Voters to decide on university bond issue

by Jan Vertefeuille
Staff Writer

If a $7.7 million bond issue passes Nov. 4, University of Maine students will be able to use a more modern library, will have more computers available to them, and will be able to work in Abbott Hall without breathing hazardous gases. The bond issue goes before voters in November for repairs and improvements to the UMaine System totaling $7.7 million.

If voters don't approve the bond for "much needed" improvements to the UMaine campuses, the improvements probably won't get done, Francis Brown said.

"The chance of getting this money on a direct appropriation (by the Legislature) are just nil," he said.

Brown, a member of the UMaine board of trustees, said a list of capital improvements is generated by the seven campuses every year.

Seven or eight top projects were selected by the BOT from the year's list and submitted to the Legislature, which approved the request for a bond issue to go before the voters, Brown said.

"This money is not for frills — it's going to be well spent," he said.

According to a draft prepared by Charles Rauch of Financial Management, areas to benefit from the bond if it passes include automating the library and enabling electronic interlibrary communications among the campuses. This will allow students to check books out of libraries on other UMaine campuses. It will also create an automated card catalog that enables students to use key words and phrases instead of just subject, title, or author to find books.

The second phase of funding to improve academic computing for students will be completed at the Orono campus in the Library, the Memorial Union, the Computing Center, and various department offices.

More professors are requiring the use of computers for class assignments, the draft stated, and this has caused the demand for micro-computer time to exceed the amount of computers presently available.

UMaine's Abbott Hall, which has chemistry laboratories that Brown said are "just exactly the same as in 1939," will be upgraded to make them safe.

"The ventilation in these labs is atrocious," Brown said, "and this exposes students to harmful gases. (These renovations) are absolutely vital for students' safety.

Removal of asbestos from university buildings, a program that runs on available money continually, will get added funding. An ongoing program of making university buildings accessible to the handicapped will benefit from an infusion of funds from the bond.

Other improvements include renovation to buildings at the Gorham and Farmington campuses, a science lab addition in Augusta, library expansions in Fort Kent and Machias, and improvements to roads and parking in Presque Isle.

Off-campus partying topic of discussion

by Kevin Syjberg
Staff Writer

Though the off-campus partying problem was not totally resolved, positive steps were taken Thursday in dealing with the issue.

Dwight Rideout, assistant vice president and dean of student services; Marilyn Harrow, assistant dean of student services; Bruce Locke, town manager of Orono; students; landlords; and members of the Orono community were on hand to discuss some of the problems and how they should be handled.

Rideout was quite pleased with what took place at the meeting in the Ham Room in the Memorial Union at noon Thursday.

"Things went pretty well," Rideout said. "A lot of things were put on the table to think about.

Rideout said it gave the opportunity for people close to the problem to discuss their problems and how compromises might be made.

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Board of trustees says UMaine students are short on education

by Jennifer Girr
Staff Writer

Every University of Maine student is $1,700 short on education, according to a board of trustees report released this fall. The report, completed in September of this year, compares Orono with eight land grant universities in the United States.

Charles Rauch, director of financial management, explained that the purpose of the study was to get an idea of how we stacked up against other universities before putting money into things that needed to be corrected.

"We wanted to make sure the money would go to the areas where it would do the most good," Rauch said.

Academic and financial figures from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, Arkansas, Idaho, and Wyoming universities were included in the study.

The "critical" $1,700 discrepancy was derived from subtracting Orono's budget per full-time student from the average of the eight universities.

Rauch, who headed the project, said there are some problems with the study because every institution is different.

"We tried to factor out information that was really different, like the fact that UVM has a medical school, but you can't completely eliminate those elements," he added.

Land grant colleges are universities funded by the federal government designed to provide cheaper education, and are focused toward agricultural, mechanical, and other types of practical courses.

The visiting committee report from Jan. 1986, recommended that a study be performed to prove the needs of the UMaine system.

Some of the deficiencies listed in the comparison are:

• Sponsored research for the Orono campus as a whole is $7,200 below average per full time faculty member.
• Faculty salaries are considerably less than the average salaries of the other institutions.
• The goods and services budgets for the academic departments would need an additional $4.8 million to reach the average of the other institutions.
• The library needs to be increased in terms of added volumes, current serials, and budget.
• Orono is significantly behind most of the other New England land grant universities in health services, the student union, and student activities.

The study showed that the university is receiving above average federal funding for the Agricultural Experiment Station, it offers more two-year degrees, and is within one spot of being equal to the other schools.

Rauch said the biennium budget request with the results from this study included has already been submitted to the governor.

"We also hope the governor will understand this study and use it to realize the needs of Orono," Rauch said.

During the fall and winter, the students' budget for every institution is different. "So there can't completely eliminate those elements," Rauch said.

"I ask you all to make every effort we can to get our library increased," Rauch said. "We can't completely eliminate those elements."
Workshop to improve student study skills

by Jeanette Brawn
Staff Writer

Find a comfortable, quiet place. Pop some hard candy in your mouth. Sit down, close your eyes and do some rhythmic breathing for a minute or two until you relax.

Imagine taking a fantasy trip to your favorite place. Now tell yourself how wonderful and smart you are. Turn on your stereo to a very low volume of Baroque music.

Now you are ready to study, said Clyde Folsom, staff counselor, when he presented his Superlearning workshop at the University of Maine.

Superlearning is just one of a series of workshops designed to help students improve study skills, said Maxine Harrow, assistant dean of Student Services.

"We also present workshops such as: Getting the Most from Your Textbook, Test Taking, and Stress Reduction," said Harrow.

During the Superlearning presentation, students were asked to take a test which, when completed, told the test takers which ways they would prefer to learn.

For example, if a student is a visual learner, he or she should use charts, maps, filmstrips, notes, and flashcards as studying devices.

An auditory learner should tape lecture notes so that they can be reviewed frequently.

And a tactile learner should write facts that must be learned several times. "Talking and keeping lecture notes will be very important for this type of student," said Folsom.

Dr. Folsom also gave techniques for improving memory.

He said to associate what is learned with things already known or with a strong emotional experience.

He also said to associate what is learned with as many senses as possible.

Information is best recalled in the setting in which it is learned. In an exam situation, one should sit in the same seat he or she has sat in all semester, Folsom added.

Superlearning is also presented in workshops in Rhode Island and Vermont universities, said Folsom.

"The key to any learning is to relax and think positively," said Folsom, "Because then anyone can learn anything in time."

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John Bott

Since his election to the Maine House of Representatives (1982) and subsequent re-election (1984), John Bott has established himself as a leader committed to the future of the University of Maine.

On April 14, 1986, John demonstrated his leadership and loyalty by urging his colleagues support for a tax increase that was to have historical significance for the University of Maine. John was quoted in the Legislative Record for that day as saying: "I am standing before you and I am urging you support the entire [tax] package because I think, even with the drawbacks with this package...the alternative of not funding the univers-

ity at this time could have a devastating impact on the programs that we have, the quality that we have with our institutions across the state of Maine...I am voting in favor of this package and I hope you will and send a strong message out there that we are proud of the institutions that we now have and we are confident of their ability to bring us into the future!"

The bill passed by a vote of 96-50. This marked a significant turning point for the future of the University of Maine. Thanks to John's leadership and the efforts of other concerned legislators, educators and citizens, that future has never looked brighter.

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Many people still believe that Americans taking a political stand against Apartheid by refraining from investing in companies doing business in South Africa will only hurt the American economy. However; although the price of precious metals would go up, very little of America's economy would be directly affected. What would be effected would be the amount of profit margins businesses' investors in South Africa could be expected to raise for their companies.

Let's face it, blacks are forms of cheap labor and that invariably leads to higher profits for any company.

If American businesses withdrew their investments they would be hard put to find an alternative investing strategy which would give such high yields. These businesses aren't in South Africa for the good of the American economy; they are there because of greed.

Some people say that if Americans would remove their holdings in South Africa and let the companies there crumble the Soviets would take over the region. Have we ever known the Soviets to be so bold?

The current interactions between the Soviets and the Americans is so delicate it would be a rash move for the Soviets to take over South Africa. It is a highly unlikely action for the Soviets to take.

Some people say that divesting will not help the blacks in South Africa at all, it will only put them out of work. But blacks are the majority of people in South Africa and they are being ruled over by a small minority of elite whites. Do you really think the elite people of South Africa would risk their money on keeping up such arbitrary laws such as; blacks will only be allowed onto white property if they have a pass from the government?

The very least of changes which would take place would be that Americans could suggest a proper wage be given to the blacks working in the businesses we have holdings in.

If factory conditions were the same here as in South Africa idions would sweep the chairs people of these businesses into court and the courts would find the businesses were violating human rights. Americans should divest their holdings in the businesses in South Africa to show the people there we are disgusted by their treatment of blacks.

Our government does not need to give the South Africans financial assistance to get on their feet. It needs to give the elite group of prejudice whites a little kick in their wallets.

Why not show our disgust at the abominations South Africa calls laws by encouraging American businesses to divest?

Lanette Brown

Ned Porter

While waiting for coffee

Random thoughts from what should have been a four-day vacation.

The New York Mets inherited the characteristics of their hometown in the Big Apple.

They are a loud, brash bunch of braggarts.

Before the start of the World Series the cocksure team promised in front of the klieg lights and microphones of the world's media.

Their cauponious din while in the spotlight was nothing more than the sound of a near ing crash of monumental proportions. A crash they have deserved since spring training.

And like a lot of things in life, the longer it takes, the sweeter it is.

But best of all, they were so busy strutting in the spotlight, blinded by the glow of their egos that they did not see it coming.

The Mets may take the Series yet. It is unlikely, with two games in hand, the Red Sox play three at home in Fenway.

It's been 68 years since the Sox won the World Series. It will be sweet.

Eugene Haasenius is an unlucky sod. While living the life of a Warren Zevon song, he screwed the pooch.

And he did it while flying arms to the Contras, a mission with which the United States is ostensibly at war.

The poor bastard is on the edge of the chasm and about to be toppled in. Nicaragua, the administration, Congress and the press tug at him standing on the brink, using him for their own ends. I should not feel sympathy for him, but I do. An idled steel worker, he flew the missions for $3,000 a month. He did what he knew best, flying covert operations. He tried to relieve the glory days when he did it in Vietnam.

The worst part of this morass is that the question of who set up the operation will never be answered. It is moot.

Congress passed and the president signed a bill authorizing funds for lethal and non-lethal Contra aid.

Wild Bill Casey and his Hunchmen from Langley now have free rein to run coups dah shit on anything they want in Central America.

On a lighter note, wandering around campus over the weekend I wondered; "Is the place better with or without students?"

The university was certainly a nice place without students. The library was quiet and the flora and fauna were devoid of the library's usual buzz. But the place just didn't seem right, quiet and brooding as it was. The school was made to be used. And it lay idle.

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Chances to theme yourself "defied the call or was it the call of the rhino?"

That's a comment. To me it says the upper echelons of students and faculty are certain if the call of their vocation is more compelling than their weights of college or university life.

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Ned Porter is a journalism major who lives in Orono.
Commentary

Paula Ashton

Look at the voting record

Oh boy, Maine Campus, here we go again. Less than a month away from election day, and we have yet another opportunity to see democracy hard at work. Lots of money is being spent on media hype, lots of campaign workers are struggling to lick enough envelopes and make enough phone calls to make the difference for their candidate. There's lots of anticipation and anxiety in the air.

Challengers call attention to important issues and to themselves hoping to get elected, and incumbents define their turf even if it means distorting a roll call or two. And through it all, working people that includes us students must sort the diamonds from the rhinestones, the doers from the do-littles, and make informed choices.

That, Maine Campus, is precisely where the press comes in. The budding journalists on your staff have the opportunity; some would say obligation, to make certain that politicians who walk on eggshells around election time hoping no one will examine their voting record, have the chance to see their legacy in print. And, of course, are afforded the opportunity to defend it.

To date, I have not seen that type of exposure for what students, faculty, and staff have some means of gathering meaningful information before they vote. This means more than asking candidates for a press release on their accomplishments. This means laying out the issues in a thoughtful, constructive manner, and letting the voters decide.

As the woman challenging John Bott's incumbency in District 130, I believe that critical issues must be discussed in public, instead of among party leaders, campaign workers, or journalists. To this end, I challenge my opponent to defend his positions on the following issues, in public, on paper, for all of us to see:


LD370. On Feb. 27, when his vote was needed to expand Alcoholism and Drug Treatment Programs in Maine (a campuswide issue as well) Mr. Bott was not there to cast a vote. Why? Roll call: 243.

LD104. Money for the much needed H.O.M.E. Program, which has garnered bipartisan support since its inception. Mr. Bott consistently opposed funding. Roll calls: 153, 156, 157, 166.

LD772. Legislation to increase resources for the Radioactive Waste Commission, our frontline protection from the radioactive dumpers. Mr. Bott was again absent on this vote. Why? Roll call: 232.

It's very dangerous when, in a democracy such as ours, politicians can operate without any serious checks and balances. I challenge the Maine Campus to 1) print this column in your newspaper, and 2) offer a series of opportunities for Mr. Bott and myself to debate these and other issues important and timely to the University of Maine on your pages over the next three weeks.

Are you up for it?

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World/U.S. News

Mozambique president killed in plane crash

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Pilot error and bad weather probably caused the plane crash that killed Mozambique's President Samora Machel and 33 other people, newspaper reports here said Tuesday. But Zambia's president blamed South Africa for the crash.

Mozambique said the dead included four Soviet crew members, two Cuban doctors, Castro and Machel's ambassadors to Mozambique, and senior government officials. Ten people survived Sunday night's crash just inside South Africa.

Machel's presidential plane plowed into a striped 600 yards inside South Africa, about 45 miles west of Maputo, the Mozambique capital. The pilot was returning from a summit in Zambia, where he had met with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda and other black heads of state.

Business Day, a Johannesburg daily, reported the pilot apparently mistook a radio beacon on Mozambique's border with South Africa for one at Maputo airport. The paper quoted Mozambican aviation sources as saying the pilot had told the Maputo tower he had the runway in sight and was "prepared right-hand down for runway 23 (the main runway)."

Then he reported he "had lost it," and was told to make an instrument landing.

His last radio message was that he could not pick up the twin radio beams used to guide the plane by instrument, the paper said.

Business Day quoted a Schuh African government source as saying the flight had been tracked by radio signals down the border between the two countries, not directly to Maputo, "in virtual zero visibility."

The source said the pilot apparently believed the lights of Komatipoort, a small South African border town, were those of Maputo.

Elsewhere in the region, there were accusations Tuesday that South Africa was behind the death of Machel.

Maine may be most accessible for handicapped people

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Maine may become the first state in the country to require that airplanes, taxicabs, buses and all other forms of public transportation be accessible to handicapped people.

Patricia Ryan, executive director of the Maine Human Rights Commission, said the proposed regulations, which do not require legislative approval, are expected to take effect next January.

At a public hearing Monday, advocates for the handicapped praised the state for leading the way in guaranteeing that disabled people receive equal access to transportation.

With proposed regulations, Maine would become "the first state to recognize that disabled people have the same right to transportation as everybody else," said Kathy McNinn, president of the Maine Association of Handicapped Persons.

The regulations would also affect privately owned transportation businesses, such as car rental agencies, and a Damariscotta legislator worried that the rules were too severe for small companies.

The proposed rules say that owners and operators must not make their services unattainable by the handicapped or guilty of unlawful discrimination.

Transportation can mean the difference between dignity and despair, McNinn said. "Training for jobs has no meaning if you can't get to the job site."

But Rabbi Sterns, D-Des Moines, said he was worried for small businesses, such as one-taxi-car towns, that serve his town.

"He is a very caring person and provides service to the elderly and the physically impaired, but he only has one vehicle," Sterns said.

Michael Collins of ABC Taxi of Portland also expressed concern, saying most of his fleet consists of station wagons that would be difficult to make accessible to wheelchair-users.

Looking back at summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, declaring " Mexicans look to the U.S. for ridding the world of nuclear weapons."

In a Ball State speech, Reagan welcomed a promise by Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev not to abandon negotiations despite the statement in London over "Star Wars" and repeated his proposal for elimination of all ballistic missiles over a 10-year period.

"Let's look forward, seek agreements," the president said. "Let's not look back and place blame. I repeat my offer to Mr. Gorbachev. Our proposals are serious, they remain on the table and we continue to be prepared for a summit."

But Igor Bulyay, press counselor at the Soviet Embassy, said his government wanted to be certain of "concrete results" before setting a date for Geneva talks to come here for a third summit with Reagan.

A Soviet editor, appearing with Bulyay at a news conference, said "last-minute improvisation" by Reagan over the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) deprived the world of an opportunity to reduce strategic nuclear weapons by 50 percent.

"The results of Reykjavik undermin- ed the hopes and aspirations of people around the world," said Giorgio Pelletti, the editor of Soviet Life, an English-language magazine circulated in the United States.

Similarly, Spurgeon McInnis, executive director of the Arms Control Association, said "we have lost an immediate opportunity for a major breakthrough in arms control."

He said he hoped Reagan would reexamine the "surprising compromises" Gorbachev had offered to reduce both strategic and medium-range nuclear weapons.

"Reykjavik has brought home to everyone that the major obstacle to arms control in the president's vision of a strategic defense," McInnis said.
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UMaine football loses to UMass Saturday

by Kevin Sjoberg
Staff Writer

The University of Maine football team turned the ball over four times as they fell to the University of Massachusetts 23-13 in a crucial Yankee Conference battle at Old Orchard Beach Saturday. Both UMass and UMaine carried 5-1 marks into the contest, with the winner assured a giant step forward in the conference standings.

But the Minutemen dominated throughout, getting great running by tailback Kevin Smellie, who finished with 201 yards on 30 carries, and showing a stingy defense that allowed Maine just 77 yards in the first half.

UMass opened the scoring, with kicker Silvio Bonvoni connecting on a 30-yard field goal to give the Minutemen a 3-0 lead 43 seconds into the second quarter. The 3-0 score stood until Minuteman fullback Al Neri scampered in on a 16-yard run midway through the third period to make it 10-0.

Maine backup quarterback Mike Buck, who relieved ailing starter Bob Wilder in the second half, found split end Sergio Hebra with a 9-yard scoring pass with 13:48 remaining in the game to close the gap to 10-7. But UMass answered back with a clock-consuming over five minutes from the clock, as sophomore quarterback Tim Bryan ran it over from the 1-yard line. The extra point was missed, but UMass still led 10-7.

Following a Sergio Hebra fumble at the Maine 41-yard line, UMaine put the game out of reach on a 5-yard run by Neri with 5:52 left to play. The Black Bears battled back, as Buck found wide receiver Steve Booth for a 59-yard touchdown pass 49 seconds later to make it 23-13 and put an end to the scoring for both squads.

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Back complete with 16 passes for the Bears, ending up with 201 yards in just one half of action.

The UMass defense held sophomore tailback Doug Dorey to just 47 yards rushing, far below his conference-leading 107.2 yards per game average entering the game.

The loss dropped Maine to 1-2 in the conference and 5-2 overall.

The Black Bears will be on the road for three of their next four games, visiting the University of Connecticut in Storrs for a conference game this Saturday.

Sports round-up

by R. Kevin Dietrich
Staff Writer

While most UMaine students were enjoying a reprieve from Orono, the Black Bear athletic program remained in high gear with several squads competing over the fall break.

The University of Maine soccer team dropped a 2-1 decision to the University of Vermont on Friday.

All the scoring occurred in the first stanza with UVM tallying first, then Maine's Jay Hadlock tying the contest at 1-1, before Vermont registered the game-winner near the end of the half.

Maine Coach Jim Dyer had mixed feelings which are to be held at Boston University on Friday and the University of Hartford on Saturday.


The women, who brought a 9-2 record into the meet, finished sixth of 11 teams, due largely to the absence of both Brenda Mahken and Tina Whittey, each of whom had minor injuries.

"When they get back well do a little better," Coach Jim Ballinger said. Among the top performers at the meet were Theresa Lewis, Helen Dawe, Mary Meehan, Sonja McLaughlin and Jane Moise.

The men's team, who entered the 1-4 mark, finished eleventh at New Britain's Bob Jones Invitational by the margin of one point, but Ballinger sees better things in the future for his team.

"I think we're running well now," he said.

The men will now prepare for the North Atlantic Conference Championships which are to be held at Boston on Saturday. The women's meet competition is in the Maine State Meet, which will be held in Orono, also this Saturday.

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