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Students to decide on Union addition

by Mary Ellen Matava
Staff Writer

The decision whether to build an addition to the Memorial Union will be up to the students, and could be presented in the form of a referendum sometime next spring, David Rand, director of the Memorial Union said Wednesday.

The referendum would be in two parts, Rand said. "The first part would ask the student if he or she would support the planning and construction of an addition to the Union, and the second part would ask the student to vote whether to assess a fee to future students of the university when the addition is finished," he said.

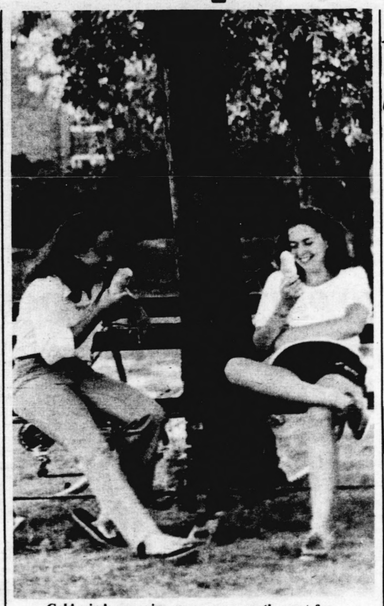
The student representatives to the Memorial Union Council, the group discussing the issue, are concerned about committing future university students to paying a semester fee, and are wondering if it is appropriate to ask both questions on the referendum, Rand said. "The student representatives are asking themselves, 'Am I going to be hanging something on someone's neck that will be hard for them to cope with?" he said.

If the referendum passes, the initial fee for present students would be $1 per semester to pay for the planning stages. The fee for students who would make use of the addition would be about $20 a semester.

Rand said it is not unusual for the students to underwrite the cost of an addition to the Union, and when the present Union was built in 1953, students paid a users fee of $5 a semester. "The only way the addition to the Union will become a reality is if the students pay for it," he said.

Rand said he couldn't talk in specific terms about what the new addition would include, but would need input from as many groups as possible to plan for it.

"The most pressing need right now is a large multi-use facility that could serve as a place for social functions such as dances and banquets. The room would also house a stage so it could be used for performance purposes," he said. "We also need more space for student government and government boards, and other student organizations who would like to have office space."



Cold winds sweeping across campus the past few days are foretellings of the cold winter ahead. Scenes like this become increasingly rare at UMO.

AFUM stays liberal on boycott policy

by Kathy McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Members of the Associated Faculty of the University of Maine decided to hold to their policy of "selective" participation in college and university committees at a meeting.

In addition, AFUM members urged a letter writing campaign, proposed taking actions on Homecoming Weekend, and voted to organize small groups to examine and make reports on idfferent contract issues.

A motion to adopt a policy of selective participation in all meetings but college-faculty committees was rejectied by the 20 members present at the meeting.

Paul Camp, professor of physics stressed the importance of attending faculty meetings. "If we don't go, we'd be telling the administration that this is not one of things we do as part of our jobs," he said.

Camp said it would be beneficial if members did attend faculty meetings because they could se those items which need to be dealt with by administrators. They they could address the issues at the meeting, he said.

Ann Schonberger, assistant professor in developmental mathematics, urged members to "let the people involved decide." "Go to the meeting and see if it runs the way you think it should," she told the group. "If it doesn't, then do something about it right there."

Other members suggested boycotting the first faculty meeting and attending the rest, and boycotting the Arts and Sciences faculty meeting scheduled for next week.

Camp made a motion to organize small groups of people to address different issues and make reports to AFUM. The motion was unanimously accepted by the AFUM members present.

Only one professor suggested a topic to address.

Thomas Duchesneau, professor of economics, said, "We ought to collect information on systematical positions which have not been filled."

A letter writing campaign, directed toward the administration, was supported by many AFUM members at the meeting.

"The power of the pen is mighty," said William Bain, professor of microbiology. "Talk to people,make signs, and write letters."

AFUM members also discussed possible actions to take on Homecoming weekend as part of their protest, although nothing was decided.

Paul Goodfriend, professor of chemistry, said AFUM should demonstrate on Homecming weekend, but not do anything which would embarrass or humiliate anyone. "We should do something, but not something which would produce wounds which would not heal afterwards," he said.

Three members formed a committee to organize a plan of action for Homecoming weekend. The committee will report to AFUM members early next week.

Jewish new year steeped in tradition

by Jo-Ann Parker
Staff Writer

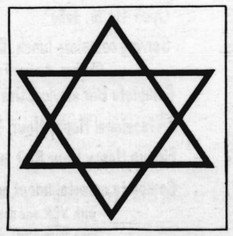
On September 29 the Jewish community observed its New Year- Rosh Hashana, 5742.

"The New Year is a very special time for me," said Joel Bader, president of Hillel, organization of B'nai B'rith. "It is a time set aside to reflect on one's life during the past year; it is a time to see how one can change their life and become closer to G-D (God)."
(It is against the Jewish faith to write the word "God.")

Some students would have liked to have gone home for the New Year which ends on Oct 8 this year, but couldn't, so Hillel provided transportation to Temple Israel in Old Town for services, said Bader.

The Jewish New Year is nothing like the Jan.1 New Year. "The new year is not a joyous, glorious holiday with parades and marching bands. We (the Jewish people) do not celebrate like that," said Sandy Pasternack, executive director of the Jewish Community Center.

As ordained in the Bible, each year there will be a 10-day period set aside for the purpose of self-scrutiny. These 10 days of repentance, which begin with the New Year, Rosh Hashannah, and conclude with the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, constitute a segment of time dedicated to self-evaluation, repentence, and prayer, as stated by Rabbi Norman Geller in the Lewiston Daily Sun (Sept. 26).



"During this time we are trying to cleanse ourselves of the sins we have committed against G-D. This is to insure us of a good year to come," Pasternack said. "We do a lot of soul searching," he added.

There is a feeling among the Jewish people that there are two books- a Book of Life and a Book of Death. Both these books are opened on the new year and are sealed with the fate of each Jewish person on Yom Kippur.

Rabbi Geller summed up the feelings by quoting a segment of the famous "Un'sane Tokef" prayer that is recited during this time. The prayer states "...on the New Year's Day it is written and on the Day of Atonement it is sealed. Who shall live and who shall die, who in the measure of man's day and who before it, who shall perish by fire and who by water, who by sword and who by violence, who by hunger and who by thirst, who by earthquake and who by plague, who by strangling and who by stoning, who shall have peace of mind and who shall go continually wandering."

Nobel laureate talks on anti-matter

by Richard Mulhern
Staff Writer

Nobel Prize winning physicist Dr. Val Fitch spoke on the intricacies of matter and anti-matter to 250 persons in Hauck auditorium Thursday evening.

Fitch related some of the history of particle physics which preceded the 1964 experiments that led to his winning the 1980 Nobel Prize in physics with Dr. James W. Cronin of the University of Chicago.

A 1954 graduate of Columbia University with a doctorate in physics, Fitch is currently the Cyrus Fogg Bracket professor of physics at Princeton University.

"Anti-matter is not just a figment of the imagination of science fiction writers," Fisk said. "It's produced readily in the laboratory, and anti-electrons are even used for medical diagnostics."

Fitch described the principle of time reversal invariance which states that if time were to run backward, reactions among subatomic particles would occur in the opposite direction. The research done by Fitch went against the principle in demonstrating running the clock backward would change the principle in demonstrating running the clock backward would change the nature of a small number of subatomic reactions. He gave an example of what might happen if a time reversal would occur.

"It's interesting to think," Fitch said, "if there were a great big switch with which to suddenly reverse the flow of time. Instantaneously there would be an enormous crunch as the velocity of every particle in the universe, every planet, every running dog would have to reverse its motion."But, he said, after the dust settled, things would continue much as before.

Val Fitch, Nobel laureate in physics, adressed a crowd in Hauck Auditorium on anti-matter Thursday night. (photo by David Burke(

Fitch opened his address with a plea for continued funding of basic science research saying that such research has "no political base, no constituency and so faces tough sledding."

The presentation was sponsored by the departments of history and physics and college of arts and sciences.

Fitch used a comic poem about famous physicist Dr. Edward Teller to ilustrate the annihilationwhich takes place when matter and anti-matter come together. He described the hypothetical meeting of Dr. Teller and his anti-matter counterpart, "Dr. Edward Anti-Teller."In the poem the two shake hands, causing their mutual annhiliation. Fitch said the energy released would be 150,000 times that producd by an atomic bomb such as dropped in World War II.

Study skills program revamped

by Wendy Barrett
Staff Writer

The Learning Resources BROKERAGE, formally called Students Helping Others, has changed from peer counseling to a professional staff consulting students about academic resources.

The main emphasis of the BROKERAGE, located on the second floor of Fogler Library, is helping faculty and students develop and coordinate programs dealing with basic study skills, John Hale, director of the BROKERAGE, said Wednesday.

"A lot of students have been falling through the net because they are hesitant about talking to their professors or advisers. Our major focus is to send them back to their faculty and advisers for consultation," Hale said.

Most faculty support this program, he said. It helps students to understand the faculty and helps the faculty understand students' problems better.

The BROKERAGE has other functions that make it a learning center for students as well.

One function is to distribute study skill sheets in packets to all dorms. Included in this packet are sheets on memorization, listening and relaxation skills, plus time management. Each packet is updated and restocked every week and students are encouraged to take any handouts.

The BROKERAGE also consults and refers students to academic resources on campus. It links students with tutors, help sessions and academic assistance.

"Our philosophy is 'the buck stops here'. When they (the students) leave (the BROKERAGE) we want to have made contact and set up an appointment for them with someone to academically assist them." Hale said.

The BROKERAGE, open from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, moved from 120 Dunn Hall into Wells Commons to increase the visability of the program. It employs two student interns as well as the professional staff.

The learning resources BROKERAGE has revamped its program to better help students with academic problems. (photo by David Burke(

Lowdown

Friday, October 2

3:10 p.m. MIGRATORY FISH RESEARCH INSTITUTE SEMINAR. Dr. William Fox, Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service: "NMFS Research on the Dolphin-Tuna Fishery and the Sea Turtle-Shrimp Fishery Interactions." 102 Murray.

4:30 p.m. SABBATH EVE SERVICES. Sponsored by Hillel. Drummond Chapel.

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Health Club opens, response good

by Gretchen Piston
Staff Writer

The Hilltop Health Club in Oxford Hall is open and ready to help you fight the "battle of the bulge" or to loosen up tense muscles.

The club has been open since Sept. 22 and more than 200 people have signed up for memberships so far.

Membership in the club is $15 per year for all residence hall students, and $20 for off-campus students, faculty members and staff.

People from all over campus have been taking advantage of the club. "I've had people sign up from Chadbourne, Estabrooke, fraternities, York Hall..., the list just goes on," said Nancy Arsenault, resident director of Oxford Hall.

"I hope to see more faculty and staff members make use of the club. Many of them have signed up for our classes though," Arsenault said.

Classes offered by the club began Oct. 1 and include Aerobic Dance and CPR training. "We've had more than 150 people sign up for the classes," Arsenault said.

The club now consists of a weight room and an exercise room, which includes an exercise bicycle, mats and other exercise equipment.

"We have one time set aside for women only, and have had good response. The women like to get a chance to work out without all the guys around," Arsenault said. The time is from 7 to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

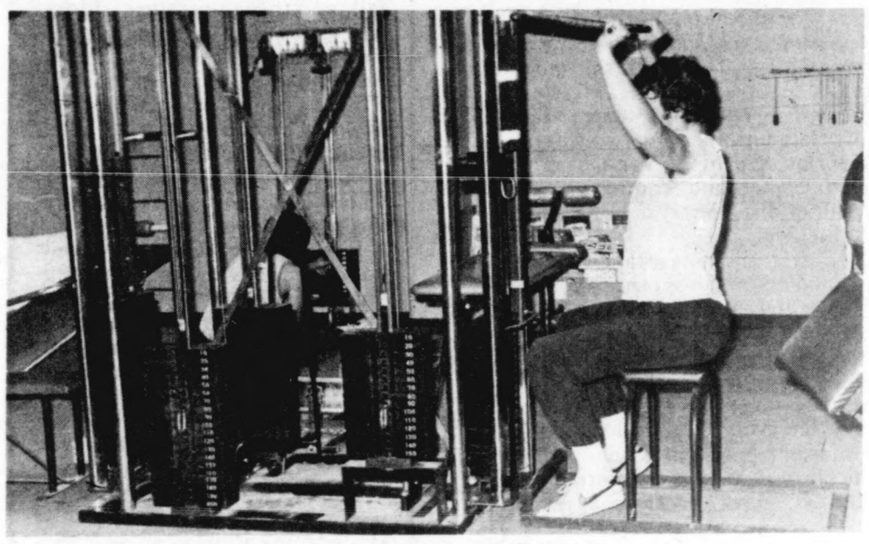
"By the end of the week, we will have a stereo with exercise records for the women to use," Arsenault said.

When the club is completed, it will have; a steam room, sauna room, combination hot-tub and whirlpool which can accommodate 10 people, and separate men's and women's locker and shower facilities.

Work began on the steam room Wednesday, and the club should be completed by early January.

There will be no limit on the number of members in the club, but the number allowed in at one time will be limited for safety and comfort reasons.

"People will just have to remember that if the place is full, they're going to have to wait till someone leaves," Arsenault aid, "Monday nights have been big and people don't like to wait."



The Hilltop Health Club is expanding to meet the growing needs of UMO students. (photo by David Burke)

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Opinion

Demon liquor

Alcohol is "demon liquor" to some persons, to others it is a pleasant, albeit temporary escape, from the pressures of everyday life.

But while it may be construed as a Moral Majority issue, another attempt to cleanse the bodies and minds of Americans, the issue of alcohol abuse is truly not something to have a drink over.

For there are those among us who have passed beyond the state of using liquor as a means of enjoying life at a party, or for just loosening up one's system after a tough day at the office. These people, who come to depend on liquor as a means of maintaining sanity, have a serious problem.

Even tougher than defining the problem is defining the persons who have the problem. Occasionally, a television show will depict a person, usually middle-aged, who has finally seen the light and admitted that he is an alcoholic. Upon reaching this conclusion, he takes that next valiant step and shows up at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, and he and his family wind up living happily ever after.

But while these are the dreams upon which fairy tales are built, it is not so easy for an alcoholic to admit to his disease.

It is in trying to help persons make such a discovery before it is too late that prompted the organization last spring of a nine-member university committee to look in to the problems facing students who may have a problem in the area of alcohol or substance abuse.

English professor Dwight Cathcart, a member of the committee which includes three faculty, three staff members and three students, put the problem into focus in a story in the Oct. 1 *Maine Campus*, saying "Until now the university has done a good job of educating people on substance abuse, but we haven't been able to *counsel* people who have this problem."

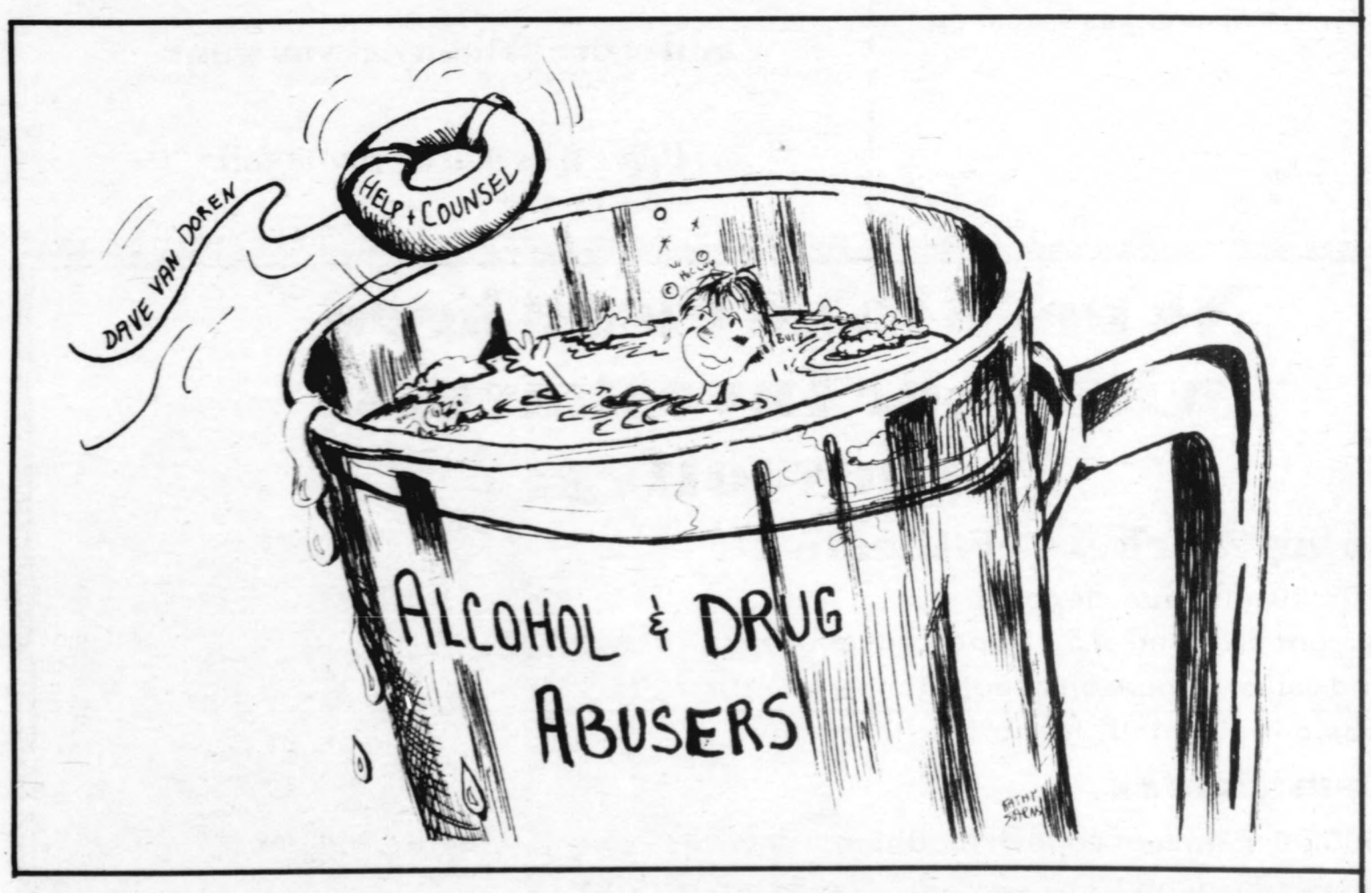
It is in response to this dilemma that a full-time alcohol abuse counselor, Dave Van Doren, has been hired through the committee to provide this much-needed counseling.

Van Doren's job will bring students face to face with their alcohol-related problems in two ways; voluntary visitations by students to Van Doren's office in Cutler Health Center, and required visits by students as the result of disciplinary actions caused by alcohol related incidents.

The program, which is still in its infancy, is one of those "better late than never" propositions. Among a campus of approximately 10,000 students, to speak nothing of those associated with UMO who are not students, it is never too late to provide counseling for what could prove, to some persons, to be a debilitating disease.

This is not to say that everyone that takes a drink should think of himself a potential alcoholic, but the signs of alcoholism are self-evident, and those signs should be heeded. Dave Van Doren is here to help.

E.C.



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PAUL FILLMORE

Pennant Fever

It's that time of year again.

The leaves are beginning to fall, and the temperature is dropping into the thirties at night. Yet, more important then that, the pennant race is on in baseball.

Every night now, we at the *Maine Campus* wait with bated breath for the latest scores to come across the wire, telling us who will make it into the playoffs this year.

Even with such a discombobulated season, the fever is still on. While most people thought they would lose all interest in baseball this year after this summer's prolonged strike, most of us are back at the sports pages every day, checking out how the Red Sox and Tigers did the before.

Luckily, I don't have to sweat it like most of my friends. The Philadephia Phillies made it into the pseudo-playoffs in August this year, although, according to last week's issue of *Sports illustrated*, they would be in fourth place if the season had resumed as normal after the strike.

While this takes away a little of the thrill from the pennant race, I'm confident that the first round of divisional playoffs will bring back a little of that.

At this time last year, I was chewing my nails as the race in the National League East boiled down to one sudden-death contest in Montreal. As any baseball fan knows, the Phillies ended up winning that game and eventually going on to the World Series, after one of the finest playoffs baseball has ever known against the Houston Astros.

Last year's World Series paled in comparison to the Astros playoff, although the thrill of winning the world championship was still there.

Earlier in the fall, I was almost convinced that the Red Sox would be the ones to go all the way this year, not because of their great skill on the field, but because of the asterisk that will be placed next to this year's season in all books of baseball history. The winner of this year's World Series will carry a rather large chip on its shoulder for being the winner of the season that almost wasn't.

Yet still, all the junkies are back in the habit in spite of the strike. The Red Sox fans still have a prayer, if the Sox can win their next three games straight, and Detroit and Milwaukee can manage to lose theirs. In that scenario the Red Sox will come off with a tie for first in the American League East.

While the chances are slim, all the Red Sox fans will still keep a close eye on the sports pages this weekend.

There is nothing wrong with dreaming the impossible dream.

Paul Fillmore is a senior Journalism major who would rather be at UMO than in Philadelphia.

Response

EQUAL TIME

The *Maine Campus* welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be brief and include a name and telephone number.

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.

Commentary lacking in substance

To the Editor:

Dear Mr. Burrall:

Your commentary on a "Homecoming Tradition" is certainly lacking in substance or fact to back up your statements. First, the implication that the contest is not popular (sic). Prove it! If you were really a journalist, you would have done some research before you shot your mouth off. (I do realize you "sell" more papers when you do though, so I'll forgive you this time.) Last year, we had close to 100 girls interested in becoming Homecoming Queen, and you dare say that it is not popular?

Second, your sarcastic implication that you don't get a chance to vote is false. If you were awake and read more than the *Maine Campus*, you would know that the finalists are on a ballot available to any student who wishes to vote on election day. Therefore, Mr. Burrall, you *can* decide who you want for Queen.

Some people take more pride in this university than you obviously do, so they do consider it an honor to be Homecoming Queen.

You are curious to know if it is a "paying" job? Yes it is. It doesn't pay any money, just in the form of pride and priviledge, which you obviously lack!

If you question our selection process Mr. Burrall, please volunteer to run the contest next year.

Put them all out on a stage if you wish. Check to see if their gloves really are white too. Best of all, why don't you run this year. I am sure you aren't a voluptuous beauty, but you obviously have the other qualifications that you suggest, like a "prissy and delicate soul".

Sincerely,

Bruce S. Wildes
Senior Skulls
Homecoming Queen Contest
Chairman

Dedicated football team

To the Editor:

There are times when letters to the editor that appear in the paper are so infuriating, a response is in order. Such was the case on Oct. 1 when K.C. Hughes wrote a letter about the football team.

In it, Ms. (or Mr.) Hughes referred to the team as a bunch of losers and bumblers with a losing tradition.

This entire letter obviously was written by someone who has little knowledge of football, college athletics, desire, dedication, or athletics in general.

First of all, those "bumblers" you refer to are out practicing day and night, in rain or snow to prepare for a football game on Saturday. They play with twisted ankles (as Steve Keating did), broken ankles (as Mike Ibrahim did), and a host of other injuries. For them to go out on a Saturday, usually against a bigger, more powerful team, knowing the odds are against them, but wanting to win for the school, the team and oneself, is called desire and pride. And that team has a hell of a lot of both.

Did you know that Lorenzo Bouier stayed in Orono all summer, studying so he could play ball this year? Did you know that the team went through double sessions to adapt to the new offense? That's called dedication.

Where do you get off comparing them to a high school or a professional team? I'm not even going to get into the differences between them because I could write a thesis on it.

Perhaps the most inane part of your letter is when you compare the amount of Maine talent on the football team as opposed to the baseball team. "And the Maine boys go to the nationals every year," as you so aptly put it. Open your eyes! How many Maine players are there on the outstanding hockey team? There aren't any, and yet the team has been extremely successful in the four years of its existence.

Finally, two other points. What is this crap about "any real team wanting to drive to the boonies to play a bunch of losers?" Wake up! This is Div I AA ball. Did you expect Notre Dame and UCLA up here each Saturday?

Lastly, you wonder how much the university loses on football. I'll tell you it's not a hell of a lot. In fact, the profits, yes profits, made from a Saturday afternoon of football are funneled right back in to the intramural, and varsity level sports.

What this university needs are more people like Coach Rogerson and the staff and the football team who are out there giving it their best shot every time, and being proud of that fact.

Sincerely,

Tony Mangione
33 York Village

The Campus would like to clarify the fact that the Paul Wright who wrote the commentary "Against preferential scheduling" is a student from Dunn Hall.

Thanks for encouraging voter apathy

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the Fair Elections Practice Committee for encouraging voter apathy in the 1981-1982 General Student Senate elections

I am refering to the situation in Wells Commons on Sept. 30, 1981. Wells residents were not able to cast their votes from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., as there was no one there to receive them.

Granted, there were people there from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., but for some the 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. voting session was the only opportunity for them to vote, thus giving the advantage to some potential senators.

I will not sit back and let the senators for Hancock, Dunn, Hart, Oak, Hannibal-Hamlin, and Corbett sworn in on the basis of one 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. voting session.

Sincerely,
Diana G. Douglas
Ex-Hart Hall Senator

john toole commentary

U.S. should aid Ireland

Two items caught my eye in the Wednesday edition of the *Maine Campus*.

On page one was coverage of a speech given in Hauck Auditorium by a law professor from Ireland.

Page eight featured an Associated Press report which may have great impact on Ireland.

Kevin Boyle, from the University of Galway, reportedly told his audience there is no apparent end in sight to the conflict in Northern Ireland.

The AP reported the British Labor Party endorsed a policy aiming for a united Ireland, achieved by negotiations between the British and Irish governments.

I was bothered by both reports.

I am afraid the Labor Party policy statement is political rhetoric from an organization that is desperate to gain control of the government. By now, there should be an end in sight to the "troubles" in Ireland.

Apparently, the only solution to the problem is peace through violence--violence sponsored by the Irish Republican Army and the Ulster Defense League.

Boyle said Americans should not send aid to the IRA. I might disagree with him on that point.

I am not a violent man and I do not find the thought of dead children in the streets of Belfast to be an attractive prospect, but I do believe in the Irish right to independence.

Why has the United States refused to step forward and try to put an end to the injustices in Northern Ireland? This country prides itself on a strong human rights policy, but does nothing for Ireland.

If the U.S. government does not pressure Margaret Thatcher and the British government to find a solution to the Irish problem, then what alternative is there for the Irish?

Guns appear to be the only solution for the Irish.

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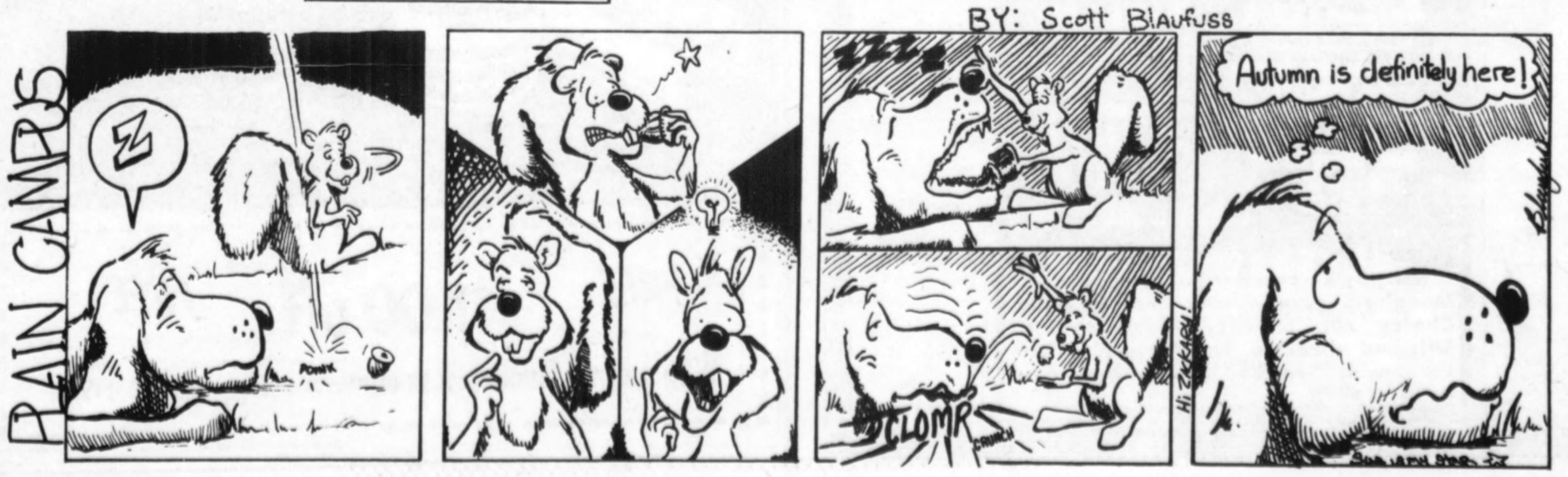
I hate to think the only solution to conflict in Ireland is through the barrel of a gun.

We must hope the Labor Party is sincere and carries through with its policy.

BY: Scott Blaufuss



Engineering faculty praised by dean

by Janet Hunter
Staff Writer

Although engineering faculty members could "leave tomorrow and double their salaries" a dedication to teaching and commitment to students keeps them here, said James Clapp, dean of engineering and science.

He said, "They can go tomorrow and double their salaries out in the industrial field. It's not a question of six months or a year before they'd find a job. I'm not sure students realize this.

"Thank God there are people here who really do like to teach. I don't think we'd have any faculty in this department if that weren't true.

"I have a great deal of respect for these teachers. There can be no reasons for their staying, other than their dedication to teaching and commitment and respect for their students. They (the faculty) also respect each other."

1980 national statistics show average salaries for engineers in academia were $35,000 for a full professor; $26,500 for an associate professor; and $22,500 for an assistant professor, he said.

In the industrial field, however, a student graduating with only his bachelor's can expect to *start* with an average salary of $25,000, he added.

It takes four to five years to earn a doctorate degree. With that doctorate, the individual can start out in academia at $22,500 or in the industrial field at $35,000, according to national averages.

"It is not unusual in the industrial field that an engineer who studies methods to save energy costs in production, discovers a method to save his company 2 percent of their annual costs. But that 2 percent represents a $1 million annual savings to the company.

"It is understandable, then, that engineer is paid $100,000 a year," Clapp said.

Another factor, totally aside from substantially higher salaries that would beckon engineering faculty into the industrial field, is the opportunity to work with state of the art equipment.

"Universities simply do not possess the economic base to provide the sophisticated instrumentation necessary for engineers to continue their personal research. Many professors envy the engineers out in the field who have the opportunity to do so," he said.

Studies indicate that an engineer has to re-learn 50 percent of his knowledge every four years. The only method is through personal research with equipment that is at the current level of sophistication in developing engineering technology, he said.

UMO's engineering department instrumentation is below average, he added.

Engineers at the doctorate level are research engineering scientists and need the equipment to stay abreast of advances in the field. Since UMO doesn't have this type of equipment, it presents additional problems in recruiting faculty with doctorates, he said.

"We're going through some very difficult times in engineering education in the United States. There is an estimated nation-wide shortage of 2,000 engineering faculty."

"Japan, even though it has half the population of the United States, graduates more engineers every year than we do," he said.

Japanese industry shares a very close relationship with its educational sphere. Clapp says he does not necessarily approve of that relationship.

"The Japanese government, its universities and industry are highly integrated," he said. "For instance, industry hires an engineer with a doctorate degree and lends the person to the university, not only to teach, but to recruit.

Even though there is a dwindling supply of engineering faculty the demand for engineering graduates is increasing, he said.

Engineering students composed 7 percent of last year's college graduates. Those 7 percent received 65 percent of the job offers, Clapp said.

This year, UMO received 800 applicants for the school of engineering, but there are only about 230 positions available for those freshmen, he said.

Since 1973, the engineering has lost 67 faculty members and hired only 54 to replace them, while enrollment during the same period was up 60 percent, he said.

Ten years ago, the student-faculty ratio was 10-12 students for each engineering faculty member. Right now, that ratio is about 30 to one, Clapp said.

While this problem is a national phenomenon, UMO's plight in particular is made worse because its faculty salaries are lower still, compared to other schools.

University archaeology team filling historical gap

by Janet Hunter
Staff Writer

UMO anthropologist Robson Bonnichsen, coordinator of an archaeological dig going on just north of Baxter State Park, says the project will benefit UMO students in the long run.

"By virtue of the fact that we are making new discoveries here in an area where so little was known, our research will put UMO anthropology and quaternary studies on the map in the scientific community," he said.

Bonnichsen originated the research five years ago. He chose the Munsungun Lake area because it is rich in chert, a flint-like rock used by prehistoric man to make arrowheads and other weapons and tools.

He said the team if filling in an historical void that existed in the period between 5,000 to 12,000 years ago.

Bonnichsen said most of the previous archaeological work in Maine has been done in the coastal regions. He said this contributed to the void of knowledge of the artifact-rich northern woods area of Munsungun Lake.

Although he has been working in the Munsungun Lake area for the past five years, he said that major exploration has begun only in the last two to three years.

Bonnichsen organized the group that is now working at the dig, which includes:

Ronald Davis, UMO professor of botany and quaternary studies (the geological study of the past two million years), whose goal is to reconstruct the vegetation of the period;

Harold Borns, UMO professor of geological sciences and director of quaternary studies who is studying the shape of the land in the area in relationship to the ice cap that covered Maine 13,000 years ago;

Stephen Norton, UMO professor and chairman of geological sciences, who is analyzing the chemical makeup of the rock in the area in hopes of establishing the date necessary to track Indian trade routes; (weapons and tools made of chert from one area may have been deposited in another area via the Indians' travels);

Victor Konrad, UMO assistant professor of Anthropology and Canadian studies, who is constructing maps of the area based on traces of soil chemicals indicative of a one-time human habitation;

Geologist Stephen Pollick, of the University of Southern Maine, who is making maps of chert formation in the area;

Terry Gibson, of the University of Alberta, whose proton magnetometer (a device used for detecting iron-rich-soil) has already led to the excavation of one hearth site;

David Young, geologist of the University of Alberta, who is studying the modes of production of prehistoric tools;

Also Robert Stuckenath, of the Smithsonian Institute, who is performing carbon 14 testing to validify the findings of the other scientists.

Bonnichsen works closely with each of the members of his team in coordinating their findings.

He said the project is scheduled to continue for at least another year and after that the site could be preserved as part of the National Historic Preservation Program. He said he also had excellent cooperation from the area paper companies.

It is a national register district which means the federal government has officially recognized the research area.

Many scientific papers, students theses, and a book co-authored by several of the specialists will result from the project, he added.

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Referendum to decide fate of PUC

by David Walker
Staff Writer

The last gasp of Maine's 78 year-old Public Utilities Commission (PUC) may be Nov. 3. If a majority of Mainers vote yes to the Maine Energy Commission referendum question, the governor-appointed commission will be replaced by an elected one, while the development of renewable resources and strict conservation will become the energy policy of Maine.

Supported by Mainers in several recent polls two-to-one over the currently appointed PUC, the creation of the Maine Energy Commission (MEC) would cause a shift in power from the governor's office to a separately elected commission with the authority to determine financing of projects with the Energy Development Fund.

Three commissioners would be elected at staggered two-year intervals, each to serve four years. The chairman of the commission would be elected statewide, the other two from each congressional district.

The act also includes the maximum feasible utilization of low head hydro, wind, peat, biomass and tidal resources, cogeneration technologies and imported power. Commission approval would be required before an electric utility buys into an out-of-state nuclear or other plant.

Although the Committee for an Elected Maine Energy Commission (ELECT) has the support of the majority of Maine citizens, The Coalition for Responsible Government, formed in opposition to the proposed elected commission, is growing in strength rapidly.

The coalition is represented by a consulting firm headed by Roger Maller, past commissioner of transportation in Maine. John Melrose, an employee of the consulting firm, spoke recently at the University of Maine at Orono (UMO) stressing the "deterioration of the democratic process, uncertain environmental impacts, major changes of responsibility for energy development and new powers to incur debt," as the coalition's principle arguments against the act. The coalition has earmarked the act as a ticket to build public power generating plants. Melrose cited another passage in the act, the raising of money for the Energy Development Fund through revenue bonds, as indicative of this power.

"To say that it has absolutely nothing to do with the construction of facilities is then to ask the question why did power for bonding end up there in the first place," Melrose said.

Weinman denied the truth of Melrose's statement at a press conference at UMO Thursday. He said the commission will not have the power to undertake public power projects and the only way public power could occur would be through a separate referendum.

Weinman's principle argument in support of the MEC was an economic one. "People are paying too much money for electricity in Maine. Prices for electricity have risen 91 percent since 1978 compared to the national average increase of 21 percent," he said.

The question, which now reads "Shall an act to create the Maine Energy Commission become law?" is not as clear as it should be, ELECT leader Bruce Reeves said. ELECT's attempt to change the wording of the ballot question to include the word "elect" proved futile in court. David Kovenock, Director of the Social Science Institute at UMO, served as an expert witness for ELECT in court. "By Webster's definition it seemed to the secretary of state's wording of the initiative was neither intelligible or concise in the dictionary sense," Kovenock said. He said that a review of all newspaper articles dealing with the issue in the state revealed that the words "Maine Energy Commission" were rarely used. Therefore, he said, virtually no one would understand the significance of the ballot question.

Although the barrage of anti-MEC campaign advertisements won't begin until the last week of the campaign, ELECT sees its task as formidable.

Richard Bowers, vice president for academic affairs, says he came to Maine both for his new position and the geopgraphy. Bowers was formerly president of the University of Montana. (photo by David Burke)

New academic head wants to know campus

by Julie Griffin
Staff Writer

Richard C. Bowers, the new vice president for academic affairs, came to Maine "primarily for the position...but geography had a role to play," in his decision.

"I'm very happy to be in Maine," Bowers said. He has enjoyed living in the less congested regions of the United States and moving to Maine has allowed Bowers to pursue fishing and skiing hobbies.

Bowers came to Maine from the University of Montana, where he was president. Bowers said that in the role of president he was involved in many things off campus and he is more interested in working with faculty and students. "I really enjoy being able to concentrate on those kinds of things now," he said.

During his first month Bowers has spent a lot of time looking at budgets and meeting with deans and administrators.

"I am in the process of formulating goals for this year," he said. One goal is to become well acquainted with the campus, especially in the academic areas.

Bowers has started to accomplish this goal by meeting with faculty and students. He's also looked at various facilities, spoken to people there, attended department meetings and met with various administrators. Bowers said he realizes this will be a long process.

Another of Bowers' objectives is long range curriculum development.

"I see a need, particularly looking into the future, for the University of Maine at Orono to intensify its effort in academic planning," Bowers said. He also sees lack of finances as a serious problem.

"One of my objectives...is to do whatever I can to help solve the problems caused by inadequate budgets in the academic area," he said. Bowers said fund raising is not a role of his office, but he wants to do whatever he can to help.

Bowers is presently involved in learning the differences between this university and others he has worked at. "I've been doing a lot of reading and getting acquainted with things," Bowers said.

Possible Union expansion

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"An important part of the addition would be a space for the commuter population," Rand said. "When the Union was first built, everyone lived in residence halls. Now a good portion of the student body is commuters."

Rand said this space would include a place for commuters to do their laundry, to take a shower or even to take a nap.

Rand believes a larger facility is needed, but said he isn't really pressing the issue at this time. "I'm not hyping it in a big way, but it is our impression that a larger space is needed," he said. "I have been director of the Memorial Union for 11 years, and after my first four months I was asked to write a paper on how a college union could accommodate 10,000 students. At that time there were about 5,000 students attending the university.

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Reagan defends arms sale, economic plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Reagan declared Thursday that his administration will not permit Saudi Arabia to suffer the revolutionary fate of Iran, saying "there is no way we could stand by" and permit a takeover by anyone who would shut off Saudi oil exports.

He made the statement in defending his proposed $8.5 billion sale of arms and AWACS surveillance planes to the Saudi government.

The sale, Reagan said, "poses no threat to Israel, now or in the future," and "significantly improves" the Saudi's capability to defend its oil fields.

Asked if he was worried that AWACS and other U.S. arms could be taken over by an enemy if the Saudi government was to fall in a revolution similar to the one that exiled the shah of Iran in 1979, Reagan said: "I have to say that Saudi Arabia, we will not permit to be an Iran."

The arms sale, and another installment of Reagan's campaign for federal spending cuts, dominated his first White House news conference in more than three months.

It was his fourth news conference as president, the slowest pace of any recent president. He joked about that in opening the session, greeting reporters: "Welcome to my first annual press conference."

It also was the first day of the government's budget year, and Reagan took the occasion to speak out again on his economic program, noting that he had signed legislation to raise the national debt limit past $1 trillion.

Reagan said his economic recovery program will take time but "we will not be swayed" in the quest for spending and tax reductions - and added that he will use vetoes if necessary to enforce his program.

"I will sign no legislation that would 'bust the budget' and violate our commitment to hold down federal spending," Reagan said in an opening statement.

"Our programs won't be instantaneous," he said. "The mistakes of four decades can't be turned around in eight months."

Also in his statement, Reagan defended the Saudi arms deal - in trouble with Congress - and said it "enhances our own strategic interest in the Middle East."

"It poses no threat to Israel, now or in the future," he said. "By contributing to the stability of the area, it improves Israeli security."

Stockman calls for more cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - As unprecedented cuts in federal spending were taking effect Thursday, White House budget director David A. Stockman told Congress that only half the job has been done in the drive to reach a balanced budget in 1984.

"The potential size and seriousness of the emerging budget gaps requires rapid and urgent action," Stockman told the House Budget Committee.

"The current budget outlook - in the absence of further policy actions - is for budget deficits of about $60 billion in each of the years 1982-84," Stockman said.

The budget director used the appearance to pitch for the new spending reductions President Reagan outlined last week to rein in the deficit for the 1982 fiscal year, which began Thursday.

But Democrats on the panel were skeptical about the need for a second round of spending reductions so soon.

"Those of us who do not disagree with your goals, but have disagreed with some of the specifics of your policy are troubled by the fact that before this last round of cuts even goes into effect, we are already faced with another set," said Rep. James R. Jones, D-Okla., the committee chairman.

Stockman reiterated the president's arguement that Congress has not delivered all the cuts the administration asked for earlier this year and that the cost of programs that pay benefits directly to individuals - entitlements - are growing faster than expected.

He noted that much had been accomplished with the multibillion-dollar package of budget cuts Congress enacted earlier this year.

"But over half of the job remains to be done," Stockman said.

All Savers Certificates on sale

NEW YORK (AP)- It was a welcome change for the nation's bankers- people lined up to bring money in, not to take it away, as tax-free All Savers Certificates went on sale Thursday.

A spot check nationwide indicated many banks and thrift institutions were doing a brisk business, particularly in the South.

Buyers of All Savers were attracted by a combination of high interest and freedom from federal taxes.

However, some investors apparently were waiting to see if their interest yield would increase if they waited until Monday. A Treasure Department auction of one-year bills was scheduled for late Thursday. The interest for All Savers certificates sold beginning Monday will be equal to 70 percent of the investment yield at Thursday's auction.

Certificates sold before Monday will carry a 12.61 percent interest rate. Minimum deposits are $500.

Banks and thrift institutions planned to stay open late Friday, and in some cases scheduled weekend hours to give investors the opportunity to invest before rates change.

Solidarity urged to back cuts

GDANSK, POLAND (AP)- Solidarity was urged Thursday to back "radical cuts" in Polish defense spending, take control of the economy to prevent food riots, and to consider three tough challengers to Lech Walesa's leadership.

The proposals came as Poland's Communist regime announced 300-400 percent price hikes for food and fuel, and the army accused the independent union of fanning the flames of counter-revolution.

Bogdan Lis, Solidarity's No. 3 leader, said defense cuts should be part of the union's platform."At the moment there is no posibility of improving the economic situation in the country" without this, he said.

"I will probably be atacked for interfering in Warsaw Pact problems, but we will always oppose armaments both East and West," Lis told delegates to Solidarity's national congress in Gdansk.

Grzegorz Palka, a main contributor to the draft platform, told the delegates if they ignored the problem of food shortages, "people will solve it by themselves, and in four to six weeks the riots will turn the country upside down," just as they did in 1970 and 1976.

States keep offshore oil control

AUGUSTA MAINE (AP)- A House committee Thursday rejected the Reagan administration's plan to reduce the states' role in overseeing offshore oil exploration and production, U.S. Rep. David F. Emery, R-Maine, said.

Emery said this will make sure the states will continue to be involved in the approval of leases for oil exploration in the outer continental shelf.

The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee's 20-to-15 vote Wednesday guarantees the continuation of joint federal-state jurisdiction in offshore energy development.

"When approved by the full House, the disapproval resolution will insure the state input into local offshore resource management."

New approach for treating cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) - A quick-spreading cancer that frequently leads to limb amputation can be treated with a new approach that doubles the survival rate while sparing many arms and legs, government scientists said Thursday.

Researchers at the National Cancer Institute said the greatly improved results against soft tissue sarcoma are due to aggressive therapy combining surgery to remove the tumor with radiation and chemotherapy.

Dr. Steven A. Rosenberg, chief of the institute's surgery branch, said two studies with a total of 107 patients show that the combined therapy "can produce substantial improvement in patient outcome."

In the studies, the disease-free, three-year survival rates rose to 91 percent compared with about 40 percent for patients getting conventional therapy, usually surgery alone.

The three-year results are particularly encouraging, he said, because, historically, 80 percent of those who suffered a reoccurrence did so within the first two years.

Rosenberg told a meeting of institute scientific advisers that the chemotherapy, using high doses of three anti-cancer drugs, was the key to the dramatic results.

This type of cancer, which affects muscle, fat, nerve and connective tissue around bone, spreads from the original site to the lungs, and most deaths are associated with later lung cancer, he said.

"A major finding of the studies is that aggressive use of chemotherapy immediately after surgery can lead to marked improvement in freedom from disease recurrence, and possibly cure these patients," Rosenberg said.

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP)- A car-bomb explosion ripped through the nerve center of the Palestine Liberation Organiztion Thursday, leaving at least 40 dead and 247 wounded, police said. The PLO said no ranking guerrilla was hurt, but another group said a PLO Central Committee member was killed.

No group claimed responsibility, but the rightist Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners has staged similar car-bombings against PLO targets in the past two weeks, leaving 54 dead. The PLO says the group is an Israeli front, and that "Israel and its agents in Lebanon" set off the latest bomb.

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP)- Former first lady Bess Truman continued her recovery today in Research Medical Center from a mild stroke she suffered last weekend.

The 96-year-old widow of President Harry S. Truman was admitted to the hospital Sunday after suffering the stroke the night before.

Graham said Mrs. Truman looked better Wednesday afternoon. He said her vital signs were good and her temperature was back to normal.

AUGUSTA (AP) - It will be another month before low-income Maine families start feeling the pinch of cutbacks in the food-stamp program, Human Services Commissioner Michael Petit said Thursday.

He said 2,000 families will be dropped from food-stamp rolls because of federal budget reductions. Eligibility rule changes will make cuts amounting to $200,000 a month possible.

But Petit added that as many as 15,000 elderly and disabled state residents may get an average of $20 more in food stamps in November because a winter utility allowance becomes effective that month.

WASHINGTON (AP)- The federal government can go more than $1 trillion in debt for the first time, after President Reagan signed legislation raising the borrowing limit from $985 billion.

Under the new limit the government now can go in debt up to $1.079 trillion. A trillion is 1,000 billion, or 1,000,000,000,000.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. (AP)- The trial challenging Arkansas' creation-science law was postponed six weeks, to Dec. 7, at the request of one of the attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Federal District Judge William Overton on Wednesday changed the date at the request of Robert Cearley who said he needed more time to prepare.

The ACLU has challenged the law, Act 590 of 1981, which says public schools that teach evolution also must teach a version of creation that is compatible with the Book of Genesis. Both sides say the judge will not have to rule which theory is true, but whether creation-science is science or religion.

MADRID, SPAIN (AP)- Most of the 6,600 Spanish prisoners who went on a hunger strike Saturday ended their protest Thursday and gave the government 30 days to meet their demands for better prison conditions, officials said.

Prison and Justice Ministry sources termed "reasonable" the inmates' demands, which included penal code reforms, speedy trials and an end to jail overcrowding. Spain's prison population numbers 22,000.

NEW YORK (AP) - Despite growing pessimism toward the economy, the latest Associated Press-NBC News poll says Americans support President Reagan's proposal for $13 billion in additional budget cuts.

The poll, a scientific random sampling of 1,601 adults contacted by telephone Monday and Tuesday, said a majority of those who have heard or read of the president's latest proposed budget cuts approve of them.

Yet a majority also believes that their family finances will not improve in the next year and that the federal budget will not be balanced by 1984.

SALISBURY ZIMBABWE (AP)- The suicide rate in Zimbabwe is soaring among blacks who have been wrenched from the security of tribal communal life, officials said.

The number of blacks who took their own lives increased more than fivefold from 62 in 1979 to 355 last year, figures published by the government Bureau of Statistics showed. All but 68 were men.

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American airmen to man AWACS Haig assures Senate Committee

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Reagan administration, fighting to salvage an imperiled sale of AWACS radar planes to Saudi Arabia, told Congress Thursday a "fundamental understanding" insures that American airmen would be aboard the planes into the 1990s.

But Sen. John Glenn, a crucial Senate opponent to the proposed sale, said Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig's assurances during a private meeting with the Foreign Relations Committee were not new and did not sway him.

"My conditions have not been met yet," said Glenn. The Ohio Democrat added later that unless there are "some accomodations" in the proposal "it's doomed to defeat."

In public testimony following the closed-door session, Haig insisted that "there's been quite a lot of change."

"It's very different from what you heard before now," he said. "There will be an American presence on the AWACS aircraft until 1990 and beyond."

He said many of the assurances he outlined would be in writing before the 1985 scheduled delivery of the planes. "What we have now is a fundamental understanding," he said.

Despite continued resistance from many senators on the panel, Haig said President Reagan is through trying to change the package to please them.

"This issue is so significant, the president is going to do what he thinks is right, win or lose," Haig said.

Maine Liquor Commission rules beer sales must last for 90 days

AUGUSTA MAINE (AP)- The Maine Liquor Commission has told beer distributors they may not run beer sales for only a month. It left standing a rule that special sales must last for at least 90 days.

State Sen. Beverly Bustin, D-Augusta, who proposed the 30-day sale period on behalf of a local distributor, said the consumer lost and beer distributors won through the decision.

Many beer distributors argued for keeping the 90-day period, saying 30-day sales would be hard on small-store owners who wouldn't bother changing their beer prices for such a short period.

The commission ruled that the existing rule has contributed to an orderly marketing system of beer distribution and that there is no compelling reasons to change it.

One distributor said some breweries don't like running sales for 90 days, because retailers set up point-of-purchase displays for only two or three weeks.

Also, some states have laws that beer and wine cannot be priced higher than the lowest price nationally. A 90-day sale would require lower prices in those states.

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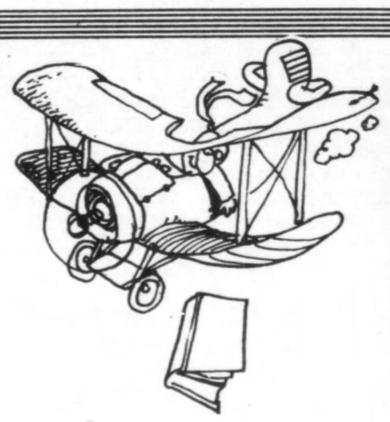
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Sports

Black Bears set for unbeaten Lafayette

by Joe McLaughlin
Staff Writer

First, the good news. Maine has a 5-1 career record against Lafayette and defeated them last year, 24-3. Now the bad news. Lafayette is currently 3-0 and Maine is 0-3-1.

Maine will be trying to stop Lafayette's winning streak when they travel to Easton, Pa., tomorrow to take on the Leopards at Fisher Field. Lafayette's head coach, Bill Russo said his team is psyched up to play the Bears.

"When you've only beaten a team one out of six times, it gives them pretty good incentive," he said. "Maine is a physical team and they have good people. We're going to have to play our best game to beat them"

Russo, coaching his first year at Lafayette, has thus far turned around the Leopards who were 3-7 last season.

"We've put more bite into the offense," Russo said. "We had a good defensive front return and our secondary gelled pretty quickly."

Lafayette defeated Columbia last week 28-13 and Maine lost to Boston University 48-7. Bear coach Ron Rogerson said his team was not emotionally ready for last week's game.

"We didn't play with enthusiasm as a team," he said. "I don't even like the game when it isn't played with enthusiasm."

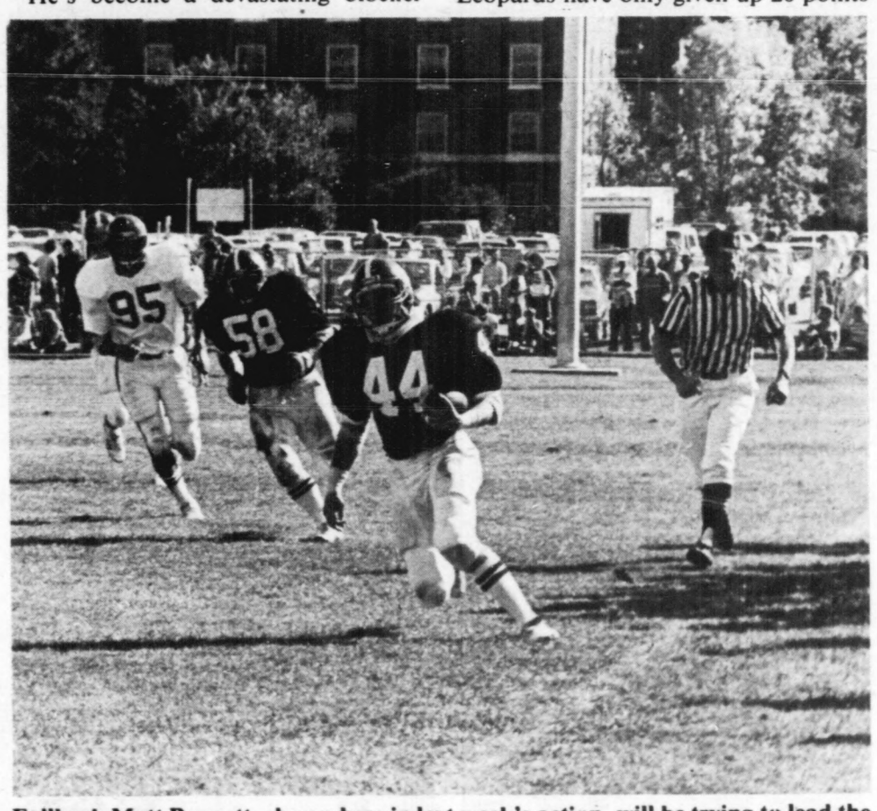
Rogerson said he did not know why his team was not emotionally prepared for last week's game. "If I knew why, I'd be a wealthy phychologist and not struggling football coach," he said.

Maine has had trouble generating an offensive attack and have scored only 27 points in the past three games. Junior tailback, Lorenzo Bouier only gained 19 yards last week with 13 carries and thus far has only gained a total of 243 yards for the 3.0 average.

Bouier has had trouble adjusting to Maine's new Wint-T offense. He ran out of the I-formation in high school and also during his first two years at Maine. He was the 1979 ECAC Rookie of the Year when he rushed for 910 yards and last season he reshed for 1,622 yards and was a Kodak All-American first team selection.

Rogerson will be sticking to the Wing-T and said Bouier recognizes what he is trying to do. "I have the highest admiration for Lorenzo Bouier. Nobody can ask a man to perform better than he has," he said.

"He's become a devastating blocker and has showed he can catch the ball."



Fullback Matt Bennett, shown here in last week's action, will be trying to lead the Black Bears to their first victory tomorrow against Lafayette. (Scott Wallace photo)

Russo said Bouier has adjusted well to the Wing-T and that his team will be keying on him tomorrow. "He's the best running back we'll play against all year," he said. "You have to respect his ability to break the game wide open."

However, Russo said that his team will not be able to concentrate just on Bouier to stop the Maine attack. "Ouellette (Peter) is a super all-parround athlete," he said. "We can't overreact to any one aspect of the Wing-T offense."

The Bears will need a good performance from Bouier and Ouellette tomorrow if they expect to win. The Leopards have only given up 20 points in their first three games and have seven starters returning to their defensive unit.

Lafayette has two fine linebackers in Joe Sklandany and George Wilson. Skladany, who earned A.P. Little All-American honors as a sophomore, had over 100 tackles in three seasons as a Leopard and now has 403 career tackles.

Offensively, the Bears will have to stop junior halfback Rodger Shepko. He has gained 308 yards at a 7.3 clip in the last three games. Lafayette also has a balanced passing atack. Sophmore QB Frank Novak has thrown for 510 yards in three games with a 47 percent completion rate.

Novak's primary targets have been split and Al Cognigni with 11 receptions for 272 yards and flanker Jack Gatehouse who has caught 10 passes for 106 yards.

Russo said Maine was a tough competitor and that his team will have to playt well to defeat the Black Bears. "They're the most physical team we've played so far," he said. "We'll be hoping to get our running and passing attack on track early so we can keep Maine off balance.

Rogerson said his team will be getting back to our basic game plan," he said. "We have everything we need technically to get the job done, but we just haven't executed it."

BLACK BEAR NOTEBOOK: Last Saturday, Lafayette running back Rodger Shepko became only the fifth player in Leopard history to gain over 200 yards in one game. He rushed for 213 against Columbia....Black Bear QB Mike Beauchemin will have to on the mark throwing-wise tomorrow. The Lafayette defense already has 11 interceptins this season and Beauchemin has already thrown seven.

Opposition punters have been keeping the ball away from Pete Ouellette thus far this season. The nations fourth leading punt returner last season has returned just five punts this season for 65 yards....Freshman Jack Leone, in four games is the Bear's leading scorer. He has five extra points and three field goals for 14 points. Pete Ouellette is second with 12 points, scoring one touchdown on the ground and one through the air.

Tennis team edges Bates 4-3, Vermont is next

by Max Cavalli
Staff writer

The women's tennis team raised their season record to 1-2 yesterday by out-playing a very strong Bates College team in Lewiston, 4-3.

In singles competition, the number one, two, and three players; Amy Stanton, Chris Simone and Lesley Phillips were all defeated in two sets.

However, the team showed a lot of poise and came back to win the overall match. "The team has a lot of depth," Coach Eileen Fox said.

At the number four position, Black Bear Eve Berger defeated Kat MacDonald in two straight sets, 6-4, 6-1. Also, at the number five spot, Chris Madden defeated Cogan Tennifer, 6-2, 6-2.

In doubles competition, both the number one and two teams were victorious. The Maine duo of Terry Moore and Jennifer Storey kept their undefeated string going by defeating Pam Bowers and Sue Fairbanks, 6-3, 6-3. They have now won three straight matches. The number two team also came on strong for the Bears as Robin Fuller and Robin Feltcher defeated Meyan Skelky and Sue Smith, 6-3, 6-1.

Fox said she was very pleased with her doubles players. "They have good strokes and they play the net well," she said.

On Saturday, Maine will travel to Vermont to take on a tough UVM squad. "It should be a very tough match," Fox said. "From the number one position all the way through to the number seven spot, if everyone plays well, anything can happen."

Since women's tennis first became a varsity sport at UMO in 1975, they have had five winning seasons. Their only losing season was last year when they were 2-3. In their first year of competition they went undefeated, posting a 5-0 mark.

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As the playoffs near, will the first half winners be ready

Baseball's 1981 postseason tournament gets under way next Tuesday with eight teams entered. That's a few less than the NCAA and NIT invite to their springtime basketball hoedowns but a few more of the founders of America's pastime might have anticipated.

Back in a simpler time, baseball played a 154-game season, producing two champions--one in the National League and the other in the American League. That led to a World Series played in autumnal sunshine on real grass, and concluded in mid-October.

Now, baseball-flation has produced a 162-game season leading usually to four winners--eight this year because of the strike. Most of the Series is played in brisk nightime temperatures, often on artificial surfaces, and this year it will be concluded hopefully by Halloween.

More, it should be noted, is not necessarily better.

There are Divisional Series and then there are League Championship Series and, eventually, if the frost on the pumpkin doesn't interfere, we'll have a World Series. It will all be over by Oct. 28, provided there is not rain, snow or othr weather-related havoc. With cities like Montreal, Detroit, Milwaukee, and New York in the midst of the Series jockeying, almost anything is possible from a metorological standpoint.

The pennant races have lacked their usual zest this September simply because the survivors still have such a long road to travel after the regular season. It used to be that a team winning a pulsating end-of-season pennant race moved directly to the World Series, an immediate payoff for both fans and players.

There is no way to tell what we can expect from the four teams who strolled through the second season, secure with the knowledge that they had already earned their way into the playoffs with their first-half successes.

Oakland, the New York Yankees, Philadelphia and Los Angeles have not played an important game since June--when they didn't even know how really important those games were. The question is whether those four clubs can shake the lethargy created by playing meaningless baseball for almost two months and suddenly turn on the adrenaline, now that something important is on the line.

The suspision here is that you can't turn productive play on and off like a faucet. This game is not that easy and it requires the right mental attitude to succeed. When the competitive juices haven't been stirred for awhile, it's awfully tough to get them flowing again.

Harriers look to continue winning ways

by Ed Crockett
Staff Writer

In Burlington, Vermont this weekend, the University of Maine cross-country teams will be trying to continue their winning ways when they square off against the Catamounts in dual meets.

The women's team, sporting a 4-1 mark, will be the underdog in their meet against a tough and seasoned Vermont squad.

The Catamounts have been polishing off their opponents with relative ease, except for their lone setback against unbeaten Boston University.

"Vermont will be favored but I expect the meet to be a lot closer than last year when an awesome Vermont team defeated us easily," said coach Jim Ballinger.

Lisa Schiavone is UVM's top performer and has been running extremely well thus far. Schiavone will be pushed by four Black Bear harriers over the hills and dales in the 3.2 mile test. Joanne Choiniere will lead the Maine charge followed by Rose Prest, Tammy Perkins and Kim McDonald. These four have been running in a very tight bunch with only 35 seconds between 1-4 in their last meet. The major problem for UMO could be finding a 5th runner that finishes well enough to give Maine the edge. The two key harriers vying for this position are Sue Elias, who has been ridden with a cold, and Jennifer Cunningham.

The toughest challenge Vermont will have to overcome won't be very easy. The Catamounts will be without the services of two of New England's best, Judy St. Hilaire and Leslie Bancroft. Both have graduated.

It was only a year ago when the men's team defeated Vermont in one of their easiest meets of the year. That shouldn't be the case this year because the meet is in Burlington which means all of the UVM team members will be present. A few of Vermont's key runners didn't make the trip to Orono last fall and that enabled the Bears to take a comfortable victory.

"This meet should be awfully close, but we should have slight advantage because we have an extremely tight pack. In the meet against New Brunswick there was only a minute between our first and seventh men," Ballinger said.

Leading the way for Maine, which stands at 4-2, will be Gerry Clapper and Don Ward. Clapper has been coming on in recent weeks and looks to be rounding into top form. Also, Peter Bottomly and Steve Ridley, who is back from a nagging injury, could challenge the leaders.

Maine doesn't have one solid fifth man;they have four. John Fiola, Sheryl Sprague, Chris Howard and Ken Letourneau are all capable of being the all-important number five and have done the job in previous meets.

The Catamounts have a team similar to UMO where there is no real standout, but the total team effort is the key. Their top performers are John Stebbins and Tony Bates. Stebbin finished right behind Clapper last year in the New Englands and Bates was the middle of the pack.

Maine has gained victories over Bowdoin, Southern Maine, Presqui Isle and SMVTI, while losing a pair to Boston College and Connecticut.

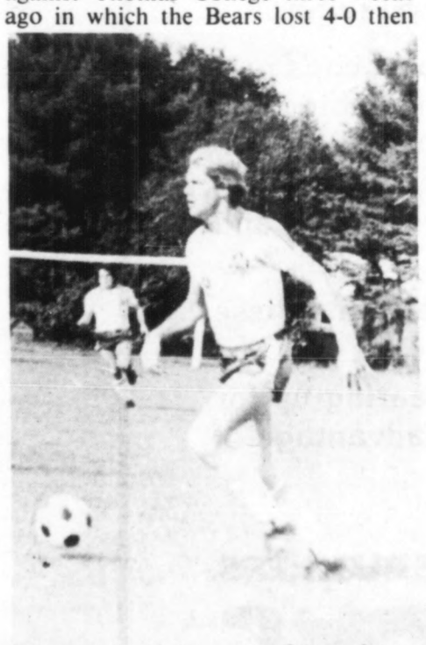
Tenth ranked Bears meet BU

by Nancy Storey
Staff Writer

The UMO soccer team is on the road again this weekend, this time travelling to Massachusetts for a game against Boston University, 2-5 on the season.

The Bears have won two out of their last three attempts and are currently rated 10th in New England Division I.

Coach Doug Biggs is pleased with the way his team has been playing. They came off from a season low game against Thomas College three weeks ago in which the Bears lost 4-0 then beat the University of Massachusetts 2-0 last weekend. Maine, who is now 4-3 on the season, defeated Colby College Wednesday to put them above the .500 mark so far this season.



The Bears will be trying for a victory tomorrow against BU.

"We have to play our game in order to win this weekend," Biggs said. "We have to hold the ball and look for good passes and play the game with concentration. We can't afford any mental lapses. It all comes down to how well we can concentrate."

One factor which could influence the way Maine plays this weekend is the turf that the game will be played on. Maine is used to a grass field and BU has artificial turf. The ball bounces differently on artificial turf and it is generally harder on the players physically. "We have to be consistent with our execution on the turf," Biggs said, "and the guys have to pull the trigger more. We've been getting the ball down the field very well. Now we just have to put it in the net."

BU has been having some problems of its own this year. They graduated three of their top four scorers last spring and have been inconsistent in their scoring so far this year. Coach Hank Steinbrecher calls this year a "stabilizing year" and is starting five freshmen.

One star recruit who is helping BU, however, is Che Che Vidal, an Olympic player from Venezuala. Vidal is starting at center back for the Terriers. Greg Davis, a late-admitted student from Liverpool, England, is also starting as a freshman, at the striker position.

Biggs said the game should be an interesting one. He noted that, although BU beat Maine 3-1 last year, the game was really a lot closer than the score indicated. "We had a lot of excellent chances to score but we just couldn't put it away," Biggs said. The game was tied until about the last five minutes of the game and then we just had a communications breakdown and they scored on us. Then they came back in the last minute to put the final goal in."

Biggs noted that the Terriers are down now and really need a win, but that it should be a very close game. Maine is playing much better now than they were at the beginning of the season and Biggs hopes they will continue to play with consistency this weekend.

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Field hockey team visits Colby in key in-state game

by Joe McLaughlin
Staff writer

Some things never change. Take the UMO field Hockey team for instance. They just keep wining and winning and winning...and it doesn't look like things are going to be any different this season.

Ever since the sport first began at UMO in 1975, the team has had five winning season. Last year they won the state championship and this year, with a 3-1 mark, they are on their way to another title

The Bears travel to Waterville tomorrow to play the team they defeated for the championship last year, Colby College. Maine has defeated Southern Maine, Farmington and Presque Isle thus far this year and all victories have been by sut-outs. Their single loss was against the University of Massachussetts, 4-0.

Colby also only has one loss to it's credit. It was against Farmington 3-2, but Maine coach Deb Davis said that game was not a real indiciation of the kind of team Colby really is.

"They were our strongest instate competition last year," Davis said. "They were a state power."

The UMO field hockey team will try to continue their winning ways tomorrow against Colby. Maine is currently 3-1 and is aiming for another state championship.

Colby was 11-1 last season, but six key members have lost through the graduation route along with the team's top goalie. Davis said a top forward for Colby is injured so the team is going through somewhat of a building process.

Maine, however, has been playing very good field hockey and the future games just keep looking brighter and brighter.

"We're playing well enough to win," Davis said. "Our offense against Presque Isle was super."

The key to the Bears success has been their depth. They rotate two players at the goalie position with senior Dot Johnston and junior Cheryle Kimball both seeing plenty of action.

Offensively, Ann England and Gina Ferazzi have been playing well at the left wing spots with Denise Bolduc holding down the right wing position. Sophmore Betsy Hardy and senior Janet Hodgkins have been doing a fine job at the forwards spots and have been doing the bulk of the scoring for the Bears.

After tomorrow's game the Bears will travel to Vermont on Monday for their sixth game of the season. They will then return home on Oct. 7 to take on Bates College.

Golfers do well in New England

Led by Tom Towle, the University of Maine golf team finished 14th in the New England Intercollegiate Fall Golf Championship played Monday and Tuesday at Williamstown, Mass.

Towle's two day score of 160 tied for 16th place in individual scoring as Maine's 672 team total was good for 14th place in the 40-team event. Bryant College of Smithfield, R.I., won the championship with a 627 total, and Bryant's Jim Hallett was medalist with a 3-under-par score of 140.

The Maine team was led by Towle, Steve Bullard (168), Keith Patterson (172), Curt Anderson (177), and Tim Alley (179) in the two-day event over two courses, Taconic and Waubeeka Springs. Assistant coach Joey Joseph said the team played very well as the courses were made much more difficulty by strong winds gusting up to 45 mph, persistent rain, and temperatures in the 40s.

Maine's 14th place finish in the last event of the fall season gave the Black Bears a record of 38-17-1 in tournament and match play. The season was highlighted by a third place finish in the Bowdoin Invitational and a fourth place finish in the New Hampshire Invitational, where Towle's score of 73 won co-medalish honors with Mike Dukette of Vermont.

Joseph said the Maine golf team has a lot of talent and with some experience could become one of the best in New England. Towle, a senior and team captain, was the only returning player from last year's team, which finished fourth in the New Englands. Other players gaining medalist honors this season were Bullard with a 2-under-par 70 against Husson and Southern Maine, and Patterson with a 1-under-par 71 in a second dual match with Husson. Anderson and Alley also played well for the Maine team.

With the experience of a successful fall season behind them, the Maine golf team hopes to field one of the finest teams in New England next year.

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