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Citizens question safety of dump site

by Brian Farley

A group of concerned citizens living near the Greenbush nuclear waste dump site is questioning claims by university officials that the radioactive waste stored at the site is "99 percent safe where it is."

Karen King and Craig Humbert are both residents of the Greenbush campus area and work near the dump site. Both men are involved with a citizens movement looking for answers to their questions about the safety and legality of the dump.

"We're trying to find out what's in there, Humbert said. "We want to know what's buried, and how safe or unsafe it is."

"I know the people who live here for almost 20 years, but no one in town even knew about it. King said. "We went to the town selectmen and there wasn't even anything about it."

Clark Grantor, director of the Division of Community Forestry, said Monday that there is no record of any agreement between the state and the university regarding deposit of radioactive wastes at the dump site and it would be difficult to establish who owns the site. But according to a letter sent to King and Humbert the Department of Human Services said they consider the maintenance of the dump site to be the university's responsibility.

King and Humbert both said they are concerned about the possibility of a safety hazard at the dump, regardless of who is responsible for the site. Their main concern is having a series of tests run at and around the dumping area to determine if a safety problem exists. "We want someone to do some water and soil tests, give us some results, and post them in town," Humbert said. "As it is now we don't know if the place is safe."

King said the group was especially concerned with the rate of cancer in households within a mile of the dump site. He cited five cases, three of them fatal, which have occurred since the dump site was established in 1972. "We're not naive enough to think that the dump is definitely causing cancer," King said. "We just want to be sure that things are alright."

Gordon Ramsdell, radiology safety officer for the university, said that the Greenbush citizens shouldn't be worried about high radiation levels at the dump site because most of the material stored there has already decayed.

"These people really don't know what they're talking about," Ramsdell said. "Most of the stuff up there has decayed except the carbon 14 and tritium, and those won't leak out of their containers for a long time. Even if they leak out then, the radioactivity wouldn't move through the soil very quickly."

Although the university has been dumping radioactive waste from research at the site annually since the early 1960's, there has been no dumping since 1978.

Oil decontrol may raise boarding costs 10 percent

by Maureen Gausin

Room and board rates at UMO could jump by as much as 10 percent next year with the imposition of President Ronald Reagan's decontrol of oil prices, according to the director of the physical plant.

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"We thought the price would be heard by now," Lewis said. "We pay as we use, it is a contract based on a standard price based in Portland. It is published on a weekly basis and our contract is based on this rate."

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"I think the results will be felt immediately. I don't know what is going to happen," Coppe said. "Reallocations will have to be made. It is premature to speculate, maybe Congress will block. I am worried about it. I don't know if Congress will restore the political power to block it."

Room and board rates at the university are presently $107.50 a semester for semester with a $20 meal plan. A 10 percent hike will mean an extra $125 per year to live in UMO dormitories.

Rogerson to take helm of Black Bear football

Ron Rogerson, an assistant coach at the University of Delaware for the past ten years, will not be the new head football coach at UMO Tuesday afternoon.

The 37-year old Rogerson. a Brewer native and 1966 graduate of UMO, succeeds Jack Bicknell, who resigned last month to become head coach at Boston College.

Rogerson will be introduced to the campus at a news conference this afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union. He becomes the fifth head football coach at Maine in the past fifty years, and will start immediate-

The appointment was made several afternoon by President Dr. Paul H. Silverman upon recommendation by Westerman. Rogerson was one of more than 44 candidates, six of whom were interviewed by the search committee.

He was given a three year contract.

Rogerson played football at UMO as a freshman and lettered during the 1964 season. He earned a master's degree from Colorado State and served as an assistant coach at Colorado for two years, and at Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania for four years and has been on the staff of Coach Tubby Raymond at Delaware since 1974.

When contacted at his home this week, Rogerson said he was happy to be the new head coach at UMO. "I'm excited about the opportunity," he said. "I hope I can be a success here."

This tree-lined lane outside of Merrill Hall reflects the season of the year. Another storm is expected to batter Maine today with a mixed bag of precipitation.

[photo by Chris Ri]
Unclaimed lab animals may be killed
by Jack Connolly

Animals that are not claimed by USA students after the semester will be killed and incinerated if they can not be used for research or education. Animals are killed with a CO2 chamber and then are incinerated. Autopsies are also performed on animals for the benefit of the college and these animals are also burned. The burning allegedly occurs in an incinerator behind the Biomedical building. The departed animals are given to the students for the explicit reason of an autopsy.

"Chloralose acts as a super-anesthetic," said Hawes. "It allows the students to keep the animals without killing them."

This rabbit is one of the many animals used for experiments and study by animal medical majors. However, his fate at the end of the semester is undetermined.

Maine unaffected by water shortage
by Dave Getchell

New England weather is headed for a four to five-day dry spell, a Columbia University study based oninosaur observations says. New York City just recorded its driest January ever, and water emergencies are being declared all over Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

However, Maine has yet to feel the water shortage. and the reason may be the natural unpredictability of weather patterns. UMO’s Michael Vietti, a meteorology professor, said, "There is no reliable forecast of a long-term drought that I know of. Sometimes you might have a one-year dry spell, and they call it a "long-term crisis," but these things fluctuate. What we are seeing is a normal variation in weather—precipitation may wander up and down."

Alan Lewis, director of the physical plant at UMO, said, "If we really see the threat of a drought, we could come up with short-term solutions to conserve water. We have no severe reduction plans. We're too concerned about a right now, our water supply is in pretty good shape."

He said UMO gets its water from the Orono-Perham Dam. They purchase their water from the Bangor Water District. Their source is Flood Pond in Otis, about 25 miles south of the city.

An Lester of the U.S. Weather Service office in Portland agreed with Lewis in not worrying about a serious drought in Maine right away. "There's very little information on expected droughts that's not mostly speculation," he said. "Long-range forecasting of this type is a very important and experimental field. It may be better than guesswork, but we don't even know what that means."
Medical school controversy intensifies

Medical committee counters proposal

by Bruce Farrel

The Medical Educational Advisory Committee will present a plan today to the state legislature to counter Gov. Joseph Brennan's budget proposal to discontinuance access to New England medical schools, said chairman Dr. Franklin Roberts.

The plan will call for the Maine Department of Education (DOE) to continue to buy 38 seats a year at New England medical schools for Maine residents, with those already in the program to be allowed to continue.

"It's really in the hands of the legislators," said Roberts. "But what we are hearing from legislators is encouraging. Many are showing support for the program. The appropriation's Committee will have a hearing on March 5 to decide on the continued operation of the DOE program.

According to a report given to Gov. Brennan by the Department of Human Services, only 25 percent of the participating students in this program are returning to Maine after their education, according to Consumer Reports.

"That report is false," said Roberts. "Under the current program, which started in 1977, many students haven't finished their education as yet. But of the 14 who have graduated from dentistry school at Tufts University, 13 are now working in Maine."

"Under the old compact from 1956-57, not less than 44 percent of the students returned to Maine after completing their medical training. These students were not under any obligation to pay back money granted to them by the state," he said.

In the years following in the medical contracts, the percentage of Maine residents accepted had dwindled to 23 percent and of all the 50 states, Maine's acceptances had risen from fourth to first.

Candidates air views during senate meeting

by Katrina Morgan

The General Student Senate listened to six candidates for president and vice president present their platforms at last night's meeting.

Charlie Mercer and Don Oakes are campaigning on a five point platform.

Charles Mercer spoke last night before the student senate.

While Chris McEvoy and Jim Beauleiu see an all-new team rule for their sought positions, and the write-in candidates, Ed Borear and Jane Skelton hope they offer a fresh alternative to the first two candidates.

Each candidate gave a brief outline of their qualifications, said Roberts. "But what we are hearing from legislators is encouraging. Many are showing support for the program. The appropriation's Committee will have a hearing on March 5 to decide on the continued operation of the DOE program.

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"We do our own jobs, and we don't lead each other around by the hand." Bradley said, and McEvoy agreed when he said he thought democracy was the way to go.

Two new write-in candidates, Borear and Skelton, felt they could come into the race with a few less biases and offer the students a fresh alternative in the race.

"We are not in this race as spoilers," Borear said. "I hope we see something between the extremes of the other two candidates."

In other business, the GSS allocated $4,000 to the Senior Council for this year's senior celebration expenses. A resolution was also passed to oppose the proposed ban on kegs in residential dormitories and to encourage student input on policies.

Chris McEvoy presented his ideas to senators Monday night. (photo by Stephen Oliver)

Debate to be held tonight

by Ed Crockett

UMO Student Government presidential candidates Christopher J. McEvoy and Charles A. Mercer will square off in a debate tonight in 110 Little Hall.

McEvoy, president of the Off Campus Board, and Mercer, an advising board member of the Political Science department, will act as moderators.

The debate will be open to the public and will allow students to ask questions.

University seeks medical school

by Annette Higgins

The University of Maine is one of three New England State Universities which is without a medical school.

"The University of New Hampshire doesn't buy any seats for its pre-med students," Terry O'Mara, a member of the UMO pre-med advisory committee, said. "O'Mara said that the committee writes letters of recommendation to medical school for UMO's pre-med graduates but finding seats is a problem."

"We've been trying to convince our legislators to allocate the money," said O'Mara.

According to O'Mara, Dartmouth College takes five pre-med students from the state of New Hampshire. "But those five are usually from Dartmouth's own pre-med program," she said. "I think that a medical school in New Hampshire would almost pay itself for itself."

The University of Connecticut has a medical school at its Farmington campus.

"We have no pre-med program as such," said C. Albert Kind, a pre-med advisor at UConn. "We have a letter ordering program to UConn. Kind said that the UConn system has an advisory committee for pre-med students and that about one half of UConn's pre-med graduates go to their own medical school in Farmington.

The University of Rhode Island does not have its own medical school. Clarence Guerimiller, head of URI's pre-med advisory committee, was not available for comment.

The University of Vermont also has its own medical school. "Our university doesn't offer a separate pre-med program but rather a general Arts and Sciences one," said Milton Parach, chairman of the University of Vermont's pre-med advisory committee. "Less than half of the pre-med graduates accepted at the University of Vermont's medical school are from Vermont; said Parach. "All but a half a dozen of the remaining seats are contracted to Maine, New York and Rhode Island." said Parach.

The University of Maine buys seats for its pre-med graduates at the University of Vermont Medical School. Tufts Medical School, Dartmouth Medical School, Boston University, N.E. College of Chiropractic Research, Tufts Dental School, Cornell Veterinary School, Tufts Veterinary School and N.E. College of Optometry.

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Student Government Election

Wednesday, Feb. 18

 Voting for dorm students in commons and for off-campus and fraternities in the Union.

Absentee ballots available in Student Government Office thru Tuesday the 17th.
Wasted talent

Top athletes aren't getting a chance to prove themselves.

That's what Kathy Driscoll, a talented UMO diver, found out a few days ago.

Monday was the deadline for all entries into the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Zone Qualifying diving Meet, to be held at Penn State University next week.

The AIAW sets minimum diving score standards, and Driscoll thought she had exceeded them, entitling her to go to Penn State.

But Harold Wesnurman, director of athletics, told Driscoll she could not go to Penn State because there was no money to pay for the trip. Later, athletic department officials said she could pay for the $1,000 trip herself through private funding.

Top university officials should consider the implications of this decision and similar past decisions.

They should evaluate the benefits of an athletic department budget for national competitors. Currently, when team members in such sports as track and swimming are talented enough to compete on the national level, funding for travel and competition is decided on a case-by-case basis. If it is decided the individual should go to national competition, funding is taken away from other athletic teams. This hurts the other teams, and leads to an uncomfortable situation of deciding if one individual should be allowed to express his or her talent at the expense of a team activity.

A budget for national competition would alleviate this awkward problem.

Talent is a horrible thing to waste. When a gifted student in any field from art to music to athletics is not allowed to compete and perform with others of the same caliber, his talent suffers. The university should show pride in its gifted athletes by supporting them nationally.

Sending a local talent to national competition not only benefits individuals, it can benefit the university as well. When a UMO athlete competes nationally, he or she represents the University of Maine.

Whether the athlete wins or loses, he or she will have shown Maine spirit, enthusiasm and sportsmanship to others. This is a kind of public relations for the university that can't be adequately expressed in a brochure or speech. By spreading our good name around, the university can gain the potential of increased financial support.

At time of financial crunches, a plea for more money can be ignored. Money for a national competition budget can be hard to find. But more athletic support for national competitors can lead to more university support later. This shouldn't be ignored.

It's not fair to top-notch team athletes. And it's not fair to the university.
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Reagan's spending program may cut Saturday mail service

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government, for the first time since before the Iranian revolution, is seeking to buy oil on the open market to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The Energy Department, acting under orders of Congress to boost the current fill rate from 100,000 barrels per day up to 360,000 barrels per day, asked last week for bids from oil companies for storage reserves.

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by Scott Cole

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Delaware Tuesday evening, Rogerson was named the new football coach. A very excited about his appointment. Although he had been in touch with Delaware at various times during last season, Rogerson said the Maine job was the first one he actively pursued.

"I sort knew it was time," he said. The job was offered to him by Delaware, which is located in the Northeastern Conference.

Throughout the search process, Rogerson and his family decided to return to Maine. "We've paid our dues," he said. "It was time to come back to Maine." Rogerson is a native of Maine and was a real fine player here," said Westerman, Rogerson's coach at UMO in the mid-sixties. "He was very well thought of around here."

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"He's a proven recruiter and has fine rapport with his players, and has been associated with a solid football program."

Westerman indicated he had no qualms about hiring a man who has never been a head coach at any level of football. "If it was three to four years ago, I would be worried, but he's been on the job making decisions for ten years. Plus he has real fine references."

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"With the finances that are available we are going to expand the program as much as we can."

Rogerson will be given five assistant coaches, two of them graduate assistants. He will not comment about the possibility of retaining any holdovers from Bicknell's staff. Presently the only two full time assistants left are Ortifio Colilouri and Vic Martinez, who applied for the head coach's job.

Rogerson plans on having three defensive coaches and two offensive coaches. "I'm gonna get the finest coaches I can and work with the defense and kicking game and hook or by crook we'll slide a few into the end zone."

He promised to introduce Delaware's famous wing-T formation into the Black Bear offense.

Rogerson realizes he is way behind the eight ball in recruiting but said he is determined to do his best with the time he had. He said he will get after athletes that were on the Delaware recruiting list as well as athletes in Maine who were holding off waiting for the UMO coaching iteration to stabilize. Rogerson also said he speaks at many coaching clinics and has contacts with coaches in New England who have players that would listen to his recruiting pitch.

"I'm gonna jump in and we're gonna get some guys," said Rogerson of the recruiting. "I'm sounding every bit as confident as he did about taking the reins of the Maine football program."

Sports history receives special study from professor

by Dale McGarrigle

As UMO, the library at one end of the quad, with the gym at the other end. This is symbolic of the traditional separation between athletics and academics at most universities, said William Baker, UMO's sports historian.

Baker, a 42-year-old Rossville, Ga., native, is an associate professor of history specializing in modern British history. But sports history is a strong interest of his. Baker views sports as playing an important role in a university community.

"Sport is for us moderns what religion was for the ancients, and as such, bears serious study as an academic enterprise, not just by historians, but also by sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists, and theologians," Baker said.

A pet project of Baker's is the "History of Sports in the Western World". Since 1979, Baker has been working on this book, which has averaged around 125 students since its inception. In the fall of 1982, Baker plans to break the course down into two sections covering two time periods, with ancient times through the 19th century being covered in the fall, and the 19th century to the present being covered in the spring.

Baker's section of HIS 99 will be offered in the spring of 1982, after a hiatus since the fall of 1979. Baker will be teaching this same course at Duke University of Durham, N.C., in 1984.

The reason for the hiatus since 1979 was the lack of a good textbook, said Baker. "At the moment, there are two texts of American sports history, but none with the scope covering anything but the U.S.," Baker said.

To remedy this problem, Baker has written Sports in the Western World, which is almost finished and is due to be published late this year. The book has been hardcover by Roman & Littlefield, a New York publishing house.

"I wrote the book with two audiences," Baker said. "One is the interested layman...the general public. The other is the college textbook audience...I'm not writing for specialized academic colleagues."

Baker is also editing Sports in Modern America, a compilation of 15 articles written by various scholars on sports in America from 1865 to the present. It is due out late this year from Rivercity Press of St. Louis, Mo. Another post Baker holds is member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Sports History. Baker sees the existence of such a journal as a symbol of the growing interest in sports history. "Sports history used to be viewed as trivial or unimportant. But increasingly history departments are emphasizing sports history," Baker said.

Baker views sports as playing an important role in a university community. "Participatory sports should be encouraged as part of the educational mission." Baker said that at universities where athletics have taken on academic as the major focus of the university, these programs should be recognized as the professional adjuncts to academic in-stitutions that they are. Baker added that UMO's sports programs are set on a middle ground between the total amateurism of a small college and the undesirable professionalism of a major university.

As part of his ongoing concern with the importance of sports history, Baker has organized a symposium entitled "Sport in One Time. The Impact of Athletics on North American Societies" in the fall of 1982. The symposium will have scholarly presentations on sports history, along with speeches by several name speakers. Baker has been able to book Mark Herbst, author of Bang the Drum Slowly, and several other baseball-related novels, and Frank Ryan, former Cleveland Browns quarterback and current athletic director at Yale, and is trying to book Bill Bradley, former New York Knicks forward who is now the junior senator from New York, and Ken Dryden, former Montreal Canadian goalie who is now a lawyer.

Baker has impressive sports credentials to go with his academic ones. While earning his B.A. from Furman, Baker finished fifth in NCAA passing in 1957, the first until breaking his right thumb and was named to the All-Southern Conference team. Baker learned to play soccer and rugby football while studying for his Ph.D. from Cambridge in 1967. Baker, who now lives in Bangor, plays basketball about once a week for exercise. He enjoys soccer, basketball, and football, but, even with a quality team nearby, can't "be too enthusiastic about hockey. It's too foreign for me, being from Georgia," Baker said.
Maine cagers regroup after stunning loss to UNH

by Ernie Clark

If there is such a thing as an imitation roller-coaster, it must resemble the University of Maine basketball team bus.

While the Bears are 6-0 within the primordial confines of "The Pit", life on the road has been one defeat after another. The latest pathetic cameo Monday night when the Black Bears were simply beaten up and down the court by the New Hampshire Wildcats, 71-60, at Durham, N.H.

Were these the same New Hampshire Wildcats who lost to Maine 93-68 in the Pit Dec. 9? Yes, Time is fickle, but how can a team lose to a team it humiliated earlier in the season?

"If New Hampshire gets up on you, they're tough home and away because the UNH coach Gerry Friel has great control over his players and system," answered Maine coach Skip Chappelle.

Monday night's game was a Gerry Friel specialty, as the veteran New Hampshire coach paced up and down the court, exhorting his players to keep the pressure on Maine.

And pressure they did. Except for two occasions, once late in the first half and another midway through the second half when Maine closed within 45-44 of New Hampshire, the Wildcats pressured Maine into unforced turnovers, hurried offensive set-ups, and they even caught Maine napping defensively as UNH guard Robin Dixon got behind the Maine defense on several occasions for easy layups.

But it wasn't a case of Maine taking the 6-13 Wildcats lightly, according to Chappelle. "Our enthusiasm was there," he said. "I think our team leaders did a good job getting us hyped. We're not an emotional team, but what we needed, we had."

The Black Bears shot a respectable 52 percent from the floor Monday (27-53), but Chappelle felt the Maine offense, which has suffered for three consecutive halves (including the second half against Villanova Saturday when Maine scored but 20 points) was just having trouble getting untracked.

"We didn't get the offense going," he said. "We'd get a turnover before we got an offensive situation together."

But New Hampshire has also been stubborn on their homecourt this season. While the Wildcats are 0-9 on the road, they are a very respectable 6-4 at UNH's Lundholm Gym.

"It's (UNH) a tough place to play. It's a different type of atmosphere because the UNH crowd is lacking."

The 1152 fans in Lundholm Gym Monday, which seemingly represents the dwindling fan support for college basketball in the region, did have reasons to cheer. Friel possibly saved his coaching neck with the win over Maine, while UNH freshman Al McClain established a new UNH freshman scoring mark. McClain now has 356 points on the season, good for third place among ECAC-North scorers.

For Maine, which was led by 14 points a piece from Rick Carlisle and Champ Godbolt in the UNH loss, Tobacco Road awaits as the Black Bears must visit North Carolina-Wilmington Saturday. UNC-Wilmington recently defeated UNC-Charlotte, a team that looked impressive while winning the Best Holiday Classic tournament in Portland over Christmas break, to give Maine an indication of the road hazards that await the Black Bear rollercoaster.

The Black Bears will take the scenic route back to the Pine Tree State as they follow their Saturday matchup against UNC-Wilmington with a Monday visit to downtown Trenton, N.J. There the Bears run into Fairleigh-Dickinson, a team which uses the "close-quartered confines" of their home court to its utmost advantage.

Post-season Playoffs loom ahead of Black Bear squad

by Jack Connolly

The UM9 post-season outlook took a step in the wrong direction Monday's 71-60 loss in Durham to the University of New Hampshire. The defeat didn't jeopardize the Bears' seeding third or fourth for the tournament. This selection system has come under much fire.

If the season were to end today, Maine would face Boston University in the Pit in first round action, that provided the two teams are seeded no. 4 and no. 6 such as they are now, in the standings. If Maine finishes fourth or higher, they will play the first round game in the Pit.

Maine is also being considered for a berth in the NIT tournament along with 60-70 other Division I teams nationally.

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