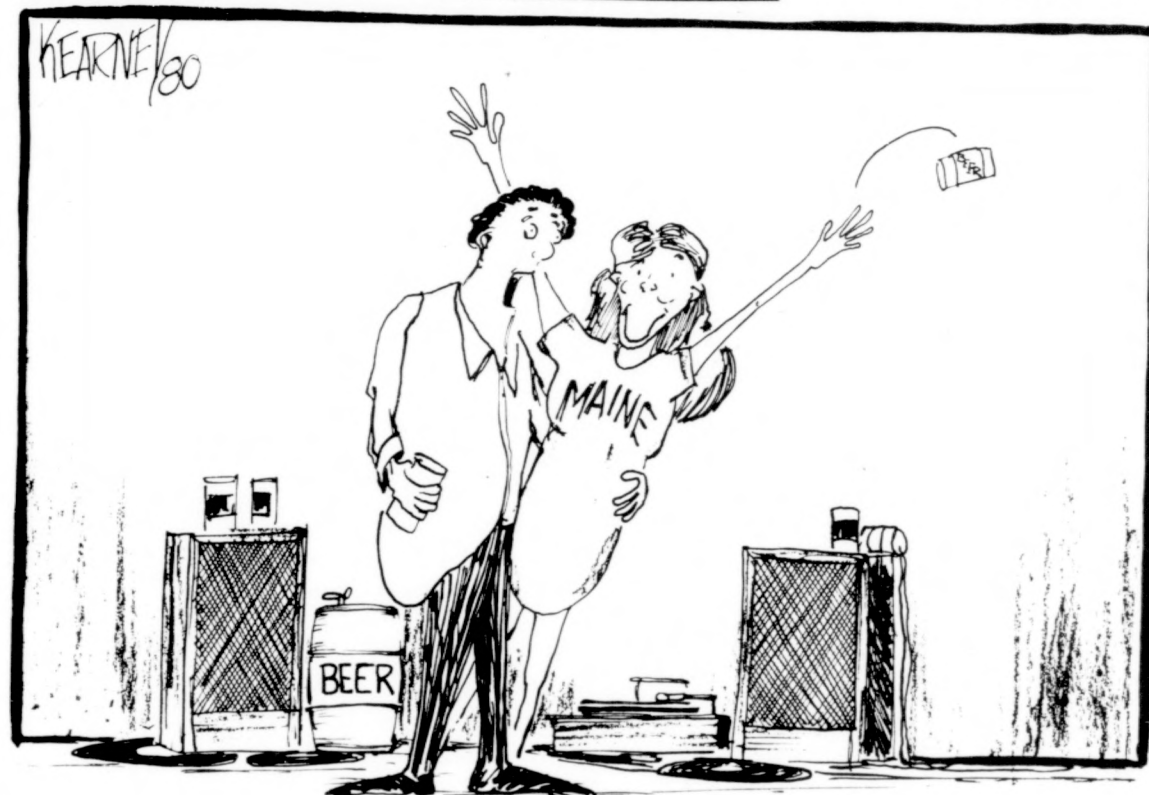


Limited natural resources, including beaches, are set aside in response to the anticipated needs of future generations and need not provide a source of immediate benefit. It will be all too soon before the deserted beaches that caused Reagan so much despair become as crowded as their counterparts. It is unfortunate that Reagan sees these issues only in terms of the present.

He once said, "A tree is a tree. How many more do you need to look at?"

Additionally, he has called for a scaled down EPA, a return to the use of gasoline, and has invited coal burning industries to assist in the revamping of federal air pollution control laws. Some solace can be gained in realizing that Reagan has traditionally seemed to act more sensibly in office than his campaign remarks would indicate. But this probably is a result of legislative bodies that are reluctant to accept his philosophies and not entirely a sense of moderation on his part.

On issues as important and complex as the environment, a president should not only act sensibly. He should speak sensibly. Ronald Reagan speaks like a man that has failed to understand the magnitude of the environmental challenges that the world faces in the coming decade.



"What! No drinking or loud music? What d'ya think this place is, a university or something?"

commentary

1980

george mitchell

I have now had the privilege and honor of serving Maine in the U.S. Senate for just under seven months. In this short time, I have had the opportunity to participate in legislative developments of both local and national concern.

In June, I sponsored an amendment to coal conversion legislation which would have required utilities converting from oil to coal to keep their emissions at present levels.

Although this amendment was not adopted by the Senate, it did spark considerable interest in the issue of acid rain. As a result, I hosted a meeting with several Members of the Canadian Parliament and other U.S. Senators in September to discuss our mutual concerns about this problem. I will continue to work to find a

reasonable approach to the problem of acid rain.

In June, I was also successful in adding an amendment to the Public Buildings Act to authorize construction of a new border station necessitated by the relocation of I-95 in Houlton. This amendment was agreed to by both the House and Senate.

In the Senate Banking Committee, I cosponsored and participated in the drafting of a bill to prohibit certain insurance activities of bank holding companies. One of the amendments agreed to by the committee was a proposal of mine to establish a National Consumer Usury Commission to study the need, if any, for further federal preemption of state consumer usury laws. This bill did not

reach the Senate floor for consideration prior to adjournment, but I am hopeful that it will be acted upon early next year.

One of my major accomplishments of the 96th Congress has been my participation in the enactment of the Superfund legislation dealing with cleanup and compensation for hazardous waste damages.

As a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I helped draft this bill and participated in negotiations leading to a compromise bill. I was particularly pleased that I was successful in pressuring the House to pass a bill which did not preempt Maine's effective oil spill prevention statute. I intend to introduce legislation in the 97th Congress to strengthen this

superfund bill.

In the closing days of the 96th Congress, I worked on two legislative matters of special interest to Maine. I introduced a major amendment to the Revenue Sharing bill to re-authorize the state share of revenue sharing for 1981. Unfortunately, this amendment was defeated during the last week of the session by a one vote margin.

I also introduced an amendment with Senator Cohen to provide relief to potato growers by requiring that seed potatoes imported from Canada not be used for human consumption in the United States. Although we were successful in getting the Senate to adopt this amendment, the House refused to accept the proposal during negotiations in the final government spending bill.



World news

AUGUSTA, MAINE -- A New England Telephone Company lawyer today cross-examined the head of a consulting firm that has recommended cutting rates in Maine by five million dollars.

NET is seeking permission from the public utilities commission to raise its rates by nearly 40 million dollars. But J. W. Wilson associates of Washington has recommended that phone rates be cut by five million dollars, in a study prepared for the PUC staff.

John Wilson -- the economist who heads the consulting firm -- was cross-examined all day today by NET lawyer Ralph Lancaster Jr., who spent much of the time challenging Wilson's credibility.

Wilson contends that NET customers in Maine are being forced to pay for "anti-competitive" and "unjust activities" of American Telephone and Telegraph Company. AT and T is the parent company of New England Telephone.

Wilson -- who is doing consulting work for the U.S. Justice Department in a major anti-trust suit against AT and T -- also contends that Maine customers are helping pay to defend AT and T in a variety of anti-trust suits around the nation.

NET contends that isn't true. Spokesman John McCatherin says the charge for basic monthly residential phone service in Maine doesn't even cover the cost to NET.

PORTLAND, MAINE -- A Cape Elizabeth (Maine) man who installed two wood-burning appliances in his new home is appealing the state's refusal to grant him an energy credit on his state income tax return.

The State Bureau of Taxation denied the hundred-dollar credit to Edward and Susan Dilworth on the grounds that the appliances in question were stoves, rather than furnaces.

According to the state, the law specifies that a wood-burning furnace must operate as a central heating system, using pipes, ducts or similar methods.

Dilworth said he heats entirely with wood, and the downstairs rooms all contain ductwork so that the heat rises to the second floor.

In his appeal to the Cumberland County Superior Court in Portland, Dilworth said the law doesn't specifically state that the ductwork has to be connected to the central heating system.

He also said he's pursuing the matter out of principle, not money. According to Dilworth, the legislature's intent in adopting the tax credit was to reward people who sought to switch from foreign oil to home-grown renewable energy.

It was "illegal," it was "stupid" and he had nothing to do with it. That was Alexander Haig's assessment today of the Watergate scandal. And it was the subject of a heated exchange between the Secretary of State-designate and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at his confirmation hearings. Haig said, "mistakes were made." But he said he was not there at the time. He said that when he became President Nixon's chief of staff, he inherited the consequences of those mistakes and did his best to "keep the country on an even keel."

Maryland Democrat Paul Sarbanes kept asking Haig whether he considered Watergate wrong. Haig finally exploded in anger, saying: "Nobody has a monopoly on virtue, not even you, Senator."

And, Haig went after the press for its part in Watergate, saying it deserved as much blame as the White House staff members who were convicted. He accused the press of "distortion," "dishonesty," and "libelous reporting."

AUGUSTA, MAINE -- The (Maine) legislature gets another bill this year sponsored by senate Republicans and a Christian group to put prayer back into public schools. The proposal is patterned after a Massachusetts law that a federal district court recently held constitutional. Maine's bill calls for a daily one-minute meditation period.



MEXICO CITY, MEXICO -- Mexico says it has raised the price of the natural gas it sells the United States by nearly eight percent.

The government oil monopoly, Pemex, says its action is retroactive to January first and raises the cost of gas from \$4.47 per thousand cubic feet to \$4.82.

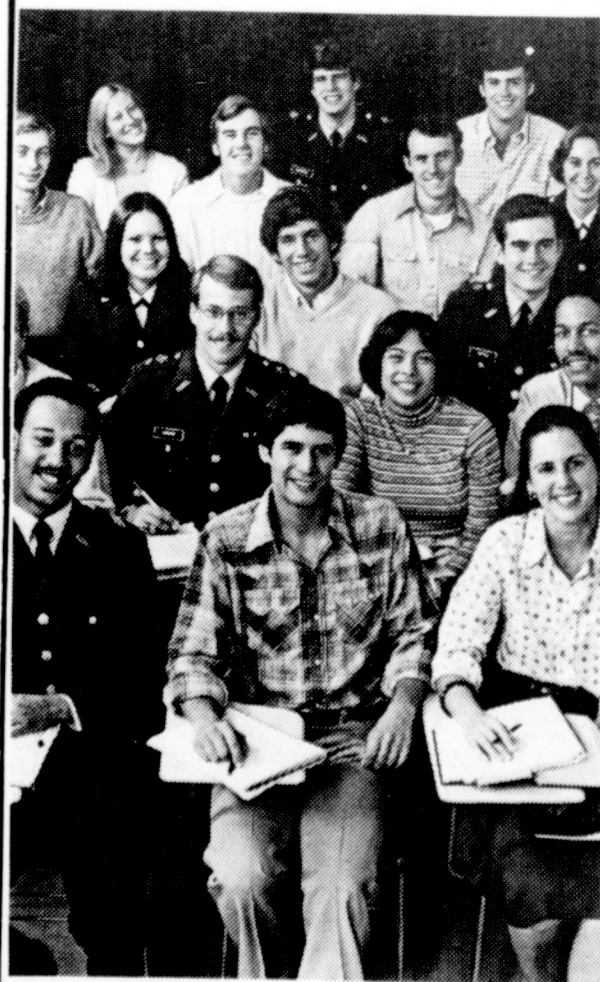
Pemex says it sells an average of 300 million cubic feet of gas a day to a consortium of private companies in the U.S. Southwest. That's about one-half of one percent of U.S. natural gas needs.

An Energy Department spokesman -- who asked to remain anonymous -- says Mexico's increase was expected following its decision last month to raise crude oil prices about 11 percent.

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Sports



Vermont alumnus Jack Semler sends goalie Jeff Nord (#30), sporting a 10-2-0 record and a 3.63 goals against average, along with his Black Bear teammates, who are 6-3 in the ECAC and 14-4 overall, against the struggling Catamounts, who are 1-9-1 in the ECAC and 5-12-1 overall, tonight in Burlington. (photo by Bill Mason)

Figure skating growing by leaps and bounds at Alford

by Dale McGarrigle

The little girl in the corner slips and falls to the ice, while attempting to stop. The college student whips into a camel spin. The middle aged couple stride slowly, tentatively down the ice. It's all part of figure skating at Alford Arena.

A figure skating enthusiast can find a program to fit his or her taste, according to Nancy Goldman, a White Plains, N.Y., native who has been figure skating director at Alford since mid-October.

The biggest program is the group lessons, which cost \$22 for eight half-hour lessons. The growth of figure skating is best shown in the growth of group lessons: In the spring of 1980, there were 203 skaters enrolled.

There are lessons for pre-schoolers through adults, with ability levels for beginners to advanced skaters. Over 1000 skaters have taken part in lessons since Alford opened in 1977.

Last fall, with a late start and little publicity, 99 skaters took group lessons. Another session starts Jan. 19.

Goldmann said the arena follows the Basic Test Content Program of the U.S. Figure Skating Association. The program consists of 12 progressive tests from beginners to advanced first class.

Goldmann added that the largest concentration was between the ages of six and 11, but not many 12-15 year-olds. "There's no definite age for a child to start skating in order to

become a good skater," Goldmann said.

Private instruction is also available at rates of \$5-7 per half-hour from either Goldmann or one of the three other figure skating instructors: Darrell Leighton, Pam Forbes, and Betsy Day. There are currently about 20 skaters taking private instructions. Skaters may also take up ice dancing after passing a beginners' class.

A third way to skate is the Alford Arena Figure Skating club which began this semester. The club costs \$20 to join and skates from 6:15 to 8 p.m. The estimated 25-member club is not affiliated with the university, and pays for its own ice time. The club recently raised enough funds from a gift-wrapping booth in the Bangor Mall to pay for ice time for this semester and the 1981 fall semester.

Physical education classes in figure skating are also available. Because of the wide range of ability in these classes, Goldmann hopes to soon see "Skating 1 and 2" classes for different ability levels.

The culmination of all this work is the annual ice show. This year's show is tentatively planned for the weekend of April 10 or 17, although its theme hasn't been decided.

Goldmann said she sees "all the possibilities" for figure growth in the central Maine area. "In order for a program to grow, you have to have top pros. Alford Arena is a beautiful place to teach in, which helps. I can see figure skating growing," Goldmann said.

John Dodge

Commentary

On the road again

Hockey season is upon us, and, when the icemen cometh, so doth another equally spectacular phenomenon: the road trip. The road trip is, among other things, frustrating, confusing, tiring, and most important of all, funny. Individual scenes taken out of context would not make much sense, so indeed I present a sample which shows what us magic-toned types experience:

THURSDAY AFTERNOON:

4 p.m.—Finally decide who's going to broadcast game.
4:03 p.m.—Browse through Yellow Pages in search of post-game lounges.
4:11 p.m.—Decide on the "Wrist Shot Inn."
4:12 p.m.—Quit for day.

THURSDAY NIGHT:

7 p.m.—Shave early; heal before tomorrow.
8 p.m.—Weakened by blood loss, retire early. Studying would tax strength.

FRIDAY MORNING:

8 a.m.—Turn off alarm and go back to sleep—rest is essential for the trip. Classes are out of the question.
11:30 a.m.—Rise to intake some of the incredible delicacies which will provide sustenance of trip.

11:40 am—Realize that cream of turnip green soup is a poor excuse for sustenance.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

12:32 pm—Decide on weekend's clothes. (An announcer must be chic.)

1:00 pm—Arrive at station, round up equipment.

1:01 pm—Discover that equipment doesn't work.

1:01:30 pm—Scream.

1:15 pm—Finally find engineer who determines that equipment is not plugged in.

1:15:30 pm—Grin sheepishly.

1:16 pm—Remember that team bus leaves from other side of campus at 1:20 pm.

1:16:10 pm—Run like hell.

1:19:59 pm—Stagger onto bus, carry full complement of clothes, books and \$750 remote broadcast equipment.

1:20 pm—\$750 remote equipment falls to ground.

1:20:03 pm—Cry.

1:30 pm—Bus pulls out.

1:31 pm—Open knapsack, declaring to self that **I will study.**

1:32 pm—Close knapsack, look around for a backgammon/poker game.

1:35 pm—Remember that I didn't pack an extension cord, last game's statistics, or my underwear.

1:40-2:15 pm—Lose four backgammon games and seven dollars in a poker game.

2:16 pm—Realize that I have enough money left to buy 1 glass of water and some cough drops.

2:17 pm—Vow never again to gamble.

FRIDAY EVENING:

6:00 pm—Arrive at rink, willing to offer my services in a Pepto-Bismol commercial.

6:10 pm—Meet pleasant rink manager who pleasantly informs me that there is no room for our station in the press box.

6:11 pm—Pleasantly inform manager that the propagation of his family's future generations depends on the outcome of our conversation.

6:12 pm—Pleasantly situated in choice spot in press box.

6:20 pm—Test telephone line back to WMEB.

6:21 pm—Realize that I'm taking to an operator in Oklahoma.

6:25 pm—Reach Orono on 51st ring, but voice on other end sounds like it's in Peking.

FRIDAY NIGHT:

7:00 pm—Complete phone line check.

7:15 pm—"DJ" asks if he has time to play "Freebird."

7:16 pm—Quietly inform DJ that you have his mother's home address and will carry out assorted threats against her if we're not put on at 7:20 pm.

7:20 pm—Go on air.

10:00 pm—Sign off air, having done usual smooth, professional job - objectively speaking.

10:30 pm—Clamber onto bus, clutching a half-frozen "choco-orange funzie," some Tylonol, and dragging \$750 remote broadcast equipment on ground.

10:45 pm—Walk across street from our hotel to the "Wrist Shot Inn."

10:46 pm—Find out that this is a holy day in this state and only club soda is on tap.

10:47 pm—Realizing that I hate club soda, retire back to hotel.

11:00 pm—Climb into bed, vowing to be better, prepared, allow myself more time, and memorize our team's names - next time.

11:04 pm—Smiling, I doze off. Through all the aggravation, turmoil and hassles, this is the most enjoyable thing I've encountered. I wonder if the Bruins are in the market for an announcer.....?

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