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Plan brings mixed views from owners

by Rebecca Smith
Staff Writer

Orono businessmen disagree about whether the possible conversion of Mill Street into a pedestrian mall will hurt their businesses or help them.

Bruce Farnsworth, manager of Pat's Pizza, and Mike Ambrose, owner of Degrasse Jewelers-TV & Appliance Sales, said they think the mall will be bad for business and will cost the town too much money.

On the other hand, the owner of L & A Market, Allyn C. McEachern, and Barstan's owner Stan Bagley said they liked the idea.

The one thing the four businessmen agreed upon is their doubts on whether the conversion will ever be done.

The proposed closing of Mill Street to vehicular traffic is part of a 25-30 year revitalization plan for downtown Orono.

The plan, created by Roundy Development Services and Maineform Architecture, both of Augusta, cost the town \$15,000 and includes converting Mill Street into a pedestrian mall; increasing commercial space by 38.6 percent; creating a waterfront park; establishing a park between Mill and Oak streets; landscaping and making additional parking spaces. The plans are not definite, and Town Manager Bruce Locke said that the plans will probably be altered.

"I'm not in favor of it (making Mill Street into a mall). The town has a critical parking problem as it is. It will make it even harder to park without the spaces in front," Farnsworth said.

Farnsworth said he thought businesses in downtown Bangor are doing poorly because nothing has been done to create better parking, and that Orono should learn from Bangor's mistake.

"Bangor has a lot of parking, but no one wants to walk," said Ambrose, noting that most of Bangor's parking is located away from the stores. The proposed plan, he said, "will hurt my business, Barstan's, Pat's and L & A Market's business if people can't park in front."

McEachern said he likes the idea of establishing a pedestrian mall on Mill Street, but said he thinks the town could fix up downtown enough by putting lines in the back parking lot, planting trees and providing better lighting.

He said the revitalization plan the town is looking at is too expensive and will probably never be done.

"It is a nice idea, but it's not an appropriate time to do it," Bagley said. "Downtown needs to have more vital businesses."

Orono considers revitalization

by Rebecca Smith
Staff Writer

Orono is currently considering plans to revitalize the downtown area by making Mill Street into a pedestrian mall, increasing parking, providing more commercial space and creating a waterfront park.

Bruce Locke, town manager, said the three-phase plan, if accepted by the town council and planning board, will take 25 to 30 years for completion.

The plan was developed by Roundy Development Services and Maineform Architecture, both of Augusta, and cost the town \$15,000, he said.

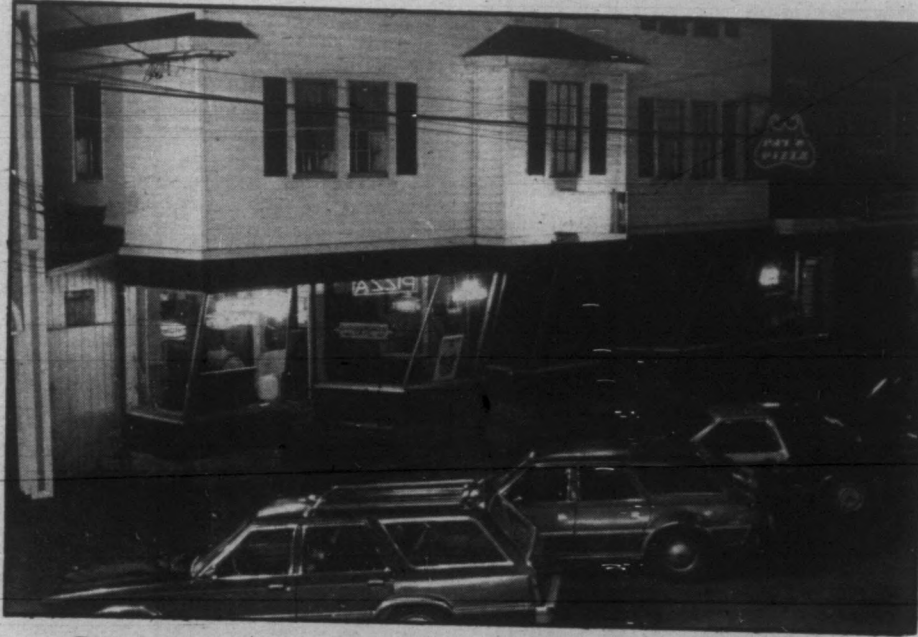
Locke said the town decided to have plans drawn up to provide ideas about what can be done to the downtown area. Even if the town does not follow the plans exactly, he said, it was a good investment because it provides a foundation to work from.

The proposed plan has been submitted to the Downtown Revitalization Committee. The committee has not made any recommendations yet and is waiting for a Maine Department of Transportation traffic study to be released, he said.

Results of the study will probably be released in February, Locke said. At that time, the committee will make its recommendations and the town council and planning board will make their decisions.

Locke said changes and compromises will most likely be made in the plans. "It's all pretty preliminary; it may never happen," he said. "I doubt this exact plan will be carried out."

The first phase of the plan, he said, involves closing Mill Street to vehicular traffic from the Main Street intersection to the alley near Barstan's Restaurant.



Pat's Pizza and other Mill Street establishments may become part of Orono's plans for a pedestrian mall. (Rood photo)

The main entrance to the downtown area would be shifted to Pine Street and traffic will be routed down Summer Street and exit via Oak Street. Both Pine and Summer streets would remain open to two-way traffic, and Oak Street would be made two-way from Bridge Street until the parking lot entrance near Discount Beverage.

If the plan is accepted by the town council and planning board, the area of Mill Street past Barstan's would be lined for parking, and more street lights would be installed. Additional parking will also be created by removing or relocating a house on Oak Street near Discount Beverage.

Locke said the town does not plan on taking anyone's property, but will probably try to buy the land it wants when it becomes available.

The plan, which will increase Orono's commercial space by 38.6 percent, also involves erecting a building on Mill Street between LaVerdiere's Super Drug Store and the Masonic Lodge building.

The final part of the first phase will be to repair and replace sidewalks and curbs on Pine Street and begin a tree planting schedule.

Phase B of the plan shifts down to the waterfront area to establish a waterfront park along the Stillwater River. The town will need to buy some land to create the park.

If the plan is accepted, said Locke, another park will be created between Pine and Oak streets, and the town's community center will be moved to the Oak Street end of the park. Two houses on Pine Street and Hasbrouck Court will

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Debaters criticize Reagan's policy moves

by M.C. Davis
Staff Writer

A crowd of more than 50 gathered in the Sutton Lounge of the Memorial Union Tuesday for a debate that assessed President Ronald Reagan's foreign policy.

The debate, entitled "The Reagan Administration's Foreign Policy," was sponsored by the International Affairs Club. Edward Collins, professor of history, was moderator.

The panel was comprised of two Reagan advocates and two anti-Reagan critics.

During his opening comments, Richard Blanke, professor of history, a Reagan advocate, said Americans' consensus on the president's foreign policy was made clear by Reagan's landslide victory last November for a second term in office.

"No thinking person is going to line up entirely for or against any administration's foreign policy in its entirety," Blanke said. "What we have are various foreign-policy issues."

In opening comments, Howard Schonberger, professor of history, said Reagan has a "lack of knowledge" on current affairs.

"He is constantly being briefed by his aides," Schonberger said. "And secondly, Reagan's foreign policy aims its emphasis on military means to implement them. They are so incompatible to the national standards of morality that the administration must, basically, lie to the American people."

"There is considerable concern that the arms race program in America focuses on the struggle for control on the third world countries. The countries of Latin America, Africa and Asia are considered vital sources of raw materials and cheap labor," he said.

In his rebuttal, retired Army Col. John Baker said the administration is successful because it helps Americans feel good about themselves.

He attributed the worldwide perception of the U.S. as a strong nation to Reagan's personality.

"Reagan walks erect, he stands erect and doesn't flinch everytime somebody says something," Baker said. "In the past, we've had some flinchers."

In response to the claim that Reagan relies on his aides too often, Baker said, "anyone who doesn't use his aides doesn't know what they're doing. Somebody spoke of (Reagan) not knowing all the details. No one claims that he

knows all the details. He knows the principles and sticks to them.

"We seek a defense against our enemies. We're not seeking global domination at all. We can't have freedom unless we have security," Baker said.

Roger Bowen, professor of political science at Colby College, disagreed that Americans feel good about themselves under the current administration.

During the invasion of Grenada, he said, Reagan only proved that he was not going to be pushed around by a country the size of Portland, Maine.

He said the U.S. appeared weak after the Vietnam War, which resulted in a restrained U.S. foreign policy for a number of years afterward. This was followed by the Iranian government's overthrow and the Afghanistan invasion by the Soviet Union.

"Ronald Reagan walked into the picture Rambo-like," Bowen said. "That information has coined a term of referring to the study of Ronald Reagan's foreign policy as Rambology."

"Ronald Reagan makes us feel good in the same way that Rambo makes us feel good. I happened to see that show in Waterville. And every time Rambo wiped out a Vietnamese, the audience applauded," Bowen said.

Non-traditional student population still growing

by Jessica Lowell
Staff Writer

The number of the so-called non-traditional students is increasing at UMO and elsewhere, and it is a trend that shows no signs of leveling off.

What is a non-traditional student? According to criteria used at UMO, a non-traditional student is a person enrolled at the university as an undergraduate, part time or full time; as a part of the continuing education program at the undergraduate or graduate level; or as a graduate student.

In short, any student over 24 years old is a non-traditional student. Maxine Harrow, assistant dean of Student Services, said the trend is a result of "societal change. There is now less of a pool of traditional aged students, and more 'adult learners.'"

Citing a study done by K. Patricia Cross, Harrow said today's society supports the phenomena of the "lifelong learner."

"We have an informational society. (Because of this) there are more adults that need to come back to school now. They are 'recareering' at 40," she said.

However, Harrow said this move is reflected more now in urban communities than at UMO.

She also attributed the growing number of non-traditional students to a society more mobile today than in the past. "Mobility triggers marital and lifestyle changes. People don't feel locked into one thing," she said.

According to University of Maine enrollment tapes for the fall semester of 1980, 2,305 students, or 20 percent of the 11,262 students enrolled at UMO, were non-traditional students. This semester, 3,728 students (33 percent), of a total student population of 11,169, are non-traditional students. "It is projected that by 1990, the non-traditional student will be the traditional student," Harrow said.

Robert Whelan, assistant to UMO President Arthur Johnson, said, "(Part of) what makes these students non-traditional is they have not been traditionally dealt with, President Johnson recognized the trend and saw a need," he said. As a result, non-traditional student Kathleen Beaubien was chosen as the president's liaison to the non-traditional student population. Through her, the concerns of non-traditional students can be heard by the president.

Another change brought about as a result of the attention non-traditional students are now receiving is the formation of the Non-traditional Student Lounge in the South Bangor Lounge in the Memorial Union.

"It's a place where they can go between classes to take a break. There's a microwave oven there so they can heat up a lunch," Harrow said. "It's a place where they can meet with and talk to each other."

One program on campus that helps

non-traditional students is the Onward Program.

"The program admits about 50 freshmen every year who do not meet standard admissions requirements. More often than not, they are non-traditional students," said Gerald Ellis, the program's associate director.

The standard admissions requirements include a diploma from an accepted high school, or the equivalent.

"Very seldom are people turned away because they don't have the basic skills (needed to complete the courses)," Ellis said. Every student that applies to the Onward Program is tested and interviewed, Ellis said. Once accepted to the program, each is required to take a year of developmental, or college preparatory courses.

Another modification to meet the needs of the "adult learner" was the conversion of Chadbourne Hall to housing for non-traditional students in fall 1984.

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be removed or relocated to create the park.

More commercial space would be made available on Bridge Street by constructing a building behind the Masonic Lodge.

In the final phase, Mill Street will be closed off from Barstan's to a new connector road to be built between Mill and Oak Streets.

Some houses and buildings on Mill and Oak streets would be removed and a new building would be built on the connector road. More commercial buildings would also be constructed on Bridge Street.

The last phase of the plan also includes expanding the waterfront park as well as redesigning the LaVerdiere's and

Discount Beverage parking lot to accommodate the new commercial buildings.

Locke said the concept of the project has been well received by residents of the town.

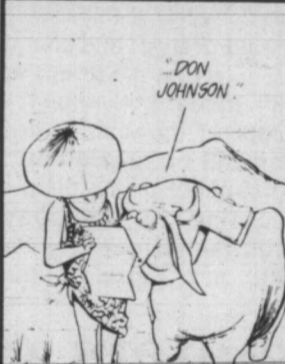
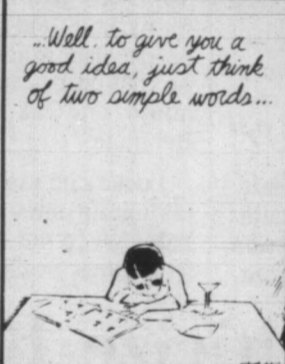
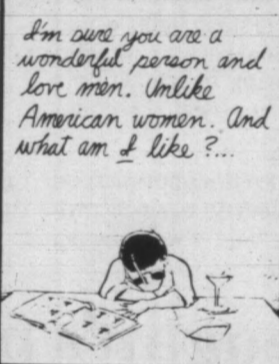
However, although they agree that the town should be beautified, Bruce Farnsworth, manager of Pat's Pizza, and Mike Ambrose, owner of Degrasse Jewelers-TV & Appliance Sales, said they

thought closing Mill Street to traffic will hurt businesses.

Allyn C. McEachern, owner of the L & A Market, said he liked the idea of the revitalization, but doubted Mill Street will become a pedestrian mall.

At Barstan's, owner Stan Bagley said the project is a nice idea, but is not appropriate at this time. He said the town needs more businesses before undertaking such a project.

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

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Grant of \$30,000 awarded to state extension service

by Cathy Stanley
Staff Writer

A \$30,000 grant was awarded to the Maine Cooperative Extension Service to develop the first of a new seven-part, national curriculum, said Maine Extension's staff development leader.

David Sanderson said the extensions project is titled "Understanding Cooperative Extension, our origins, our opportunities" and will consist of information on the history of the land grant university system, and the extension's role in that system.

Grants for the other projects were awarded by the national extension committee located in North Carolina, to extension services in other states, and will cover areas such as the informal education of adults; working with groups; leadership development; public policy education and techniques for analyzing problems while taking into consideration future consequences. The purpose of cooperative extension is to meet the needs of state residents through a group of 60 university faculty members who are divided among 16 county offices, Sanderson said.

The faculty located in the county offices serve as liaison between residents of the state, information services and faculty at UMO.

The long-range purpose of the program is to help people become informed about issues they are interested in so they can become more self-governing in their family life and as citizens, Sanderson said.

UMO extension faculty supply easy to understand, practical information on things such as how to shingle a house or home energy conservation, said Ron

Beard, an Ellsworth extension agent.

The Cooperative Extension Service recognizes that adults have special needs when it comes to learning. Parents, for example, cannot go to school for a semester to learn how to communicate with their children, but could attend a one or two-day workshop, Beard said.

Sanderson said extension was started with an emphasis on the agricultural aspect of life because in the last part of the 19th century 50 percent of the population was involved in farming. That figure has declined to 3 percent today.

This change in agriculture, he said, has made it clear that the extension needs to look at its programs and decide if the extension mission should be broadened to deal more with social issues. The program Maine's Cooperative Extension Service is developing will address major changes in society that have occurred since the program was established in 1914, and hopefully help determine where the program is headed, Sanderson said.

The module will be distributed to all 50 states as the first set of common explanations of the organization, said Beard.

"Folks coming in as new staff would share common dreams and hopes about what the organization can accomplish," Beard said.

Sanderson and Beard are both on the steering committee to develop the project along with two other extension members, Louise Cyr and Conrad Griffin.

The group has met once so far, and plans to have the program completed by spring of 1987, Sanderson said.

Johnson disapproves of BOT enrollment plan

by Robert Hardy
Staff Writer

A proposal by the UMaine board of trustees to decrease UMO's undergraduate enrollment to 5,000 has met with disapproval from UMO President Arthur Johnson.

"Right now, we are strapped for money. The board of trustees should get credit for the initial goal of the plan, but I'm not sure if the full implications were well thought out," said Johnson.

The proposal is part of a "strategic" five-year plan to increase the level of state funding from 8.4 percent to 15 percent.

Among the concerns which Johnson had about the plan was a dramatic decrease in tuition revenues.

"Such a decline in enrollment would greatly reduce tuition revenues," he said.

However, BOT member James Bowers said such a decrease in tuition would stimulate a more thorough re-examination of state funding for UMO. An increased state funding would make up for potential revenue losses.

The plan also calls for UMO to increase its graduate enrollment to 2,500, an increase of 150 percent.

Johnson said his chief concern is the weakness of UMO's current graduate education programs.

"Our graduate students get about half of what other schools are offering," Johnson said.

With such a dramatic increase in graduate enrollment, he said, providing funds for more labs and additional research equipment would be difficult. Johnson also said the proposal would discourage "mediocre students" from applying to UMO. These people, he said, might become

excellent students after a couple of years.

The proposed enrollment reduction has also sparked concern over the impact on UMO's athletic program.

Johnson said the reduced enrollment could have a serious impact on the athletic program if tougher admissions standards affected athletes whose academic qualifications were below level.

However, Robert Eugene Boose, commissioner of educational and cultural services and BOT member, said, "If you look across the country, the percentage of students on athletic scholarship programs are not completing requirements. The quality of education should be reinforced. Kids go to college to get a good education. You cannot substitute one for the other."

Undergraduate education programs could also be affected, Johnson said.

"Teaching in the future will require a greater emphasis on liberal arts training, and the best resources for such training are in Orono, not in the smaller colleges," Johnson said.

Boose said teacher education programs and resources will be strengthened at other schools.

"Strategies can be played out in a variety of ways," said Boose. "Right now, it is too early to tell what the full implications of the proposal could be. But when the new chancellor and presidents are named, we will definitely look before we leap."

Boose stressed the importance of examining the intent of the plan. "We are looking at targets. Until we get started, it is hard to tell what direction these areas will go. In the event a serious problem did emerge from these proposals, a re-focus would resume."

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World/U.S. News

General Dynamics loses new contract rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Dynamics Corp. on Tuesday lost its right to obtain any new government contracts, one day after the firm and four former or current executives, including NASA Administrator James M. Beggs, were indicted on fraud charges.

The contract suspension, announced by the Defense Department, is the second such action imposed on the nation's third-largest defense contractor this year. The latest suspension applies not only to Pentagon contracts, but also to any other government work.

Company executives had no immediate comment on the decision,

which was announced by the Navy in its role as executive agent for the Pentagon on all contractual matters involving General Dynamics.

The suspension will prevent the nation's third-largest defense contractor from receiving any new Pentagon work for at least 30 days. The company will now have the right to contest the sanction or propose corrective action. After formal pleadings, government officials will decide whether or when the freeze should be lifted.

"The suspension does not affect contracts already awarded to General Dynamics, but these contracts will not

be renewed or extended during the suspension period," the Navy said.

The imposition of the freeze on new contracts comes at a crucial point in General Dynamics' dealings with the Pentagon. The company manufactures the Air Force's F-16 jet fighter, and is facing a special competition ordered by Congress involving the F-16 and the Northrop Corp's F-20 fighter. That competition is to begin shortly under the terms of the Pentagon's fiscal 1986 budget.

General Dynamics is also the country's sole producer of nuclear-powered Trident missile submarines. The Navy has been trying to convince the Newport

News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. to compete with General Dynamics for Trident contracts. A Navy source who demanded anonymity said Tuesday the service will likely redouble those efforts given the St. Louis-based company's latest legal problems.

The last such freeze imposed on General Dynamics lasted three months, from May 21 to Aug. 13, and delayed the award of more than \$1 billion in contracts. It was ordered by Navy Secretary John F. Lehman in the wake of disclosures the company had submitted questionable administrative and overhead claims on defense contracts.

NASA official to step down, awaits indictment

WASHINGTON (AP) — James M. Beggs plans to take a leave of absence as administrator of the U.S. space agency while he defends himself against a federal fraud indictment stemming from his previous job with General Dynamics, a Reagan administration source said Tuesday.

"I'll do what I do when I've seen the indictment," Beggs told an Associated Press reporter. "I've been put through more wringers than you can put me through in 17 hours," he said in a brief interview at the National

Aeronautics and Space Administration, where he is the top officer.

His comments followed remarks by White House spokesman Larry Speakes, who said he was sure Beggs "will do the right and proper thing."

The administration source, who spoke on condition of not being identified by name, said Beggs, who was named by President Reagan as NASA administrator, "felt he should follow the policy established by the White House in the Donovan case."

This was a reference to Labor

Secretary Raymond Donovan, who conducted a long defense in office against allegations that his former construction company had organized crime ties, but who went on unpaid leave in October 1984 after a Bronx, N.Y., grand jury indicted him.

Beggs was indicted Monday with three other former or present officers of the General Dynamics Corp. on criminal charges that they tried to hide cost overruns on an Army project by shifting the costs from a non-reimbursable category to one in which the government would

pay the firm.

Beggs said Monday, "I am innocent of any criminal wrongdoing," and vowed to "vigorously defend the case." He said he wouldn't resign his NASA post.

On Tuesday, the administration source said Beggs might still decide before the announcement to go all the way and resign, "but I doubt it."

The source said Beggs received no direct calls from the White House, but word of his decision came not long after Beggs learned about Speakes' statement.

Shuttle Atlantis lands with cargo of promise

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The space shuttle Atlantis landed safely Tuesday with a cargo of promise: video tapes to help design a U.S. space station, a purified hormone for tests of a new medical treatment, and film that may locate hidden water in drought-ridden Africa.

With mission commander Brewster Shaw at the controls, the shuttle dropped through wispy clouds and landed smoothly on a concrete runway at this desert air base at 4:33 p.m. EST in front of about 6,700 spectators.

Stored aboard Atlantis were miles of video tapes of astronauts Jerry Ross and

Sherwood Spring as they built large structures of spindly metal struts in the shuttle's open cargo bay during two spacewalks. Scientists believe the construction demonstration will make a major contribution to the design of an American space station planned for the 1990s.

Atlantis also carried samples of a purified hormone that can be used to treat red-blood cell deficiencies, such as anemia. The samples, purified in an electrical process that is more efficient in zero gravity, will be used in animal tests, the first step in winning Food and Drug Administration approval for clinical use.

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U.S., Soviet 'Star Wars' differences hardening

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Soviet positions on "Star Wars" have hardened in the aftermath of the Geneva summit, American officials say, making it more difficult to find a compromise that would clear the way for a comprehensive nuclear arms control agreement.

Moscow is understood to have promised further concessions in its latest arms control proposal — moving closer to the U.S. position — if the administration will drop its Star Wars research program officially known as the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Space-based weapons, along with strategic and intermediate-range missiles, are the subjects of the U.S.-Soviet arms control talks scheduled to resume in Geneva on Jan. 16.

A member of the U.S. summit delegation said President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev engaged in "a dialogue of the deaf" on Star Wars in Geneva, with neither conceding any validity to the other's point of view.

Reagan stressed SDF's potential as a defensive shield against nuclear attacks, several informed officials said, while Gorbachev saw it as a ploy to develop a first-strike capability for the United States — to attack without fear of counter-attack.

When Reagan proposed his laboratories strategy for each nation to send scientists to keep track of the other's Star Wars research, Gorbachev countered with his own open laboratories offer for each side to make sure there wasn't any research at all.

The result was that there was no real discussion of what Star Wars is about, and no progress made toward the American goal of drawing Moscow into a discussion of how to mix offensive and defensive weapons systems, according to participants.

Several officials said the U.S. positions had definitely hardened, in part because of the Soviet attitude at the summit.

Officials suggested that before the summit Reagan was signaling flexibility by emphasizing that the United States would insist on its right to conduct Star Wars research, but without mentioning testing or development.

Gorbachev had in the past suggested the Soviets might not oppose laboratory research.

NEWS BRIEFS

Thieves steal Christmas gifts

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Thieves stole at least \$10,000 worth of toys and other gifts collected by volunteers for needy children and elderly people, authorities said.

"They cleaned it out," said Bonnie McNerny, coordinator of Operation Santa Claus, the volunteer group. "They took everything but a few bathrobes and some roller skates. The skates were probably too hard to carry."

The gifts, to be given to 3,000 youngsters and 300 elderly people, were taken from the Orange County General Services Agency building. About \$10,000 worth of office equipment also was taken, investigators said.

Virginia politician to aid 'underdogs'

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — L. Douglas Wilder, who defied predictions when he was elected lieutenant governor, will raise money for an Underdog Fund to help other candidates confound conventional wisdom.

"Doug was given the gift of political life by the people of Virginia. He wants to give something back in a tangible way," said Paul Goldman, the architect of Wilder's victory.

The fund will "provide professional campaign expertise to selected 'underdog' candidates seeking non-federal office in Virginia and the other 49 states," said the statement of organization Wilder filed Monday with the State Board of Elections.

Goldman said Wilder will decide who rates as an underdog with a chance.

Funds could rely on parking rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — States would have to recognize each other's handicapped parking permits or face the loss of federal highway dollars under a bill introduced Tuesday by Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn.

Gejdenson said he proposed the bill at the urging of a Middletown, Conn., woman who got a ticket in Lynn, Mass., for parking in a handicapped spot, even though she had a valid Connecticut handicapped parking permit.

Currently, there is no requirement that states recognize handicapped

license plates or parking permits issued by other states.

Aquino's widow declares candidacy

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Corazon Aquino, who blames President Ferdinand E. Marcos for her husband's assassination, said Tuesday she will run against him in the special election set for Feb. 7.

Demonstrators went into Manila's streets to protest a court verdict Monday acquitting 25 soldiers and a civilian of murdering Benigno Aquino, who was Marcos' chief political foe.

Mrs. Aquino told a news conference she does not seek revenge against Marcos, although she believes he ordered her husband's murder, but she said the time may have come for a non-politician to run this troubled island republic.

Israeli troops kill five guerillas

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli tanks, troops and helicopter gunships swept 12 miles north of the border Tuesday and fought an eight-hour battle with Palestinians at a guerrilla base in the Bakaa Valley.

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Editorial

Academic suicide

Don't be fooled by the propaganda preceding the measure. The UMaine board of trustees plan for the reorganization of the university system is sheer economic academic suicide.

The editorial board of *The Daily Maine Campus* unanimously opposes the trustees' plan, including the relocation of the college of education at other campuses and the development of an engineering school at USM.

The trustees' plan would decrease undergraduate enrollment by nearly 50 percent, while increasing the graduate school enrollment by 1,500. An arrangement of this type is economically impossible.

By their nature, graduate schools are parasitic. For a top-notch graduate school to exist, it needs a solid undergraduate program in all areas. The reason UMO has been putting out only 25 Ph.D.s per year is not that the graduate program is failing, it's simply that the undergraduate program is not large enough to handle the financial responsibilities.

Financially, the trustees have stated they are trying to relieve dependency on student tuition revenues with the plan, and that they are trying to avoid lowering admission standards to keep enrollment as high as possible in the coming days (so they say) of a decline in the number of students.

Toward this end, they are planning to raise

student tuition, reduce enrollment by raising admission standards and spread programs throughout the system.

The trustees' arguments are full of contradictions. In a commentary in the *Bangor Daily News* (11/30/85), trustee Joseph Hakanson writes, "We expect campus plans to build upon their areas of strength and to eliminate programs that other parts of the university system can provide just as well ... No others can approach UMO in engineering and science preparation."

Yet, at the November BOT meeting, the board paved the way for the development of a duplicate engineering school at USM, although UMO's E&S faculty have been asking for funds to improve their outdated facilities for years.

That the trustees plan to make UMO "the star" of the university system is applaudable. The facilities and the room for expansion are here already. But by reducing the enrollment, trying to turn UMO into a Bates or Bowdoin, the campus will die, followed in short order by the system.

Hakanson writes the trustees have asked "that they (UMO) recognize that even a comprehensive land-grant university such as UMO need not try to be all things to all people." To the contrary, that is exactly the direction the BOT should be heading in, and any legislative support should reflect that aim, albeit to the deemphasizing of the other campuses.

Hacking
Away



RICK LAWES

I suppose, in theory, they exemplify the model of government they try to espouse. Coming from the right, they believe (again, I figure) that government should do everything for the people (especially those who can afford to endow it), rather than government doing for those what they can't do themselves.

Right here on our own little embattled campus, we have a model of Republican strong-arm politics that would make "The Great Communicator" (read The Great Actor) proud.

Every Wednesday night, in some lecture hall somewhere (it should come as no surprise they play hide-and-seek with their meetings) at UMO, democracy dies another death in the General Student Senate.

The weekly death comes through no fault of some senators; indeed, they often realize the game being played and try to make amends. But most of the senators, in the habit of good yes men and women, stand idly by while the elected officials of student government ram their policies, their "New Agenda," down the students' throats with nary a whimper.

In the American governmental system, upon which all political systems in the U.S. are based (including the UMO student government), a system of checks and balances is inherent in the relationship between the executive, legislative and judicial branches. While the notion of having a chief executive's interests protected in a legislative body is quite common—indeed, the power of the executive is greatly diminished if his policies cannot be passed—a chief executive who stumps for support on the floor and who orchestrates the political maneuvering so his policies succeed, is gradually wearing away any check or balance in the system.

More than any other student government president in recent memory, Paul Conway lobbies, defends, and debates every piece of legislation he brings before the GSS (which is about 95 percent of the bills). And his righthand man, Jon Sorenson, who as vice president is president of the senate, usurps his power so effectively as to at least influence the outcome of every vote in the senate.

As a political body, the GSS is, at this time, about as undemocratic a body as could be conceived in this society. It has a chairman who shows obvious bias from the chair, who phrases motions in such a manner to influence the vote, and who tries every political trick possible to have the policies of his administration passed (all of which, of course, is totally antithetical to the views of Robert's Rules of Order which they so highly espouse).

It is also a body where the clock determines what will be discussed. If a resolution isn't taken up by 8:45 p.m., chances are it's going to sit in the hopper another week. That is especially helpful when the senate population doesn't include enough cronies to ensure passage.

So if you hear the sound of "Taps" Wednesday night, it's just the swan song of democracy, in a community that shows no concern for its passing whatsoever.



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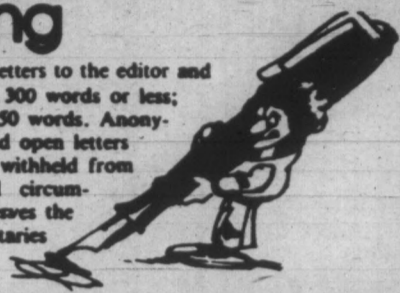
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Absurd policy at Alcatraz

To the editor:

We are writing with regard to a policy in effect in Androscoggin Hall (affectionately called "Alcatraz"). It seems that our study lounges are under a zealously enforced 24-hour quiet hour policy. It is hard to believe that you can be written up for speaking with the *only*

other occupants of the Hush Zone", even while in the act of doing homework! And believe me people, this has happened several times that we are aware of and will undoubtedly happen countless others. This ludicrous action can only be greeted with uncontrollable laughter, which further enrages the operating R.A. We are not disclaiming the

positive aspects of the policy. Indeed, enforcement can even be necessary during the highly stressful week of finals when everyone becomes agitated and anxious to be done. But really! Give us a break, girls.

Residents of Androscoggin Hall

Witches hunting

To the editor:

When will the puerile tactics of the Young Republicans cease? First, they feel compelled to report any professor that doesn't conform to their conservative politics, as a marxist. These self-appointed witch hunters claim they are trying to promote "Accuracy in Academia." However, they are not satisfied with this bogus activity, but have gone a step fur-

ther to permeate an atmosphere of control, by planting cameras all over campus.

It is time we, the logical, evenheaded contingent of the student body respond. The lack of concern over the presence of these model cameras appalls me. The apathy over this violation of our privacy is an odious commentary on this conservative era.

Arthur M. Rigby

December grads

To the editor:

Well, folks, only 16 days of classes left! After that I'll be graduating.

What? People graduate in December? The answer is yes, but do you suppose the university recognizes us? No way.

Not yet have I received any letters about graduation ceremonies, bashes, etc. What's wrong with us? If you graduate in May you get all those things, but if your graduate in December, forget it.

Well, I won't. I've been here four and a half years and I've paid my dues. I've spent *beaucoup* money here, not to mention working for the university (Residential Life) for four years and I think the university owes us December graduates a little something.

I know there are other students out there graduating in December. Write in and complain. Maybe then we will be heard. We deserve it!

Andy Rogers
Old Town



Commentary

Blatant gerrymandering in senate

Betsy Marsano
Sandra Noble

The December 4 meeting of the student senate promises to be one of the most interesting yet. Once again the student senators are being asked to move outside of their private interests (remember the questionable election?) and vote on something which will have a major impact on the entire student body. This week the senate is being asked to vote on an issue related to the appointment of seats.

It seems that during his campaign Paul Conway promised he'd move fraternity residents to off-campus, thus placing their representation under the Off-Campus Board. His (and Jon Sorenson's) rationale is that the Alpha listing puts them there. Sounds reasonable. Unfortunately, that's not all there is to it. The thing Mr. Conway forgot to do was dissolve the Fraternity Board in the same resolution. You see, if the frats move to off-campus and still have a board, they will have more seats (read representatives) than they are allowed.

Student senate seats are apportioned by numbers. It's not much different than having two Senate seats in Congress from Maine while states with similar geographic areas have more (or less) depending upon the population of the particular state. And the congressional districts in the state attempt to balance popular representation. Theoretically, this looks just fine. But we all know theories have a lot to be desired in practice. Especially this one.

What this action really means is that the student senate can be controlled by a relatively small proportion of special interests on campus. The economics (read budgeting) would be unbalanced.

Not only would the frats receive money through their board, they would also control OCB funding. Now, we're not saying they would abuse these controls, but why tempt fate? It is becoming clearer and clearer during senate sessions that only those groups whom Conway and Sorenson approve are readily funded. The others, those to whom non-mainstream, older, gay or male-centered students belong face a reduction in funding—or none at all. Yet, without so much as a by-you-leave, the fraternities would be legally double-dipping from student government. Makes you proud to have these people as your leaders, doesn't it?

But this isn't all. The major item for consideration was buried among four or five others in a single resolution. The vote to remove it for separate consideration was defeated (democracy in action!) The other issues involved are minor but interesting proposals, such as removal of the FEPC guideline denying endorsement of candidates to the outgoing president and vice president of student government. After the performance of Conway and Sorenson this year, it is questionable whether or not their endorsement would actually *help* a candidate. There's also some gibberish about campaign spending limits. Who are we kidding? Spending issues in a student government campaign? Outrageous! Maybe the FEPC should be given "x" amount of dollars, receive the bills from the campaigns and pay them. Private spending at this level shouldn't even be an issue; in fact, maybe it shouldn't be allowed—period. The other issues are harmless—just safeguards to protect the integrity of future elections so what hap-

pened last Sept. 26 doesn't happen again. No problem there. It would be nice to see a fair election run by the FEPC guidelines and hold campus-wide elections, including University College. (Remember them? They didn't even get to vote last fall.)

There's a small anti-issues coalition forming in the senate. More and more senators are finding themselves in alignment with people they didn't even know four months ago. We are small in number, but mighty in spirit. Each week, it's becoming harder and harder for Conway and Sorenson to push their issues through. We, the "upstarts" actually managed to defeat a thing or two during the last meeting. We are vocal in our endorsement of issues we think benefit the greatest number of students and in our condemnation of special interest issues.

One issue of special interest this week is the blatant illegality of this gerrymandering. Not only does it violate one's sensibilities, it violates the laws of the country and the constitution of the student government. If we, as your elected representatives, are unable to stop this miscarriage of voting rights, then we have failed you. If you do not voice either your opposition or support, then you fail yourselves. The meeting is held every Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m., 100 Nutting Hall.

Campaign promises are usually tricky. Once you make one, you are obliged to carry it out. Win or lose, you look like a fool.

Betsy Marsano and Sandra Noble are Off-campus senators in the General Student Senate

Magazine

Communiqué

Wednesday, December 4

Club d'Art: Christmas sale. FFA Room, Union. All day.

UMO Dance Film Festival: "The Green Table." Lengyel Dance Studio 9 and 10:30 a.m. 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

Brown Bag Luncheon Series: "Learning How to Learn." Phyllis Brazee, Michael Brody and David Nichols, assistant professors of education. 157 Shibles. Noon.

Sandwich Cinema Film: "The Raging Bull." Sutton Lounge. 12:15 p.m.

Anthropology-Canadian Studies Seminar: "Snow Avalanches in Canada: History and Evaluation." Dr. Rhoda McFarlane, assistant professor of anthropology and Canadian studies. 155 Stevens. 3 p.m.

"Building Bridges—US/USSR: Alternatives to Nuclear War." Sutton Lounge. 3:15 p.m.

Pre-Law Society: "A Judge Looks At The Law Profession." Bangor Room, Union. 7 p.m.

Cultural Affairs Film Series: "Lumiere." Student Union, University College, Bangor. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 5

AL-ANON Meeting. Old Town Room, Union. 11 a.m.

Planetarium Show: "Comet Halley: Once in a Lifetime." Wingate. 7 p.m.

Theatre/Dance: "An Evening of One Act Plays." Pavilion Theatre. Admission. 8 p.m.

The crowd at Barstan's on Nov. 9 were in a dancing mood and couldn't wait for the band to begin. The band — The Buffalos (formerly Buffalo Chip Tea), are an upbeat band with a very smooth mix of tenor sax, piano and trumpet.

The Buffalos performed many favorites including their own version of Huey Lewis' "Power of Love." Unlike most local bands that rely on Top 40 tunes, The Buffalos can get away performing many original songs — perhaps because they have the talent and the audience support to do so. Michael Buffalo, the lead singer, said the group plays between 50 and 80 percent original music depending on the audience.

The five-member band consists of lead singer and keyboardist Buffalo, Daniel Zinn on tenor sax and keyboard, Steve Slam on trumpet and vocals, Dark Wainer on guitar, Rocky Whipp of drums and Bill Bass Foss on bass and vocals.

The show, which began about 9:30 p.m., was highly entertaining and enjoyable. The horn section was an excellent addition — the final touch to a progressive rock band.

Overall, The Buffalos provided a very enjoyable evening of new music and non-stop dancing. As the band has been around for several years they have developed quite a following, and even after numerous personnel changes the group is still full sounding and tight.



The Buffalos

At far left, Steve Slam (left) and Michael Buffalo jam during The Buffalos recent gig at Barstan's in Orono. At far right, Bill Bass Foss on bass hams it up with the crowd.

by Steve Rood

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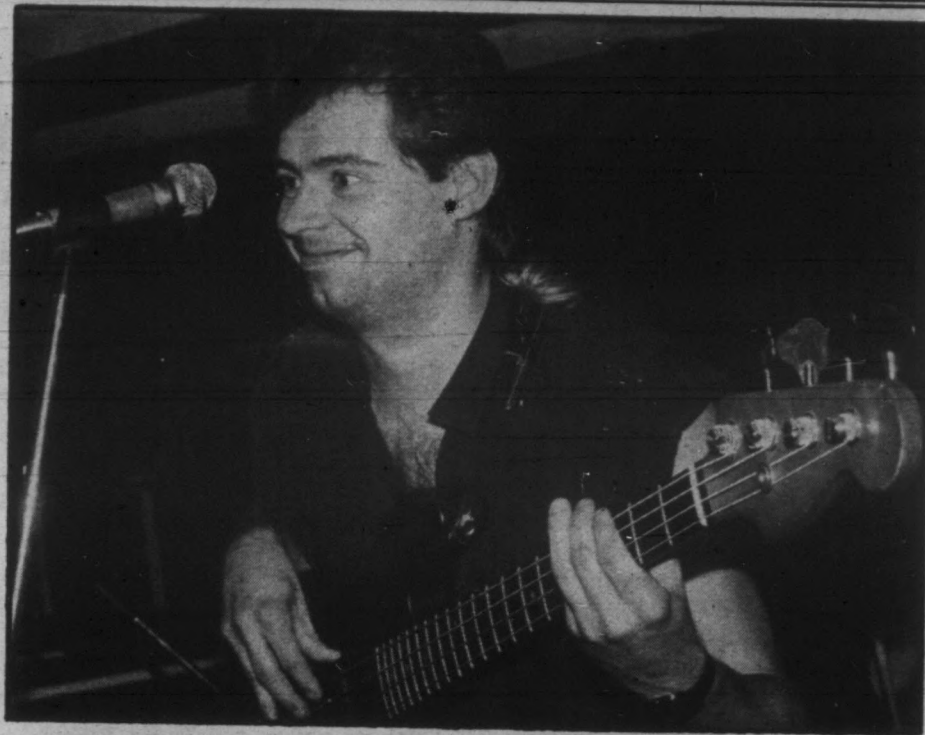
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South Africans mourn blacks slain during riot

MAMELODI, South Africa (AP) — Their arms raised in clenched-fist salutes, up to 50,000 mourners jammed a soccer stadium Tuesday for the funeral of 12 blacks killed in one of the bloodiest days in 15 months of rioting.

In Pretoria, President P.W. Botha announced that he was lifting the 19-week-old state of emergency in eight of 38 districts. He declared in a statement, "The revolutionary climate is fast losing momentum."

The five-hour funeral and burial services in Pretoria's Mamelodi township began and ended peacefully. After talks with organizers, police had agreed to keep out of sight at Mamelodi and to lift riot funeral restrictions, including a limit of 50 mourners. Diplomats from 11 countries, including U.S. Embassy political counselor Tim Carney, attended.

Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed black leader Nelson Mandela, defied her banning order to be at the stadium. To a standing ovation and freedom chants, she told the throng, "The blood of our heroes will be avenged ... We are here today to tell you that the day when we shall lead you to freedom is not far away."

Mrs. Mandela's eight-year-old banning order bars her from attending gatherings and restricts her to the small town of Brandfort.

The flag of the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla movement was draped over the dozen coffins in Pitjje Stadium, including those of Magdalene Mlombo, a 69-year-old woman shot to death by police, and Trocia Ndlovu, a two-month-old girl who died from inhaling tear gas.

Strike paralyzes Bhopal on disaster anniversary

BHOPAL, India (AP) — A general strike paralyzed this central Indian city Tuesday and thousands of angry protesters filled the streets on the second day of demonstrations marking the first anniversary of the Union Carbide gas leak that killed more than 2,000 people.

Hundreds of effigies were conducted in at least five other Indian cities, including New Delhi and Calcutta, commemorating the leak of methyl isocyanate gas that killed more than 2,000 people in Bhopal — most of them slum dwellers — and injured 300,000 others.

About 4,000 demonstrators swarmed outside the Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal, demanding that the plant be permanently closed before another disaster occurs. More than 1,000 riot police guarded the plant.

"Our struggle will be alive as long as we have life in our bodies and sensation in our toes," Abid Rizvi, a textile union leader, told protesters outside the plant. Many in the crowd were crying.

Security was tightened at all Union Carbide plants in India.

Children and adults thronged streets throughout Bhopal and set fire to hundreds of small and large effigies of Union Carbide chairman Warren Anderson.

"Down with killer Carbide, drown Anderson in chemicals," they shouted.

Protest leaders said they planned to burn one effigy for each victim in the Dec. 2-3, 1984, industrial disaster, the world's worst.

Government offices, schools, shops and markets in Bhopal were closed Tuesday in memory of the victims. Motorscooter rickshaws and mini-buses, the principal means of transportation in the city of 900,000, stayed off the roads.

One year ago more than 40 tons of deadly methyl isocyanate leaked from a storage tank and turned into a deadly cloud of gas. The fumes smothered residents of shantytowns near the plant and felled thousands of people as they fled in panic.

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Sports

CLUB REPORT:

Volleyball club thrives despite varsity setback

by Rebecca Smith
Staff Writer

Members of the UMO volleyball club take pride in the fact that they're persevering despite the loss of their varsity status from two summers ago. The time spent and labored remains the same; with the finances proving to be as much of a struggle as the opposition.

Kirc Cone said the main difference between the volleyball club and a varsity sport is that clubs are funded by student government and teams get money through the athletic department.

Another difference, Cone said, is that new members can join anytime during the semester.

He said the practices are mostly drills and some scrimmaging at the end, similar to varsity team practices.

"Chances are that if you are from Maine you don't know volleyball — unless you're from Downeast where there is a league," Cone said.

"When I got to the university I didn't know what volleyball was," he said.

Cone said he started playing volleyball his freshman year while his brother Marc was part of the club.

"I went to practice, made friends, enjoyed the company, so I joined the club," he said. "It's a great opportunity to learn a sport."

Cone said that a lot of people show up for the first meeting but do not join

the club because it is not what they expected. Some people thought it was like intramurals where everyone simply chooses teams and plays games.

Charles Slavin, assistant professor of mathematics, coaches both the women's and men's divisions.

He agreed with Cone that most members take the sport very seriously.

So far this year, Slavin said the club has met with mixed success. He said the men's tournament to be held Saturday at UMO will be the first chance the whole team will have to play.

There are 15 teams involved in the tournament, of which three will be from the UMO club. Bates College and the University of New Hampshire will also have teams at the tournament. Some of the games will be held in Lengyel Gym and the others will be in Memorial Gym.

"The club is very respected in the New England Collegiate Volleyball League and has been invited to the division one championships two years in a row," Cone said.

The club's record last year was 38-25-0 in game play and 14-11-1 in match play.

"We are always encouraging people to check out what we do and join us," he said.

There are about 50 members in the club, including men and women. Combined practices are held two days a week and separately once a week.



Lauree Gott scored 15 points in the UMO women's basketball team's home-opener 76-66 win against the University of Massachusetts Nov. 23. The Black Bears at 1-0 play host to Siena College 2 p.m. Sunday at the Memorial Gym. (Vecchio photo)

The Daily Maine Campus is accepting applicants for Sports Editor for the spring semester. Contact Jon Rummler 581-1268.

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KEVIN DOLAN

The annual badminton tournament was held the weekend before Thanksgiving break with winners crowned in both singles and doubles.

Lixiong Li defeated Deb Davis 2 games to 1 to take the singles event. Davis beat Ty Kerr while Lixiong downed Steve Landry by identical scores of 2-0 to get into the finals.

In the doubles competition, Thad Dwyer and Sam Civiello beat Deb Davis and Lynn Hearty, 2-1, to win the championship. Davis and Hearty defeated Mark Hansen and Jim Gustafson in the semifinals. Dwyer and Civiello ousted Steve Landry and John Veeneman in the other semifinal match.

Twenty-five entries participated in the competition.

The annual free-throw tourney was also held the weekend before break, with the Gannett Gunners, Hancock women, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon winning each of their respective divisions.

The Gannett Gunners won the

men's dorm division with a total of 198 points, edging out the Quaff Brigade of Oxford, who shot for 196 points. Gannett's scorers were Brian Skilling, 43 of 50, John Steward and Mark Robarts, 42 of 50, Paul Bouchard, 37 of 50, and Terry Patterson, 34 of 50.

The Hancock women beat Andro due to the fact that Andro used a women's varsity basketball player. Hancock was led by Laurie Jones 35, Tracy Fredericks 34, Sue McNamara 32, Kathy Welch 32, and Kelly Goodin 31.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon finished with a team total of 206 to take their division. Phi Eta Kappa finished second with 198 points, followed by Delta Upsilon with 196 points. The winners were led by Lee Rossignol with 46, Steve Loubier 45, Dave Gonyor 44, Tim Vacciano 39, and Ray Walston 32.

In coed volleyball, Over the Hill won the A division by defeating York Village, 2-0.

The B division will be decided between Phi Slamma Jamma and Kappa Sigma.

SPORTS ABOUND

Theobald captures Jerry Nason Award

Lance Theobald, University of Maine-football team tailback, has been named the winner of the 1985 Jerry Nason Award for Senior Achievement by the New England Football Writers Association.

The award is presented each year to a senior collegiate football player who has persevered against many obstacles to succeed in football.

Theobald, a 5-foot-9, 195-pound running back, was dismissed from the Black Bears' squad during spring practice of this year for missing two sessions.

After getting the O.K. by Maine coach Buddy Teevens, Theobald made the team as a walk-on. He progressed to the backup tailback spot and got the starting nod after freshman-starter Doug Dorsey went down with an injury.

In his only continuous action of the season, Theobald rushed for 178 yards against the University of New

Hampshire and 173 yards against Delaware in the Black Bears' final two wins.

Michigan advances, Top 20 basketball

by the Associated Press

The first tipoff that Michigan might be moving up in the The Associated Press college basketball poll came in the Tip-Off Classic, when the Wolverines knocked off second-ranked Georgia Tech.

On Tuesday, a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters gave Michigan 12 first-place votes and 1,165 points — not enough to topple North Carolina's No. 1 — but enough to move the 4-0 Wolverines up from third to second.

Rounding out the top 10 are No. 3 Duke, No. 4 Syracuse, No. 5 Georgia Tech, No. 6 Georgetown, No. 7 Kansas, No. 8 Oklahoma, No. 9 Kentucky and No. 10 Notre Dame.

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