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Senate ends session with minor allocations

by Cathy Stanley
Ken Brack
Staff Writers

In the last full General Student Senate meeting under the administration of Paul Conway and Jon Sorenson, \$1269 was allocated in senate resolutions Wednesday.

Senior Council received \$500 towards the 1986 class gift, an aluminum, internal halyard flag pole.

Sorenson, president of Senior Council, said that including lighting and installation the total cost of the flag pole would be \$7,700.

In discussion of the proposal off-campus senator Betsy Marsano said she thought the senior class should purchase their own gift without the use of GSS funds.

The resolution was passed after it had been amended to \$500 from the original \$1,000 request by off-campus senator Cathy Cleale.

Two resolutions sponsored by Presi-

dent Paul Conway and Vice President Jon Sorenson were passed, allocating \$584 for an updated student government computer, and \$185 to help WMEB-FM purchase a telephone interface.

Conway said that a double-sided drive is needed for the computer, along with a letter quality printer to update the system.

The telephone interface will enable the radio station to conduct sports and public affairs talk shows and monitor calls before they are aired, representatives from WMEB-FM said.

The resolution which received the most discussion was one sponsored by Jon Sorenson to amend the by-laws of the GSS to allow a roll call vote only on the request of a majority of the members present.

According to GSS parliamentarian Tripp Lewis, the bylaws did not specify conditions for a roll call, but the precedent had been that six senators were needed.

Sorenson said that roll call is

necessary for budget and impeachment decisions, but other than that is time consuming.

"Roll call votes, (in) my personal opinion, is a pain in the butt," he said.

But some senators, such as MaryAnne Saxl of Knox Hall, said it was important to have on record who voted for what.

An amendment introduced by Somerset Hall senator Mark Tuson passed, requiring one-fifth of those members present to be in favor of a roll call vote before it could be taken. Tuson said he chose the figure of one-fifth because that is what is currently required in Congress.

"The General Student Senate gives students an excellent opportunity to learn about parliamentary procedure and this amendment makes the educational experience more parallel to American government," he said.

Another resolution sponsored by Jon Sorenson involved changing the GSS by-laws to allow special meetings called by the president with a petition of 25 percent of the senate.

Marsano sponsored a friendly amendment to change 25 percent to one-fifth in the interest of creating some consistency in the laws, which the senate accepted.

During the meeting some senators and an off-campus student brought up their concerns with UMO's daycare facilities and asked the GSS if they would look into the problem.

David Reed, president of the Non-Traditional Student Information Group said that the needs of students with children were not being met and that only one percent of student government monies go to campus day care programs.

There are 202 names on the daycare waiting list at UMO Marsano said.

"They are now registering unborn children to get them in our daycare center," she said.

Next week's GSS meeting will be held in 140 Bennett Hall at 6 p.m.

Lack of funding could scuttle bus service

by Rebecca Smith
Staff Writer

Local commuter bus service from Bangor to Veazie, Orono and Old Town may soon be decreased after the Orono and Veazie town councils voted Monday not to share costs with Old Town for replacing one of the three buses currently operating on the so-called VOOT (Veazie-Orono-Old Town) run.

The three communities subsidize "The Bus" service from Bangor. Officials of the system asked the communities to replace a 1978 24-passenger bus, which will be soon removed from service.

The Old Town City Council voted last month to buy a new bus, if the other communities agreed, but will now have to consider operating with only two buses, Councilor Peter Dufour said Wednesday.

"The issue stems from the fact that money is needed to buy a new bus," Orono Town Manager Bruce Locke said before Monday's council meeting.

"The idea is that at some point the third bus won't work."

Local officials are discussing a decrease in the number of runs from every half-hour on weekdays to 45-minute intervals.

Another possibility, said Veazie Town Manager James Kotredes, is to keep service to half-hour intervals during peak hours and hourly service during off-peak hours. The peak hours would probably be 6-10 a.m. and 3-6 p.m., Kotredes said, but better statistics are needed from The Bus system in Bangor before any plans can be made.

Officials in the three communities agreed that the bus service should be continued, but the amount each communi-

ty has to pay is too much for the low ridership.

The U.S. government subsidizes at least 50 percent of the operating costs of the bus service, Dufour said.

Orono and Old Town each pay 40 percent of the remaining operating costs while Veazie pays 20 percent.

City Manager David O. Cole said Old Town's share of the cost was \$18,000 last year and with possible federal budget cuts the cost may rise to \$35,000-\$36,000 this year.

One reason Old Town decided in January to buy the bus is that the Urban Mass Transit Authority would pay 80 percent of the \$115,000 cost, Dufour said.

Old Town expects federal budget cuts to reduce the amount of grant money the city receives, he said. "Next year we might have to pay an extra 50 percent to buy the bus."

Orono and Old Town would

have to pay \$9,240 for the bus and Veazie would pay \$4,620, Locke said.

The communities pay their shares of the service through taxes, Kotredes said.

"We don't want to stop the service; (the service cut) is just a move for survival," he said.

The Bus system has been asked to provide statistics including how many people get on the bus and where, Kotredes said.

"What we have to do is work

out a schedule based on statistics," he said.

Dufour said he favors increasing the run intervals by 15 minutes because it will not inconvenience people.

"The same people will use the bus with the service reduction and the ridership proportion will increase," he said.

The consistent interval will be easier for people to remember than having the times change during the day, he said.

Trustees nominated despite opposition

by Donna Trask
Staff Writer

Despite Republican opposition, the Education Committee of the Maine State Legislature approved the nomination of Stewart N. Smith and the renomination of Robert J. Dunfey to the UMaine board of trustees at a hearing Tuesday night.

According to Rep. Stephen Bost, D-Orono, Republican opposition was based on concern that the governor has not yet followed the recommendation of the Visitation Committee report to set up an advisory committee on the selection of new trustees.

"I feel a review committee needs to be set up and currently there is legislation to do that," he said.

Bost, who did not attend the hearing because he has the flu, said, "It was a partisan exercise and it's very

unfortunate it became that." Rep. Jon Bott, R-Orono, spoke at the hearing in opposition to the renomination of Dunfey.

"Personally, I have nothing against Mr. Dunfey. I'm concerned about how people would perceive the renomination," Bott said.

"We could do one of two things: we could be supportive to the feeling that is being felt across the state and deny any renomination to the BOT, or we can renominate and send the message of 'business as usual,'" he said.

"I'm looking at the big picture and the future of education at the University of Maine," he said.

Bott said the Education Committee should have tabled the renomination or turned it down all together.

Dunfey, a Portland businessman, has served as a

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(Vecchio photo)

BOT

member of the BOT for more than two years. He said he can lend a businessman's perspective to the functions of the BOT.

"I had some concerns about his renomination in light of his vote to endorse the (BOT) five-year plan. However, he indicated to the Education Committee many strengths which superseded that concern," said Bott.

Dunfee said the short-term and long-

term goal of the BOT is to work on "blending and melting the Visiting Committee report and Goals and Strategies (the BOT five-year plan)."

Smith, a former state agriculture commissioner, will lend a great deal of expertise to the board, said David Cheever, Gov. Joseph Brennan's press secretary.

"Out of all of the people the governor has nominated, he is as comfortable with (Smith) as anyone because he is so

competent," Cheever said.

"Here is a guy who helped introduce broccoli as a second crop in Aroostook County and saved a lot of people out there," he said.

When dealing with a group of people who have planted potatoes all their lives, it is difficult to get them to try something new, Cheever said. Smith encouraged these people and helped them with new marketing procedures, he said.

"I think there are several important factors in the Stewart Smith candidacy," Bost said.

"First is his strong tie to agriculture. The legislature has felt there needs to be stronger agricultural presence on the board. Such a presence doesn't exist now on the board.

"Second, his close ties with UMO with extensive service. He'll be a very valuable asset to this campus.

"Third, I think it will be a step towards balancing the board," he said.

"There are some concerns about Smith, I don't share these concerns. There is some resistance from some northern Maine legislators who were not fully satisfied with some of his decisions as commissioner of agriculture," said Bost.

Smith could not be reached for comment.

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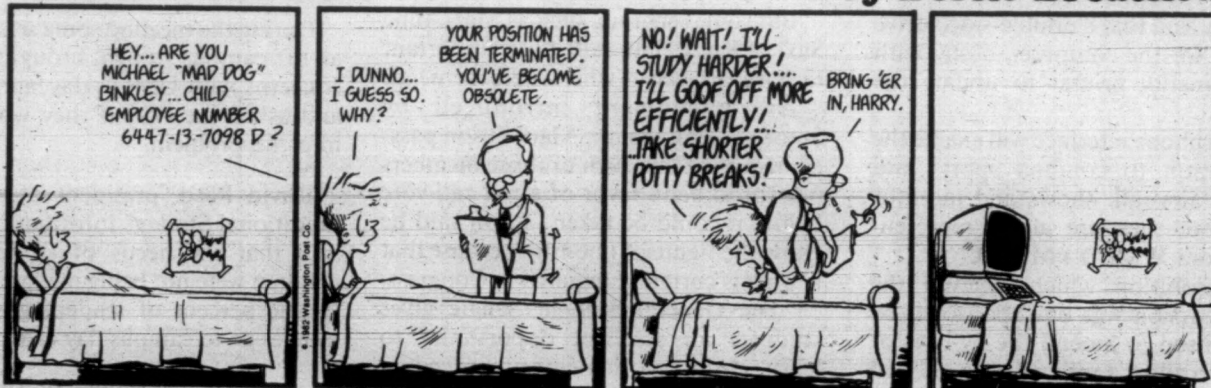
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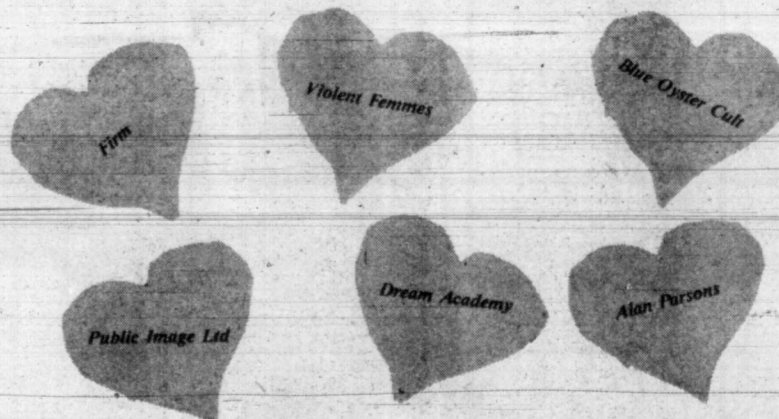


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IDB candidates want more refrigerators

by Melinda Lake
Staff Writer

The candidates for Interdormitory Board president and vice president stress the need for greater student awareness of IDB and expansion of the refrigerator program as part of their platforms for Thursday's elections.

Running for IDB president this year are Stacey Hong and Mark Livingston.

Hong was president of Cumberland Hall last year and is currently IDB executive secretary. He said he is best suited for the job because "I have the advantage of already being in the office. I've been on the board and have attended all the meetings, and I know exactly how the (United Way) Fast works."

Livingston has served in the General

Student Senate and Dorm Government Board, and is currently vice president of the York Complex Board.

"I have the knowledge of how the senate works" and can approach

IDB's business with the senate effectively, he said.

Vice presidential candidates are Wendy Milne, on the ticket with Hong, and Scott Dunning, Livingston's running mate. Milne has been a member of IDB and DGB for the past year and a half and is currently president of Androscoggin Hall. Dunning has been an adviser to DGB as a resident assistant.

Current president Susan Couturier said the IDB just started buying refrigerators this year, and now owns 50.

Under the five-year buying program, IDB will buy a number of refrigerators

each year until it no longer has to rent any. She said this would in turn save students money in renting refrigerators from IDB.

Couturier said the board plans to purchase another 75 refrigerators this year.

Milne said that if elected she and Hong would try to accelerate the refrigerator-buying program.

elected, they will start a study working towards the installation of cable TV in dorm rooms, something to which they have had a lot of student response.

Hong said he and Milne would also "do something for freshmen" by giving them a tumbler or another item when they arrive at their dorms.

To increase communication between

Hong said he and Milne would also 'do something for the freshmen' by giving them a tumbler or another item when they arrive in their dorms.

Livingston and Dunning also emphasized the need to continue the program to reduce the cost of renting refrigerators, as well as getting a budget increase for IDB from student government.

IDB's budget was cut last year from approximately \$19,000 to \$13,000, Dunning said.

"We have discussed IDB with all the student government candidates, and they've voiced their support for IDB," he said. "We're looking to get back to the budget we had before last year's cuts."

Hong said one of the ways he and his vice president would work to make IDB more visible is by starting a newsletter.

"It would be weekly or biweekly and be available in all commons," he said.

"We would like to step it up, do it in three, possibly two years, bringing the cost of renting a refrigerator down to \$30 a year for students," she said.

As another part of their campaign, Livingston and Dunning said that, if

IDB and DGBs, Livingston and Dunning have said they will visit DGBs at least once a month to exchange information on the programs on which they are working.

"DGB can then go to their student senators as representatives of their section in the dorm with the programs they want supported," Livingston said.

"I have had at least 100 students, just today, come up to me and say, 'Is this feasible? How can I help?'" Livingston said. Milne said she and Hong would also work to make IDB more familiar by expanding the movie program and distributing movie posters around campus.

"We would be asking students what movies they would like to see, and possibly extending the budget to have more movies," Hong added.

Voting will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in all dining commons, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Union, and 11 to 1:30 at the University College Union.

Trustees hold out against changing UMO's name

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — A subcommittee of University of Maine trustees finished its review of reforms advocated by a gubernatorial panel Wednesday, embracing in principle all of the proposals except one to rename most of the seven campuses.

The findings of the trustee panel, which are to be committed to writing next week in preparation for a special meeting of the full board in Augusta on Feb. 24, set the stage for overturning some elements of the controversial "goals and strategies" plan that the trustees had adopted late last year.

Gov. Joseph E. Brennan's Visiting Committee to the University of Maine, a group of 11 distinguished educators and citizens appointed in 1984 to conduct an independent examination of the university, has agreed with the trustees on the need for increased taxpayer support and on many other issues.

But the two panels have differed in several key areas, including undergraduate teacher training. The trustees proposed shifting responsibility for those programs from the main campus in Orono to several regional campuses; the visiting committee recommends retaining and strengthening the present system.

Francis A. Brown, who headed the trustee subcommittee, played down the difference in the two sets of recommendations Wednesday, reiterating the trustees' argument that their plan was intended only as a broad and flexible statement of goals. However, he acknowledged that the presidents of the seven campuses are still expected to submit plans by April 1 for implementing those goals.

If the full, 16-member board of trustees reverses any of its earlier decisions, the Calais lawyer said, campus presidents "will have to take that into consideration in their final product."

After the trustees publicly unveiled their plan last November, they were accused by legislators and others of attempting to upstage the gubernatorial panel. Two weeks ago, the trustees appeared at an informal caucus in an attempt to appease their critics in the Legislature.

Brennan has said that the visiting-committee report, which calls for an immediate \$15-million appropriation as the first step toward increased support for the university, will form the basis for a separate package of legislation that he will present within a few weeks.

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World/U.S. News

Instructor wins in free speech decision

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal court jury Wednesday awarded \$2.57 million in back pay and damages to Jan Kemp, a former English instructor at the University of Georgia who said she was fired for speaking out against academic favoritism for student athletes.

The six-member U.S. District Court jury found that two Georgia officials — Vice President for Academic Affairs Virginia Trotter and Developmental Studies Director Leroy Ervin — violated

Kemp's right to free speech by demoting and firing her.

"This is primarily a victory for academic integrity," said Kemp, who said the award went "beyond my wildest dreams."

Kemp testified that her reason for filing the suit was to "clean up academic corruption" at the school and that she would be happy if she won only \$1.

The central question was whether

Kemp's demotion from English coordinator in the Developmental Studies program and her later dismissal as an instructor were in retaliation for her protests against preferential treatment of athletes.

But the trial became a forum on the way student athletes were admitted, graded and promoted at the school.

According to testimony, the university's admission standards were lowered

for revenue-producing athletes, some athletes were promoted from the remedial program even if they were not meeting grade requirements, some were offered individual instruction, and some were given more than the usual four quarters to get through the remedial program.

University officials maintained that preferential treatment was available to any remedial student who needed it, but that athletes had the greatest needs.

Government atrocities reported in El Salvador

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Salvadoran army officer, planning to seek political asylum in the United States, says he participated in death squad killings in the early 1980s and witnessed the slaughter of civilians by El Salvador's U.S.-backed military.

1973 West Point graduate, described "subversives" as a routine activity of the Salvadoran army in early 1981. He said he personally commanded four assassination missions, claiming about a dozen lives.

Castro said he also saw the army execute unarmed women and children during a counter-insurgency sweep near the Rio Lempa in the fall of 1981 and leave the bodies in shallow streams as a warning to leftist guerrillas.

Castro, who left El Salvador in mid-1982, is the first Salvadoran army officer to publicly state that he participated in death squad killings. He initially told his story to free-lance reporter Allan Nairn for an article in the current issue of *Progressive* magazine.

Castro, however, said in the interview he was recruited to work with the CIA and served as a translator for an American who trained the Salvadoran military on interrogation techniques. He

said the American trainer did not advocate torture, but suggested that suspects be kept "completely disoriented" by keeping them isolated and employing psychological tactics.

Castro's statements support allegations made by private rights groups that the Salvadoran military committed massive abuses in the early 1980s, killing tens of thousands of civilians. During those years, the Reagan administration disputed many of the charges but acknowledged that some abuses occurred.

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Measured phone service set for Maine

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Legislative efforts to block this weekend's billing changeover for 85,000 residential customers of New England Telephone Co. were killed off Wednesday, as the Senate voted 20-13 to let local measured service proceed on schedule. Earlier this week, the House had kept a delaying measure alive, but even there

support for blocking the scheduled pricing switch had begun to erode.

The final voting was anti-climatic. Lawmakers hoping to delay implementation had never approached the two-thirds Senate majority needed to postpone Saturday's changeover. And in Wednesday's voting, they fell far short of even the simple majority needed to force a suspension of the new billing plan before the anticipated referendum on per-call pricing in November.

NET spokesman John McCatherin said the new billing plan will take effect at midnight Friday. "The timing equipment is already in place," he said.

Under the new plan, NET residential customers in Kittery, Eliot, Lewiston, Portland, Augusta, Waterville, Bangor and Presque Isle are being offered three billing plans.

Plan A, the basic measured service op-

tion, offers access to local telephone networks for a basic monthly charge of \$6.70 in the most costly service areas. Local calls would be billed at 2 cents a minute during so-called peak calling periods and at 1 cent a minute off-peak. As ordered by the PUC, the monthly bill for this service the most expensive areas would be capped at \$18.

Plan B carries a basic monthly charge of \$8.70 in those same areas, with peak-period calls billed at 2 cents a minute. But under expanded offpeak hours, local calls under this plan could be made at no additional cost. The cap on this service would be \$19.

Plan C, the so-called flat rate option, provides unlimited local calling for a fixed monthly fee. Currently, in the most expensive areas, this service costs \$13.35. Under the new plan, the same service will cost \$18.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Seventeen killed in Lebanese bombing

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Two women were killed and 15 other civilians were wounded Wednesday when a bomb exploded under an office of President Amin Gemayel's Phalange Party in Christian east Beirut, police said.

Military sources said Moslem and Druse units of the Lebanese army were preparing to move into west Beirut to halt the factional fighting among Moslems.

In southern Lebanon, leftist and Moslem militia clashed with the Israeli-backed, mainly Christian, South Lebanon Army, leaving at least three dead and four fighters seriously wounded. The fighting occurred around the Christian stronghold of Kfar Falous and involved tanks, rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns.

Navy doctor denies incompetency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Don M. Billig, defending himself against manslaughter charges in the deaths of five heart patients, said Wednesday that none of his fellow doctors had told him he was incompetent to conduct surgery at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

In his first testimony at his military court-martial, the former head of heart surgery at Bethesda also said that a 1978 eye injury had not impaired his ability to conduct surgery before joining the Navy. He said he had told his Navy recruiter that his privileges had been terminated at a New Jersey civilian hospital in 1981.

Billig, a Navy commander, is charged with involuntary manslaughter involving five patients who died during or after heart surgery. He is also charged with 24 counts of dereliction of duty in connection with other operations.

NASA says booster not cause of explosion

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA insisted Wednesday it is not yet convinced a booster rocket caused the explosion of space shuttle Challenger and said both the rocket's manufacturer and space

agency experts agreed to the launch in unusual sub-freezing weather.

At the same time, the space agency released internal documents that showed a history of concern with the "O ring" seals where the four segments of the solid rocket booster are joined. In report after report, the huge rubberlike rings' elasticity and ability to contain gases were mentioned as critical items to be looked at.

Attention has been focused on the seals because films of Challenger's Jan. 28 liftoff show a plume of flame appearing to spurt from the right rocket booster toward the shuttle's main tank loaded with volatile fuel. The ability of the seals to contain gas and flame is under close scrutiny.

Brandeis shantytown unmolested

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Working in four-hour shifts, some students at Brandeis University are sleeping, eating and partying in a 50-foot-long plywood shanty, vowing to stay until the college sells all its investments in companies that do business in South Africa.

"We're prepared to stay out here until they divest," said student Deb Bix of Winthrop.

Violence has erupted over shantytowns at Dartmouth College and Stanford University, and the Dartmouth administration ordered a shanty razed on Tuesday. But at Brandeis, "there's no intention to interfere with these activities," said university spokesman Steve Cohen.

Measles break out in California

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Nineteen cases of a potentially fatal form of measles have been reported in Santa Rosa, Harvard and Fremont since the first of the year, health officials said.

The number of cases could grow to 100 or more in the next three months, said Dr. Loring Dales, a medical epidemiologist with the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at the State Department of Health Services in Berkeley.

Although it is usually considered a childhood ailment, the "10-day measles" can strike people of all ages and is most dangerous in adults. People who have had the disease once or are vaccinated are immune.

Alleged radical robber captured in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police captured a revolutionary who allegedly masterminded a botched 1981 Brinks armored car robbery in New York state that left two police officers and a guard dead, the FBI said Wednesday.

Mutulu Shakur, 35, who was on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list, had been the target of a nationwide manhunt since 1982, said Richard Bretzing, chief FBI agent in Los Angeles.

Shakur has a long history of ties with radical groups, including the Black Revolutionary Movement, the Red Guerrilla Resistance and the May 19th Movement, Bretzing said.

A federal warrant for his arrest was issued April 21, 1982, charging him with bank robbery, conspiracy to commit bank robbery and racketeering. No state

charges ever were filed against him in the case.

New York City police working on the case in Los Angeles arrested Shakur Tuesday night as he tried to run from a West Los Angeles street corner where he was meeting someone, Bretziang said. The agent would not say if that person was an agent.

The arrest leaves only one of the seven people accused of involvement in the Oct. 20 1981, robbery of \$1.6 million from an armored truck in Nanuet, N.Y., a New York City suburb, still at large.

A Brink's guard was killed and two others wounded during the armored-truck robbery. Later, two Nyack, N.Y., police officers were killed and one wounded as several people poured out of the back of their getaway van firing automatic weapons, Bretzing said.

Bath Iron Works renegs claim of heroin find

BATH, Maine (AP) — Bath Iron Works reversed itself Wednesday and said a substance found aboard a Navy frigate at the shipyard did not turn out to be heroin.

On Monday, shipyard spokesman Jim McGregor confirmed that BIW officials had tested a substance found aboard the USS Roberts two days after the frigate returned from sea trials. "Our own field testing indicated it was heroin," McGregor said at the time.

Wednesday, McGregor confirmed that subsequent analysis performed by the Bath Police Department revealed that the two-ounce sample of powdery substance was neither heroin nor cocaine.

The shipbuilders' union, which is embroiled in a heated dispute with the company over BIW's plans for mandatory drug testing, reacted angrily to the turn of events.

Local president Ray Ladd said BIW asked him Wednesday to play down the whole incident. But, Ladd said, "I want people to know that this wasn't drugs."

McGregor called the incident "unfortunate" and said his original statement that heroin had been found on the ship was not intended to discredit anyone or suggest that drug use is rampant at the shipyard.

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When the controversy broke, Chairman William Coors denied knowing such questions were on the

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Kelley J. Bouchard



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Strange comics

According to Ed Carroll, our respected and bearded editor, Zippy costs more than "Doonesbury" and "Bloom County" put together. We all

I will let you know if the letter-campaign next Tuesday page. If we have more than 200 letters, then so be it. But if Zip sends the wishes of our readers, Send all letters to the Editor, Campus, Lord Hall, University of Illinois at Chicago. Don't be a Pinhead. fate of Zippy.

John Strange is a sergeant major who can't stop eating mushrooms and toast.

Distinctions

Since I am turning into a rather middle-of-the-road persona, I have adopted a golden mean attitude toward

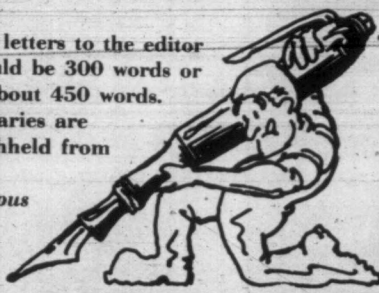
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Response

when writing

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know that there are some high-quality comics out there that will be cheaper than the low-quality Zippy.

"B.C.," "Shoe" and "The Wizard of Id" are all high-quality strips that could easily replace "Zippy." These strips are funny and offer meaningful social commentary.

Now, I'm not trying to force my views on anybody else. Although many of my friends feel the same way, I realize that there are some people who enjoy the off-the-wall humor of the Pinhead.

In fact, when the strip did not run last week due to production problems, four or five people called in a 15-minute period demanding their Zippy.

To prove that I am just an open-minded guy, I suggest we use the democratic method.

What I propose is this. If you like Zippy, write in and tell me why. You might want to enlighten us people who don't like Zippy and fill us in on what the heck the strip is all about. Now, if you think that the money spent on Zippy would be better off going to another comic strip, write in and tell me what you would rather see.

I will let you know the results of the letter campaign next Thursday on this page. If we have more Zippy supporters, then so be it. But if Zippy loses, I'll relay the wishes of our readers to Editor Ed.

Send all letters to me at *The Maine Campus*, Lord Hall, UMO.

Don't be a Pinhead. Participate in the fate of Zippy.

John Strange is a senior journalism major who can't stand polka-dots, mushrooms and toast.

the whole affair and I save my sincerity for occasions that merit it.

Make no mistake: I can be and often am serious about serious things — illegal rent increases, racism, sexism, and child abuse. But there is a difference between regarding things in a serious light, and exhibiting overweening sincerity.

I can sincerely say, for example, that I think stories about UFO babies being born in Yugoslavia are fiction.

I cannot sincerely say that all President Johnson's efforts to get to know the student body are wildly successful.

Through observing one of these sessions, and at the risk of offending everyone else present, I am compelled to say the meeting was one of limited value.

I listened to thoughts of several students, each in his or her capacity as a leader. I did not doubt the sincerity of what was said. I doubted the value.

Campus housing and rehased view of the Visiting Committee's and trustees' reports were the topics. I guess I really didn't expect anything new, but I was disappointed by the conversation and surprised that a commodity I value highly (sincerity) was being used so liberally.

I was troubled, briefly, that I was immensely amused by the proceedings, and figured it was my prerogative. I remembered the distinction between serious (earnest, grave, sober) and sincere. The two do not always go hand in hand.

Jessica Lowell is a senior forestry/journalism major, residing in Orono, Maine.

Pros and cons of mandatory recreation fee

To the editor:

This Thursday — today — the UMO student body will have the opportunity to vote for or against a mandatory recreation fee of \$15 that would eventually appear on our semester bill.

While I applaud and support this opportunity for student input, I am disappointed that information printed by the Student Government Public Relation Committee and certain flyers appearing on cafeteria tables (printed by whom and at who's expense?) failed to represent both sides of the issue, namely a mandatory recreation fee's disadvantages.

First of all, having all students pay \$15 will in fact shift the tax burden (costs for the weight room, racquetball courts, etc.) from those who presently use the recreation facilities to all students taking two or more classes.

The obvious question appears to be why should those students who don't lift weights, swim laps or play racquetball subsidize those students who do?

Should commuter students and community people taking two classes or those people who jog outside and don't use the pool, weight room, courts or play intramural basketball pay for those people who do?

A flyer found in Stewart Commons states that the mandatory fee "allows everyone to pay their fair share." I question the author's definition of "everyone" and "fair share."

If participants in intramurals want "more T-shirts for awards" or unlimited use of the facilities then I submit the best method for financing this increase in costs is the present user fee system.

Not only are user fees a more equitable and efficient manner to distribute both athletic resources and costs, but it avoids the very obvious problem of over-crowding — already observable during lap swim hours.

Quite simply, why not have those people who want increased services pay for it?

Secondly, with course fees, dorm damage, communication fees, activity fees and other charges that seemingly appear

Input wanted on reports

To the editor:

In the past several months various letters, editorials and articles have appeared in the *Daily Maine Campus* concerning the "Goals and Strategies Report" of the University of Maine Board of Trustees and the Visiting Committee's report.

Administration, faculty, staff and students alike are concerned about this issue and the implications that it will have on the Orono campus.

The Legislative Liaison Committee of student government

has been working on this issue and other related topics such as the proposed name change and state appropriations for this university.

The committee meetings are open to all interested students. Students who would like to help are welcome to join or stop by and voice their ideas.

The committee meets weekly on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. in the 1912 room of the Memorial Union. All input would be greatly appreciated.

Kathy Boulet, chairwoman
Legislative Liaison

It can eliminate costs for weight room usage, Wallace Pool usage during recreational swims and costs for Alford Arena during public skating.

It can also eliminate racquetball court charges and intramural entry fees.

A mandatory recreation fee can reduce rental costs on racquets and other equipment, charges for aerobic classes and other instructional workshops.

It allows everyone to pay their fair share.

The mandatory recreation fee promotes fitness-oriented activities without students having to pay each time they participate.

It gives recreational sports more money to work with so officials can be paid more and graduate assistants can be hired.

Non-work study positions would be available, more T-shirts for awards and improvements in recreational facilities such as lights for outdoor field areas.

A student referendum vote will be held in February.

Kurt Forsgren
Cumberland Hall

Editor's note: To be fair on election day, the following information from a flyer represents an opposing viewpoint.

Mandatory \$15 recreation fee — what will it do for you?

President's pat on the back

To the editor:

As most of you are aware, the university has been working since Jan. 1 to establish and implement policies concerning smoking in the workplace.

The process of establishing smoking and non-smoking areas in accordance with the State Workplace Smoking Act and subsequently living by the established policies has been a difficult one for many of us.

Many smokers have had to substantially modify their smoking habits and smokers and non-smokers alike have had to wrestle with the decision of where to locate designated smoking areas.

Clearly, the last month or so has shown that establishing smoking policies can evoke strong emotions from both smokers and non-smokers. It

has also shown that cooperation and efforts to understand other viewpoints are critical to implementing without rancor those elements of the State Workplace Smoking Act that pertain to UMO.

I wish to express my thanks to all of you who have worked to make this process go smoothly. Without your efforts and your understanding, many more problems would have been created.

Thank you for going through a difficult process with such a positive attitude. I hope we can all continue working together to ease the conflicts inherent in the implementation of the State Workplace Smoking Act.

Let's keep up the good work already started.

Arthur M. Johnson
UMO President

Attention Readers!

If you have something on your mind and would like to express it for the benefit of others—write. The Daily Maine Campus welcomes your letters to the editor—we won't know about it unless you write. We desire reader response, whatever your perspective. So send them in!

Sports

Men's track team places third in Eastern meet

by John Holyoke
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's indoor track team walked away with third place out of 12 schools competing in the Eastern Intercollegiate championships Saturday, scoring 86 points. Southern Connecticut State College won the meet tallying 144 points.

Maine coach Ed Styrna was doubly pleased after the meet, both about his team's performance, and the chance to show off UMO's track facility to other coaches from around the Northeast.

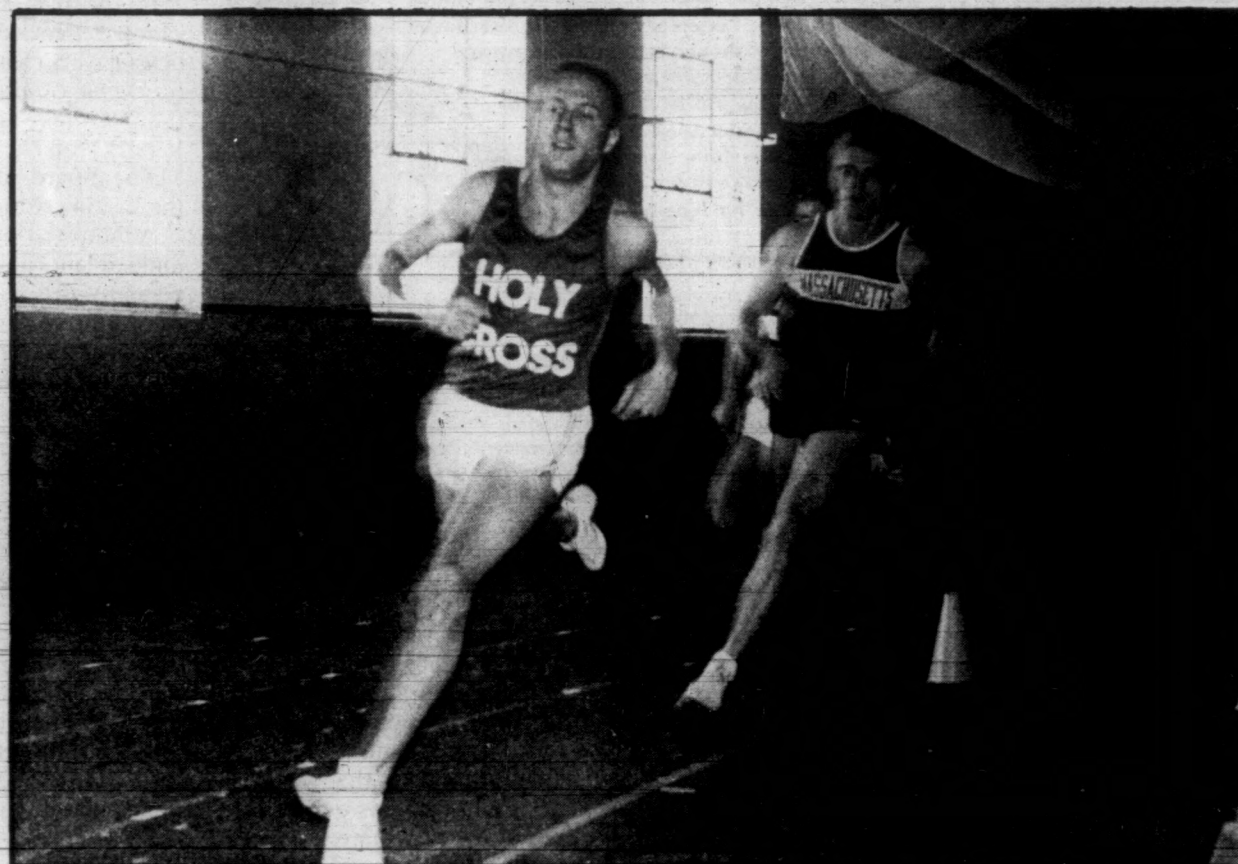
"The guys really ran well," Styrna said. "Plus, it was important to put on a good meet for everyone that showed up, so I'm happy that we were able to do that."

The Black Bears were paced by the meet record-breaking run of Robin Hays in the 880, Chris Williams' second place in the mile, and Sean Truman's second and third in the high jump and 60-yard dash.

Hays was all by himself in his record-run breaking, by one-tenth of a second, the old meet record of 1:55.13.

Williams finished just behind Mark Pagnano of Colby after dueling with his counterpart for the entire race. Styrna pointed out that the race marked a return to form for Williams.

"He's been sick and not running well, but he went out and ran a heck of a race."



These runners were quick with the pace in last weekend's Eastern Intercollegiate Championships held at UMO. Southern Connecticut State College won the meet. (Warren photo)

Styrna was particularly pleased with Truman's showing on the afternoon. "Sean wasn't expected to make the finals

in the 60 and he set a personal best (6-7) in the high jump, so we're pleased with that."

Other bright spots for Maine were the second place finishes of hurdler Peter Rooks (7.7) and long jumper Rob Stirling.

In what might have been the most exciting race of the day, UMO's Mike Norman came from 20 yards behind on the final leg of the mile relay to finish just in front of a Southern Connecticut runner and help his team (Dan Martin, John Boucher, and K.C. Latham) to victory. Norman finished third in the trial heat

of the 440 and failed to qualify for the finals. When the relay rolled around, he was ready.

"I was mad all day because of the 440," Norman explained. "When I got the baton, I just focused on the guy's back and went after him."

Other individuals who picked up points for the Black Bears were Nelson Desilvestre (4th in the triple jump), Eric Redard (4th, shot put), Joe Trefethen (5th, shot put), Joe Quinn (5th, 35-pound weight), Dan Crocker (5th, triple jump), Tim Dyer (6th, long jump) and Tim Vose (6th, triple jump).

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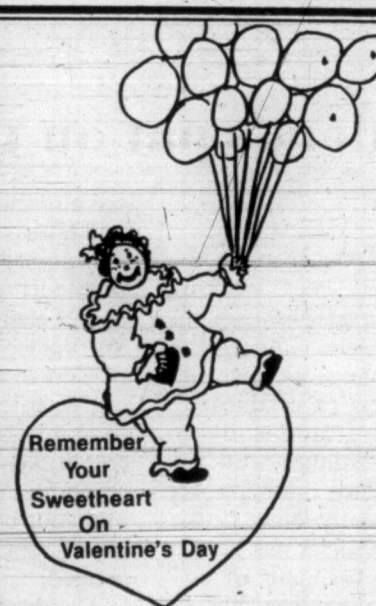
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Men's home

by Kevin Dietrich
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's basketball team will try to end its losing streak Tuesday night at the Pit for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Connecticut State College.

The Black Bears' conference record. The team's record to their Feb. 8 game at the University of Maine was 1-1.

Maine dropped to ECAC North Division. The team's record in Niagara, N.Y., game was a 90-70 loss to the University of Maine.

The Black Bears' four-game road trip. The team's record in the last week was 1-1.

Co-captain John Black Bears' last week. The team's record was 1-1.

"We played hard but didn't win, but we

Olympic plan

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The International Olympic Committee has endorsed a plan that could open the 1992 Olympic Games to professional athletes in basketball, tennis, IOC President Samaranch said.

The revision of the Olympic Charter, if it passes, would allow professional athletes in those sports to compete in the international games. The decision would decide if the Games.

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Men's basketball team back home against Central Conn.

by Kevin Dietrich
Staff Writer

The University of Maine men's basketball team will try to break a four-game losing streak Thursday as it returns to the Pit for a 7:30 p.m. contest with Central Connecticut State University.

The Black Bears enter the non-conference matchup with a 4-16 overall record. The Wildcat's record, going into their Feb. 8 contest with Concordia University, was 12-9 overall.

Maine dropped a tight 58-52 decision to ECAC North Atlantic Conference opponent Canisius College Monday evening in Niagara, New York. CCSU's latest game was a 95-89 victory over New Haven University on Feb. 8.

The Black Bears are coming off a four-game road trip which, despite their lack of success in the win column, saw them play some of their best basketball all season.

Co-captain Jim Boylen believes the Black Bears improved a great deal in the last week.

"We played two great games and we didn't win, but we're getting better as we

lose," Boylen said.

Black Bear Todd Taylor concurred adding that, "The W's (wins) will come with the way we're playing."

Although the Wildcats compete in a lower division than Maine, the Black Bears aren't taking them lightly.

"They're a really good Division II school. They'll be moving up to Division I next season," said Taylor.

Boylen believes his squad will have to shut the Wildcats down offensively in order to be successful.

"We know that they shoot the ball well. We'll have to out rebound them and out shoot them to beat them," Boylen said.

Leading the Wildcat attack is forward Tony Little, who is averaging nearly 17 points per game despite missing almost half of CCSU's games with an injury.

As a team, the Wildcats are averaging over 75 points per outing while shooting just under 47 percent from the floor. In addition, CCSU is pulling down over 40 rebounds per game.

The last time the two squads met was during the 1978-79 season when Maine dropped Central Connecticut 71-53.



This Maine long jumper helped the Black Bears to a third-place finish in the Easterns last weekend. See story page 8. (Perry photo)

Olympic Committee endorses plan to allow professionals

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND (AP) — The International Olympic Committee has endorsed a proposed rule change that could open the Games to professional athletes in hockey, soccer and tennis, IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch said Wednesday.

The revision of the Olympic Charter, if it passes, would eliminate the distinction in those sports between amateur and professional athletes. But individual international sports federations still would decide if pros could compete in the Games.

Some professional tennis players, based on age, were allowed to participate in the 1984 Los Angeles Games where tennis was a demonstration sport. The

Charter change will be submitted to the 91-nation IOC General Assembly's next meeting in October.

Samaranch said the change would encourage participation of high-level athletes and "give all athletes equal opportunity" to compete.

"For us, a professional is the same as a state athlete," Samaranch said. State athletes is a designation usually applied to Soviet bloc athletes who are generally subsidized by their governments.

His comments were made at a news conference after a three-day meeting of the IOC Executive Board which took up the proposal drafted by a commission headed by Willi Daume, head of the West German national committee.

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Boston University Terriers gaining momentum

by Jon Rummler
Staff Writer

Boston University might be one point behind its Hockey East compatriots Boston College and Northeastern University, but the third-place Terriers are steadily emerging as the team to beat as the regular season winds down to its final three weeks of action.

In the race for the final homeplayoff berth, Providence College (9-20) continues to cling to its fourthplace spot with 19 points. The University of Lowell (6-22-2) is five points behind, while the University of Maine (6-20-1) is six. The University of New Hampshire (3-24-1) remains in the cellar.

The Terriers laid claim to hottest-

team-in-the-East honors when they dispatched BC Monday night in the Beanpot finals at Boston. BU scored three goals in the first period and bottled up the Eagles' forwards to post a 4-1 win at the Boston Garden. BU defeated NU 8-5 the previous Monday to reach the final.

Harvard University, which is the ECAC conference leader and ranked No. 5 nationally in the WMEB Div. I poll — BC is ranked No. 4 and NU is No. 8 — was the fourth Beanpot participant. The Crimson lost to BC 4-2 in the opener, but rebounded with a 7-1 thrashing of NU in the consolation. And in the aftermath of the tourney, Harvard Coach Bill Cleary said BU was obviously on an up.

"I think BU played an outstanding

game the other night," Cleary said. "They played very well defensively. BC has some big-physical forwards."

Cleary also cited the Eagles as playing solid hockey. And while his squad demolished NU, he thought the score wasn't a good indication at the Huskies' quality of play.

Maine Coach Shawn Walsh also watched the BC-BU contest.

"I think they've been the best team in Hockey East since Jan. 1," Walsh said. "I don't know why, they've always had the potential; they've just put it together."

BC would seem to have the upper hand with seven league games remaining — BU and NU each have six. But with two games against BU and another

with NU, the Eagles' are far from being assured their second-regular season title.

NU might have the easiest of the remaining schedules with its BC contest being the only game with a top-three squad. In the race for fourth place, the Black Bears, with three games in hand against Lowell and a pair with Providence, have an excellent chance to overtake the Friars. However, the ice to the final home-playoff berth is laden with ruts. The Black Bears have home series with BU (this weekend) and NU, and away contests with UNH and BC (two-game series).

Providence has BC and UNH at home, while BU and Lowell are on the road. Lowell has NU and Providence at home and BC and UNH on the road.

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Drug test clears Nets' Richardson

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Micheal Ray Richardson rejoined the New Jersey Nets Wednesday after a drug test on which his NBA career hinged showed no trace of cocaine in his system.

Richardson, who has been plagued by cocaine dependency, flew to Cleveland immediately after the results of the mass spectrometer drug screening were released by the League.

"I am happy for him," said Lewis Schaffel, Nets executive vice president. "I like him very much. He is an endear-

ing person. The problem is professional."

The latest scare in Richardson's career came Monday when he missed a team practice and failed to keep an appointment with team physician Dr. Dennis Quinlan. Nets officials did not locate him until he turned up for a shoot-around Tuesday morning.

Schaffel suspended him for Tuesday night's game against Detroit, fined him an undisclosed amount, ordered him to undergo a urinalysis at University Hospital in Newark, and held his breath, hoping the guard had not run afoul of

the NBA drug enforcement policy a third time.

It would have meant his ban from the league for life, with a possible reinstatement no sooner than two years from now, and then only with approval of the league and the union.

"I was sick, that's all there was," Richardson said in a statement released by the club. "I know I made a mistake by not going to the doctor. I guess every move I make will be scrutinized. I made my bed and I am going to have to lie in it."

ELECTION DAY - VOTE TODAY INFORMATION

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Men's track coach to retire in May after 27 years

by Cathy Stanley
Staff Writer

After 27 years as UMO's cross country and track and field programs head coach, Ed Styrna will retire on May 31, 1986.

"I enjoyed it but it's time somebody else took over," said Styrna, who plans to enjoy his free time woodworking, gardening, fishing, golfing, and anything else he has not had time to do.

UMO's men's indoor track has a good record and has dominated state meets, winning 10 out of the last 16 indoors, Styrna said, and the Black Bears have won the last five outdoor state meets.

He said UMO is handicapped at outdoor meets because of the poor facilities.

"We're definitely working at a disadvantage" compared to schools UMO competes with, Styrna said.

According to Styrna what is needed is an all-weather track which would help the athlete's transition from indoor winter practices to outdoors for the spring season.

There are definite discrepancies between the track results in indoor and outdoor competition, he said, and UMO has not been doing well outside.

"It's like taking an indoor plant and moving it outside, it has to adjust or it doesn't do too hot," he said.

In addition to the fact that UMO has no all-weather track, he said other schools are ahead because better weather conditions allow them to move outside before UMO.

Another improvement Styrna has been working on in the program is an increase in scholarships, he said.

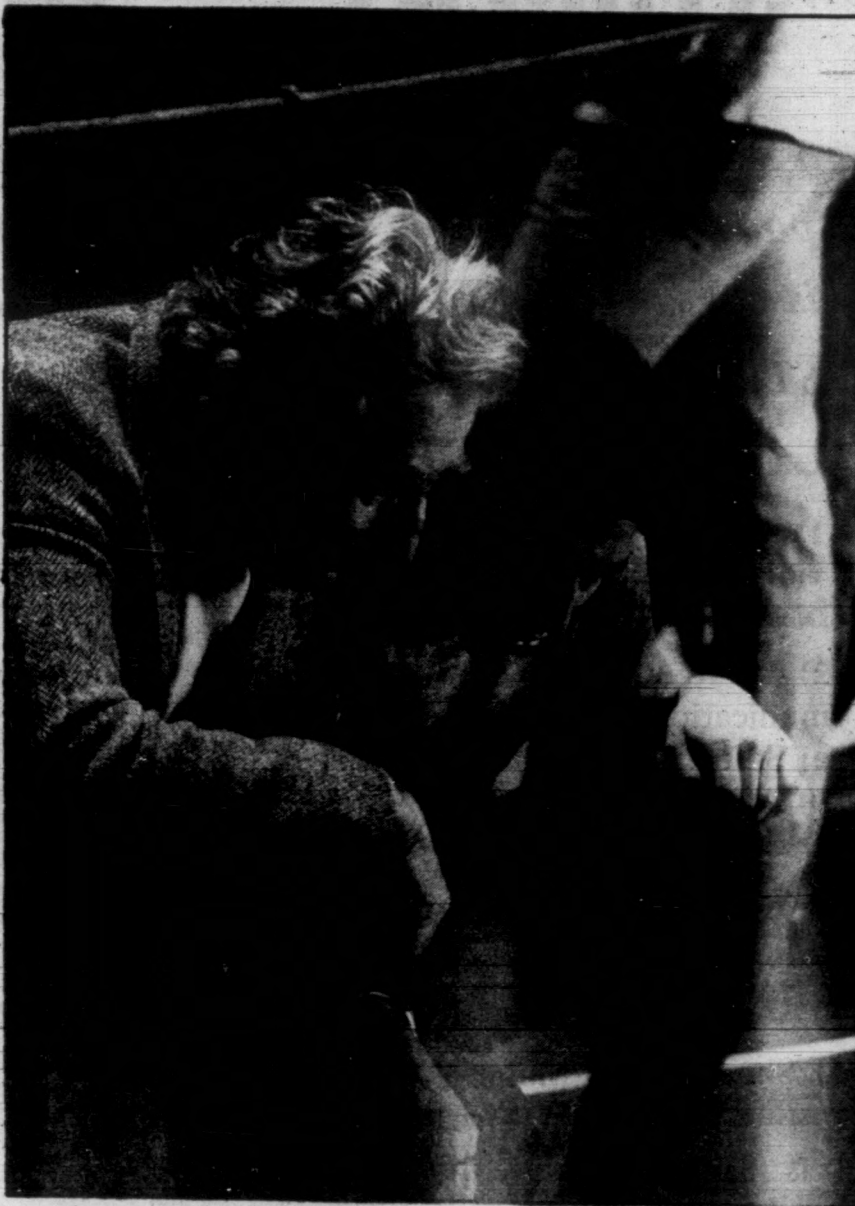
There was a recent increase in scholarship funds but UMO does not have nearly as much scholarship money as opposing teams, Styrna said.

Although UMO has many good athletes, with more money the teams could draw a larger number, he said.

Styrna has volunteered to help in the transitional stage of a new coach, he said, although he does not want to interfere with the new coach.

"Kids should have one or two people to look to, they have to have confidence in the person who is coaching them," he said.

Stuart Haskell, director of physical education and athletics, said he has made a recommendation to UMO President Arthur Johnson for a replacement coach, but one has not been chosen yet.



Coach Ed Styrna, shown here with a member of this year's track team, will end a 27-year career when he retires in May. (Keenan photo)

He added that, "He's one of the top track coaches in the country. His departure will create quite a void."

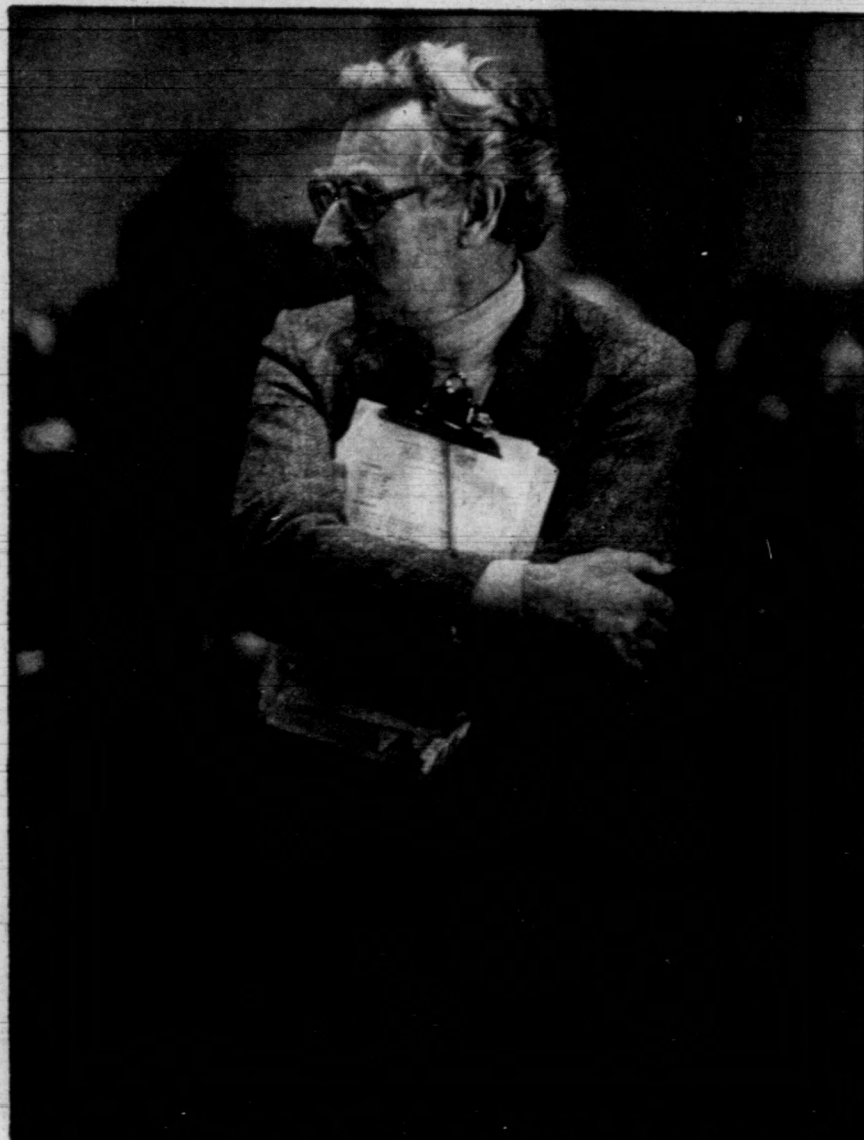
Styrna's retirement will have a negative effect on the track team, said Brian Warren, a distance runner.

"He knows the specialties well, like field events, jumping and sprints," Warren said.

One of the major things the new coach should have a good background in is field events, Styrna said, and such coaches are scarce.

"It just seems like every time they (other schools) hire a coach they hire an ex-runner," he said.

Styrna will leave UMO with a variety of honors earned throughout his career which include being in the UNH Hall of Fame, president of the New England Track Coaches Association, a member of the NCAA executive committee, president of the Maine AAU, and vice president of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America.



Ed Styrna

(Keenan photo)

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- 1) Are you well-informed of the number of reported violence against women cases at UMO since September of 1985? Yes _____ No _____ Unsure _____
- 2) Are you comfortable with the available lines of communication for:
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 - b) Administration? Yes _____ No _____ Unsure _____
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- 8) Would you support a student hotline on campus? Yes _____ No _____ Unsure _____
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3) Movies _____	6) Plays/Performing Arts _____
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