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Cartoon strip altered because of 'poor taste'

by Douglas Watts

Staff Writer

The Bangor Daily News violated its contract with the "Doonesbury" comic strip by deleting a portion of Thursday's strip and rewording it, the strip's distributor said Thursday. At least seven newspapers across the country refused to run

"You have to watch 'Doonesbury.' There's a lot of subliminal stuff in the background."

— Kent Ward,
Bangor Daily News

Thursday's installment of the controversial comic strip by Garry Trudeau. The strip depicted a group of college students crowded into a Florida hotel room during spring break.

A Florida paper, *The St. Petersburg Times*, deleted the last two sentences of the comic's final frame because, according to managing editor Mike Foley, "it was dirty."

Les Salem, editorial director of United Press Syndicate, which distributes "Doonesbury," said the Bangor paper had no right to alter the comic strip.

"We do not take lightly changing the content of the

strip," Salem said. "This violates the contract and the copyright agreement with the artist."

Kent Ward, associate managing editor of the *Bangor Daily News*, said the decision to change the strip was made "about two weeks ago" by managing editor Paul Reynolds after it was brought to his attention by the publisher, Richard J. Warren. Ward said Reynolds was on vacation.

Ward said he wasn't aware that altering the strip violated the contract. "We didn't give it too much thought," he said.

"We know what offends our readers and the last box (of the strip) was in poor taste," Ward said this was the first time a comic strip has actually been altered. "You have to watch 'Doonesbury.' There's a lot of subliminal stuff in the background."

Salem said many papers have refused to run certain episodes of the strip in the past and that is perfectly legitimate. "There are different editorial standards in Maine than in California and we respect that. We fully respect their rights to publish or not to publish," Salem said.

"This undercuts the editor's position. If he alters the strip he's saying the material is not suitable for publication. He should exercise his discretion

and not publish it," Salem said.

Ward said the paper did not consider adding a disclaimer saying the strip had been altered. "We didn't consider it. It wasn't a big deal."

Salem said once the syndicate received a copy of the alteration they would send a letter to the paper informing them of the contract violation. He said no further action was planned.

Ward said the alteration was a "one-shot, spur-of-the-moment thing" and before doing it again "we would think long and hard about it."

Two other Maine daily newspapers, *The Portland Press Herald* and *The Journal-Tribune* of Biddeford, carried Thursday's "Doonesbury" without alterations. *Press Herald* managing editor Steve Riley said he was not aware of other papers pulling the strip and the paper had not received any complaints about it.

The seven papers that refused to run the comic included *The Florida Times-Union* of Jacksonville, *The Record of Hackensack, N.J.*, *The Arizona Daily-Star* of Tucson, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and *The Buffalo News*. The papers said they refused to run the strip on grounds of poor taste and inappropriateness of the material for their readerships.



Original, as drawn by Gary Trudeau (above).



As edited by The Bangor Daily News



Radon: A potential problem for Maine residents

by Jim Emple
Staff Writer

Many radon researchers and doctors in the state are debating whether the naturally occurring radioactive gas is harmful or not to Maine residents as a two-year study of this question nears completion.

Radon, which is a product of radium's decay cycle and found in granitic regions, has been documented to cause lung cancer in uranium miners, said Dr. Peter Rand, the director of research at Portland's Maine Medical Center. But Rand said that studies have yet to prove that such a correlation extends to Maine residents.

He said, "We have a long way to go before we know that."

Dr. Greg Bogdan, assistant director of Maine's Division of Disease Control and author of the two-year study, said all the data have not been thoroughly evaluated and could not state any specifics from the study. He did say, however, that people who live in homes with high radon levels for more than 30 years have a considerable risk of developing lung cancer.

Bogdan said that lung cancer rates for Maine men are even with the national average, but said that Maine women have a 17 percent higher rate than women nationwide. He said, "If smoking rates are the same between Maine women and the nation's women (than) I think radon might play a part in that (17 percent)."

While some dispute that radon is not linked with lung cancer, many believe a direct correlation exists.

According to a recent newsletter from Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, the Environmental Protection Agency said that of the 120,000 lung cancer deaths that occur annually in the United States, 5,000 to 20,000 of these deaths "are attributable to radon."

Charles Hess, UMO professor of physics and one of the pioneers in Maine's radon research, said he believes that there is a direct correlation between exposure to radon in the home and the occurrence of lung cancer. "I think it's so. ... If it's not so, we're being exposed to large quantities of radiation and

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Athletic fee increase proposed by physical education department

by Eric Wicklund
Staff Writer

In an effort to secure funds for maintenance and renovations and as a possible option to the proposal for a recreational fee, the UMO department of physical education and athletics is proposing raising fees on certain athletic activities and setting fees for other athletic activities previously offered free of charge.

"The athletic department has such little money to work with," said David Ames, assistant director of athletics and recreational sports, "that we either need more money or we'll have to cut back on programs."

Ames has proposed a charge of \$2 per hour for use of the racquetball and tennis courts — both of which have previously been free of charge — and raises in prices for weight room, swim passes and use of Alford Arena. He is also proposing

increases in fees for eight intramural sports and charges of \$2 to \$3 for use of lockers.

"We have a short supply of maintenance money," said Stuart Haskell Jr., director of physical education and athletics, "and no separate maintenance fund right now.

maintenance fund, and Ames said they would "put it back into places where people can see it being used properly." Ames also said some of the money would be set aside for renovation and expansion of existing facilities, such as raising the ceilings of two racquetball

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— Dave Ames, assistant director of athletics and recreational sports.

We need general maintenance throughout the facilities.

"This would not be done with a great deal of pleasure," Haskell said. "They (the students) wouldn't like it, but I think they would understand, and it would sure help us out."

Haskell said the money would go into a special

courts from 16 to 20 feet.

"Right now," he said, "we're raising 80 percent of our own money. In order to keep operating we either have to cut back or charge more."

Haskell said, in regards to a proposal by Thad Dwyer, assistant in recreational sports, for a recreational fee, "I'd prefer an

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● Fee

all-encompassing fee rather than having kids pay for separate activities."

Separate charges, he said, are "a costly thing, a pain in the neck. It's much easier to just charge everyone one price."

"If there's a recreational fee," Ames said, "we wouldn't have to charge" intramural fees, court fees and even a possible entrance fee for use of the field house. He said such a fee would cost the student \$15-20 per year.

"Other universities have recreational fees," he said. "The University of New Hampshire has a \$17-per-semester mandatory recreational fee, and Vermont has a mandatory \$43 fee charged upon enrolling," which lasts for the duration of the student's attendance at the university — be it five years or five weeks. In addition, Ames said, Boston University has a recreational fee built into its tuition rate, and University of Rhode Island students recently passed a referendum calling for a \$4-per-semester recreational fee to be added to existing appropriated funds.

"We're so far behind," Ames said, "it's ridiculous."

Kenneth Allen, acting vice president

for external affairs, said the proposals for a recreational fee or raising existing fees for athletic activities will not be decided upon until next semester at the earliest because "too many people have to be involved and to discuss it."

Allen said he wants the proposals to be reviewed by the athletic advisory board, student government and the Council of Colleges as well as receiving input from concerned students and faculty.

"We'd like to start discussions in the fall and make plans for the future," he said. "We'd like to see which is most feasible: the rec fee or the separate charges."

Ames said that, if accepted, weight room passes would go from \$30-35 per semester and from \$55-65 yearly; swim passes would be raised from \$20-25 per semester and from \$35-45 yearly; and Alford Arena would charge \$30 per semester and \$55 yearly. For one-day passes, Ames said, the weight room would go from \$1-2, the pool would go from \$1-1.50 and Alford would charge \$2.

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Friday April 19

Maine Press Association Spring Conference, Hilltop Conference Center 11:30 a.m. — 9 p.m.

Soil Conservation Society of America, Pinetree Chapter, Spring Meeting, Ramada Inn, Bangor 9:30 a.m. — 4:15 p.m.

Entomology Graduate Seminar, Lisa Tabak: "Insects and Military Campaigns," 311 Deering, 12 p.m.

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we're not getting cancer."

Hess said as radon decays, its progeny emit alpha radiation that can cause serious damage to the cell lining of the lungs. Although alpha particles do not have a deep range of penetration, Hess said, the range is in excess of the delicate lung cells' thickness.

He said as many as 100 Maine residents may die each year due to exposure to radon in the home.

He said that one way that radon enters the home is when residents use well water originating from granite areas. Water coming from such a source most likely will contain radon and when it is used the radon escapes and becomes airborne. Maine residents on public water systems do not have to be concerned with water



Charles Hess

radon, since the source of most public water is above ground allowing the radon to escape before the water is used.

Jerry Lowry, UMO associate professor of civil engineering and water radon researcher, said he is currently studying radon in New Hampshire's public water supplies.

Lowry is the design consultant in a combined project including the University of New Hampshire, the state of New Hampshire and Cincinnati Environmental Protection Agency. The project will

container while air passes through it picking up the radon, which is then vented out of the house. This method, he said, costs between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Lowry said either method is about

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—Jerry Lowry, radon researcher

include a study that will determine what methods are best suited for removing radon from water.

Lowry said there are two basic methods for removing radon from the water. Using granular activate carbon adsorption is the most cost effective way for removing the radon, he said. The other method, which costs a little more, involves aerating the water.

The GAC unit, which Lowry said

99.9 percent efficient, but the consumer can save more money by using a GAC unit.

Lowry is skeptical of any correlation between radon in the home and lung cancer rates, but said people who bring this correlation to the public's attention are doing a service by getting people involved in research. He said, "In the worst case, the risk is tiny. There's no reason to scare people with this."

Is radon a threat? ... "I think it's so. If it's not so, we're being exposed to large quantities of radiation and we're not getting cancer."

—Charles Hess, radon researcher

costs between \$700 and \$800, purifies water by trapping the radon in the bed of granular activated carbon. When trapped, it continues to decay within the bed and releases gamma radiation, which Lowry said would reach no more than background level.

Lowry said if people want to avoid this low-level radiation emanating from the GAC unit, they can remove radon by aeration. One of the aeration processes involves spraying the well water into a

Lowry said of radon, "Psychologically it's a threat. If people perceive it as a problem, there is a problem. (Some) people are worried to death about this."

He said people who are worried about radon can be relieved by just taking the necessary precautions.

"(The methods) certainly remove the radon and give people peace of mind while we are finding things out."

While some studies indicate drinking water containing radon may cause

stomach cancer, Rand said, "We see no particular increase in stomach cancer ...



Jerry Lowry

but the possibility still exists."

Rand said water radon does not pose as much of a risk as radon that emanates from the soil and enters the home through cracks in the foundation or gaps around pipes. He said, "Airborne radon is the largest risk."

Hess said the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has set the airborne radon safety limit for uranium miners working for 170 hours a month at 33 picocuries per liter of air, (a pico denotes one-trillionth of a unit and a curie is a measurement of radioactive disintegrations per second).

He said although radon levels in mines are higher than in houses, the miners do not spend as much time being exposed to radon. He said while miners may spend 170 hours in a mine per month, "people spend about 95 percent of their time being exposed to radiation in the home."

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Hess said the reason safety standards for domestic radon have not been established is because there are so many variables. He said a certain level of radon in one house could be dangerous, while in another house that amount would be harmless. Hess said the number of air exchanges in a home is an important factor when measuring the danger of radon. If the number of exchanges is around two per hour, the air containing radon is being moved out of the house and therefore lowering the concentration of radon in the home.

He said, "Average energy efficient homes have half an air exchange per hour."

"I don't favor that. I think it's better to pay for the extra heat in favor of increased air exchange."

Other methods for decreasing the level of airborne radon in the home include sealing cracks and holes in the basement, increasing ventilation near the source of the radon and installing either type of water system if water radon exists.

Although no radon safety levels have been established, Rand said people who are living in homes with 30,000 picocuries per liter of water or more, or have measurements of five picocuries per liter of air or more should take the necessary precautions.

Lowry said many measurements done in Maine homes showed levels much above Rand's guidelines. He said a water sample in Georgetown has shown measurements exceeding 2 million picocuries per liter. He said, "It's the highest water supply in use in the world."

He said just 200 yards from that site, well water was measured at 30,000 picocuries per liter.

Lowry said the Georgetown well has

such high readings because "it's influenced by pockets of uranium." He also said that the level of radon in that well's water fluctuates and declines to about 700,000 picocuries per liter on occasion.

Showing how effective the GAC unit is, Lowry said he has reduced the level of radon from the Georgetown well's water below 70 picocuries per liter.

While the forementioned researchers view Maine's radon situation differently, each says that research should continue.

Lowry is currently testing different carbons to see which kinds will work best in the GAC unit. One type, he said, is twice as effective as the carbon now in use.

Hess said, "Indoor air pollution is probably 10 to 50 times worse than outdoor air pollution, but receives less research funding."

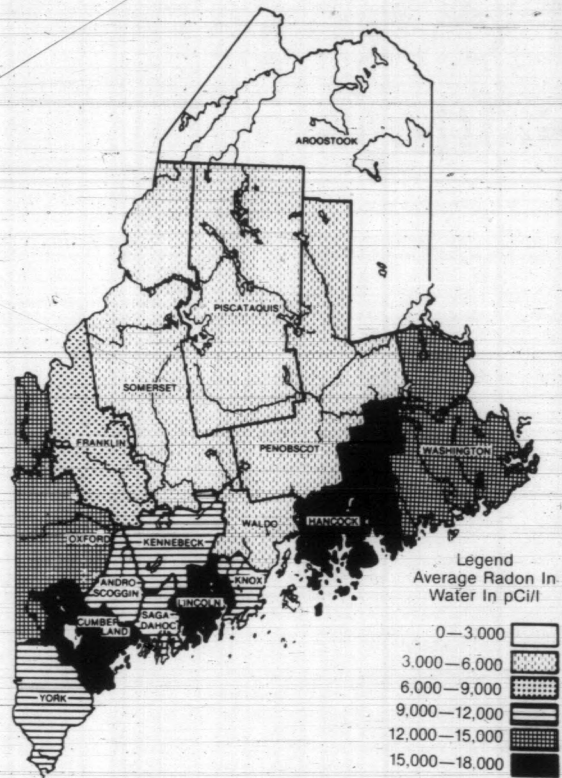
"Radon is probably the most important and harmful type of indoor air pollution," he said.

Bogdan said the Maine study, expected to be released next month, is a useful pilot study that may attract money for further research. He said, "I firmly believe that radon is out there."

Rand said, "I think that the interest in indoor air pollution needs more attention. I think indoor air pollution is of greater significance than outdoor pollution."

Rand said of the current study that "the exposure levels were more than we expected, but we haven't gone far enough to predict the health effects."

Rand said that this study will lead into a larger three-year study beginning this winter if funding is provided. He said the new study will focus largely on lung cancer.



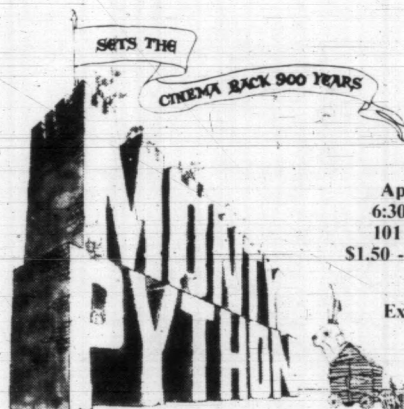
This map of Maine's counties shows their average values of radon concentrations in water according to a report written by three UMO professors. (adapted from an article by C.T. Hess, C.V. Weiffenbach and S.A. Norton)

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Selling students out

If you weren't at the rally held last Thursday (April, 11) on the steps of Fogler Library, you missed a demonstration on how to sell out, given by the leaders of the UMO student government.

The rally, billed by its organizer as an opportunity for students to voice their complaints about the policies of the UMO administration, quickly turned into a festival of bootlicking.

The rally, if its name "Students Are People Too" meant anything, was an attempt to show the administration that students, since they are people, are responsible adults. The rally was held to let the administration know that students wish to make, and be responsible for their own decisions.

However, it seems those putting on the rally did not feel students are responsible enough to use a microphone.

The rally's organizer, Ed Cutting, said there was the fear that students would get out of hand, to the point of trying to incite a riot. There was also a fear that if students complained too much it would damage the university's chances of getting increased state funding.

First, if Cutting believed that students would attempt to start a riot, or that if one student tried the rest would follow along, he has no business trying to convince anyone that students are responsible. How could he possibly convince

anyone of an idea he obviously is not convinced of himself? Secondly, the fact that publicity from the rally had the potential to affect the outcome of the legislative decision on the UMaine budget was the one weapon that could have made the rally effective.

It was this weapon that pushed the administration into "negotiating" a settlement on Senior Celebration. Despite what anyone says to the contrary, the threat of bad publicity stemming from the rally was the decisive factor in the administration's decision to allow alcohol at the "Bash." But his weapon was not effectively used. Students were not allowed to air their grievances, and a lot of issues went unheard. Instead students were subjected to candy-coated praise of the administration, and a blatant public-relations speech from President Arthur Johnson.

For the price of alcohol at Senior Celebration the leaders of student government and the rally's organizer allowed a great number of student concerns to be swept under the rugs of Alumni Hall. They sold out to the UMO administration, and what they sold was the student body they claim to represent.

Stephen R. Macklin



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Holding out for a hero

According to the cover story of *U.S. News & World Report*, April 22, 1985, heroes are back in vogue with young Americans.

And just who are the heroes of the 18 to 24 age group in America? A survey commissioned by the magazine produced the following results:

*In first place: actor, director, producer, Clint Eastwood.

*In second place, actor, comedian, Eddie Murphy.

*In third place, President of the United States (and former actor) Ronald Reagan.

*In fourth place, actress, physical-fitness entrepreneur, Jane Fonda.

*Tied for fifth place, actress, Sally Field, and director, writer, producer, Steven Spielberg.

*In seventh place, Pope John Paul II.

*In eighth place, Mother Teresa.

*Tied for ninth, singer and songwriter, Michael Jackson, and singer Tina Turner.

Not to take anything away from the accomplishments of any of those listed above, but if these are the heroes of the youth in America, America has some serious problems.

The reasons given by some respondents as to why Clint Eastwood, or actually his movie character "Dirty Harry," was chosen the most popular hero figure were statements like: "I've always loved that tough-guy image," and "He doesn't go by the book, but he gets the job done."

I find it not a little disturbing that the number one hero of American youth is a fictional character famous for blowing people's brains out with a large caliber handgun.

I remember when I was growing up, heroes were people like John Glenn when he was the first man to set foot on the moon. In the early 1970s the heroes of the day were two reporters for the *Washington Post* who broke open the Watergate scandal.

Before that heroes were the people you read about when you were studying history. People like George Washington. Can you imagine the father of our country pointing his musket at a Red Coat saying, "Go ahead, make my day"?

The worst part about most of the heroes named in the survey, is that they are not real people. Most of them seemed to have been picked not because of the person they are but because of the parts they play. It's disquieting to think that out of the ten people named as heroes, all but three (well make that two) are in show business.

What happened to the real heroes? To the people you could admire for what they've done and not the roles they've played?

It can't be that there are no more. I can't give up hope that easily. Some day there will be another Thomas Jefferson, or Henry Ford, or Albert Einstein. Some day ...

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Rallying

To the editor:

I support Michael's commentary in *Maine Campus*, 4/11 right about the rally. I proposed to be a rally student could come UMO policies we especially the alcohol enveloping this rally where the goal the administration tired of their making pertaining to us, with our input and taking into consideration.

The rally started with two people taking the BCC closing and demolition of the then our student president and vice spoke. Instead of saying, how we the student down plus/minus it's now being used professors, our fear had a brownie color. Look guys, I'm not had to get up there anyone, but you did stab us in the back the administration.

In retrospect where did we gain in alcohol policies? No still the same Senior year. Does anyone how outraged people year when informed Life was the sole drinker at Bumstock administration has satisfied. They didn't ban but no one's going about Res. Life this bit of psychology.

I heard someone saying Dr. Aceto wouldn't close. Of now that we dis liability issue. But, of something over months to "rid" us out. This rally or rally Senior Bash isn't going them down. Just look

Proud

To the editor:

I have now been UMO community three years, and no I felt anything but a part of it. I won't find fault with anything in this letter that it is time that we proud of this university unsure before I can



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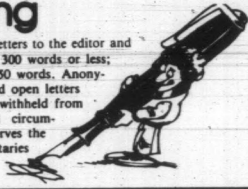
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Rallying rhetoric

To the editor:

I support Michael Harman's commentary in *The Daily Maine Campus*, 4/17. He was right about the rally. It was supposed to be a rally where students could complain about UMO policies we didn't like, especially the alcohol ban slowly enveloping this campus. A rally where the goal was to tell the administration that we were tired of their making decisions pertaining to us, without getting our input and taking our views into consideration.

The rally started out that way with two people talking about the BCC closing and Res. Life's demolition of the cabins. But then our student government president and vice president spoke. Instead of mentioning, say, how the students voted down plus/minus grading and it's now being used by some professors, our fearless leaders had a brownie competition. Look guys, I'm not saying you had to get up there and libel anyone, but you didn't have to stab us in the back by praising the administration. *Ei tu Brute?*

In retrospect what concessions did we gain in respect to alcohol policies? Nothing, it's still the same Senior Bash as last year. Does anyone remember how outraged people were last year when informed that Res. Life was the sole distributor of beer at Bumstock? The administration has got to be satisfied. They didn't get their ban but no one's going to bitch about Res. Life this year. Nice bit of psychology, I think.

I heard someone at the rally saying Dr. Aceto said the Den wouldn't close. Of course not now that we discredited the liability issue. But, they'll think of something over the summer months to "rid" us of, or dry out. This rally or reversal on the Senior Bash isn't going to slow them down. Just look at the ad-

ministration's track record. Two years ago: goodbye to the cabins and the real Bumstock. Last year: Res. Life started catering fraternity parties and the noose was tightened around Senior Bash and Bumstock. Last semester: no more kegs or bottles at the tailgating area and no alcohol at fraternity rushes. This semester: no more liquor ads in the campus media and an unsuccessful attempt to dry out the Bash.

The rally had the ability to cure the administration of prohibition fever and their blatant disregards for student rights. Not quite though. Instead, something will happen early next semester. Either a continuing drying out of this campus (it will be like Christmas again for Aceto and Rideout if the 21-year-old drinking age passes) or we'll get stepped on with some bogus policy.

Some of the problem lies with President Arthur Johnson. He's trying to improve the academics here but he's dismayed that college information books like the *Yale Daily News Guide* etc., still portray UMO as a party school. (Now that's libel). Aceto and Rideout want to get rid of alcohol because it doesn't serve an educational purpose. Fine, but what's the point of having a UMO with five stars for academics and one star for social life? Now I'm not proposing UMO should be awash with beer, but if I wanted a dry campus I would have gone to Brigham Young University.

One more aside to the boys in Alumni Hall. I assume you're all happy Bumstock is dry this year. Super huh? Want to bet it takes second place only to a Grateful Dead concert for the amount of pot smoked?

Stephen Cosgrove
307 Penobscot

Proud of UMO

To the editor:

I have now been part of the UMO community for about three years, and not once have I felt anything but proud to be a part of it. I won't complain or find fault with anyone or anything in this letter. I think that it is time that we all became proud of this university. I was unsure before I came here, but

now if I have a son or daughter in the future, when of age he or she will be attending this campus. In closing I would like to say "Golly," please don't find fault with everything. Try to be UMO proud, like me. Thank you.

Dave Bochtler
138 Somerset

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Alumni Hall future already set

To the editor:

Last week, a reporter from *The Daily Maine Campus* interviewed me on the subject of the space in Alumni Hall that will become available when MPBN moves. I was quite surprised when asked when and by whom the decision was made to move administrative units into the Administration Building of this campus. I know that a plan to move administrative units out of other buildings into Alumni Hall had been approved in the facilities improvement portion of the long range financial plan and that it had been specifically included in the recent bond issue that was passed by the state Legislature, signed by the governor, and approved by the voters of Maine. Thus, since I

have been in my present job, I have been unaware of any other possibility for Alumni Hall.

Perhaps my ignorance of this issue misled some of the journalists who have written about the issue in the past week. Although, I still do not know the complete history, I have learned the following:

The decision to move administrative units into Alumni Hall was made by the previous administration and was the basis for the inclusion of this item in the long range financial plan and the university bond issue.

One of the motivations for this was apparently a desire to bring into one central location, that was accessible to the business office, the registrar, and student aid offices for bet-

ter service to the students. Additionally, there has been considerable interest, for some time, on the part of other UMO departments, to get administrative units out of other buildings.

Although it is true that \$500,000 has been allocated for the renovation, nearly \$150,000 of this is for access for the handicapped, which is needed under any circumstances.

I hope that the above information puts in a little better perspective the reasons for the forthcoming renovation to Alumni Hall and why it is not possible at this time to change the original plans.

Chick Raugh
Acting Director,
Financial Management

Loan cuts threaten students

To the editor:

The Reagan administration is proposing drastic decreases in financial aid for college students. The president currently is under the belief that student aid is "overly generous!" His plan, which will be voted on this month in Congress, would eliminate Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL) to students whose families earn more than \$32,500 a year. He would also limit the total amount of federal aid to any student at a maximum of \$4,000 a year.

These budget cuts would affect over half of all students currently receiving aid. We, the undersigned students of UMO are extremely concerned that these proposed cuts will not allow many students to return to college if these cuts are approved.

We urge students to contact their senators and congressmen and voice their displeasure with the president's proposed educational cuts. If the United States wants an educated citizenry then they must be willing to make an investment in college students by granting us loans and other forms of financial aid. For we are the learners of today and the leaders of tomorrow; the future rests with us.

You may contact Maine's congressional delegation by calling or writing to the addresses listed below:

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SEA could sell popular concerts

To the editor:

In response to Wade Blaufuss' letter (4/17/85), the problem with the SEA concerts is not a lack of interest in concerts themselves, rather it is a lack of interest in the groups that SEA gets for concerts.

Students don't go to concerts just for the sake of going to any concert — they go to hear music that is popular with them. They go to hear groups with an established musical background. True, that a band must start somewhere if it is to ever become an "established" band but to charge \$11.00 a ticket on a college campus for a group that has not yet established itself musically in the United States and cannot maintain the interest of the au-

dience (having only one top-40 song) is unjustifiable. Well-established groups (such as J. Geils who was SEA's last successful concert) could charge that price because they have a greater repertoire and more well-known tunes with which to keep the audience's interest. They are worth the price. To tell us that there would be no more "big name" concerts at UMO unless students start showing interest now sounds like a threat. I don't think you are in any position to threaten to punish the student body by abolishing concerts as a whole just because our musical tastes aren't what you expected.

A good way to get the results you want might be to send a survey around campus an appropriate length of time before

booking concerts, listing the groups you could get, and asking how much students would be willing to pay for each group. From that information you could tell what groups would be successful here and what ones wouldn't be. Also, SEA would stop taking such a loss on concerts.

I, personally, am not going to the General Public concert because I don't feel it will be worth the \$11.00 a ticket. I hope in the future, instead of scolding the students and telling us that this one must be a success before we can have any future concerts, SEA will simply consult the students and ask them what they want in the first place.

Deborah Gordon
305 Androscoggin Hall

Workers continue battle to decertify Teamsters

by Doug Ireland
Staff Writer

A heated debate Thursday night between national and state Teamsters officials and a committee of university workers who are discontent with the union, has failed to discourage committee members from trying to decertify from the Teamsters.

Lorenzo Severance and Victoria Dumont, organizers of the Committee of Concerned Friends, said they will continue their efforts to decertify UMaine system employees from the Teamsters despite the union's attempt to ease any tensions which have evolved.

"There was no viable argument that they had that would convince us," Dumont said following Thursday's meeting with the Teamsters. "There is nothing that they have done that would make us change our minds."

About 50 Teamsters officials and union members, including approximately seven members and supporters of the Committee of Concerned Friends, met in 110 Little Hall at 7 p.m. Thursday where tempers flared and arguing continued for much of the meeting. The meeting, which ended at about 9:30 p.m., included national Teamsters representative Richard Paluso, who traveled to Maine from Washington, D.C. to help resolve differences between the union

and committee members. The meeting was closed to the press.

"There were some people there who were really angry at us," Dumont said. "They tried to single me and Lorenzo (Severance) out."

Both Dumont and Severance said they were accused by Teamsters Local 48 official Frank St Louis of not supporting the union in the past and for not attempting to have personal grievances properly settled by the Teamsters. St Louis could not be reached at press time.

But despite the committee's efforts to decertify university workers from the Teamsters in order to elect the Maine State Employees Association as their bargaining agent, David Berg, secretary-treasurer and business agent for Teamsters Local 48, said he is confident the committee will not be able to decertify from the union.

"I happen to believe we are making a lot of progress (with negotiations)," Berg

said. "I don't feel all of this is as serious as it is made out to be."

"The majority of the people (at the meeting) are for the Teamsters," Berg said. "I am assured that there are only four people who are not."

Severance said that although only he, Dumont and Challis Randel actually spoke for the committee at the meeting, there are many other people who support the committee's goal of holding an election to choose a new union, preferably MSEA.

However, Berg and Paluso both said that they do not think the committee has the required 31 percent of 566 UMaine workers needed in order to hold an election between MSEA and the Teamsters.

"If they want to elect MSEA, they will need a majority (51 percent) of the vote in an election," Berg said. "They will not get that."

Nevertheless, both Severance and Dumont say they have the required number of people to sign decertification cards and that it is only a matter of time before an election will be held.

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Cable television entrepreneur bids for CBS

NEW YORK (AP) — Cable television pioneer Ted Turner unveiled a brash bid Thursday to take control of CBS Inc. without spending any cash and against the resistance of the nation's top-rated television network.

Industry analysts, who disagreed on the exact value of the multibillion-dollar

proposal, voiced skepticism that Turner could pull off such a coup.

CBS has vowed to remain independent but had nothing to say about Turner's announcement. However, the Atlanta-based broadcaster, yachtsman and baseball owner won immediate support from Fairness in Media, a group

associated with Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., which had sought to buy enough CBS stock to "become Dan Rather's boss."

Turner Broadcasting System Inc. "has no plans to make fundamental changes in the CBS television network," Turner said Thursday. "TBS will seek to improve the quality, objectivity and diversity of CBS programming."

He refused to answer questions. "I want to make it very clear that Turner Broadcasting is acting on its own and has no connection with any ideology or other group in this transaction," Turner said.

If Turner succeeds, it would be the second change of ownership among the nation's big three networks. Last month, American Broadcasting Cos. and Capital Communications Inc. announced that they would merge in a friendly \$3.5 billion deal. That plan is still sub-

ject to approval by federal regulators and shareholders.

Turner said he is offering a package of stock and notes in his own Atlanta-based Turner Broadcasting System Inc. for each of CBS's 29.7 million shares outstanding. He said that he is offering no cash and that he has no partners.

His Cable News Network said those securities would be worth \$175 a share, making the deal worth about \$5.2 billion. Wall Street analysts put lower values on the deal, one as low as \$120 a share.

Turner's bid, which also requires approval from the Federal Communications Commission, was outlined in documents submitted to the FCC, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the antitrust division of the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission.

Britain expels two Soviets for questionable activities

LONDON (AP) — Britain on Thursday ordered a Soviet diplomat and an Aeroflot official expelled as spies, but said it still hoped to maintain Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's drive to improve relations with Moscow.

Given seven days to leave Britain were Capt. Oleg Alexandrovich Los, 44, assistant naval attache since November 1982, and Vyacheslav Anatolyovich Grigorov, 37, a charter flight manager for the Soviet state airline Aeroflot since May, 1982. Both are married and have children.

The Foreign Office said Los, who has diplomatic status, "had been found to have engaged in activities incompatible with his status," while Grigorov "engaged in unacceptable activities."

The phraseology is a euphemism for espionage. The Foreign Office gave no other details of their activities.

Guennadi I. Shabannikov, Soviet Em-

bassy press attache, said, "The embassy would like to make it absolutely clear that this unwarranted action of, unfriendly character is without any foundation whatsoever."

Some previous expulsion cases brought retaliation by Moscow, and the Foreign Office said Thursday that the government "would take an extremely serious view of any attempt to retaliate," by ordering Britons out of Moscow.

Soviet Ambassador Viktor I. Popov was called to the Foreign Office by Derek Thomas, a deputy secretary of state, to be told of the expulsion order. Despite the order, Thomas said, Britain "wished to improve bilateral relations and expand contacts with the Soviet Union. Our policy is and remains serious and realistic but vigilant in the search for greater mutual security and confidence."

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Sports

Softball and tennis teams at home this weekend

by Chuck Morris
Staff Writer

The softball team plays its first home games this weekend after raising its record to 8-12 with two wins in its last three contests.

The University of Connecticut travels to Orono for doubleheaders on Saturday (12 p.m.) and Sunday (10 a.m.) at the field behind Lengyel Hall. Coach Janet Anderson said UConn is "probably the best team in the Northeast."

"(UConn) is really playing good ball," she said. "We're really going to have to be aggressive at the bat and we have to have the attitude that we can beat them."

"This is really going to be a test, but we're a very determined team. If they

take us lightly that could be their downfall because we play excellent softball."

Anderson said playing home will be a "plus" for the Black Bears.

"This weekend you should see some excellent Division I softball," Anderson said. "There's not going to be a better opportunity to see better Division I ball."

On Monday Anderson said the Black Bears played well in their doubleheader sweep at Holy Cross College.

"We kind of had a slow start in the first game," she said, "because we had not played for two weeks. It took us an inning or two to get back in gear."

The Black Bears won the first game 7-2. With the victory Kim Thibeau rais-

ed her record to 5-1. In the second game of the twin bill, Claire Betze improved her pitching mark to 3-4 with the 6-1 victory.

In Tuesday's game at Harvard University the UMO defense collapsed to allow the Crimson to score four runs in the bottom of the last inning to beat the Black Bears 7-6. Anderson said the loss, which dropped Maine's ECAC record to 2-1, was tough to take.

"Our defensive play has to become consistent," Anderson said. "(The errors) have to stop. The players have to be in the game every minute. I think it's just a matter of keeping the same intensity. From start to finish the intensity cannot diminish."

The tennis team plays two in-state matches over the weekend. Saturday at 1 p.m. the Black Bears travel to Colby College and Sunday the UMO squad is the host in a contest with Bowdoin College. The Sunday match begins at 11 a.m.

Coach Ron Chicoine said both teams will give the Black Bears strong competition.

"Colby has lost some of their players, but they're always strong," Chicoine said. "Bowdoin's tough too. Bowdoin didn't lose anybody from last year."

After Tuesday's 5-4 loss to the University of Southern Maine Chicoine said the Black Bears are going to practice playing doubles. USM won all three double matches Tuesday to come from behind and steal the victory from UMO.

Celtics squeak by Cavs in game one, 126-123

BOSTON (AP) — "We had to play the best basketball we could play in the last few minutes to come out with a win," said veteran guard Danny Ainge.

And everyone had to agree Thursday night after the defending champion Boston Celtics survived a scare for a 126-123 victory over the upstart Cleveland Cavaliers in their opening bid for a 16th National Basketball Association title.

"I'll tell you one thing, we can play

with them," veteran gunner World B. Free said. "We didn't win the game, but we played a hard game, not the way they thought it would be."

"Our players have been saying for the last week and a half that we respect Cleveland, but no one believed us," Boston coach K.C. Jones said.

"They know how to play down the stretch, we're just learning," said Cleveland coach George Karl. "I thought we had a good chance to beat them, and

I know we can beat them."

"There was some concern when we were down by four, 121-117, with less than four minutes remaining," Ainge said.

And the Celtics, who were outshot 53-44 in field goals, had good reason to be concerned.

Cleveland, now beaten 20 consecutive times in Boston Garden since Oct. 13, 1978, rallied from a 13-point deficit with just over four minutes left in the third period.

However, Larry Bird, who had 40 points, and Kevin McHale, who hit for nine of his 26 down the stretch, kept alive Boston's streak and preserved the home court advantage in the best-of-five opening round playoff series, which continues here Saturday.

The Celtics built a 13-point lead with just over four minutes remaining in the third period and then were forced to pull

out all the stops before edging the Cavaliers.

Led by Roy Hinson, John Bagley and Free, Cleveland took the lead away from the Celtics with 3:20 minutes remaining.

However, McHale scored on a baseline pop and a free throw to ignite the Celtics. Bird hit on a short fallaway, but Free regained the lead for Cleveland with a layup 123-122.

McHale cashed two free throws with 1:27 remaining and then, after the Cavaliers lost the ball out of bounds, McHale took a pass from Bird and sank a hook shot over big Lonnie Shelton with 24 seconds left.

Edgar Jones missed on a 22-foot three-point attempt to tie the score, but the ball came back to Free. Then, as time ran out, Free's three-point attempt bounced off the rim.

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Staff Writer

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Heslam finishes second in heptathlon at B.C.

by Chuck Morris
Staff Writer

It was her first attempt at the heptathlon, the women's version of the decathlon, but UMO track member Beth Heslam shook away the butterflies in the two-day event at the Boston College Relays Tuesday and Wednesday to set a university record of 4,545 points. In the process she set UMO bests in three of the seven events; the 100-meter hurdles, the 200-meter run and the long jump.

The heptathlon consists of the above three events and the high jump, shot put, javelin and the 800.

The competition started off well for Heslam as she set a school record of 15.2 in the hurdles. Only Springfield College's Janet Williams ran faster. In the second event (high jump) on Tuesday, however, Heslam lost a lot of ground and fell to fourth place. Her leap of 4-6 gave her only 481 points, compared to the 815 she got in the hurdles.

Coach Jim Ballinger said the high jump is Heslam's weak event.

"It just makes me work harder in the rest of the events," Heslam said.

After the shot put (31-2) and the 200 Heslam remained in fourth at the end of the first day with 2,604. In the final event on Tuesday, however, Heslam set

another UMO mark with her 25.6 in the 200. That broke Lisa Clemente's UMO best of 26.2.

Heslam said she was surprised she ran so much faster than her 26.5 seed time. "I just decided to go out of the blocks like it was 100-meters," she said.

Ahead of Heslam after four events were Williams (3,159), Sue Goode of Boston College (2,698) and Martha White of the Commonwealth Athletic Club (2,681).

Heslam, however, dominated the second day as she won the long jump and the 800. The long jump was the first event of the day and Heslam leaped past the rest of the competition with her mark of 18-7. The 747 points she earned pushed her into second place.

"That put her in second and she stayed there," Ballinger said. "Her

marks were so much better than everyone else's."

Goode only got 506 points in the long jump and thus, Heslam had a 147 point lead on Goode in the fight for second. White had to drop out of the competition because of a back injury. It would be the closest Goode would get to the silver.

Heslam increased her lead on Goode in the sixth event by 74 with her throw of 87-8 1/4 in the javelin. Goode only had one more event to try to catch Heslam. Heslam denied the chance as she won the 800 in 2:23.3.

Williams won the entire competition with 4,896 and Goode was third with 4,267.

"At the beginning of the second day I thought I would be tight from the first day," Heslam said, "but I was loosened up well for the long jump. The long

jump ... got me psyched because I hit my jumps."

The men's and women's track teams compete in the Boston College Relays Saturday. The B.C. Relays is a week-long meet.

Women's coach Jim Ballinger said the strong people for Maine will be Ann England, Rose Prest, Helen Dawe and Theresa Lewis in the middle and long-distance events; and Connie Mollison, Kathie Petrie and Elizabeth McGarrigle in the hammer.

Men's coach Ed Styra said his squad will be led by distance runners Glendon Rand, Jon Rummeler and Gary Dawson; weight men Jeff Shain and Joe Quinn; hurdlers Peter Rooks and Dan Martin; high jumper Randy Merchant; sprinters John Cowan and Tim Dyer; and middle distance runners Shawn Hight, John Boucher and Greg Letourneau.



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Black Bears live in "The Woods"

Vermonters are keys to Bear pitching staff

by Rick Lawes
Staff Writer

Physically, they are a bit like a tall Oliver Hardy and Stan Laurel. On the mound, the only members of the Maine baseball team from the state of Vermont are being looked at by Maine head coach John Winkin to spearhead the Black Bear pitching fortunes, along with co-captain John Kowalski. They are the experienced veteran and the freshman phenom trying to overcome the sophomore jinx.

Mike Ballou and Scott Morse are being counted on to lead the Maine baseball team back to Omaha, Neb. and the College World Series for the fifth consecutive year, after spending their high school days reading about one another in the newspapers, but never competing against one another.

Ballou, a 6-foot-2, 230 lb. junior from South Royalton, is the tall Hardy. Known as "Buck" to his teammates, in his two years at Maine he has shown himself to be a money pitcher, winning the NCAA Regional — clinching games both years.

Morse, a 6-foot-2, 195 lb. sophomore from Bellows Falls, returns after a freshman season that saw him post a 10-0 regular season record, with his only loss of the year coming in the College World Series against the University of Miami, Fla. Earlier in the year, Morse held the Hurricanes hitless for 7 1/2 innings.

Ironically, however, after all of the notoriety each received in Vermont during their high school days, the only time they faced each other was in the 1982 Vermont State American Legion Baseball Tournament.

"He beat me 1-0. I had a one-hitter and he had a four-hitter," Ballou said. "Then the next day, I got two saves and he got a loss. We threw so much we couldn't lift our arms the next day."

Ballou's team, Hartford Post 26, won the state championship defeating Morse's team, Bellows Falls Post 37, two games to one. Interestingly, Morse was



Junior Mike Ballou (above), along with Scott Morse are the only players from Vermont on the UMO baseball team. (Lawes photo)

named the most valuable player of the tournament, and that tournament was the way he ended up in Orono.

"Wink (coach Winkin) was there watching Mike and he happened to see me," Morse said. "We talked for a while and he asked me if I was interested in coming to Maine."

At Bellows Falls High School, Morse was 8-0 in his senior year throwing three no-hitters. In the state Class L quarter-final game, Morse struck out 18 in defeating Mount St. Joseph Academy. However, Morse was held out of the semifinal, being saved for the final against top-seed Burlington, and the Terriers lost to Brattleboro 3-2. During that senior year, Winkin kept in contact, and Morse was on his way to Orono.

"I liked the university, and I liked the physical education program. I knew Maine had a top notch program, and that they had a winning tradition," Morse said.

Morse was offered a scholarship by

Maine, the only school that did so.

Meanwhile, a year earlier, Ballou had already spent his freshman year at Maine, posting a 4-5 record with a 3.07 earned-run average. In high school, Ballou posted a 32-3 record, losing two games in his freshman year, one in his sophomore season, but winning three state Class S championship games for South Royalton High School.

Ballou was actively recruited by not only Maine, but also by former University of Vermont coach Jack Leggett, who had taken the top job at Western Carolina University.

"Leggett wanted to take me down there with him," Ballou said. "It came down to going there or to Maine. I guess I came here for the winning tradition, plus it's closer to home."

As different as their physical appearances are, their pitching styles are also. Morse is a hard-thrower, with his fastball reaching speeds in the high 80's and also possessing a sharp slider. In 1984, Morse struck out 81 batters in 81 1/2 innings.

Ballou also possesses a strong fastball, but his out pitch is a biting curve. Ballou is the type of pitcher that gives up about a bit per inning, but always gets the big out.

That ability is a quality Morse admires.

Right now, I consider him to be smarter than me on the mound, Morse said.

Still, there is room for criticism from the sophomore.

"Not to criticize his weight, but I think if he lost a few pounds he could throw a lot harder," Morse said.

Nevertheless, for a man with whom pitching is the key to success, the two Vermonters are the keystone to the Maine staff.

"Those two guys have the potential to be the center of our staff," Winkin said. "They've got to deliver in the league. They've got to put us in the tournament. That's the burden that rests with them."

Both pitchers, who pitched for the Northern League's Saxtons River Pirates for the past two summers, are planning to broaden their baseball horizons in the summer of '85. Morse has been signed by Hyannis in the Cape Cod League, while Ballou is still considering an offer to play for the Anchorage Glacier Pilots of the Alaskan League.

But for now, the two are concentrating just on the eastern schedule and on the possibility of an unprecedented fifth consecutive trip to the College World Series.

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