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\$ 9million

UMO may get financial boost

by Ron Gabriel
Staff Writer

A \$16.5 million capital facilities plan for the construction and renovation of buildings on University of Maine campuses awaits the governor's approval before it is presented to the legislature at the end of January.

John Coupe, vice president for finance and administration, said the UMaine Board of Trustees Dec. 12 approved the plan and submitted it to Gov. Joseph Brennan as part of a budget request. About \$9 million would be used for construction at UMO.

Vice Chancellor for Administration William Sullivan said Brennan will make a proposal to the legislature later this month.

"We made a presentation to him and he was sympathetic. We are now waiting to see what he will do with this proposal," Sullivan said.

Coupe said the legislature's chances of passing the construction plan depends on "executive support" for the proposal.

"If it has the governor's support, we're in a better position with the legislature than if we are carrying it forward without his support," Coupe said.

He said the legislature can act on the plan three ways.

"If all things are acted upon favorably and the legislature decides to go the bonding route, then it is likely that the statewide referendum would be required this November," Coupe said. The legislature could also "turn this thing down cold, or appropriate funds for construction directly through a surplus of state money."

Coupe said that although the construction plan is being presented as a request for bonding, if there is a funding surplus the legislature "may vote to directly fund the costs of construction through the surplus."

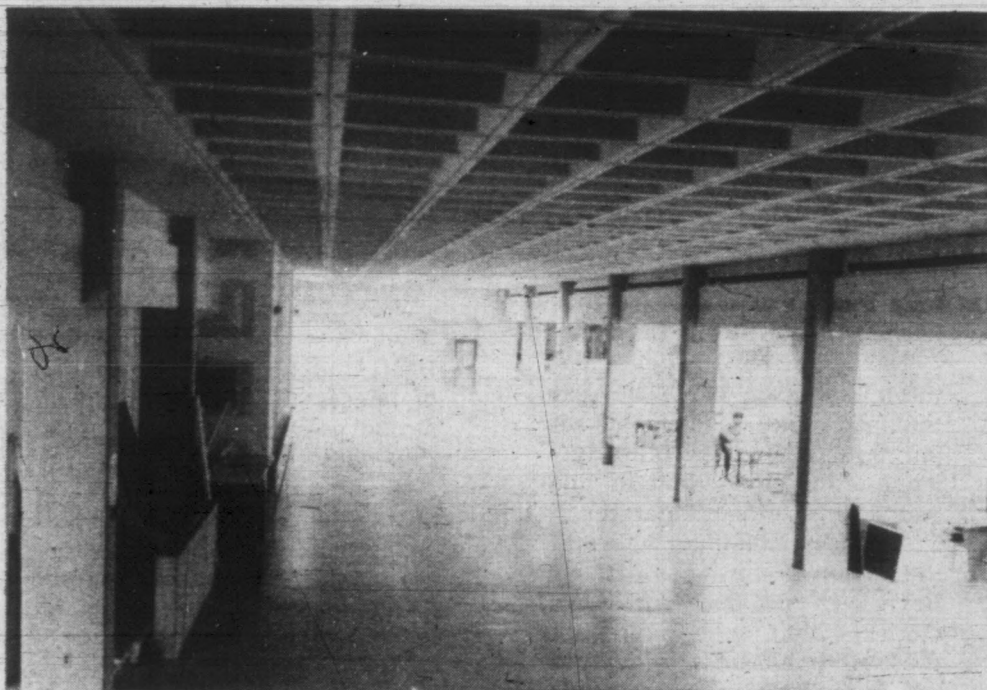
Because the legislature may decide not to make the plan a bond issue, "legislators could make the package smaller or they could put it together in any way they want. They can cut the

dollar amount to a figure they want, I'm pretty sure that can happen," Coupe said.

UMO's share from the plan includes \$500,000 to \$1 million for renovations to Aubert Hall. Robert Dunlap, chairman of the chemistry department, said sections of the roof over the northwest wing and the undergraduate instrument lab leak and require renovations.

it is unsafe," Dunlap said. "From time to time I go in and smell some organic chemicals indicating their presence in higher concentrations than desirable. You shouldn't be able to smell them."

The chemistry department has tried to eliminate chemicals that are toxic, he said. "Some things we just don't do because we know better than to do them with the ventilation we have."



The third floor of UMO's Fogler Library might be completed, at a cost of \$450,000, if a \$16.5 million capital facilities plan is passed by the Maine Legislature. (Hawkins photo)

"I've written a letter to the director of physical plants (in charge of maintenance) every year, and the roof still leaks," Dunlap said.

He said the ventilation in the third floor organic lab, and a graduate lab on second floor is "grossly inadequate."

Dunlap said some labs are offered at night because day labs, with a capacity of 30 students, are only able to accommodate 18 students due to the inadequate ventilation.

"Putting in two teaching assistants with 30 students might be better than offering labs at night, but we can't because of the ventilation," he said.

Some chemicals are dangerous to smell, but "it would be difficult to say

Electronic linkage plan put on hold

by Ron Gabriel
Staff Writer

An electronic linkage system connecting Fogler Library to other University of Maine libraries was postponed for later consideration, said the vice chancellor for administration.

William Sullivan said the UMaine Board of Trustees asked that the plan for library automation and computerization of the catalog system be presented to them after the university librarians complete a cost study.

Elaine Albright, director of libraries, said librarians from each UMaine campus will attend an automation conference Feb. 16 and Feb. 17 at UMO where four library automation vendors will make presentations. The librarians then submit a plan and cost estimate to the chancellor's office by the end of March.

The capital facilities plan, a \$16.5 million construction and renovation request for the UMaine system, is to be presented to the Maine Legislature in late January as part of a November referendum.

The BOT decided not to include library automation in the high priority part of the facilities plan because "it came down to a priority ruling and I don't think the automation plan was ready," Sullivan said. "Automation is part of 'phase II' of the facilities plan."

Albright said library automation would cost about \$1,200,000. "The best thing we can do is to get the plan to the chancellor's office so they can begin to look for a way to get it funded," said Albright.

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Communiqué

Tuesday, Jan. 24

APO Used Bookmart. 1912, Room, Union. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Spanish Language Table.
Yellow Dining Room, Hilltop.
Noon

Feminists Perspectives: A discussion Series. Christina Baker, and Jerome Nadelhaft. "Feminism in the Classroom: Through the Eye of the Storm." North Bangor Lounge. 12:15.

CAPS Seminar. Introduction to the CMS Environment. 227 E/M. 3:30 p.m.

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Fogler Library receives book collection

by Rod Eves
Staff Writer

Fogler Library announced during Christmas break that it will receive a donation of more than 5,000 books from the personal library of the late UMO Professor Robert B. Thomson.

"The books have come at an especially opportune time and will greatly improve the resources of Fogler Library," said Director of Libraries Elaine M. Albright.

"The scope of the collection is very broad. It ranges from constitutional law and naval strategy to literature and sports," she said.

Last year the library bought fewer than 10,000 books, mostly through state appropriations, Albright said.

This makes the Thomson donation, estimated to be more than 5,000 books, a significant addition to the library's collection.

"Many of the books were not previously held by the library. For the most part, these are new books added to the collection that we would not have been able to get otherwise," she said.

According to his widow, Arline Thomson, it was always her husband's desire to give his library to the university. "He wanted to make his books available to the students and faculty of the university," she said.

Eugene Mawhinney, political science professor at UMO and a

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Orono merchants: UMO "unfair competition"

by Cary Olson
Staff Writer

The changing atmosphere of the Bears' Den from a pub-like setting to a night club has angered some Orono merchants. The merchants have been meeting with members of the UMO administration asking them to stop the "unfair competition."

Mike Ambrose, owner of DeGrasse Jewellers-TV and Appliance Sales Inc., said, "I think what everybody is afraid of is the enlarging of the Memorial Union. They've lost their idea of what they're supposed to be."

He said the Bears' Den is a meeting place and a place to receive a good meal. "It's not meant to be like a night club. The bookstore is designed to be a bookstore. It's unfair competition. I don't think they should be selling things in the bookstore that we sell," Ambrose said. He said it's not a place to sell jewelry and albums.

Some UMO administrators disagree with the "unfair competition" charge. The size of the campus community is about 11,000, and Thomas Aceto, vice president for student affairs, said a community this size has to provide services for students.

"Universities of this size try to provide basic needs of students," Aceto said. "It's not our intent to compete with private enterprise. I think we have to be very concerned with area merchants."

"They're claiming that it's an unfair trade practice," said Aceto. "Only the courts can decide that. Maybe that should be tested more. We've been assured that what we're doing is all right. We don't want to get into a squabble with the merchants."

Last semester, an advertisement from Barstan's ran in the *Maine Campus*, advertising the sale of beer at early hours and at an inexpensive price.

Aceto wrote Stan Bagley, owner of Barstan's, telling Bagley he was promoting excessive drinking. Bagley addressed Aceto telling him that the

extension of the Bears' Den hours from 11 p.m. to midnight during the week and midnight to 1 a.m. on weekends has taken business away from Barstan's. Also, the price of beer at the Den and no cover charge makes it impossible for merchants to compete.

"I probably would have never confronted the university with my protest concerning the Bears' Den, had I not received that letter," Bagley said. "I thought that was 'so hypocritical. The university is promoting excessive drinking."

"When I got that letter I hit the ceiling," said Bagley. When I talked with other merchants I found other merchants feeling hostile."

Bagley said the university is

creating "unfair competition" because the prices on campus are undercutting prices of Orono merchants.

Director of Residential Life Ross Moriarty said, "We set prices to make an operation pay for itself."

He said on a very busy night, the Bears' Den can hold about 200 people. Moriarty said there are several hundreds of people that go other places and that the extension of the Den's hours could not take much business away from area merchants.

Daniel Comeau, night manager at Discount Beverages Inc., said, "It would have to take some business away because people are staying on campus. 'Deliveries have been affected because of the price. We can't compete with the Bears' Den catering

service's offering fraternities."

Aceto said he is working with student government to get student input.

Tony Mangione, president of the student senate, said student government was asked to become involved because Aceto wanted student input.

"What has to be realized is that the university has an obligation to provide as many services to the students that they can," he said.

Merchants cannot expect a student to walk into Orono to buy a toothpaste, said Mangione. The next president and vice president of student government will have to inventory the bookstore to help determine what will be sold, he said.

UMO students served by father and son

by Rick Lawes
Staff Writer

The son of UMO vice president is part-owner of Discount Beverages Inc., in Orono, a primary source for beer and wine for the UMO community.

Steve Coupe, 22, son of Vice President for Finance and Administration John D. Coupe, owns one-third of the business located in downtown Orono.

The principal owner, Kristoffer Antonsen of Orono, said that he and Coupe became partners "a couple of years ago" when the two bought out Antonsen's previous partner.

Antonsen couldn't determine the amount of business Discount Beverages Inc. does with UMO students, but said it probably does more business with students than other liquor stores because of the low markup for profit on Discount Beverages Inc. prices. We've been trying to get a reputation on campus because we're not really in it for the profit," Antonsen said.

Antonsen said more minors attempt to purchase alcohol at Discount Beverages Inc. than at other business because one-half of the student population is minors. "We turn in more false identifications than anyone else because we do more business with college kids," Antonsen said.

Vice President Coupe said having a son who sells alcohol to UMO students caused no conflict of interest in his dealing with alcohol policy as a member of the President's Cabinet.

Coupe said he doesn't know about new policies or policy changes until they come before the Cabinet. "But that doesn't mean that I would be in on what's coming up the pipe," Coupe said.

Coupe said that he couldn't remember any time when any issue came up that could even be construed as a possible conflict of interest.

"If there's an issue that impinges in one way or another I

would take myself out of it," Coupe said. "Quite frankly, I would vote my own conscience independent of Steve's interest."

Coupe said that his son's small interest in a single business lessens any possible impact he would have on UMO alcohol policy. "In that sense he's a minority involvement," Coupe said. "That even makes the case more obscure."

Under the guidelines for parties established last fall, fraternities holding parties catered by Residential Life must purchase kegs of beer for the party directly from Residential Life. Residential Life purchases kegs directly from the distributor, William Dalton, manager of catering and conferences' services for Residential Life, said they sell the kegs to the fraternities at a markup of \$1. Residential Life purchases kegs for the same prices as businesses such as Discount Beverages Inc. (see DISCOUNT page 6)

Boost

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the expansion of Jenness Hall if the plan passes.

The foundation equipped the Aubert Hall basement in 1957 when two new wings were added, Marshall said.

Renovations to the third floor of the Memorial Union, costing \$750,000, are also included in the plan for UMO.

David Rand, director of the Memorial Union and Hauck Auditorium, said because the building is a memorial, funds to construct it come from donations.

The Union is adequate for a student population of 5,500, he said, UMO now has about 11,000 students, and the "space needs are quite acute."

"When I came here, completion of the Union was second on the (priority) list. Since that time it has lost priority, our needs have increased, but those in charge of the capital expansion list on campus have chosen to improve buildings used for academics first," Rand said.

More than three million people pass through the Union each academic year, he said. "We host about 3,500 to 4,000 regularly scheduled meetings and we are running out of space."

If the plan is approved, the campus community will decide how to use the space, he said.

A \$400,000 project to renovate the gymnastics room in the Memorial Gymnasium to about 8,000 square feet

of offices and team rooms is also part of the plan.

Woody Carville, associate director of physical education and athletics, said the gymnastics room is a "catch-all" room that provides a facility for cheerleading practice, and the wrestling, volleyball, karate, and judo clubs.

The teams "won't get left out, we'll have to change their routine. But we'll find them a place, it might be different, but it will work out," Carville said.

Desks crowded into the coach, ticket, and business offices form a maze while players try to talk privately with their coaches.

Another renovation idea for the gymnastics room calls for converting the high-ceilinged room to two levels, he said. The top level would remain for team practices, and the lower level would contain offices.

Carville said both renovation idea offer an advantage, "but you are also going to step on someone's toes."

Other renovations at UMO under the plan include completion of the third floor of Fogler Library to cost \$450,000, and \$500,000 in renovations to Alumni Hall for administrative office space.

A memo from McCarthy to the BOT stated that \$4 million is proposed for miscellaneous renovations, including

Linkage

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Library automation could be done in stages by purchasing the computer system, then converting the card catalogs to machine-readable files. The terminals can be purchased later for each library and department, Albright said.

Library automation can "bring more materials to the University of Maine that we can't necessarily buy but need access to," Albright said. The librarians are "working to get a proposal to link the libraries by computer so we would be able to share resources."

Albright said automation would enable the UMaine system to share resources through the use of terminals and a quick-delivery service.

increased handicapped access areas, and completion of previously started projects. Also proposed is a \$3 million fund for a "major advance in the availability of academic computing resources at all campuses." Computer coursework in "virtually every discipline" would be increased.

The facilities plan "is a critical element for UMO at this point," Coupe said.

"You could type the author's name into a terminal and it would tell what books we have and if they were checked out," said Albright.

She said the other New England state university libraries already have an automated system or have approval to purchase a system.

The chancellor's office may find an outside source of funds after it receives the automation plan in March, Albright said.

Although library automation was not a priority on the capital facilities plan, "I've been getting encouragement from the chancellor's office to work quickly on a plan so they can begin looking for funds," she said.

The last bond issue for the UMaine system was rejected by voters in Dec. 1977 by less than 1 percent. But if the legislature makes the facilities plan a bond issue, "it has an excellent chance of passing because the university's needs are well known throughout the state," Sullivan said.

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Ruling affects 1300 on death row waiting list

by Richard Carelli
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court, in its latest venture into the legal quagmire of capital punishment, made it easier Monday for states to send convicted murderers to their deaths.

The justices ruled, 7-2, that death sentences may be meted out even when state courts do not try to determine whether others convicted of similar crimes were treated more leniently.

In the opinion, Justice Byron R. White wrote the Constitution's bar against cruel and unusual punishment require no "comparative proportionality review" that a lower court demanded for every death penalty case.

The decision reinstated death sentence of California murderer Robert Alton Harris for the 1978

slayings of two teen-agers in San Diego.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had thrown it out, saying a proportionality review was needed to ensure Harris was not being punished arbitrarily. The Supreme Court reversed that ruling.

It may be months before the ultimate effect of Monday's decision on the nearly 1,300 men and women on death rows nationwide is assessed.

But aside from reinstating Harris' execution, the ruling could have immediate effect in Texas, where some 170 people are on death row.

Three months ago White spared the life of condemned murderer James David Autry, who was already strapped to a wheeled cot in the Texas death house awaiting a lethal injection. The last-gasp legal argument raised by Autry's lawyers was

comparative proportionality review, and White said he should be kept alive until the case was decided.

Texas officials said White's order basically blocked all executions. The state now apparently may reschedule his and others' executions.

Justices William J. Brennan and Thurgood Marshall, who are opposed to capital punishment under all circumstances, dissented.

In other matters Monday, the court:

—Struck down a ruling that would have forced Pennsylvania to close down its once-notorious Pennhurst Center for the mentally handicapped. The justices, by a 5-4 vote, ruled that a federal appeals court exceeded its

authority in ruling that state law requires Pennhurst to be phased out and its patients be placed in "community living arrangements."

—Agreed to decide whether the Federal Reserve Board acted legally last year when it approved Bank-America Corp.'s purchase of the Charles Schwab Corp., the nation's largest "discount" securities brokerage.

—Left intact a ruling that stripped 73-year-old Conrad Schellong of Chicago of his U.S. citizenship because he never told immigration officials about his service as a Nazi concentration camp guard before World War II.

"Experts" know more and more about less and less

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—An expert is "someone who doesn't know more than more people but has it better organized and runs a slide show," said the weekly journal of Denmark's civil engineers.

The definition was chosen by the editors of *Ingenioeren*, a professional journal which supplies proof that engineers do have a sense of humor. The definition was the winning selection in a contest suggested by readers of the journal. The winner of the contest was awarded a bottle of whiskey.

The latest edition of the journal awarded these entries honorable mention:

—An expert is a person who, thanks to his expertise, avoids errors in detail as he soars triumphantly toward his monumental mistake.

—An expert knows more and more about less and less until he eventually knows everything about nothing.

—An expert uses a scientific basis to provide the best explanation of a flagrant failure.

A reader with experience in a developing country offered this definition, allegedly coined by locals working on an aid project:

—An expert is a man who made so many mistakes at home that he was expedited to the remotest possible place.

Indictments made against alleged cocaine smugglers

ATLANTA (AP)—Thirty people have been indicted for allegedly smuggling five tons of cocaine worth \$3.8 billion into the country in what a prosecutor called "the largest cocaine trafficking ring in the nation's history," federal authorities revealed Monday.

The indictment, returned Thursday by a federal grand jury and unsealed Monday, said the cocaine was smuggled from Colombia into Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Pennsylvania between June 1982 and September 1983.

Associate U.S. Attorney General D. Lowell Jensen called it "the largest cocaine trafficking ring in the nation's history," and said the five tons of cocaine would be valued at \$3.8 billion. Of that amount, authorities have seized 2,700 pounds valued at \$940 million, he said at a news conference.

The indictment identified Harold Joseph Rosenthal, 53, of Atlanta as the ringleader. Rosenthal was captured in Colombia and deported to the United States late in 1983 and currently is being held in federal prison in Atlanta, officials said.

The 30 defendants are from Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Michigan, Pennsylvania, the Bahamas and Colombia. All were charged with racketeering conspiracy, and all but two were charged with racketeering. Six were charged with conducting a continuing criminal enterprise.

Of the 30 defendants named in the Atlanta indictment, 18 have been arrested or were in custody before the indictment was returned, Jensen said. The others are being sought.

Jensen said three related indictments were returned in Miami, Little Rock and Los Angeles against 23 other people.

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Press freedom

The exclusion of the press during the first few days of the Grenada rescue mission has become a rallying cry for freedom of the press, a sort of journalistic Alamo.

And yet, journalists are basing their protests on an imaginary "right to know" that has somehow become synonymous with a free press.

What these journalists seem to have forgotten is that their freedom is not based on the "people's right to know." It is based on the First Amendment to the Constitution which reads in part, "Congress shall make no law...abridging freedom of the press...." That, and only that, is the basis of press freedom in this country.

First, let us examine what a right is. In her book "The Virtue of Selfishness," Ayn Rand describes rights as "moral principles which define and protect a man's freedom of action, but impose no obligations on other men." Quite clearly, this mythical "right to know," created by journalists, imposes obligations on themselves.

John C. Merrill writes in his book "The Imperative of Freedom: a philosophy of journalistic autonomy," "And 'the people' themselves—what of them? Do they feel that their 'right' is being taken from them or subverted?...How much real pressure is being applied to government or the press, for that matter, by citizens insisting on their 'right to know'? The answer: very little. And the reason is that the people really think that the only right they have is the 'right to want to know or try to know.'"

Public opinion polls showed that Americans generally supported the exclusion of the press from Grenada and a large number of the American people do not trust the press.

So why has the press created this myth? They have created it to, as Merrill writes, "dissipate some criticism from intellectuals that the press has only selfish motivations in its continual quest for freedom."

There is a dangerous paradox underlying this myth in that the very cry some journalists are using to uphold freedom of the press carries with it severe limitations on that freedom.

By claiming that their constitutional freedom derives from an imaginary "right to know," journalists are applying a precondition to their freedom. They are saying that their freedom depends on the utilitarian notion of the public good. They are setting "the people" up as censors. They are creating a situation where the day-to-day decisions of editors and publishers will be made not by the free choice of the conscience but by the abstract notion of the public good. This is a severe limit to press freedom, and were it imposed from the outside by the government or "the people," the press would be up in arms.

Another reason this "right" cannot and should not exist, is its collective nature. As Rand wrote in "The Virtue of Selfishness," "Since only an individual man can possess rights, the expression 'individual rights' is a redundancy (which one has to use for clarification in today's intellectual chaos). But the expression 'collective rights' is a contradiction in terms."

"Any group or 'collective,' large or small, is only a number of individuals. A group can have no rights other than the rights of its individual members."

Freedom of the press exists; it is provided for in our constitution. The "right to know" does not. When defending freedom of the press, journalists should do it for the sake of their individual freedom to make editorial decisions, not in the name of a mythical "collective right to know."

Stephen R. Macklin



Overextended

DON LINSCOTT

Following the crowd

After weeks of wondering what I will do with my life, the answer has finally arrived. After weeks of tossing and turning, yawning and sighing and wandering through life without any major goals, I've finally got something to strive for.

I've finally reached a decision. I've decided that I'm going to try for the Democratic presidential nomination for 1984.

I made up my mind last night while I was lying in bed trying to get to sleep. You know how that is; you think about most everything before you finally drop off to sleep.

My mind explored various options for my future at a steady pace. I wasn't concentrating until the idea of being a candidate for the presidential nomination came to mind.

It seemed like a perfect answer for me, and besides, everybody else was doing it! I'm weak, I've always been one to follow the crowd.

So, as of now, consider me a candidate for the Democratic nomination.

I can make it. Just give me a shot at one of those mass debates. I'm not sure I favor mass debating on public television but if Fritz can do it, I suppose I can handle it. I hear some people say it causes blindness but that's a risk all politicians must take.

I know I have some obstacles to overcome in my climb to the top of the democratic heap, but I'm confident that I can do it. So what if I'm Republican. No problem.

If they find out how old I am, I'll just cover it up or ignore it somehow. It'll be just as easy as trying to ignore a congressional voting record. I can do it.

Yes, one day soon my name will be as popular as Cranston or Askew, and maybe even as well-known as Bush one day. I have a dream...

I can hear my critics now saying that I'm splitting the democratic party and stealing votes from the frontrunner. That just isn't the case and I feel I am justified in declaring my candidacy. I hope to bring more voters to the polls. I would never do anything to damage the Democratic Party. As a Republican I do have my dignity.

I know I'm overextended as it is without running for office, but I have to do it. American Democrats need a larger group to choose from. I hear the L.A. Raiders might enter the race as well. That will help even more.

I have the right stuff. Hart, Askew, Cranston, McGovern, stand aside...I can yell as loud as the best of you. Mr. Mondale, it looks like it'll be you and me in the end.

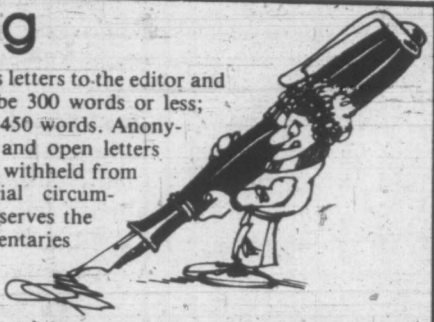
But no matter who wins, Fritz, I want to let you know that Mr. Reagan will humiliate us nationwide in November. Keep your chin up, old boy, and may the best man win.

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Response

when writing

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Sick of mealtime hassles

To the editor,

We've about reached our end. We've been pushed to the point that we can't sit by without acting.

We pay room and board here at UMO and expect to get our money's worth. The big problem is the board.

We're sick of the way things are run at Wells Commons cafeteria. It is usually a major inconvenience just to dine there. Glasses are often not where they're supposed to be, something is always out of order, the milk dispenser is often empty, and breakfast cereal boxes are usually empty until you ask a worker to put some more out.

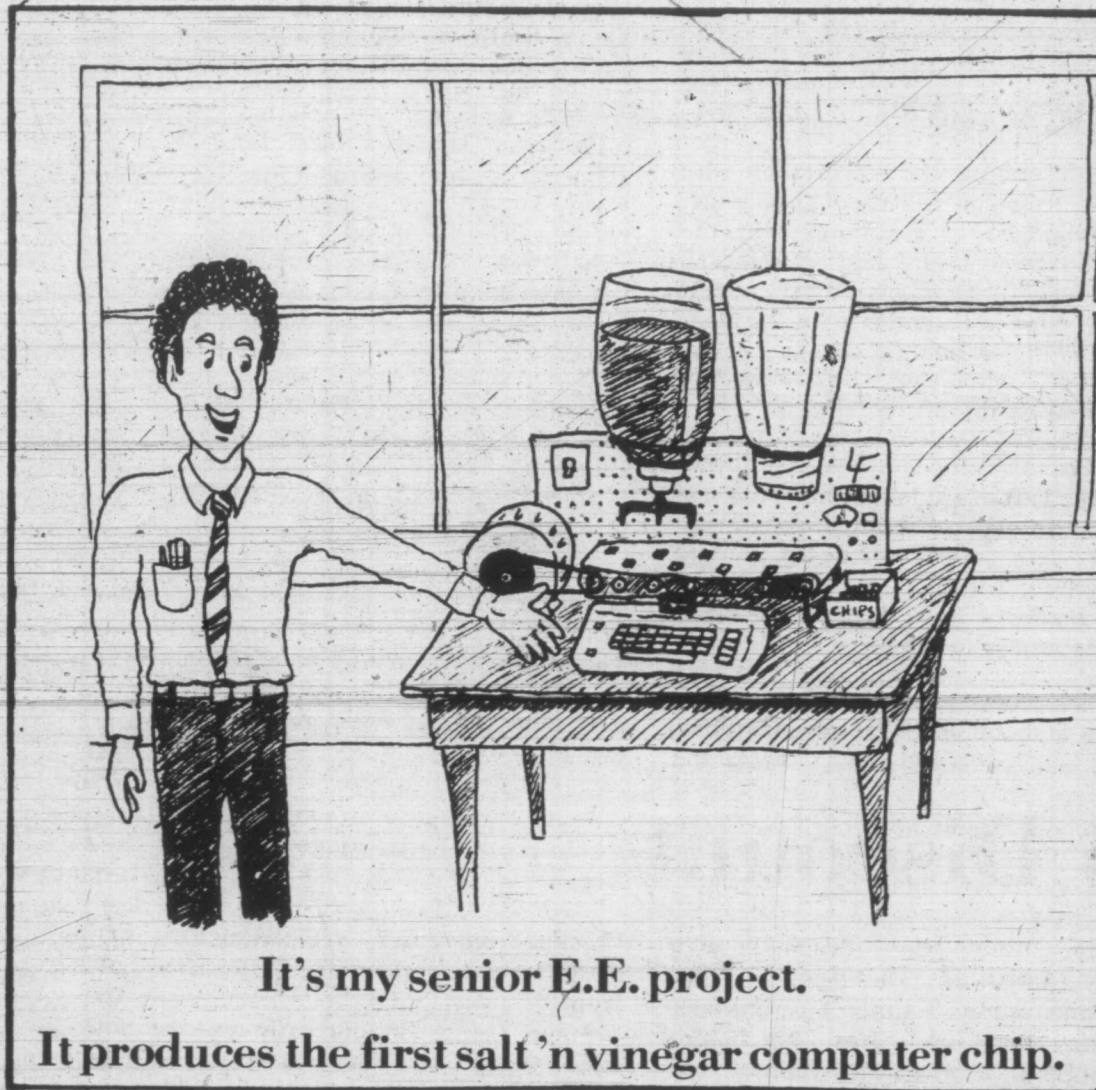
We really don't believe it is too much for us to ask that we have comfortable meal times that aren't filled with frustrations. Students have enough frustrations in day to day classes without having to endure frustrating mealtimes.

We realize that most of our complaints are about little things but when they are added together they can get most anybody ticked-off!

We don't think we're getting very good service and that wouldn't be so upsetting if there weren't at least three cafeteria workers standing around watching us eat all the time when there is clearly more than enough for them to do!

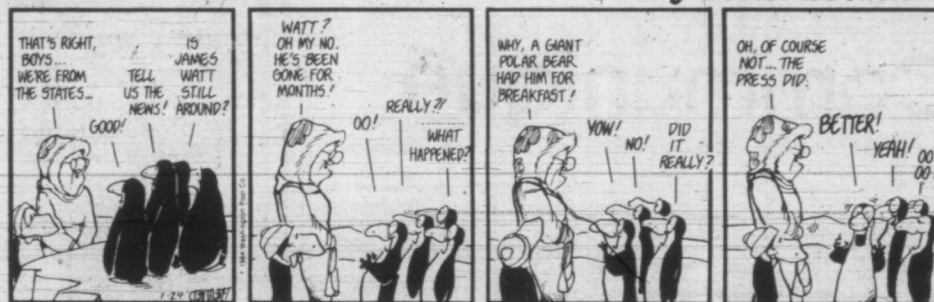
Shape up Wells Commons. A lot of us are sick of it!

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Commentary

Barb St. Pierre

To ski or not to ski...

Since my first winter here at UMO, I have wondered why everyone makes such a big commotion about cross-country skiing. Being one of the many who has fallen prey to the charms and excitement of downhill skiing, I found it difficult to understand the attraction of what looked to me like a glorified, and expensive form of jogging. On cold winter afternoons, while sipping hot chocolate and soaking up "The Guiding Light," I'd see from my window the usual procession of cross-country enthusiasts heading toward the bike trail, their ears and noses bright red from the cold. Their sport held about as much interest for me as a lecture on the mating habits of the Australian wombat. I much preferred to dream about my next trip to Sugarloaf.

Well all that's changed now. My parents, who entertain a nagging fear of my "not fitting in" because I'm an out-of-stater, gave me a pair of cross-country skis for Christmas. I have to admit that I was somewhat disappointed; I had hoped for a pair of downhill skis. But they pointed out that cross-country skis are more convenient, less expensive to use, and, as I must have mentioned once in a letter home, "...everyone up here cross-country skis." So I decided to give it "the old college try."

My first problem was finding someone who could teach me the proper techniques. After a

careful search I found someone who I thought could help. With my virgin skis tucked under my arm, we headed toward the football field. Following a ten minute battle with my bindings (they had other plans for the afternoon), I was finally ready to begin.

"Okay. What do I do next?", I asked my "guide."

"Just put one foot in front of the other," he called as he headed toward the bike trail. How humiliating! I stood there envying the ease with which he was quickly disappearing.

Left on my own, I decided I had better do something before I froze. So I took one step. Then another. Just like the man said: I was skiing. But it wasn't as exciting as I had heard it described. I walked three quarters of the way around the football field before I realized, from watching other skiers, that I was supposed to be gliding. So I watched and copied their movements. After five or six times around the stadium (I didn't dare try the trails for fear of embarrassing myself in front of other skiers) I really began to get the hang of it. Bravely I decided to branch out and try a more advanced trail. I chose one that started near the football field and looked quite interesting. And for a little ways it was. That was before I came to the gate. This trail simply ended at the gate. I don't know if the person who made it had a key to the gate or hopped the fence, but I didn't have a key and

had no desire to climb in my ski equipment. After a brief struggle, I managed to turn myself around so I was back on the trail in the opposite direction. (Turning around was another lesson my teacher forgot to give.)

Reluctantly I headed back to where I had begun my "lesson." When I arrived, there was no sign of my companion. So I waited. I watched the other returning skiers, admiring their grace and speed. I resolved that I would practice and work toward being as graceful as they were. As it got darker, there were fewer skiers to admire. I was freezing from standing still, but my overworked body refused to ski anymore that day. Still no sign of my partner. Finally I had to head back to the dorm.

I was frozen, and worried. When I arrived, he was parked outside of my room. He figured I had given up and gone inside. Huh! I was out conquering new horizons, blazing new trails, experiencing the excitement of cross-country skiing! (Actually I was walking around the football field like a hamster in a Habitat, but I wasn't going to tell him that.)

I have to admit—I'm hooked on cross-country skiing. Of course it will be difficult to say good-bye to "The Guiding Light" (old habits die hard), but I've found a new, more satisfying pastime. Of course I could always videotape the shows...

Barb St. Pierre is a junior English major from Salem, Mass.

Sports

56-52 loss drops Black Bears to 2-3 in NAC

New look helps Canisius turn back Maine

by Steve Bullard
Guest Writer

When your basketball team has lost 18 of its last 19 road games, something has to be changed.

So when the running and gunning Golden Griffins of Canisius came to UMO's Memorial Gym for a game with the Black Bears, they brought a little surprise with them. They walked. To a 56-52 victory.

"It was a hunch, a gamble," Canisius Coach Nick Marcarchuk said. "We're a running team, but you have to play a little different on the road. Tonight we felt we had to play a slow, deliberate game to win. We thought they wouldn't expect us to play that way."

The Golden Griffins grabbed an early lead in the contest, then settled into a deliberate offense, using nearly all 45 seconds off the shot clock before putting the ball up. When they did shoot, the guard tandem of Ray Hall (23 points, 9-of-13 from the floor) and Robert Turner (14 points, 6-of-11 from the floor) were uncanny from the outside. Canisius shot 59 percent from the floor for the game, 23-of-39, while Maine could manage just 49 percent, 21-of-43.

The win gave Canisius a 10-5 overall record, 3-1 in the North Atlantic Conference, while Maine fell 9-5, 2-3 in the NAC.

"We're a 54 percent shooting team from the perimeter," Maine Coach



UMO's Paul Cook (40) goes up for a shot over Canisius' Ray Hall as UMO's Jeff Topliff (30) and Canisius' Mike Trivisonno look on. Maine lost 56-52. (Ferazzi photo)

Skip Chappelle said. "The ball just wouldn't go in for us. We got down twice by 10 points, but scratched back. We had plenty of chances to win, but we could never get the lead. If we got up on them, I think things would have happened."

Canisius opened a 21-12 lead with 6:52 left in the first quarter on red hot shooting by Hall and Turner (11 and nine first half points, respectively), but climbed back into the game to trail 28-25 at the half.

Maine seemed to have the momentum at the half, but Hall opened the second half by canning a jumper and a bank shot to put Canisius up by seven. With 17:00 left, Maine again appeared to have regained the momentum.

Sturgeon, Maine's high scorer with 21 points, sank a jumper from the left corner and Wheeler followed with a bank shot to cut the lead to 34-31. Jeff Cross knocked away a Hall shot on Canisius' end. Then, after a Maine miss, Kevin Green picked off a Mike Smrek pass and hit Sturgeon for a lay-up, which the 7-0 Smrek flicked off the glass for a goaltending call. Canisius now led 34-33.

The Golden Griffins were badly shaken, but didn't lose their poise. Hall hit a jumper for a 36-33 lead, then after Paul Cook missed on the Maine end, Canisius ran down the clock. With a second left on the shot clock, Turner lofted a desperation 20-footer over Green that swished for a 38-33

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Women swimmers swamp Bates College

by Bob McPhee
Staff Writer

The University of Maine women's swimming team soundly defeated Bates College 107-32 in a dual meet in Lewiston last Saturday.

UMO coach Jeff Wren said the lopsided score did help to serve a purpose.

"Bates is just starting up their program so we recognized the competition wasn't going to be great," he said. "The meet gave them a chance to go against competition and allowed us the opportunity of remaining sharp for future meets."

Bates was without the services of two of its top swimmers, including Racheal Nevitt, sister of UMO junior Amy Nevitt, who won the 1000 yard freestyle in 11:54.15. The winning time was six seconds faster than her previous best.

Also in the 1000 yard, UMO senior Sheila Dembek finished unofficially in 10:54.20, :20 faster than her previous best.

In the 200 yard backstroke, UMO freshman Lynn McPhail won in 2:34.7.

"Lynn was swimming in a new event for her and swam the fastest time for a UMO swimmer since 1979," Wren said.

In the 50 yard backstroke, UMO junior Dawn Fitzgerald won in 32.88, her fastest time ever.

In the 500 yard freestyle, Black Bear junior Suzanne Siegal won in 5:43.19. However, she missed the New England cut by .2.

The win raised the Black Bears record to 5-1 and are off until Saturday when they travel to the University of Vermont.

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lead. Inspired, Tim Harvey scored off a fast break, than Turner scored inside and sank a free throw after a foul by Jeff Wheeler. Another Hall jumper gave Canisius a 12-point lead at 45-33.

The Black Bears appeared dead, then suddenly broke out for nine straight points. Sturgeon opened with a jumper from the top of the key, Wheeler dropped a foul shot and Sturgeon sank another jumper. Green then found Cross inside for a hoop, exciting a vocal crowd of 650 die-hard fans. Two foul shots by Cross made the score 45-42 with 7:30 left.

Each team traded four points, then Mike Trivisonno bobbled the ball away to Sturgeon, who passed to Green for a lay-up bringing Maine within one at 49-48 with 4:15 left. A foul by Hall gave Maine the ball and a chance for the lead, but Wheeler misconnected from the right corner.

Smrek scored off an alley-oop play and Hall sank two foul shots, but a Cook free throw and a Sturgeon basket kept Maine within 53-51. The Golden Griffins then put the game away as Smrek tossed in a right-handed hook over the 6-10, Cross, then Trivisonno stole a Wheeler pass with 30 seconds left, was fouled by Jeff Topliff and hit one of two foul shots. Maine could not recover.

There were two instances where we could have gone ahead, but we never got over the hump," Green

said. "It would have made the difference. We were set to change from an extended to a packed-in zone, but we never got the chance."

Smrek agreed that was the key, saying, "It was very important to us not to let them get ahead. That's happened to us so many times. This time we bent, but we didn't break."

The Black Bears were cold from the outside as Wheeler was held to 12 points and Topliff and Green two apiece. Maine failed to make an outside shot in the entire first half.

"We weren't hitting our outside shooting," Cook said. "So they had that zone packed in pretty tight. Cross destroyed them last year with 37 points, they were really concentrating on him."

Cross was held to seven points and nine rebounds, well below his average of 16.5 and 12.4.

"Their deliberate game surprised us," Cross said. "In the past they were a run and gun team, and that's what we were expecting. I just think they caught us on a bad night. We went in spurts, couldn't sustain anything. I don't see it as anything permanent."

The Black Bears host Boston University Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. The Terriers are the defending NAC champs, but were struggling with a 6-7 record, 1-1 in the NAC, as of Jan. 19.

BRUNSWICK (AP)—Freshman Kevin Mann scored on a breakaway in the third period to give Maine a 6-5 win over Bowdoin College in college hockey Monday night.

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Wrestlers take on New Brunswick tonight

by Bob McPhee
Staff Writer

The University of Maine wrestling team will be back on the mat tonight against the University of New Brunswick in a meet in Canada.

The Black Bears are coming off a disappointing loss to the University of Massachusetts, 27-22 on Jan. 21. The meet was shown on cable television.

UMO defeated UNB 45-3 in a dual meet held at the Memorial Gymnasium in December, however, the meet was wrestled with NCAA rules.

"This meet will be wrestled 'freestyle' so you can void the score of the December meet," said UMO coach Nick Nicolich.

Nicolich is concerned because some of the UMO wrestlers have never wrestled 'freestyle.'

"In 'freestyle' a wrestler can make a slight mistake and wind up on his back which can result in a quick pin," he said. The points scored in 'freestyle' are different and instead of two points for a takedown, only one is awarded.

Also, anytime a wrestler's back is exposed to the mat his opponent is awarded two points.

Nicolich said his team is looking forward to the meet before the state championships at Brunswick on Jan. 28.

"This is a good break for us before we defend our state title," he said.



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